

Upcoming Events

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Titanic: A Lecture by the Bowtie Historian

Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30

Registration begins May 1st

Held at Coe Park Civic Center and sponsored in part by Torrington Park and Recreation!

The ocean liner sank in the icy waters of the Atlantic on a cold evening in April, 1912. What caused the large ship to sink to its watery grave? Learn about the historic Titanic and trace the ship from conception to sinking in this amazing program! Presented by Jason Scappaticci.

Yarn Bomb Assembly Night

Thursday, June 9th at 6:30

Registration begins May 1st

Anyone who has knit a square can join us to assemble our giant banners! We will assemble the banners at Five Points Art Gallery on Water Street!

From the Kitchen to the Capital: A Trio of Feisty Connecticut Women

Thursday, June 16th at 6:30

Registration begins June 1st

This unique talk by Diana Ross McCain recounts three stories of pioneering Connecticut women -- Amelia Simmons, who published the first American cookbook in Hartford in 1796; Julia and Abby Smith of Glastonbury, elderly spinster sisters who in the late 1800s made news across the nation for their fight against the injustice of being required to pay taxes without being allowed to vote; and Ella Grasso of Windsor Locks, who in 1974 became the first woman to be elected governor of a state without having succeeded her husband in office.

Connecticut Gypsies

Thursday, June 23rd at 6:30

Registration begins June 1st

In 1896, Mrs. Victoria Williams was found dead on the railroad tracks in East Hartford. Her husband, the King of the Gypsies, had died recently. Who were these horse dealers and what was their story? These questions intrigued Connecticut author Beth Lapin, as she searched for answers. Hear her story of sleuthing and connections that led to the publication of her newest novel, CARAVAN OF DREAMS.

Growing Up in Connecticut Presented by the Connecticut Historical Society.

Thursday, July 7th at 6:30

Registration begins June 15th

Held at Coe Park Civic Center and sponsored in part by Torrington Park and Recreation!

Growing up in Connecticut, every generation faced challenges and opportunities and experienced the emotional highs and lows of childhood and adolescence. But each generation also faced unique circumstances. This presentation, linked to the upcoming exhibition at the Connecticut Historical Society, will explore the issues that have faced Connecticut children and adolescents since the 1930s, focusing on four generations: the Silent Generation; Baby Boomers; Generation X; and Millennials.

Paris! Sera Toujours Paris

Thursday, July 14th at 6:30

Registration begins July 1st

Carole Rothschild, a native French speaker and teacher, will introduce you to Paris and help you plan your next trip to the French capital! Perfect for Armchair Travelers, as well! Her program includes recommendations for places to dine, shop, and sights to see in and around The City of Light. Learn a few basic French phrases, too.

Nature as Healer

Thursday, July 21st at 6:30

Registration begins August 15th

This presentation by Marlow Shami starts with a short talk, illustrated with beautiful compelling images, followed by a powerful guided meditation, and one simple outdoor activity. Nature As Healer is designed to provide information, insight, and tools to help each of us deal with the challenges and rewards of connecting with nature, anywhere! -- no matter how rushed, messy, or stressful your life is!

The Not-So-Good Life of the Colonial Wife

Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 / Registration begins July 1st

Perhaps women need to be reminded of how far we've come in order to see how far we still can go. Discover what life was really like for New England's colonial women - because we've always been curious

about: The Not-So-Good Life of the Colonial Goodwife not only makes audience members laugh and grimace, but it also honors our foremothers. It's not about quilting bees and spinning wheels - it's an interactive presentation about the little-known issues faced by New England's colonial women. Presented by Velya Jancz-Urban

A Supernatural Evening with Jeff Belanger

Thursday, August 4th at 6:30

Registration begins August 15th

Held at Coe Park Civic Center and sponsored in part by Torrington Park and Recreation!

For over 15 years Jeff Belanger has been exploring the unexplained. He seeks out ghosts, monsters, and legends all over the world and in your backyard. His talk presents highlights from his own adventures, a look at the investigation process, and compelling audio and visual paranormal evidence. Not just ghost stories, Belanger will delve into the reasons behind the phenomena.

Katharine Hepburn: From Hartford to Hollywood Presented by the Connecticut Historical Society.

