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ON THE COVER Cat's Cradle by Phil Blank

### Community Book Forum Event

The Carrboro Cybrary and Carrboro Recreation and Parks invite the community to read

Not a Drop to Drink America's Water Crisis (and What You Can Do) by Kenneth Midkiff

and join us for a discussion with a panel of local experts on

Monday, June 2 at 7pm at The Century Center



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Our Town Commons: where one can experience civic engagement and watch the kids bounce around at the same time. PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

### INTRO: MAY DAZE

hese are heady days in Carrboro, North Carolina. With a presidential primary that has relevance and associated events around town, a big anniversary for the Farmers' Market and our annual celebration of the town, the first weekend in May is jammed and has folks worked up into quite a froth.

In honor of Carrboro Day, the premier event around here this time of year, we offer for review our choices for Ten Great Things About Carrboro. Like any such attempt, it is imperfect and certainly, at 10, limited in number. But for this year and this time, these are the 10 things that jumped out as wonderful institutions and attractions about our fair town. Special thanks to the speedy and pleasant Phil Blank for turning out illustrations for the section. Next year, we might have to make Phil one of the 10 greatest.

We're sure that most of you have your own ideas about what rates as great in Carrboro and we invite you to send us your top 10 via our MILL blog at carrborocitizen.com/mill.

Also in this issue, we are very pleased to publish the winning entries in the town's Youth Poetry Contest. Neil McTighe, Carrboro poet laurete, reports a large response to the call for works by our young poets. As for the rest of the month, there's quite an array of possibilities and adventures worthy of attention as well, not the least of which are the annual end-of-semester rituals. It's not just about commencement, which falls on May 11. This town has a larger graduate student community than the big city to our immediate east. So expect to see plenty more "Kiss me I'm ABD" buttons over the next few weeks.

After that, year-round residents will recall, there is a rapid exodus followed by plenty of parking, an easier commute and a little more elbow room on evenings out.

For those of you departing, have a swell summer and please note that this year the towns and counties are trying to get you to think ahead of time about what to do with the stuff you're not toting off to your next destination.

The PTA Thrift shops and Club Nova would be happy to have your stereo, your copy of *The Age of Reason*, and those chinos that don't fit so well anymore

— KIRK ROSS

# The ArtsCenter Always Inspiring

# Coming Soon!

**Center Gallery Community Photography Contest** May 5 - 30, Opening Reception May 9

East End Gallery Community Arts Project

The Wilders Friday, May 2, 8:30 p.m. \$14, \$12 ArtsCenter Members

Music by Justin Roberts Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. \$10, \$8 Students, Members & Kids

Chris Duarte Group w/ Hooverville Saturday, May 3, 8:30 p.m. \$16, \$14 Members

Hidden Voices Speaking Without Tongues: Project Fundraiser Friday, May 16, 8 p.m. Suggested Donation

Red Stick Ramblers Saturday, May 17, 8:30 p.m. \$17, \$15 Members

Holly Near with emma's revolution Sunday, May 18, 7 p.m. \$30, \$29 Members

Lise Uyanik & Mobile City Band with South Wing Band Saturday, May 24, 8:30 p.m. \$15, \$13 Members

**Commedia dell'Arte** Friday, May 30, 8 p.m. & Saturday, May 31, 8 p.m. & 10 p.m.

**The Biscuit Burners** Friday, May 30, 8:30 p.m. \$15, \$13 Members

David Dyer & The Crooked Smile Saturday, May 31, 8:30 p.m. \$13, \$11 Members Justin Roberts is back for 2 Shows! Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Justin Roberts is back at The ArtsCenter – for two public shows!! Join us as Justin plays from his new album Pop Fly, along with many other great songs. With his attention to childhood details, wackiness, and catchy pop songs, Justin's music reaches out to both kids and adults. It's impossible to sit still while Justin's on stage...get your tickets early for this one!

\$10, \$8 Members, Students and Kids



#### Speaking Without Tongues: Project Fundraiser Friday, May 16, 8 p.m.

Join us for a special glimpse into the newest Hidden Voices project exploring violence and survival in the actual lives of Latina, Euro-American, South Asian, African-American, and Native-American women survivors. The stories are horrifying but undeniably inspiring; looking steadfastly at both realities allows us to enter a realm in which awareness grows and healing thrives.

# Holly Near with emma's revolution Sunday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Holly Near is a unique combination of singer-songwriter, teacher and activist. A peace activist and advocate for human and civil rights, Holly refuses the idea of separate "causes", calling for lesbian and gay issues to be part of the larger world peace addenda, encouraging the gay and lesbian community to have a world consciousness and end racism and sexism within the community. emma's revolution joins Holly to form a trio!

\$30, \$29 Members



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#### **Downtown**

Vibrant, bustling and kinda quirky - downtown Carrboro has not just survived the demise of the great American downtown, it's defied it – thriving, expanding and becoming the envy of its neighbors. The formula employed is no secret - forward-thinking planning, a willingness to make the place welcoming and walkable, with inviting public and private spaces. But most of all what's made downtown a success has been the absolute commitment on the part of the community, first, to not let it die the way others have and, second, to make the investments necessary to be sure it remains what it's always been - the center of town.

