The E.L. Boardwalk Plaques

*Stories of the Soul of a Small Town*

*A Reflection of the Heart of the Community*

*By June M. Hoye*

As people walk the 1.1 miles of the East Lyme Boardwalk, they are able to ponder this gem of vintage Americana. One can see families strolling together, couples- old and new- holding hands, even people rehabbing from injuries as they welcome the waterside hand-hold and the many benches to rest and appreciate the view.

On clear days one can hear the wild cry of the seagulls, the quiet lapping of the waves, the sometimes gentle rush of wind, and the blaring horn of the passing train as the conductor signals hello to the walkers.

Twenty four years ago, no one would have predicted the popularity of the plaques that line the East Lyme Boardwalk. Over those years, 1911 plaques have been installed, each with its own unique story. The plaque donors have come from 28 different states across the nation and from 2 foreign countries. Connecticut towns are represented from north to south and west to east- from Windsor to Woodbury and Greenwich to Guilford.

It is, however, the unique story behind every plaque that is captivating as they celebrate weddings, anniversaries, births, and graduations. They express Loss, Sorrow, Laughter and Contentment. Because the Co-chairs of this project- Bill and Fran Rinoski- are Romantics, Board 1057, at the request of Tony Terraciano, was put up in the snow one Valentine’s Day- Tony loves Christine. She said yes, right there on the Boardwalk. When the Boardwalk was re-dedicated in 2016, they were there for the ceremony along with their 3 children!

One woman explained that she forced herself not to look at the plaques until she had finished the first half of her walk. Then, she would allow herself to turn seaward to read some of the plaques as she returned to her starting point.

Many of the inscriptions on the plaques indicate what the Boardwalk has meant to people: The Perfect Walk, A Tiny bit of Heaven, Smell the Ocean Air, Walk the Path in Silence. The one that best reflects the mood of this crescent shaped “dream” is To All Who Pass Here- Peace.

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WHEN HOUSES TURN TO HOMES

*By Olive Tubbs Chendali*

With the holiday season upon us and crisp Autumn days giving way to snow squalls, we begin to focus on our "homes". Lines of a poem I once heard while standing on the top of Mount Battie at dusk overlooking the tiny town of Camden, Maine, evoked the subject of this column: "And houses turned to homes as Mothers turned the lights on."

Our town has grown in the last 50 years, reaching out into remote hills, farms and woodlands. Every vacant lot which I remember from 50 years ago, now has a building. How many of these houses are "homes"?

We find so often in literature, references to "the lights of home." These words are written with a nostalgic, comfortable sense of well-being. The word suggests a welcoming light in the window, enticing aromas from the kitchen and pleasant company.

These sentiments are reflected in "The Journal of Madam Knight", written as the true record of Sarah Knight's journey from Boston to New York in the year 1704, wherein she describes her approach to our area from New London, thus -

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Bill and Fran Rinoski have been the chairs of this fundraiser for 24 years! When I asked Bill why they were willing to take on this project and continue with it for such a long time, he said, “I believed in the Boardwalk from the beginning…and I wanted to make this dream come true. I signed up to see this project through to the completion of the re-built Boardwalk.” Every town should have volunteers with this dependability and perseverance.

For a $100 tax-deductible contribution, become part of that permanent history by sponsoring a plaque with your own memory engraved, to be placed on the reconstructed Boardwalk. All funds raised by the sponsorship of the plaques are used to contribute to the maintenance of the Boardwalk and other Foundation projects. Application forms are available at: East Lyme Town Hall-Town Clerk’s Office, East Lyme Parks and Rec. Dept., East Lyme Library, and the E.L. Book Barn. They also can be found on the East Lyme Public Trust Foundation’s web-site: publictrustfoundation.org

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Reiki Appointments - 1pm, 11/1 & 11/15 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road. For appointments call 860-739-5859

Folded Book Art: Fairy House - 6pm, 11/1 at the Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook - Learn to transform an old book by folding its pages into a work of art. All materials will be provided. Registration is strongly suggested. 860-395-3184

Lecture: How Great Artists Transformed the Art of the Portrait - 6:30-8pm, 11/1 at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme - From Manet to Warhol, the art of the portrait has given the viewer a unique expression of and visual insight into the personalities and the worlds in which both the artist and their subjects lived. (860) 434-1684

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group - 6:30-8:00pm, 11/1 & 11/15 at Old Lyme Youth Services - Free. Register with Ann at 860-625-5280 or email ann@brianshealinghearts.org

Knowing Your Camera - 7pm, 11/1 at Niantic Community Church, 170 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic - Learn the ins and outs of your camera and how to take better photos. Fancy cameras not required. Register for this program in the church office (860)739-6208.

American Visionary: John F. Kennedy’s Life and Times - Opens 11/2 at Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams Street, New London - An exhibition commemorating President John F. Kennedy’s private life and public trajectory which features iconic photographs as well as rarely seen images. 860.443.2545, ext. 2129

Best Practices for Performance Reviews - 9:30-1:30, 11/2 at The Public Library of New London, 63 Huntington St, New London - Pro Bono Partnership will teach how to write and conduct performance reviews that work for you and your employees. (860) 447-1411

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Hearing Clinic - 10am, 11/2 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. For appointments call 860-739-5859

Blood Donation - 12:30-6, 11/2 at Waterford Town Hall, 15 Rope Ferry Road - visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

“Pass the Guitars” Benefit Concert - 7pm, 11/2 at the All Souls Unity Hall, 19 Jay St., New London - Dozens of southeastern Connecticut’s best musicians will give a unique performance to benefit the Homeless Hospitality Center. This year’s concert will feature not one, but two guitars, for an evening of 15 duets and ensemble performances. This is the concert’s fifth year. It is being organized by Hugh Birdsell with WCNI radio personality Dot Ames as the MC. Sponsors of the event are All Soul’s Unitarian Universalist Church and Spindrift Guitars. Soft drinks, coffee, tea and light snacks will be available for purchase. There will also be a basket raffle and an auction, with the featured items being signed memorabilia from the artists and a guitar donated by Spindrift. A suggested donation of $10/person will benefit NLHHC, which provides hospitality and a bridge to permanent housing for adults experiencing homelessness in southeastern Connecticut. For more information contact Hugh Birdsell (Concert Organizer) hdbirdsell@aol.com or Sara Oher-Seals (HHC’s Communications Manager) 860-287-4196

Cash is King - 8pm, 11/2 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - Legendary country rebel Johnny Cash comes to life. 860 510-0473

Ideal Stress Management: 10am, 11/3 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Learn about the perks and downsides of experi-
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...encing stress (yes, there is such a thing as good stress!), how to
determine if and how you’re being affected by stress and natural,
safe, & effective ways to correct any harmful stress responses. Pre-
sented by Dr. Kaitlyn N. Staal, ND, MSAc, a CT licensed Naturopathic physician practicing in Waterford. 860-444-5805

American History in Song - 1pm, 11/3 at the Long Society Meeting-
house, 45 Long Society Road, Preston. Join the Friends of the Preston Public Library and the Preston Historical Society as they welcome Tom Callinan as he shares songs from American history and Colo-
nial times up to the present day. Tom is performing as part of Tellebration, one of the programs offered by the Connecticut Storytelling Center, based at Conn. College in New London. This free performance is geared towards families. 860-887-5828.

Jonathan Edwards - 8pm, 11/3 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - Warm as summer sunshine, real as the truth, intimate as a long overdue visit between old friends … such is a Jonathan Edwards concert. 860 510-0473

American Legion Auxiliary All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet: 8
am to 11 am. 11/4 at the American Legion 16 York Ave, Niantic. Buffet includes: pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs and om-
lettes-to-order, homefries, bacon and sausage. Also biscuits, toast and jellies, pastries treats, teas and coffee. Your support helps us to
support our local programs for veterans, families and the commu-
nity. facebook: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 128. 860-739-9360

The Legend of the Banana Kid - Presented by the East Lyme Pupp-
etry Project - 1pm, 11/4 at East Lyme Community Center, Society Rd., Niantic - Little Chucky heads into the Wild West to outwit
outlaws! Armed with a fistful of bananas, he enters town on his
trusty goat for a showdown with Big Bad Bart and his gang of
bandits. (please note that there are no guns in this show). The Leg-
end of the Banana Kid features 20 handcrafted glove, mouth and rod
puppets – and a slew of flying and twirling styrofoam bananas. Join
ELPPI or this hilarious cowboy adventure, told with 20 hand-crafted
glove, mouth and rod puppets – and a slew of flying and twirling
styrofoam bananas. All tickets $6.00.

Sock Puppet-Making Workshop - 2pm, 11/4 at East Lyme Commu-
nity Center, Society Rd., Niantic - Immediately following their No-
vember 4 performance of the Legend of the Banana Kid the Puppetry Project and Frogtown puppeteers Eric, Bryan and Robin will offer a
45 minute sock puppet-making workshop for school age children.
Class size is limited to 30 and costs $4.00 per child paid upon arrival
for the 1PM show. Contact Suzanne Smith by email at
suzsmith35@gmail.com with questions. No charge for parents who
attend the workshop to help their children.

Women’s Pink Tea - 2pm, 11/4 at the Avery-Copp House Museum,
154 Thames St., Groton - In 1918, American women did not have the
right to vote. Historically, gatherings known as ‘pink teas’ were an
essential forum for women to organize & strategize about the pursuit
of women’s rights. Learn about the suffrage movement and enjoy
tea & baked goods. Reservations Required - 860.445.1637
jcopp@averycopphouse.org

World Live Cinema Series: Romeo and Juliet - 2pm, 11/4 at The
Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London - Director Scott
Wentworth brings fresh life to the beloved tale of Shakespeare’s
star-crossed lovers in the Stratford Festival’s funny, moving, and
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**Front Country** - 7pm, 11/4 at Katharine Hepburn Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - Progressive Roots Pop. 860 510-0473

**Annual Holiday Book & Bake Sale** - 10-8, 11/5 at East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - Enjoy hot coffee and delicious homemade baked goods (donated by library staff and volunteers). They will have mint condition books, puzzles and more! They will also offer unique pieces made by the library staff including book page wreaths, paper flowers, and book safes. All proceeds support the library’s new book fund. The sale runs through 11/13. The Bake Sale is only the first two days of the holiday book sale! Have fun and support your library! For more information call 860-739-6926.
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**Houses Turn to Home**

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The author, Olive Tubbs Chendali, who passed away in 1999, was a regular contributor to our magazine in its early years.
Lyman Allyn Art Museum
Commemorates the Life of President John F. Kennedy

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum is proud to present an exhibition commemorating President John F. Kennedy’s private life and public trajectory. American Visionary: John F. Kennedy’s Life and Times features iconic photographs as well as rarely seen images, covering Kennedy’s first run for Congress, his 1953 marriage to Jacqueline Bouvier, the process of running for President in 1960, life in the White House and the major political issues of his Presidency, to his 1963 assassination in Dallas. The exhibition will be on view from November 2, 2018 through February 24, 2019.

