

# Calendar of Events

September - December 2019

Pre-Registration is required for most programs and space is limited. To register online visit our website [www.woodmemoriallibrary.org](http://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 2019 events held at The Wood.

## PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

September 12 – October 31  
10:30 am – 11:30 am, 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.

## TAVERNS AND TAVERN LIFE IN EARLY NEW ENGLAND

Thursday, September 12, 7:00 pm  
Fee: \$3 members, \$5 non-members  
Co-sponsor- SW Historical Society  
Learn about tavern food, drink, activities, songs and the role taverns played in the public life of the community, with Tom Kelleher of Old Sturbridge Village. Enjoy a visual presentation, artifacts and a rum punch sample.

## SECOND SATURDAY: OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 14  
10:00am - 1:00 pm, FREE  
Come in, see what's new and register for upcoming events. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and give tours.

## HARVEST MOON DINNER: EXPERIENCE NOWASHE

Saturday, September 21, 5:00 pm  
Tix \$125 per person  
The magical atmosphere of Nowashe will be combined with seasonal fare, spirits, & interactive learning for an exclusive preview dinner event. Nowashe will transport all to the time of the Podunk, the indigenous peoples who once called this land home. Proceeds will support Nowashe. Menu & tix are on our website.

Visit [www.woodmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.woodmemoriallibrary.org) for details on all of our upcoming programs and exhibits.

Proud sponsors of the Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum



If you wish to receive this newsletter via e-mail instead of through the postal service, please send your request to [office@woodmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:office@woodmemoriallibrary.org).

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION U.S. POSTAGE PAID HARTFORD, CT PERMIT #751



## SECOND SATURDAY: INDIGENOUS COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, November 9  
10:00am - 1:00 pm, FREE  
Celebrate Indigenous foodways, culture & history with renowned Wampanoag Chef Sherry Pocknett

## CHILDREN'S GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 10  
Session 1: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Session 2: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Fee \$12.00 per house made  
Join Lynda Jones for some holiday fun as you create a gingerbread house from graham crackers. \*Bring small candies for decorating & a tray for your house. All other material supplied.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP: ASSEMBLY & DECORATING

Sat. & Sun., November 16 & 17  
10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Fee: \$50  
This two-part workshop is for ages 13 and up that uses gingerbread house kits to teach the basics of creating a masterpiece.

## 9th ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE FESTIVAL: WINTER BIRDS & HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Opens Friday, November 29 - Ends Saturday December 21 FREE  
Come celebrate the season at The Wood. Visit our website for details on how to enter your gingerbread masterpiece, and information on special festival events and hours.

## Gingerbread House Festival adds a **NEW** element this year!

We will be winding up our year-long celebration of nature and the 110th Anniversary of the Hartford Audubon Society with a “Winter Birds and Holiday Traditions” theme for our 9th Annual Gingerbread House Festival. In fact, the Audubon’s annual Christmas Bird Count started out as an alternative to a tradition of that era to go hunting on Christmas Day.

Would you like to submit a house but don't know how to begin? Leading up to the festival we will be offering gingerbread house workshops for all ages, providing a chance to learn the basics or design like a pro. Would you like to have your entry looked over by a judge? Let us know when you drop it off and we will list your gingerbread creation as one of those to be looked over by our diverse panel of judges. This new element is a friendly “competition”. *Visit our website [www.WoodMemorialLibrary.org](http://www.WoodMemorialLibrary.org) for more festival details.*

Come celebrate “Winter Birds & Holiday Traditions” at The Wood’s 9th Annual Gingerbread House Festival.

FREE and Open to the Public.  
November 29th thru December 21st, 2019  
Thur. & Fri. 10am-8pm • Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays 10am-5pm  
Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays



Where history, nature, and the arts come alive.



Painting of South Windsor by Tom Menard donated by Kimberly Gassett of Savings Institute Bank & Trust

∞ Fall 2019 ∞

## New this Fall... Nowashe

The Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum has embarked on an extraordinary project – the construction of an outdoor Indigenous People’s living history museum named Nowashe, a native term which means “Between two Rivers”. Located behind the library on historical Main Street, South Windsor, this dynamic, educational and interactive exhibit portrays the life-ways of the Podunk tribe, the indigenous peoples who once called this land home.

Visitors meander down a wooded path, where they come upon a partially constructed wetu showing how red cedar saplings and bark were used to construct dwellings. Patrons continue on past a three sisters’ garden of corn, beans and squash to emerge upon the main area of an Indigenous Peoples village consisting of a completed wetu and a larger Sachem’s house.

South Windsor third graders coming for their fall field trip this year will be treated to the new immersive learning stations of Nowashe, focusing on the everyday life experiences of the Podunk, such as indigenous foods and cooking, and a how the tools of the time were used to make needed objects.

We will be hosting two events this fall to introduce the public to Nowashe. The first, the 6th Annual



Harvest Moon Fundraising Dinner this year will be a one-night-only exclusive preview event called “Experience Nowashe”. On Saturday, September 21, 2019, the magical atmosphere that is Nowashe will be combined with seasonally inspired fare, spirits, live music and learning to create a unique and memorable evening that does not come along every day. Tickets to “Experience Nowashe” are \$125 per person and the proceeds go to support future educational programming at the site.

The second event will be a Grand Opening “Open House” event in support of Heritage Day on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9am – 4pm. Docents will be on hand to give tours and answer questions about Nowashe. Demonstrations by indigenous professionals such as cooking and jewelry making will be scattered throughout Nowashe village. This event is FREE and open to the public.

*For more information about both these events, including the menu and to purchase tickets for the fundraising dinner, “Experience Nowashe”, visit our website [www.woodmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.woodmemoriallibrary.org).*

Education Director, Liz Glaviano, accepts the donation of a Passamaquoddy fruit gathering basket (circa 1940) from Lee Colvin in support of the educational programming at Nowashe.

## Book Clubs & Author Events

We are excited to be partnering with Cynde Acanto of the Book Club Bookstore on the Go once again, this time to add author events and book clubs to our program offerings!

The first collaborative author event will feature Award-winning journalist, broadcaster and author Paul Eno on Saturday, September 28th from 1-3 pm. This program is based on his latest book: *Dancing Past the Graveyard: Poltergeists, Parasites, Parallel Worlds and God*, and will include a meet/greet and signing. This is a FREE event, signed books will available for purchase. We have several other author events we are finalizing the details on so check our website often.

New to The Wood will be several book clubs supporting a variety of diverse interests; Chat & Chew, Stephen King and Willa Cather. The Chat & Chew book club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6pm and is led by Cynde. This delicious club reads books featuring food. Attendees are encouraged to bring food from, or inspired by the book, to share. The Stephen King Club is led by local author Jessica Bottomley and meets monthly on the third Thursday at 6pm. The Willa Cather Book Club meets quarterly. Group leader Chris Wolak is a former college English professor who studied Cather at the University of Nebraska and is a member of the Willa Cather Foundation.

These programs are free and open to the public! No registration is required so feel free to drop in. Books being read can be found on our website and Facebook page: Wood Memorial Library & Museum.



We would also like to thank Cynde for her donation of the book arch and well over 1000 books, some of which will be added to our collection, the others are for sale downstairs thru September 14th. Stop in and take a picture under the #bookarch.



To learn about how you can donate to the Nowashe project visit [www.woodmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.woodmemoriallibrary.org).