



The ACE Guide to Lifelong Learning *Arts, Culture and Education*

South Orange and Maplewood (SOMA) are vibrant communities that value art, culture and educational opportunities. This guide serves to connect older, post or near-retirement residents with opportunities to explore the many resources in our area. Universities allow senior citizens to audit classes; local congregations and centers host adult programming; nearby museums boast renown works of art and exhibits; and performance venues and theater companies provide dozens of options for performing arts, in addition to the classes, courses and events organized by the towns.

Reach out and find some of your favorite activities, or try something new. Most importantly, enjoy!

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Recreation & Fitness

Maplewood Senior Center

106 Burnett Ave.
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Phone: (973) 763-0750
www.twp.maplewood.nj.us/senior-citizen-programs

There are exercise classes, meditation, games, informational programs and lunch gatherings happening at the Maplewood Senior Center at 106 Burnett Avenue, and you are welcome to join! Offering a robust schedule that includes multiple fitness classes, group trips, lunches and movies; they also welcome you to bring your own friends and use the space to meet and mingle.

Check out the registration website at:
<https://maplewood.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Maplewood Recreation Department

574 Valley Street
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Phone: (973) 763-4202
www.twp.maplewood.nj.us/recreation-division

The mission of the Maplewood Division of Recreation is to provide entertaining, safe, and varied recreational programs and services to the township's diverse population in a cost-effective and progressive manner. They constantly strive to review, improve, and expand programs and services to keep pace with the changes and needs of the entire community. From youth to senior programming, they offer a wide array of programs. "All for fun and fun for all!" Visit their website for more program information or call (973) 763-4202 and they would be happy to help you join the fun too!

South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs

298 Walton Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079
Phone: (973) 378-7754, ext. 2
www.southorange.org/249/Recreation-Cultural-Affairs
Email recreation@southorange.org

The mission of the Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs is to enhance the quality of life in South Orange, by providing a well-rounded program of leisure time activities for community residents of all ages and interests. Currently, the main recreation and community space, the Baird Center, is undergoing a 2-year renovation. Many programs are continuing in outdoor spaces or are being hosted in Maplewood.

Each summer South Orange Recreation and Cultural Affairs holds a range of outdoor activities such as Arts in the Park and the Summer Concert Series. For activities, events and registration, visit their website.

The Connection

79 Maple Street
Summit, NJ 07901
Phone: (908) 273-4242
www.theconnectiononline.org
Email: info@theconnectiononline.org

The Connection offers classes and programs for all ages. Seniors can get fit, stay in shape, make new friends and find companionship in their wide range of fitness programs designed specifically to help older adults. Participate in group fitness and wellness classes; enjoy time in their beautiful 5 lane, 25 yard pool; choose from a variety of dance classes; work with a personal trainer in the Fitness Center. Membership dues and facilities fees apply.

Libraries

Maplewood Memorial Library

Main Library:
51 Baker St.
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Phone: (973) 762-1622
www.maplewoodlibrary.org

Hilton Branch:
1688 Springfield Ave.
Maplewood, NJ 07040
(973) 762-1688

Maplewood Memorial Library is the heart of the community: a place to participate, connect and discover. It belongs to the BCCLs consortium, which gives patrons access to the collections of its 77 member libraries. Anyone who lives, works or owns property in Maplewood is entitled to a Maplewood Library card. Besides books, movies, audiobooks and magazines, they offer programs on diverse topics for all segments of the population. Offerings include:

- Book discussion groups
- Art & music receptions
- A yarn & fiber arts group
- Social Security, Medicare & estate planning workshops
- Digital device clinics
- Talks on a wide range of health topics
- Crafts and summer reading clubs
- Museum passes (for Maplewood resident cardholders only)

The library's programs and computer access are free and open to the public.

South Orange Public Library

65 Scotland Rd.
South Orange, NJ 07079
Phone: (973) 762-0230
www.sopl.org
Email: librarian@sopl.org

In addition to the loan of books, movies, audiobooks and magazines, the South Orange Library offers a wide range of regular programming including:

- Book discussion groups—both evening and day time
- A weekly lecture series by local professors and experts on Thursdays at 1pm
- Wednesdays at the Movies
- Creative Writing Workshops
- Computer classes
- Museum passes for South Orange residents

The library's programs and computer access are free and open to the public.

