

Calendar of Events

January - April 2020

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 2020 events held at The Wood.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

January 9 - March 5 - (Winter)
March 26 - May 21 - (Spring)
Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Fee: \$15 for each 8 week session

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.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY EVENT:

CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR MARK O'BRIEN

Saturday, February 8
10:00 am - 1:00 pm, FREE

Mark O'Brien will read from his children's books, which will be available for purchase.

ANN MASI MEMORIAL SCHOOL VACATION FUN: STEVE JOHNSON'S MAGIC VARIETY SHOW

Thursday, February 13
10:00 - 11:30 am, FREE

Fun for the Whole Family! There's magic, juggling, lots of audience participation and a climactic escape! This event is held at the South Windsor High School.

AUTHOR EVENT: CHRISTINE DUFFY ZERILLO

Thursday, February 13
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, FREE

Learn about King Philip's War as told through the eyes of two powerful women, Mary Rowlandson and her captor Wampanoag Sachem, Weetamoo. Christine Duffy Zerillo will discuss her new work of historical fiction, Still Here, which will be available for purchase.

MUSEUM MINI GOLF

Saturday, March 14
Sunday, March 15
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Check website for more details and pricing.

HISTORICAL LECTURE "FROM THE KITCHEN TO THE CAPITOL: FOUR Fiesty CT Women"

Sunday, March 22, 2:00 pm
\$3 Members, \$5 Nonmembers

Diana McCain, author of It Happened in Connecticut, shares inspiring stories about remarkable women from three centuries of the state's past.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD: MARTHA WASHINGTON

Wednesday, March 25
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Fee \$15

"Her Life"
This is an intimate look into the life of the 1st First Lady. This portrayal/lecture includes Martha's happy childhood, her courtship, her children, her grandchildren, her friends and her heartaches.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, April 4
9 am - 4 pm, FREE

Come shop a variety of goods handmade by local artisans and crafters.

ANN MASI MEMORIAL GARDEN LECTURE

Wednesday, April 8
7:00 pm, FREE

Advanced Master Gardner and Interfaith Minister, Donna Katsuranis, presents Meditative Gardens.

HISTORICAL LECTURE "TORIES, SPIES, AND TRAITORS: DIVIDED LOYALTY IN REVOLUTIONARY CONNECTICUT"

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm
\$3 Members, \$5 Nonmembers

This Connecticut Historical Society presentation reveals stories of Nutmeggers who risked and sacrificed to support their chosen side.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL TEA PARTY

Saturday, April 18
2:00 - 4:30 pm
\$15 per person
Ages 5 and up
(girls and boys welcome)

Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal to a traditional tea where storyteller Carolyn Stearns will delight with tales that have been handed down through generations of indigenous peoples.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT WOOD: LIZZIE BORDEN

Wednesday, April 29
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fee \$15

"40 Whacks"
On a scorching hot day in Fall River, in August of 1892, a heinous crime occurred. Spinster Lizzie Borden was accused, tried, and acquitted for the vicious ax murders of her father and stepmother.

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Wonderfully Whimsical! See the Displays at our 9th Annual Gingerbread House Festival

The Wood is thrilled to welcome Scot Haney, celebrated meteorologist and co-host of Better Connecticut on WFSB channel 3, Lucy Nalpathanchil, host of Where We Live on WNPR radio, and renowned local artist, Karen Rossi, as the first panel of judges for our inaugural "friendly competition" at this year's Gingerbread House Festival. Come see which entries they see as Terrifically Thematic or exhibiting a Commendable use of Candy. Do you agree with their choices of Incredible Use of Icing and Creative Use of Color?

Each year The Wood plays host to well over 100 colorful gingerbread house entries and over 10,000 visitors have made this a must see event on their busy holiday calendars. Many have made "Ye Olde Gingerbread Shoppe" one of their annual shopping destinations for holiday gifts and treats. Don't miss the musical performances, story time and craft events, and visits from Santa that make this Gingerbread House Festival so special during the holiday season. Visit www.WoodMemorialLibrary.org for a detailed calendar of festival events.



Visit www.woodmemorallibrary.org for all BookClub on the Go, South Windsor Cultural Arts and Historical Society program details.

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"Winter Birds & Holiday Traditions"
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

Winter 2019

Coming in 2020 . . .

Historical Lecture Series Collaboration

The Wood is excited to be expanding our collaborative relationship with the South Windsor Historical Society to bring to the community a series of historical lectures and exhibits in 2020. The two organizations have successfully partnered together on several projects over the past few years, and we are looking forward to working together over the course of this special 175th anniversary year.