#### **Farmers' Market**

Carrboro has always been a bit of a market town, a place where the small farmers from the area gathered to sell their wares. The latest formal incarnation of this concept began some 30 years ago in a parking lot off Roberson Street. This year, the Carrboro Farmers' Market turns 30 (see page 10). Had you told the originators that one day it would be a major institution with a sturdy shaded shelter, a bandstand, electricity and a drinking fountain, they'd have had a right good laugh.

#### **Town Commons** & Century Center

As stated earlier, the public places at the center of Carrboro have been essential gathering spots for social and political events and for the exposition of this area's arts and music. In the past year, for instance, the Century Center has been filled to capacity both for an old-fashioned political debate on the question of impeachment and for the 90th birthday of a beloved resident.

illustrations by phil blank The Town Commons is becoming, as intended, home to the Farmers' Market; the Really, Really Free Market; socials; potlucks; picnics; and random lazy-afternoon meetups in the shade.



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# like about this little town

#### **Bolin Creek**

The little waterway that begins as a spring not far from Union Grove Church ambles through northern Carrboro, skirts the northern tip of the Adams Tract and finally crosses the railroad tracks and into Chapel Hill at Estes Drive Extension. Bolin Creek has many fans and a cadre of champions and protectors. It's a small creek — barely a trickle at times — but it's our creek, or at least ours to nurture and protect. Pay a visit to Friends of Bolin Creek (bolin.org) and learn more about how to help the waterway.

#### **Cat's Cradle**

Sometimes a business is a business for so long that it becomes an institution. The Cradle is such a place – a music club of national renown. It's legendarily taciturn owner, Frank Heath, grew up in the community and is a steady hand on the tiller. After spending its formative years in Chapel Hill, the club was enticed to settle in Carrboro, where it is responsible for drawing hundreds to downtown several nights a week.

#### **The Rail Line**

In the last issue of MILL, we lauded the J Line that runs from the railyards of Durham through Carrboro and on to the university power plant. It's hard to imagine a Carrboro without the occasional toot from the freight train and slow roll through town. The freight hauled on the J Line was the foundation of the local economy, and its transport of coal to the power plant replaces what would be dozens of semi-truckloads. As for the future, plans call for the line to also feature rail commuter service or an adjacent dedicated bus way.



### A random list of what we like about this little town

#### **The Weave**

The unofficial front porch and lawn of Carrboro is full this time of year and plays host on into the fall for scores of events and activities. From reggae to bluegrass, beekeepers to wiener dogs, Weaver Street Market is more than the local co-op with the artisan bakery; it's the birthplace and epicenter of our café culture.

#### **The ArtsCenter**

The ArtsCenter is so important to the local arts community that Chapel Hill once tried to claim it on its application to be an All-American City. Sorry, The ArtsCenter is in Carrboro, but we'll concede that it does belong to a much wider community.

Of late, the organization has been working on a plan to expand — not a bad idea given that it's bursting at the seams. In theater, arts education, exhibitions and as a music venue, the ArtsCenter is getting bigger and better.

#### **Bike Paths**

Spend a little time on the winding little strips of asphalt that criss-cross through Carrboro and you quickly learn that they are not just some expensive amenity for recreation transportation. When school is in session, they are important and busy conveyors of the growing ranks of non-car commuters. Anytime, they are a wonderful and safe way to get from A to B, with a backyard tour of the town thrown in for good measure.

#### That Certain Je Ne Sais quoi d'carrboro

Former alderman Hilliard Caldwell is reported to have responded to the idea that Carrboro and Chapel Hill merge by saying that it was fine by him "as long as we call it Carrboro."

What is it that makes those who live here so defiantly proud and so quick to note that they are not a suburb of our more famous neighbor? What makes a former mill village of roughly 17,000 think it can call itself the Paris of the Piedmont? Or declare French Food month? We don't know what that certain something is (can't be the water — they drink the same stuff next door), but reveling in our geographical distinction and la difference d'Carrboro is as powerful an inclination today as it was when we were a hard-scrabble mill town next door to Chapel Hill and its haute couture; but in spirit, far, far away.



JAR OF TADPOLES



Want to add to this list? What do you think are 10 great things about Carrboro? Visit us at carrborocitizen.com/mill

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\$7, 9:30pm

#### 5/2-30

**STANDUP COMPETITION DSI** Comedy Theater

32 comedians compete for cash and prizes each Friday at 7:30pm through June. 13, \$12, \$10 students

#### 5/2

**GREEK FESTIVAL** East Chapel Hill High

Opa! It's the annual Greek Festival at ECHHS. Food, music and crafts are on hand. All proceeds to the Building Fund and American Red Cross.



#### FARMERS' MARKET ANNIVERSARY **Town Commons**

The Carrboro Farmers' is turning 30 with special events, prize drawings and, you know, fresh food and farm goods throughout the market day.



