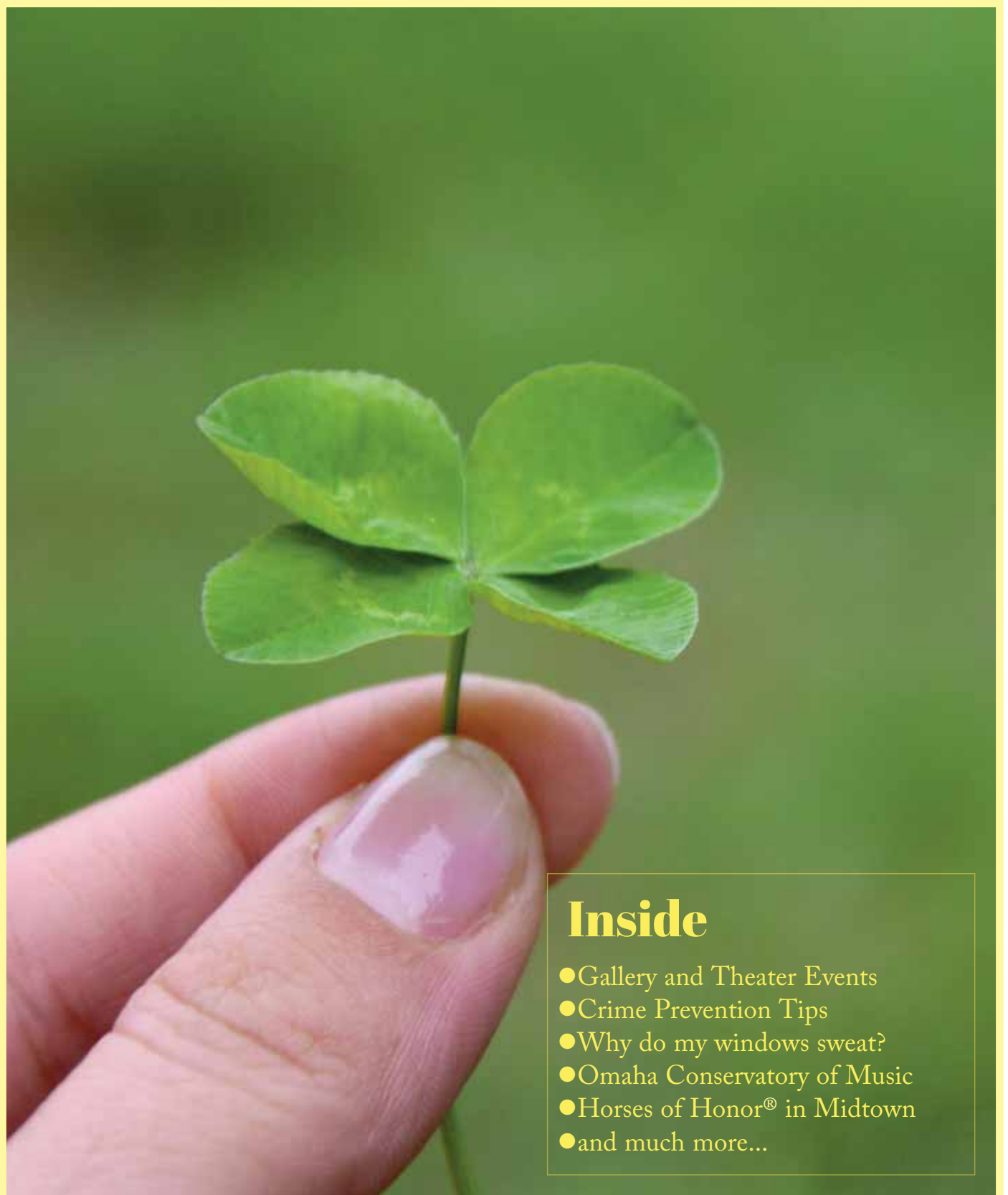


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HOLY WEEK



- March 20 – Palm Sunday – 10:30 a.m.
Celebrating the Triumphant Entry of our Lord
- March 24 – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 p.m.
Communion Worship Service
- March 25 – Good Friday – 6:30 p.m.
Candlelight service –
“The Seven Last Words of Christ”
- March 26 – Community Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
– Enter door on 34th Street
- March 27 – Easter Morning – 10:30 a.m.
Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord,
Jesus Christ: “He Lives!”



