

Fantastic Fall Field Trips

“It was the best field trip ever!” according to third grader Kaleigh. This was the overall sentiment of more than 300 South Windsor third graders who visited The Wood to participate in this year’s fall Native American field trips. The students visited five activity stations focusing on different aspects of Native American life and culture, including a new station this year on archeology. “My favorite part was when we did the fossel (sic) dig because we found mabels (sic), nails, and shells,” said third grader Shauna.



Dr. Brian Jones, CT State Archeologist

really enjoyed the day. Thank you for providing our fourth-grade students with such a wonderful opportunity,” says instructional coach, Kimberly Albro.

The Wood is actively fundraising to expand its Native American exhibit to include a trading post and permanent wigwams. *To learn more about this project or to donate through the crowdfunding website Razoo visit <https://www.razoo.com/us/story/Tsvr5g>.*

Teacher Bill Ralph, Environmental Magnet School at Mary Hooker with Executive Director David Langone



The Wood hosted several expert presenters this year including Connecticut State Archeologist Dr. Brian Jones, former Connecticut State Archeologist Dr. Nick Bellantoni, and Gary Nolf and Mandy Ranslow of Friends of the Connecticut State Archaeologist’s Office. The Wood also welcomed 64 fourth grade students from the Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker as the second recipient of the Jean Klein Scholastic Award. “They

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Director Notes

This year the institution saw growth and expanded its community engagement as well as its geographical footprint. Diversity in new exhibitions from the paintings of renowned artist Don Munson to the steel sculptures of Matt Evald Johnson, engaged and educated visitors from around New England. Our most recent success, the Harvest Moon Dinner fundraising event, included a docent-led tour of the historic 1765 Noadiah Bissell house. Events such as this are only possible because of our dedicated and supportive volunteers and community sponsors. I would like to thank them and invite others who are interested in becoming more involved with The Wood to stop by, learn more about our wonderful educational programming and events, and talk with us about docent and volunteer opportunities.



Executive Director David Langone

THE WOOD

A library where history, nature, and the arts come alive.



Docent and Town Councilor Liz Pendleton, “Little Hawk”

Winter/Spring Newsletter

Fathom at The Wood!

The Wood is proud to welcome Connecticut-based artist, Kevin Van Aelst, who will be exhibiting his artwork in the upstairs exhibition hall. Titled *Fathom*, the exhibit will be on display from January 30th thru May 1st with a reception for the artist scheduled for March 24th from 5:30- 8:00pm.



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“My artwork is an attempt to reconcile my physical surroundings with the fears, fascinations, curiosities, and daydreams occupying my mind. The photographs and constructions consist of common artifacts, materials, and scenes from everyday life, which have been rearranged and reassembled into various forms, patterns, and illustrations. This work is about creating order where we expect to find randomness, and also hints that the minutiae all around us is capable of communicating much larger ideas.” -Kevin Van Aelst

Kevin Van Aelst has an M.F.A. in photography from the Hartford Art School and he has taught photography courses at several Connecticut area universities and art schools. His photo illustrations can be seen in such publications as *Time*, *Wired* and *The Atlantic*, and on such book covers as Rachel Maddow's, *Drift*. For more information about the exhibit, the reception and the artist visit www.woodmemoriallibrary.org.

Want to become more involved?

Consider volunteering at the Wood. Visit our website www.woodmemoriallibrary.org to submit an application or e-mail director@woodmemoriallibrary.org.

Calendar of Events: January - June 2017

Pre-Registration is required for most 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. Wood is a non-profit library and museum. Program fees cover actual program costs. Thank you for your continued support of Wood. Visit www.woodmemoriallibrary.org for additional information about Wood and its full 2017 Calendar of Events.

