



Dear Readers,

Side of Culture is about promoting not so well known organizations, people and institutions that contribute to our cultural fabric and build communities.

In this second issue, we are lucky to have three guest contributors: Linda Cabasin, Barbara Rogers and Tim Rogers who appreciate the organizations and people who work so hard to create and sustain their communities through cultural organizations.

It has been a difficult week in the United States and Side of Culture is mourning the death of George Floyd and applauding peaceful protesters who are trying to bring about change in a positive way, respecting our democratic institutions.

Please send us an email if you have any suggestions or comments or simply have too much to read and would prefer not to receive our newsletter.

Thank you reading!

Victoria Larson

Academy of American Poets Announces Poets Laureate

By Victoria Larson

Founded in 1934 in New York City, the Academy of American Poets is the nation's leading champion of American poets and poetry, with members in all fifty states. Its mission is to support American poets at all stages of their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry. [Read on](#)



Renamed Newark Museum of Art Completes Refreshing Update

By Linda Cabasin

New Jersey's largest museum, the Newark Museum of Art is building on its progressive origins with a new name emphasizing its greatest strength (until late 2019, it was the Newark Museum), a reopened main entrance and inviting entry area, creative community programming, and many superbly reinstalled galleries. [Read on](#)



Hudson Valley NY is Buzzing with Art, Music, Science on Virtual Stages, Gardens Open

By Victoria Larson

The Hudson Valley NY scene for art, music, science and natural beauty is buzzing as cultural institutes, art centers, studios, research organizations and professional artistic programs take to the virtual stages and platforms to showcase their prowess and works. [Read on](#)



Fruitlands: From Transcendentalist Farm to Cultural Center in Massachusetts

By Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

Fruitlands, in Harvard, Massachusetts, was the site of an early farming commune of Transcendentalists founded by Bronson Alcott, father of author Louisa May Alcott. Today Fruitlands includes the historic Alcott farmhouse and three museums and is an active center for the arts. [Read on](#)



Kingsbrae Garden: Flowers with a Local Mission in New Brunswick

By Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

A garden with a mission, New Brunswick's Kingsbrae Garden covers 27 acres with more than 50,000 perennials in formal, casual and themed gardens highlighted by sculptures, ponds, streams, a windmill, a maze, and woodland trails. [Read on](#)



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