

• Calendar of Events •

September - December 2016

Pre-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.

MRS. MARY ROWLANDSON: INDIAN CAPTIVE

Thursday, September 8
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Donation \$3.00 for members
and \$5.00 general public

Virginia Wolf, of Herstory Theater, presents a one-woman show, bringing to life Mary Rowlandson, who was abducted by Narragansett Indians during the King Philip War, spent three months as their servant, and wrote the first captivity narrative which became a best seller in 1682. The Wood and the South Windsor Historical Society co-sponsor this program. No registration necessary.

MYTHS & PREDICAMENTS: CARVED IN STEEL

Friday, September 9
5:30-8:00 PM
FREE

Live Music/Hors d'Oeuvres/Wine
Come meet Matt Evald Johnson, the artist behind the exhibit Myths and Predicaments: Carved in Steel on display August 1- October 31, 2016.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING WORKSHOP #3

Sunday, September 11
2:00 – 4:30 PM
Fee is \$15.00. Adults may bring a child at no extra cost.

Workshop #3, Assembling your Gingerbread Creation, will cover baking and assembling as well as decorating tips and landscaping. Registration required. Event to be held at Scout Hall, East Windsor.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD

Wednesday, September 14
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Fee is \$14.00 pp or \$25 pp for two program Autumn Series. Group pricing available.

“MOXIE” performs, singing and playing favorite Americana swing music from the 20's, 30's and 40's era. This is sure to be an enthusiastic toe-tapping, singing, moving and humming with pure joy audience experience. Registration required

PRESCHOOL AUTUMN STORYTIME

September 15 – November 10
Thursdays, 10:30 -11:30 AM
FREE

Preschool storybook fun for children ages 2 ½ - 5 with a caregiver. Enjoy favorite stories, songs, crafts and activities with Mrs. Grace and volunteer helpers. Pre-registration required.

HARVEST MOON DINNER

Saturday, September 17
5:00-10:00 PM
\$125.00 per person

Join us for a unique and memorable five course dining experience at the historic town farm. Catered by Chef Rob Maffucci of Vito's Restaurants, the evening will also include cocktails, historical house tour, live music and a silent auction. All to benefit The Wood Library & Museum.

HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, October 1
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
FREE

Support the South Windsor Historical Society and enjoy a family-friendly day of great entertainment with historic Main Street hayrides provided by Wood, historic demonstrations, farm animals and more celebrating South Windsor heritage. Craft and food vendors will be onsite. This event takes place at the historic district near the north end of Main Street.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT

Sunday, October 2
2:00 PM
FREE

The SWCA presents a piano concert with Sara Daneshpour performing at The Wood.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING WORKSHOP #4

Sunday, October 9
2:00 – 4:30 PM
Fee is \$15.00. Adults may bring a child at no extra cost.

Workshop #4, Decorating your Gingerbread Creation, will include working with fondant, modeling chocolate, royal icing and handcrafting decorations. Registration required. Event to be held at Scout Hall, East Windsor.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME SPECIAL

Thursday, October 13
10:30 – 11:30 AM
FREE

Diane Kordas, musical puppeteer, presents “Mellie Monkey & Tales from Africa”. Puppet shows include “The Monkey & The Crocodile”, “The Lion Who Couldn't Roar” and “Who is in Rabbit's House?”. Pre-registration required. Public invited.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT

Sunday, October 16
2:00 PM
FREE

The SWCA presents a concert with violinist, Irina Muresanu and pianist Roberto Plano, performing at The Wood.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD

Wednesday, October 19
2:00 – 4:00 PM
\$14.00 pp or \$25 pp for two program Autumn Series. Group pricing available.

“Meet John Adams: “A Witty and Revolutionary Conversation with America's Second President”. George Baker performs in this entertaining and educational portrayal, including singing and playing a few patriotic songs on the piano. This is a perfect program during this election season. Registration required

FRIDAY NIGHT AT WOOD

Friday, October 21
7:00 – 9:00PM
Individual fee \$24.00
(includes materials)

Gregory Maichack, presents “Monet's Mirror”, an art workshop for adults. Adults will learn to create and take home an Impressionistic style pastel painting based on Monet's Water Lilies. Art experience not required. Registration required

BEN & JERRY'S BENEFIT NIGHT FOR THE WOOD

Wednesday, October 26
4:00-9:00 PM

Support The Wood while enjoying some ice cream, guilt free. Ben & Jerry's at Evergreen Walk in South Windsor will donate 20% of pre-tax sales to The Wood.



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AMERICAN GIRL NUTCRACKER HOLIDAY WITH THE CONNECTICUT CONCERT BALLET & A BALLET BRACELET WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 5
Two sessions: 1:00 – 3:00 PM &
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Individual Fee is \$15.00

Girls ages, 6-12, will enjoy highlights from the ballet performance of “The Nutcracker”. Girls will also be taught some ballet positions and enjoy a special ballet dance with their dolls. Each girl will also make a bead and ballet charm bracelet for themselves and their doll. Please bring a doll of your choice. Registration required.
* Registration for this special events begins October 3rd

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT

Sunday, November 6
2:00 PM
FREE

The SWCA presents a concert with The Euclid String Quartet. *Please note that this concert does not take place at Wood. The concert is at First Congregational Church of South Windsor.