PRESCHOOL WINTER STORYTIME
Thursdays, January 12 - March 2
10:30 - 11:30 AM
Free w/ required pre-registration
Preschool storybook fun for children ages 2 ½ - 5 w/caregiver. Enjoy favorite stories, songs, crafts & activities with Mrs. Grace.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT
Sunday, January 15
2:00 PM
FREE
The SWCA presents a concert with cellist, Julian Schwarz, performing at The Wood.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT WOOD: JAZZ NIGHT WITH WINE TASTING
Friday, January 27
(Snow date, Jan. 28)
7:00 - 9:00PM
Fee is \$15.00 pp or \$25.00 per couple (includes tasting)
Quintessential, a student organized and directed jazz combo of five talented RHAM High School musicians give their own flair to performing jazz classics of Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins and others. Cassidy Hill Winery and Vineyard of Coventry will provide a variety of wines for tasting. Refreshments will be served. Registration required. Adults only.

YOUNG ARTIST MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 4
2:00 - 4:30 PM
Fee \$14.00 pp.
Join Doris Mrugula of Connecticut Art School, as she instructs children ages 7 - 12, in creating a mixed media art project of colorful leopards with added collage leaves and flowers. Pre-registration required.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT
Sunday, February 12
2:00 PM
FREE
The SWCA presents a concert with The Hermitage Trio, performing at The Wood.

ANN MASI MEMORIAL SCHOOL VACATION MAGIC SHOW
Thursday, February 16 at Timothy Edwards Middle School, 100 Arnold Way, SW
10:00-11:00 AM
FREE
Magician Matt Roberts performs his new and exciting magic show for the whole family. This event is co-sponsored with Wood, SW Recreation Dept. and the SW Community Women's Club. Donations to the Ann Masi Fund welcomed. (No registration necessary)

YOUNG ARTIST "BEFORE & AFTER" COOKING WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 25
(Snow date, Feb. 26)
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Fee \$14.00 pp.
Join Jan Grace and Lisa Pinette, as they instruct children ages 6-12 in creating a delicious appetizer and dessert. Refreshment samples served. Pre-registration required.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT WOOD: IRISH SODA BREAD MAKING WORKSHOP
Friday, March 3
(Snow date, Sat. March 4, 2-4 PM)
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Fee is 15.00 pp and includes ingredients.
Join Jan Grace in making a loaf of delicious Irish Soda Bread with raisins. This recipe was obtained from an Irish cultural demonstration at a local Irish Festival. Refreshments samples will be served. Each registrant will make the bread batter and complete the baking process at home. Registration required. Adults only. * Please bring a glass or ceramic pie plate.

ELI TERRY: HIS LIFE AND HIS CLOCKS
Thursday, March 9
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Donation \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 general public
Tom Manning, Curator of Clocks at the American Clock & Watch Museum of CT, will present a program about Eli Terry who was born on Main St. in South

Windsor. Eli Terry was an inventive genius and craftsman who created the American clock industry as we know it today. The Wood and the SW Historical Society co-sponsor this program. No registration necessary.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT WOOD: IRISH MUSIC NIGHT WITH BEER TASTING
Friday, March 10
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Fee is \$15.00 pp, or \$25.00 per couple

Be prepared to have fun and be entertained at Wood for an evening of Irish music followed by a beer tasting reception. This performance will delight audiences with a mix of Irish ballads, sing-a-longs, hand clapping rebel tunes, humorous songs, banter and more with the Celtic duo of Dan Ringrose (vocals and guitar) and Jeanne Freeman (fiddle, harmonies and vocals). A local craft beer tasting with light refreshment will follow. Registration required. Adults 21+ only.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD: "I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU: LUCY STONE"
Wednesday, March 22
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Fee is \$14.00 pp or \$25 pp for the two-program Spring Series.
Wood welcomes back Judith Kalaora, founder of Herstory Theater to perform "I Now Pronounce You: Lucy Stone", a fiery and impassioned presentation about tension and human rights during Boston's Antebellum period when women were evolving from successful abolitionists to struggling suffragists. Group pricing available. Registration required

FATHOM ARTIST RECEPTION
Friday, March 24
5:30-8:00 PM
FREE
Live Music/Hors d'Oeuvres/Wine Come meet Kevin Van Aelst, the artist behind the exhibit *Fathom* on display January 30- May 1, 2017.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT
Sunday, March 26
2:00 PM
FREE
The SWCA presents a concert with pianist, Daniel Del Pino, performing at The Wood.

