

Calendar of Events

September - December 2017

Pre-Registration is required for most programs and space is limited. To register online visit our website www.woodmemoriallibrary.org or call 860-289-1783 during our normal business hours. Please check our website for more program details and a complete calendar of all 2017 events held at The Wood.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

September 14 - November 2
Session 1: 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Session 2: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Fee: \$15

Fun for children ages 3 -5 with a caregiver. Interactive read-alouds interspersed with step by step directions on how to support emergent reading behaviors. Crafts, songs, sensory activities and fun, fun, fun.

HARVEST MOON DINNER: HISTORY ON THE HOMESTEAD

Saturday, September 16
6:00 pm - til the cows come home
\$95 per person

This fundraising event will be held at Foster Family Farm circa 1790 and be catered by Bear's Smokehouse BBQ. Hay Rides, Folk Music, a Corn Maze and more. This year's event will have something for everyone. Menu and more details are on our website.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD

Wednesday, September 20
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fee \$15 for one show or \$25 for the series

"My Wife Abigail Adams"
George Baker will portray John Adams. John Adams will talk with humor and affection about his wife Abigail Adams.

HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, September 30
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
FREE

Support the Historical Society in celebrating South Windsor History at this family-friendly event. Main Street Hayrides and Native American Demonstrations provided by The Wood will compliment arts and craft vendors, musical groups and the Second Continental Light Dragoons. More details available on our website.

SCHOOLS OUT PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 11
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Grade K-5

Fee \$15 for one show or \$25 for the series

"Meet Thomas Edison"
Fun and educational interactive performance by Todd McLeish. You will become totally immersed in Edison's life and inventions.

SCHOOLS OUT PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 18
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Grade K-5

Fee \$15 for one show or \$25 for the series

"Cool-ology"
Hands-on inquiry based learning experiences that will get you excited about science, engineering and the world! Experiments will have a Halloween theme sure to include SLIME!

FRIDAY NIGHT AT WOOD

Friday, October 20
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Fee \$40

"Calling on the Crawley's a Homicidal High Tea"
Join us for high tea with the Crawley Family of Downton Abbey. The History at Play performance ensemble will help us decide who is responsible for the murder of the Earl of Grantham. Light refreshments and wine, dessert and tea will be available during the performance.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD

Wednesday, October 25
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fee \$15 or \$25 for two shows

"Sherlock Holmes and The Adventure of The Speckled Band."
Enjoy an afternoon watching the recreation of the 1930 radio drama Sherlock Holmes. The East Haddam Stage Company under the direction of Kandie Carle will present this drama using the actual script followed by CT's own William Gillette.

YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAM

Saturday, November 4
Pre-school to grade 5
Session 1: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Session 2: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fee \$20 per child and adult \$10 each additional child

Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem present "RANKY TANKY". Children will sing, clap, and dance while the band plays and answers questions about what is happening on stage. Between songs, Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem talk about the songs, instruments, and styles they play, but it's no lecture - it's more like four cooks crowing over ingredients for a favorite musical stew.

GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 12
Session 1: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Session 2: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fee \$12 per house made

Join artist Lynda Jones for some traditional holiday fun as you create a ginger bread house from graham crackers. *Please bring an assortment of small candies for decorating and a tray to carry home your creation. All other materials will be supplied.

7th ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE FESTIVAL

Opens Friday, November 24
Ends Sunday, December 10
FREE

Come celebrate a storybook holiday at The Wood. Visit our website for details on how to enter your gingerbread masterpiece, and for information on special festival events and hours.

HOLIDAY STORY HOUR

Thursday, December 14
6:30 pm
Fee: \$5 Per child

Holiday sing along led by Deb Hay followed by Pumpnickel Puppets performance of Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Lion and the Mouse. We will have Santa arrive on a fire truck to visit with the kids after the puppet show!



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THANK YOU for Your Generous Support

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Wood Memorial Library & Museum this year. We realize that it is through your generous contributions of time, money and talent that The Wood can continue to be the vibrant community asset that we all know and love.

We are grateful to everyone who volunteers their time at programs and events, in the archives, as a docent and at the front desk. We appreciate every financial contribution to our annual fund, every sponsorship, and every raffle donation. And we value everyone who contributes their talents by crafting, building, fixing or baking.

Again, we want to thank everyone who contributes to the ongoing outreach and success of The Wood and its mission "to provide literary, historical, educational and cultural resources for the general public."

Come celebrate a Storybook Holiday at The Wood's 7th Annual Gingerbread House Festival.

FREE and Open to the Public.

November 24th thru December 10, 2017

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

Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays



THE WOOD

Where history, nature, and the arts come alive.