Continuing Ed & Adult Classes

Durand-Hedden House & Garden

PO Box 206/523 Ridgewood Road
Maplewood, NJ 07040
www.durandhedden.org
Email: info@durandhedden.org

Durand-Hedden House is an historic house museum that explores our community's fascinating past through local history, architecture, social history, historic foodways, music, reenactments, exhibits and to spotlight the "treasures" in our own backyards. Owned by the Township of Maplewood and managed by a non-profit association, the 1790 structure sits on 2 acres of land acquired by Ebenezer Hedden before 1740 and was owned by Henry Durand, brother of artist Asher Brown Durand, from 1812-1866. The Maplewood Garden Club maintains an extensive and educational herb garden. The Durand-Hedden House opens its doors one Sunday each month, September to June, to share the heritage and development of Maplewood and the surrounding area. Admission to events is free unless otherwise noted; Membership in the Durand-Hedden House & Garden Association is \$18 for seniors. Please consider joining as a volunteer or docent.

Essex County Kosher Nutrition Program

Village Apartments
110 Vose Ave.
South Orange, NJ 07079
Phone: (973) 530-3504

Each Tuesday at 1 pm, enjoy a free one- hour program on a topic of Jewish or general interest as part of the Essex County Kosher Nutrition Program. Lunch, by reservation, precedes at noon, a \$4 donation is requested.

For information, reservations, or to receive a monthly menu and calendar call the message line at (973) 530-3504.

The Ethical Culture Society of Essex County

516 Prospect St.
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Phone: (973) 763-1905
www.essexethical.org
Email: ecsec.nj@gmail.com

The Ethical Culture Society is a religious and educational fellowship that seeks to achieve the ethical life without dogma. It holds a range of speakers, events and programs, including Folk Fridays (2nd Friday of the month from 7:30 - 9:30pm, Sept—May), food collections, musical performances, speakers and more.

JCC Metrowest

Center for Adult Enrichment
760 Northfield Ave.
West Orange, NJ 07052
Phone: (973) 530-3400
<https://jccmetrowest.org>

Come explore the numerous cultural, educational, recreational and social activities for adults. Learn new skills, travel the world, discuss current events, and much more. Participants include adults of different life stages from young singles and couples, to baby-boomer, empty nesters, and active seniors. The Center for Adult Enrichment also provides the opportunity for personal growth, intellectual enrichment, skill development, and social networking.

Maplewood Garden Club

www.maplewoodgardenclub.org

Since 1927, the Maplewood Garden Club has been a hands-on garden club, open to the people of Maplewood, and the surrounding communities. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month, September through May at the Maplewood Memorial Main Library at 7:30pm. Meetings are open to the public and followed by a speaker's program of experts, authors and artists related to gardening. No RSVP is required. The Garden Club holds an annual plant sale, maintains the Durand-Hedden House garden, oversees the town's greenhouse and a variety of community projects.

Oheb Shalom

170 Scotland Rd.
South Orange, NJ07079
Phone: (973)762-7607
www.OhebShalom.org

Oheb Shalom has a wide range of programs, free and open to the public. In their fully accessible building, Oheb Shalom holds Speaker Series, Life Long Learning, concerts, Monday Movies and more. In addition, their Sunday Morning Speakers are video recorded and can be viewed on the Oheb Shalom website.

The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School

17 Parker Ave.
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Phone: (973) 378-7620
www.somadultschool.org
Email: schoolinfo@somadultschool.org

The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School is a community school where people can gather to learn, stay informed and be entertained. More than 150 courses and lectures are offered in the fall and spring, with a modified schedule in the summer. Choices include art, music, business and finance, fitness and recreation, languages and technology. Special events, field trips and on-line courses are also offered.

The Adult School delivers a catalog of courses in the spring and fall to all SOMA addresses. To get a copy or receive emails of upcoming events, call the main office or sign up on their website. Most classes are at Columbia High School or South Orange Middle School after school hours and in the evening. Several off-site classes are offered during the day.

Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel Adult Education Classes

432 Scotland Rd.
South Orange, NJ 07079
www.tsti.org
Email: thorwitz@tstinj.org

The adult education program at TSTI provides opportunities for adults to learn together in well-rounded program of events including classes, films and Shabbat scholars.

Most events are free or very low cost, but registration is encouraged. For a schedule and more information, go to their website or call to have a brochure mailed to you.