John F. Kennedy’s presidency marked a pivotal period in American history. Kennedy rose to political prominence following World War II as Americans were enjoying the first fruits of a consumer culture. Manufacturing muscle, fueled by the war, was turned to making cars and appliances, while battle-weary correspondents and photographers offered their talents to Madison Avenue and mass media publishing empires. Magazines brimming with glossy photographs flew off of newsstands, while televisions beamed news and images directly into American homes.

This exhibition, one of the most exhaustively researched collections of Kennedy photos ever assembled, depicts a golden age of continued on page 27
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Intermediate to Advanced Quilters - 1-4pm, 11/5 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. 860-739-5859

Movie Matinee: Mama Mia! Here We Go Again! - 1pm, 11/5 at The Henry Carter Hull Library, 10 Killingsworth Turnpike, Clinton - In this 2018 hit comedy a woman grappling with running her mother's villa while also expecting her first child worries she won't be able to handle everything on her own, so she enlists two of her mother's friends for assurance, help and guidance. Film by Ol Parker starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgård, and Julie Walters. Rated PG-13. 114 minutes. 860-669-2342

Striking a Sustainable Balance in Your Yard - 1pm, 11/5 at Niantic Community Church, 170 Pennsylvania Avenue - Join Suzanne Thompson, Master Gardener, CT Outdoors talk show host & feature/weekly column “Local Dirt” writer for The Day for an inspiring talk about what we can do to extend green corridors and needed wildlife habitats in our own backyards. Free and open to the public. Refreshments served. www.East.LymeGardenClub.org

Monday Night @ the Movies: Only the Brave - 6-8pm, 11/5 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Based on the true story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, a group of elite firefighters who risk everything to protect a town from a historic wildfire. (2 hr. 14 min.; PG-13; 2017) For more information call 860-444-5805

Poems from the Heart: 6:30pm, 11/5 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Join Waterford resident Kera-Ann Keramidas as she reads from her book Poems from the Heart. This a gracious book of poetry collected over twenty-five years that dwells on God’s creation, presence, and love. For more information call 860-444-5805

Growing up in Groton Bank - 7 pm, 11/5 at the Groton Congregational Church, 162 Monument Street, Groton. Interact with a panel of individuals who grew up in the Groton Bank between 1920 and 1950. Free. Snacks provided. Sponsored by the Groton Bank Historical Association. For more information call 860-445-5959.

Book Discussion: Piece of the World by Christine B. Kline - 7-8:30pm, 11/5 at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme - (860) 434-1684

History Series: 1938 Hurricane to the Present - 7-8:30pm, 11/5 at The Public Library of New London, 63 Huntington St, New London - City historian Sally Ryan returns to the library for her popular New London history series. (860) 447-1411 www.plnl.org

Strategies for a Successful Retirement: Annuities - 7pm, 11/5 at East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - What is an annuity? How does it work? Do I need an annuity? Linda Mock will help answer these questions. Register at 860-739-6926

Election Day Bake Sale - 9-5pm, 11/6 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - The Groton Library Circle of Friends will be outside the polls on Election Day selling delicious treats to voters and Library visitors alike. All proceeds will benefit the Groton Public Library. Donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, cake pops, and other sweet and savory snacks (homemade or store bought) are greatly appreciated. For more information call 860-441-6750.

Blood Donation - 1-6pm, 11/6 at East Lyme Middle School, 31 Society Rd. visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

Leonard Bernstein, An American Treasure - 1pm, 11/6 at Lymes’ Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - Jeffrey Engel presents this lecture on Bernstein, the most gifted, famous, popular and successful musician produced by America. He was a virtuoso
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pianist and conductor, a composer of music ranging from Broadway musicals to the classical repertory, an educator, a lecturer, an author and a TV personality. (860)434-1605 ext. 240.

Immunization Clinic - 5-7 pm, 11/6 at The Henry Carter Hull Library, 10 Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton - ShopRite Pharmacy of Clinton will offer vaccines for Flu, Pneumonia, and Whooping Cough. Most insurance plans are accepted, but insurance card must be presented. Guests without insurance may pay by cash or check. No registration or appointment required. 860-669-2342

Strategic Planning for Non-Profits - 5-6:30, 11/6 at The Public Library of New London, 63 Huntington St, New London - Learn to define your organization’s culture, track your short and long-term progress, and more. (860) 447-1411 www.plnl.org

The Battle of Fredericksburg: Military or Political Suicide - 6:30-7:30 pm, 11/6 at Acton Public Library, Old Saybrook - Presented by the Shoreline Civil War Roundtable. Free - all are welcome. For more information, call 860-395-1124

Need Publicity? 7 pm, 11/6 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - If you're the one responsible for preparing press releases at your organization, you don't want to miss this event. Lee Howard, The Day's community editor, will help your organization negotiate the best way to write press releases and ensure they get published in the newspaper. Q & A will follow. All attendees will receive a free press release packet. For more information call 860-444-5805

AARP Mature Driver Safety Class - 9:15-1:15, 11/7 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. 860-739-5859

Free Workshop: Google Ads - Promote Your Business with Online Advertising - 9:30-11am, 11/7 at Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street - Learn the foundations of online advertising with Smart Campaigns in Google Ads, an ads experience designed for small businesses. For more information call SCORE at (860) 388-9508

Wellness Clinic - 10-12, 11/7 by appt. for Wtd residents at Waterford Community Center, 24 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford. Call Senior Services at 860-444-5839 to schedule your appointment.

Brain Aerobics - 12:45pm, 11/7 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. For more information call 860-739-5859

Blood Donation - 1-6 pm, 11/7 at First Congregational Church, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme - visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

Cookbook Club: Favorite Recipe/Family Recipe - 1-2, 11/7 at East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - Choose your own recipe (we have cookbooks to check out) ; make a recipe; bring along the recipe and we'll make copies; bring in samples for all to taste, and discuss! Can't cook, but still want to join the fun? Stop by for the fellowship- all are welcome. 860-739-6926

Marcy Conway performs Showtunes - 1 pm, 11/7 at Lymes’ Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - Marcy has been performing professionally since the turn of the century at senior venues and community events, and applying her musical skills in hospital and healthcare settings. Listen, laugh, sing and share your musical memories. For more information call (860)434-1605 ext. 240.

The Ever-Expanding Amazon Prime - 5:30-6:30, 11/7 at The Public Library of New London, 63 Huntington St, New London - Join this discussion to learn the pros and cons of Amazon Prime and the multiple benefits that come along with it. (860) 447-1411 www.plnl.org
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Business Basics: Get SET with Credit & Loans - 6pm, 11/7 at The Henry Carter Hull Library, 10 Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton - Join Economic Development Specialist Jessica Rivera of the U.S. Small Business Administration for a workshop that will focus on the essentials of becoming credit-ready and how to prepare a business loan application. 860-669-2342

Money Origami - 6pm, 11/7 at the Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook - Create four money origami projects that you can put in cards to give as gifts. This is an adult program. Registration required. 860-395-3184

Loss of a Spouse Support Group - 6:30-8pm, 11/11 & 11/21 at Brian's Healing Hearts, Center for Hope and Healing, 461 Main Street, Niantic - Free. Register with Ann at 860-625-5280

Adoption Information Session - 7pm, 11/7 at Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Rd., Groton - An experienced Connecticut Adoption Services representative will explain the different types of adoptions, offer a step-by-step outline for adopting a child and answer any questions. Pre-Registration is required by 3pm the day before by calling Sandra Couillard at 860 886-7500 x355

“In The Know” NAMI Mobile Outreach Team - Free Presentation - 7-8:30pm, 11/7 at Southeastern Mental Health Authority, 401 West Thames St., Bldg. 301, Norwich - The mission of the team is to provide 24/7 quality outreach and psychiatric services to the communities of New London County. Register at: information@namisect.org

Alzheimer Caregivers Support Group - 10am, 11/8 at Waterford Community Center, 24 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford. Call Senior Services at 860-444-5839 for more information.

Free Workshop: How to Use QuickBooks to Manage Your Business Finances - 11-12, 11/8 at Guilford Savings Bank, 589 Boston Post Road, Madison - You have started your own business. Now what? You have bills to pay, customer sales to track, and taxes to file, which requires paper, paper and more paper. If you have turned to QuickBooks for help as a first-time user, and now you find you would like help setting up the program, this workshop is for you! This workshop will provide guidance and practical, easy-to-use tips to help ensure that your Chart of Accounts gets you to the right financial information, and that it aligns with your use of QuickBooks. Participants are welcome to bring a laptop with QuickBooks loaded so they can follow along with the presenter. For more information call SCORE at (860) 388-9508 or visit sect.score.org

Blood Donation - 1:30-6:30, 11/8 at Groton City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street Extension - visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment

Earning a High School Diploma: Options for Adults - 6:30, 11/8 at The Henry Carter Hull Library, 10 Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton - Are you an adult in need of a high school diploma? Join Gail Finucane of ERACE for a free information session to learn whether an Adult High School Credit Diploma program, General Education Development test, or National External Diploma Program is the right option for you. For more information, call 860-669-2342

Tusk: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute - 7:30pm, 11/8 & 8pm, 11/9 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - 860 510-0473

Blood Donation - 1-6pm, 11/9 at Hoxie Firehouse, 34 Broadway Avenue, Mystic - visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.
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Dance - 7-10pm, 11/9 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. The Illusions Band will be playing. Tickets at the door at 6:30pm. Light refreshments. 860-739-5859

Noank-Mystic Community Band Fall Concert - 7pm, 11/9 at the Groton City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton - Celebrating the band’s 40th year. Gran Dueto Concertato Featuring USCG band musicians MU1 Laura Pirruccello - flute and MUC Chris Howard - clarinet. Family-friendly - Free Admission - Free Refreshments. www.noankmysticcommunityband.com

The Machine: 30 Years of Pink Floyd - 8pm, 11/9 at The Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London - THE MACHINE, America’s top Pink Floyd show, has forged a 30-year reputation for extending the legacy of Pink Floyd. (860) 444-7373

73rd Jack Frost Bazaar - 9-2, 11/10 at Niantic Community Church, 170 Pennsylvania Avenue - This annual holiday event, hosted by the Niantic Community Church, features a Jewelry Room with Vera Bradley and Coach handbags (gently used), a Book Shop, Silent Auction, Precious Past, Attic Treasures, Toys, Handmades and Fair Trade items. Enjoy a traditional turkey luncheon or take one home and don't forget to stop by the Cookie Cottage for some sweet treats. For more information call (860) 739-6208.

