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### Philadelphia Live Arts Festival - Just outside the Door!

The Philadelphia Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe will have an even more exciting presence in the neighborhood this year. Performances will be taking place at the newly refurbished Walking Fish Theatre, the Milk Depot at Amber and Dreer, Angler Movement Arts Center, the beloved Johnny Brenda's and the M Room as well. The Fishtown, East Kensington and Port Richmond neighborhoods will be bustling with creative energy this September.

Michelle Pauls and Stan Helena have been hard at work on the new home of B Someday Productions at 2509 Frankford Avenue. Finally, on August 31<sup>st</sup>, their brand new Walking Fish Theatre opened with performances as part of Philadelphia's live arts festival.. Five different groups will be presenting shows during the first two weeks of September. The first theater on the Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor is welcomed and celebrated! Residents of Fishtown, East Kensington, Port Richmond and beyond will have a community theater that not only provides a venue to watch performances but also gives people an opportunity to create productions by taking theater classes offered to individuals of all a ges and experience.

The team at Cover LLC bought part of the old Harbison Dairy building on Amber and Dreer, affectionately

#### ★ LATEST NEWS

*Mark your calendars! As part of the continued **Business of Art Workshop Series**, Coral Street Arts House will be hosting "Pre Business Workshop for Artists."*

*Varma Mitchel from the Temple **Small Business Development Center** provide a comprehensive introduction to the basics of starting & managing a small business*

*September 11, 2007  
6 to 9 pm  
2446 Coral Street*

*To **REGISTER** call 215-204-3856 or call Laura*

called the Milk Depot, nearly five years ago. They have poured time, energy and resources into rehabilitating the spaces. New windows, high ceilings and beautiful floors characterize the commercial spaces available for lease.

In the meantime, various art events and performances have been occurring in the spaces. During the Fringe Festival, Temple students will be producing five one act plays evenings and afternoons at the Milk Depot starting September 7<sup>th</sup> and running through September 15.

Don't forget to check out the live performances taking place at Katharine Livingston's Angler Movement Arts Center as well. This premier dance, yoga and pilates space will be showcased during Dretwin Productions performance of The Dominatrix and the Jew. Philadelphians can catch these shows September 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

And of course two local favorite live music venues are participating as well. Johnny Brenda's at Frankford and Girard will feature Fat Boy on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Positive Space hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fishtasticon beginning at 9 pm at the M Room on Girard. Fishtasticon 3, a multi-media extravaganza, was a merger of exciting visual art and live performances.

Visit [www.livearts-fringe.org](http://www.livearts-fringe.org) for a full schedule of events and descriptions of the performances. For additional information on the Temple one act plays at the Milk Depot, check out [www.coverllc.com](http://www.coverllc.com). Walking Fish Theatre details can be seen at [www.walkingfishtheatre.org](http://www.walkingfishtheatre.org).

**New Kensington CDC celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Garden Center (Frankford Avenue and Berks) For an entire decade, the Garden Center has been cultivating friendships and making neighborhoods beautiful.**

**Join us at the 10th Anniversary party.**

**September 14, 2007 6 - 9 pm**

**Light fare will be served. Three new art racks along**

***Semmelroth at 215-739-0310.***

### **WELCOME Fishtown Jewelers**

Fishtown Jewelers will be having a private grand opening at 1615 Frankford Avenue on September 15, 5 - 8 pm. Stop by and visit the Avenue's newest GEM.

### **Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor Plan**

The Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor Plan, completed last fall with the help of Market Knowledge, Group G, NKCDC, and a series of community meetings, is available online at [www.nkcddc.org](http://www.nkcddc.org), under Neighborhood Plans, then in Frankford Ave Arts Corridor area. Posted bi-monthly, the goal of this newsletter is to keep people informed about arts-related development on Frankford Avenue and in the Fishtown and Kensington neighborhoods. If you know someone who would like to subscribe to this newsletter please have them send an e-mail to [kmusselman@nkcddc.org](mailto:kmusselman@nkcddc.org). To unsubscribe to the list, place this request via e-mail as well to [kmusselman@nkcddc.org](mailto:kmusselman@nkcddc.org)

