

Welcome to the 15th WANTAGE SUMMER FESTIVAL

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It hardly seems any time at all since last year's Festival, and I'm delighted to say that the enthusiasm, creativity and talent is still thriving! As usual we have a full programme and I'm sure there will be something of interest for everyone. Leisure and entertainment is often very expensive for the whole family, but here there is plenty of opportunity to go out with the whole family at very low cost, and quite a few events are no cost at all. Again, the Museum have thrown themselves into the spirit of the Festival and have arranged an exciting programme of events, many of which centre around their theme of 'buildings'. There's a family-friendly day, gallery talks, a family history day, plus much more. For those of you who are interested in our local history, this year is the 200th anniversary of the Wilts & Berks Canal and the Trust has arranged various guided walks. All you artistic people out there will be delighted to see that Dolphin Art are sponsoring 'Art in the Park' with 'masterclasses' by local artists for sculpture and painting/drawing. If plays and concerts are your 'thing' you will not be disappointed as there is drama and music a-plenty! Such a lot and only a month to squeeze it all in - so take a moment to go through the programme and make a date in your diary for all those 'must see' events.

Many thanks to RSRL for their sponsorship, to Wantage Town Council for their grant, to members of the committee for their help, and to all the participants, without whom there would not be a Wantage Summer Festival!

Julia Reynolds - Festival Chairman

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 11.00AM FESTIVAL OPENING

Wantage Silver Band & Morris Men in front of the BEAR HOTEL, Wantage

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 9.45AM

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST 9.45AM QUIETER GROUP, 10.30AM LIVELIER GROUP

SATURDAY SING-A-LONG

Singing with movement and musical instruments for the whole family. Singing activities for babies, right up to pre-school age children. The first group is quieter whilst the second group is an active session for children (and parents) with lots of energy. BRITISH RED CROSS HALL, Wallingford Street, Wantage £3 per family, payable at the door

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 12.00 NOON-3.00PM

MADHATTERS CEILIDH BAND

MUSIC IN THE MUSEUM

Local Ceilidh band, The Madhatters, play for barn dances, weddings and parties on a variety of instruments - accordion, melodeon, fiddle, cello, mandola, mandolin, recorder, spoons and bones! Our tunes are taken from the traditional music of England, Scotland, Ireland and America, ranging from gentle waltzes to rousing reels.

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 7.30PM

WANTAGE YOUTH BRASS/IMPERIAL MALE VOICE CHOIR

BRASS 'N BLOKES SUMMER SHOWCASE

The accomplished talent of Wantage Youth Brass combines with the power and vitality of Imperial Male Voice Choir as they take you through marches, musicals, opera, jazz, popular and sacred music in a programme that will lift spirits, stir emotions and set feet tapping - sometimes all at once. WANTAGE PARISH CHURCH £8 Adults, £6 concessions

SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 6.30PM

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY

'PSALMFEST' BY JOHN RUTTER

Consisting predominantly of John Rutter's 'Psalmfest', our concert will also include a selection of music for the organ. ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Wantage £12 (£10 in advance), under 16 years free

MONDAY 7TH JUNE 8.00PM

CORNUCOPIA

APPALACHIAN AND CLOG DANCING

Cornucopia perform Appalachian step clogging and British clog dancing to a variety of American, Irish and British acoustic folk music (jigs, reels and hornpipes). The dancers are energetic performers who are entertaining to watch and the band is great to listen to.

WANTAGE MARKET SQUARE FREE

TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 7.00PM-9.00PM

DOLPHIN ART

PICTURE MOUNTING WORKSHOP 'In the Frame'

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DOLPHIN ART, Wantage Market Place Price: Cost of Materials

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This year is the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Wilts & Berks Canal. Enjoy a family-friendly evening walk around Childrey and West Challow. Learn a little of the history of this waterway and see some of the more recent locations of restoration work. About 3 miles will be covered - allow around 2 hours. Please wear suitable footwear.

Meet at West Challow Village Hall (map grid ref 366884) FREE

THURSDAY 10TH JUNE 2.15PM

MUSEUM & OXFORDSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD

GALLERY TALK - HOUSES AND HISTORY - reading buildings for clues to the past.

David Clark, Secretary of Oxfordshire Buildings Record, will explain how to approach buildings as historic documents. He will examine the process, looking at site, structure and services before moving on to how people used the internal spaces in the past and left their marks on the building.

