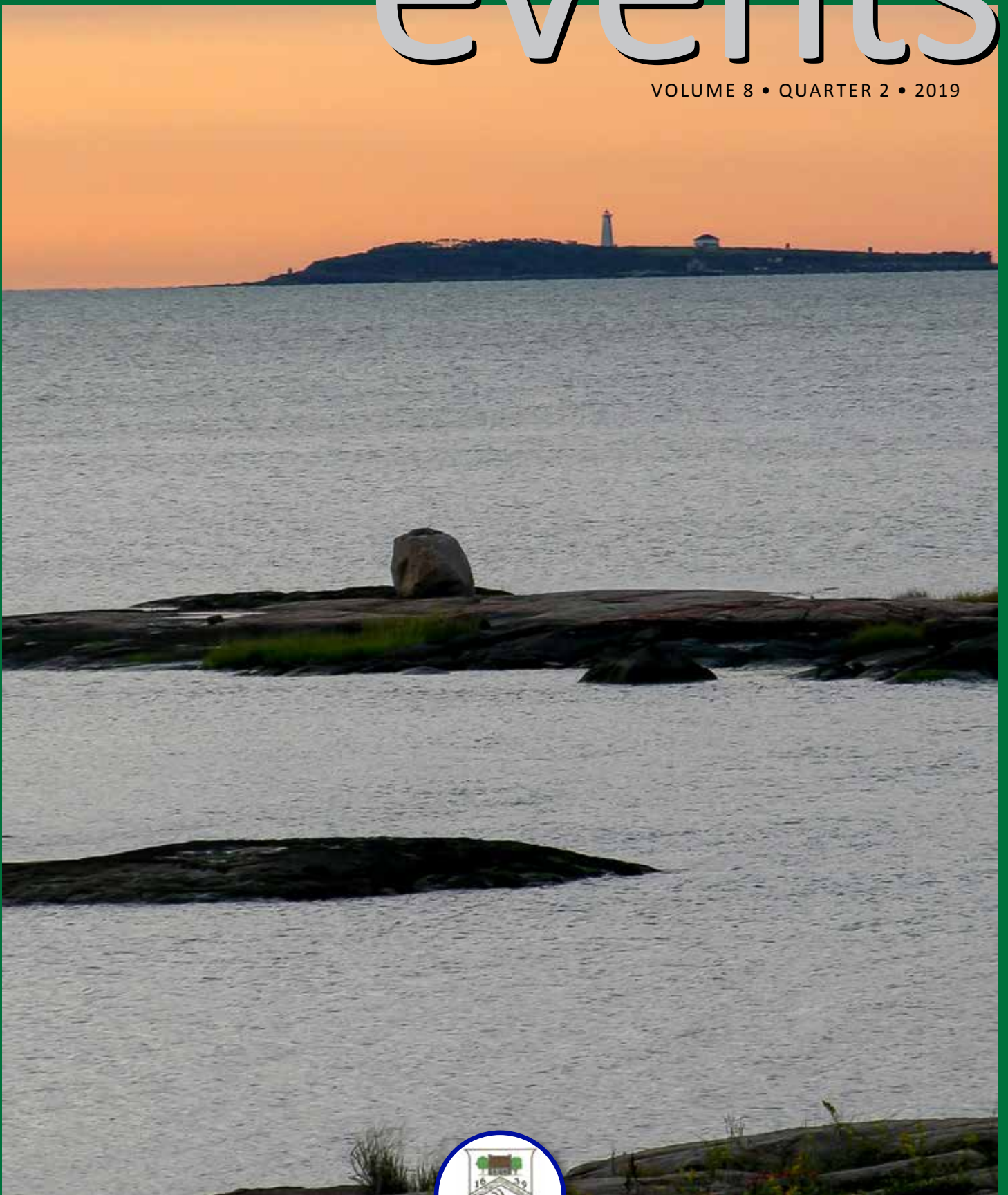


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The First Selectman's Corner

On April 9th Guilford residents will go to the polls to vote on the 2019-2020 budget. The Board of Finance approved a budget totaling \$100,600,146, which represents a 3.22% spending increase over the current year and after providing for potential decreases in revenue from the state would result in a property tax increase of \$2,909,222 or 2.41%. Residents will also have the opportunity to vote on bonding packages from the Town and Board of Education. The Town's projects for the upcoming two years total \$3.5 million for vehicles, equipment and town facilities improvements. The Board of Education's bonding package is for one year totaling \$3.0 million and includes HVAC improvements at Cox and window replacement at Melissa Jones.

