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Show of original fine arts from across the region, Alexandria.

IN UNIVERSITY-APUS "Equalizers," April 13. An exhibit of a print makers who equilibrium and /, 3351 Fairfax Dr., 3-8999.

UNIVERSITY Feb. 29. Deborah Willis And as reflect on the relationship and child. Fine Arts versity Dr., Fairfax.

NGTON UNIVERSITY "US" GW 20th Regional Artist Exhibit, through of realistic and pps by GW alumni. Ashburn.

UNITY CENTER OF INIA "Expanded through April 10. sculptures by Allison by Rebecca More Than Just esday. Glass and Karl Minnick and Little River Tpk., 3880. One of a Kind," Paintings, sculpture, inal prints, pastels ll St., Occoquan.

FOR THE ARTS ew Work by Eric March 3. The artist onal objects and aterials scavenged on Industry. pping. Finding Time, through March 3. e decorates the gallery ks. "MPA@50." To mark the gallery's by many of the at the studio will be n Community Center, e, McLean.

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"A Travel Log In Art," featuring paintings by art of February Shows. 3999 fax City.

UNITY CENTER 2. Four Artists," aintings and Barbieri, Stephanie and Connie Slack. Id., Reston.

ORY ART CENTER, es Gallery "Cuba onday through raphs by Karen s," through Sunday. net Matthews. ars and Phobias," e exhibition of fears and phobias 'unique approaches themes. 105 N. ia. 703-683-2205.

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Prices listed where available.

THE DISTRICT

MEET BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND FRANKLIN'S GLASS ARMONICA Friday at 10. "Benjamin Franklin" talks about his accomplishments and Dean Shostak plays the armonica. National Archives, Constitution Avenue and Ninth Street NW. 202-357-5000. www.archives.gov. Free.

BOND Friday at 6. Part of the The International Spy Museum's "Spy at Night" series. James Bond-themed activities including a scavenger hunt and trivia. International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW. 202-393-7798. www.spymuseum.org. \$19.95-\$27.95.

MIT NEUROSCIENTIST SEBASTIAN SEUNG Friday at 7. Discussion by Sebastian Seung and reading from his book "Connectome: How the Brain's Wiring Makes Us Who We Are." Q&A and book signing follow. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919. www.politicsprose.com. Free.

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF CHOCOLATE Saturday and Sunday at 2. A presentation on the historical uses of cacao and scientific research on the nutritional value of chocolate. National Museum of the American Indian, Rasmuson Theater, Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW. 202-633-1000. www.nmai.si.edu. Free.

CATAPALOOZA 2012 Sunday at noon. More than 50 cats are available for adoption at this open house for an adoption fee one-day-only deal of \$2. Cats have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated and vet-checked. Free refreshments, cat-themed grab bags and children's Valentine card making. Washington Animal Rescue League, 71 Oglethorpe St. NW. 202-726-2556. www.warl.org/news-events/catapalooza-2012. Free.

CONVERSATIONS WITH COMPOSERS—BOB CONVERY & JEFFERY WATSON WITH PETER DIMURO Sunday at 3:15. Convery and Watson will discuss the process behind their works which will be performed at CHAW's 40th Anniversary Concert. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 Fourth St. SE. 202-547-8676. chaw.org. Free.

GRAND OPENING OF AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS NATIONAL MUSEUM Monday at 11:30. Featuring keynote speaker Roberta Shafer and music by the Salvation Army brass ensemble. American Women Writers National Museum, 1275 K St. NW. www.americanwomenwritersnationalmuseum.org.

CONQUERING THE 14 Monday at 7:30. Mountain-climber Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner shares her experiences. National Geographic, Grosvenor Auditorium, 1600 M St. NW. 202-857-7700. www.nglive.org. \$20.

"SHOWCASING THE GREAT EXPERIMENT: CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AND WESTERN VISITORS TO THE SOVIET UNION, 1921-1941" Tuesday at noon. Michael David-Fox will speak about and sign copies of his book. Library of Congress, Madison Building, Mumford Room, 101 Independence Ave. SE. 202-707-5221. www.loc.gov. Free.

PORTRAITS AFTER 5: THE ART OF LOVE Tuesday at 5. Music, games, poetry and more for all ages in the Kogod Courtyard. National Portrait Gallery, Eighth and F streets NW. 202-633-1000. www.npg.si.edu. Free.

A COLLECTIONS CONVERSATION, "FASHIONABLE GRIEF: SILK NEEDLEWORK MOURNING IMAGES IN EARLY AMERICA" Wednesday at 12:30. A talk by curator Sarah Coster. Collection includes mourning rings and silk needlework. Dumbarton House, 2715 Q St. NW. 202-337-2288. www.dumbartonhouse.org. Free.

PRIMARY SOURCES: THE NEW RUSSIAN LITERATURE ARRIVES Wednesday at 4:30. Russian writers will read from their works and talk about art and more in contemporary Russia. A reception follows at 6. Georgetown University, Intercultural Conference Center, Room 462, near 37th and O streets NW. 202-687-2787. www.georgetown.edu. 818-642-9225. Free.

EVENINGS WITH EXTRAORDINARY



JANE PINCUZK

Author Jane Pinczuk signs copies of her new children's book, "The Music in Me," on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Bethesda.