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

(space limited, advance booking is recommended - Tel: 01235 771447)

FRIDAY 11TH JUNE 7.30PM

TWO BLOKES AND GUESTS

JOHN BETJEMAN - LOVED AND LOST

That well-known duo, Jim Mitchell and Grahame O'Connor, have teamed up with guest performers to provide an evening of song, music and poetry inspired by the women in John Betjeman's life.

CHALLOW PARK RECITAL HALL £9.50, £8.50 concessions

FRIDAY 11TH JUNE 8.00PM-11.30PM

FOLK FOR MS/WHITE HORSE CEILIDHS

FOLK FOR MS CEILIDH

The fifth annual Folk for MS Ceilidh offers a unique chance to dance to the powerful, driving rhythms of the Simon Care Band, featuring some of the country's finest musicians joining together especially for this event. No experience needed, just a sense of fun. Bring a smile and comfy shoes for an exciting, lively and sumptuous evening. Licensed Bar, Raffle, Sandwiches available. Great fun, great cause! Visit www.FolkForMS.org for more details OLD MILL HALL, Grove £8 Adults, £4 under 16 years

SATURDAY 12TH JUNE 10.30AM-3.30PM

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST/ LOCAL FOLK TRIO GREENGAGE

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT 'CANAL DAY'

Celebrate 200 years of the Wilts & Berks Canal! Meet today's canal restorers and artists; chat to historical interpreter, Martin Way, about barge life in the past; follow a fun gallery trail; listen to watery tunes played by folk trio, Greengage. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE entrance to foyer, coffee shop & patio. Family Friendly Trail: £1 per person plus gallery ticket.

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SATURDAY 12TH JUNE 8.00PM-MIDNIGHT

FOLK FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

FOLK FOR MS CHARITY CONCERT

The 21st Annual folk concert for M.S. charity will feature Radio 2 "Best Folk Singer" nominee, Bob Fox, a reunion performance by harmony meistersingers 'Artisan' and Oxford multi-instrumentalists 'Moonrakers'. Licensed Bar, Raffle, Hot & Cold food available. Great entertainment, great cause! Visit www.FolkForMS.org for more details OLD MILL HALL, Grove

£10 Adults, £5 under 16 years



SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2.00PM-5.00PM

BETJEMAN MILLENNIUM PARK TRUST

ART IN THE PARK

Sponsored by Dolphin Art, Wantage Three local artists (Dawn Benson, Lendon Scantlebury & Stuart Roper) and two acclaimed artists (Sarah Simblet & Rebecca Hind) from Ruskin College of Art, Oxford, will provide 'master classes'. Limited places available: 20 for sculpture, 30 for painting and/or drawing, 'early birds' awarded tickets. Wet weather facilities available at KA's School Art Dept. Also a display of Wantage Art Club work on Park railings THE BETJEMAN MILLENNIUM PARK, Wantage £5.00 Adults, £3.00 Students

TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 10.30AM-3.30PM

MUSEUM & OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY DAY

The Oxfordshire Family History Society exists to help you trace your Oxfordshire ancestors and will be at the Museum today. Find out how to build your family tree, and meet an expert who can help you search the records. A drop-in event.VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 11.00AM & 2.15PM

GALLERY TALK

TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Have you ever wanted to trace your ancestors? Tony Hadland is editor of 'Oxfordshire Family Historian' and has been researching his ancestors for 30 years. In this talk, he'll show you how to get going and give you some top tips for building your own family tree. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

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GALLERY TALK

THE LETCOMBE BROOK PROJECT UPDATE

The 2007 flooding caused havoc and disruption to many along the Letcombe Brook. Come and listen to Letcombe Brook Project Officer, Sally Wallington, and find out what has been happening to help reduce flooding in the future. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE (space limited, advance booking is recommended - Tel: 01235 771447)

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 7.30PM-10.00PM

WANTAGE FOLK DANCE CLUB

STRICTLY COUNTRY DANCING WORKSHOP - CLUB OPEN EVENING

The English dance tradition is one of the most varied in the world. This introductory session will be led by caller, Malcolm Bright and includes light refreshments. If you can put one foot in front of another you can become a dancer. Full instruction will be given.