For fiscal year 2017-2018, the Town received a clean audit for its financial reporting, which is reflective of the hard work and efficient fiscal management of our finance department.

As a result of successful mediation, the synthetic turf field at the high school, which failed last year, will be repaired at no cost to the Town. Although the town cannot be reimbursed for legal fees or the independent consultant that was hired, those costs ensured that town interests were protected throughout the process. The goal is to have the field fully useable by the fall.

The Town of Guilford is applying for a Small Cities Community

Development Block Grant for Housing Diversion funding. The total amount of this grant is \$350,000. If successful the money will allow our Regional Coordinated Access Network (CAN), of which Guilford is a part, to hire additional staff along the shoreline to continue its mission of helping individuals and families threatened by homelessness. The purpose of CAN is to intervene and assist when people are experiencing a housing crisis and find possible shelter solutions for them so they avoid homelessness.

The Board of Selectmen has updated and enacted several ordinances over the past few months. A new ordinance titled Illicit Connections and Illegal Discharges to Municipal Storm Drainage Systems was established to comply with Connecticut DEEP MS4 Permit requirements. This ordinance protects and improves water quality by providing legal authority to prohibit and eliminate illicit discharges, to find the source of those discharges and to conduct ongoing screening to prevent them from happening in the future. The Floodplain Management Ordinance was updated **continued on page 3**



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to make it consistent with current state building code. The new update requires a one foot freeboard in all Special Flood Hazard Areas and requires Coastal AE zone structures to meet VE zone construction requirements. This update also increases the timeframe used to determine substantial improvements from one year to five years. The selectmen revised the Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance to make it consistent with Connecticut General Statutes, which includes provisions regarding commercial collectors, annual registration and reporting requirements as well as the adoption of the municipal citation and hearing processes.

The Sustainable Guilford Task Force has been diligently working on its charge to have Guilford declared a Certified Sustainable Community under the Sustainable Connecticut Program. This is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities with the vision that Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative and forward-looking. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment. In addition, this task force has also been charged with research and education surrounding a possible ordinance banning the use of single use plastic checkout bags in town. A public information meeting/forum about this topic took place last month.

The Town issued and received responses to a Request for Qualifications for Engineering and Design Services for the Route 77 Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project. This project proposes to connect Adams Middle School to the Guilford Arts Center, Guilford Racquet and Swim Club and the Town Public Safety Complex by constructing a sidewalk along Route 77 from Adams through the I-95 interchange at Exit 58. The bulk of funding for this project would come from the Alternate Transportation Grant the town previously received for the Nut Plains Pathway project, but is now being repurposed for this project.

Lastly, the Board of Selectmen enacted an ordinance establishing a Human Rights Commission. The purpose of the commission is to promote mutual understanding and respect within the Town of Guilford among all racial, religious, ethnic, and other groups, and among individuals of differing genders, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities, in a manner not inconsistent with state and federal statutes. The commission will meet its objectives by performing education and outreach to individuals and businesses throughout the community.

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Please visit the Town's website for more information at: www.ci.guilford.ct.us/assessor.htm.

HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM, A.K.A. CIRCUIT BREAKER (STATE PROGRAM)

Under this program, the State of Connecticut pays a portion of your tax bill ranging from \$150 to \$1,250. There is no requirement to re-pay the state.

The basic requirements are as follows:

1. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of last December 31st or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date;

2. The homeowner must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year;
3. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state;
4. The homeowner must occupy the property as his/her principal residence; and
5. The homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$36,000 for a single individual or \$43,900 for a married couple.

TAX DEFERRAL, A.K.A. GSTRP (TOWN PROGRAM)

This program allows you to "defer" up to 75% of your taxes (depending upon income) until either the property is transferred or at the time of your death (at which time the taxes must be repaid with interest). The deferred taxes constitute a lien on your property.

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5. The homeowner must have income (including social security) of not more than \$38,000 for a single individual or \$45,900 for a married couple.

ELDERLY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM, A.K.A. ETRP (TOWN PROGRAM)

Under this program, the Town attempts to “freeze” your taxes subject to budgetary restrictions and the requirements of the enabling ordinance.