Christmas Bazaar & Basket Drawing - 9-2, 11/10 at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 400 Main St., Niantic - Basket Drawing, Attic Treasures, Bake Shop, Silent Auction, Lunch (11-1) 860.739.2324

Ancestors Road Show: 10am, 11/10 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Experienced genealogists from the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council (CPGC) will provide individual-
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ized consultations on family research problems that you may have. Consultations are for 30-minutes. Please bring a completed family tree chart with you to your session. If you do not have this form, please pick one up at the Information Desk when you register. Registration is required. For more information call 860-444-5805

Veterans Day Observance & Vigil - 10am, 11/10 on Liberty Green in Niantic - Honor and remember our veterans at a Veterans Day Observance. www.discovereastlyme.com

Christmas Fair - sponsored by St. Joseph Women’s Social Club - 10-4, 11/10 & 8-1, 11/11 at St Joseph’s, 25 Squire St., New London - Christmas items, gift baskets, handmade afghans, crafts and gifts also traditional baked goods. Lunch will be available. For more information, contact Sandy Rathbun, President at 860-859-0594

Honoring The Veterans Powwow - 10-5, 11/10 at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, 110 Pequot Trail, Mashantucket - This event is open to all Native and non-native veterans, active duty military and their families, museum members as well as the general public who are encouraged to join us in honoring and thanking this country's greatest heroes at our 2018 Veterans Powwow being held inside the museum. (800) 411-9671

Gentle Yoga - 11-12, 11/10 at The Public Library of New London, 63 Huntington St, New London - Register at 860-447-1411

BSA Troop 36 Pork Loin Dinner - 5-7:30pm, 11/10 at the VFW, 382 Boston Post Rd., Waterford - Fundraiser for WYSB Adopt a Family. Ticket info at kr5anton@aol.com - or - keburkh@att.net.

An Evening with Fran Lebowitz in Conversation with Wally Lamb - 8pm, 11/10 at The Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London - One of America’s most insightful and funny social satirists on stage hosted by acclaimed novelist Wally Lamb. (860) 444-7373

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Veterans Day Commemoration - 11-12, 11/12 at The Public Library of New London, 63 Huntington St, New London - Veterans, friends, and families will share memories and honor soldiers for their service. Pay your respects at our Wall of Honor, which will highlight the sacrifices these women and men have made. Light refreshments will be served. (860) 447-1411 www.plnl.org

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Get Your Happiness On, Part 2 - 1pm, 11/13 at Lymes' Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - As we grow older we face significant life changes that put us a greater risk for depression. Stress management, positivity and new coping strategies will be introduced at this talk as well as a discussion of the importance of having a positive attitude and laughter therapy. (860)434-1605

Free Workshop: The Succinct Business Plan - 6-7:30, 11/13 at Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - This workshop offers a unique approach to thinking about, researching, documenting, writing and selling a Business Plan in three pages of text with three spreadsheets. For more information call SCORE at (860) 388-9508

Book Talk - Hogan's Hope, by Connie Bombaci - 6:30pm, 11/13 at the Acton Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - Hogan's Hope is the tale of a legendary deaf canine hero who, after being rescued from severe abuse, prevailed as he learned American Sign Language and provided the hope of life, not death, for deaf dogs worldwide. 860-395-3184

Book Discussion: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley - 7pm, 11/13 at East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - Free. Register with Ann at 860-625-5280

Fishers in Connecticut - 7pm, 11/13 at the Firehouse, 331 Route 81 in Killingworth - Killingworth Library presents Richard Taylor, Master Wildlife Conservationist from CT DEEP's Wildlife team who will present an overview of the natural history and management of Fishers (Pekania pennant) and discuss some of Connecticut’s DEEP Wildlife Division’s work with Fishers in Connecticut. The presentation is free but advance sign-up is required. Please call the Killingworth Library at 860.663.2000 or visit www.killingworthlibrary.org

Tinsley Ellis - Tommy Castro and the Painkillers - 7:30pm, 11/13 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - Southern blues-rock. 860 510-0473

Foot Clinic Appointments - 11/14 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. For appointments call 860-739-5859

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Probate Clerk - 11/14 at Waterford Community Center, 24 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford. Call 860-444-5839 to schedule appointment.

Reflexology Appointments - 11/14 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. For appointments call 860-739-5859

Thanksgiving Meal - 11/14 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. For more information call 860-739-5859

Loss of a Spouse Support Group - 10-11:30am, 11/14 & 11/28 at Brian's Healing Hearts, Center for Hope and Healing, 461 Main Street, Niantic - Free. Register with Ann at 860-625-5280

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Raising Guide Dogs - 1pm, 11/14 at Lyme’s Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - Local residents Val Hazlin and Janet Cody will be talking about their Experiences in Raising Guide Dogs for Guide Dogs for the Blind Program, present a DVD and offer a first-hand look at a guide dog that Val is currently training. This free interactive program will involve real guide puppies in training. For more information call (860)434-1605 ext. 240.

Poetry Potluck: 7pm, 11/14 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Share poems, discover new poets, discuss poetry and the poetic process and the importance of the written word in our lives. Please bring a copy of your favorite poem (not one written by you). Poets, writers, and readers of all genres are welcome. Suzy Lamson, local poet, will facilitate. 860-444-5805

Empower Together - 9:30-1:30, 11/15 & 11/23 at The Public Library of New London, 63 Huntington St, New London - Program featuring books, arts & crafts, movies and more! All adults are welcome to attend, but program is designed specifically with adults with disabilities in mind. (860) 447-1411 www.plnl.org

Thanksgiving Luncheon with Elvis - 12pm, 11/15 at Lyme’s Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - Following lunch, stay and enjoy as Elvis Impersonator, Raymond Guillem, performs a spectacular show highlighting Elvis with all the glitz and lights!! To sign up, please call (860)388-1611 by November 7th.

Free Workshop: Your WordPress Website & Digital Marketing Strategy 101 - 6-7:30pm, 11/15 at Westbrook Public Library, 61 Goodspeed Drive, Westbrook - Presenter: Visual Communications Designer Cathi Bosco. In this informative overview, you will learn some of the best plug-ins and how to implement Search Engine Optimization on your WordPress website, to help you become more fluent with your Digital Marketing Strategy. The workshop is designed to empower individuals, small businesses, membership/community, and non-profit website owners. For more information call SCORE Southeastern Connecticut at (860) 388-9508 or visit sect.score.org

Adoption Information Session - 6:30pm, 11/15 , Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave. (Rt. 16), Colchester - An experienced Connecticut Adoption Services representative will explain the different types of adoptions, offer a step-by-step outline for adopting a child and answer any questions Pre-Registration is required by 3pm the day before by calling Sandra Couillard at 860 886-7500 x355

Performance: “My Life With Mark Twain” 7pm, 11/15 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Tales of Mark Twain as told by Katy Leary, housemaid to the Clemens family for 30 years. Tonight Virginia Wolf of Herstory Theater brings to life the "extraordinary personality" of Katy Leary. For more information call 860-444-5805

Deck the Walls - 11/16/18 - 1/4/19 at Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme - Deck the Walls, The Lyme Art Association’s annual member show and sale featuring more than 200 works of art in all themes, sizes and mediums, well priced for holiday gift giving. Opening Reception on Sunday, December 2, 2 – 4 pm. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10-5 pm, and by appointment. Admission is free but a $5 donation is suggested.

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Herbs for Heath & Health - Prepare for Winter! 2-4pm, 11/16 at the Avery-Copp House Museum, 154 Thames Street, Groton - Learn how herbs were used historically for medicine & cooking. Touch, taste and smell a variety of plants and make an herbal wellness product to take home. Class concludes with herbal tea and treats. Reservations Required 860.445.1637 jcopp@averycopphouse.org

Intermediate to Advanced Quilters - 5-9pm, 11/16 & 11/27 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. 860-739-5859

Close To You: The Music of The Carpenters - 8pm, 11/16 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - 860 510-0473

Holiday Craft Fair - 8-1, 11/17 at the Senior Center, 220 Main St, Old Saybrook. Call Judy at 860-388-1611 ext. 213 for more information.

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learn about all of the wonderful things the Circle of Friends do to support our Library. For more information call 860-441-6750.

Korean Spirit & Culture: King Sejong the Great - 11-2:30, 11/17 at the Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook - This event will include two short documentary films. One of the documentaries that will be presented focuses on King Sejong the Great, a truly enlightened monarch from the 15th century Korea. Following the program, traditional Korean meals will be served. Registration is required - 860-395-3184

Guest author Paul Tremblay: 2pm, 11/17 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Paul Tremblay will discuss his newest national bestseller The Cabin at the End of the World. This is a "home-invasion horror story in a heart-palpitating novel of psychological suspense." (Think of Stephen King's Misery.) His previous title A Head Full of Ghosts won the Bram Stoker Award in 2015 and now both books are optioned to become films. 860-444-5805

Ana Gasteyer in Concert - 3pm & 8pm, 11/17 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - When SNL alum Ana Gasteyer steps up to the mic, she evokes the swagger of an era when a lady ruled a nightclub and an audience knew they were in for good time. The patter is real, the themes adult; the lyrics are timeless, and the music swings like crazy! 860 510-0473

Feast: A Native Thanksgiving - 3-5pm, 11/17 at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, 110 Pequot Trail, Mashantucket - A very special Native Thanksgiving Buffet Dinner. Chef Sherry will be preparing and featuring traditional Native Fare with a modern twist. The buffet features locally sourced, made by Chef Sherry, delicious items including breads, soups, salads, sides, entrees and desserts. For more information, call (800) 411-9671

Community Thanksgiving Service - 7pm, 11/17 at The Niantic Baptist Church, 443 Main Street, Niantic - Clergy from Niantic and East Lyme churches will preside. A multi-church choir will offer seasonal musical selections. An offering of canned/boxed goods or monetary donations will be received to benefit Care & Share of East Lyme. This service – which is part of Niantic Baptist’s 175th Anniversary Year Celebration – is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the church office at 806-729-5131.