Thursday, August 11th at 6:30 / Registration begins August 15th

Born and raised in Connecticut, Hepburn had a career in stage, film and television that reflected the changing role of women in broader society. The story of her life-long ties to Connecticut offers a complete picture of how Hepburn became the woman and the star she was. This presentation will link her career and legacy to her roots in Connecticut to ask how she achieved her truly extraordinary legacy.

Witches in Connecticut Presented by the Connecticut Historical Society.

Thursday, September 8th at 6:30

Registration begins August 15th

Held at Coe Park Civic Center and sponsored in part by Torrington Park and Recreation!

The harrowing story of the hanging of witches in Colonial New England continues to haunt our present-day imagination. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the more famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of some of the women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut successfully controlled the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence.

The Bridgeport Poltergeist

Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 / Registration begins September 1st

Join author, William J. Hall as he discusses the Bridgeport poltergeist, a true and terrifying story that is the subject of his books, "The World's Most Haunted House: The True Story of the Bridgeport Poltergeist on Lindley Street." National media reported jumping furniture, floating refrigerators, and attacking entities. Decades after the publicity quieted, more than 40 hours of never-before released interviews with police officers, firefighters, and others tell the story as it actually unfolded. Find out why it is deemed the haunting that should have brought the paranormal into mainstream science. Ages 16+ only.

Herbal Sleep Pillow Workshop

Thursday, August 18th / Registration begins August 1st

Learn how to get a better night's sleep...naturally. Ebris Urban of Grounded Holistic Wellness, LLC will give this presentation and hands-on workshop. It includes a PowerPoint introduction to herbalism, an explanation of the four blends, and hands-on (no sewing required) creation of a sleep pillow. Limited to 15 Participants.

Tuesdays at Two

Career Workshops presented by Goodwill of Western & Northern CT, Inc. Career Center Workshops

Registration begins July 15th

Interview Skills

Tuesday, August at 2:00

Learn what employers are looking to learn about potential hires and how to best respond to tough questions. Practice application provided and instruction on what details to include. Get advice on how to put together a professional interview look.

Job Search 50+

Tuesday, August at 2:00

Overcome any obstacles that you may face as a more mature candidate to secure employment. Learn ways to tweak your resume and answer challenging questions on your interview.

Money Management

Tuesday August at 2:00

Learn strategies for saving money, budgeting tips, various banking account options, how to access your credit report and understand it.

PBS Film Series

Bing Crosby Rediscovered
Thursday, June 30th at 6:00pm
Registration begins June 15th

Bing Crosby (May 3, 1903-October 14, 1977) was, without doubt, the most popular and influential multi-media star of the first half of the 20th century. For more than three decades, through radio, film, television and records, he reigned supreme. Explore the life and legend of this iconic entertainer through never-before-seen footage and interviews with his immediate family, song writers and Tony Bennett. Narrated by Stanley Tucci, this documentary reveals a man far more complex than his public persona. Running Time: 90 Minutes.

Inside Einstein's Mind
Thursday, August 25th at 6:30
Registration begins August 1st.

On November 25th, 1915, Einstein published his greatest work: general relativity. The theory transformed our understanding of nature's laws and the entire history of the cosmos, reaching back to the origin of time itself. Now, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Einstein's achievement, NOVA tells the inside story of Einstein's masterpiece. The story begins with the intuitive thought experiments that set Einstein off on his quest and traces the revolution in cosmology that is still playing out in today's labs and observatories. Discover the simple but powerful ideas at the heart of relativity, illuminating the theory—and Einstein's brilliance—as never before. From the first spark of an idea to the discovery of the expanding universe, the Big Bang, black holes, and dark energy, NOVA uncovers the inspired insights and brilliant breakthroughs of "the perfect theory." Running Time: 60 Minutes

The Perfect Crime
Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30
Registration begins September 1st

The shocking story of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, two wealthy college students who murdered a 14-year-old boy in 1924 to prove they were smart enough to get away with it. Their trial, with famed defense attorney Clarence Darrow and Cook County Prosecutor Robert Crowe debating the death penalty and scores of commentators weighing in from the sidelines, set off a national debate about morality and capital punishment. Running Time: 60 Minutes

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