The basic requirements are as follows:

1. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of last December 31st or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date;
2. The homeowner must have lived in Guilford for at least one year;

3. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence;
4. The homeowner, if eligible, must be on the State Program known as Circuit Breaker (see page 4);
5. The homeowner must not owe any taxes (including motor vehicles);
6. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state;
7. The homeowner cannot be on both the town's tax deferral and this program; and
8. The homeowner's income is based upon residency (as follows):

Years of Residency	Single	Married
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The Registrars of Voters are in the process of conducting an annual canvass of our registered voters. All voters with an active forwarding address order on file with the US Postal Service will be targeted to receive canvass letters from our office. Additionally, voters for whom we have received information that they no longer reside in Guilford will also receive canvass letters.

Also, those individuals who have not voted in the last four years will be getting a letter, just to make sure you still live in Guilford! Please return these letters to us (using the enclosed prepaid return address envelope). If you do not indicate that you still remain in Guilford, we will start the process of removing you from our voter registry. The first step in that process is to put you into 'inactive' status.

New in Town!

When you walk into the new Studio 317, it doesn't take long to notice that it is special. Certainly, the hair salon's décor is warm and inviting. But it's also what you don't notice. There's no smell, no sting of harsh chemicals. That is all due to the painstaking design of owner/hairstylist Robyn Dostie Aurora.

Studio 317 is the first green circle salon on the shoreline and the 3rd in CT. Robyn incorporated an impressive list of environmentally-friendly measures into her workspaces; energy-saving LED lighting, water saving hoses, a recycling program for all hair clippings, foils, plastic gloves, caps, etc. Leftover hair color has its own bin instead of being poured down the drain. Most products are housed in amber glass so they can be recycled infinitely. She set up a re-filling station for certain products to not only allow for better pricing but also the reuse of the amber glass containers. It is a clean air salon. There are no candles, no incense.

"Our planet is so beautiful. But our world is in big trouble and a huge part of it is us," explains Robyn. Environmental stewardship is core to Robyn's life. She and her husband are vegan, avid composters, and recyclers. With the studio, she can incorporate her well-organized/ environmentally conscious lifestyle into her work. She is happy to share knowledge about leading a sustainable life with her clients. "I bring a lot

of my own life into here," she notes.

"People are interested in what they can do. It's a way of spreading the word. There's a big problem, a bigger picture. It's bigger than my business. It goes beyond that now with the way our world is changing."



The CT native recently celebrated her 20th year as a licensed hairdresser in her newly refurbished and recently opened (Nov. 6) salon. The "just off the Town Green" studio is charming, tasteful and welcoming - which is just what Robyn wanted. "People are welcome here and I want them to feel welcome here," she says. "I love what I do. I love everyone who comes in here."

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Shoreline Chamber of Commerce - Chili Challenge for a Cause

HOT FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce will be turning up the heat in downtown Branford at the 7th Annual Chili Challenge for a Cause. This year's event takes place April 27th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm in the Branford Green Merchant District.

Approximately a dozen restaurants will dish out their best chili recipes in hopes of capturing the coveted "Best Chili" title. The Hearth at Gardenside took home the honors at last year's event, which attracted over 300 attendees to downtown Branford. Participating voters will have a chance to



cast a ballot for several judging categories. We're also spicing up the ante with a \$500 donation to the winning chef's charity of choice. There will be an official "Chili Judge." Pre-registration is encouraged to

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Economic Development



When this issue is distributed in early April, we trust we will be experiencing the beginning of spring. Spring is a great time in Guilford as more people are getting outside to enjoy much of what our community has to offer.

Like our neighboring towns, “small businesses” contribute significantly to Guilford’s character and sense of community. They provide goods, services, employment opportunities and more for all residents and visitors. In collaboration with our Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, we are proud to promote “Be Loyal to Local.” That is, we hope all will try to support our local businesses at every opportunity. It is not automatic because they work hard every day to earn our trust and business. And, our local businesses are very generous when it comes to supporting so many events in our community. They often donate raffle items, gift cards, cash, and many forms of sponsorship to school programs, sporting teams, churches, non-profits and more. Being Loyal to Local is certainly a two way street.