### **MORE**

#### **Bambi Gallery**

**Only a few more weeks to stop in and get a glimpse at the work of TERRENCE LARIGIONE AND DEREK MYERS. Deadline for seeing these spectacular pieces...September 16th.**

**Frankford Avenue will be announced and the artists will be introduced! Sandra Webberking, Micah Hanson, Andrew Brehm and Melinda Merinsky.**

**Frankford Avenue FALL Clean-up**

**Saturday, October 6th**

**Rain Date October 13th.**

**Meet at the Garden Center (Frankford and Berks) at 9 am until noon. BBQ to follow in the parking lot of Coral Street Arts House for all volunteers. Keep your neighborhood clean!**

**★ FEATURED BUSINESS**



*Woods Brothers*

It is a known fact that a tremendous amount of building is going on in the Fishtown, East Kensington and Port Richmond neighborhoods. Whether the project involves new construction or major renovations, local builders are fortunate to have a local provider of building materials such as lumber, dry wall and sand bags. Woods Brothers, located at 2645 Frankford Avenue has been successfully running operations in the Kensington area for nearly 50 years. And the enterprise has been around for so long because of a commitment to quality products, reliable delivery services and an understanding of client needs.

Woods Brothers was started by Joseph Wood almost half a century ago. Woods Brothers initial location was on Hazzard Street and his family resided nearby on Somerset. In 1965, Joseph purchased the property on Frankford Avenue and continued to provide the same products and services that had lead to a need for the larger space on the commercial corridor. Currently, Joseph's son John is the owner of the company.

**Next Opening!**

Photographer  
Dominic Episcipo,  
**Friday, October 5th 6 - 9:30 pm. Join neighbors and art lovers for another fantastic First Friday on Frankford Avenue.**

**Business  
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Sponsorship**

**Contact Kathryn  
at 215-427-0350  
ext 120 if you  
would like to  
purchase in ad in  
the 2008  
Neighborhood  
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**PositiveSpace Meeting**

Join neighborhood artists the  
2nd Tuesday of every month @  
Johnny Brenda's 7pm. Check  
out [www.postivespace.net](http://www.postivespace.net) or e-  
mail organizers  
[positivespacephila@gmail.com](mailto:positivespacephila@gmail.com).

**News and Events**

**Philadelphia Open  
Studio Tours -  
NKCDC Shuttle Loop**

**Interested in visiting**

John is truly passionate about and committed to running Woods Brothers with the same good business practices his father had instituted. John acknowledged that the influx of new neighbors and a demand for different products required that the company diversify its inventory. In particular, paving materials for backyards and patios are now part of the company's regular stock and have demonstrated much popularity.

Woods Brothers has 18 employees and the staff, right down to his bookkeepers, are Kensington resident. It is clear that Woods Brothers has a commitment to meeting the needs of the neighborhoods and they have become an important part of our local economy. New Kensington CDC salutes their 50 years of service!

Visit Woods Brothers at 2645 Frankford Avenue or call 215-425-0990.

*Beautiful building on the corner of Frankford and Thompson in the heart of the Arts Corridor. 2,700 s.f. zoned R-10 and current home of Fishtown Tavern.*

*Listed at \$999,000.*

*Century 21 Liebovitz (215) 634-0800*

**2218 Frankford Avenue**

*First floor commercial space for rent - cafe, boutique, restaurant. 1,000 sq ft with basement storage.*

*Miles and Generalis 215-928-0221*

**1444 Frankford Avenue**

*Commercial space on the first floor - Dyer's Pub currently. Residential space on the 2nd and 3rd floor. Listed at \$499,000. Century 21 Advantage Gold - Roosevelt.*

[To view full property update click here.](#)

*(Available Properties in the Empowerment Zone, [click](#)*

***the hidden artist  
live/work space in  
Fishtown, East  
Kensington and Port  
Richmond? Meet at  
Johnny Brenda's  
(Frankford and  
Girard) or Rocket Cat  
Cafe (Frankford and  
Norris) to be part of  
the tour. Shuttle tour  
leaves every 30  
minutes from each  
location beginning at  
NOON.***

***October 20 and 21***

***Call Kathryn Doherty-  
Chapman for more  
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[here\)](#)

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