

The Ridgefield Library



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BIBLIOEVENTS

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November 2009

Veterans Day Programs

Exhibit:

“A Veterans Garden”

Paintings by Noelle Carr



On view from
November 3 - 29

Artist's Reception

Saturday
November 7
3 - 5 PM

The exhibit can be viewed during normal Library hours when the room is not in use for another program.

A Veterans Memorial Garden honors American Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. “My intent is to express gratitude to our troops and their families and remember all of the men and women who have served in America's Armed Forces, including those who never made it home,” said Noelle Carr.

As part of the exhibit Ms. Carr has partnered with A Million Thanks, an organization that has, so far, sent over 3 million letters to our troops. Visitors to the show can leave their own letters of thanks that will be sent to the troops at the close of the exhibit. A portion of sales from the show will also be donated to Wounded Warrior Project.

Noelle Carr earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History at SUNY Purchase. She currently lives in Ridgefield and is a member of the Ridgefield Guild of Artists. Her work has been featured in many area exhibitions and is represented in several private collections throughout the northeast.

Author Talk:



A More Unbending Battle: The Harlem Hellfighters' Struggle for Freedom in WWI and Equality at Home
with author Peter N. Nelson

Wednesday, November 11
7 PM

Peter Nelson is an award-winning author of seventeen books, including two other works of military history, *Left for Dead* and *That Others May Live*. He has also been published in numerous publications, including *Harper's*, *Esquire*, *Men's Health*, *Outside*, and *Rolling Stone*.

Books will be available for sale and signing thanks to Books on the Common. No registration.



Lecture:

The Constitution: 4,400 Words That Shape American Lives Every Day
with esteemed guest speaker Todd Brewster
Wednesday, November 18 at 7 PM



Todd Brewster

Co-sponsored by the
League of Women Voters

From the impact of the constitution on national security and personal freedom issues, to a range of other relevant Constitution issues in the news today, **Todd Brewster** will enlighten and engage the audience on a topic that is ever present in our political and daily lives. As Brewster has said, “Americans may rarely recite the words of Jefferson and Madison, Franklin and Adams, Madison and Hamilton, but they nonetheless live lives that are genuine expressions of the principles the nation was founded upon.”

Todd Brewster has over twenty years experience as a writer and editorial producer for ABC News and Time Life. He is the co-author with Peter Jennings of two best selling books, *In Search of America* and *The Century*.

Refreshments will be served. No registration.

BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, November 3
7 PM

*The Zimmerman
Telegram*

by Barbara Tuchman

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, December 1
7 PM

The Future of Life
by E.O. Wilson

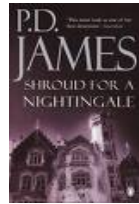
Winner, 2003 ALA Non-Fiction Notable Selection. From one of the world's most influential scientists (and two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author) comes his most timely and important book yet: an impassioned call for quick and decisive action to save Earth's biological heritage, and a plan to achieve it." (book jacket)



MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, Nov. 5
1 PM

Shroud for a Nightingale
by P. D. James



Join us for the first meeting of our new mystery readers' discussion group.

Books & Breakfast

Monday, November 9
10:30 AM



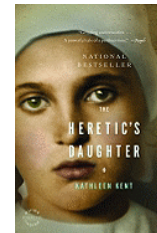
*Join us for breakfast
and an informal
book discussion*

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, Nov. 17
7 PM

The Heretic's Daughter
by Kathleen Kent

The author is a descendant of Martha Carrier, who was accused of witchcraft during the Salem trials. Her historical novel based on the Carrier family is a haunting portrait, not just of Puritan New England, but also of one family's deep and abiding love in the face of fear and persecution, and of the complicated relationship between a mother and her daughter.



A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, Nov. 18
10 AM

Olive Kitteridge
by Elizabeth Strout

The life of Olive Kitteridge, wife, mother and retired teacher, is explored through these 13 interconnected stories, which present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers. This "perfectly balanced portrait of the human condition" (Kirkus Reviews) received the 2009 Pulitzer Prize.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, November 20
1 PM

Selected Poems
Thomas Hardy

Discussion led by
Dr. Alan Holder

Hollister Films

Away We Go (2009)

Rated R, 98 Minutes

Directed by Academy Award winner Sam Mendes, this funny and heartfelt film follows the journey of an expectant couple as they travel the U.S. in search of the perfect place to put down roots and raise their family. Along the way, they have misadventures and find fresh connections with an assortment of relatives and old friends who just might help them discover "home" on their own terms for the first time.



