Millville readies Multicultural Week, April 24-27

Celebrating the region’s rich cultural backgrounds, the Millville School District will host the ninth annual Multicultural Week from April 24 through 27.

The major event, a “Multicultural Festival,” is set for Friday evening, April 27, with several ethnically-based performances by local artists, displays of student art work, readings by winners of the schools’ multicultural essay contest, and tables set up by community groups to disseminate information.

The Festival will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Glass-town Plaza, High and Sassafras Streets in Millville. Performers include:

- Hoh Daiko Japanese drummers
- Folk singer Jim Albertson
- Friends of India Society dancers
- Polka Pete Ukrainian Band
- Bridgeton High School Latin American Club dancers

Daytime Schedule

Daytime activities, scheduled for April 24 through April 26 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., will be attended by fifth graders from Millville, Commercial Township, Lawrence Township, and Maurice River Township. Exhibits include:

- The African-American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey traveling exhibit, hosted by the Cumberland County Improvement Authority;
- Cultural-themed art work by Millville students at the Riverfront Center;
- Presenters at the Glasstown Plaza: Woodbine Heritage Museum, Bayshore Discovery Project, Millville Army Air Field Museum, and the Millville Public Library;
- Origami creations by students with artist Carol Nagao;
- Italian lace making under the direction of Cesarina Croce;
- A multicultural presentation by storyteller Kathryn Ross;
- A glassblowing demonstration by Scott Meyer at Glasstown Art Glass.

Students from the Gentlemen’s Club at Millville Memorial High and the Senior High will act as guides and present background on the exhibits.

Co-sponsors for Multicultural Week are the Glasstown Arts District, Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts, Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission, and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority.

Coordinator Robert Trivellini may be contacted at 856-327-7588 regarding participation by community groups or individuals.

Upcoming Events

Bridgeton “Foodfilmfest”
Saturday, April 21
6 p.m.
Ashley-McCormick Building
40-42 E. Commerce St.,
Bridgeton
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Multicultural Festival
Friday, April 27
Glasstown Plaza
High Street, Millville
6-8:30 p.m.
Appel Farm wants to know: What do you want at the new performing arts theater in Vineland?

The Landis Theater Performing Arts Center in Vineland will soon be transformed into the “Appel Farm at the Landis” as the Appel Farm Arts & Music Center of Elmer begins management of the Vineland theater in September 2012.

The marketing staff at the Appel Farm is asking potential patrons to indicate their preferences for future performances.

An online survey is accessible at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LandisTheaterSurvey. Responders can be anonymous unless they prefer to give their contact information.

Dee Billia, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Appel Farm, said programming for the theater is being formulated now, with plans to announce a schedule in July. She said there has been a “good response” to the survey so far, and it will continue to be active until May 11.

Mori’s restaurant, adjacent to the theater, is now under new management. Ample parking is available close to both the theater and restaurant.


For tickets and information, visit the web site, landistheater.com.

Bridgeton Food/FilmFest features Mexican cuisine inspired by film, ‘Like Water for Chocolate’

Tickets are going fast but are still available for Bridgeton’s second annual Foodfilmfest: “Fiesta Mexicana,” with the emphasis on Mexican food inspired by the movie “Like Water for Chocolate.”

The event takes place on Saturday, April 21, at the Ashley-McCormick Center, 40-42 E. Commerce St., beginning at 6 p.m. for wine/beer tasting with appetizers, followed by the movie, dinner, and finally a master chef cooking demonstration.

The chefs and staffs of three downtown Bridgeton restaurants--La Cabana, the Laurel Market, and Novedades Espinoza--will be standing by after the screening to serve up a buffet-style dinner around the food themes of the film. Featured chef this year is Maria Estrada of Laurel Market, a native of Michoacan, Mexico.

All-inclusive $50 FoodFilmFest tickets can be ordered by phoning Carola Hartley or Isaura de la Rosa at Bridgeton Main Street (856-453-8130 or 973-864-4001) or purchased at the Canvas Bag, 46 W. Commerce (856-455-5673).

Bring your own bottle, or order from Hummel’s, sponsor of the wine/beer tasting before the film.

A ticket order form appears to the right of this article, as well as on the web site, www.food-film-fest.org, along with other details.