

May 2015 Newsletter



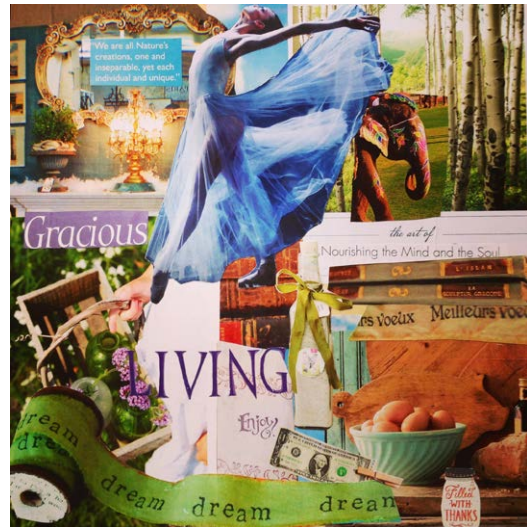
*Please Join Us....
Mark Your Calendars...
Upcoming ICCR
Activities*

**Happy May Day!
Happy Cinco De Mayo!!
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Happy Memorial Day!
Recap of International
Visitors Leadership
Programs
in
April**

**OPEN WORLD
Civil Rule Of Law
Tajikistan**



The Visitors had an unique opportunity to



**Join us for an
International Collage Workshop
'Empowering Ourselves'
May 7th**

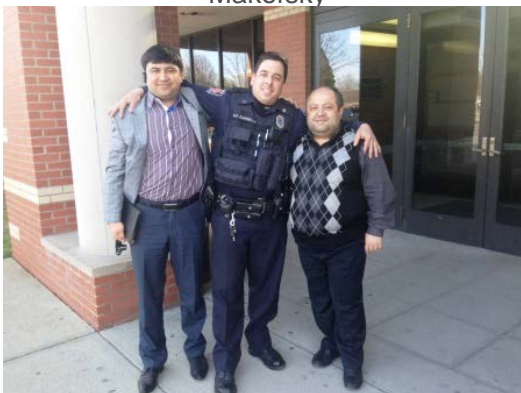
Class Description:

What is your heart longing for? Maybe it's to travel more, have a greater connection with others locally or even globally, or maybe it's to make a difference. Whatever it may be, you have the power to bring it to fruition. All you need are the right tools. On May 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm join well-known artist, Nicole Levy as she teaches 'Empowering Ourselves' using the art of vision boards.

visit the NYS Court of Appeals and meet with Judge Hon. Leslie Stein



On the front steps of NYS Bar Association with Gloria Herron and Ellen Makofsky



After a ride-along in the Town of Colonie with Officer Mike



The group ate lunch and had a round-table discussion with Congressman Paul Tonko

During this impactful two hours, Nicole will guide you on how to listen to your intuitive voice in order to create a vision board that not only reflects your heart's desire, but will help guide you to your amazing future self.

Nicole Levy's work has been featured throughout the Capital Region and draws readers from around the world to her newly launched site, www.FarmTableStudio.com. Her true passion is working and sharing her unique self-care practices, based in art that leaves women empowered with a renewed sense of inspiration and hope.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! Sign up for 'Empowering Ourselves' at info@iccralbany.org or call (518) 708-7608. Cost for the class is \$25 for not-yet members and \$20 for members.

Thursday, September 24th, 2015

Friday, December 3rd, 2015

A World Affair: International Passport Celebrations

**PASSPORT CELEBRATIONS
RESCHEDULED TO
BEGIN IN THE FALL**

ICCR will be teaming up with the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, in Albany and the Central Avenue BID to hold four events starting in September 2015 each with a distinctive theme that will highlight the history, art, food and music of a particular country/culture. **The first is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th and will highlight Japan. Followed by India on December 3rd, and Brazil and Kenya in 2016.** Event Passports will be distributed to those in attendance at each celebration. The small booklet will contain a page for each participating entity (artists, restaurants and organizations), with questions having to do with the evening's theme. Attendees will be able to go to the different booths where they will find the answer to the question and have their "passport" stamped. Those who answer all the questions will have their names entered into a drawing for prizes. Join us for these fun festive celebrations of the world's unique and diverse cultures.

A Second FREE MOVIE VIEWING

On Thursday,

June 11, 2015, from 6 pm – 8 pm

**William K. Sanford Town Library 629
Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY 12211**

If you missed out on the first opportunity, we are now offering a second. Join the International Center of the Capital



Visited Cohoes High School and met with students from Cohoes and CBA who participate in Mock Trial

IVLP

Transportation Safety and Security :
Canada



Meeting at the Port of Albany with Tony Vasil, Business Development and Marketing (left) and Rich Hendricks, General Manager (middle)



Visiting with reporters from the Times Union, Brian Nearing (second from left) and Eric Anderson (middle)



Lunch at the Turkish Cultural Center,

Region and the Turkish Cultural Center of Albany for a screening of award winning documentary film, Love is a Verb. This film by Terry Spencer Hesser shines a spotlight on Sufi leader Fethullah Gulen and the social movement he inspired among Sunni Muslims in Turkey in the late 1960's which has since spread across the globe. The event is free and open to the public and Turkish inspired refreshments will be served.

