

Calendar of Events

May 2022 - November 2022
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AN INTRODUCTION TO CONNECTICUT'S INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Saturday, May 28
1:00 - 2:30pm
Fee \$10/\$5

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, MAN OF COMPASSION AND CONNECTICUT

Thursday, June 9
7:00pm, Free
Abe Lincoln expert Paula Hopewell will examine Lincoln's compassion and personal tragedies.

PERFORMANCE LECTURE SERIES: DIANA OF LOVE

Wednesday, June 10
2:00pm or 7:00pm
Fee \$25
History at Play, LLC, debuts a new program, Diana of LOVE™. This immersive living history experience follows the icon's life behind the scrutinized pages of worldwide headlines.

CT OPEN HOUSE DAY AT NOWASHE VILLAGE

Saturday, June 11
11:00am - 4:00pm, Free
Activities include artifact identification, live canoe burning, wampum jewelry and weaving techniques.

PATHWAYS AND BLOOMS GARDEN TOUR & PLANT SALE

Sunday, June 12
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
\$20/\$25 day of tour
Celebrate South Windsor by touring 7 gardens, Dzen Tree Farm and Nowashe. Details on our website.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 16
10:00am Shotgun Start
One of the best values in the golf! Held at Top Stone Golf Club, tournament play includes lunch, on-course drinks, raffle and reception.

ADULT FICTIONBOOK SALE

June 9-13
Hours vary Details on our website.

BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING SOL SOLIS CONSORT

Saturday, June 18
7:00pm
Suggested donation of \$10

AUTHOR EVENT: SARAH PRAGER

Thursday, June 30
7:00 - 8:30pm, Free
Celebrate Pride Month and join author Sarah Prager as she speaks about LGBTQ+ people throughout history.

SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE

Saturday, August 13
9:00 am - 3:00pm
Fee \$25 Are you in the market for a hidden treasure? Are you ready to rid your house of unwanted items? Then this is your the chance to participate in a fun community event.

SOUTH WINDSOR TOUR: HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Wednesday, August 28
11:30am or 2:00pm
Fee \$20
Join us for a "Hidden in Plain Sight" tour of beautiful and historic South Windsor!

NOWASHE FALL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 10
11:00 am - 4:00 pm,
Free Details on our website.

EXPLORING THE TAINO: ORIGINS, CULTURE

Saturday, September 17
1:00 - 3:00pm
Fee \$10/\$5

Program Survey



50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 6
5:30pm
\$60 per person
\$440 per table
Reception and Dinner to be held at The Grand Lodge at Maneeley's

EXPLORING THE TAINO: GENOCIDE, CONTINUATION

Wednesday, October 8
4:00 pm
Fee \$10/\$5

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Monday, October 10 11:00am - 4:00pm, Free
Details at Nowashe.org

AUTHOR EVENT: SUSANNE DAVIS

Thursday, October 13
6:00pm, Free
Meet this local author as she discusses her latest book *Gravity Hill*, set in a small town in Connecticut.

ARTIST PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION: NAYANA LAFOND

Friday, October 14
5:00-7:00pm, Free

LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Monday, October 30
2:00pm
Fee \$10
This is an authentic retelling of Washington Irving's story of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman! For Grades 4 - Adult

CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

Saturday, November 5
11:00am - 4:00pm, Free

A NATIVE AMERICAN WINTER

Monday, November 12
1:00 pm
Fee \$10 per household,
This program will be held virtually thru Zoom

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Join Our Community of Friends

Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum is a thriving community of individuals who place value on history, nature and the arts, and enjoy sharing their time and talents with like-minded individuals.

This is the perfect opportunity for everyone - from high school students, Moms and Dads at home/work to retirees! If you are interested in the outdoors and gardening, then Nowashe needs YOU! If you pay attention to details, the archives needs YOU! Like history and talking to people? Then the oral history and collections committees need YOU! Whether it is help with a short term project or a long standing event, we happy to accommodate your schedule to have your support and expertise.

Visit www.WoodMemorialLibrary.org to learn about the many opportunities to become involved with the Friends, today!