#### DRIVE BY TRUCKERS 5/13-14 CAT'S CRADLE

#### 5/2 **ARCADE FIRE,** SUPERCHUNK Town Commons

Apparently, there's a presidential primary around here somewhere because two well-known rock bands are going to play to thousands at an early-voting rally for Barack Obama. 1-4 pm

### **PRESSURE BOYS**

Cats Cradle Sneakers, Greg Humphreys,

5/2-3

Chris Stamey and others open for the legendary Chapel Hill ska-rockers. Friday's show is sold out, but there are still tickets for Saturday. Both nights benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

#### 5/3 **CARRBORO DAY**

Town Commons A full day of fun and festivities in honor of our little boro. See page 10 for details.

CHRIS DUARTE, HOOVERVILLE ArtsCenter

8:30pm









#### 5/4 WOMEN'S VOICES CHORUS

University United Methodist "Songs of Innocence and Dreams" 4pm, \$10, \$5 students

### 5/6

VOTE!

There's a full ballot awaiting you at your local polling place. Be sure to make your voice heard.

#### 5/9 THE OLD CEREMONY Cats Cradle

Cats Cradle Tony Scherr opens. 9:30pm, \$10

#### COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ArtsCenter

The works of local photographers are on display as the ArtsCenter hosts the opening reception for Community Photography Contest. 6-9pm



#### HAMMER NO MORE THE FINGERS 5/17 LOCAL 506

SPRING BENEFIT PARTY Burwell School Historic Site Live music, food and silent and live auctions are featured at the eighth annual spring fundraiser for preservation and programming at the Burnwell School site.

#### 5/13-14

DRIVE BY TRUCKERS Cats Cradle

Dexateens open. 10pm, \$20 Advance, \$22 Day of Show

#### 5/17

**RED STICK RAMBLERS** Artscenter This Baton Rouge quintet plays a mixture of Cajun

fiddle tunes, Western Swing

and tradition-inspired

originals. Part of the American Roots Series. 8:30pm CD RELEASE PARTY Local 506

Featuring Red Collar, The Pneurotics, Hammer No More The Fingers, The Proclivities and DJ John Booker. 9pm \$7

#### 5/18

**ZOMBIE PARTY** The Cave

Hosted by Ormon Grimsby, this night of the living dead features The Tremors, Dexter Romweber, Killer Filler and special guests Melissa Swingle and Billy Sugarfix.

#### 5/25

THE SAMMIES THE HOUSTONS, THE HUGUENOTS LOCAL 506

9pm \$6

#### 5/27

X, DETROIT COBRAS Cat's Cradle The legendary LA rock-

ers and a much newer but every bit as rocking band from Detriot. 7:30pm, \$23

#### 5/30

THE BISCUIT BURNERS ArtsCenter

This acoustic ensemble gives an Appalachian voice to influences ranging from bluegrass and Americana to jazz and East Indian. 8:30pm



ZOMBIE PARTY 5/18 THE CAVE

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### CARRBORO DAY PHILOSOPHY

This is the philosophy behind Carrboro Day, as adopted by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on December 6, 1994.

s Carrboro grows in population and its boundaries expand, its citizens need opportunities to enlarge their circle of acquaintances as well as to feel part of the entire community. Expanding acquaintances and feeling part of Carrboro engenders cooperation, respect and a sense of tradition and history that is needed amidst the diverse, mobile and rapidly changing world challenging the citizens of this town.

Carrboro Day will offer such an opportunity for people to meet and celebrate living together in Carrboro. This day will be modeled after the small town homecomings and parades once common in the United States, and the festivals in Europe, which were started for religious purposes but now have evolved into community celebrations. Local music, games, dancing, food, poetry, stories, groups, talents and humor will be allowed to offer Carrboro's citizens a day to forget themselves, to reach out to others and to create a memory of renewal and fun that will be sustaining when difficult issues face them or the whole town.

Each year, Carrboro Day though potentially organized by different people involving varying groups, games, music, dances, food and stories, should as a whole strive to:

- Foster tradition, history and memory.

- Foster the community's shared values.

- Foster the need to preserve and renew the citizens' common heritage stemming from their residency in Carrboro and shared values.

- Foster a time of cooperation and connectedness, not political partisanship.

- Retell the community story, including stories of good works and humor coupled with stories of tragedy and death.



- Foster a web of personal acquaintances that transcend neighborhoods, churches, non-profit groups and other subgroups of the town.

- Involve the town's wide variety of people - the young and old, old-timers and new arrivals, rich and poor - in planning and participating in the day.

- Identify morale building activities, and emphasize the positive ways that citizens of Carrboro can live together

- Improve the knowledge of citizens of their fellow citizens.

-Showcase the gifts and skills of Carrboro citizens.

- Create mechanisms for identifying the associational life of the community along with the skills and capacities that the people within the associations possess and that can be utilized for the benefit of the community, and

- Emphasize the preservation of what is valuable.

Through Carrboro Day, Carrboro residents can derive a sense of belonging, recognition or acceptance from being a part of the community, which will encourage them to know their town better by living here.

