

April 2018 Community Representatives Report

Burlington– Janet Schwartz

- ◆ **Garden Club Meeting** on April 10th at 7 p.m. at The Elton Tavern. "Butterflies in my Backyard" with Victor DeMasi, a lepidopterist at Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. Business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.
- ◆ **Can & Bottle Drive** on April 14th from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Congregational Church. Please securely bag and/or box cans and bottles (especially glass). Do not overload plastic bags with heavy glass. Securely boxed or mixed bags are fine. Only 5 cent CT redeemable cans/bottles, please.
- ◆ **Acoustic Night** at the Burlington Men's Club on Covey Road on April 27th from 7-11 p.m. featuring Jim Pellitier (café style atmosphere). Call Alan Savoca at 860-670-3153 for more information.
- ◆ **Library Grand Re-Opening** on April 29th from 12-3 p.m. Ribbon cutting will take place at 1 p.m. A reading by local author Rick Labadia and refreshments by the Bee's Knees at 2 p.m. Music by the Lewis Mills Fine Arts Department.
- ◆ **Annual Meeting & Live Birds of Prey** program at Session's Woods on April 29th. The event begins at 12:30 p.m. with the infamous Dessert Extravaganza Potluck, followed by a 10-minute business meeting at 1 p.m. The featured program will be presented by wildlife rehabilitators from A Place Called Hope, a facility dedicated to returning wild birds to the wild and teaching people how to protect and respect wildlife. Free and open to the public.

Canaan – Wendy Eichman

- ◆ **Vive La Femme** an evening of pampering and indulgence to benefit Aha and Camp Aha will be held on April 27th at the Canaan VFW. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Event features food, cash bar & vendors. For more information, call Lynn Nania at 860-387-5757
- ◆ **Chicken & Rib Barbecue Dinner** will be held on April 29th from noon to 3 p.m. at the NW CT Rod & Gun Club. Tickets are available at Stadium System, 297 Ashley Falls Road in Canaan or at the door.
- ◆ **Clam Bake** sponsored by the Canaan VFW will take place on April 22nd from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 860-824-8158 for details.
- ◆ **First Time Homebuyer's Seminar** will be held on April 25th from 6-8 p.m. at the Douglas Library, 108 Main Street in Canaan. The event is free and will feature Wendy Eichman, Broker with Raynard & Peirce Realty, LLC, Dan Cisowski, Home Inspector with Pillar to Post Home Inspection, and Joel Ralph, VP of Mortgage Lending with Guaranteed Rate Affinity. RSVP to Joel at 860-606-1357 or 860-459-7672 or by email at joel.ralph@grarate.com.

Cornwall – Dianne Heiny

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- ◆ **Cornwall Village Improvement Annual Meeting** will take place April 7th at 10 a.m. at the library.
- ◆ **Book Reading & Author Talk** "Brass Valley: The Fall of an American Industry" will take place April 7th at 4 p.m. at the Cornwall Library.
- ◆ **Community Contra Dance** on April 7th at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.
- ◆ **Indian Dinner Fundraiser** at United Congregational Church at 5 p.m. on April 7th.
- ◆ **Annual Norman Dorsen Lecture** at United Congregational Church on April 8th at 2 p.m.
- ◆ **"For the Birds" Exhibit** opening reception at the Historical Society on April 14th from 10-11 a.m.
- ◆ **Art at the Dump** will take place April 21st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Deliver your artwork made from recycled materials between 8-10 a.m. For details, visit artatthedump.homestead.com.
- ◆ **Guided Earth Day Hike & Picnic Lunch** on April 22nd from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Welles Preserve Trail on Town Street, 4/10 mile from Route 128. Bring your own lunch.

Falls Village – Wendy Eichman

- ◆ **Kites! Flights of Fancy: A Group Exhibit** This Spring, David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host the group art exhibit *KITES! Flights of Fancy* starting with a reception on April 21st from 4-6 p.m. The exhibit features 40 artists from near and far with interpretations on the desire to fly in sculpture, painting, drawing, photography and video. The exhibit will remain on display through May 19th. The event is free and open to the public. Call 860-824-7424 or visit www.huntlibrary.org for more information.
- ◆ **Card Tricks Class** The David M. Hunt Library will host two card trick classes for adults & teenagers aged 14 & older with Master Magician Sandy Rhoades on April 13th & 20th from 6 -8 p.m. The lessons are free and each participant will be provided with a deck of playing cards. Advance sign-up is required. Stop by the library or call 860-24-7424 to register.

