

Calendar of Events

January - April 2019

Pre-Registration is required for most programs and space is limited. To register online visit our website www.woodmemorallibrary.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 2018 events held at The Wood.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Winter session
January 3 - February 28
Spring Session
March 21 - May 9
Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Fee for each session \$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!

MASTER ARTIST PAINTING WORKSHOP

January 26, 2019 (snow date February 9th if needed)
Saturday, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Fee \$18

Children ages 8-12 will join Mary Wilde and Jan Grace for a "Paint like the Masters: Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night" young artists workshop.

SCHOOL VACATION FUN

In honor of Ann Masi
COMIC MIME ROBERT RIVEST

February 14, 2019
At South Windsor High School
Thursday, 10 - 11 am
Free

Robert Rivest transforms the stage into pure hilarity! Performance is full of rich stories, awe inspiring mime illusion and plenty of playful audience participation.

PAINT NIGHT WITH MASTER PASTELIST - KAREN ISRAEL

February 22, 2019
Friday, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Fee \$60

Karen will lead participants to create a garden masterpiece! This nationally recognized award winning artist's work will also be on display in our gallery space.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE WOOD

Irish Night with the Kerry Boys!
March 8, 2019
Friday, 7 - 9 pm
Fee \$20 per person

Come enjoy an evening of great Irish music. Their high energy show will have you clapping and singing along. You will be treated to a wide collection of traditional and original songs performed with pristine harmonies and expressive guitar and mandolin backing. B.Y.O.B. light refreshments and coffee will be served.

MUSEUM MINI-GOLF

March 16, 17
Saturday and Sunday
10 am - 4 pm

It's almost spring and that means GOLF! Not our annual tourney, that is still in June, but Mini Golf all through-out Wood Library. Come see the museum as never before and practice your putts.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT THE WOOD

Sarah Margu Story
Wed., March 27, 2019, 2pm
Fee \$15

Actor Tammy Denease shares the poignant voyage of Sarah Margu's childhood to adult autonomy. Sarah Margu was one of four children held captive on the schooner Amistad.

WELCOME SPRING PARENT AND CHILD TEA

March 30, 2019 (snow date March 31 if necessary)
Saturday, 2 - 4:30 pm
Fee \$ 20 per person

Join storyteller Monica Peterson in a celebration of spring with tales from around the world. Then continue the festivities with a tea party. You will also create a celestial map to help you locate stars during different seasons.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT THE WOOD

World War Women - Unsung Heroines of WWII
Wed., April 10, 2019, 2 pm
Fee \$15

History at Play presents five influential and often forgotten women in this program. Learn about Vera Atkins, Virginia Hall, Jane Fawcett, Ann Baumgartner and Jacqueline Cochran.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT THE WOOD

Fairy Legends of Ireland
Wed., April 24, 2019, 2 pm
\$15

Join Diane Edgecomb in an animated retelling of Ireland's best loved Irish tales. This performance is accompanied by Margot Chamberlain on Celtic harp.

WINGMASTERS NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS/BIRDS OF PREY

April 27, 2019
Saturday, 1pm - 2 pm
Fee \$15 per person

Join us to view four live birds of prey with authentic artifacts, many of museum quality. Wingmaster's will explain and show how different Native American cultures transformed natural materials into objects of beauty and drama.

WINGMASTERS NATIVE AMERICAN ART ON THE WIND/BIRDS OF PREY

April 27, 2019
Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Ten years and up
Fee \$15 per person

Each of five live birds of prey will be displayed by a Wingmaster presenter while participants have an opportunity to draw each bird and ask questions.

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Memorial Library & Museum
PO Box 131, 783 Main St
South Windsor, CT 06074

Celebrate Peace on Earth

Experience one of the largest gingerbread house festivals in New England. Be filled with wonder and be touched by peace as you gaze upon row after row of creative and colorful gingerbread creations. The Wood, located on historic Old Main Street, provides the perfect holiday venue for showcasing the sugary artistic creations among sparkling lights and colorful decor.

Musical performances, story time and craft events, even visits from Santa will be scattered throughout the festival providing patrons with an uplifting, peaceful and creative break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Finally, don't forget to stop by "Ye Olde Gingerbread Shoppe" for the opportunity to take home a bit of the magic with many holiday themed gifts and treats.

The Wood Memorial Library & Museum is located at 783 Main Street, South Windsor, CT 06074. Expanded festival hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 8pm; Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 10am to 5pm. Please note the festival is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information about the festival including a more detailed schedule of events visit www.woodmemorallibrary.org.



