City Love 2020

Joan Brandenburg

Save the date! March 20, 2020

Join us for a roaring 2020s party at the 9th annual City Love Event, Friday, March 20, at the Historic German House, 315 Gregory Street.

Hosted by the South Wedge Planning Committee, City Love invites community stakeholders and residents to come together for one night to shake off the winter blues, get ready for spring and enjoy great food and friendship.

Local restaurants and grub vendors will offer up samples. Taste some of the best fare and whisky offered in the South Wedge. Music will be provided by local musicians, the photo booth will be back, and auction and raffle items are pending.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 3rd Annual Dave Halter Community Champion Award to be presented at City Love. Halter was a well known advocate in the South Wedge. The 2020 awardee will be the person or persons most recognized for the quality of their community engagement and support. For a nomination form, contact Glynis Valenti, Executive Director, South Wedge Planning Committee, gvalenti@swpc.org.

All proceeds support neighborhood housing initiatives and rehabilitation, preservation, community Victory Gardens, The South Wedge Farmers Market and The WEDGE newspaper. None of these local efforts can continue without the help of sponsors and guests.

The guest list is limited to 300. Tickets are on sale now; $20.00 in advance, $25.00 at the door and online at RocCityLove.com or www.swpc.org. Purchase tickets in person at 224 Mount Hope Avenue or online at SWPC main office. For sponsorship information, contact SWPC Executive Director, Glynis Valenti at (585) 256-1740 or info@swpc.org.

Nathan Myhrvold Talks to the WEDGE

Glynis Valenti

Recently I had the opportunity to talk with a food, photography, and technology rock star, Dr. Nathan Myhrvold, who was in town to lecture at Rochester Institute of Technology. Myhrvold fell in love with books, photography and science as a child and started college at age 14, ultimately earning a doctorate in theoretical and mathematical physics at Princeton University. At the University of Cambridge he held a postdoctoral fellowship and worked under Stephen Hawking.

His first technology company was purchased by Microsoft in 1986, and ten years later Myhrvold was appointed Microsoft’s Chief Technology Officer. He took some time off from his duties there to attend chef school in France and eventually left Microsoft to pursue his three passions: innovation, food, and photography.

A quote by Francis Ford Coppola I read many years ago inspires me still, and I think describes Nathan Myhrvold: “It’s important to be interested in everything. You have your life—experience it to the fullest...That’s why I try to make business out of all of the things that I enjoy: food, wine, films...I am one big yes.”

There be Ghosts ’neath the Mistletoe

Patti Giglio

Just like many communities across the country, the South Wedge was settled by immigrants who came primarily from Ireland and Germany to work on the great Erie Canal. They brought with them traditions and customs from their home lands, and some of these shaped their beloved Christmas holiday celebrations.

There are 8 ghosts in the Mistletoe...

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I must admit that I have biases. I believe climate change is a monumental catastrophe that requires humanity if we do not act urgently. I also believe every individual on the planet has a role to play in solving this crisis. And lastly, I believe that we can do something about it with a good and still earn a profit.

Since my first college class in 1996 when I was asked to be a member of a committee dedicated to implementing technological solutions to address the climate change crisis. Today, I am the CEO of Greenpark Solar, a for-profit company located in Rochester NY, that believes locally generated clean energy is a cost-effective, market-based solution to combat climate change and an important strategy to strengthen our local community.

Frankly, I am discouraged because the discussion around climate change and the necessary realistic solutions for climate action has fallen into a discussion of politics, a set of questions around energy consumption and points on the divisive discourse. I believe that this is a bigger threat to our society than the climate crisis. Thus, slowly from the baking, we need every person to engage.

It’s useful to look to our history to find moments when we have collectively confronted global problems with successful outcomes. World War II is looked upon as the last event that truly mobilized and united our country to overcome a monumental, global challenge. It’s the touchstone of the Greatest Generation’s historical contribution and a highlight of the “good ol’ days” that Americans seem to yearn for.

The point being, you don’t have to believe in the climate change crisis to see the unprecedented economic opportunity to rebuild our country on the foundation of clean, efficient energy technologies. And lastly, I believe climate change is a monumental, global challenge. It’s the touchstone of the Greatest Generation’s historical contribution and a highlight of the “good ol’ days” that Americans seem to yearn for.

However, it’s important to remember the WWII unified national effort and broad-based support didn’t happen just one large example of the financial windfall of implementing technological solutions.

To truly slow the earth from baking, consider what economic opportunities lie to our daily lives today. The point being, you don’t have to believe in the climate change crisis to see the unprecedented economic opportunity to rebuild our country on the foundation of clean, efficient energy technologies.