PRESCHOOL SPRING STORYTIME
March 30 - May 18
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. Pre-registration required.

AMERICAN GIRL MOTHER DAUGHTER SPRING TEA
Saturday, April 1
Two sessions: 1:00 - 3:00 PM & 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Fee \$20.00 per caregiver with child and \$10 per additional child.
Girls ages, 6-12, and their mother or caregiver will enjoy a special tea party together. Wood welcomes Sheryl Faye as Laura Ingalls Wilder, a writer & role model whose words bring to life the pioneer times during which she grew up. Donna Fletcher will offer doll clothes & accessories for sale (Cash or check). Girls are encouraged to bring a doll of their choice to this event. Pre-registration required. * Registration for this special event begins Monday, March 13th.

YOUNG ARTIST EGG DECORATING WORKSHOP
Saturday, April 8
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Fee \$10.00 per child.
Children, ages 6-12, will join artist Mary Wilde in a workshop where they will learn to decorate eggs, using a variety of creative techniques. (These are for decorative use only, as a table centerpiece). *Each child should bring a dozen, large white hardboiled eggs in an egg carton and wear an apron or play clothes. Pre-registration required.

SOUTH WINDSOR CULTURAL ARTS CONCERT
Sunday, April 9
2:00 PM
FREE
The SWCA presents a concert with pianist, Joel Fan, performing at The Wood.

ANN MASI GARDEN LECTURE
Wednesday, April 12
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Wood Library & Museum and the Down To Earth Garden Club invite you to a garden lecture by Lars Demanger of Clover Nook Farm. Clover Nook Farm is an historic century farm which has been in the same family for 250 years. Get to know the family and learn how this family farm has adapted their agricultural practices to meet the challenges of the future. Donations to the Ann Masi Garden Fund are appreciated.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD: "DOLLEY MADISON REMEMBERS; FRIENDS AND FOES"
Wednesday, April 19
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Fee is \$14.00 pp. Group pricing available.
Wood welcomes Patricia Perry, an historical interpreter of Sneak Peek Productions, who will entertain and educate the audience in an engaging first-person monologue, as the wife of the fourth President of the United States. Dolley Madison, considered the most colorful First Lady will relate her personal memories of her life & loves and will regale us with little known stories of the famous & infamous. Registration required.

MOMMY AND ME IN THE KITCHEN: MOTHER'S DAY
Saturday, April 29
1:00 - 2:30 PM
Fee \$15.00 per family unit.
Preschoolers, ages 3-6, with a parent or caregiver, will join Mrs. Grace for some Mother's Day baking fun. Each family unit will make a batch of breakfast scones batter, then complete the baking process at home. We will also taste some scone samples and toppings. All ingredients and materials provided. Children will also create a special Mother's Day card. Siblings welcome. Pre-registration required.

KATHARINE HEPBURN: FROM HARTFORD TO HOLLYWOOD
Thursday, June 8
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Donation \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 general public
Natalie Belanger, Museum Educator at the Connecticut Historical Society, will present a program about Katharine Hepburn. The story of her lifelong ties to Connecticut offers a complete picture of how Hepburn became the woman & star that she was and how she achieved her extraordinary legacy. The Wood and the SW Historical Society co-sponsor this program. No registration necessary.

CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY
Saturday, June 10
10:00am-3:00pm
Come out and enjoy a special Saturday full of family fun as Wood open its doors for this statewide event. More information available on our website.

WOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM'S 20th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Thursday, June 15
All day
This tournament is one of The Wood's largest fundraisers and is run almost completely by dedicated volunteers. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of this event which will be held at Topstone Golf Club in South Windsor. More information will be available on our website.

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