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May is my kind of month. Sure, the weather is nicer and I can start planting tomatoes and flowers, but I view these next four weeks as a celebration of our imaginations.

National Creativity Day is May 30 and it caps a month of honoring the things we make. Isn’t it an amazing experience when we can create something in our minds and then bring it to completion with our hands?

Our cover story family—Dave, Kelly, Owen, and Dylan Rinik—knows about making things. From doing DIY projects on their home to starting an Etsy business, these Nutley Neighbors are creating a fun and interesting life here in town.

After buying their house a little over 8 years ago, they completely renovated it and did most of the work on their own. When it came time to decorate, Kelly took up the challenge by making Roman shades. This creative expression expanded into owning a successful Etsy store!

The Nutley Public Library is hosting Makers Day on May 20 and this is a perfect opportunity to explore all the ways to celebrate and promote inspiration and innovation. Be sure to read about it and to stop in at the library to participate in this motivating event.

Barry Lenson, from the Nutley Historical Society, introduces us to one of Nutley’s greatest painters—Charles W. Hawthorne. And as a wonderful bonus, he includes some tips from the master painter himself!

And I cannot forget our wonderful Kids Corner and the delightful artwork that Michelle Palmer arranges for us each month. I’m so happy to see these children are making use of the alphabet letters: DIY.

Let’s all take a page or two from this issue and celebrate creativity this month.
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**Pet Corner**

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Yes, you have seen Noah’s picture here before, but this sweet, blind dog is still looking for his forever family. He is only about 6 years old and loves everyone he meets.

His foster family has high praise for him. “Though he may be blind it doesn’t stop him from enjoying a wonderful life the same way a seeing dog does. He’s very smart, tolerant, and picks up routines quickly. He uses his other senses to navigate his surroundings. He would make an amazing friend.” Perhaps he is the friend you have been looking for?

Because Noah is blind, he would do best in a household without other pets or small children. But his lack of sight has not taken away his enjoyment of going on walks and car rides, getting his belly rubbed, and having someone to talk to him and give him kisses.

Visit www.jerseypitsrescue.com to apply for Noah. He knows his forever family is out there somewhere.
## Single Family Homes Sold March 2023*

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**Median List Price** $499,900  
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**Median Days on Market** 40

*GSMLS Data: Single Family, Condominiums/Cooperatives, Town Houses January-March 2023

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Life is what you make it and the Rinik family—Dave, Kelly, Owen, and Dylan—are making it customized and personalized. Their do-it-yourself mindset keeps their hands busy with fixer-upper projects in their home and creating Roman shades and décor for clients on Etsy. This combination of ingenuity and imagination puts the ‘made in Nutley’ stamp on all they do.

“We bought a house in the Radcliffe section a little over 8 years ago,” Kelly said. “Prior to that, Dave and I lived in an apartment on Church Street. We liked living there because it was close to the parks and restaurants. We didn’t plan to buy a house so close, but we found one right around the corner when the market was good. It was a fixer-upper, but had potential, good bones, and character. It’s an old house, but we haven’t had any major problems with it and like its traditional look.”

Dave and Kelly put the ‘yourself’ in DIY home renovation by bringing their own ideas and improvements to their new place.

“Dave is very handy and mechanical,” Kelly said. “He works as a fitness equipment repair technician and enjoys going to different gyms and residences to figure out solutions on how to fix things. He often fixes equipment for the Giants, Yankees, Rangers, and travels to New York City gyms.”

But here in Nutley, Dave has kept busy with the family home.

“We’ve done a lot of renovations since we moved in,” he said.

But when the programming changed, Kelly looked for ways to be more creative. And she found it right in her Nutley home.

“I started making and selling things on Etsy,” she said. “At first, I made unique fabric headbands, but when I realized this could become a full time career, I looked for another product that would sell more in bulk at a higher price. Since I had made Roman shades for our house, I added them to my shop. My goal was to possibly leave my full-time job so I could stay at home with my young son, but I ended up doing both the Etsy shop and my full time CNBC job for 2 years to be sure it was going to be pretty consistent.”

Kelly’s decision was profitable in many ways; she got to stay at home, work in a career that satisfied her creativity, and make a name for herself as a go-to person for Roman
shades and home décor.