FAMILY FUNDAY GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Children's Gingerbread
House Workshop
Sunday, November 13
Two Sessions: noon – 2:00
& 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Fee per house is \$12.00

Join Lynda Jones to learn how to make a graham cracker holiday gingerbread house creation. The program is for adults and families (children must be 5 + accompanied by an adult). * Please bring your own candy decorations and a tray to transport your house home. Registration required

6TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE FESTIVAL

Opens Friday, November 25
Ends Saturday, December 10
FREE

Visit our website for details on how to enter and festival hours.

HOLIDAY STORY HOUR

Thursday, December 15
(Snow date is Dec. 16)
6:30-8:00 PM
FREE

Enjoy some holiday storytime fun. Jan Grace will read “The Christmas Cookie Sprinkle Snitcher” and Debbie Hay will provide holiday piano music. A special visitor arrives on a firetruck to visit with children. Pre-registration required.

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Come celebrate the Holiday Season at The Wood's
6th Annual Gingerbread House Festival.

FREE and Open to the Public.

November 25th thru December 10, 2016

Mon., Thur., & Fri. 10am-8pm • Saturdays & Sundays 10am-5pm

Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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Fall/Winter Newsletter

Steel Sculpture at The Wood!

The Wood Library & Museum is excited to introduce Matt Evald Johnson and his sculptures created from manipulated steel to South Windsor with the exhibit "Myth and Predicaments: Carved in Steel" on display from August 1 - October 31, 2016.



Says Johnson of this exhibit, "This body of recent representational work has me committed to a denser interaction with steel; not necessarily a more calm or a more sedentary or a more thoughtful interaction, but one that is less determined by physical sport and bodily thresholds. It seems very fitting that these compositions - so driven by my interest in things literary - are being exhibited in a library."

The Wood invites you to a reception for the artist, September 9th from 5:30-8:00 where you can learn more about Johnson's inspiration and technique. *For more information about the exhibit, the reception and the artist visit www.woodmemoriallibrary.org.*

Gingerbread Snaps Here

FREE & Open to the Public: Travel down Lollipop Lane to Gum Drop Street and visit one of the largest gingerbread house festivals in New England. The Wood's 6th Annual Gingerbread House Festival opens the day after Thanksgiving and runs from November 25th thru December 10th, 2016. Stroll past fairy-tale houses and historical replicas alongside edible villages covered in candy, all created by regional artisans and bakers, expert and beginner alike. Don't forget to stop by "Ye Olde Gingerbread Shop" overflowing with holiday themed gifts and treats. The Wood provides the perfect holiday venue and last year played host to 7800 visitors from all over the region who stopped by to enjoy this must see event.

The festival is a major fundraiser for The Wood and all of the proceeds go toward supporting its quality programs and events. Over 100 volunteers help run this event from set-up to take-down and we cannot thank them enough!

Visit our website or stop by The Wood, located at 783 Main Street, South Windsor, for more details on how to submit your entry, festival hours and for volunteer & sponsorship opportunities.

Harvest Moon Dinner to be held at the Historic Town Farm

The historic town farm on the banks of the Connecticut River will be the perfect setting for this year's Harvest Moon Dinner to be held September 17, 2016 from 5:00-10:00pm. This plot of land has an important place in local history predating the town of South Windsor. In the early 17th century, Podunk Indians had a settlement in this area, named "Nowashe." It is with this Native American history in mind that Chef Rob Maffucci of Vito's Restaurants, has created a unique five course dinner menu of New England dishes inspired by the three sisters; maize (corn), beans, and squash. It was the Haudenosaunee who called these foods the "Three Sisters". They considered them a gift from the gods, and their planting and harvesting were celebrated as such.

It is in this same spirit of celebration that The Wood invites you to join with family and friends and enjoy an evening of live music, excellent food, and a unique sense of historical community. Step back in time to around 1660 when the first homestead in what is now South Windsor was built on the site by John Bissell. Walk down toward the river and gaze upon the banks where Bissell established a ferry crossing. Fully immerse yourself in local history as you enjoy a cocktail at sunset in the shadow of the present house built in 1786 then wonder aloud with your fellow diners what it would have been like to share a meal with ferry passengers at the Ferry Tavern. Enjoy your meal surrounded by fields that were worked for 70 years by residents of Town Farm, which South Windsor established to house and feed impoverished town residents. Finally, feel a sense of gratitude in our shared history and community, at the end of the evening as everyone goes their separate way.

Tickets to the Harvest Moon Dinner are \$125 per person and availability is limited. This is a fundraising event to benefit The Wood and its oral history and archival collections. *For more information on the house tour, menu and to purchase tickets, visit our website www.woodmemoriallibrary.org.*

The opportunity to enjoy such a unique and memorable evening does not come along every day. We hope you can join us.



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