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Saint Patrick's Concert

Ayreheart



Thursday, March 17 at 7:00pm
First Unitarian Church, Common Room
3114 Harney Street

Spend your St. Patrick's Day listening to Ayreheart's eclectic mix with elements of Folk, Celtic, and Bluegrass.

A special drink “Go Luck Yourself” along with Irish Coffee will be served. Suggested donation: \$10/person. Free childcare will be provided. Band website: <http://www.ayreheart.com>

New Children's Chorus in Midtown

MasterSingers Omaha have recently organized a children's chorus: Diminuendo. The chorus is open to boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Directed by Dr. D. Lauren Pickle, Diminuendo will perform with the MasterSingers on two concerts each year, one in December and the other in late Spring. They rehearse at First Central Congregational Church on Monday evenings at 6:00 PM. Their debut performance this season will be Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 PM, at First Central Congregational Church, 36th and Harney.

This concert, titled "My Girl," features music composed by women. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, and are available at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Additional information is available on the website, www.mastersingersomaha.com.

MAGICAL MUSICAL TOUR

GRAND OPENING GALA

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Please Join Us On April 15

Hear beautiful music, enjoy exquisite food and beverage, and explore our new home at 7023 Cass Street – the area's newest cultural landmark in our “Magical Musical Tour.”



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Horses of Honor® Omaha Coming to Turner Park,

Public Art Project Commemorates Fallen Police Officers

An inspiring public art installation, debuting in Turner Park this May, will commemorate the fallen heroes of the Omaha Police Department, celebrating their legacies of brave service and protection.

Horses of Honor® Omaha will feature seven life-sized statues of mounted patrol unit horses prominently displayed throughout Turner Park. An eighth horse is planned for the Omaha Police Headquarters. Each fabricated horse, designed by an artist, will commemorate a fallen Omaha officer.

“The loss of Officer Kerrie Orozco reminds us what ultimate sacrifice looks and feels like. Horses of Honor® is a powerful way to bring the community together and pay tribute to our men and women in blue and the lengths they’re willing to go to protect and serve,” said Omaha Police Chief Todd Schmaderer.

The year-long Horses of Honor® Omaha exhibition will launch on May 20; its unveiling complemented by a Tribute Concert and Festival in Turner Park the next evening. Free and open to the public, the concert event will honor all those who serve and protect. (More details will be provided at HorsesOfHonorOmaha.com as they are available.)

Horses of Honor® Omaha will culminate with the sale of the horses in the spring of 2017. Net proceeds will benefit the Omaha Police Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization working to ensure Omaha officers have the training and equipment they need to prevent crime, save lives and make Omaha a safer city.

“Not only are we very honored to be a part of this inspirational project, we’re grateful for the awareness it will bring, the legacies it will celebrate, and the lasting impact it will have in protecting Omaha’s police officers and our community,” said Omaha Police Foundation Board of Directors President, Jack Lewis.

The Omaha installation mirrors the original Horses of Honor® program in Chicago, which was created and produced by AGENCY 360 and benefitted the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. The Horses have been on display at various locations in downtown Chicago, including the Magnificent Mile, Merchandise Mart, Hancock Plaza, parks and more. Proceeds from the Horses have been used to purchase bulletproof vests for the Police Department and put toward school tuition for the children of the fallen officers.

“Horses of Honor brought comfort to the families of all police officers and raised a lot of awareness in Chicago about the sacrifices that these brave officers make,” said Phil Cline, executive director of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. “We’re very excited and honored to see this program continue in Omaha and eventually other cities as well.”

Spring Crime Prevention Tips

- Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
- During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.
- Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home. Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can spot criminals and alert the police and the community to their presence. Get involved in your community, and help us keep your spring happy and safe.
- Please call 911 for suspicious behavior.

Retirement transition series to be offered at Omaha Public Library

Are you retired, thinking about retiring soon, or simply ready to start planning for life after work? Join Omaha Public Library for a series of retirement transition workshops that will guide you in making the most of your retirement. Experts will be available to assist you in defining retirement goals, understanding Medicare options, exploring financial plans for security and more. All programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Register online at omahalibrary.org, or by calling the branch where you wish to attend.

Long-Term Care Planning: Learn about the options available for planning and paying for long-term care needs.

