

Calendar of Events

April - September 2019

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 2019 events held at The Wood.

WINGMASTERS NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 1 - 2 pm
Ten years and up
Fee \$15 per person

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

WINGMASTERS ART ON THE WIND

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

Each of four live birds of prey will be displayed while participants have an opportunity to draw each bird and ask questions.

EAST WINDSOR HILL WALKING TOUR

Saturday, May 4, 2019
10 - 11:30 am
Fee \$15 per person

Join Linda Sunderland for a walking tour of this historic area of Main Street. Learn about the stately old homes there, discuss the families that built them and when. Look at the architectural design and details that made them special 200 years ago and still do today.

MOTHER'S DAY BAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 2 - 4 pm
Ages 6-12
Fee \$15 per person

Join Mrs. Grace for some Mother's Day "MUFFINS FOR MOM" baking fun! Create a special Mother's Day card, in addition to the "hands-on" baking experience.

Visit www.woodmemoriallibrary.org for details on all of our upcoming programs and exhibits.

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2nd Saturday Meadow Walk

May 11, 2019
8am - 1pm
Free

Meet at the Wood for an 8 am bird walk in the SW Meadows, then 10am -1pm light refreshments and Hartford Audubon Society art exhibit.

MAIN STREET TOUR: ARCHETECTURE

Saturday, May 18, 2019
10 am - 12:30 pm
Fee \$25 per person

Join Linda Sunderland for an "open air" wagon tour of historic Main Street. From 17th century saltboxes to 18th century Georgians, Federals, and beyond, learn how to "read" the stories they tell.

CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY: ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION

Saturday, June 8, 2019
10 am - 2pm
Free

Bring your Native American Artifacts in and have them identified by a professional. See archeological story for more details.

22ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Topstone Golf Course
Thursday, June 20, 2019
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!

TOWN WIDE TAG SALE

Saturday, August 10, 2019
10 am - 3pm
Fee is \$25 (\$20 for members)

Shop till you drop in South Windsor. If you live in town and want your tag sale to be included in the promotion, register online.

OPEN HOUSE DAY AT WOOD

September 14, 2019
10 am - 1pm
Free

Bring a friend and see what we will be offering for our 2019-2020 programming year.

THURSDAY NIGHT LECTURE

Co-sponsored by The Wood and SW Historical Society
Taverns and Tavern Life in Early New England
September 12, 2019
7-9 pm
Fee is \$5 (\$3 for members)

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.

A NIGHT AT NOWASHE: EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC

September 21, 2019
Save the date for this special seasonal fundraising dinner!

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Barred Owl by Benjamin Skaught

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Spring 2019

Archeological Treasures

History surrounds us in New England. Everywhere we look there are historical landmarks and buildings, but sometimes we find history closer to home. Sometimes we find history in our own backyard, or on a walk through the South Windsor Meadows, or unearthed by a tractor at a local farm. Many of the over 20,000 Native American artifacts we have in our collections were found in just these ways.



CT State Archeologist Dr. Brian Jones

The Ellsworth/Jennings/Sperry Collection contains among other things, 8000 year old fluted and bifurcate points many of which were found on the family's farm, The Barney E. Daley Family Collection, which contains more than 5,000 artifacts, such as pieces of pottery and hoes, were picked up surface hunting locally as well. On a regular basis, we have people come in wanting to research a treasure that they have found in much the same way. With this in mind we are excited to announce that this year, to celebrate Connecticut Open House Day, The Wood will be hosting a Free Native American Artifact Identification Day. On June 8th from 10am - 2pm, State Archeologist Dr. Brian Jones and Emeritus State Archeologist, Dr. Nick Bellantoni will be on hand to help visitors identify and learn more about their own backyard treasures. Members of the public are invited to bring in up to 3 items for identification and are encouraged to compare and contrast them with the artifacts we have on display.

Also during this special event our Museum Educator, Liz Glaviano, will be on hand to speak with visitors about the Native American artifacts in our collections and our exciting Nowashe Village project. This living exhibit will focus on the indigenous peoples that inhabited this area during the Woodland time period. The Nowashe Village is on track to open in the fall of 2019 and our seasonal fundraising dinner this year will be a special event to celebrate its opening. Learn more details about our Night at Nowashe Dinner, and follow the progress of the project on our website.

Avian Treasures



Indigo Bunting by Benjamin Skaught

Nature's gifts are abundant in Connecticut, but for birders, South Windsor brings to mind a special gem, Station 43. Owned by the Hartford Audubon Society, Station 43 has been recognized for over 100 years as one of the most important habitats for birds in the Hartford area. Its fresh water marsh environment located in the Connecticut River flood plain, make it an important stopover point for migrating birds. Named after an old trolley stop on Main Street, this sanctuary is one of the most productive inland bird watching sites in Connecticut. Among the 229 total bird species to have been reported here, ten are considered endangered, nine threatened and nine of special concern.

The South Windsor meadows has always attracted birders, first the hunters then the naturalists and conservationists. Among them were notable Main Street residents, Dr. William Wood, C.W. Vibert and Dwight E. Newberry. Each of them left a lasting contributions to the education of future ornithologists in the form of their mounted bird collections. The Wood has these three collections on permanent display together in the Albert Morgan room of the museum making it one of the largest exhibits of mounted birds in the state.

In celebration of 110th Anniversary of the founding of the Hartford Bird Study Club, later to become the Hartford Audubon Society, we are focusing some of our programming on birds, and their natural habitats. Learn more about these beautiful creatures at the two Wingmasters: Birds of Prey Programs to be held on April 27th featuring four live birds of prey. On the second Saturday in May, join us for a meadow walk and experience for yourself the great variety and beauty of our feathered friends in their natural surroundings at Station 43. In addition to these programs, we will be hosting an exhibit of artwork and photographs celebrating a variety of bird species all submitted for display by local bird enthusiasts. Please visit our website for more details about these programs, Station 43, our mounted bird collections and the local residents who were influential naturalists and conservationists during their lifetimes.

Architectural Treasures

On a knoll above the meadows is an area of rich architectural history. Stately old homes line each side of the street on East Windsor Hill and continue to be scattered all the way down South Windsor's historic old Main Street. Examples of 17th century saltboxes along with 18th century Georgians, Federals, and more, are located along this now tranquil stretch of road. The designs, landscape and artistic details of these incredible homes all tell a story about the times they were built in and the men and women who built them. Taking time to note these artistic details such as fan windows, Gothic columns, and Connecticut River doors, allows us to greater appreciate the over 300 years of history they hold in their architectural designs.



Aaron Bissell House (1813)
by Robert Link Jr.



Abner Reed House (1750)
by Robert Link Jr.

This spring, we take a peek back through the layers of time to the colonial days when this area was the center of commerce and a hub of activity. We will be joining with Linda Sunderland, of Sunderland Period Homes, in offering two different tours focusing on the history and architecture of Main Street. One will be a shorter walking tour of East Windsor Hill and the second, a longer "open air" wagon tour of old Main Street. More information about the tours, and about the architecture of old Main Street is available on our website.



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