The organizations will kick off the celebrations together in January as we host the exhibit “How We Earned a Dollar: A Historical Look at South Windsor Businesses”, curated by Sally Edlund on behalf of the South Windsor Historical Society. The exhibit will run for six weeks from January 9, 2020, through February 20, 2020.

The collaborations will continue with the first of the co-sponsored historical lectures to be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March, 22, 2020. Diana McCain, author of “It Happened in Connecticut” will present “From the Kitchen to the Capitol: Four Feisty Connecticut Women”, sharing inspiring stories about remarkable women from three centuries of the state’s past. On Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm, the Connecticut Historical Society will present “Tories, Spies, and Traitors: Divided Loyalty in Revolutionary Connecticut”. Learn the stories of Nutmeggers who risked and sacrificed to support their chosen side during this “tumultuous jarring time of civil war”.

These programs are open to the public with no pre-registration and a suggested donation of \$3 for members, \$5 for the general public. *More details about these programs and other upcoming collaborations can be found on our website www.WoodMemorialLibrary.org.*

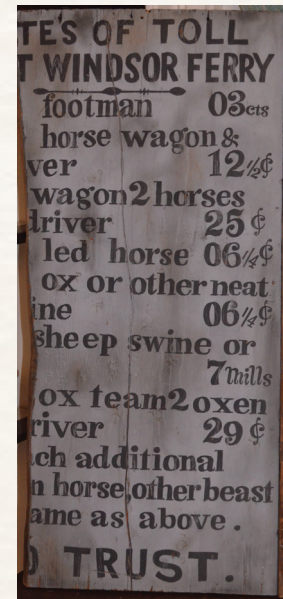
Happy Anniversary South Windsor!

South Windsor will be celebrating its Dodransbicentennial this year and we will be showcasing the history, nature,



and arts that make the community of South Windsor thrive! The Wood will be celebrating the town’s 175th Anniversary throughout 2020 with special programs, exhibits and partnerships starting with a collaborative exhibit with the South Windsor Historical Society, “How We Earned a Dollar” and ending with our 10th Annual Gingerbread House Festival.

Follow the threads of history from the indigenous inhabitants of the area, the Nowass and Podunk, through to the multi-cultural, vibrant community that is present day South Windsor. We will be shining a spotlight on some of the area’s notable women and their contributions to the South Windsor community in our second exhibit.



Spring will bring a focus on nature, when we will again be partnering with the Down to Earth Garden Club for a lecture and the South Windsor June garden tour which have a special focus on South Windsor’s agricultural heritage. The exhibit “South Windsor Farming 1648 to 2020”, will be partnered with a panel discussion on the evolution of agriculture land use.

Autumn’s focus will be on the arts and the wonderful creativity of South Windsor Artists. Our final exhibit will look at the influence of transportation on South Windsor’s development, from the Podunk path to space.

The 175th anniversary will be celebrated throughout the year during many of our free Second Saturday events as well. We are excited to present exhibits and programs this year that will allow patrons to learn more about the history of their community. Join in the fun and celebrate with us the wonderful, vibrant community that we all know and love, SOUTH WINDSOR!



Help us Celebrate the Past with an Eye to the Future!

What a year we have had in 2019! We started by welcoming the Executive Director of the Connecticut Audubon Society to kick off our Second Saturday programming and the 110th Anniversary of the Hartford Audubon Society. We greatly expanded our literary offerings with author events and welcomed four new book clubs through a partnership with the Book Club on the Go. Finally, we welcomed everyone to Experience Nowashe Village, our latest educational addition! We were proud to accept a proclamation from the town during our annual Harvest Moon Dinner and look forward to welcoming everyone to our 9th Annual Gingerbread House Festival.

We would not be able to develop the programs, collaborations and projects that our patrons enjoy without general operating support. Tickets, fees and special event fundraisers are not enough to fully sustain our operations. If you can, please consider becoming a member or making a tax-deductible donation to our Annual Fund. This underwriting financial support is vital to maintaining our archives and our continuing ability to offer quality educational programming and exhibits.

We have lots in store for 2020, and there’s something for everyone. Introduce us to someone new and I hope we will see you often! If you have an idea or a request for a program, exhibit or something else, we want to hear from you! On behalf of our Board and staff, I wish you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season.

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



**2nd Saturdays at
The Wood 2019 - 2020**
10 am - 1 pm

Jan 11 - Share Your Hobby!
Feb 8 - Take Your Child to the Library
March 14 - South Windsor Women
April 11 - Pet Celebration

Join us for Free Fun