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at The Grand Lodge at Maneeley's
Thursday, October 6, 2022

details at
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Spring 2022

Nowashe Village Receives an Award of Merit

The Connecticut League of History Organizations (CLHO) recognizes excellence in Connecticut history through its annual Awards of Merit, and this year the Friends of Wood Memorial Library & Museum were recipients of the award for Nowashe Village, South Windsor's newest museum. Staff and board members accepted the award at a ceremony held at the Connecticut Historical Society.

Nowashe Village was recognized as "an exemplary model of best practice in the thoughtful interpretation of Indigenous history."

"More than a quarter of the project's construction spending was paid directly to Native Americans or tribal reservations," says Executive Director, Carolyn Venne, (pictured above) "and we continue to include and encourage local Indigenous Peoples to share their cultural heritage and modern challenges." In recognition of the Award of Merit, the organization also received an official citation from the Connecticut General Assembly, introduced by Senator Saud Anwar and Representatives Tom Delnicki and Jeff Currey. "It speaks volumes that Nowashe Village is so supported by our local and state officials," noted Education Director, Liz Glaviano (pictured above).

In 2021, its inaugural year, Nowashe Village welcomed more than 1,000 people from the region, and school field trips have expanded to include additional public school districts and many regional community groups. Nowashe is a permanent outdoor museum of Indigenous life that is set on almost an acre of wooded land. Open seasonally, it features a classroom-sized Sachem's House, two wigwams, a Three Sisters Garden, a wetland overlook, community gathering space and more, all connected by woodland trails featuring ethno-botanical plantings.

Nowashe is located at 787 Main Street, South Windsor, CT



Nowashe Welcomes Experts

Our second year of programming at Nowashe Village is already off to an incredible start. Early in May we welcomed the Archaeological Society of Connecticut for their 2022 Spring Meeting which included a presentation by Connecticut State Archaeologist, Dr. Sarah Sportman.

We will welcome Dr. Lucianne Lavin, for two presentations in 2022, *An Introduction to Connecticut's Indigenous Communities*, in person in May and *A Native Winter* virtually in November. Dr. Wilfredo Nieves will also be leading two programs, *Exploring the Taino; Origins & Culture* in September, and *Genocide & Continuation* in October.

Connecticut Open House Day in June will feature Dr. Nick Bellantoni, Connecticut State Archaeologist Emeritus, (pictured left) who will be on hand for our 3rd Annual Artifact ID Day in Nowashe.

Visit www.Nowashe.org for a complete calendar of events, including free admission days, details about featured presenters & artisans, and exhibits.

*"Portraits in RED,
Missing & Murdered
Indigenous Peoples
Painting Project"*

Oct. 8, 2022 thru Nov. 5, 2022



"This project is about each person and their story... This is a very sensitive subject for many people which is why this message is so important."



Reception with
Artist Nayana LaFond
October 14, 2022 from 5-7pm

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Shifting Focus to a Research and Reference Library

Inspired by our strategic plan, we have made the difficult decision to eliminate our adult fiction collection due to low circulation. The upper mezzanine library area where the fiction is currently held will transform to a research library and workspace. Several research collections will be relocated here and be cataloged and searchable online. These include the Hartford Audubon collection, the June and David G. Cooke Archaeological collection, oral history transcripts, scores of Native American resources, and much more. Relocating these materials will save precious space in our archival vault and more collections and exhibits will be able to be on permanent or rotating display.

As part of this transformation, we will shine a light on the children's library offerings by adding diverse titles and authors, and by "leveling" the children's books. This involves marking each book by reading level so that our young patrons can find books that are "just right." And of course, we will continue with literary programs, including author events, book clubs and more.



Visit www.WoodMemorialLibrary.org for details as we continue to celebrate the growth & success of the Friends!

Donate Your Records

Do you have accumulated historical material or items that you wish to donate? We use policies and procedures that represent best practices, are committed to making our collections publicly accessible and interpret our collections for the general public, scholars and students through a variety of means. *If you would like to donate to the Friends please contact Archivist, Leith Johnson, at archives@woodmemoriallibrary.org*

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