Tuesday, November 10

1:30 & 7 PM

Happy-Go-Lucky (2009)

Rated R, 118 Minutes

From Academy Award nominated director Mike Leigh comes *Happy-Go-Lucky*, an irresistible, cheerful, feel-great comedy about an irrepressibly optimistic young school teacher who always sees the glass half full.



Tuesday, November 24

1:30 & 7 PM

ARTalk:

Art and Perception:

How the Brain Senses What We See



with painter and teacher **David Dunlop**
Sunday, November 1
2 p.m.

This slide-illustrated lecture will focus on the unique relationship between art and perception, how the brain registers what we see, and what implications this has for painting. Dunlop is fascinated with how our visual sensation and thinking work; how we use our vision to explain and recognize our world.

A renowned landscape painter, David Dunlop is represented in many galleries and private collections. He recently finished a multi-part PBS series called "Landscapes Through Time," for which he won an Emmy. He teaches at Silvermine Guild Arts Center in New Canaan and lectures widely.

ARTalk is co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists. *No registration.*



Workshop:

Social Networking for Seniors

Led by Alice Kenny

Learn how to connect with your loved ones through Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, YouTube and more in this four-part hands-on workshop.

As an IBM retiree and student of Gerontology at Saint Joseph College, instructor Alice Kenny is very active promoting the use of technology to support seniors. She is also a commissioner on Ridgefield's Commission on Aging.

Mondays:
November 9, 16, 23, 30
1:00 - 2:30 pm

Registration Required

Please call (203) 438-2282 or register on-line at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org



Author Talks:

The Perfect Game

Jim Naismith Invents Basketball



Ridgefield playwright John Grissmer will present readings and musical selections from his musical, *The Perfect Game: Jim Naismith Invents Basketball*.

This charming musical follows the invention of basketball and the magical appearance of its creator John Naismith a century later at a crucial game where two arch rivals play.

Don't miss this musical Author Talk!

Thursday, November 5

7 PM

No Registration



Creative Writing Class - A Group Reading

Members of the *Art of Creative Writing Workshop*, run by the Ridgefield Continuing Education Department, will read some of the pieces they have worked so hard on at this workshop. The readers will include Nancy Fried, Michael Heft, Daniel Hudson, Ann Raab, and Patricia Tempesta.



The reading will be moderated by teacher and writer Chris Belden.

Come and support these budding authors!

Sunday, November 22

2 PM


No Registration





NOVEMBER 2009

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 ARTalk: <i>Art and Perception</i> with Painter David Dunlop 2 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers: <i>The Zimmerman Telegram</i> by Barbara Tuchman 7 PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Murder by the Book: <i>Shroud for a Nightingale</i> by P. D. James 1 PM Author Talk: <i>The Perfect Game</i> with John Grissmer 7 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Memoir Writing Group 10 AM Photography Workshop: with Don Bruen Part 7/7 10 AM Artist's Reception: A Veterans Garden 3 - 5 PM</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9 Books & Breakfast: An informal book discussion 10:30 AM Workshop: <i>Social Networking for Seniors</i> with Alice Kenny 1 PM Register</p>	<p>10 Hollister Film Series: <i>Away We Go</i> 1:30 & 7 PM</p>	<p>11 Author Talk: <i>The Harlem Hellfighters</i> with Peter N. Nelson 7 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Shutterbugs: Monthly meeting of the photography group 9:30 AM</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 Workshop: <i>Social Networking for Seniors</i> with Alice Kenny 1 PM Register Meeting: Library Board 7:30 PM</p>	<p>17 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>The Heretic's Daughter</i> by Kathleen Kent 7 PM Meeting: <i>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>18 A.M. Book Group: <i>Olive Kitteridge</i> by Elizabeth Strout 10 AM Lecture: <i>The Constitution</i> with Todd Brewster 7 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Selected Poems of Thomas Hardy</i> led by Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Author Talk: <i>Creative Writing Class - A Group Reading</i> 2 PM</p>	<p>23 Workshop: <i>Social Networking for Seniors</i> with Alice Kenny 1 PM Register</p>	<p>24 Hollister Film Series: <i>Happy-Go-Lucky</i> 1:30 & 7 PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Library Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday</p>	<p>27 Library Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 Workshop: <i>Social Networking for Seniors</i> with Alice Kenny 1 PM Register</p>	 <p>October Exhibit: A Veterans Garden Paintings by Noelle Carr November 3 through 29 Reception: Saturday, November 7, 3 - 5 PM</p>				