Festival Italiano - 7:30pm, 11/17 at The Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London - Pre-Concert Chat: 6:30-7:00pm. The Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra performs Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite, Verdi's rarely performed Stabat Mater, and Mendelssohn's ever-popular Symphony No. 4. (860) 444-7373

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Late in the summer of 1775 five American patriots stood outside a barn in Saybrook next to the Connecticut River. They came expecting to see something quite extraordinary…something that might just help the underdog Americans win the Revolutionary War. Let’s drop in on their conversation as Saybrook resident, David Bushnell, unlocks the barn door.

Dr. Benjamin Gale: “I’d like to talk to these men, David, before we go any further. Would you all raise your lanterns high, so I can clearly see your faces? Now I must tell you that you have been chosen to participate in a very dangerous mission and it must be kept totally secret. Before we see what is in this barn I need all three of you to swear to me and before God that you are not to divulge what you are about to observe inside. Do you swear, Jonas Shortliffe and Cyreus Allen?”

Jonas Shortliffe and Cyreus Allen: “We do.”

Benjamin Gale: “And you, Ezra Lee, do you so swear?”

Ezra Lee: “By all that is holy and good I do swear.”

Benjamin Gale: “Then open the door, David, and let’s have a look inside.”

What greeted their eyes that night would certainly prove to be both extraordinary and revolutionary. For those of us living in New London County, the submarine capital of the world, the object of interest would someday become a defining part of who we would become, for nestled inside the barn was the brainchild of Saybrook inventor, David Bushnell. Nicknamed “The Turtle,” by Dr. Gale (“the shape of the hull has the nearest resemblance to two upper shells of a tortoise joined together,” he said) this strange object would come to enjoy the reputation as being the world’s first operational submarine. Standing some 9’ tall and 3’ wide at its waist, this top-shaped underwater vehicle was made mostly of wood, held together with tight metal bands. (To see exact reproductions of this famous vessel, visit the Ct. River Museum in Essex, or view a life-size cut-away version at the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton.)

The “Turtle” was propelled by two propellers on the outside, controlled by cranks on the inside and could travel 3mph in calm waters. It could be submerged by letting in water or raised when the water was pumped out by a foot peddle. Once underwater the vessel only had enough air for a 30-minute mission and foxglove fungus was ingeniously used to be able to see the compass in the dark.

Although the mission to sink the British ship “Eagle” in New York harbor failed, the idea of an effective underwater vessel to be used in wartime was here to stay with Lyme resident, Ezra Lee of the Thomas Lee family, forever remembered for his bravery piloting that new and dangerous craft. His Duck River Cemetery (Old Lyme) tombstone tells much by saying little. “He was a Revolutionary Officer and esteemed by Washington.”
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Some two hundred or so years later another revolutionary idea has emerged, this one also from our local populace. The question, ‘how does one effectively pass along valuable history (such as this story about the first submarine)’ has long vexed historians, teachers, and people who believe that history really does matter. A local group calling itself “ELPPI” has developed a novel answer...HISTORY THROUGH PUPPETRY! (*Note...That dialogue cited above was largely taken from their soon-to-be-performed puppet show, “We the People” featuring David Bushnell and Ezra Lee.)

ELPPI (East Lyme Puppetry Project) was formed in 2014. It currently has 14 members on its Board of Directors which includes teachers (both active and retired), artisans, business people, a puppetry therapist, a former PBS producer and a retired physician. The group holds membership in the Connecticut Guild of Puppetry, Puppeteers of America and the Southeastern Ct. Coalition of the Arts. In its few years of existence they have brought to East Lyme and area towns, twelve public puppet shows using marionettes, along with hand, shadow, mask and rod puppets. Master puppeteer, Dan Butterworth, contracts to build most of the puppets and also trains the local puppeteers. Adults and children alike have marveled at the wonder and the magic of this medium. To advance the art, ELPPI has also conducted puppetry workshops in two East Lyme elementary schools.

The group is currently involved in the production of an American history play where they will focus on heroes of the American Revolutionary War, many of them local. “I think this is a great way to introduce students to the Revolutionary War. I have rarely even seen or heard mention of the story of the “Turtle” in textbooks over my long career as a schoolteacher and that’s a real shame,” says Dick Waterman, one of the creators of the puppet group. “It not only speaks to Connecticut’s vital role in that event, but to the revolutionary nature of a submersible warship which allows stu...
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Grief Through the Holidays – 6 week support group begins 11/19 at Brian's Healing Hearts, Center for Hope and Healing, 461 Main Street, Niantic - Please register at 860-848-5699

Workforce Housing - Lunch & Learn - 10:30am, 11/19 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. Learn about Workforce Housing and how many older adults can qualify for these homes. Optional lunch to follow provided by the senior center for $5pp. For more information call 860-739-5859


Speculative Fiction Book Discussion: The Taking by Dean Koontz - 7-8:30pm, 11/19 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - The Taking tells the story of a community cut off from a world under siege, and the terrifying battle for survival waged by a young couple and their neighbors as familiar streets become fog-shrouded death traps. For more information call 860-444-5805

Using Technology to Stay Safe in your Home - 1pm, 11/20 at Lymes’ Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - 860 - 434-1605

Movie Night - Won’t You Be My Neighbor? 5:30-7:30pm, 11/20 at the Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook - This documentary paints a portrait of the life and work of children's entertainer Fred Rogers, star of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.” A former minister, Mister Rogers creatively communicated themes of empathy and acceptance. 860-395-3184

Scrabble Club: - 6-8pm, 11/20 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - For more information call 860-444-5805

Loss of a Child for Parents or Grandparents - 6:30-8pm, 11/20 at Brian's Healing Hearts, Center for Hope and Healing, 461 Main Street, Niantic - Free. Register with Ann at 860-625-5280

Book Talk with Steve Fagin: "Treasures of Southeastern Connecticut" 7pm, 11/20 at East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - Steve Fagin was the principal author and editor of The Day’s upcoming hardcover coffee table book, Treasures of Southeastern Connecticut: Our Proud History of Preserving Scenic Woodlands, Farms, the Shoreline and Other Natural Gems. He will be presenting an illustrated talk of the 144-page book. 860-739-6926

Humble Pie - 7:30, 11/20 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - Best known for a catalog of hits that includes: “I Don’t Need No Doctor,” “Hot and Nasty,” “30 Days in the Hole,” and “Hallelujah I Just Love Her So” 860 510-0473

Harvesting History - 10am-4:30pm, 11/23 at Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield Street, Guilford - Travel back to the early 1600s at Connecticut’s own Pilgrim-era museum. Taste samples of traditional English and Native American foods, including pemmican, pumpkin pie, popcorn, cornbread, sunflower seeds, walnuts, and...
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apple cider. Hear hourly readings of the “Pilgrim Cat” storybook. Touch reproductions of English and Native American trade items, including clothing, tools, and household implements used by both cultures in daily living. Write with a quill pen to “Make Your Marke,” designing a personal symbol like Native American sachems did on treaties with the English. Learn about the myths and origins of our Thanksgiving traditions in the display “Holidaze: The Real Story of Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas.” Complete a scavenger hunt while taking a self-guided tour of the 1639 Whitfield House. This program is appropriate for all ages. Admission is $6 and free for children ages 12 and younger. 203-453-2457


Concert to benefit The Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries - 8pm, 11/23 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, 860-383-4750

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dents to see that difficult things can be accomplished with teamwork and imagination. It’s really a neat story and the target audience is not just students,” he reminded me in a recent interview. “This project is designed to engage the general public as well as the educational community, all ages included.”

For those “Post Road Review” readers interested in seeing this new production still in its infancy, you might want to circle Saturday, November 10, 2018 on your calendars. At two o’clock in the afternoon drop by the East Lyme Community Center and watch 27” tall wooden actors do their thing on behalf of local history. Quite a concept and quite an undertaking. No charge to watch this rehearsal and with no strings attached! (Sorry, but I just couldn’t resist that last one.)

Afterthought…

For those of us who don’t get out much for one reason or another but would still like to experience this unique medium, I encourage you to go to the Internet and type in: “You Tube: Dan Butterworth and His Marionettes.” The show he performs is about 28 minutes in length and you can get an idea how this all works. The sound track (script or music) is obviously preprogrammed and the puppeteer reacts accordingly with his marionettes. Dressed in an old cut-a-way tuxedo and floppy hat, Mr. Butterworth works his magic (in this case) with children. I have to admit to being pretty captivated myself when I watched it and I began to visualize how history that matters might be presented in just such a way. Our local puppet organization is most fortunate to have Dan Butterworth as both a friend and mentor.

New book by Jim Littlefield

The long-awaited sequel to “The Slave Catcher’s Woman” is now available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. It is entitled “Slavetaker: The Promise.” It can also be purchased locally at Bayberries, Trakas Sunoco, Smith’s Acres, Scott’s Orchard, Book Barn, Barbers Plus One, the East Lyme Golf Range and at Laysville Center in Old Lyme. Books can also be purchased through the author.
Rummaging around in our attic recently, I found an ancient trunk filled with old letters and diaries that Derek’s great grandmother had carefully preserved. There among them I was astonished to find a tattered copy of a copy of a copy of a letter written by one of the ancestral Dudleys about an event from wayyyyy back. I realized as I read it that this man, Deliverance Dudley, seemed to be recounting his family’s experience attending what we would now consider as being The First Thanksgiving.

This letter really needs no further introduction (and I won’t comment as to its authenticity) but we found it entertaining. Let the reader draw their own conclusions:

“It Happened to passe that on the Fourthe Thursday of November in the year of our Lord 1621, myself Deliverance Dudley, my good Wyfe Dorcas, our sonne Daunted and our daughter Dis- crepangi didst enjoy a mighty feast with the others of our settlement in Plimoth and various of Indians with Squanto and Massasoite who didst travel some for two dayes bearing many of various comestibles and tis goode they didst so for we would have pitiful poor pickings of but fyshe and fowle had they not done so.

In preparation for the Feast, several of our men set out with their Fryearmes on the morning to shoot any fowle or other creatures they didst happen upon and we had due to the benefitt of their Excellent marksmanship: 18 swannes, 12 whyte Geese, 14 browne Geese, 22 turkeys, 122 squirrelles, 1 Oppossum (which the good ladys of our Company didst refuse to handle even with a stout wooden styck some 10 feet in length and so it was tossed into the outehouse behind Makepeace Hopkin’ s Barne.) and many small birdes of a brown color.