### CARRBORO DAY CELEBRATION TO FEATURE MUSIC, MAGIC AND MORE

All citizens of Carrboro and surrounding communities are cordially invited to come to the 13th Annual Carrboro Day celebration on Sunday, May 4th. The theme this year is "Celebrating a Sustainable Community" in recognition of Carrboro's ongoing achievements in this area. The celebration will be a trash-free event; please help the town achieve this goal by throwing away all recyclable materials in the proper containers provided. This year's activities, which will begin at 1 p.m., will include: • Music at the Town Hall front lawn by seven local and regional performers: 1:00-1:30 Village Band 1:40-2:20 Oscar Begat 2:30-3:10 Password to Larkspur Lane 3:20-4:00 The Obies (gospel) 4:10-4:50 Storm Front 5:00-5:40 Gigi Dover & Big Love 5:50-6:30 Grimball and Long • Deep Magic by Joshua Lozoff, 2:00-4:00 p.m. • Special appearance by Mother Goose, 2:00-3:30 p.m. • Readings by local poets in the Town Hall Board Room, 4:00-5:30 p.m. • Book and baked goods sale by the Friends of the Carrboro Library 1-5 p.m. • Boy Scouts' Hot Dog Sale, 1-5 p.m. • Police Department, Carrboro Transportation Board, Fire Department, Public Works, Orange Emergency Medical Services and OWASA displays, 1-6 p.m.

### CARRBORO ROCKS

Susan Willey Spalt

Essentially, the Piedmont is the roots of an ancient coastal mountain chain that is now worn down to low relief. (en.wikipedia.org/ wiki/Piedmont\_(United\_States)

Under the gently sloping Streets of Carrboro Lies a secret: The remains of ancient mountains, once taller Than the Himalayas Slowly worn away By time, until they are just Carrboro rocks. Laying pipe in Carrboro Leads to the clank Of heavy equipment Soon to be worn out by Carrboro rocks. Just across the tracks From a great and loved university, A small town sits in a Carolina blue shadow, Trying not to be smug, knowing the secret: Carrboro rocks! Summer in the farmers market, Tomatoes, sweet corn, Flowers explode with so much color Even the rainbows are jealous. Friends gather and talk Of cooking tomatoes, growing flowers Changing weather, changing lives With a spirit solid as: Carrboro Rocks. Young children at a park Sit next to the swings and seesaws Their laughter and their shouts Echo into the future. A child picks up a rock To throw at an imaginary target. The necessary grownup calls to him, Do not throw: Carrboro Rocks. A band is playing On the lawn at Weaver Street Young people dance with hula hoops, Their grace is astonishing. Some in the audience rummage around for comparisons Paris? Seattle? But, Carrboro is the Carrboro of the Piedmont, Of the South, and Carrboro Rocks! While in the background Unsuspecting workman begin to dig Clanking in 3/4 time, It is summer, and Carrboro Rocks!

### **ART** CALENDAR

#### CARRBORO

THE ARTSCENTER Center Gallery: Community Photography Contest

EAST END GALLERY ELEMENTS, the fifth annual Community Art Project Through May 28

THE BEEHIVE SALON Sincerely Yours—works depicting life in Chapel Hill by Washington Capps

CAFFE DRIADE Bridget Walsh—acrylic paintings

CARRBORO CENTURY CENTER ELEMENTS—the fifth annual Community Art Project Through May 28

CARRBORO TOWN HALL ELEMENTS—the fifth annual Community Art Project Through May 28

Clay Centre Gallery New works by the gal-

lery's resident potter DEWITT LAW Call for details

Marina Bosetti

FLEET FEET GALLERY Seascape Poetics—paintings exploring the interactions between light, sky, water and land by Carolyn B. Levy

NC CRAFTS GALLERY Art Nouveau ceramic tiles by Raleigh artist Marina Bosetti, reception during Artwalk.

NESTED Call for details

OPEN EYE CAFÉ ELEMENTS—the fifth annual Community Art Project Through May 28 PANZANELLA Local Farms/Local Art—an art exhibit celebrating the 13th Annual Piedmont Farm Tour Through Jun 1

SCOOTERS INCORPORATED Photographs by Caryl Feldacker Through May WEAVER STREET REALTY Call for details WOOTINI Cal for details

#### CHAPEL HILL

ACKLAND ART MUSEUM New Currents in Contemporary Arts: UNC-Chapel Hill Master of Fine Arts Thesis Through May 11 Contemporary Drawings

from the Ackland Collection Through Aug 17 The Art of Love May 9-Sep 7

ANIMATION AND FINE ART OP-TiCaL aRt—lithographs and serigraphs by Victor Vasarely & Yaacov Agam May 9-Jun 12 COMMUNITY CHURCH

OF CHAPEL HILL The Face of the Earth—watercolor mixed media by Nerys Levy May 4-Jun 29

### VENUES

#### CARRBORO

THE ARTSCENTER 300-G E. Main St. 929-2787 artscenterlive.org

THE BEEHIVE The Beehive Salon 102 E. Weaver Street 932-4483 thebeehive-salon.com

CENTURY CENTER 100 N. Greensboro St. 918-7385

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WEAVER STREET REALTY 116 E. Main St. 929-5658 weaverstreetrealty.com

WOOTINI Carr Mill Mall 933-6061 wootini.com FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER Judith Earnst—Expressions of life, love and faith through paintings and pottery Through May 30