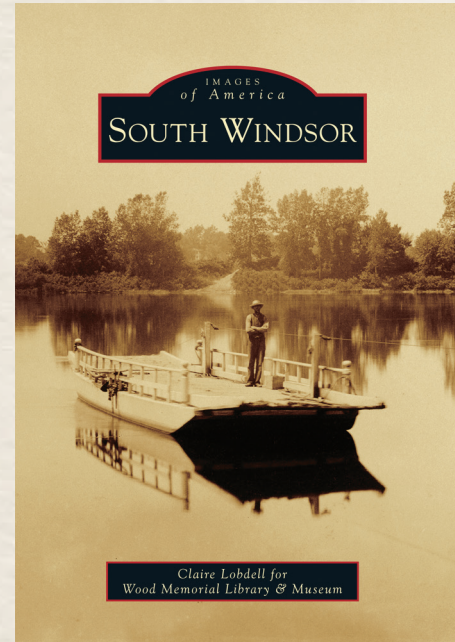
Bissell Ferry Crossing

Fall 2017

For details on all South Windsor Cultural Arts concerts and South Windsor Historical Society lectures held at The Wood, please visit our website at www.woodmemoriallibrary.org.

New Book and Tour Maps

The Wood is excited to announce the publication of its new book, *Images of America: South Windsor*. Written by author and archivist Claire Lobdell, the book takes readers on a journey through the past with over 200 archival photographs tracing the history of the town of South Windsor and its colorful inhabitants.



Images of America: South Windsor

To accompany the book, The Wood has created two Past Meets Present tour maps, one focusing on Main Street, the other highlighting sites around town. Patrons can see how the past meets the present using the self-guided tour maps and images from the new book.

There is a lot of history in South Windsor. So stop in, pick up a free map and learn about our town and its oldest street. *For more details including how to order your copy of Images of America: South Windsor, visit www.woodmemoriallibrary.org.*

New Hours to Include Second Saturdays

Due to the success of our new Second Saturday programs we have decided to make them permanent! The Wood Memorial Library & Museum will now be open on the Second Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm for special events. These events are free and open to the public with no pre-registration required. Please check our website for details on our upcoming Second Saturday Events.

Beginning September 11th The Wood will be open to the public Mondays 10am-5pm; Thursdays 10am-8pm; and the Second Saturday of every month from 10am-1pm.

New Database & Online Registration

The Wood is transitioning to a new contact management and online registration system, Bloomerang. This new system will help us to streamline many of our more time and labor intensive administrative tasks, reduce redundancy and make online registration easier to understand and simpler to use.

This database will also allow us to better communicate with our patrons and keep everyone better informed about upcoming events and programs as well as volunteer and sponsorship opportunities. We will be continuing our monthly e-mail calendars and increasing our print newsletters from 2 to 3 per year. We will also be adding a new digital volunteer newsletter soon.

During this reorganization and updating process we have realized that we have incomplete contact information for some of our patrons and donors. If you would like to update your contact information or your program and volunteer interests please visit our website and complete a “sign-up for our newsletter” request form. This will automatically update your information in our new database.

New and Expanded Programs

Looking for something fun and educational for your kids to do on their early release day? The Wood has added a new Wednesday Schools Out program series for students K through 5. These hands-on and interactive programs will entertain and educate.



The Wood has also expanded its preschool story time program and will now be offering two sessions on Thursdays, one at 10:30am and one at 12:30pm. These will be interactive read-alouds interspersed with step by step directions on how to support emergent reading behaviors. Crafts, songs, sensory activities and Fun are all included.

Pre-registration is required for all children's programming. Visit our website www.woodmemoriallibrary.org for more details or to register.

New Executive Director and Staff at The Wood

The Wood is excited to introduce its new Executive Director, Carolyn Venne. Carolyn is a graduate of Babson College, former president of South Windsor MOMS Club and current president of CREC Museum Academy PTO. She also served as a member of Friends of Wood Memorial Library's Board of Directors of before being named interim executive director in January 2017.



Back Row (from left to right): Amy Hietala; Khalil Quotap; Carolyn Venne - Not pictured: Jessica Vogelgesang
Front Row (from left to right): Joan Degen; Rana Elazazy

The Wood has also expanded its staff and would like to welcome our new museum educator, Khalil Quotap; archivist/librarian, Amy Hietala; program manager, Joan Degen and administrative assistant, Rana Elazazy.

Khalil taught social studies in the New Haven public schools before working as a museum educator at the Connecticut Historical Society and as education director at The Institute for the American Indian in Washington, CT.

Amy earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from Simmons College and interned at The Wood under our former archivist, Claire Lobdell. She also currently works part-time as a research librarian at Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts.

Joan recently retired as an elementary school teacher from the Windsor Locks School District. Joan is a highly trained literacy interventionist who helped young readers meet benchmark goals. She will be incorporating this knowledge into The Wood's preschool story time program to support emergent reading.

Rana recently earned her Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut where she is working towards her graduate degree in the same field.

We invite you to come out to our Open House on Saturday, September 9th from 10am -1pm to meet everyone and hear about their ideas to further the mission and outreach of The Wood. You can also read more interesting facts about our new staff on our website.