Try Something New

DeHart Community Center
120 Burnett Ave.
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Email: Southorangeseniors@gmail.com

Organized by S.O.S.- South Orange Seniors, this group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, (Sept. - June) bringing a range of speakers, activities and presenters to encourage all residents to try something new and different.

Local Colleges & Universities

Several colleges and universities offer seniors the opportunity to audit or enroll in classes as a non-matriculated student. Registration and fees apply and are different for each school.

Essex County College

303 University Ave
Newark, NJ07102
Continuing Ed Office
Phone: (973) 877-3079
www.essex.edu

Essex County College offers a range of courses and speakers. County residents age 60+ can register for a class and ensure their seat by paying tuition and fees. Seniors also have the option of waiving tuition and fees for one class per semester and will be notified 3 days in advance of class start whether their fees are waived.

Essex County residents can enroll in courses specifically for Seniors/AGE 60+ at no cost. For the current course catalog, go to their website or call for a catalog to be mailed to you.

Kean University

1000 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
Phone: (908) 737-KEAN (5326)
www.kean.edu

Senior citizens who wish to take graduate level courses at Kean are not responsible for tuition or the student leadership fee. They are responsible for the remaining fees, per credit. For example, for a 3-credit course during the fall semester, a senior citizen would have to pay \$130, per credit.

Montclair State University

1 Normal Ave
Montclair, NJ07043
Phone: (973) 655-4000
www.montclair.edu/adult-learning
Email: seniorcitizen@montclair.edu

MSU offers the Adult Learning Program, dedicated to lifelong learning for students who are returning to the classroom after being out of school for some time. Under Adult Learning Program, the Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver Program serves individuals who are at least 65 years of age, are New Jersey residents and possess a high school degree or its equivalent. The program allows students to enroll at Montclair State University on a space-available basis with costs that include only administrative and student fees.

Rutgers University

Rutgers–New Brunswick
Office of Community Affairs
96 Davidson Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854
Phone: (848) 445-1921
senioraudit@rutgers.edu

Rutgers–Newark
Blumenthall Hall, Room 309
249 University Avenue
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 353-1767
zs97@scarletmail.rutgers.edu

The Senior Citizen Audit Program was created by the Rutgers University Board of Governors to permit retired New Jersey residents, age 62 or older, to attend courses on a space-available, noncredit basis. There are no tuition costs for auditing courses. Only courses offered during the spring and fall semesters are open to auditors. Online courses and courses offered during other terms are not included. Eligibility

Requirements:

- Must be a NJ resident and provide proof of residency.
- Must be 62 years or older prior to the last day of the semester in which you are interested in auditing.

For details and application, go to: www.community.rutgers.edu/programs-services/program-directory/senior-citizen-audit-program.

Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Ave
South Orange, NJ 07079
Phone: (973) 761-9000
www.SHU.edu

Seton Hall offers the opportunity for adults age 65+ to audit classes. Students who register to audit a course are expected to attend class regularly but are not obligated to take tests or complete any other course requirements. Classes not available for auditing include: any full/closed course, or classes in computer and computer-based courses, art and design, applied music, photography, graphics, honors courses, studio courses, physical education courses, museum professions courses, writing courses, independent study and research courses, science labs, off-campus courses, online courses and ESL classes.

For senior citizens who take courses, fees are \$100 per course for non-credit, \$500 per credit if you would like to receive credit. Registration must be done in person and with proof of age.

Health & Wellness

For information on the wide range of fitness classes geared for older residents, see the section on Recreation & Fitness.

New Vitality

Phone: (844) 472-8499

www.atlantichealth.org/newvitality.

New Vitality is an award-winning health and wellness program designed to meet the needs of today's adults 65+, offering an extensive roster of lectures, workshops, classes, support groups and social events. Membership is free and offers access to classes, selected health screenings, a quarterly magazine and events. Held at a variety of locations throughout the Atlantic Health System and Overlook Hospital, most programs are free, some require a fee.

St Barnabas Health & Wellness Classes

Phone: (973) 322-5000

www.rwjbh.org/events

St Barnabas and Newark Beth Israel, both part of the RWJBarnabas Health System, offer a range of health classes including heart health, Parkinson's exercise classes, nutrition and more.

