

Community Calendar

Got an event you'd like to see in our calendars? Email us at: calendar@carrborocitizen.com or drop us a line: P.O. Box 248, Carrboro NC 27510. Please send calendar items no later than one week prior to publication.

Special Events

Join members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and Iraq Veterans Against the War and VVAW National Coordinator Barry Romo as he talks about the upcoming historic event — **Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan**. Fri, Jan 25, 6pm. Carrboro Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. Free. Visit www.vvaw.org/events for more info.

Film Screening: “Durham: A Self-Portrait”, a film about the city’s dynamics following the Duke Lacrosse incident. Screening will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Steve Chan-ning. Mon, Jan 28, 6:30pm. Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Cul-ture and History. 150 South Road. UNC Campus. Free and open to the public.

Orange County Bill of Rights De-fense Committee will show a 54-min-ute DVD of a recent keynote talk, **“Marisol Jimenez-McGee Addresses Current Situation Facing Undocu-mented Immigrants,”** at the Chapel Hill Public Library. Thu, Jan 17, 7pm. Call 942-2535 for more info.

Umstead State Park will host **“Basic Land Navigation,”** and will teach skills in using a map and compass. Sun, Jan 20, 2pm. Reservations required. Call 571-4170.

Kids

Toddler Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. For more info, call 969-3006.

Preschool Story Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Sat-urday at 10:30am. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz — Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-11, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, www.dsi-comedytheater.com.

Express Yourself! — Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths; reg-istration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children’s Museum, 105 E Franklin

St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, www.kid-zuchildrengsmuseum.org.

Volunteers

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volun-teers to deliver meals and/or bake sim-ple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. For more info, call 942-2948.

Goathouse Cat Refuge — Seeks volunteers to help with rescued cats & kittens. For more info, call Bonny at 545-2825 or email her at brooze@em-barqmail.com.

Orange County Literacy Council is looking for Adult Basic Education/ GED tutors. To become a tutor, volun-teers must attend one orientation and one training session. Orientations: Fri, Jan 25, 10am to noon; Mon, Jan 28, 6-8pm; or Wed, Jan 30, 1-3pm. Training sessions: Fri, Feb 8, 9:30am to 1pm; Mon, Feb 11, 5:30-9pm. Call 933-2151 or 732-0868 for more details.

English as a Second Language Con-versation Club seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students on Fridays (beginning Jan 25). 11:30am to 1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. Call 967-1448 or email harwellja@bellsouth.net.

Health & Wellness

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer — A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www.cornucopiahouse.org.

NAMI Family-To-Family Education Program will host a series of 12 weekly classes for people who have family members with a serious mental ill-ness. Classes offered in Chapel Hill & Hillsborough. In Chapel Hill, con-tact Gove Elder, 967-5403. Classes begin Mar 4. In Hillsborough, con-tact Bill or Sandy Moyer, 382-7408. Classes begin Feb 2. Registration re-quired. Email confidential inquiries to gbelder@bellsouth.net.

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to all. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Method-ist Church. 11098 Highway 15-501.

Feelings: What’s Appropriate and When to Say It, hosted by Charlie Ber-nacchio, professor of counseling and psychology. Thu, Jan 31, 5:30-7pm. Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W Main St. Call 942-5602 or email peercon-nections@yahoo.com. This meeting is part of the Peer Connections Be Well! Be Fit! program.

Museums

Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows — Science LIVE Demos. On-going. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

Wilson Library – A Nursery of Pa-triotism: The University at War, 1861-1945. Exhibit on war’s historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manu-scripts Dept (4th floor) at Wilson Li-brary, UNC Campus, through Feb. www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/univer-sityatwar.html.

Terry Seymour, author of “A Guide to Collecting Everyman’s Library,” will give the lecture **“The Adventures of a Collector”** to celebrate the opening of the exhibit “The ABC of Collect-ing Everyman’s Library.” Thu, Jan 17, 5:45pm. Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library, UNC Cam-pus. Free and open to the public. Call 962-4207 or visit www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/2008/everymans.html for more info.

Dance

Havana Nights – Cuban Salsa. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net.

Salsa/Mambo — 3rd Saturdays, les-son 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa_4u2@yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough).

Ballroom — Dancing. 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Home-stead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.

Studio A Dancers present a dance theater performance of *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles*, adapted

from the book by Julie Andrews Ed-wards. Performances Saturday Jan. 19 at 2pm and 6pm. East Chapel Hill High Auditorium. \$5. Tickets are available at Dancentre (967-4100/ www.dancentre.net) and at the door. The performance will be narrated and is appropriate for young audiences.

The Carolina Song & Dance Asso-ciation will present a contra dance at the Carrboro Century Center, with a live caller and music by the Carolina Cut-Ups. Fri, Jan 18. Lesson 7:30pm, dance 8pm. \$8 donation requested. Please bring clean, soft-soled, smooth-soled shoes. Call 967-9948 or visit www.ccsda-dance.org.

Literary Discussion/Open Mic

Open Mic — For poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays at 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Vil-lage, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill. 933-5111, www.marketstreetbooks.com.

Brett Webb-Mitchell, author and Presbyterian pastor, will read from his new book *On Being a Gay Parent: Making a Future Together*. Wed, Jan 23, 3:30pm. Bull’s Head Bookshop. Student Stores, UNC Campus.