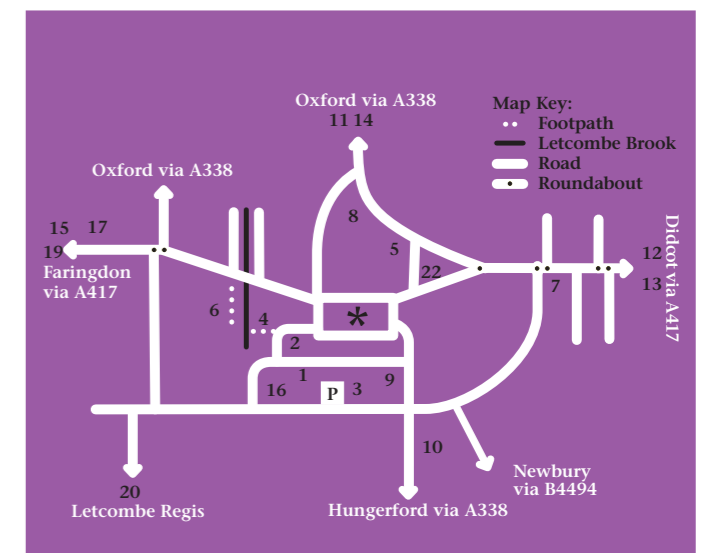
CHARLTON DAY CENTRE, Harcourt Road, Wantage,

£2, no concessions, pay at door

5th June - 4th July 2010 TALKS • WALKS • FAMILY FUN WORKSHOPS • CRAFT ART • MUSIC • DRAMA



WANTAGE SUMMER FESTIVAL



* Wantage Town Square	8 Abingdon Arms	16 King Alfred's School Art
1 Vale & Downland Museum	9 Methodist Church Hall	Department
2 Dolphin Gallery	10 Wantage Recreation	17 Challow
3 Wantage Civic Hall	Ground	Park Recital Hall
4 Wantage Parish Church	11 Millbrook School Hall	19 West Challow
5 Wantage Library	12 Charlton Day Centre	Village Hall
6 Betjeman Millennium Park	13 Lairns Barn	20 Letcombe Regis
7 St John Vianny Church	14 Old Mill Hall, Grove	Village Hall
	15 The Nalder Estate	22 Red Cross Hall

Ticket sales 01235 771447
Vale & Downland Museum
Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE 1.30PM

GALLERY TALK

THE ADVENTURES OF FIBERSPATES

Jeni Brown runs Challow based 'Fyberspates', a company producing exquisite hand-dyed yarns and fibres. Jeni's commitment to using ethically sourced materials and considering the carbon footprint has led to many adventures world-wide. This talk covers her research journeys to visit suppliers and to develop innovative dyeing techniques.

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE 9.00PM

FOLK MUSIC SESSION

Come along to this traditional music 'jamming' session to join in or just listen. Everyone welcome, singing or playing, anything goes!

ABINGDON ARMS, Wantage FREE

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SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 10.30am

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST - 200th Anniversary

EXTENDED CIRCULAR WALK

After the success of last year's longer walk, join Brian Stovold (from the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust) on a stroll around East and West Challow, Childrey, Sparsholt and back via Grove, returning by way of the canal path where permitted. Distance covered will be about 9 miles, allow around 5 hours (including possible stop for lunch). Please wear suitable footwear. Meet at the Vale & Downland Museum, Wantage FREE

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 11.30 CYCLE, 12.30 LUNCH

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

FAMILY CYCLE RIDE AND LUNCH

An easy paced family cycle followed by lunch at the Fox Inn, Denchworth - a child friendly pub with a large climbing frame in the garden. For those who prefer not to cycle but want to be part of the fun, come directly to the Fox and join us for lunch. MEET AT MABLY WAY HEALTH CENTRE FOR CYCLE, OR 12.30PM AT THE FOX INN, DENCHWORTH, FOR LUNCH FREE event, but pay for own lunch

SUNDAY 20TH JUNE MIDDAY-6.00PM

LAINS BARN JAZZ

JAZZ ON A MIDSUMMER DAY

An afternoon of the best jazz awaits you at Lains Barn. An exciting young band, The Brass Volcanoes, will be joined by The Cornish Armada Jazz Band and Dave Moorwood's Wandering Minstrels. Licensed bar, bring your own picnic and a chair. Enjoy wonderful surroundings and great music. LAINS BARN £16 in advance (£18 on the door), under 16 years free

TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 7.30PM

WANTAGE CAMERA CLUB

AUDIO VISUAL SPECTACULAR

A firm favourite in the Festival Calendar. The Audio-Visual group of the Wantage Camera Club presents a highly entertaining programme of images set to voice and music. The subject matter is often of local interest but some guest productions will be included. All the AVs will be presented digitally and will include some award-winning sequences. METHODIST CHURCH HALL, Newbury Street, Wantage £3, no concessions

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THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2.15PM-3.15PM

GALLERY TALK

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Brian Stovold, local Chairman and Director of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust, explains the history and importance of Wantage's local canal from its beginnings to the present day. He will also discuss current restoration work on the canal, future possibilities and how local volunteers can help. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE (space limited, advance booking is recommended - Tel: 01235 771447)

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 7.30PM

WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST - 200th Anniversary

AN EVENING OF EXPLORATION

An evening exploration of the Grove Lock Flight by way of the public footpath from top to bottom. Approx 3 miles. Learn some of the local history of the canal. Please wear suitable footwear and be prepared for nettles (shorts not a good idea!)

Meet at Grove Recreation Ground (map grid ref 398895) FREE

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STAGELIGHTS

'COMMUNICATING DOORS' BY ALAN AYCKBOURN

Alan Ayckbourn weaves a riotous time-warp comedy around an almost Brian Rixian hotel background. Poopay, a call-girl, is summoned to a deluxe hotel room by an infirm elderly gentleman to witness a document detailing how his two wives were murdered by his psychopathic business associate. But then Poopay finds herself in the past with Ruella, his second wife, and they both decide to try to edit the course of history by travelling even further into the past. OLD MILL HALL, School Lane, Grove £7.50, £6.00 concessions

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2.15PM-3.15PM

GALLERY TALK BY ELIZA GRAHAM

'CHASING THE MUSE'

Eliza Graham's third novel, 'Jubilee', comes out this year. In this talk Eliza considers the thrills and perils of researching and writing books, and waiting for the muse to show up. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE (space limited, advance booking is recommended - Tel: 01235 771447)

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SATURDAY 26TH JUNE 10.30AM-12.30PM

PANDEMONIUM & RIDGEWAY STEP CLOG

MUSIC AND DANCE IN THE MUSEUM

Step out to the music of Pandemonium and the rhythm of Ridgeway Step Clog. Watch the clever footwork and enjoy a morning of traditional tunes, songs and clog dancing performed by these two talented local groups. Refreshments available in the cafe VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

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SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 7.30PM

WANTAGE ORCHESTRA & WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

An evening of orchestral music, music for male voice choir and both societies performing together. The programme will include popular operatic choruses, Haydn's 'Clock Symphony' and Elgars's 'Elegy'. ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Wantage £7 Adults, £5 concessions (purchased in advance), £8 Adults, £6 concessions (on the door)

MONDAY 28TH JUNE 7.30PM (Doors open at 7.00pm)

EVENING TALK BY ANNI BYARD

THE ANGLO-SAXON BURIAL AT WEST HANNEY

In autumn 2009, a high status Anglo-Saxon burial site was discovered during a metal detecting rally at West Hanney. Find out more about this exciting discovery and future research from archaeologist Anni Byard, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire Finds Liaison Officer. The museum's café will be open. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage £2.50 - no concessions (space limited, advance booking is recommended - Tel: 01235 771447)

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GALLERY TALK

WE ARE STARDUST - THE BIRTH, LIFE AND DEATH OF STARS

Dr Peter Allan, from the Space Science & Technology Department at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, will describe how stars are born, how they live a mostly quiet life, and how their spectacular deaths create the elements that make up everything on the Earth, including ourselves. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE (space limited, advance booking is recommended - Tel: 01235 771447)

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THE DOMINO PLAYERS

'THE WINTER'S TALE' BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

'The Winter's Tale' is really about summer: tragic jealousy and broken relationships in the wintry first half, then reunited friends and families and hope for the future in the summery second half. Plus feasting, music, young lovers, comic shepherds and a singing con-man - a rich theatrical experience! LAINS BARN £8, £7 concessions