- March 22, 6:30 p.m., Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402-444-4846
- April 20, 6:30 p.m., Millard Branch, 13214 Westwood Ln., 402-444-4848
- April 26, 6:30 p.m., A.V. Sorensen Branch, 4808 Cass St., 402-444-5274
- April 28, 6:30 p.m., W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 W. Dodge Rd., 402-444-4852

Social Security Strategies: Learn how to make the most of your Social Security decision and how to integrate with your other retirement income sources.

- March 2, 6:30 p.m., Milton R. Abrahams Branch
- April 5, 6:30 p.m., Benson Branch
- April 26, 6:30 p.m., W. Clarke Swanson Branch
- April 27, 6:30 p.m., Millard Branch
- May 3, 6:30 p.m., A.V. Sorensen Branch

Medicare 101: Learn about the ins and outs of Medicare, and the important dates and options you need to consider.

- March 24, 6:30 p.m., Benson Branch
- April 13, 6:30 p.m., Millard Branch
- April 21, 6:30 p.m., A.V. Sorensen Branch
- April 27, 6:30 p.m., W. Clarke Swanson Branch

Taxes in Retirement: Learn how taxes are different in retirement, and how to avoid pitfalls when harvesting income from various accounts.

- March 9, 6:30 p.m., Milton R. Abrahams Branch
- March 31, 6:30 p.m., Benson Branch
- April 6, 6:30 p.m., Millard Branch
- April 14, 6:30 p.m., A.V. Sorensen Branch
- April 19, 6:30 p.m., W. Clarke Swanson Branch

Estate Planning: Learn about the different types of planning to help avoid headaches and unnecessary expenses later in life and upon death.

- March 1, 6:30 p.m., Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch
- March 29, 6:30 p.m., Benson Branch
- April 11, 6:30 p.m., Millard Branch
- April 21, 6:30 p.m., W. Clarke Swanson Branch
- April 28, 6:30 p.m., A.V. Sorensen Branch

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Eclectic Book Review Club Announces Spring Schedule

The Eclectic Book Review Club, which began its series of continuous reviews in 1949, announces its spring schedule:

March 15 – Omaha author Connie Spittler will review her latest novel, “The Erotica Book Club for Nice Ladies.”

April 19 – Local author Rebecca Rotert will review her book, “Last Night at the Blue Angel.”

May 17 – Holocaust survivor Milton Kleinberg will review his memoir as a teenager in WWII: “Bread or Death.”

Monthly meetings, which include lunch and a review, are held at 12 noon at the Omaha Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Avenue. The cost is \$13.00 per person.

For reservations, call Rita at 402-553-3147.

Jane Meehan, program chairman 402-556-9452 (0422.J@cox.net)



Omaha Conservatory of Music's New Home in Midtown

This Spring, Midtown welcomes Omaha Conservatory of Music to the neighborhood at the property at 7023 Cass Street, signifying the realization of a long-held dream of the organization, which was founded in 2001. While the Conservatory will still be putting the finishing touches on the building throughout the spring, the Conservatory has been holding lessons and doing daily administrative work for its vast programming since January.

The property Cass is owned by the Conservatory, which is calling the space, its "permanent home," after having moved from its rented location near Rockbrook Village in December 2015.

"We couldn't have imagined anything that suits our needs better," the Conservatory's executive director, Ruth Meints, told the Omaha World-Herald in January.

The renovation project, which transformed the former Temple Israel into a state-of-the-art music school has taken approximately one year to complete. HDR, Inc. served as the architect and -- in case you missed the large yellow trailers parked outside the property for the last 12 months -- Kiewit Building Group served as the general contractor.

The building contains approximately 40,000 square feet of private studios, performance spaces, gathering spaces, practice areas, classrooms, and administrative offices -- some of which double as teaching spaces.

On the evening of Friday, April 15, 2016, the Conservatory will host its grand opening gala, which it has titled "Magical Musical Tour." The gala will feature guided tours of the building, musical performances, and food created by one of Omaha's preeminent chefs. This evening will be the first public glimpse of the building in its complete state and is one of the season's most anticipated events. Tickets are \$200 per person and can be purchased at www.omahacm.org/gala or 402.932.4978 ext 208. Space is limited.