Summit Medical

Phone: (908) 277-8889

www.summitmedicalgroup.com/events

Summit Medical Group regularly hosts lectures and events on health-related topics. Unless otherwise indicated, lectures are free. Lectures are held at various SMG locations and community venues throughout northern and central New Jersey. are required. You can also view previous presentations on their website.

Museums, Culture & Art Galleries

1978 Maplewood Arts Center

1978 Springfield Ave.

Maplewood, NJ

www.maplewoodartsandculture.org/home-1978maplewoodartscenter

Under the direction of the Maplewood Department of Community Services Office of Cultural Affairs, 1978 Maplewood Arts Center is a forum for artists to work, exhibit, and interact. Programming hosted there includes sculpture and watercolor with more to come in the upcoming year. For more information about exhibits or art programming, contact the Recreation Department at (973)763-4202.

Maplewood Township, Office of Cultural Affairs

574 Valley St.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: (973) 762-8120

www.maplewoodartsandculture.org

Maplewood Cultural Affairs organizes and facilitates performances and cultural activities throughout the Township. Working independently and in conjunction with local arts and civic groups such as the Strollers Community Theatre, Maplewood Arts Council, Rent Party, and the Springfield Avenue Partnership among others, Cultural Affairs strives to establish Maplewood as a cultural outpost and arts destination. They also operate the Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts and the multi-purpose facility, The Woodland. To learn more and to sign up for eblasts for upcoming events, visit their website.

Montclair Art Museum

3 South Mountain Ave.

Montclair, NJ 07042

Phone: (973)746-5555

www.montclairartmuseum.org

The Montclair Art Museum, together with its Vance Wall Art Education Center, engages the community through distinctive exhibitions, educational and community programs, tours, lectures, classes and workshops. The museum's collection holds over 12,000 works of American and Native American art and continues to seek novel ways to inspire and inform its growing and ever more diverse audiences.

Gallery Hours: Wed - Sun 12–5 pm; closed Mon & Tues

Admission:\$10; Membership begins at \$55

Student & Senior Free Fridays: Seniors with valid ID are invited to visit for free on the first Friday of every month. (Includes a public tour at 2 pm from October–June)

Newark Museum

49 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 596-6550
www.newarkmuseumart.org

The Newark Museum of Art is New Jersey's largest museum. Its extensive collection of American art includes works by John Singer Sargent, Albert Bierstadt, Frederick Church, Mary Cassatt, Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Frank Stella. In addition, it holds collections of decorative arts, contemporary art, and arts of Asia, Africa, the Americas, and the ancient world. Docent-led tours are available every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 pm; topics will vary based on what's on view in the galleries. In addition, the museum offers adult programs, concerts, courses and workshops.

Museum Hours : Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm.

Admission is \$8 for seniors 65+; Membership begins at \$50.

Morris Museum

6 Normandy Heights Road
Morristown, NJ 07960
Phone: (973) 971-3700
<https://morrismuseum.org>
Email: info@morrismuseum.org

The Morris Museum creates opportunities for lifelong learning, discovery, and creativity. In September, 2019, the Morris Museum announced it will represent the Smithsonian Institution as the sole Smithsonian Affiliate in New Jersey, joining this nationwide network of 200+ partner organizations. The Morris Museum also has a theatre and has the rare opportunity to integrate the performing arts into its museum programming in the Bickford Theatre.

Hours: Tues - Sat, 11am - 5pm, Sundays noon - 5pm.

Admission for seniors is \$7. On the second and third

Thursday of each month the museum is open until 8pm and admission is "Pay What You Wish" from 4pm to 8pm.

Seton Hall University Walsh Gallery

Seton Hall Campus
South Orange, NJ 07079
Phone: (973) 275-2033
<https://library.shu.edu/walshgallery>

The Walsh Gallery enhances the intellectual life of Seton Hall University and the greater community through dynamic, interdisciplinary exhibitions of exemplary artistic and cultural value. Off-campus visitors should call to confirm gallery hours prior to visiting.