“In 2016, I decided to leave my career in TV to do my window treatment business full time,” she said. “It was a bit of a risky move, leaving a stable career with benefits. It’s been about 9 years since I started my Etsy shop—Sew Lovely by Kelly—and while I sometimes miss working in TV, I’m glad I took the leap to do my own business.”

Her leap placed her happily in Nutley and she and Dave are introducing their sons, Owen (8) and Dylan (5), to fun and creative activities here in town.

“Owen loves art,” Kelly said. “He really enjoyed the Let’s Learn summer camp at Nutley High School and the Pretty Handy Art Camp and we look forward to doing those again next summer. He loves science, math, history, and drawing special cards for his friends on their birthdays. He plays rec sports and is in Nutley Little League. Dylan also loves art and math and learning. He’s at Art and Alphabet and he’s made some close buddies there and really enjoys going. He’s very musical and enjoys rock music.”

In the neighborhood, the family enjoys the town events and they have even made their home an eventful place to stop for Halloween and Christmas.

“We enjoy going to the Nutley Museum especially when they have the ice cream social,” Dave said. “We always attend the Fall Festival in the Park, the St. Mary’s Italian Fest, the Columbus Day Parade, Halloween Truck or Treat, and Santa’s arrival at the Oval. There is a lot of holiday spirit here in Nutley!”

“A few years ago, we started doing a lot of outdoor decorating for Halloween and Christmas, and we enjoy thinking of new ideas and expanding our set up every season,” Kelly said. “This past Halloween, we had about 800 trick or treaters and it was really exciting! We make most of our props ourselves and it takes about 1-2 months of planning and making them. We had a few events where we put our artificial snowfall machine on and set up hot chocolate, cider, and cookies in the driveway and people from here and neighboring cities stopped by. It was also a nice way to meet new people!”

The Rinik family has brought a wonderful blend of fun and creativity to town. Whether you visit their holiday creations or stop in the Etsy store, Nutley Neighbors are sure to say “Oh!” when they see DIY in action!

5 Things the Rinik Family Loves About Nutley

1. The beautiful parks
2. Great food and restaurants
3. Friendly families
4. A lot of nice town events
5. Proximity to NYC and other fun areas

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Talk to potential advisors before you sign on to find out how they approach portfolios like yours. Ask them how they manage investment risk and how they balance it with the potential for returns. Find out how they’re compensated and whether it aligns their objectives with yours. When financial professionals are truly working in their clients’ interests, the issue of control becomes far less important.
An Art Class for You from Charles W. Hawthorne, One of Nutley’s Greatest Painters

By Barry Lenson, Art Historian, The Nutley Historical Society

Charles W. Hawthorne (1872-1930) was a leading American painter. He founded The Cape Cod School of Art in Provincetown, Massachusetts in 1914. He also taught at The Art Students League in New York, and while teaching there, he lived and painted in a studio, now destroyed, that was once located at number 40 on Nutley’s Enclosure, our town’s legendary artists’ colony. Hawthorne’s most famous student was none other than Norman Rockwell, one of America’s most beloved artists. Hawthorne didn’t just occupy a place in American art, he shaped its future forever.

Hawthorne was a master painter. His colors dance with miraculous life, as you can see if you look at his paintings “Girl in a Yellow Scarf” (now in the collection of the Butler Institute of American Art) or “The Red Bow” (now in the Brooklyn Museum).

How did Hawthorne accomplish such remarkable artistic feats? Fortunately, we do not have to guess because in 1938 he wrote a book, Hawthorne on Painting, that is jam-packed with advice for artists. We are fortunate enough to have a copy of this book at The Nutley Museum.* In this article, I would like to share some of his amazing advice on how to paint.

Painting Lessons for You from Charles W. Hawthorne

If you are an artist or an art student, you will want to keep a copy of this article on file. It contains advice for you from Hawthorne from his book.

Do you want to learn from a master? Get ready because here is what he has to tell you.

■ “I want to give you something to work with – your ability to see – that’s the whole job of a painter.”
■ “Don’t paint so much from memory, from what you’ve seen someone else do. Just put down what you see.”
■ “The layman does not know how the picture ought to be painted – you have to show him. When you can do this, you will have an audience.”
■ “Get excited about it. I don’t mean getting out and tearing your hair but paint the thing that makes you all a-tremble with its beauty.”
■ “Remember that the background becomes background only in relation to the thing you’re doing in the light.”
■ “There is nothing in the world so helpful to a young painter as a study of white . . . put variety in white.”
■ “Keep your silhouette of flowers clean – they are more exacting than anything else.”
■ “Do not let it look as if you reasoned too much. Painting must be impulsive to be worth while . . . Realize the value of putting down your first impressions quickly.”