Come celebrate Peace on Earth at The Wood's 8th Annual Gingerbread House Festival.

FREE and Open to the Public.

November 23rd thru December 15th, 2018

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

Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays



Where history, nature, and the arts come alive.



Visit www.woodmemorallibrary.org for all South Windsor Cultural Arts and Historical Society program details.

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Winter 2018

Coming in 2019 . . .

Collaborations with the Hartford Audubon Society



The Hartford Audubon Society

Did you know that South Windsor residents were instrumental in the founding of the Hartford Audubon Society? Originally named the Hartford Bird Study Club and founded in 1909, the Hartford Audubon Society regularly met and went on bird watching excursions in the South Windsor Meadows. In celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the organization, The Wood is teaming up with the Hartford Audubon Society and offering a variety of programs over the year with a focus on birds and their natural habitat at the 10 acre Station 43 Marsh Preserve located adjacent to Historic Old Main Street. Join us at our Second Saturday events in January and May to learn more about the birds of the Connecticut River Valley region and how to identify them. Birds of Prey will be the focus of two Wingmaster programs in April and our annual Gingerbread Festival will have an avifauna theme. Stay informed of all the special activities we have planned over this yearlong celebration by visiting our website.

The Nowashe Podunk Village Project

The Wood is excited to announce that work has begun on its newest endeavor: The Nowashe Podunk Village.

Nestled on $\frac{3}{4}$ of acre parcel in the rear of The Wood, lie the beginning stages of a Podunk Village reproduction. For centuries, the Podunk Tribe, also known as one of the Connecticut River Tribes, thrived along the coast of the Connecticut River, as well as inland. The Podunk referred to their homeplace as "Nowashe," or "between rivers."

The Wood's Nowashe Podunk Village is set during the Woodland

Culture Period, which ranges from the Early Woodland period (approximately 2,700 BP) to the Late Woodland period (approximately 950 B.P. to Pre-Contact). The Wood's extensive Podunk artifact collection makes it uniquely positioned to illustrate how ingenious the Podunk were in adapting and utilizing their natural environment. The village will transform a visitor's experience from one of an outsider looking in, to that of an active hands-on participant in New England Native American life.



The project includes the construction of two wigwams, a longhouse, a hunting camp, archaeology teaching lab, an ethnobotanical garden and lastly, a boardwalk trail abutting lush wetlands.

Nowashe was made possible by a generous grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development in 2015, and has been in continuous research, development and planning for approximately three years. *For more information on how you can be involved email education@woodmemoriallibrary.org.*

Influential South Windsor Women

The Wood will be spotlighting notable South Windsor Women in the month of March for Women's History Month. Join us in learning about Mary Starr Tudor, South Windsor's first woman physician and one of the first women in America to graduate from medical school along with Catherine Hildred Sperry Raymond, one of the first aviatrixes in Connecticut, and historic preservationist who was influential in preserving the Town Farm and Wood Memorial Library for future generations. The Wood's Oral History Committee will also be focusing on expanding our collection of interviews with influential South Windsor women of all generations. *If you wish to make a suggestion for an interviewee or become an interviewer with the Oral Committee contact archives@woodmemoriallibrary.org.*



C Hildred Sperry Raymond

The Future is at The Wood!



"Thank You!" from the Wood Staff

The Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum would like to express their sincerest Thanks for your patronage and service in 2018. You may have heard us say that The Wood is where history, nature and the arts come alive. It is also where community thrives. This dynamic cultural center, tucked away in a part of South Windsor that will forever be preserved as a quaint Main Street, is a special and beautiful place where countless volunteers, neighbors, artists and educators all work together.

But we need your help. While the success of fundraising events and ticket sales help with some operational expenses each year, they are not enough to fully sustain our programs, and costs continue to rise. There are many ways to support The Wood financially, such as gifts to The Wood's Annual Fund, corporate sponsorships, or our new membership program.

I hope that you will consider making a tax-deductible donation, and/or joining our membership program, by the end of the calendar year. Thank you in advance for your generous support. On behalf of our Board of Directors and Wood staff, I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Carolyn Venne, Executive Director
Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum

**2nd Saturdays at
The Wood 2019 Events**
10 am – 1 pm

Jan 12 – Share Your Hobby!
Feb 9 – Take Your Child to the Library
March 9 – Celebrate CT Women
April 13 – Global Slow Art Day

Join us for Free Fun