Sierra Club Program:

"Niobrara River and In-Stream Flow Legislation" with George Cunningham
Thurs. March 24, 7 p.m.
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The 9th Annual Omaha NARI (National Association of the Remodeling Industry)

Remodeled Home Tour this year is

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Why do my windows sweat?

By David Holtzclaw of Transduction Technologies

This time of year, we get a lot of questions about sweaty windows. It is a common issue in central Omaha. Unfortunately, most people seem to believe that new windows are the best answer. However, not only are new windows the wrong answer, they are also the most expensive answer.

What causes the windows to “sweat” is simple condensation. In the winter, typical indoor conditions are 68-70°F with relative humidity between 20-40%. Simply stated, relative humidity is the amount of water vapor present in air expressed as a percentage of the maximum amount of water vapor the air can hold at a given temperature. When the relative humidity reaches 100%, the water vapor in the air will “condense” or turn from water vapor to liquid water. This is called the “dew point”, i.e. the point when water drops (dew) appears. I’m simplifying the process here, but for sweaty windows this is all you need to know. One more important piece of information – for water vapor to turn to liquid, it needs a cold surface. This is why dew forms on grass and not in the air. This is also why water drops form on cold windows, but not on window frame or walls.

If your windows are sweating on the inside glass surface, then your indoor relative humidity, or amount of water vapor in the indoor air, is too high AND your windows are cold. For example, standard indoor conditions are 70°F air temperature and 35% relative humidity. This corresponds to a dew point of 41°F (see <http://www.dpcalc.org/> for a nice online dew point calculator). With the outdoor air temperatures below 25°F and

single pane or drafty windows, getting the inside surface temperature to 41°F is quite possible.

Your window inside surface is cold because: 1) the window frames are drafty; 2) the windows lack thermal resistance (old single pane windows); or 3) thermal bridging across the window frame (metal window frames). First, try and stop the air leakage. Sealing the window frames with clear caulk and adding weather stripping to the window. Second, add insulation to the window frames – older homes have no insulation in the window frames. Third, stop the thermal bridging by installing well sealed storm windows. These solutions are a fraction of the cost of new windows. New windows will add more thermal resistance to the window pane, increasing the window pane surface temperature and could eliminate the water drops from forming on the window.

Remember, the amount of moisture you see on your windows is the same amount of moisture that is in the indoor air. It is the same amount of moisture on your inside walls, it just turns to liquid on the cold window surface. Replacing old single pane windows with new windows will add value to the house and improve indoor comfort, but it won’t decrease indoor relative humidity. The real solution is to decrease indoor relative humidity. The indoor moisture can be coming from any number of sources: humidifiers, dryers not vent to the outside, kitchens, bathrooms, fish tanks, water leaks, people and pets. Start with the humidifier and go from there. Decrease indoor relative humidity first, then worry about the windows.

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February 21 to April 8 Phil Hawkins — Installations

through March 27 - Cathedral Artist Invitational

Connect Gallery

3901 Leavenworth St.

402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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p.m., Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 12

March 5 to 7

Wearable Art—Meiko Mintz

New works include chalk pastels by Joe Broghammer, oils by

Christian Rothmann, acrylics by Judy Greff, and jewelry by

Donna Burdic.a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Omaha Community Playhouse

6915 Cass St. 402-553-0800 www.omahaplayhouse.com

Hawks Mainstage Theater

City of Angels

March 4th to April 3rd

Sexy, sizzling and smart, City of Angels is a film noir-style musical that pays homage to glamorous 1940s Hollywood.

Winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, this clever show has two plots running simultaneously (the real world and the "reel" world) as a man writes a screenplay that mirrors his own life. Intrigue, mystery and incredible music make City of Angels a must-see production.

Howard Drew Theater

Caroline, or Change—February 12 to March 20

Caroline, or Change is a musical set in Lake Charles, Louisiana, during the American civil rights movement. As large-scale social changes in the country take hold, her teenage daughter shows her that change can set her free.

Shelterbelt Theatre

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www.shelterbelt.org Next production in April.

SNAP Productions

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www.snapproductions.com Harbor—March 5 to 29

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Bad Jews—February 19 to March 14

Described as a comedy about the holy and the holier-than-thou, Bad Jews is the story of Daphna Feygenbaum, a "Real Jew" with an Israeli boyfriend she met on a birthright tour. When Daphna's cousin Liam brings home his shiksa girlfriend Melody, a vicious and hilarious brawl over family, faith, and legacy ensues.