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Swillburg Celebrates Annual Harvest Fest

Autumn was in full fall when we Swillburg neighbors celebrated a community bonding of bonds at our annual Swillburg Harvest fest on November 7th. A crowd of about ninety neighbors, both current and former, convened in the historic German House’s grand, vaulted ballroom. Our program included dinner, speakers and a special award as well as a fun raffle. Dinner consisted of a delicious buffet with mounds of fried taco chips, salads, beans, rice and, of course, guacamole catered by John’s Tex Mex.

And, many many thanks goes to Ron Maier of The Historic German House for generously hosting our event and to local artists, businesses and agencies for their generous donations to supply our event or for items contributed to our raffle. They include: artists Megan Fritts and Jack Mars, Abundance Food Coop, Stuart’s Spices, Natural Pet Foods, Wegmans, Simon Business School, Hedonist Chocolate, Fido’s Restaurant, Christopher Grocki. Special thanks to John’s Tex Mex’s John Roth and Bridget Snyder and presenting us with great food. Lastly, thanks to the South East Rochester Area Coalition as well as to the South Wedge Planning Committee for their services and support! It’s great to live in a cool urban neighborhood with so much connection and collaboration!

On another note, don’t forget that Swillburg neighbors continue to have monthly luncheons at area restaurants. Watch for the announcements on Next-door social media and please join us!

Climate Change
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Overnight. In fact, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum tracked public support for the US to engage in World War II and revealed that it took the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor to get 91% of Americans to support World War II. The colossal, national effort to confront and defeat totalitarianism required every American and every business to commit their resources and willpower to the effort. And the result, in addition to rid the world of a horrific evil, was a modern, efficient, technologically-superior economy that made America the shining example of the post-war world. The effort to combat climate change will require this type of unified support and action. The benefit to our households, speak about the business case, speak about the need to focus our local economy to be a part of this national and global economic development.

At GreenSpark we hope to continue to have a positive influence. And I would like to challenge everyone to speak about the business case, speak about the benefit to our households, speak about the ease of adopting solutions, and for this Rochester and Western NY community to rise up as a leader in the economic development opportunity that is in front of us.
Cheesy Eddie’s #3 in Yelp’s Best Upstate Bakeries

Some lucky writer got to rate Upstate NY’s best bakeries. From a list of thirty-two finalists, the best bakeries in the state are: Cheesy Eddie’s made the top ten. According to Yelp, its “best” formula measure “star rating and volume of reviews.” Cheesy Eddie’s Bakery rated five stars and received 109 reviews. The most common rave was for its historic cheese cake; one customer gushed that “the only thing that is frosting is just to die for.” Nearby on Monroe Avenue, Voula Greek Sweets was rated #7 not only for its scrumptious pastries but for its “stellar vegan options.” 4.5 stars, 150 reviews.

37th Annual New York State Silver Gloves

New York state boxers, eight through sixteen years of age, vie for state championships in Utica on January 4 and 5. Those  winners advance to the National Championships January 31-February 1. The tournament is sponsored by the Rochester St. Martin Boxing Club, Inc., in cooperation with the Southwest Community Center (SWAN).

For more information, call Don Simkin at 585-752-2621.

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E-Scooters Not Such a Good Idea

Bruce Mellon

The WEDGE Newspaper published an article, “Are We Ready for E-Scooters?”, by David Day in the Oct./Nov. issue. Day noted that both NYS Assemblyman Harry Bronson and City Council member Mitch Gruber were supporters of Rochester streets. Bruce Mellon e-mailed to the two supporters. His letter is being published with his permission.

My concerns with e-scooters are like those with the proliferation of sidewalk walkers. In pedestrian-only walkways, bicyclists often quickly move to one side or the other to either pass or avoid an oncoming individual. They often, but not always, follow the general rules of motorists keeping to the right, less looking to the side rear and providing signals. Vehicles the speed of e-scooters and bicycles exceeding that of pedestrians and their inability to stop on a dime, unlike the ability of a pedestrian to do so with a foot or two, pedestrians on less-than-sparsely walkways will have an increased likelihood of being unexpectedly hit from behind or hit head-on. The scooter unexpectedly has no achievable route around people. I’ve had the similar situation when some younger/mentor/ teacher individuals move through the hallways at MCC much faster than those walking when changing classes. I start wondering about liability. I start wondering if they need to share divided bike lanes or even traffic lanes using rules of the road, but what about where there are no bike lanes possible and traffic is busy, especially for kids? Should helmets be required? Maybe including pedestrians!

Over 350 local artist in RoCo’s Annual Exhibition

Rochester Contemporary Art Center’s (RoCo) 29th Annual Members Exhibition opens December 6. Local and national artists from all backgrounds have work on view in this salon-style show. The exhibition celebrates the broad range of talent and style shared among RoCo’s members, a community made up of artists of all calibers, from hobbyists to notable Rochester artists. Awards are presented by various local organizations, including one award winner selected by Mayor Lovely Warren. Students and RoCo members will also have the opportunity to recognize an artist by voting for their favorite piece.