If those are not lessons from a master, I don’t know what are.

* Note that an updated edition of Hawthorne on Painting is also available in the current edition from Dover Publications.
Nutley’s rich wrestling tradition just got stronger with the addition of female wrestlers. Currently, the Nutley Raiders have 6 wrestlers competing in full NJSIAA schedules. These student athletes, many of whom are beginners, have been training daily since the start of the season on December 1.

Senior Mariah Koster is certainly not a beginner. She started wrestling in our town’s recreation program and has been a trailblazer. Mariah accomplished many firsts during her high school wrestling career. She was the first female to win a varsity match, first to receive a varsity letter, and, in 2022, she became the first female Nutley wrestler to place in the New Jersey state tournament, taking 4th at 100 pounds.

This year’s roster is rounded out by juniors Isabella Bobadilla (6th in North Region last year as a first-year wrestler) and Amahara Flores, sophomores Kaitlyn Aguila and Carina Rivera, and freshman Izzabella Timonera. Each of these female athletes have won varsity matches in their first year of wrestling and several of them have over 15 wins this year alone.

“I was always intrigued by the sport of wrestling and once I saw we had a girl on the team it really made me want to jump in and try this sport,” said Isabella Bobadilla.

Mariah Koster takes great pride in being the first female to join the wrestling program. “It is a real special accomplishment to be the ‘first ever’ girl at Nutley. To be the first girl to receive a varsity letter on the boys’ team and to be the first ever to place in the state tournament are two memories I will cherish forever.”

Women’s wrestling is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. Since 1994, the number of females that wrestle in high school has grown from 804 to over 31,654 in 2022. There are now over 124 women’s college wrestling programs and 76 clubs nationwide. This March will be the 4th stand-alone state wrestling championship in New Jersey history.

Nutley is ready and willing to help grow the sport of wrestling. From 1 female wrestler in the 2019-20 season, to 2 last year, and now 6 in 2023, this sport is definitely trending in the right direction. As the high school program continues to evolve, the township is committed to growing it on the recreation level as well. Head of Parks and Recreation, Frank DeMaio, Coach Mike Blanchard, and NHS Coach Mike DiPiano are discussing the possibility of adding a female wrestling clinic in the spring or summer to give more female athletes in town the opportunity to try this great sport.

“We would love to double the team in size next year and continue to add female wrestlers,” DiPiano said. “Nutley is committed to growing this great sport and we look forward to introducing it to many new female athletes in town.”
Mia DiPiano, high school senior and athlete, knows that the scoreboard only tells part of the story. For her, the real winning happens when the right attitude meets the challenge.

As a member of Nutley’s softball and soccer teams, as well as a manager of the wrestling team, Mia has seen both sides of student athletics. And as the daughter of high school coach Mike DiPiano, and granddaughter of Mike DiPiano Sr., legendary wrestling coach at St. Benedict’s Preparatory School, in Newark, she knows sports.

But when stepping onto the field, she keeps in mind two very important rules that she plays by.

“Having fun and doing the best I can motivates me,” she said. “It’s not always about winning but it is always about putting your best foot forward.”

While the scoreboard was not particularly kind to her teams, Mia has high praise for them.

“This past year in soccer was difficult on the team, but everyone is very hardworking, and they all did their best at each game. With softball, we lost a lot of girls who had graduated but we played each game to the best of our abilities,” she said.

Although she is involved in three sports, she enjoys each one in different ways.

“I was always encouraged to play sports and try various ones,” she said. “I like softball the best but have played soccer the longest. Managing the wrestling team is completely different since I do more administrative things on the computer and keep score.”

While athletes receive plenty of guidance, Mia considers the best piece of advice is to “prove people wrong.” This attitude keeps her focused on fairness and being the best she can be.

She keeps things “lighthearted” before each game “especially when going into a tough game or against a tougher opponent. This helps me to play the sport and enjoy it.”

Mia is also very appreciative when she sees friends and family coming to watch the games.

“That makes a big difference to see people there, especially my mom,” she said.

Since doing her best at each game is foremost in her mind, Mia tells us how that actually played out on the field.