My sonne took with him one score of the other boys of his Disposition and went to catche as many fishes as were to be caught by such boys with their Bare Handes. Surely Providence has guided the settlement. Large that the three boyse were needed to bear each fishe back to our waye to this Place for at the water’ s edge he found he and his company were able to walk upon the backs of ye larger Striped Basse to catch 50 codde fishe from the middle of the Baye in sizes so large that the three boyse were needed to bear each fishe back to the settlement.

Seeing their Successe - many of the young gyrls didst yearn to do the same and they came back in an houre’ s tym with many of the basse the boys had walked upon and 10 Baskettes filled with the cockles the Indians call by the name of “Quahogue”

The boyse - seeing the bounty borne by their Feminine siblinages then went back to the water to catch 3 score and 15 lobsteres which they then had great Funne holding in their hands whilst chasing many of the gyrls which didst shriek in Fear though I feel they were secretly unafraid yet didst shriek to encourage the boyse
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in their games which, soon, Goody Fairchild didst Quell as the game became too Uproarious and the children didst upset a cauldron of squirrelle soup.

Also there were acorns to eate though they caused my lips to Pucker yet my wyfe liked them and didst eate my share and her own as well.

The Indian Squanto didst Organise a partye of his Menn who didst utilise their Bowes and Arrows to great effect and they bore amongst them Nine Deere when they came to our Settlement. Their Women brought with them many baskets of a bread baked of corne, many pottes filled with a Puddinge of the same with chestnutes therein also. Dried Berryes were manyfolde and of various color as well as small Plumes and many of the younger Indians had great Funne rolling along Huge Pompkines though some of the Indian children seemed more to enjoy Smashinge them on the hard ground and didst pretende t’was accidentall.

Our company didst dine on this bounty for three dayes and two nights and all the while we also didst enjoy many of sportynge competitions and gemyse as we could devise.

Thankfully our leaders had brought with us on the Mayflower many many Hogsheads of good Beer as our crop of barley that first Yeare was not something I’d wishe to write back to Home to relate. The Beer was much appriciated by all the company and the Indians, not accustomed to its Effect soone found themselves not to be the marksmenne with their Arrows and Bowes on Day Two as they were when they didst firste arrive. But for the Beer - we would have naught but Wather to drinke and it does upsette my constitution.

I thinke it was after the Sun set on the second day of the Feast when the Indian Squanto set about the fire with a large potte of dried Indian corne. He chanted some Syllables of his Language as he agitated the pot to and fro. Soon there was a noisome din to be heard as various of the kernels of Corne didst explode into Puffed shapes with a report like the sound of tinye Gunnes. This Novel fare was very savorye and we found it very well suited to eating whilst sitting and watching the various sporting gemyse in which our company and the Indians participated. Very well it went, to my Minde, with the Beer.

The Venison had been Roastinge on spits over Bonfires for most of the seconde day before they were ready to eate. I didst manage to take for myself and wyfe one hind quarter and this I enjoyed greatly though it was not cooked yet enough for my Wyfe. She rather preferred the Lobsters anyway and the roasted Pies made of Pompkinne of which she ate a quantity. My sonne Daunted and his sister Discrepancy didst partake with great joye of the Turkyes and of the bread of corne from the Indians. Each of us tasted of the Indian  Soccotache of corn and beans and Squashe.

Happy Thanksgiving

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and we did not like it but my wyfe didst sternly instruct our childrenn

to eat all of it lest they not be given any Pie. I espied Daunted as he

buried his Soccotache under the cast away skinnes of a savory

Ghourd on his plate and thereby he was able to thwart my wyfe's

commandment.

I said nothinge - later taking my sonne aside and forcing him

to agree to take out all of the mealtime debris from our own Cott-
tage for a monthe's time and discard of it in the outhouse behind

Makepeace Hopkin's Barne and to this he agreed lest he bear his

Mother's baleful glances for a like period as our Covenant would

endure, his and Mine....."

Unfortunately, the letter, which continued on for another half

page or so was chewed up by a mouse at some point over the years

and is now illegible. - Dottie Dudley

Honoring those who have served...

This Veterans Day, November 11th, 2018 marks the 100th

Anniversary of the end of World War I when the armistice

with Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day

do the 11th month of 1918.

Originally called Armistice Day, it became a National

Holiday in 1938 when Congress approved November 11th as

a legal holiday "to be dedicated to the cause of world peace

and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'."

The name of the holiday was changed by Congress to

Veterans Day in 1954 and it became a national holiday hon-

oring all those who have served in the US Armed Forces.

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photожournalism in America—and no single politician was photographed more than JFK. Photographers and news-reel cameramen used images of Kennedy and his young family to convey a vision of a new America—a sophisticated world power engaged in building a bright future for its citizens. Kennedy, in turn, understood the power of pictures to convey his message to voters and was a willing partner in crafting his public persona to help build support for the space program, the Peace Corps, legislation on Civil Rights and immigration, equal pay for women, federal health insurance for the elderly—initiatives that would ensure a more diverse and egalitarian America.

The dramatic scope of Kennedy’s life is evident in these photographs that capture public and private moments from his life. Documentary photographers such as Ed Clark, Lisl Steiner, Ralph Crane, Philippe Halsman, Ted Spiegel, Jacques Lowe, Lawrence Schiller, Steve Schapiro, and Sam Vestal captured the optimism and challenges of the early 1960s in some of the finest and most vivid images of the period.

Highlights of American Visionary include images from Kennedy’s private life—such as a 1953 photo booth snapshot of the Kennedy newlyweds, possibly taken on their honeymoon, and a 1960 photograph by Jacques Lowe of Kennedy boarding the Caroline, his private plane named for his daughter. Images of Kennedy the politician include a 1957 portrait when he served as a Massachusetts senator by Philippe Halsman; and a 1962 photograph of Kennedy giving a televised announcement confirming the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba. Also featured are unforgettable images such as Jacques Lowe’s 1961 photograph of Kennedy standing hunched over his desk in the Oval Office, in an effort to alleviate the pain from his problem back, and a haunting photograph of the shattered First Lady departing the White House on the day of Kennedy’s state funeral in 1963, captured by I.C. Rapoport as a brief glimpse through the crowd.

“John F. Kennedy is still seen as a symbol around the world, representing and espousing the best and most universal elements of the American character,” said Stephen Kennedy Smith, Kennedy’s nephew and co-editor of JFK: A Vision for America. “It is our hope that the compelling images of President Kennedy’s life and work on view in this exhibition will remind visitors not only of the values that defined his presidency, but also will introduce him to new audiences and future leaders.”

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sundays 1:00 - 5:00 pm; closed Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit them on Facebook or the web at: www.lymanallyn.org.Check the museum website at www.lymanallyn.org and the Museum’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram page for updates and additional programming. Tours of the exhibition are available for groups. To schedule tours, call Director of Education, Caitlin Healy at 860.443.2545 ext. 2110 or e-mail healy@lymanallyn.org. For more information or to request images, please contact Rebecca Marsie at 860.443.2545, ext. 2112 or at marsie@lymanallyn.org.
A Star is Born

There are good stories, there are great stories, and there are timeless stories. Good stories entertain us; great stories educate us; timeless stories elevate us. It's no secret that we live in troubled times; some days are merely exhausting. Some are chaotic. We find ourselves searching for firm footing as the world changes around us: we look for anything to hang on to.

A timeless story isn't a bad place to grab hold while the culture heaves and swells and crashes. And that is reason enough to see A Star Is Born.

Bradley Cooper directs the fourth retelling of the cinematic rags-to-riches classic, and oh boy, what a show. The acting is rock solid. The music is transcendent. The story is moving and touching and true. Rarely do we see a film become more than the sum of its parts. A Star is Born is all that and more.

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One night after a successful performance, he stops into a bar in hopes of buying a bottle. He sees a young woman named Ally perform “La Vie en Rose,” and he's impressed by her voice. They talk through the night, and the rest, as they say, is the stuff dreams are made of. They marry on impulse, vowing to stand by each other no matter what the future brings. As Ally's star rises thanks to the industry savvy of her manager Rez, Jack's begins to set. Ally feels she must choose between her career and her husband. Jack struggles with sobriety and realizes that he is holding Ally back. Something's gotta give.

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So, let’s get the elephant out of the room: Lady Gaga, who plays Ally Maine, is no Judy Garland. Garland redefined the role of Mrs. Maine in 1954 and her vocal performances are widely regarded as the best of her career. But Lady Gaga is an electrifying performer. She ably takes Ally from an insecure wannabe with a huge voice to international superstar. She is charismatic, demanding our attention by her very presence. Forget her often controversial (and never boring) celebrity persona. The Lady has real acting talent.

As surprising as that is, there’s another surprise in store. Bradley Cooper can sing. His voice is big and raw, suited to the fairs and festivals that we know Jack favors.

Lady Gaga insisted that the musical numbers in the movie be filmed live, and her instinct was correct. The couple is best when they’re singing duets. There is a chemistry between them that’s unmistakable. As a result, A Star Is Born carries the energy of a great concert.

Ally’s enthusiastic, supportive Sinatra-worshipping father is played by Andrew Dice Clay. Rafi Gavron is unctuous as Rez, the manipulative manager. And Sam Elliott shines as Bobby, Jack’s older brother who once had dreams of his own. But A Star is Born is a two-person show.

Directing himself with confidence, Cooper makes his audience cheer for Jack’s highs and shed tears for his lows with an authenticity of emotion that’s rare onscreen.

The film’s soundtrack is already at the top of the charts; the songs are good, masterfully produced and cover several genres: bluesy cabaret numbers, wrenching soul tunes, country ballads, slick concert anthems. It’s worth seeing A Star is Born in the theater just because the sound is so good on big auditorium speakers. Although A Star Is Born is a love story, what really makes it work is the music. The songwriting weaves magic between the characters. Cooper and Lady Gaga were co-writers on many of the film’s songs. Lukas Nelson ( Willie’s son) and his band Promise of the Real back up Cooper on his solo tracks, and on the power-pop duet “Shallow.”

Besides the music, A Star Is Born also raises some intriguing and provocative themes. Director Cooper explores the mystique of performers, sharply contrasting the ultra-polished camp of drag queen stars with the bare-bones staging of a young woman, a piano, and a microphone. Both performances are compelling, entertaining, masterful.

Cooper strips the costumes and glitter away from his principal characters as he tries to define what love is. We gain insight into the loving relationships between father and daughter, husband and wife, brothers, and friends. Cooper is not naive: he reminds us that love hurts as often as it heals, and that loving too much can be as great a sin as not loving enough. The question he leaves us to ponder is this: When is love enough?

