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WELCOME to all!

Here we are in the month of June already. This is the month that we think of weddings, graduations, summer coming, and Father's Day. At least some of us think about it. June is named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and women and is a month embraced by brides and gardeners alike, plus schoolchildren and sun lovers.

Since ancient times, cultures have adopted June as the perfect time for revelry, weddings, and feasts, especially on the eve of Midsummer Day, June 24, when people from Scandinavia to North Africa celebrated the summer solstice with wild parties and bonfires.

While high school seniors look forward to the end of school and a June graduation, we remind them that "commencement" simply means a new beginning.

*The earliest breath of June
Blows the white tassels from the cherry
boughs,
And in the deepest shadow of the noon
The mild-eyed oxen browse.*

—Elizabeth Ann Allen (1832–1911)

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What our members have to say about us!

1. **"Stay at Home in Wilton is my safety net. I know they are there if I need them."**
2. **"I enjoy keeping up with friends through planned events and have peace of mind knowing a volunteer will drive me to the doctor's office."**
3. **"I like the ease of getting names of trades people, knowing that they will be screened, reliable and good workers."**

A REMINDER TO ALL OUR STAY AT HOME MEMBERS:

The Volunteers who help you
From Joan Starr

We have a very willing and trusted group of volunteers who are ready and able to take you to appointments in Wilton or surrounding towns, a trip to the grocery store/pharmacy/post office, Stay at Home social gatherings, including the Men's monthly breakfast & Women's monthly lunch, etc.

If you drive & wish not to do so for a certain activity **OR** you don't drive at all --- all you need to do is call our 'very helpful' coordinator, Janet Johnson, at the number on your membership card and she will make your wish a reality!!!

Happened & Happenings

Memorial Day Parade 2012

From Barbara Quincy

Stay at Home in Wilton made its first appearance in the annual Wilton Memorial Day parade on May 28. Many thanks to member Al Woods and his 1930's Model A Ford truck! It provided a real focus plus a ride for another member, Claire Taylor. Along with our two banners and many home-made signs, you couldn't help but notice us. The participants were Janet Johnson, Luisa and Bob Kelso, Kathy Gebbia, Joan Starr, Ken Dartley, Kay Chann, Judy Mabley and Barbara Quincy. All were wearing our new t-shirts with Stay at Home in Wilton across the front.



Trip to Pepsico

From Janet Johnson

Ten members of Stay at Home in Wilton recently spent a delightful day visiting the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens at the PepsiCo World Headquarters in Purchase, New York. We

wandered on the paths that meander thru approximately 168 acres of carefully tended landscape.

Every turn was a new vista with green manicured grass, trees, ponds and fountains. There were perennial gardens surrounded by topiary-trimmed hedges and a walk-thru area of varieties of tall grasses. We stopped to relax in the shade of a gazebo overlooking the water lily ponds complete with a large frog sculpture.

The sculpture collection includes works from major modern sculptors including Auguste Rodin, Henry Moore, Alexander Calder and Alberto Giacometti. Calder sited his red sculpture, "Hats Off" where he wanted it in the park. In the distance you can see David Wynne's "Grizzly Bear" overlooking the water lagoon. It was a very warm sunny day, but the cooling breezes welcomed us as we shared a picnic lunch at tables in the shade, that looked like they were awaiting our arrival. Do hope you'll join us sometime for a return visit.

Calendar of events for members to attend June, 2012

Mah Jongg Class at the Senior Center at Comstock Community Center 2:00 pm will be on June 12 and 26. This is open to all who want to learn this challenging game. It really is great fun!

Ladies Lunch on Tuesday, June 12

It will be at La Piazza, 37 Ethan Allen Highway in Ridgefield on Route 7 on left side of road going north. Be there by 11:45 and let Janet know you plan to attend and especially if you need a ride. Bring a friend!

Men's Breakfast on Thursday, June 14

It is held at Orem's beginning at 9:00 am. All men are invited to attend and you all know how good the chocolate chip pancakes are. YUM! YUM! Bring a friend!

"My Fair Lady"

New Canaan Summer Theatre

It is a matinee on Sunday, June 17 at 3:00 pm in a tent at Waveny Park. The cost is \$25 and please let Janet know if you are planning to attend and if you need a ride to New Canaan and back. Bring a friend!

"A Taste of Wilton"

This year it will be held at Trackside on Monday, June 25 between 5:30 and 8:30 pm. The cost per person is \$25. The food and drink is delicious. You will surely want to attend this event. Please let Janet know if you will be attending and if you need a ride. Bring a friend!

"THE BIG EVENT FOR JUNE"

WILTON GARDENS TOUR

Designed especially for everyone to enjoy. Several Wilton residents have opened their gardens for viewing on June 29th. Meet 1:00 at the commuter lot north of Orem's at the corner of Wolfpit and Route 7. Cancelled in case it rains. The tour will be rescheduled. Refreshments are at Janet's house following the tours. This is a free event. Bring a friend.

Wednesdays

Luncheon at Ogden House at 12:00 noon on June 13 Call for reservations Liz Doty, 834-6240. Cost \$3.00. There will be no more luncheons at Ogden House until September, 2012.