“In a game in the sectional finals, I had a horrible first inning and made a bad throw. That moment seemed to be stuck in my mind. But then we started batting and playing together as a team and we were all doing our best. We won the game and even though I still remember that bad throw, I always remember working beyond it to a great finish.”

After she graduates high school later this year in June, Mia plans to attend college in Florida to major in business. While she may consider playing club ball in the future, she will always have the ‘wins’ she made here in Nutley.
May’s Heartwarming Memories!

By Michelle Palmer

May childhood memories always bring us joy! May the glitter in our crafts always shine brightly! May the excitement our children experience by exploring their world always bring us big smiles! This new month allows us to reflect on several fun moments from some amazing kids.

Women who are fighting for equal rights are an inspiration to seven-year-old Ivanka. For her Famous American project, she chose to dress up as Judge Ginsburg.

Kenzie is six years old, loves reading, and had a great day wearing an outfit featuring her favorite Dr. Seuss character during Read Across America week.

Moms love to craft too! The Nutley NJ Babies Facebook group was created in 2022 and these little ones have become each other’s first friends. Zeltia, Lazaro, and Mazie modeled the leprechaun art for a fun photo. Taking the picture was more challenging than creating the project!

Sometimes a great childhood memory isn’t a work of art, but rather a work of heart. George’s mom is super proud of him for always being such a good friend. He was overjoyed to support his friend’s cookie sale for the Girl Scouts.

Michelle Palmer is the author of a children’s book, Brinco Finds His Way Home, which is available at Amazon and Pretty Handy in Nutley.

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The Nutley Public Library will be combining two of our biggest all-ages spring events this May: Free Comic Book Day and Maker’s Day!

Free Comic Book Day (FCBD) is the biggest event in the comic book industry – a single day when participating comic book specialty shops and libraries around the world give away comic books absolutely free! Established in 2002, FCBD was founded on the belief that for every person out there, there’s a comic book they’ll love. This annual event offers a huge selection of free titles designed to appeal to a broad range of age levels and tastes. FCBD is traditionally held on the first Saturday in May and is the perfect opportunity to introduce friends and family to the many worlds of wonder available at local comic book shops and libraries.

The Nutley Public Library has been a participating location for FCBD for over 7 years and will be once again joining the celebration of comics, offering the community a fun, family-oriented event where everyone can find a comic they’ll enjoy. Additional activities include crafts, a movie, and some extra goodies. Free Comic Book Day kicks off on Saturday, May 6, at 11am and runs until 4pm.

Makers Day is designed to be an event that celebrates, promotes, and, in many cases, introduces maker culture, as well as the values associated with making, tinkering, and STEM-based learning. Makers Day allows communities to share programming opportunities, demonstrations and displays, and the expertise of the individuals and organizations that make, create, and develop right in their own backyards. The Nutley Public Library will be offering maker-related activities and demonstrations such as 3D printing, robotics, crafts, engineering challenges, and more! Community members of all ages are invited to join us for an exciting day filled with hands-on activities focusing on maker culture!

The maker movement in the United States isn’t just a hobby; it’s having a significant impact on school curriculum development and growing local economies. To celebrate making and maker culture, the Nutley Public Library will be hosting Makers Day on Saturday, May 20, from 11am to 3pm. Nutley patrons can come together to celebrate the maker movement!

Free Comic Book Day and Maker’s Day have been sponsored by The Friends of the Nutley Public Library, which supports enrichment programs and events for the community. Registration is not required for Free Comic Book Day and Maker’s Day. For more programming information, please visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org and follow the Nutley Public Library's Facebook page.
Michael C. Gabriele

Submitted by Joyce Corey

Author and former Nutley resident, Michael C. Gabriele, will present his newest book on New Jersey history—Colonial Taverns of New Jersey: Libations, Liberty & Revolution—(published by The History Press) on Friday, May 12, from 7-9pm at the Nutley Museum, 65 Church Street. The program, sponsored by the Nutley Historical Society, is free and open to the public.

New Jersey was the “Crossroads of the American Revolution,” and as battles raged, colonial taverns formed the social network that held the state together. Taverns were the stage for the unfolding drama of a colony transitioning into statehood and making decisions about declaring a war of independence. They housed the daily experiences of people during the colonial era, and their stories provide a window into the state’s history from that period.