Jack’s brother Bobby makes a wise observation in A Star Is Born. He explains that all music, from Beethoven to Bruno Mars, is made of the same 12 notes. In a way, every song you hear is a remake with a few variations here and there. A few of those melodies are good. A few are great. And a few are timeless. The same holds true with movies.
Regional Events  
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Old Saybrook - Featuring The Meadows Brothers, Ebin-Rose Trio, Moving Target, Lauren Agnelli & Dave Rave, Carter Gowrie & Friends - All ticket and CD proceeds will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Gowrie Group Challenge which directly benefits The Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries. 860 510-0473

GNACC Holiday Bazaar - 9-2, 11/24 at Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd, Norwich - GNACC Office at (860) 887-1647

Poetry: Penultimate Human Constellation - 3pm, 11/24 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - A conversation with poetry between a father and son who also happen to be the co-authors of Penultimate Human Constellation. A father sends out his light to his orbiting son, who hopscotches across the stars of college and Southeast Asia. Back and forth across states, oceans, and galaxies, they explore themselves, their connections, and their futures. For more information call 860-444-5805

Standup Comedy with Kevin Flynn - 8pm, 11/24 at The Kate, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - 860 510-0473

Farmstead Christmas Open House & Greenery Sale - 10-3, 11/25 at Samuel Smith Farmstead, 82 Plants Dam Road, East Lyme - see this historic house (built c1685) lit by electric candles, and smell the hanging herbs which decorate the Samuel Smith Farmstead. In the barn, find Christmas decorations, wreaths, swags, topiaries, burlap bags filled with greens, beeswax hand-dipped candle pairs, framed prints of the Samuel Smith Farmstead pen and ink by Steve Marks-Hamilton, note cards, also with pen and ink by Steve Marks-Hamilton, hand-knit mittens and small tree ornaments for a suggested donation. The house will be open for tours for the last time this season. Tours will be offered again in the Spring of 2019. For more information, visit www.samuelsmithfarmstead.org

Monday, Night @ the Movies: Tully - 6-8pm, 11/26 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - A mother of three hires a night nanny to help with her newborn. (1 hr. 35 min., R; 2018) For more information call 860-444-5805

True Tales of New England - 1pm, 11/27 at Lymes’ Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - Historical stories of bravery, foolishness, love, and a touch of the supernatural told by professional storyteller and actress, Monica Peterson. Audiences will travel back in time to meet a heroine of the American Revolution, see the ghost ship of New Haven and laugh at the antics of a town’s battle against a bunch of bullfrogs. (860)434-1605 ext. 240.


Trivia Night - 7pm, 11/27 at East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - Test your knowledge from general categories, including pop culture, current events, history, music, and of course, literature. Event registration is required. 860-739-6926

Cyber Security Basics - 1pm, 11/28 at Lymes’ Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme - Refreshments will be served. For more information call (860)434-1605 ext. 240.

Mystery Book Group: Little Black Lies by Sharon Bolton - 1-2pm, 11/28 at the Acton Public Library, Old Saybrook - 860-395-3184

Blood Pressure Clinic - 1:15-2:15, 11/28 at the East Lyme Senior Center, 37 Society Road, Niantic. For information call 860-739-5859

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Little Explorers - 10am, 11/1 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - Children ages 3 and up are invited to explore, learn and play by using stories, hands-on activities, music, crafts and more. This class is designed to help to develop both the motor and social skills necessary for kindergarten readiness. 860-441-6750.

Crafting for a Cause - 3:30pm, 11/1 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - Make cool crafts using a variety of mediums. There's just one catch—you can't keep what you make. The crafts are given away to local senior citizens, veterans, homebound individuals and nursing home residents. 860-441-6750.

Build It Clinic - 10:30-12, 11/3 at Otis Library, 261 Main St. Norwich - Build structures using a variety of materials in the Children’s Room. No registration required. For grades K - 8. (860) 889-2365

My Body, My Health Series: Food for Fuel - 12:30, 11/3 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Learn what kinds of foods fuel your brain, muscles, and belly while having the chance to eat healthy snacks and draw healthy food options for you! Registration required. Open to kids ages 6-11 years old with an adult in attendance too. Food allergies must be disclosed. 860-444-5805

Healthy Foods and My Plate - 1-2pm, 11/3 at Otis Library, 261 Main St. Norwich - For grades K – 5. Healthy eating can be fun during the holiday season! Katie Shepard of Food Explorers will teach students the basics of healthy food choices and nutrition. The snack for this program will focus on fresh fruits and vegetables and will introduce them in a fun and exciting way. This is a nut-free program. Space is limited; please register (860) 889-2365

Sit, Stay, Read - 2pm, 11/3 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - A chance to read with a very special guest, Phantom the therapy dog. Registration is not required; readers are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 860-441-6750

Spooky Creatures - 3-4pm, 11/3 at the Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook - Snakes, bats, spiders and skunks are some of the many animals that get an undeserved reputation for being scary. Have a chance to meet some of these animals and learn why they are awesome. The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center educators will be presenting an interactive and nature-inspired program for children ages 4 and up. No registration required. Free and open to all. For information, call 860-395-3184.

Legend of the Banana Kid - Presented by the East Lyme Puppetry Project - 1pm, 11/4 at East Lyme Community Center, Society Rd., Niantic - Little Chucky heads into the Wild West to outwit outlaws! Armed with a fistful of bananas, he enters town on his trusty goat for a showdown with Big Bad Bart and his gang of bandits. (please note that there are no guns in this show). The Legend of the Banana Kid features 20 handcrafted glove, mouth and rod puppets – and a slew of flying and twirling styrafoam bananas. Join ELPPP or this hilarious cowboy adventure, told with 20 hand-crafted glove, mouth and rod puppets – and a slew of flying and twirling styrafoam bananas. All tickets $6.00.

T, T, ‘T & T Calendar of Events

Class size is limited to 30 and costs $4.00 per child paid upon arrival for the 1PM show. Email Suzanne Smith at suzsmith35@gmail.com with questions. No charge for parents who attend the workshop to help their children.

**Babies & Books** - 10am, 11/5 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - Drop-in program for children ages 0 to 24 months and a caregiver. Babies enjoy nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, finger plays and movements. After storytelling, open playtime will be offered, giving children a chance to learn social skills and adults time to connect with other caregivers. Space is limited to the first 12 children each week. For more information call 860-441-6750.

**Mother Goose Rhyme Time & Playgroup** - 10:30-12, 11/5 at Otis Library, 261 Main St. Norwich - Enjoy 30 minutes of traditional rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and other activities for the very young; then stay (or not) for a one-hour open playgroup. Older siblings are welcome to attend! Ages newborn – 23 months. Drop-in. (860) 889-2365

**Drop-In Turkey Craft** - 11-1, 11/10 at Otis Library, 261 Main St. Norwich - If you are already thinking turkey this month, you will enjoy creating your own whimsical turkey craft! No registration required. For all ages. For more information call (860) 889-2365

**Homeschool Make & Take Crafts** - 1:30-3, 11/13 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - Homeschool families are welcome to get creative in the Children’s Activity Room. Drop in to use an assortment of craft supplies and art tools. Registration is not required for this event, but supplies are limited on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 860-441-6750.

**Homeschool Game Day** - 1-3pm, 11/5 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - Homeschool families are invited to join us each month to play The Settlers of Catan, an award-winning game of discovery, settlement and trade. Bring your own Catan board or use the library's. Experts will be on hand to help first-time players. Registration is not required. For more information call 860-441-6750.

**Animals in Winter** - 6-7, 11/5 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Animals know winter is on the way so what are they doing to prepare? Learn about hibernation, migration, dormancy, and the many other amazing things animals do to survive the cold weather by meeting live animals, feeling furs, and experimenting with natural insulations. A Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center program open to all ages with an adult. For information call 860-444-5805.

**Games Day** - 10am-8pm, 11/6 at Bill Memorial Library, 40 Monument Street, Grotton City - Patrons of all ages are invited to drop in to the library to play table top board games. Bring your family or invite a few friends! The library will have a small variety of games available for play, but participants are encouraged to bring a game along. Space for gaming will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, visit www.billmemorial.org.

**Sing & Stomp** - 10am, 11/7 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - A noisy half hour of songs, dance and fingerplays. Caregivers are encouraged to participate with their child in following directions, exploring rhythm, rhyme and creative play. 860-441-6750.

**Game Day** - 2-5pm, 11/7 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Games, games, games; play theirs or bring your own. Play against your family or friends and enjoy the competition! For more information call 860-444-5805.

**Harry Potter Game Night** - 3-5pm, 11/8 at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme - Hang out with your friends or family and play a few Harry Potter games! For more information call 860-739-6281.

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The Legend of the Banana Kid
Plus a Sock Puppet Workshop

The East Lyme Puppetry Project (ELPPI) invites families young and old to join them for the hilarious cowboy adventure The Legend of the Banana Kid presented by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers on Sunday, November 4 at 1PM at the East Lyme Community Center. Then stay for the Sock Puppet Make and Take Workshop immediately following the show.

Little Chucky heads into the Wild West to outwit outlaws! Armed with a fistful of bananas, he enters town on his trusty goat for a showdown with Big Bad Bart and his gang of bandits. (please note that there are no guns in this show). The Legend of the Banana Kid features 20 hand-crafted glove, mouth and rod puppets – and a slew of flying and twirling styrofoam bananas. All show tickets $6.00 at the door.

Founded in 2000 by three siblings - brothers Erik and Brian Torbeck and sister Robin (Torbeck) Erlandsen - the Bar Harbor Maine based Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers has performed throughout the US and Canada. They create all the shows they perform and have received three Citations of Excellence from UNIMAUSA, the highest national award in puppetry.

This year ELPPI and The Frogtown Puppeteers will also offer a 45 minute make and take sock puppet workshop for school age children immediately following the 45 minute show. Workshop size is limited to 30 children and costs $4.00 per child paid upon arrival for the 1:00 p.m. show. Parents must stay and help their children at no charge. Materials will be provided. Just bring your creativity and imagination. Call Suzanne Smith or email at suszsmith35@gmail.com.