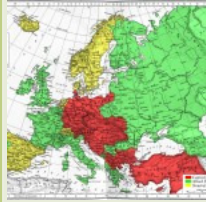
Fridays, Free Swim at the YMCA

June 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1:30 til 3:00

Wilton Library

Offers many wonderful and informative events. Below you will find several that may be of interest to you. Call 203-762-3950 to make a reservation for any of these programs.

Editor Mark Albertson:
The Causes of the First World War



Tuesday, June 12th, 7 to 8:30 pm

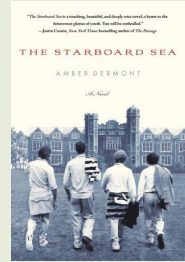
World War I was arguably the most important event in human history in the last 97 years with machine guns, submarines, airplanes, poison gas, motorized transport, the tank and flamethrower all having been introduced in modern warfare. Mark Albertson is an historical research editor at *Army Aviation* magazine and has been a member of the US Naval Institute for more than 25 years. His talk will begin with the French Revolution, which turned loose a litany of movements that would work through the 19th century to undermine the regal system of Europe: Liberalism, Democracy, Republicanism, Secularism, Socialism, Nationalism, the rise of the middle class and also the rich, who came to replace the nobility, and the snowballing of the Industrial Revolution. **Please register in advance to hear this fascinating talk.**

June Book Discussions
Wilton Library Readers with Susan Boyar
Wednesday, June 13th, 12 - 1:30 pm

Professional book discussion leader Susan Boyar will discuss ***The Starboard Sea***,



by Amber Dermont. This "engrossing debut novel about a talented young sailor at a New England academy has the mighty wind of two



traditions at its back. Dermont may be working within comfortably familiar outlines, but her fusion of the boating novel and the boarding school novel is captivating and inspired" (NYT). Feel free to bring your lunch; beverages will be provided. For a complete listing of meetings and titles, visit our **Wilton Library Readers webpage**. **Please register in advance to attend.**

Tuesday Book Buzz

Tuesday, June 19th, 11 to noon

Come join our Book Buzz conversation moderated by one of Wilton Library's reference librarians. Participants are encouraged to come and chat about one of their most recent favorite reads or just listen to what others recommend. **Please register in advance.** All participants will receive a list of titles suggested during the Book Buzz following the session.

June Author Talks

Francine Du Plessix Gray

The Queen's Lover

Thursday, June 14th, 7 to 8:30 pm

Historical fiction of the highest order, ***The Queen's Lover*** reveals the untold love affair between Swedish aristocrat Count Axel Von Fersen and Marie Antoinette. Francine du Plessix Gray has been a



regular contributor to *The New Yorker* and is the author of numerous books of fiction and nonfiction, including *Simone Weil*, *At Home with the Marquis de Sade: A Life*,

Rage and Fire, Lovers and Tyrants, and Soviet Women. She is most recently the author of the memoir *Them: A Memoir of Parents*. Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Elm Street Books in New Canaan.

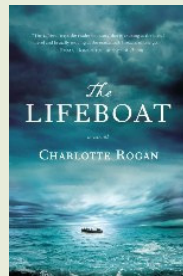
Registration is recommended.

Charlotte Rogan

The Lifeboat

Tuesday, June 19th, 7 to 8:30 pm

The Lifeboat: A Novel is a page-turning novel of hard choices and survival, narrated by a woman as unforgettable and complex as the events she describes. Charlotte Rogan's first novel has garnered an exceptional number of favorable reviews. An old criminal law text and her childhood experiences among a family of sailors provided inspiration for *The Lifeboat*. Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Elm Street Books, New Canaan. **Please register in advance.**



“Great Recipes”

Sweet Potato Casserole

6 medium sweet potatoes tender cooked, peeled and cut up

½ cup butter

1 can 5.3 oz. evaporated milk

1 orange zest

¼ C sherry

½ C brown sugar

2 egg whites

1 C chopped pecans

3 T melted butter

Mash potatoes in mixing bowl at medium speed and add butter, milk, orange zest, sherry & brown sugar. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into potato mixture. Pour into

battered casserole dish and sprinkle with chopped pecans and melted butter. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

Enjoy with ham or pork chops, salad and dessert.

New

Perspectives Film:
Buck



Saturday, June 16th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Buck, a richly textured and visually stunning film, follows Brannaman from his abusive childhood to

his phenomenally successful approach to horses. A real-life "horse-whisperer," he eschews the violence of his upbringing and teaches people to communicate with their horses through leadership and sensitivity, not punishment.

Cindy Meehl (from Redding, CT) founded Cedar Creek Productions, LLC in 2008. The film company has traveled from North Carolina on to Tacoma, Washington, France, Wyoming, California, Montana and Texas to film the legendary Buck Brannaman. His exceptional and profound horsemanship skills drove Cindy to create her first documentary. Both Cindy and her editor, **Toby Shimin**, will join us for a discussion led by Megan Smith-Harris following the screening. Refreshments will be served and we suggest a donation of

\$5 per person for attendees. The New Perspectives Documentary series is programmed and moderated by **Megan Smith-Harris**. **Registration is highly recommended.**