www.loveisaverbmovie.com

Monday, July 13 –

Friday, July 24, 2015

***DIPLOMACY STARTS HERE:
Global Understanding and Citizen
Diplomat Summer Camp***

The International Center of the Capital Region in collaboration with Siena College has announced its first annual global understanding and citizen diplomat camp for students going into grades 10 through 12, set for July 13-24, 2015 at locations throughout the Capital Region including Siena College Campus and New York City, and covering negotiation, media analysis, foreign languages, culinary diplomacy, etiquette and communications skills. The faculty will feature instructors and guest presenters expert in their fields, including business, government and non-profit leaders, seasoned educators and diplomats. The ten-day program begins at Siena College and will conclude with a one-day excursion to New York City where students will visit the United Nations and a Consulate to learn firsthand how diplomats work together. Their final day will consist of project presentations and a parent's reception. The goal of the camp is to have the participants apply their new skills to their daily lives to create a ripple effect that can impact their own communities immediately. Everyone benefits when we create a public environment where a diverse community is challenged to share ideas about international issues while considering other points of view. The commitment to the values of inclusion and diversity of thought and perspective makes us better learners, employees, leaders, and citizens.

Veysel Ucan, Executive Director (left)



At Amtrak train station with CDTA CEO Carm Basile (second from right)



Meeting with community activist the Hon. Vivian Kornegay (second from right)

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, Berlin, Germany



Part of the group with Paul Hartman from America's Natural Gas Alliance (right)



Paul Hartman (left) and Tom Gallagher



Welcome to ICCR's Newest Member

Rajesh Ramamurthy,
well-wisher – sponsor: **Manoj Ajmera**

Elyn Zimmerman,
Round Lake, household/individual
Zena Zimmerglass

**Thank You , thank you, thank you...to
all those who assisted and
volunteered for the International
Center during the month of April:**

Javid Afzali, Brother Brian Bellanger, Mary Berry, Ray Brescia, NYS Senator Neil Breslin, Lisa Buenau, Joe Condon, Heather Diddel, Fred Erlich, Dennis Farrar, Nick Faso, Robert J. Freeman, Tom Gallagher, Matthew Gariepy, Elaine Gerwin, Dr. Alice Green, Paul Hartman, Police Chief Steven H. Heider, Rich Hendrick, Gloria Herron-Arthur, Esq., Ray Hessinger, Chris Hogan, Camille Jobin-Davis, Esq., Jennifer Kish, Hon. Vivian Kornegay, William Leonard, Ellen G. Makofsky, Connie Mayer, Esq., Hon. John T. McDonald III, Wayne Moore, Tom Mullins, Violet Palombo, Cheryl Randall and William Carpenter, Professor James Redwood, Hon. Linda Rosenthal, Gregg Sagor, Michael Smith, Rex Smith, Hon. David Soares, Hon. Andrew C. Sommers, Greg Stapleton, Judge Hon. Leslie Stein, Barbara Stevens, Leslie Thiele and Ken Larsen, Clifford Thomas, Congressman Paul Tonko, Veysel Ucan, Steven Ulrich, Sonia and Brett Uytiepo, Tony Vasil, Lynn Weiskopf, Jim Zub...

**UpComing
Groups/Delegations Coming to the
Capital Region**

**Yemen - The Role of Women in
Journalism - May 16 - 20
(POSTPONED)**

**May 18 – 20th, Energy Security and
Renewable Energy, Sub-Regional
Project for the Western Hemisphere**

Interested in providing an

from Cornell Coop. Ext. (Second from right)



Visiting West Wind Ag. LLC and farmer Jim Zub (center)



Meeting with Assemblyman John McDonald (left) and Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal (third from left)



First Viewing of "Love is a Verb"



(From left to right) Rafi Topalian, the Singing Jeweler and representative of the Armenian community, Diane from ICCR, Brother Brian Bellanger from Siena and Veysel Ucan from the Turkish Cultural Center

Great turnout for first viewing of "Love is a Verb"

evening of home hospitality to international visitors?

Let us know. We are always in need of individuals/families who are willing to open their homes and share an evening meal with our guests.

If interested please call ICCR at (518) 708-7608



Please Mark Your Calendar!

St. Peter Armenian Church

ARMENIAN FESTIVAL



100 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Watervliet, NY (6 miles north of Albany)

Saturday
JUNE 6th
Noon - 8:00 PM

Sunday
JUNE 7th
Noon - 5:00 PM

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<http://www.annurislamicschool.org/>

Fundraising Dinner
When: Saturday, May 9th, 2015 from



World Affairs Councils of America
Engaging Americans in Global Affairs


World Affairs

Councils of America

www.worldaffairscouncils.org

5 pm until 9 pm
Where: Muslim Community Center

Cultural Day
When: Saturday, May 30th, 2015
from 3 pm to 7 pm
Where: AIS Parking Lot Time:
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Thursday, May 21, 2015
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Games and Prizes
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Lower Rows



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