ELPPI offers workshops and performances for schools and family friendly performances for the community. To join ELPPI, or get more information, contact eastlymepuppetry@gmail.com and follow them on Facebook.
fellow fans and game lovers for a round table of some of the Potter-ized board games. (860) 434-1684

Teen Squishy Circuits: 3:30-4:30, 11/9 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Test your engineering creativity by designing your own electrical circuit out of play dough. Learn how and why electricity works and put your knowledge to the test. Open to those ages 10-15 years old. Registration required. 860-444-5805

Noank-Mystic Community Band Fall Concert - 7pm, 11/9 at the Groton City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton - Celebrating the band’s 40th year. Gran Dueto Concertato Featuring USCG band musicians MU1 Laura Pirruccello - flute and MUC Chris Howard - clarinet. Family-friendly - Free Admission - Free Refreshments. www.noankmysticcommunityband.com

Read to Bella - 12-1, 11/10 at Otis Library, 261 Main St. Norwich - Visit and read to the library's very favorite therapy pug, Bella. No registration required. (860) 889-2365

My Body, My Health Series: Test Your Tastebuds - 12:30pm, 11/10 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Have the opportunity to taste different foods that might be new to you, decide what you enjoy, and learn how to prepare them. Registration required. Open to kids ages 6-11 years old with an adult in attendance too. *Food allergies must be disclosed. 860-444-5805

Nocturnal Animals - 3-4pm, 11/10 at the Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook - Owls, opossums, skunks, and bats are just a few of the animals that get up when we go to bed! Explore their nocturnal world, meet a live owl, and discover how incredible their night time senses are through scent and hearing games. The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center educators will present an interactive and nature-inspired Free program for children ages 4 and up. No registration necessary. 860-395-3184

Light-Up Wand Making: Part 1 - 3:30-5pm, 11/12 at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme - Make a magic wand...and then, with the assistance of makers from Spark Makerspace in New London, CT, make your wand light up on command with an LED light! For 4th graders and up, limited to 10 registrants. Registration (860) 434-1684

Light-Up Wand Making: Part 2 - 3:30-5pm, 11/13 at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme - Make a magic wand...and then, with the assistance of makers from Spark Makerspace in New London, CT, make your wand light up on command with an LED light! For 4th graders and up, limited to 10 registrants. Registration (860) 434-1684

Crafty Kids: 2-5pm, 11/14 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - A make and take craft program for all ages with an adult. All materials provided for free. 860-444-5805

My Body, My Health Series: Fun in the Kitchen - 12:30pm, 11/17 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - Test your chef skills with hands-on learning of how to make a healthy lunch and dessert. Registration required. Open to kids ages 6-11 years old with an adult in attendance too. Food allergies must be disclosed. For more information call 860-444-5805

Family Film & Fundraiser - 2:30pm, 11/17 at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road - The Junior Friends of the Groton Public Library will present a recently-released family film. Refreshments will be sold and the proceeds will benefit the Library. Contact the Library for the movie title. Free and open to the public. 860-441-6750.
ARIES (March 20 - April 19) Uranus left your sign last May, concluding a visit that one way or another characterised the previous eight years. This planet rules change and individuality: so wherever your freedom to be yourself was curtailed, maybe to maintain the status quo or to safeguard your security, looking back you’ll see what a fruitless exercise this turned out to be. In retrospect, it might have been easier and potentially less disruptive, to accept the inevitable and not cling so firmly to the past. If you’ve learned your lesson, you will know how to deal with the coming months, as Uranus in retrograde motion returns to your sign, for its final farewell.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) If you had to pick one planet you’d rather never visited your sign then revolutionary Uranus, harbinger of change, would be high on that list. Thus, you will be pleased to hear the anxieties and unease you’ve felt over the past six months are set to settle from November 6. This planet turned retrograde last August and moves backwards into Aries, giving you some breathing space over the next four months. You have had a taste of what lies ahead and should remember this process will resume so don’t lapse back to your old ways, but consider how you might pre-empt a few alterations, once the timing feels right.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) A seismic shift affects you more favourably than many. Jupiter returns to the sector ruling partnership affairs and after the drudgery of late, represents a welcome change. Our largest planet means luck, good fortune, success, positive experiences and growth. Combined with Venus, the planet of love in a sector of your horoscope ruling romance throughout November, the stage is set for some significant encounters of the memorable variety. Relationships that have been under strain, either take the first step toward an improved understanding, or else show early signs of their impending demise.

CANCER (June 20 - July 22) You wonder how long you can keep trying with certain people. You have a hard shell and can be fearsome when you have just cause but that doesn’t mean you’re impervious to hurt. Trouble is, certain associations have grown so intense and complicated over such a long period of time, a kind of emotional detachment starts to set in after you’ve explored all the other possibilities. And you aren’t the only one left feeling this way, either. Fortunately, there are other people who have come to take the place of these departees, even though they are fewer in number and mainly originate predictably close to home.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) Jupiter continues a trend you’ve noted throughout the past year. Since October 2017 it has been those closest to you that you’ve turned to for support, meaning your immediate family in the main and those you regard as your kith and kin. You have felt nurtured at home and in your domestic environment, while you have also taken steps to reconcile deep-seated issues with your own parents: particularly those of the female gender or who have played a formative role, whether related to you or not. From November onwards you can extend the same largesse, to those growing up now. Youngsters in general, for example.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Mercury is retrograde throughout the second half of November. Although some would argue the dwarf planet, Ceres, is far better suited to be your ruler, with the current state of play this remains an unconfirmed perspective. So you ought to be aware any apparent reverse motion of the planet closest to the Sun might affect you more powerfully than most. With its traditional links to both transport and communication: you should allow extra time when travelling, be extra careful around contracts and negotiations, think twice about impulse expenditures and best be prepared when your network goes down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) The United States landed six manned missions on the Moon, while the Soviets put nine unmanned landers on Venus, a feat that neither nation has since been inclined to emulate. The US concentrates nowadays on the more “ hospitable” climes of Mars, while Russia contemplates the cost of landers that survived 110 minutes at the most, in temperatures approaching 500°C (932°F). Similarly, you are beginning to wonder whether you haven’t actually made yourself seem too hostile and unapproachable. You worry you may have missed the boat, but with Venus in your sign you have a chance to make amends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Jupiter leaves your sign and will not return for over a decade. Let’s hope you have made the most of its visit and weren’t indulging unnecessary negativity simply to prove in some convoluted fashion that those with a happier and more optimistic viewpoint were so obviously wrong. Truth is, there are folk who find hardship easier to handle than the blessings of a benevolent universe. The spiritual and psychological import of this approach is hard for others to fathom but has its origins in a poor self-image that needs suffering and sympathy to bolster it, rather than letting your capabilities speak for themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Many times before you have donned your bravest face and told yourself the worst is now behind you. And since the closing stages of 2017 you have been able to believe this too, certainly in contrast to the three years beforehand that stand out in your memory as a tedious, lonely and exhausting period you wouldn’t voluntarily want to go through a second time. Yet you can’t help but hanker after those halcyon days when life seemed so much easier and such a lot more fun. The major news is, despite the wait, with Jupiter returning to your sign they’re coming back again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) You probably realise that a lengthy phase is drawing to a close. Life will never be the same again, so while you have stuck to your guns and taken on some mighty opponents, it seems the passage of time can accomplish a greater transformation than any adversary. With Saturn as your ruler, you have always considered time to be a friend, as you’ve made certain you are better equipped than most to wait out adverse circumstances. Only now you appreciate that even for you, time is a diminishing and finite resource. Since there is little you can do about this, acceptance and equanimity are qualities to encourage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Finally on November 15, Mars exits your sign. The Red Planet takes less than two years to circuit the sky, so by 2020 it’s back, only for a far more usual six weeks rather than the twenty-two weeks you’ve endured this year. The next Mars retrograde in your constellation is not until 2050. You are delighted to find you can get up in the morning and follow a few of the activities you had planned, rather than your schedule spontaneously creating itself, leaving you playing catch-up the whole time. Your income stream needs a lot of attention, but at least you have the time for it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 19) The further you go out in space, the longer each planet takes to go around the Sun and the more of every year they spend in retrograde motion looking like they’re heading slowly backwards through the zodiac. Neptune, your planet and now in your sign for instance, spends about 44% of every year in reverse, so its changes of direction are biannual. November sees the conclusion of one lengthy retrograde phase ten days after Mars enters your sign. If your dreams and aspirations seem to have been on hold, this planetary pair help you get matters back on track, especially if you keep your ego out of the picture.

Paul Wade, a UK-based astrologer, is published in seven languages.

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The Lyme Art Association’s most festive art exhibition and sale is their annual Deck the Walls holiday show, on view November 16, 2018 through January 4, 2019.

More than 200 original works of art by member artists will be on display and priced to sell as holiday gifts. The opening reception on Friday, November 30, from 5-7 pm, is free to the public and will feature live music. All painting purchases from 5 pm on November 30 through 5 pm December 1, will be tax-free.

“For Deck the Walls, the Lyme Art Association features a wide variety of appealing subjects at affordable prices that are great for holiday shopping. We hope to help solve those gift giving dilemmas – a beautiful piece of artwork is always appreciated!” says Jocelyn Zallinger, Gallery Manager.

The Lyme Art Association is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 am – 5 pm, and by appointment. The Lyme Art Association is located at 90 Lyme Street in Old Lyme, at the corner of Halls Road. Please call (860) 434-7802 for more information, or visit www.lymeartassociation.org.

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Thankful Hearts Christmas Bazaar

The First Baptist Church in Essex at 10 Prospect Street will be celebrating the upcoming Holiday Season with a “Thankful Hearts” Christmas Bazaar. On Saturday, November 17, from 9 to 3, the Fellowship Hall will be arrayed with lovely and unique handmade gifts, wooden ware, candles, baked goods (featuring pies) and a Treasure Table of gently used or like new items, all for sale. Lunch will be available from 11:30 to 1:00. Church phone: 860-767-8623

73rd Jack Frost Bazaar

This annual holiday event, hosted by the Niantic Community Church, features a Jewelry Room with Vera Bradley and Coach handbags (gently used), a Book Shop, Silent Auction, Precious Past, Attic Treasures, Toys, Handmades and Fair Trade items. Enjoy a traditional turkey luncheon or take one home and don’t forget to stop by the Cookie Cottage for some sweet treats. The Jack Frost Bazaar will be held on November 10, from 9am - 2 pm at the Niantic Community Church, 170 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic. For more information visit http://www.nianticcommunitychurch.org/ or call (860) 739-6208.

Puccini and Saint-Saens featured at Cappella Cantorum concert

Bring in the spirit of the holiday season by attending Cappella Cantorum’s Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m. at John Winthrop Middle School, One Winthrop Road, Deep River.

Cappella’s Masterworks Chorus will perform Puccini’s “Messa Di Gloria” and Saint-Saens’ “Christmas Oratorio,” two glorious works from the late 1800s. Simon Holt will direct the chorus and professional orchestra.

