



Let's Celebrate at June '08 Members' Meeting

An Exciting Program is Planned



Ron De Fesi, area musician and artistic director extraordinaire

Mark **Friday, June 6** on your calendar; that's the date of the annual June *Encore* Members' Meeting--- and it's not to be missed, reports Gert Mokotoff, Steering Committee president.

Why? The **1 pm** event in the SUNY Orange cafeteria will be filled with exciting events, ranging from course exhibits to key note speaker to delicious make-your-own sundaes at the Zoghby Ice Cream bar. And, best of all, it's the chance to meet and mingle with all of *Encore's* energetic members. Here are more particulars:

Ron De Fesi Key "Notes"

The ever-popular area music man, Ron De Fesi, will key note—literally. Enlivening our senior learners' get-together, Ron promises an engaging foray into music AND the doors it opens in our hearts and minds. Popular instructor of past *Encore* opera classes, he's also an Orange County performer and conductor with a commitment to creativity.

Exhibits and More

SUNY Orange's cafeteria will also be filled with displays from many of our courses and participants' work during this academic year. Many will be interactive

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New Travel Info for NY Botanical/ Henry Moore Exhibit

If you are registered for the June 18 bus trip to New York Botanical Gardens and the Henry Moore sculpture exhibit, note these changes to the day's itinerary:

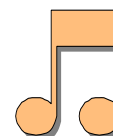
- 8 am** (not 9 am) Bus departs from Caldor Lot
- 10: 15 am** Approx arrival at NYBG
Public Tram Tour
- 12:15** Lunch at NYBG cafeteria (not
included in trip cost)
- 3:00 pm** Bus departs for Middletown

Travel-Learn Offers Special August "Of Thee I Sing" at Bard College

What better way to celebrate an American summer—and in an election year—than to join us for the Weds., August 6 travel-learn trip to "Of Thee I Sing" at Bard College. We'll attend the afternoon matinee of this 1931 Gershwin-Kaufman-Ryskind classic. Filled with tunes we know and love to hum, it's "timely and hilarious", "a full production at the Fisher Center". It also won the 1932 Pulitzer Prize. Then we'll lunch at Bard's famous & intriguing Spiegeltent, "a glittering mirrored pavilion...of 3000 detachable, portable parts, an eye-filling interior of carved wood" and "sumptuous entertainment". So sign up as soon as you receive our mailing; space is very limited.

Reminder:

Renew your Encore membership NOW!!! Current members can join for 2008-2009 before the June 6 annual meeting. Use the renewal form in this mailing. After June 6, membership is open to the public and there is a long waiting list.



2007-2008: *Encore's* Learning Year Has Sparkled



Top: Instructor Helen Sherman teaches members about understanding printouts of medical lab results; below, members enjoy caboose tour at Steamtown, Pa.; right, *Encore's* expanded webpage.

Looking back is often a learning experience---in life and in *Encore*!!! This 2007-08 academic year taught us about:

- o Trains & area history (the Fall trip to Steam Town, Pa)
- o 3D vision & Mark Twain's America (our recent trip)
- o "Cosmic Collisions" at the Museum of Natural History's Hayden Planetarium
- o "Conductorsizing" ourselves in a marvelous bonus event
- o The 2008 Presidential Election
- o Really "Going Green" in our home designs & retro-fixings w/Dr. Bill Makofske
- o Feng Shui for our lives and homes as well
- o Dentistry for Seniors
- o Different houses—and systems- - of worship throughout our area
- o Using quilts and clay to shape our own creative expressions

The report card? Straight A's, we think.

Don't forget our newly expanded 2008 webpage:
<http://www.sunyorange.edu>



Curriculum Committee Invites Ideas for Fall '08 Courses, Instructors

What would you like to learn about? What might you like to teach next Fall? Contact Shirley Gordon or Bob Foglia, Curriculum Committee, with ideas:

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June Meeting will also include, *(continued from page 1)*

And there is time for talking with instructors and member-creators, reports Office Manager Grace Blondell.

Special News & Reports

The brief formal meeting agenda will also include an update on *Encore's* exploration of possible future overnight travel-learn events. Members will be asked to give further input through a follow-up mail questionnaire. We'll also congratulate Gert Mokotoff on being appointed to the SUNY Orange Board of Trustees.

Elections

Finally, we'll elect Steering Committee members to new terms. This year the following folks (pictured below) are seeking re-election:



Chris Godwin, Gert Mokotoff, Jane Rabinowitz, Murray Rosen, Michael Schwartz