The “hands-on” baking experience. Join Mrs. Grace for some Mother’s Day card, in addition to baking fun! Create a special
fee $15 per person

WORKSHOP
MOTHER’S DAY BAKING
Ages 6-12
Saturday, May 4, 2019, 2 – 4 pm
Main Street Tour
ARCHITECTURE
Saturday, May 18, 10 am – 12:30 pm
fee $25 per person
Join Linda Sunderland for an “open air” wagon tour of historic Main Street. From 27th century
colonists to 18th century
Georgians, Yankees, and beyond, learn how to “read” the stories they tell.
CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY: ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION
Saturday, June 8, 2019
10 am – 2pm
Learn about the Native American artifacts in our collection and have them identified by a professional. See archaeological story
for more details.
2nd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Topstone Golf Course
Thursday, June 20, 2019
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
The golf tournament is our major fundraising event. Preserve our community heritage & history by continuing to be the
vibrant community asset that we all know and love. Thank you to everyone who donated to this year’s annual fund. It is because of your generous financial contributions that The Wood can continue to be the vibrant community asset that we all know and love.

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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.

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 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 on our website.

Avian Treasures

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.

This spring, we take a peak 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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