Newark History Society

www.NewarkHistorySociety.org
Email: NewarkHistorySoc@gmail.com

Founded in 2002, the Newark History Society organizes regular, free public programs that are held at NJPAC, the New Jersey Historical Society or the Newark Public Library. Newark has a rich and textured history as one of America's great cities. Its history is worth studying and knowing not only for its intrinsic interest, but for insights into the social and intellectual forces that have shaped the American experience—including industrial innovation, political controversy, and the immigrant experience, as well as urban development, decay, and rebirth. Programs during 2020 include: The Battle over Women's Suffrage in Newark; Monumental Newark: Gutzon Borglum's 'Seated Lincoln' and 'The Wars of America;' The Morris Canal and the Business of Newark; and Even in Death: The Community-Building Role of Funeral Homes in Black Newark. Videos of prior programs are available on the Newark History Society's YouTube channel.

To receive emails about upcoming programs, send a note to NewarkHistorySoc@gmail.com.

SOPAC - The Herb & Milly Iris Gallery

1 SOPAC Way
South Orange, NJ 07079
www.sopacnow.org/gallery

The Herb & Milly Iris Gallery showcases professional exhibits of emerging artists and contemporary art. Located on the second and third floors of SOPAC, it hosts 3-4 art exhibits a year. Hours are Monday-Saturday, Noon-6pm and two hours prior to SOPAC performances. The Gallery is closed on Sundays.

Art Classes

1978 Maplewood Arts Center

1978 Springfield Ave.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

www.maplewoodartsandculture.org/home-1978maplewoodartscenter

The 1978 Arts Center has served the community for almost two decades as a space dedicated to the visual arts. Under the direction of the Maplewood Department of Community Services Office of Cultural Affairs, it will continue to provide a forum for artists to work, exhibit and interact.

Express Yourself Studios

1877 Springfield Ave.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: (973) 763-5256

www.expressyourselfstudiosllc.com

Express Yourself Studios is an art studio and art gallery as well as a space where artists are welcome to display their work and create utilizing the studio's space. Express Yourself Studios offers canvas painting and pottery workshops for Seniors (ages 65+) Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To register for Coffee & Canvas or Studio Pottery, register 1-2 days prior.

Gerilyn's Art Studio

103 Baker St.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: (973) 275-1966

www.geralynsartstudio.com

Email: Geralynart@hotmail.com

Gerilyn's Art Studio offers classes and hosts gallery exhibits, as well as drop-in hours for all ages on Saturdays for \$27 per class. Gerilyn's offers a 10% discount for Classic Card holders.

Maplewood Senior Center

106 Burnett Ave.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: (973) 763-0750

<https://maplewood.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

The Maplewood Senior Center offers a variety of art classes, including water colors, acrylics and sculpture as well as one-time classes like Guided Painting. Schedules and locations vary. Call or go to the recdesk site for registration and details.

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey

68 Elm St.

Summit, NJ 07901

Phone: (908) 273-9121

<https://www.artcenternj.org>

E-mail: info@artcenternj.org

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey offers a full calendar of engaging and innovative programs and events that makes art accessible to all audiences. Artist talks, lecture series, panel discussions, film screenings, theatrical performances, and hands-on art-making events serve to connect the Art Center's contemporary art exhibitions with the community. The Visual Arts Center also offers "Open Studios." The state-of-the-art studios have scheduled availability for artists to continue their creative process in a fully equipped studio (access restrictions apply to some studios). Please call to make sure there is an Open Studio before you come to the Art Center.

Performing Arts

There are several performance venues, theater and music companies that perform regularly in the area. For listings of events, visit an organization's website.

American Theater Group

www.americantheatergroup.org

Email: info@americantheatergroup.org

American Theater Group is a professional company producing musicals and plays, as well as offering a new reading series and arts-in-education programming. Its focus is on producing new works, primarily by American playwrights, and the rediscovery of older ones.

The Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts

10 Durand Rd.

Maplewood, NJ

www.maplewoodartsandculture.org/the-burgdorff

interACT Theatre Productions

<http://www.interactproductions.org>

Luna Stage

555 Valley Road

West Orange, NJ07052

Phone: (973) 395-5551

www.lunastage.org

Maplewood Community Music

www.maplewoodcommunitymusic.org

Email: maplewoodcommunitymusic@gmail.com

Maplewood Community Music is a dedicated group of volunteers bringing music to the community. Their major goals are to give hobbyist musicians the opportunity to play, perform and bring music to Maplewood, South Orange, and other nearby communities.

MidTown Direct

www.midtirrep.org

Email: midtirrep@gmail.com

MidTown Direct Rep is a professional, ensemble-based theater company of over 100 working Broadway actors and theater professionals who call South Orange and Maplewood home. Midtown Direct Rep is dedicated to developing and presenting new plays and musicals focusing on work that reflects our diverse community.