TURNING POINT GALLERY Mixed media on canvas and bronze sculptures by Maeve Harris and Wayne Salge

#### SOUTHERN VILLAGE

BAGWELL, HOLT, SMITH, TILLMAN & JONES, PA The Color in No Color-paintings by Amy White Through May

BLOOM Flowers and abstracts by Marcia DiMartino Through May

#### HILLSBOROUGH

HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS A Walk in the Woods—new work by Pat Lloyd and Jude Lobe Through May 24

#### PITTSBORO

CHATHAM COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL Call for details

FUSION ART AND FINE CRAFT GALLERY Recycled Art—works by Michele Bonds Through May

Do you have anything for one of our calendars? Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

#### CHAPEL HILL

Ackland Art Museum S. Columbia St. 966-5736 ackland.org

ANIMATION AND FINE ART University Mall 968-8008 animationandfineart.com

CAFFÉ DRIADE 1215-A E. Franklin St. 942-2333 caffedriade.com

FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER 301 Pittsboro St. 962-2435

TURNING POINT GALLERY University Mall 967-0402

#### SOUTHERN VILLAGE

Bagwell, Holt, Smith, Tillman & Jones, PA 400 Market St., Suite 103 932-2225 bhspa.com BLOOM

708 Market St. 942-9880 bloomnc.com

#### HILLSBOROUGH

Hillsborough Gallery of Arts 121 N. Churton St., Suite 1-D 732-5001 hillsboroughgallery.com

#### PITTSBORO

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### MUSIC SPOTLIGHT



#### PRESSURE BOYS REUNION SHOW

his weekend, if you see a lot of long-lost locals, people who you used to see out and about decades ago but who long since headed for other parts or maybe just don't get out as much, you can blame these mugs for drawing them out.

The Pressure Boys ruled local music in the late '80s and early '90s with a strong following led by their friends and former classmates at Chapel Hill High.

The band eschewed reunions — until now, coming back together in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for two shows at Cat's Cradle. The first, on Friday, May 2 is sold out. The next night, though, is first-come, first-serve. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$20 the day of the show. In case you need a little more encouragement, note that the lineup of players in the opening acts includes Chris Stamey, Mitch Easter and Will Rigby appearing once again as Sneakers and Greg Humphreys appearing as Greg Humphreys.

In addition to the reunion shows, Songs For Sixty-Five Roses — PBoys frontman John Plymale's organization set up to support the CF Foundation — will also be releasing "The Pressure Boys: The Incomplete Recordings," featuring the best songs from the bands three recordings from the 1980s. CDs will be on sale at the show and at www.pressureboys.com, and also available for download through digital music providers such as iTunes starting Tuesday.





#### POLVO

Welcome to the New Dark Age II. In another in the recent series of reunion gigs, Polvo is working out some new and old material for a Cradle show on May 10, some Eurofestival action and a mini-tour.

They called it quits 10 years ago. For this tour, veterans Dave Brylawski, Ash Bowie and Steve Popson are joined by former Cherry Valence drummer Brian Quast. Des Ark and Noncanon open.

You may need to retune your ears for this one — there's not been a lot of bands like 'em around here for years. Check out the microtones at www. myspace.com/polvotheband



### MUSIC CALENDAR

#### THE ARTSCENTER

The Wilders (5/2) Children's music by Justin Roberts, Chris Duarte w/ Hooverville (5/3) Red Stick Ramblers (5/17) Holly Near w/ emma's revolution (5/18) Lise Uyanik & The Mobile City Band w/ The South Wing Band (5/24) The Biscuit Burners (5/30) David Dyer & The Crooked Smile (5/31)

#### CAT'S CRADLE

The Pressure Boys, Sneaker, Greg Humphreys (5/3) Man Man, Yeasayer (5/4) British Sea Power, Rosebuds, Jeffrey Lewis (5/6) Easy Star All-Stars, Trumystic (5/7) The Casualties, Krum Bums, Antagonizers, No Revolution (5/8) Old Ceremony, Tony Scherr (5/9) Polvo, Des Ark, Noncanon (5/10) Drive By Truckers, Dexateens (5/13, 5/14) Les Dudek (5/16) Southern Culture on the Skids (5/17) Clinic, BBQ (5/26) 13x31 Anniversary Tour w/ X The Band, Detroit Cobras (5/27) North Mississippi All Stars, Amy LeVere (5/28)

#### THE CAVE

Brandon Herndon, John Pardue, Taz Halloween, Jesse Wooten, Vince Williams, Mystery Road, Birds & Arrows. Nightstick (5/1) Wesley Cook, Blue Diablo, King George (5/2) When Cousins Marry, Jeff Hart, The Rom Meltzer Combo (5/3) Trevor MacDonald (5/4) Laura Meyer, John Saylor (5/6) Three Dollar Hostage (5/7) Tim Krekel, McCauliffe Brothers (5/8) New River Rock Skippers, The Nice Jenkins Boys, Simple (5/9) Pagan Hellcats, Twilighter (5/10) Glissade, Polynya, If/When (5/11) Spider Bags, The Golden Boys, Girls of the Gravitron (5/12) Will Daw-