Puccini is best known for his later works, the operas “Tosca,” “La Boheme,” “Madama Butterfly” and “Turandot.” His “Messa Di Gloria” was composed earlier but is no less masterful. Saint-Saens is perhaps best known for his opera “Samsun et Dalila” and “The Swan” from his “Carnival of Animals.”

Tickets are $30 purchased in advance, $35 at the door. For more information or for tickets visit www.CappellaCantorum.org or call 860-526-1038.

American History in Song

Join the Friends of the Preston Public Library and the Preston Historical Society to welcome Tom Callinan as he shares songs from American history and Colonial times up to the present day.

Tom is performing as part of Tellebration, one of the programs offered by the Connecticut Storytelling Center, based at Conn. College in New London. This free performance is geared towards families and will be held on Saturday, November 3, 1:00 pm at the Long Society Meetinghouse, 45 Long Society Road, Preston. For more information call 860-887-5828.
**Letters to the Editor**

**Center for Hospice Care** is pleased to announce that it has once again been selected as one of The Hartford Courant Top Workplaces for 2018. The organization also received this distinction in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

Our distinction as a Top Workplace is based solely on employee feedback. An employee survey is conducted by Energage, LLC, a leading provider of technology – based employee engagement tools. The anonymous survey measures several aspects of workplace culture, including alignment, execution, and connection, just to name a few. The research partner behind the Top Workplace program, Energage has surveyed more than 47,000 organizations representing well over 16 million employees in the United States. Being named a Top Workplace is a big deal — only 60 companies made this year’s list.

Center for Hospice Care was designated as a Top Workplace because of our outstanding staff. Our staff is unified in a common mission: to provide the very best care for those in our community facing a terminal illness and the death of a loved one. In striving to fulfill our mission we are committed to serving all of the people in our care with respect and compassion.

Center for Hospice Care is not just a place where you go for a job; it takes special people to do such special work. Working in interdisciplinary teams of professionals, every team member matters in the care of our patients and their families. We are extremely fortunate to have such a terrific team.

“It is quite an honor to once again be recognized as one of the Hartford Courant’s “Top Workplace,” said Carol Mahier, President and CEO of Center for Hospice Care. “This is a very important honor for Center for Hospice Care because they confirm the passion and commitment our staff feels about what we do and how we do it. Most importantly, it is recognition of the excellence and dedication of our staff; as a community of professionals, each with exceptional and concentrated skills, together we achieve more. We believe it signifies that our staff themselves, feel treated with the same respect, compassion and mutual appreciation as we collectively treat our patients and their families.”

Since 1985, Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut has been the only community-based nonprofit hospice program in Eastern Connecticut. We have served more than 12,500 patients and their families. We are the largest hospice in the region and the only hospice that delivers all the care and services needed by patients and their families including extended group and individual Bereavement Counseling to anyone in the community who needs it, free of charge. Our 95-experienced staff and over 100 trained volunteers provide expert hospice and palliative care that enables our patients and their families to optimize quality of life together.

For more information on Center for Hospice Care and our services, please call 860-848-5699 or visit our website at hospicesect.org.

- Allison Keck, Event and Communications Coordinator, Center for Hospice Care

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**Where am I?**

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Last month’s winner was Brenda Gareis of New Hartford who found the answer in the Waterford Congregational United Church of Christ Bye-E event advertisement on page 38.

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Red Cross calls for Winter Heroes

Looming shortfall of blood drives could impair patient care

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. To help meet the constant demand for lifesaving blood donations and prevent blood shortages this winter, the American Red Cross is urging individuals and organizations to be winter heroes by hosting a blood drive.

Right now, the Red Cross needs about 6,500 additional groups across the country to host blood drives in December, January and February to ensure blood will be there for patients who rely on blood products. In this area, about 250 more blood drive hosts are needed. During the winter, there is often a decrease in the number of blood drives, which can contribute to blood shortages.

“When someone hosts a blood drive, they give donors a chance to donate lifesaving blood, in turn helping to save dozens or even hundreds of lives,” said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Biomedical Services. “Blood shortages are not uncommon during the winter months, and these shortages could cause delays in patient care. But with the help of volunteer blood drive partners, the Red Cross can be better prepared to meet patient needs all winter long.”

Because more than 80 percent of blood donations are made at blood drives hosted by volunteers, blood drive partners play a vital role in helping ensure a sufficient blood supply for patients in need. In addition to helping save lives, organizations that host blood drives can also build goodwill in their community, bringing people together around a central cause.

Organizing a blood drive is easier than many expect, and blood drive coordinator Joe Turner agrees. Since 2016, Turner has hosted an annual blood drive at his church in memory of his father, Woody, who battled cancer for many years and needed platelets during treatment.

“Hosting a blood drive with Red Cross is pretty simple,” said Turner. “The donor recruitment manager takes care of the drive logistics, and I help by asking my friends and family to schedule an appointment to give blood at the drive.”

A Red Cross representative works with the host every step of the way, providing planning assistance, tools to recruit blood donors, equipment and supplies, and the trained staff needed to screen donors and collect donations. Blood drive hosts provide a large, open location, identify volunteers to support donor recruitment, and recruit and schedule blood donors. Turner actively recruits blood donors for the drive using social media, flyers and a SleevesUp campaign.

“I would encourage those who are thinking about hosting a blood drive to simply do it. Help your community. Everybody knows somebody who has needed blood, or may need blood at some point,” said Turner. “When you think of how many people can benefit from the blood donations given at one drive, that’s most rewarding to me.”

To learn more about hosting a blood drive and to sign up, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive. Blood drive partners who host a drive between Dec. 20 and Jan. 6 will receive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirts for all who come to give, and if the partner achieves its donation goal, it will be recognized in a national newspaper highlighting its lifesaving work.
Regional Events  
Mystery Book Discussion: The Mysterious Affair at Styles by Agatha Christie - 11am, 11/29 at East Lyme Public Library, 39 Society Rd., Niantic - For more information call 860-739-6926
Lindsey Buckingham - 8pm, 11/29 at The Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London - A Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee with Fleetwood Mac in 1998, and three- time GRAMMY winner, Buckingham is a celebrated solo artist and was the featured guitarist and male singer for Fleetwood Mac from 1975 to 1987 and 1997 to 2018. For more information, call (860) 444-7373
Daytime Book Discussion: Burger’s Daughter by Nadine Gordimer - 1pm, 11/30 at Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road - For more information call 860-444-5805
Holiday Book Sale - 4-7pm, 11/30 at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme - Shopping, live music, and refreshments. Gift quality books from all genres, including rare and collectible books, will be available for purchase in the festively-decorated Reading Room. All books in the BookCellar half-price or less. All proceeds benefit the Library. (860) 434-1684
Kat Wright: Blue-eyed Soul - 8pm, 11/30 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - 860 510-0473
The Mavericks “Hey! Merry Christmas!” Tour - 8pm, 11/30 at The Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London - Get ready for a night of dancing and fun, as the genre-defying Mavericks put their own twist on the holidays, in support of their upcoming album, Hey! Merry Christmas!  (860) 444-7373
Aztec Two-Step feat. Rex Fowler & Friends - 8pm, 12/1 at Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, 300 Main Street, Old Saybrook - The story of Aztec Two-Step is intertwined with the history of folk-rock music in America, originating from a chance meeting at an open mic night in a Boston folk club in 1971. 860 510-0473
Deck the Walls, Opening Reception - 2-4pm, 12/2 at Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme - The Lyme Art Association’s annual member show and sale featuring more than 200 works of art in all themes, sizes and mediums, well priced for holiday gift giving. Opening Reception on Sunday, December 2, 2 – 4 pm. Admission is free but a $5 donation is suggested.
Cappella Cantorum’s Christmas Concert - 3pm, 12/2 at John Winthrop Middle School, 1 Winthrop Rd, Deep River - Cappella’s Masterworks Chorus will perform Puccini’s “Messa Di Gloria” and Saint-Saens’ “Christmas Oratorio,” two glorious works from the late 1800s. Simon Holt will direct the chorus and professional orchestra. Tickets are $30 purchased in advance, $35 at the door.  www.CappellaCantorum.org or call 860-526-1038.
Knowing Your Camera - 7pm, 12/6 at Niantic Community Church, 170 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic - Learn the ins and outs of your camera and how to take better photos. Fancy cameras not required. Register for this program in the church office (860)739-6208.

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Niantic Light Parade

SAVE THE DATE for New England’s largest and brightest Holiday Light Parade. This must-see event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 8, 6:00pm - 9:00pm along Main Street in Niantic Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018, the Annual East Lyme / Niantic Light Parade is the largest holiday light parade in all of New England, and promises to be one of the most memorable parades you will ever attend. For more information about the Light Parade and other East Lyme events, visit discovereastlyme.com. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Calling All Artists, Crafters, and Vendors

The Circle of Friends of the Groton Public Library is seeking artists, crafters and vendors for their second annual Winter Bazaar on Saturday, December 8. Interested artists and vendors should fill out a registration form and submit payment no later than Saturday, November 17. For more information, contact Kim Balentine at 860-441-6750 or kbalentine@groton-ct.gov.

Calling all Carolers

Valley Shore Acappella Chorus is inviting any interested woman to sing with them this upcoming Holiday season. Join for a FREE 4 week workshop on how to sing Holiday music four part harmony “Barbershop Style” Rehearsals at the East Lyme Community Center. Sing and perform at their concert on Dec. 12th. For more information call: 860-739-7011 or 860-739-7566

Niantic Jingle Bell 5K Walk/Run

Will be held at 10am, December 8th at McCook Park, Niantic - One of the top 11 road races in Connecticut. Awards will be given out to the top finishers and for the best costumes. Get your jingle on and help #keeptheconversationgoing. All proceeds directly support the mission of the Brian Dagle Foundation to provide free grief support for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one as well as fund their suicide prevention education throughout the community. For more information call Ann Dagle at 860-798-5711

Annual Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 4 - 6 pm at the Avery-Copp House Museum, 154 Thames Street Groton. Experience the magic of Christmas past and explore the museum decorated for the holidays as it might have been a century ago. Refreshments will be served. Free event. Please bring a Groton Food Bank Donation. For more information, call 860.445.1637

A Christmas Carol

Dickens Parlor Christmas Program

To be held at 6 pm, Friday, December 14 at the Avery-Copp House Museum, 154 Thames Street Groton. Spend an evening with historic interpreter Jennifer Emerson enjoying a dramatic reading of “A Christmas Carol”. Reservations Required $20 member / $25 nonmember. Reservations can be made by calling 860.445.1637 or by emailing averycopphouse@sbcglobal.net
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