

• Calendar of Events •

January - June 2016

Registration is required for most of our programs and space is limited. Please call The Wood at (860) 289-1783 on Mondays or Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM to register or for more information. The Wood is a non-profit library. Program fees cover actual program costs. Thank you for your continued support of The Wood. Visit woodmemoriallibrary.org for additional information about The Wood and our 2016 Calendar of Events.

PRESCHOOL WINTER STORY TIME

Thursdays, January 14 - March 3
10:30 - 11:30 AM
Free with pre-registration

Preschool storybook fun for children ages 2 ½ - 5 with a caregiver. Enjoy favorite stories, songs, crafts and more with Mrs. Grace.

RECEPTION & CULTURAL EVENING WITH ARTIST DON MUNSON

Friday, January 15
6:00 - 8:30 PM
FREE

Live Music/Hors d'Oeuvres/Wine. Come meet the artist behind the exhibition: Memories-Architecture and Barns on display November 2, 2015- January 30, 2016 in the gallery at The Wood.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT

Sunday, January 31
2:00 - 4:00 PM
FREE

The SWCA presents a piano concert at The Wood, with Gilles Vonsattel.

YOUNG ARTIST CONNECTICUT ART SCHOOL PAINTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 6
2:00 - 4:30 PM
\$14.00 per child

Children ages 7 - 12 will create a unique 11" X 14" work of art, using acrylic paints with guidance from The Connecticut School of Art.

MAGIC AND BEYOND ANN MASI MEMORIAL SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAM: MAGIC SHOW AT TIMOTHY EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thursday, February 11
10:00 - 11:00 AM
FREE

Donations to the Ann Masi Memorial Fund appreciated. Families are invited to join David Garrity, for a one-man illusion show featuring unique theatrical and visual magic with audience participation, comedy and more. Co-sponsored by The Wood, the SW Rec Dept and SW Community Women's Club, Inc.

MOMMY AND ME IN THE KITCHEN: VALENTINE KITCHEN FUN

Saturday, February 13
1:00 - 2:30 PM
\$10.00 per child w/caregiver

A cooking workshop specifically for preschoolers, ages 3-6 with their caregiver, who will join Mrs. Grace for some Valentine kitchen, baking and preschool fun.

YOUNG ARTIST GOING TO THE DOGS

Saturday, February 20
2:00 - 4:00 PM
\$15.00 per child

Children ages 6- 12 will join Mrs. Grace for a culinary workshop, making CHEESY DOG TREATS and a simple "No-Sew" pull toy for their canine friend.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT

Sunday, February 21
2:00 - 4:00 PM
FREE

The SWCA presents a concert at The Wood, with The Horzowski Trio.

LADIES NIGHT OUT UKRAINIAN EGGS

Friday, February 26
7:00 - 9:30 PM
\$10.00 per person

Ladies only, will join Sharon Leonard "The Egg Lady" to learn about the history and art of Ukrainian egg decorating and create their own beautiful pysanky egg at this hands-on workshop.

CIVIL WAR MEDICINE: SAWS, SCALPELS, SUTURES, DISEASE AND DESTINY

Thursday, March 10
7:00 PM
\$3.00 for members of either group, \$5.00 for the public

Presented by Carolyn Ivanoff, this is a Civil War medical program providing an overview of the practice of battlefield medicine in the 1860s. It highlights practices that saved lives and dispels myths. Local Civil War medical items and information will be shared. The program is appropriate for students and adults. Co-sponsored by The Wood and the Historical Society.

IRISH MUSIC NIGHT WITH KEVIN FARLEY AND BEER TASTING RECEPTION

Friday, March 11
7:00 - 9:00 PM
\$8.00 per person

Kevin Farley, "The Irish Music Guy" will entertain adults with music, song, laughter and lore in a show that celebrates "The Wearing of the Green". A reception will follow featuring local craft beer tasting.