Madison to Wall Street," Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW. 202-387-7638. www.busboysandpoets.com. Free. "ISLAM THROUGH WESTERN EYES" Thursday at noon. A lecture on the book "Islam Through Western Eyes: From the Crusades to the War on Terrorism" by author Jonathan Lyons. Library of Congress, Madison Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE. www.loc.gov. Free. "SHADOW COMMANDER: THE EPIC STORY OF DONALD D. BLACKBURN - GUERRILLA LEADER AND SPECIAL FORCES HERO" Thursday at noon. Author Mike Guardia discusses his book about Donald Blackburn. International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW. 202-393-7798. www.spymuseum.org. Free.

MARYLAND 2012 MOTOR TREND INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW—BALTIMORE Friday-Sunday. An up-close look at the latest vehicles. Baltimore Convention Center, 1 W. Pratt St., Baltimore. 410-649-7000. www.autoshowbaltimore.com. \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors on Friday, \$8 on Saturday-Sunday; \$6 for military; \$4 for ages 7-12; free for age 6 and younger. LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS GETS THE ROYAL TREATMENT Friday at noon. Ellen Bryan, Miss Ohio 2011, discusses lightning safety. NOAA, 1301 East West Hwy., Silver Spring. 301-713-7671. preserveamerica.noaa.gov. Free. 34TH ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION Saturday at 10. National Capital Orchid Society presents this auction with hundreds of orchids. Behnke Nursery, 11300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville. www.ncos.us. Free. ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW Saturday and Sunday at 10. Various antiques and collectibles for sale, and free verbal antique appraisals. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. 301-649-1915. www.johnsonshows.com. \$6 for both days. NOAA OPEN HOUSE Saturday at 10. Educational activities. All ages; adults must bring photo ID. NOAA, 1301 East West Hwy., Silver Spring. 301-713-7671. preserveamerica.noaa.gov. Free. LINCOLN LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP Saturday at 11. A lecture by Harold W. Nelson in time for the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday and the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Sandv Spring Museum, 17901

"The Music in Me." Shure Krnice from Orlando performs. Fundraiser for PTA. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda. 301-986-1761. Free. INTERCAMBIO: AN ARTFUL LANGUAGE EXCHANGE Sunday at 3. Improve your English or Spanish while conversing about art. Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St., Baltimore. 410-547-9000. thewalters.org. Free. SEN. BRIAN FROSH TO SPEAK ON ENVIRONMENT Sunday at 3. Annual meeting of the Little Falls Watershed Alliance. State Sen. Brian Frosh will talk about Maryland's environmental issues. St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 5450 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda. 301-907-3298. www.lfwa.org. Free. MUSIC & TEA AT THREE Wednesday at 3. Tea by the Robert Morris Inn, and a performance by Benjamin Beirs. Academy Art Museum, 106 South St., Easton. 410-822-2787. www.academyartmuseum.org. \$60 for members, \$95 for non-members. WINTER-HARDY CACTI AND SUCCEULENTS Wednesday at 7:30. Talk by winter-hardy plants expert Allen Hirsh. Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. 301-891-7100. www.takomahort.org. Free. JANE COX—LOST TOWNS OF THE CHESAPEAKE Thursday at 7. A talk by Jane Cox on the discovery of lost towns and what is

being found at Pigs Point Museum, 14200 Solom Solomons. 410-326-204 www.cabvtermuseum

VIRGINIA

BASIC GARDENING: TR PRUNING Friday at 1:30 present tips and techniq Green Spring Gardens, 4 Rd., Alexandria area. 703 www.greenspring.org. \$1 SWORDSMEN'S RENDI 11. Learn about 18th cer see a display of weapons Tours are between 11 a.r Gadsby's Tavern Museum Alexandria. 703-746-42 www.gadsbystavern.org. 1 required.

STARTING FROM SCRA Saturday at 9:30. Mary potting mixes, seed tre Call or register online. C Gardens, 4603 Green S Alexandria area. 703-6 www.greenspring.org. \$2 BLACK HISTORY MONT Saturday at 10 and 1. T and a discussion of its po Plantation, Mathis Aven 703-368-1873. www.mar \$15, advance purchase

AAC HOSTS COMMUN THE STUDIO VISIT Satu Discussion held by Robi community critique. Arlr 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlr www.arlingtonartscenter limited.

SECOND ANNUAL BARI Saturday at 11. Mad Fox l Falls Church is hosting its Festival, with about 30 b sample, including two fr others from Dogfish Hea and Heavy Seas, plus the Samichlaus from Austria Eggenberg. Each will be s ounce glass. The party r special food menu and r and funk band Pebble to 9 p.m. Mad Fox Brewing l Broad St., Falls Church. 7 madfoxbrewing.com. Free each.

PERFORMANCE ART AT STUDIOS Saturday at nx Swanson performs "Cro Online Comments," and performs "DC Cheri" fo community. Arlington Ar Wilson Blvd., Arlington. www.arlingtonartscenter.

SECOND SATURDAY AR 6. The work of more than display at this event whe browse, buy and socializ Center, 9601 Ox Rd., Lort www.workhousearts.org.

COLLABORATING WITH PLANTS Sunday at 1:30. Earth Sangha discuss pr wild plants and the work Nursery. Green Spring G Spring Rd., Alexandria ar www.greenspring.org. \$1C

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