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son, Strange Faces, A Rooster for the Masses (5/13) Bernie Lamb, Mike Pitts, Huguenots, Minipop (5/14) Jake Melnyk, Common World Collective (5/15) Guitar Bomb, Miwa, Cartridge Family (5/16) Jeff & Vida, Puritan Rodeo, The Youngers (5/17) The Tremors, Dexter Romweber, Killer Filler, Melissa Swingle, Billy Sugarfix (5/18) 54 Seconds (5/19) Joe Hero, e-s guthrie, Lach (5/20) Cape Fear Songwriters Guild, DL Token (5/21) Chop Chop, Reid Johnson, Filthy Bird, Soft Company (5/22) Mayhem String Band, Lucky (5/23) DTL Trio (5/24) Will West, Jule Brown (5/25) Robert Griffin, Stu Cole (5/26) Virgo 9, The Karloffs, The 3 Christs (5/27) Doombunny, Polebarn Poets, Blaine Ziglar (528) Pete Waggonor. Carolina Clearwater (5/29) Gravy Boys (5/30) Joe Romeo & The Orange County Volunteers (5/31)

#### GENERAL STORE CAFÉ

Bernie Petteway Trio (5/1) Shelbys (5/2) Brenda Linton & Friends (5/3) Club Boheme (5/8) Plowology w/ John Brown (5/9) See No Weevil (5/10) Tony Galiani (5/15) Andy Coats (5/16) Martha Bassett (5/17) Bo Lankenau & Friends (5/22) Brian McGee (5/23) Armand & Bluesology

(5/24) Rosado Trio (5/29) Southpaw (5/30) Trilogy (5/31)

#### LOCAL 506

Griffin House, Sons of William, The Lonesome Departed (5/1) Langhorne Slim, The New Familiars, American Aquarium (5/2) Tripp, Mumpsy, I Was Totally Destroying It (5/3) The Men (5/4) Airbourne, Leslie (5/5) Sea Cow (5/6) The XYZ Affair, Jukebox the Ghost, Western Civ (5/7) The Physics of Meaning, Filthybird, Tiny Meteors (5/8) The Cave Singers, Wil Donegon & The Apologies (5/9) Bonde Do Role, The Death Set, Diamond Studs, DJ George Brazil (5/10) Snowden, Colour Revolt, The Never (5/12) Ladyhawk, Neva Dinova, A is Jump (5/13) Blood on the Wall (5/14) Indian Jewelry, Boyzone, Clang Quartet (5/15) Joe Romeo & The Orange County Volunteers, Brendan Rice, Scarlet Rider (5/16) Red Collar, The Pneurotics, Hammer No More The Fingers, The Proclivities, DJ John Booker (5/17) My Dad is Dead, Hundred Air, Argyle Denial (5/18) Yo Majesty, Dutchess Headbanger (5/19) Bell X1 (5/20) The Cotton Jones Basket Ride (5/21) Northern State, American Princes (5/22) Efterklang, Slaraffenland, Lost in the Trees (5/23) Sea Wolf, Jealous Girlfriends,

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#### NIGHTLIGHT

Doom Bunny, Acorn (5/1) Butterflies, Half-Handed Cloud, LAKE (5/2) Chuttesville Speak, Sunset (5/7) Fighting Poseidon, Monsonia, Algebra of Need (5/8) Gondoliers, Soft Company, Chops (5/9) Eberhardt, Empty Orchestra (5/13) Thrones, Caltrop, In the Year of the Pig (5/14) Nothing Noise, Attached Hands, Satellite (5/15) Jooklo Duo, Rahdunes, Clearvoiant, Totos Somos Ninjas, Black Yeti (5/17) Irata, Boat Burning (5/21) Veronica Blood, Dead to Society (5/22) Bibis Ellison, Lake Inferior, Lacrymosa (5/23) Fin Fang Foom, Kerbloki, Monsonia (5/24) Hotel Hotel, Remora, Sons of Roswell (5/29) Hammer No More The Fingers, Caverns, Squaaks (5/30)

#### OPEN EYE CAFÉ

Rebekah Todd (5/2) Nightsound Studio Benefit Concert (5/3) Plan B (5/9) Jule Brown (5/24)

#### RESERVOIR

The Bright Lights, Polynya (5/4) Pendleton, The Manics (5/8) Irata, The Bronzed Chorus (5/15) Dexter Romweber and the New Romans (5/17) Beloved Binge, Grappling Hook, Noncanon, Marionette (5/21) Caltrop, Colossus, Legion of the Fallen (5/23)



### POETRY

 his year's Carrboro Day poetry reading includes a new feature — the first annual readings by the winners of the town's Youth Poetry Contest. Sponsored by Carrboro

Recreation & Parks and coordinated by Carrboro's Poet Laureate Neal Mc-Tighe, the contest had more than 50 entries from students in elementary, middle and high school.

The winners will be recognized on Carrboro Day at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall board room, where they and others will participate in the annual poetry reading from 4-5:30 p.m.

#### HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

#### **BECKY BUSH**

CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Sixteen-year-old Becky Bush believes that "beauty comes in all forms, shapes, and sizes" and "needs to be spread throughout the world." She writes that she hopes that through her poem "readers can view themselves differently and find that they too are beautiful."