Rochester Contemporary Art Center, 137 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14604
Who else finds that the incoming year of 2020 seems surreal, and unbelievable that we are approaching not just another new year already, but a new decade to boot?

At one time for many of us, visions of the year 2020 would have conjured up images from the TV show The Jetsons. Automatic food from a machine? Check. Video telephone conversations? Check. Conveyor belts to get you from here to there? Check. We are not yet flying in saucers from errand to errand, or having our clothes and hairstyles automatically designed for us, but today who knows? It seems there are no limits today!

Each new year usually brings the question for each of us—whether we are deep thinkers or not—what do I want to do this new year, and what do I want to leave behind? This thought process seems to reach across all ages, too. Young and old, we all wonder what will be in the new year. Of course, the weight of the question can become heavier as we grow in years.

It is interesting how goals can become deeper as time goes on. I read an adage once that life seems to go faster as it gets closer to the end, similar to how a roll of toilet paper unravels faster the closer it gets to its end. It's a great humorous spin to put it on all! Yet it's true. The longer we live, the more we see, the more we know, the faster the time goes. It is just a part of our experience. How many times do we hear from friends, family, checkout folks—heck, I just heard it today while renewing my dog's town license, "This has been the fastest year of my life!" And it keeps getting faster. For younger readers, buck up, you're gonna feel this soon enough! And you know what? It's not a bad thing.

When we are younger, we instinctively feel that we have all the time in the world and that we are invincible; possibly undervaluing our health, our energy, talents, and other people. I recall hearing those words from my Dad, God rest his soul, when I was just a kid. We become independent, strong, and can develop the realization that the world is our oyster.

As time goes on, we inevitably experience the vulnerability of loved ones and our own. It can be shocking. What do you mean I'm not here forever? That my physical and mental capabilities are not going to remain the same? And that my strong and healthy parents will succumb to death? Wow!

So back to my title—Not just a New Year! A New Decade! For you, for your kids, for your animals, for your family, for your business, for your health and spiritual life, for all your relationships.

What do YOU want in 2020? Some of us know exactly what we want. Some of us are still figuring it out. And some of us have no idea what I'm talking about because no one ever asked us what we want because we have always been about what everyone else wants. It is a very personal question.

Perhaps a better question is what do you want to manifest in the new decade?

I am finding that having a gratitude list each day is a great place to start. We are so blessed beyond measure. Health, loved ones, a roof over our head, warmth and utilities—so many people and animals do not have these things. And when we give thanks for what we do have, and share our gifts, it is a universal law that we will attract more blessings.

It is a New Decade coming! Friends and family and animals bring you peace and happiness? Focus on them and love on them. Some folks leave you feeling empty, questioning your worth in their life? Take your focus off them and give that love and support to yourself. My dear friend who helped me survive several long hospital stays in the life? Take your focus off them and give that love and support to yourself.

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Welcome back to our fifth offering in a series focused on the ancient art and science of astrology. There are many students of astrology who hope to spark the interest of a wide range of readers, from those who might know their Sun signs to others who know nothing about astrology. Additionally, we offer an initial glimpse into the current celestial weather under which we are operating, so that we may all have some awareness of how to use these energies for the highest and most possible outcomes for ourselves and others.

Let’s begin by focusing first on the Moon’s cycle from New to Full and back again. This is the fastest-moving cycle in our heavens and the one that is easiest and simply the most easily observed internally. The lunations for the months of December and January are divided by black squares into compartments. Like Sudoku, no single number 1 to 9 can repeat in any row or column. Each compartment must form a single line of numbers, which is called a ‘straight’ or ‘line’.

For many strategies, hints and tips, see the weekly Sudoku puzzle on the following pages. To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers that each row, column and 3x3 box contain every number uniquely.

To check out the solution to how ‘straight’ we are going, visit www.swpc.org/Sudoku

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Strategic feedback from readers, from those who might know some astrology and food supply, along the lines of the plant-based ‘meat’ products newly available.

*The New Moon on Dec. 26 in early Sagittarius really began December’s cycle supporting a festive atmosphere around Thanksgiving. This was time of higher spirits and a bit of optimism, at least for the moment; it is likely to evolve and change through the month, so savor these few days and aim high as you set your intentions.

The Full Moon on Dec. 12:12 AM EST on Dec. 11 in Gemini – Gemini’s agenda. In the evening sky while marching through Capricorn. Pluto entered Capricorn’s arena. Jupiter makes everything easier and more accessible in the sky.