THURSDAY 1ST JULY 7.30PM-10.00PM

WANTAGE FOLK DANCE CLUB

FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

CLUB OPEN EVENING

Oxfordshire has claim to be the centre of Morris Dancing while Long Sword Dancing comes from the North of England. Peter Moran will lead a social dance evening and will also conduct an introductory workshop on Morris and Sword Dancing. Try your hand; no previous knowledge required. Light refreshments. CHARLTON DAY CENTRE, Harcourt Road, Wantage, £2, no concessions, pay at door

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THE LETCOMBE SINGERS

'IOLANTHE' BY GILBERT & SULLIVAN

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SATURDAY 3RD JULY 10.00AM-11.00AM & 11.30AM-12.30PM

GUIDED TOUR with David Clark

EXPLORE THE MUSEUM BUILDING

Take a tour of the Vale & Downland Museum building with experienced buildings historian, David Clark from the Oxfordshire Building Record. He will point out how timber frames are put together and highlight other ways of looking at buildings to learn how they were used in the past. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage £1, no concessions (space limited, advance booking is recommended - Tel: 01235 771447)

SATURDAY 3RD JULY 10.30AM-12.30PM

FAMILY FRIENDLY DROP IN EVENT

'OUR STREET'

Make and decorate a model of your house. Add it to a long street of model houses in the Museum gallery. At the end of the event, the street will be photographed. Children must be accompanied by an adult. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage £1 per child

SATURDAY 3RD JULY 1.15PM-2.15PM

FLOWER OF THE QUERN FOLK GROUP

MUSIC IN THE MUSEUM ON THEIR 'BUILDINGS' THEMED DAY

Local folk group "Flower of the Quern" will be playing a mix of known and not so known tunes from Britain, Ireland, Europe and further afield on fiddles, flute, squeezebox, guitar, double bass, keyboard and percussion. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

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EXHIBITIONS

WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE TO SATURDAY 10 JULY 10.00AM-4.00PM

VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM AND OXFORDSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD

OXFORDSHIRE BUILDINGS HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

Your house has a history! Whatever its age, a lot can be learnt by studying the building itself. Celebrating Oxfordshire's diverse building styles, this OBR exhibition explores how buildings can be interpreted for clues to their past. Photographs of houses and cottages from the museum's archives are also on display. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE TO SATURDAY 10 JULY 10.00AM-4.00PM

'STREET LIVES' - MIXED MEDIA ART EXHIBITION

A mixed media exhibition featuring the work of local artists and photographers. Taking 'Street Lives' as inspiration, participants have been asked to celebrate local streets and buildings and the people who live and work in them - both in the past and today. VALE & DOWNLAND MUSEUM, Wantage FREE

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE TO SATURDAY 19TH JUNE

(LIBRARY OPENING TIMES) WANTAGE CAMERA CLUB

AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS

Wantage Camera Club will exhibit a variety of colour and black and white prints produced by members in recent years. Apart from prints obtained by traditional means the club has many members whose work will illustrate the high quality of image that can be obtained at home using a digital camera and an ink jet printer. WANTAGE LIBRARY FREE

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE TO SATURDAY 3RD JULY

(CIVIC HALL OPENING TIMES) WANTAGE FLOWER CLUB

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS 'CANALS OF YESTERYEAR'

Wantage Flower Club's exhibition pays tribute to the Wilts & Berks Canal who celebrate their 200th anniversary this year. The Club meets at the Civic Hall on the first Thursday of the month and newcomers are warmly welcomed. CIVIC HALL ENTRANCE FOYER, Wantage FREE

EVERY TUESDAY TO SUNDAY FROM 8TH JUNE UNTIL 4TH JULY 10.00AM-

4.00PM

FYBERSPATES LTD

OPEN WORKSHOP

Fyberspates open workshop is perfect for people interested in the process of how yarns and fibres are dyed. We operate as a dying workshop and also a retail outlet, so if you like spinning, weaving, knitting, felting or anything associated with yarns and fibres you will be in heaven! THE NALDER ESTATE, East Challow FREE

MONDAY 21ST JUNE TO SATURDAY 3RD JULY

(LIBRARY OPENING TIMES)

WANTAGE ART GROUP AND WANTAGE POETRY GROUP

PAINTERS AND POETS

Wantage poets and painters get together to express various subjects in their chosen media encouraging the observer to add his or her own angle. WANTAGE LIBRARY FREE