#### SUMMER HOPE

dedicated to a young camper who changed my life

I tried to come up with a topic, A topic that would explain, The love I felt for this girl, And the pain I never gained. Her name was Summer Hope. The memory, Those eyes, her smile, Sparkled like the delicious sun of Eden. I was supposed to be her counselor, Instead, she became my friend. I never knew a friend could be, That life-changing, chicken noodle soup story. What she didn't believe, Could change her life. Three words, Changing the image the mirror saw. My heart like a shattered window, When I knew what the mirror saw, A distorted face, That ugly smile. I kept repeating the soft words, As the week went on. Hoping I could make a difference, And the window would be cleared. Finally on that last night, I said one more time, "Being beautiful is On the inside and out."

And "you are beautiful," Summer Hope didn't object. Somehow I knew, Next time Summer Hope was knocked down, She would be able to stand back up. Keeping her nine year old feet, Firmly planted on the ground. Beauty-a strange noun, Describing people who can make you smile, And although my eyes are filled with tears, Summer Hope's window is finally clear. Honorable Mention: Becca Desper of Chapel Hill High School High School Junior Becca Desper has been writing poems, songs and short stories since she first learned how to write. But it's not only writing she is passionate about, horses and riding have taken the other part of her heart. Effortless Breath And effortless breath, But yet grasped for. An internal cut, But yet a healed scar. Is life everlasting? Or a deadly poison dart, That penetrates the skin? Will the world continue revolving, Around and round successfully? Or will this spectacular planet, End heartbreakingly tragically? A deadly secret kept, Inside her scared head, Leads to an unfortunate wish, A wish that she was dead. This effortless breath once taken, Now starts defining death. This scared teenage girl, Should have never started meth. She holds her hand to her throat, And now begins painfully to choke. In her head she now wishes, That she never started coke. One last breath effortless breath, One more last gasp. One more internal cut, But no longer a healed scar. No, life is not everlasting, But is a poison dart Penetrating the skin. If only this girl could hear this, "I love you baby, please don't leave me" But this young girl lays

there motionless.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

MCDOUGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Twelve-year-old Shannon Mumper has done quite a bit of traveling! Born in Texas, moved to Kentucky, and now our beloved North Carolina. Shannon says she loves to write. She is already making quite a name for herself, having entered and won other poetry competitions. May she continue her success. Her poem is a perfect match for the weather outside.

#### SPRING IS HERE

They run through the street with no worries as the bright sun dances in the sky The warm breeze sways with the trees and gently waves to the Earth With winter hidden spring arrives with summer not too far behind Rays of light shine much brighter than the night above the Earth and over the children And with the beauty of nature the flowers bloom and light up the world with color and happiness, one daisy and tulip at a time He holds a brush and with serenity, he paints a joyful mood at his fingertips He smiles, looking out into the distance, for spring is here

#### HONORABLE MENTION

#### AYLEE PECK WHITESIDES SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Eleven-year-old Aylee of Smith Middle School has some wonderful ideas about Peace, what it is, where it can be found, and why we should aspire to it.

Peace is... Peace is a dream, when my eyes shut at night. Peace is my future, when all the wars end. Peace is a quiet place to read. Peace is a golden heart, in a wonderful person. Peace is that twinkle, in her dark brown eyes. Peace is a calm, sweet animal, in need of attention. Peace is a loving mother, holding her little child. Peace is our world, our world with no war. Peace is a softball landing, with a "plop" in the mitt. Peace is a soccer ball, gliding through the air. Peace is a dark night sky, scattered with bright twinkling stars. Peace is a pair of shoes, hitting the hard, black asphalt. Peace is a painting, with a calm scene on it. Peace is a feather pillow, laying on a soft feeling bed. Peace is what you say it should be. Peace is my mother, my wonderful mother and me!

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIVISION

#### ELIZABETH YANG CARRBORO ELEMENTARY

Eight-year-old Elizabeth Yang—two school years advanced for her age—writes that she intends to be "a poet, a musician, a doctor, a scientist, an artist, a writer, a pilot, an inventor, a marine scientist, an astronaut, and a president." From her poem it appears that she's already become many of those.

### THE MAGICMATHICAL INTERCHANGE

One day Mr. Quarter was coming home, But then he saw a mysterious dome, Flashing with a golden light, He thought his eyes weren't going right. "I shall go in," he said to himself, Then strangely he saw a beautiful elf, Who really was a magicmathical fairy, Omnipotent but not so hairy. "Any wish of interchange I will gladly grant," So quarter (a fraction) tilted his head in a slant, "I want to be a percent!" his eyes shining, So the fairy whooshed with her magic lining. Now he was a percent, 25% out of a hundred, He was surprised you could have read, But if  $\frac{1}{4} = 25\%$  there must be another form he thought, "A decimal!" he cried and then appeared a dot. Now he realized he was special, A fraction, percent and even a decimal!

