

NAN NOTES – JULY 31 ,2020

Tuesday, August 4, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Merlin's Island by Gluck - A Wolf Trap Streaming Event. Music by Christoph Willibald Gluck. Libretto by Louis Anseaume, based on Lesage and D'Orneval's *Le monde renversé*. Two Parisians are shipwrecked on an island paradise where the rich marry the poor, lawyers are always honest, spouses are always faithful, and artists are wealthier than businessmen. Heaven? Not quite. A takeoff on 18th century French vaudeville, Merlin's Island is brimming with inspired music, beautiful ensembles, and heartwarming characters. RSVP through this link: <https://www.wolftrap.org/calendar/performance/sessions/merlins-island.aspx#datetime=08042020T000000>.

Thursday, August 6, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Art Discussion with Fanchon Silberstein: Make Sense of the Senseless (Zoom) A first encounter with art is like meeting a stranger; it opens you to ideas, people, places and parts of yourself. In her recent book, *Art inSight: Understanding Art and Why It Matters*, Fanchon Silberstein explores what art reveals about how its makers see our world. "Make Sense of the Senseless" is the title of a chapter revealing ways .at times of loss and healing. Fanchon will discuss some of the images pictured in the chapter and then open the conversation to all who attend. She looks forward to your questions and insights. Fanchon Jean Silberstein is a writer, teacher, and trainer who has presented art and culture workshops around the world. She was director of the Department of State's Overseas Briefing Center, conducted workshops at the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, and ran sessions on conflict resolution using art at the Smithsonian Institution's Hirshhorn Museum, where she served as a docent for over thirty years. RSVP through this link: https://www.fbwevillage.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=471107&item_id=1248673eft.. Click the Register Now button on the left. This event is sponsored by FoggyBottomWestEnd Village

Miscellaneous Information: These are on U-Tube. Just click on the event to watch it.

A bit of Tech. [Password Managers – a How-to tech session](#) from a collection of tech classes called [Cyber Seniors Corner](#).

A bit of Sports. [How each Pro Sport plans to come back amid Pandemic.](#)

A bit of Music. [Blues Alley streaming shows](#) on Wednesdays and Thursdays (next Wed, July 29th Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute Band).

A bit of Art. Sotheby's Summer Talks | [Artist Kehinde Wiley and The Duke of Devonshire](#) In the second of a series of "Summer Talks," watch Sotheby's Chairman Oliver Barker in conversation with American portrait painter Kehinde Wiley and art collector The Duke of Devonshire. Wiley, who painted the official presidential portrait of Barack Obama for the Smithsonian's Portrait Gallery, will discuss this painting, and he and the Duke will also examine the history of portraiture and the power of the image, bringing together the arts of the past and the arts of the present in this talk.

Woodlawn Plantation and the [Pope-Leighey House](#) present a new social media initiative to [highlight the makers and creators](#) they've worked with to help interpret the stories of these properties.

A bit of History. In February, Silver Spring Village featured an [interview with the oldest living Tuskegee Airman, 103-year-old Brigadier General Charles McGee.](#)

[Stuff You Missed in History!](#)

Fun with the Grandkids [iCivics website](#) – fun games for grandkids.

A little something different. [How the Knitting Psychiatrist Interweaves Art and Healing.](#)