Several new small businesses opened in Guilford, including: Water Street Jewelers, a full service retailer of fine jewelry, including repair services, and is located at 23 Water Street. Salon Zena opened in the Lighthouse Square Unit 7A, offering a wide range of hair services including cutting, coloring and special treatments. La Cucina, located at 934 Boston Post Road (next to Ashley’s), provides take out prepared meals and catering services. Pure Barre, located in the Guilford Commons Plaza, offers a unique gym/physical fitness center to experience a total body workout. BSK Design has moved to 29 Whitfield Street (rear - in the former Greene Gallery), and has expanded the business to Barbara Shulman Arts & Healing, where a fusion of creativity and new perspectives provide healing resources. The former location within the Griswold Square, 20 Church Street, continues to be the home of the Chroma Gallery, Creek Chic Designs and Paper Scape Artworks, with ONYX and Java Hut in the front portion of the Quonset Hut. The Beatty & Beatty Law firm sold its Boston Street office following a merger with another local firm, becoming Sullivan, Griffith & Beatty LLP, located in Lighthouse Square (705 Boston Post Road, rear building).

The new office building at 350 Goose Lane is in final stages of construction and will be the home to: The Horton Group (moving its corporate offices from New Haven), One & Company Realtors, Company Cube - social media marketing, Altman Orthopaedics - focusing on hand to shoulder surgery, and portions of American Cruise Lines.

People continue to inquire about Panera Bread. If you drive by or visit Guilford Commons, you will notice an active construction site on the left side of the driveway as you enter. Anticipated opening is mid-year. The Metro Pooch, a doggie day care and

overnight boarding facility will begin construction during the second quarter on Soundview Road, providing a new service to Guilford and our surrounding areas.

As part of our education and awareness efforts, we will be conducting two business forums during the second quarter. The first is a regional collaboration hosted by the Towns of North Branford, Branford, Madison and Guilford. It will occur on TUESDAY APRIL 16th from 7:30 am to 9:30 am at the Guilford Community Center. Representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA) will present how the SBA provides access to working capital, entrepreneur development programs and available government contracts. The second forum is hosted by the Guilford Economic Development Commission. It will occur on WEDNESDAY MAY 15th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, also at the Guilford Community Center. Several Town Department Heads and Commission Chairs will provide an overview of their roles in the economic development process. The goal of this forum is to identify concrete initiatives that can be undertaken to promote growth and sustainability in our community. Both forums will include time for Q & A.

As you can see, much is happening in Guilford. Continue enjoying our fine community. SHOP-DINE-EXPLORE... and more. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Brian McGlone, Economic Development Coordinator at: 203-453-8071 or mcgloneb@ci.guilford.ct.us.



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The beautiful pink granite which exists from Guilford Point to Branford Harbor has recently been designated with the Trademark name, Stony Creek Granite.

The granite for the pedestal upon which the statue stands was quarried, fabricated and shipped from John Beatties Leete's Island Quarry. That quarry shut down in 1918 and all subsequent projects at the statue such as sea walls, enlarged abutments, repairs and now the museum, which needed granite, called upon the Stony Creek Quarry to provide it.



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The significant contribution of our two communities to one of America's most important national monuments is a legacy of which we can all be proud. A legacy, which still provides hope for immigrants to our shores of a life of opportunity and peace.

Laser Therapy for Pets

Are you looking for an alternative or supplemental treatment to your pet's ailment? Laser therapy may be just the treatment your pet needs. It is a noninvasive therapy that can be used to help alleviate the pain of inflammation, promote wound healing and accelerate tissue regeneration. There are many different acute and chronic disorders that laser therapy can treat such as arthritis, hip dysplasia, back pain, degenerative disc disease, large non-healing wounds, dental disease, ear infections, neurological conditions and post surgical procedures. Geriatric pets, as well as those

with generalized pain and other chronic conditions, can benefit from laser therapy.

Laser therapy uses the application of a therapeutic dosage of light to penetrate the injured tissue to activate a cellular response which in turn reduces pain and inflammation. This process is known as photobiostimulation in which endorphins are released and stimulates the injured cells to heal at an accelerated rate. This, in turn, leads to shorter healing time. We are then able to reach the ultimate goal of healing being a less painful process with an overall

shorter duration. Many animals find laser therapy to be a very relaxing and calming experience that they tend to enjoy and look forward to. Sedation is not needed for treatment with laser therapy which makes its application even easier and safer overall. Laser therapy can be integrated into many if not all treatment protocols for the benefit of your pet. If you would like to know more about laser therapy, please contact us at Guilford Veterinary Hospital.