#### HONORABLE MENTION

#### CHARLOTTE DEMING

MCDOUGLE ELEMENTARY

Eleven-year-old Charlotte Deming enjoys reading, drawing and writing. Her favorite sport is swimming, favorite animal a dog, favorite color, silver. Her poem speaks for itself.

#### NO MORE FIRE

The heat that smolders and burns my eyes comes from no other than you you hold the anger that flashes red in my mind blazing my soul with hot madness you are the person that lights my mind with a star that shines

### THEATER CALENDA

DEEP DISH THEATER

The Clean House by Sarah Ruhl, directed by Tony Lea. A lovely and often riotous comedy about a young Brazilian woman and the people whose house she tends \$12-\$16; May 1-24

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like the sun yet you are the person that has put out my fire hiding the coals with pale, grey ash

#### HONORABLE MENTION

#### MAGGIE WEBER

CARRBORO ELEMENTARY Seven-year-old Maggie Weber loves "writing poetry" and "animals." Maggie's poem will keep ringing and ringing and ringing in your mind. Pencil Topper My little purple pencil topper is an alligator that eats mistakes like

CapiTals ThaT don'T beLong.

#### 3X3 Tournament. Saturday May 24 11pm \$10 Standup Comedy, Cagematch, Harold Night. Thursdays 8pm \$10 Mister Diplomat Fridays at 9:30pm \$12 ComedySportz, Best Show Ever. Saturdays at

7:30, 9:30pm \$12

### LITERARY CALENDA

MCINTYRE'S FINE BOOKS May 2, 2pm—Writing workshop with Wendy Call, coeditor of *Telling True Stories: A Nonfiction Writers' Guide* From The Nieman Foundation at Harvard University.

May 3, 11am—Joe Camp, creator of the canine superstar Benji, discusses the lessons he and his wife learned while reasearching Camp's book *Soul* of a Horse.

May 4, 2pm—Diana Kennedy discusses her new cookbook *The Art of Mexican Cooking*.

May 5, 7pm—Isabel and Anabel Stenzel read from their book *The Power of Two: A Twin Triumph Over Cystic Fibrosis.* 

May 8, 7pm—Local author Joanna Catherine Scott and members of the Black Socks Poets read from *Night Huntress*, a new collection of poems.

May 10, 11am—Louise Hawes reads from *Black Pearls: A Faerie Strand*, a collection of familiar fairy tales told in a new way.

May 16, 2pm—Sci-Fi authors Gregory Frost and John Kessel read from their books *Shad-owbridge* and *The Baum Plan for Financial Independence and Other Stories.* 

May 17, 11am—Tony Earley, author of *Jim The Boy*, discusses *The Blue Star*, a new story starring the familiar character Jim Glass.

May 18, 2pm—Sarah Dessen reads from her latest work *Lock and Key*.

May 22, 7pm—Col. (Ret.) Ann Wright reads from and discusses her book *Dissent: Voices* of Conscience, Government Insiders Speak Out Against The War in Iraq.

May 24, 11am—Janet Lembke discusses her book *Because The Cat Purrs: How We Relate To Other Species and Why it Matters.* 

May 30, 2pm—Melissa Delbridge discusses her memoir *The Family Bible*.

May 31, 11am—Leif Enger, author of *Peace Like a River*, discusses his successor novel *So Brave*, *Young and Handsome*. MARKET STREET BOOKS May 1, 7pm—Poetry Open Mic

May 16, 7pm—Pajama Story Time

May 20, 7pm—Poetry Open Mic

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

American Girls Party—Hear a story reading about a favorite American Girl, make a craft and enjoy refreshments. Friday, May 9, 7pm, Market Street Books, 610 Market Street, Southern Village, 933-5111

Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Book Club—Discussion of Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Thursday, May 22, 7pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N Greensboro St, 918-7387

Movie/Book Club—Discussion of the film *Then She Found Me* and the book by Elinor Lipman that inspired it. Wednesday, May 26, 7pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N Greensboro St, 918-7387

## Carrboro Day

Live Music All Day	
1:00 to 1:30	Village Band
1:40 to 2:20	Oscar Begat
2:30 to 3:10	Password to Larkspur Lane
3:20 to 4:00	The Obies
4:10 to 4:50	Storm Front
5:00 to 5:40	Gigi Dover & The Big Love
5:50 to 6:30	Grimball & Long

### Let's make this a Trash-Free Event!

#### Sunday, May 4, 1:00 to 7:00 PM Town Hall and Commons (sunny) Carrboro Century Center (rain)

Fire Dept. Display 1:00 to 6:00 PM **OWASA** Display 1:00 to 6:00 PM **Public Works Display** 1:00 to 6:00 PM Library Book/Bake Sale 1:00 to 5:00 PM Boy Scout Hot Dog Sale 1:00 to 5:00 PM 1:00 to 5:00 PM **Plant Exchange Mother Goose** 2:00 to 3:30 PM **Carrboro History** 2:00 to 3:30 PM Family Crafts 2:00 to 4:00 PM APS Dog Drill Team 2:30 to 3:00 PM Roaming Magic (Lozoff) 3:00 to 5:00 PM **Family Games** 3:00 to 5:00 PM Poetry Reading 4:00 to 5:30 PM



### Celebrating a Sustainable Community

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