Harwinton – Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

- ◆ **Recycling** Used oil/antifreeze on April 7th from 9-11 a.m. at the Harwinton Town Garage. Electronics, used oil/antifreeze, scrap metal and bulky waste on May 5th from 8 a.m. - noon at the Harwinton Town Garage.

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Harwinton – Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh (cont'd.)

- ◆ Harwinton Public Library Programs:
 - ◇ “Following the Great Orange Apes” presentation on April 7th at 1 p.m. CT native Katherine Meier will provide an overview of orangutan geography & biology and describe the cutting-edge research being done on wild orangutans and why it is important. Ages 10 & up. Free. Call 860-485-9113 to register.
 - ◇ “Companion Planting: Plants Working Together in Your Garden” presented by UConn Master Gardener John Vecchitto on April 28th at 10 a.m. Learn how to use flowers, vegetables, and herbs to create a beautiful, tasty garden with plants that help each other out. Register at 860-485-9113.
- ◆ Harwinton Historical Society Program “Sacred Sites in Harwinton - Cairns,” presented by Bob DeFosses on April 28th from 2-4 p.m. at the Harwinton Library. Free and open to the public.
- ◆ Tag Sale to benefit Lewis S. Mills High School Project Graduation 2018 on April 28th from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Harwinton Fairgrounds, 150 Locust Road, Harwinton. Call 860-307-0358 for more information.

Torrington – Lynn Gelormino

- ◆ Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Certification Course on April 10, 12 & 17 from 6-9 p.m. at Coe Park Civic Center, 101 Litchfield St., Torrington. Attendance at all three sessions is required. Participants who successfully complete this course and pass the test qualify for a Safe Boating Certificate and a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation which allow an individual to operate any recreational vessel including a personal watercraft (“jet ski” type vessel) on Connecticut’s waters; \$25 per person; . Upon successful completion of the course, participants will need to purchase the Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Certificates through the State of Connecticut DEEP for an additional fee of \$50.00.
- ◆ Tag Sale, Craft Fair & Antiques Appraisals at the Sullivan Senior Center on April 14th from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ OSHA Compliance Seminar at the Warner Theatre on April 20th from 8-9:30 a.m. Presented by the Entrepreneurial Center of NW CT Community College. \$15 per person.
- ◆ Capitol Steps at the Warner Theatre on April 21st at 8 p.m. Tickets available at warnertheatre.org. A national institution for over 35 years, providing a unique blend of musical and political comedy and satire.
- ◆ KidsPlay Spring Break “Stay-Cation” April 16-20. Special events, crafts & guests all week.

Winsted/Winchester - Fran Delaney

- ◆ Whiting Mills Events:
 - ◇ 3rd Sunday Open House on April 15th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. This month’s featured artist is Vicki Hancock of Out of Hand Pottery. Samples of her work are on display at People’s United Bank and Stop & Shop.
 - ◇ Semi-annual Studio Event will be held April 18th & 29th from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. with the Mill’s talented artists, photographers, craftspeople, and 12 guest artists. See whitingmills.com for details.
 - ◇ Two students from Kindness in Motion, a group from Northwestern Regional High School that raises funds for charity, have created “Vessels of Kindness.” They have created pottery pots filled with flowers that will be sold at the Studios on April 28th & 29th. All proceeds will go to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.
 - ◇ “Weather Your Gondola Car” on April 21st from 10 a.m. - 12 Noon. Bring your black, grey or oxide red Gondola car, any scale and learn to make dirty and used with weathering wash & chalks. Call 860-379-3383 for information.
- ◆ Winsted Police News Police Chief William Fitzgerald has announced that the police force will have an officer join the Statewide Narcotics Task Force to combat drug issues in Winsted and around the state. The officer will work undercover and will conduct investigations in other towns. In return, seven officers from the task force will be available to investigate drug cases in town. The town will also benefit financially by receiving a percentage of any property seizure forfeitures.
- ◆ Pet Parade The Rotary Club is sponsoring this year’s 82nd Pet Parade on May 18th. Specifics will be forthcoming.
- ◆ Laurel Festival Coming up on June 8-10.