Since in astrological understanding, the Moon represents our emotions, particularly how we are behaving on the web and flow of everyday life – it is also the most easily observed internally. The lunations for the months of December and January are divided by black squares into compartments. Like Sudoku, no single number 1 to 9 can repeat in any row or column. Each compartment must form a single line of numbers, which is called a ‘straight’ or ‘line’.

*The New Moon in early Aquarius on Jan. 24 at 4:42 pm EST begins a new cycle related to group energy and humanity as a whole. We likely will see sudden challenges and breakthroughs. We may be presented with opportunities to shatter illusions and seek new understandings and behavior patterns.
planets, the slowest moving and most powerful one being Pluto, representing deep, profound transformation. This is an historic event: the meanings of which astrologers all over the globe have long been discussing and interpreting. Perhaps we are slated to witness the coming of the Aquarian Age. This will be a paradigm shift beyond what anyone alive now has experienced. Personal and collective choices remain vital to the course of our planetary evolution. All manner of decisions, large and small, will contribute to the unfolding of events. May we all choose wisely.

The authors welcome feedback and questions as well as offer individual chart readings. If you are interested in learning about astrology, please be in touch via email: info@Tapestry.com

They have recently started to write together and are both available for individual chart consultations in person or over the phone.
Get a Lift

Mary, like some of your neighbors, can’t drive anymore. Yet she could use a lift. This is the tag line for the “Give-a-Lift” program. “Give-a-Lift” is a consortium of volunteer providers of transportation, sponsored by Lifespan, with the goal of enabling elders who no longer drive, to continue the service they offered neighbors when they were able to. There are so many developments each day in their skills. I see the world full of discovery, oases and awes. No job has more opportunities for teaching and learning with immediate rewards of smiles, hugs & kisses.” Carlene died peacefully on Nov 12, 2019. She is survived by sons Donald Beurlen (Colleen Richenberg) and Mark Stauffer; grandchildren Dustin, Seraphina, Rafael and Diana and many, many, many friends. A celebration of her life was appropriately held on December 9 at Artisan Works.

Why Buying a Truck Was the Best Thing I’ve Done for the Environment

Rebecca Silliman

This past summer, I bought a truck. The truck of my dreams, in fact. It’s a cute little gray Ford Ranger. A small one, they used to make it. It’s hypnotical, I know, for a zero waste lifestyle professional to be zipper hanging in a gas-guzzling truck of all things. I’ll admit I feel a tad bit of imposter syndrome creep in when people see me in it—what if they know who I am? I should’ve gotten a Prist— I panic, needlessly, of course. The truck is everything I always wished it would be; the cab is cozy and comfortable, I have space to tow kayaks around, the aesthetic can’t be beat. It’s even great for hauling away my home organizing clients’ belongings and trash. It’s everything I wished for in every way, except one: the gas mileage is abhorrent. Making the jump from my 1982 Celica (which got mileage to the gods at almost 40 MPG) to a brief try with a 1990 Ford sedan, and now finally to the truck has been eye-opening. The summer I started driving (ah, dancing queen again!), I was the envy of my friends. There are so many development opportunities for teaching and learning with immediate rewards of smiles, hugs & kisses.” Carlene always had a sense of...
What do you think your Modernist Cuisine projects have achieved to date in the culinary and photographic worlds? Was this the purpose of those journeys?

NM: For me, it’s been enormous fun to make them and work with our team. The food was the original goal—taking the scientific principles about food and the modernist cuisine technique and making it accessible. The instructional and educational aspects have touched a lot of people. Regarding photography, it’s a technology-enabled art. The techniques have been popularized, but ours are the only galleries featuring only food and one artist. Art should reflect who you are. Food can be art and used to be painted by artists, but it isn’t done with the same intent anymore. I can buy red snapper, set it up in the studio, and have a lot of control over the photograph. But when I was at a fish market they had fresh snapper hanging, and the light was hitting it. Sometimes something like that happens, and that is beautiful. That’s art.

For more information on Nathan Myhrvold, his projects, books, photography, and galleries, visit www.modernist-cuisine.com.
A Year in the Wedge

City Council member Elaine Spaul said goodbye to her grateful constituents. After twelve years, she is retiring to focus on her work at Center for Youth (Photo by Glynis Valenti)

South Wedge Farmers Market balloon fun

Three Witches of the South Wedge at the Night of the Living Wedge

Another mural arrived, this time in Swillburg (Photo by Maya Reagan)

A sculpture of the North Star lights the new Frederick Douglass Memorial Plaza (Photo by Judy Lee Hay)

The South Wedge annual WedgeWaddle brings out the best in the neighborhood. (Photo by Glynis Valenti)

It's a family affair at the Wedge Waddle (Photo by Glynis Valenti)

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