There were many taverns along well-worn routes in New Jersey due to the demand for carriage travel between New York and Philadelphia. A haven for Patriots and Loyalists alike, the colonial tavern was the main stage for key debates on the question of independence. George Washington used taverns as his headquarters where he drafted his many letters and planned strategy. They were the “seedbeds” for the revolution, strongholds for political activities, beacons for travelers, and venues for entertainment, merriment, and libations. Once the war began, taverns became recruitment stations for colonial militias and meeting places for local committees of safety.

The book focuses on activities associated with taverns in Haddonfield, Bordentown, Burlington, Princeton, Piscataway, New Brunswick, Trenton, Newark, Morristown and all points in between. It spotlights the lives of New Jersey’s little-known Colonial/Revolutionary War luminaries such as Elizabeth Haddon, Jacob Hyer, Christopher Ludwick, Cyrus Bustell, Timothy Matlack, John Dickinson, Ann Risley, John Neilson, John Woolman, and Henry Lyon.

Jennifer Dowling Norato, the peer editor for the book and a teacher in the Emerson public school district, will serve as the keynote speaker for the May 12 program. Norato is a former chapter regent, current member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the president of the New Jersey chapter of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society.

Books will be available for sale and light refreshments will be served. For more information on the May 12 book-launch program, visit the Nutley Historical Society’s website at www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org.

About the Author


A lifelong Garden State resident, he is a 1975 graduate of Montclair State University, a 1971 graduate of Nutley High School, and has worked as a journalist, freelance writer, and author for more than forty years. He’s a former editor of The Nutley Sun and currently serves on the executive board of the Nutley Historical Society.
May 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

May 4, Thurs.
Let’s Pour & Paint!
@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
For adults. In this fun, easy,
and creative crafting session,
pour acrylic paint on canvas to
create unique abstract paint-
ings. No experience necessary!
Time: 7-8pm
For more information and to
register visit
www.nutleypubliclibrary.org

May 11, Fri.
Michael Gabriele Book Launch
| Nutley Historical Society
@Nutley Museum, 65 Church St.
The Nutley Historical Society
will host New Jersey author
Michael Gabriele for a
program on his newest book:
Colonial Taverns of New Jersey:
Libations, Liberty & Revolution
published by The History Press.
Cost: Free; books will be
available for sale
For more information visit
www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org

May 13, Sat.
Essex County Master
Gardeners Annual Plant Sale
@Essex County Environmental
Center, Garibaldi Hall, Roseland
The sale features Master
Gardener grown tomatoes, egg-
plants, and herb plants, as well as
a curated selection of perenni-
als, shrubs, and woodies.
Time: 9am-3pm
For more information visit
www.mgessex.org/plant-sale

May 17, Wed.
The LeeRae O’Brien Author
Tea and Book Signing with
Chef Jesse Jones | Friends of
the Nutley Public Library
@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
This special fundraising event
will host Chef Jones as he visits
guests and signs copies of his
Cost: $60 per person
For more information call
973-667-0405 ext. 2638,
email friendsofnutleylibrary@
gmail.com or visit
www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/friend-
softhelibrary-upcomingevents

May 20, Fri.
A Walk in the Park: Historic
Nutley Walking Tour at
Memorial Park
@Memorial Park I (Mud Hole)
Passaic Ave and Vreeland Ave
Led by Nutley Museum direc-
tor John Simko of the Nutley
Historical Society, this tour
travels along the Third River
in Nutley Memorial Parkway
- from Vreeland Avenue to
Chestnut Street, then on to
Nutley Town Hall and Franklin
Reformed Church, and ends at
the Nutley Museum.
Time: 10am
Cost: Free
For more information and
sign-up details visit www.
nutleyhistoricalsociety.org

May 23, Sun.
Annual Glen Ridge Arts
& Eco Fair
@Glen Ridge High School
This joint celebration of the
arts and the environment is an
all-day vendor marketplace,
art show, and environmental
expo providing free entertain-
ment for the whole family.
This event brings together a
curated exhibition of arts and
crafts vendors, sustainability,
and wellness vendors, eco
exhibits, and hands-on demon-
strations such as beekeeping,
composting and solar and car
technology.
Time: 10am-4pm
Cost: Free to attend; items will
be for sale
For more information contact
Stephanie Koskuba at
201-401-4194 or email glen-
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