Montclair State Arts & Cultural Programming

Alexander Kasser Theater
Montclair State University
1 Normal Avenue
Montclair NJ 07043
Phone: (973) 655-5112
www.peakperfs.org

The Alexander Kasser Theater is Montclair State University's venue for a range of performing arts across multiple disciplines. The theater is a fully accessible building with wireless infrared receivers and large print programs available at every performance. Other special requests will be accommodated whenever possible by contacting Audience Services at (973) 655-4010.

New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)

1 Center St.
Newark, NJ 07102
Box Office: (888) 466 - 5722
www.njpac.org
Email: @njpac.org

NJPAC offers performances, classes and community events that include dance, music, speakers series and much more. A short walk from the Newark Broad Street train station, NJPAC can also be reached by the Newark Light Rail and is fully accessible.

South Orange Symphony Orchestra

info@sosymphony.org

A full-size symphony orchestra of volunteer amateur and semi-professional musicians and led by a professional conductor, the orchestra performs several free concerts a year in Maplewood and South Orange.

Papermill Play House

22 Brookside Dr.
Millburn, NJ 07041
Phone: (973) 376-4343
<https://papermill.org>

Paper Mill Playhouse is a regional theater with approximately 1200 seats, showing several plays and musicals each year.

Progressive Theater

www.progressivetheater.com

Progressive Theater aims to tell culturally enriched stories that cultivate the true meaning of diversity in the theater community by empowering the misrepresented and underheard.

Seton Hall University Arts Council

www.shu.edu/arts-council

The Seton Hall University Arts Council, housed within the College of Communication and the Arts, strengthens the cultural vitality of the visual, literary and performing arts for the University campus and the surrounding community. Performances, plays and concerts are held on campus or at SOPAC and include The Classical Concert Series, Jazz 'n the Hall, Poetry-in-the-Round, The Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute, The Seton Hall Choral Program, Seton Hall Theatre and The Walsh Gallery. For schedules of events or to join their mailing list, go to their website

South Orange Performing Arts Center - SOPAC

1 SOPAC Way

South Orange, NJ 07079

Box Office:(973) 313-2787

Box Office Hours: Mon-Sat, 12-6PM and 2 hours prior to performances.

www.SOPACnow.org

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey

The F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre

36 Madison Avenue

Madison, NJ 07940

Box Office: 973-408-5600

www.shakespearenj.org

Email:BoxOffice@ShakespeareNJ.org

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is the state's largest professional theatre company dedicated to the presentation of Shakespeare's canon and other classic dramatic entertainments. The main performance space is the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre at Drew University. It is fully accessible with two entrances to the building. The Theatre's Outdoor Stage is located on the campus of the College of Saint Elizabeth in nearby Florham Park (at the Convent Station train stop). The grass-and-stone amphitheatre accommodates approximately 500 audience members. Seating is general admission; the amphitheater opens 30 minutes before the performance. The large lawn surrounding the amphitheater is open for picnicking before each show. Audience members may bring their own food and beverages, or purchase snacks and soft drinks on-site. Patrons are encouraged to bring low-backed beach chairs into the amphitheater.

The Woodland

60 Woodland Rd.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

www.maplewoodartsandculture.org

The Strollers

Phone: (973) 761-8453

www.thestrollers.org

Email: TheMaplewoodStrollers@gmail.com.

The Strollers is a community theater troupe that produces two plays and a musical each season, as well as a children's theater production in midwinter. In addition to performances, monthly meetings include a workshop program, providing first-time playwrights and directors a forum for showcasing and experimenting with new works and ideas. Performance are at the Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts, 10 Durand Rd, Maplewood.

Suburban Legend

www.suburbanlegendarts.com

Suburban Legend is a Maplewood-based production company with an emphasis on fun, comedy and variety entertainment. Each year they produce an original family-friendly comedy show in the British Pantomime tradition and also partner with other companies to produce improvisational comedy and other non-traditional theater.

The Theater Project

Phone: (908) 809-8865

<https://njtheatrealliance.org>

The Theater Project aims to expose its audiences to new or lesser-known plays on thought provoking themes that showcase local artists; and artistically challenge audiences and performers.