

Calendar of Events

April - September 2018

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.

OUR SHARED HISTORY: MAIN STREET

April 28, 2018; 10 am - 2 pm
FREE and Open to the Public

Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of East Windsor and Our Shared History. Visit three different open houses, Ellsworth School, First Congregational Church, and The Wood. Pick up a self-guided tour map and explore the shared history of Main Street at your own pace. Docents, exhibits and light refreshments at each event.

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

April 28, 2018; 10 am - 1 pm
FREE and EVERYONE is welcome.

Tour this iconic building, view photo and artifact displays, and celebrate its place in Our Shared History. Commemorative photos will be taken at 11 am of former students (all grade levels), faculty and employees.

SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM: The Glass Slipper

May 2, 2018; 2 - 4 pm
Fee \$15

Students work through 9 different forensic science labs in an attempt to figure out who is the rightful owner of the glass slipper left behind at the prince's ball. Grades K-5.

SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM: Create Your Own I Spy Collage

May 9, 2018; 2 - 4 pm
Fee \$15

Students get a chance to make their own I Spy collage scene and photograph it. They work together in small groups using a huge collection of items mostly found in nature. Students learn about cameras and how to take interesting pictures. Grades K-5.

50 YEARS/50 VISITS

Explore Art from the Antheneum
May 12, 2018 (adult program) 11 am - 1 pm, Free
May 23, 2018 (kids program) 2 pm - 3:30 pm, Free
See article for details.

SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM: The Case of the Missing Teddy Bear

May 16, 2018; 2 - 4 pm
Fee \$15

Using forensic science and your own great detective skills help crack the case of the missing teddy bear. Grades K-5.

CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY

June 9, 2018; 10 am - 2pm
Free

Bring a friend and celebrate this state-wide event by introducing someone new to The Wood.

GARDEN TOUR AND PLANT SALE

Pathways and Blooms
June 10, 2018 (rain or shine) 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
\$15/\$20 day of tour

See article for details including how to purchase tix.

21ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Topstone Golf Course
June 14, 2018
10:00 am - 4:30 pm

The golf tournament is our major fundraiser. Preserve our community heritage & history by helping fund our archives & public programs. Register your foursome on our website today!

HARVEST MOON DINNER

September 22, 2018
More details will be available soon.

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Where history, nature, and the arts come alive.



Where Community Thrives!

The Wood is a special place where book clubs meet, memories are preserved, children play & learn and the scent of gingerbread fills the air. It is a community. And when you enter our doors, you become a part of our community, joining countless volunteers, neighbors, artists and patrons all working together in support of a dynamic cultural center, The Wood. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support our historical, educational and cultural programs and events. As members of our community, we want to hear from you! Please share your program and exhibit suggestions, and ideas for ways that The Wood can collaborate with local businesses and organizations. Thank you for being a part of our community.

Thank You to everyone who donated to this year's annual fund. It is because of your generous financial contributions that The Wood can continue to be the vibrant community asset that we all know and love.

Spring 2018

Where History Comes Alive!

Celebrate local history during a one day Our Shared History: Main Street Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10am to 2pm on Old Main Street in South Windsor! This event features three different Open Houses, all Free and Open to the Public, each highlighting a different part of Our Shared History.

Wood Memorial Library & Museum, 783 Main Street, 10am to 2pm
Visitors can experience the Our Shared History: Main Street exhibit showcasing the Bissell Ferry, tobacco fields and works of art by Albertus Jones and the Watson sisters. Wood will also be providing self-guided tour maps of Main Street.

First Congregational Church, 993 Main Street, 10am to 2pm. Docents will enlighten visitors about Timothy Edwards as they gaze upon memorabilia from the Edwards family and an exhibit of artifacts from the previous meeting house. Guests will also see the unique historic pews & beautiful stained glass windows.



Ellsworth School, 1737 Main Street, 10am to 1pm. Tour the building and learn a bit of local history while viewing photos and memorabilia. All former students, faculty and employees are invited for commemorative photos at 11:00 a.m. The Wood's Oral History Committee will be

on hand to record your fondest or perhaps funniest memories of Ellsworth, Main Street, East or South Windsor.

The oral history program at The Wood has been running since the mid-1970s and has now amassed a collection of more than 80 interviews of members of the South Windsor community, the latest interviews being with WWII veterans. Most of the oral histories have been recorded by volunteer interviewers since the year 2000. Through their own personal stories, local residents tell the story of South Windsor and its changing times.

Our oral history program is ongoing and we are always looking for new narrators and volunteer interviewers. Visit www.woodmemoriallibrary.org for more information and to read the many histories available online.

Where Nature Comes Alive!

As spring arrives, Nature comes alive and The Wood will once again partner with the Down to Earth Garden Club for the biennial South Windsor Garden Tour and Plant Sale; Pathways and Blooms. The tour features seven beautiful gardens, two on historic Main Street, as well as a display of antique automobiles. Each garden features a unique design and character reflecting the natural terrain of the landscape and creativity of the owners. Members' home grown plants will be for sale at The Wood during the tour. This is a fundraising event to be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018, from 9:30 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. More information and online ticket purchases available at www.woodmemoriallibrary.org.

The Wood will be open during the tour and nature lovers may wish to take a few moments and explore "the bird room". Located adjacent to the South Windsor meadows makes The Wood a natural repository for its mounted birds collection. Since the mid-19th century, the meadows have been recognized as a prime area for sighting birds, with some 240 species recorded. Three separate collections are on display.

The largest is The Newberry Collection, consisting of some 117 specimens, including a four-foot Great Blue Heron, owls, eagles, and song birds, among others. Most of the species on display still use the local meadows as flyway or habitat. In addition, Newberry's collection of birds' eggs is on display.

The Pelton Collection was mounted by Eli Hayes (1812-1893). Several specimens in this collection of 22 birds reveal the taxidermist's methods of creating a bird for display.

The Wood Collection was mounted in the mid 1800's by Dr. William Wood, to whom the Library is dedicated. Although trained as a physician, Dr. Wood was a well-known ornithologist of his day, making considerable contributions to the science. Wood's collection of birds include several tableaux, a bell jar of song birds, and a case of South American Humming Birds.



Where the Arts Come Alive!

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is coming to The Wood! In celebration of its Docent Council's 50th anniversary, museum docents will visit 50 community sites across the state in 2018, bringing with them the program: *Explore Art from the Atheneum*, an interactive discussion of highlights from the Atheneum's collections. Participants will learn about the history of the museum and its diverse holdings through this hour-long exploration using poster reproductions of collection objects. The Wood will be hosting two sessions of this free program, one for adults on May 12th and one for kids on May 23rd.



In its permanent art collections, The Wood has numerous watercolors, drawings and photographs by the Watson sisters of East Windsor Hill, Amelia Montague (1856 - 1934) and Edith Sarah (1861-1944). Well-known, successful artists in their day, Amelia was recognized for her translucent watercolors and Edith went on to master the new art of photography, known for her studies of working women in Canada.

Local artist Albertus Jones (1882-1957) is represented as well with both oil and watercolor paintings. A Post-Impressionist artist, Jones painted his personal response to familiar New England scenes which often feature houses, barns, curving roads and darkly outlined trees. Jones' artwork currently on display includes a self-portrait and a portrait of his daughter, Dorothy, who became a commercial artist. He was a charter member of the Connecticut Academy of Fine Art, taught at the Hartford Art School and in 1953, Jones founded the South Windsor Art League. These artists and their work will be highlighted during the *Our Shared History: Main Street* exhibit opening April 28th.