**11am – 6pm, 16 Apr, 2016
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for more info visit earthdayomaha.org

“The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved.”

— Richard Rogers

Start Your Own Vegetables and Flowers

You don't need a fancy “grow light” an inexpensive flourcent shop light with two 40 watt bulbs works fine.

Best to germination at about 70 -75 degrees, kept evenly moist, then move under the lights, positioned only 4- 6” above the plants.



Here is the schedule for starting a few of our favorite plants.

early March - cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower;
mid-March - pepper, eggplant, petunia, and salvia;
late March - tomato, marigold, and zinnia;
early April - muskmelon, watermelon, squash, and cucumber.

As soon as the soil can be worked, you can plant potatoes, peas, onions, radishes(will be much sweeter if planted in cool weather), spinach and asparagus outside.

Happy growing!

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

3114 Harney Street All are welcome
For more info visit. www.firstuomaha.org

People's Film Festival

March 15 at 7 p.m. Common Room. "Pay 2 Play".
Filmmaker John Ennis' quest to find a way out of the system where politicians reward their donors with even larger sums from the public treasury.

Exploring Humanistic Perspectives in Literature:

Sarah Teasdale—House of Dreams

With Ron Knapp

Tuesday. March 22 at 7pm in the Common Room. Academy of American Poets: “Teasdale’s work had always been characterized by its simplicity and clarity, her use of classical forms, and her passionate and romantic subject matter.”

St Patrick's Day Concert, March 17th “Ayreheart”

7 PM in Sanctuary, \$25. Suggested donation: \$10/person. Free childcare will be provided. A special drink “Go Luck Yourself” along with Irish Coffee will be served. Spend your St. Patrick’s listening to Ayreheart’s eclectic mix with elements of Folk, Celtic, and Bluegrass. This band was formed to feature the lute (the most popular instrument of the Renaissance) in a completely new context—mixing with vocals, electric bass, drums and hand percussion, guitar,violin, mandolin and komuz.

The Tolerant Atheist Group Meeting

The meeting will be in the Common Room on Thursday March 10, starting at 7pm. The doors will open at 6pm for those interested in “Bring Your Own Dinner” socializing and conversation.

Doug Wagner, Ph.D. historian and psychotherapist will address the group and facilitate discussion framed by three questions. What does know thyself mean to you? How do you think about thinking? How do you distinguish your beliefs about brain, mind, spirit, soul, and breath?

Children's Spring Carnival Sunday, March 27 from 9:30am

to 12:30pm on the East Lawn. The Toddler Easter Egg Hunt is from 9:30 to 10:30. Kindergarteners and up have their egg hunt from 11:30-1230. There will be age-appropriate games for all the kids. Please join us for carnival games and fun!

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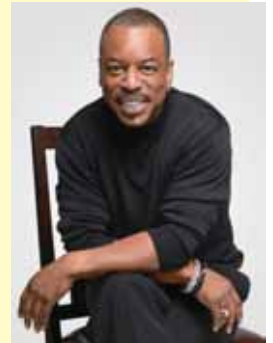
Former 'Star Trek' Actor, LeVar Burton, to Headline 2016 Nebraska Science Festival

Emmy-award winning actor LeVar Burton, former "Star Trek" actor and "Reading Rainbow" producer will share the impact mentors, technology, storytelling and science fiction have had on his life, when he headlines the 2016 Nebraska Science Festival scheduled for April 15-23 which will feature an array of science- and technology-related activities in communities across the state with the goal of making science accessible, interactive, relevant and fun for all ages.

On April 22, Burton will present "Technology & Storytelling: Making a Difference in the Digital Age" at Joslyn Museum's Witherspoon Concert Hall in Omaha. His 7:30 p.m. presentation is free to the public (but requires a reserved ticket) and is suitable for all ages.

Tickets for the general admission seating to Burton's presentation will be released one month prior to the event, on March 22, on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will be released online at Event Brite. Please check nescifest.com for more information. Although the presentation is free, tickets are required for admittance when doors open April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Nebraska Science Festival is a collaboration of organizations and individuals interested in the advancement of science literacy. In addition to NeSciFest.com, you will find SciFest updates and information on Twitter (@NESciFest) and Facebook (NE SciFest).



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