YOUNG ARTIST EGG DECORATING

Saturday, March 19
2:00 - 4:00 PM
\$8.00 per child

Children ages 6 - 12 will join artist, Mary Wilde, for a "hands-on" art workshop experience decorating hard-boiled eggs using a variety of creative, fun and beautiful techniques.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT

Sunday, March 20
2:00 - 4:00 PM
FREE

The SWCA presents a cello concert at The Wood, with Sophie Shao.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD: A FIRESIDE TALK WITH BEN FRANKLIN

Wednesday, March 23
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Individual fee \$12.00

Group pricing available. Jack Sherry, historic character portrayer, will bring Ben Franklin to life at The Wood. Learn more about the wit, wisdom, scientific pursuits, successes and accomplishments of Ben Franklin. This portrayal will amuse, entertain and educate you while giving the audience a glimpse of his life and times in the 18th century.

PRESCHOOL SPRING STORY TIME

Thursdays, March 31 - May 19
10:30 - 11:30 AM
Free with pre-registration

Preschool storybook fun for children ages 2 ½ - 5 with a caregiver. Enjoy favorite stories, songs crafts and more with Mrs. Grace.



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AMERICAN GIRL MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA "YANKEE DOODLE MAGIC SHOW"

Saturday, April 9
Two sessions: 1:00 - 3:00 PM and 2:00 - 4:00 PM
\$16.00 per girl & mother
\$8.00 for additional girls

Girls, ages 6-12 and their mothers or caregivers are invited to this annual tea. Entertainer, Debbie O'Carroll will perform her "Yankee Doodle Magic Show celebrating our founding mothers. Tom O'Carroll will join Debbie with American music and songs. *Registration begins March 14th at 10:00 AM.

ANN MASI GARDEN LECTURE: CT HISTORIC AND NOTABLE TREES

Wednesday April 13, 7:00 PM
Free, Donations to the Ann Masi Memorial Fund appreciated. Join Glenn Dreyer, Arboretum Director at Connecticut College, as he discusses the Notable Trees Project and Connecticut's largest and most Historic trees. Co-sponsored by The Wood and The Down to Earth Garden Club.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT

Sunday, April 17
2:00 - 4:00 PM
FREE

The SWCA presents a piano concert at The Wood, with Mariangela Vacatello.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD - FASHION IN FICTION: REGENCY

Wednesday, April 20
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Individual fee \$12.00
Group pricing available. Join Kandie Carle for a delightful show-and-tell on the clothing of Regency England as reflected in Jane Austen's fiction. Dressed in authentic attire, Ms. Carle gives a detailed overview of ladies and gentlemen's clothing of the early 1800's as she shares excerpts from Austen's letters and novels. A tea reception will follow.

MOMMY AND ME IN THE KITCHEN: MOTHER'S DAY KITCHEN FUN

Saturday, April 30
1:00 - 2:30 PM
\$10.00 per child w/caregiver

A cooking workshop specifically for preschoolers, ages 3-6, who will join Mrs. Grace for some Mother's Day baking and preschool fun.

DOWN TO EARTH GARDEN TOUR & PLANT SALE

Sunday, June 12
9:30 - 4:00 PM

The Down to Earth Garden Club presents it's tour of notable South Windsor gardens and sale of member grown perennials and other plants and garden crafts. The plant and garden craft sale will be held at The Wood. Tickets will be available for advance sale beginning May 1, 2016 at this website or by contacting The Wood. For more information visit www.swgardenclub.org.

19th ANNUAL WOOD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 16
This tournament is a major fundraiser for The Wood Library and Museum and will be held at Topstone Golf Club in South Windsor. Visit us at www.woodmemoriallibrary.org for more information.

Come celebrate the Holiday Season at The Wood's 5th Annual Gingerbread House Festival.

FREE and Open to the Public.

November 27th thru December 12, 2015

Mon., Thur., & Fri. 10am-8pm • Saturdays & Sundays 10am-6pm

Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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Winter/Spring Newsletter

In the Wood Gallery

Architecture & Barns: The Art of Don Munson will be on display in the Wood Gallery from November 2, 2015 thru January 30, 2016, with a reception and cultural evening with the artist set for January 15 from 6-8:30pm. The artist has several works of art in permanent collections such as *Spoon Pond* at MOMA. This exhibition will feature a mix of paintings, drawings, field sketches, giclee prints and archival photographs.