Al Burian, local author of Things are Meaning Less and Burn Collector will read and discuss his works at Interna-tionalist Books & Community Center. 405 W Franklin St. Sat, Jan 19, 7pm.

Pulitzer Prize winner Edwin Yo-der will read from his new book Lions at Lamb House. Thu, Jan 24, 3:30pm. Bull’s Head Bookshop. Student Stores, UNC Campus.

Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players invite all strings, beginners or experts, to its meeting on Thu, Jan 17 at 7pm. Carol Woods Retirement Community. Call 929-5359 for more info.

Other

VITA, a free tax assistance program for low- to middle-income clients, be-gins Feb 1. For enrollment require-ments and more info visit www.co.orange.nc.us/aging/VITA.asp.

Documentary of the dedication of Chapel Hill’s Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. will air Mon, Jan 21. Noon & 7pm. Chapel Hill TV 18.

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- Keep a container next to the kitchen sink and pour the final rinse water from washing pots, etc. into it for soaking the next dirty items;
- Save the water as the shower heats up for flushing toilets and watering indoor plants;
- Use a little of that warming-up wa-ter to go ahead and soap up so that when it gets warm enough, you can go straight to rinse;
- Save the pasta water for washing dishes and watering plants;
- Have a “lawn” made up of na-tives (grasses, flowers, ground covers — *weeds*);
- Put every receptacle you own on the deck, patio or other impervious sur-face when rain’s coming to more deep-ly water plants and trees afterwards.

It’s okay *not to*:

- Wash our cars;
- Flush every time;
- Bathe everyday;
- Shave (at least until spring, ladies).

One more point I’ve not seen mentioned: Making electricity re-quires water (think about it — every fuel plant you’ve ever seen was next to a body of water), therefore, wast-ing electricity wastes water. So switch to low-energy light bulbs (send your incandescent bulbs to a local temple — that’s what gets stomped on during a marriage ceremony — Mazel tov!); leave on only enough lights after dark to accomplish what you’re doing and prevent tripping over the dog; and (my downfall) turn off your computer overnight and unplug battery chargers and appliances when not in use.

We’ve all learned or been reminded that water, that most precious of re-sources, comes through the whims of Nature, which we humans have messed with to the point of changing her patterns and making us suffer in return.

We either change our ways or start building desalination plants along our coasts to pipe water across the nation. Hmmm, maybe that’s the answer to rising shorelines from the melting ice cap. We can drink our oceans.

If you aren’t going to a workshop and want to purchase rain barrels, contact Mark Ray at 636-0617 or m-ray@mindspring.com

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com.

Go Google yourself

GAINES STEER

Hey everybody, if you haven’t ever done so, you had better Google yourself. And yes, I will tell you why.... The ole good news and the bad!

It’s like this. My college room-mate, Bill (let’s just say it has been around 40 years), decided to Google yours truly. “With a name like that,” his wife said, “he might just be in there....”

After Bill called from Califor-nia and we traded impolite sto-ries and exaggerations, I decided I’d better see what they had on me via Master Google: “Gaines Steer” [find]. Honest to good-ness, there are 32 references to this guy, me. At first I was elated, ego saturated. But wait a minute, what are those empirical refer-ences to me? I do hope it ain’t my credit report....

Well, there was the pumpkin contest at a church that I wrote up for the newsletter, a quote from a rejection letter from a garden magazine and some other stuff of which I have absolutely no recollection. None. In a word, the Google references were obscure.

What’s the good news? Don’t

worry! What we have here is a new reality game that is not fea-tured on the blameful TV. Here is how it’s played. The contes-tants Google themselves, their bosses, any politicians, former spouses, etc. and compare scores. My score is 32, beat that!

For example: Ruffin Slater, Weaver Street Market general manager garners a Google score of 96; Kirk Ross, newspaper edi-tor, can claim a score of 78 (from three venues); Senator Ellie Kin-naird appears to round out at a 59 score (mayor 19, senator 40). Her staff will check this for ac-curacy, I am certain....

Here are the rules: entrants can claim as many venues as Google doth list. (i.e., doctor, lawyer, Indian chief). Once the Google pages of 10 begin to list both first and last names of other innocent folks, the count ends for the contestant. Get that?

Implications galore! Ever play “Truth or Dare?” Space does not permit....

I wonder if I can improve my score by trying the moniker: hu-morist? Wanna bet?

Gaines Steer is a community organizer and writer who lives in north Chatham County.

Community briefs

Free tax help

Volunteer Income Tax Assis-tance, a program that offers free tax service for low-to-middle-in-come clients, will begin taking appointments mid-month for tax services beginning in February.

For appointments or informa-tion, call 968-2070 in Carrboro, 245-2015 in Hillsborough or 542-4512 in Chatham County. Spanish-speaking clients may call 245-2010 in Orange Coun-ty or 742-1448 in Chatham County.

Bipolar seminar

The UNC School of Medi-cine Department of Psychiatry will host an educational seminar on bipolar disorder on March 8 at the Friday Center for Con-tinuing Education.

For more information, visit www.med.unc.edu/cme/events/ bipolar-disorders-conference or contact Jennifer Mayfield at 962-7399 or jennifer_mayfield@med.unc.edu.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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Super Crossword TAKE A HIKE!

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