“Grounded in the joy of expression, my art uses three common elements: line, form, and most of all color. I create visual tension to engage the viewer. A personal impression of realism. This show unifies my devotion to allegorical imagery and architecture,” says artist Don Munson. *For more information on the artist and the exhibition visit www.woodmemoriallibrary.org.*

5 Year Goal to Grow the Endowment Fund

The Wood Library and Museum has set a goal to significantly grow its endowment fund in anticipated celebration of the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Wood Memorial Library occurring in 2021.

The endowment fund, created in 2010 with full support and participation of the Board of Directors, was intended as another financial vehicle to provide for the long term sustainability of the Wood Memorial Library and Museum, its cultural programs and events. The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving was selected to manage the endowment fund on the basis of its proven track record and years of safe investment strategies. “We have some creative and exciting ideas on fundraising for the endowment fund which we will be introducing over the next five years”, says Executive Director David Langone. *To find out more about the endowment fund or to contribute e-mail director@woodmemoriallibrary.org.*

\$75,000 Good to Great Program Grant Awarded to The Wood

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development has chosen The Wood Memorial Library and Museum to receive \$75,000 in funding through its pilot Good to Great Program. The funding comes with a matching cash requirement.

The Wood’s grant proposal, written and submitted by Board President Virginia Macro, focuses on the installation of a small Native American village on a c. ¾ acre parcel of land behind the library building. The project includes the construction of wigwams, ethno-botanical plantings and landscaping along with interpretive signs for self-guided tours of the area and enhanced interpretative materials for Wood’s existing Native American exhibits. Currently only a small makeshift frame of a wigwam exists.

“The re-creation of a Podunk village behind the library would transform a visitor’s experience from one of having a vague impression of what life might have been like, to one of feeling the atmosphere of living in a wigwam,” says Macro. “That slight shift in one’s perception of space and time makes an enormous difference. Being able to offer that immersive experience, not as a visitor in a museum looking at a Podunk village but by becoming an actor in it, will afford a deeper appreciation of Native American ingenuity in their day-to-day life.”



The Wood’s prime location on the original Podunk Path provides the perfect environment for Native American programming. The tribes who lived along the Connecticut River, left traces of their existence in the meadows making South Windsor a fertile source of Native American artifacts. Many of those artifacts are now part of the museum’s collections and for over forty years The Wood has offered lectures and hands-on programs for children and adults on the life ways of Northeast Woodland Tribes based on those artifacts.

“Our overall intent in regard to our Native American programming is to provide an accurate portrayal of the Podunk and River tribes that lived along the Connecticut River,” says Executive Director, David Langone. “We feel that this funding and the creation of a Native American village will bring us closer to achieving that objective.”

The Wood Hosts Recipient of Jean Klein Scholastic Award

On October 9, 2015, The Wood welcomed the inaugural recipient of the Jean Klein Scholastic Award, Ms. Albro’s fourth grade class from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, to its Native American educational field trip program. The class of 42 students from the Hartford Public School District, participated in interactive and hands on learning activities while exploring the ways that the regions original residents lived, worked, and played.



Developed over the last twenty years by former education coordinator, Jean Klein, the field trip program focuses on Native American History in the Connecticut River Valley. Upon Jean’s retirement in October of 2014, The Wood Memorial

Library and Museum created the Jean Klein Scholastic Award. It is designed to enable a school outside of South Windsor, which would otherwise not be able to participate in the program, to travel to the Wood and experience the field trip exhibits and demonstrations that the students of South Windsor enjoy each fall.

The field trip is designed as a comprehensive, curriculum enhancing series emphasizing Woodland Indian life ways, and is comprised of five activity areas: Native American Technology, during which students learn about flint-knapping, fire-starting, rope-making and use of the bow and arrow; Native American Trails in Connecticut and their influence on our modern interstate highways; Match the Artifacts (matching modern tools to those used for the same purpose by Native Americans); Food and Cooking; and an Ethno-botanical Walk in the South Windsor meadows. As a special treat, guest docent and Connecticut State archeologist, Dr. Brian Jones, conducted the Native American technology demonstration.

The Jean Klein Scholastic Award is currently funded by a generous grant from the Savings Bank of Manchester Charitable Foundation as well as private donations. *For more information on the Jean Klein Scholastic Award including how to donate and how schools can apply please e-mail us at director@woodmemoriallibrary.org.*