Christina DeAngelo DVM, M.S., cVMA

Henry Whitfield State Museum

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TALK - GREAT MYTHS & SIMPLE SAYINGS

April 16 (Tuesday) 7:00 pm

Discover the truth behind persistent historical myths and the origins of popular sayings that people have been using for centuries in this free talk at the Guilford Free Library by Henry Whitfield State Museum Curator and Site Administrator Michael McBride. Were New England's English colonists religious, short people who dressed only in black and white clothes and died in their 40s? Why do we say 'sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite' when people go to bed? Bring your favorite myths and sayings to

add to the fun. Register to attend on the library's website at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org. Guilford Free Library is located at: 67 Park Street, Guilford, CT. Their phone number is: 203-453-8282.

EXHIBIT - FOR WEE FOLK: Children's Toys & Miniatures May-October (Wednesday-Sunday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

These fun items are highlighted throughout the Whitfield House as part of a joint exhibit at each of the five Historic Guilford Museums. Admission is \$6, \$5 for seniors, and free for children ages 12 and younger. Free parking. Henry Whitfield State Museum.

STATE MUSEUM SUNDAY

May 19 (Sunday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

It's free admission for Connecticut residents at any of the four State Museums on the third Sunday of the month. Free parking. Henry Whitfield State Museum.

PURITANS AT PLAY ON CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY

June 8 (Saturday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Free admission! Try a variety of historical games and old-time toys, including knicker boxes, nine pins, rolling hoops, cups-and-balls, draughts, and more. The fun continues with scavenger hunts in the 1639 Whitfield House, and building activities in the Visitor Center's hands-on galleries. Free parking. Henry Whitfield State Museum.

STATE MUSEUM SUNDAY

June 16 (Sunday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

It's free admission for Connecticut residents at any of the four State Museums on the third Sunday of the month. Free parking. Henry Whitfield State Museum.

MAKE MUSIC DAY

June 21 (Friday) 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring a blanket, chairs, and a picnic to enjoy an evening of free outdoor musical performances as we take part in this global celebration of music on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. Food trucks will be available with a variety of refreshments for sale. The event is free, but the Whitfield House will be open for self-guided tours (\$6 admission, \$5 for seniors, and free for children ages 12 and younger). Free parking. Henry Whitfield State Museum.

Spring is Finally Here!

It's April, and the landscape is awakening. Lawns are brightening, and the emerging leaves of trees and shrubs are a special fresh shade of green. Bulbs and perennial plants are sprouting out of their winter dormancy. As exciting as it is to see the daily changes, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the thoughts of maintenance. Take a few minutes to walk through your outdoor living spaces. Take some photos and make some notes about what you see, and what you envision. Having a simple plan can help you prioritize tasks, save maintenance and planting time, and allow you more hours to relax and enjoy your yard.

Repairing winter damage should be the first item on your list. Snow plow damage needs to be raked out and levelled. Soil may need to be added to fill ruts, and fresh seed should be planted. The area under

your bird feeder should be raked clean of seed hulls and debris. Broken branches on trees and shrubs should be removed, and corrective pruning can be done now. If not already done, the dead stems of perennials should also be cut at this time, allowing space and light for this year's shoots.

Next comes the fun of planting! April is still early for many of the annual flowers, but perennials, trees, shrubs, pansies and early vegetables can readily be planted. Again, a plan of what you envision will help streamline the time spent selecting and planting. If you haven't already started, consider planting some native plants in your landscape. They are adapted to our Connecticut climate, and support pollinators and wildlife.

Don't forget to include mixed planters as

a source of easy all season color for your steps, deck, or patio. Let your imagination run as you consider these. They may be herbs, vegetables, tropical plants, flowers... plant your own in a decorative planter, or find a custom, already beautiful and full design.

To find specific, detailed plant information, fun things to do in the yard, and chores that need to be done at this time, visit www.villagegreene.net. This new resource lists hundreds of plants.

Finally, enjoy your time outside! Time spent to get a good start and strong foundation early in the season will reward you with leisure time in a comfortable outdoor space through the summer and fall.

Leigh, Your Village Horticulturist



Welcome to the Town of Guilford, CT

Guilford has a small, historic, charming atmosphere which is highlighted by its rustic character and individuality. Unique characteristics include the Town Green with tree lined abutting streets that boast the third largest collection of historical homes in New England, dwellings from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. So come, stay awhile and enjoy everything our town has to offer.

Explore the numerous boutique shops, antique markets and art galleries that also surround the Green. Nearby are historical museums that display Guilford's heritage, including the Hyland House (1660), Henry Whitfield State Museum (1639), Thomas Griswold House (1774), Medad Stone Tavern (1803) and the Dudley Farm (1840). Guilford's natural scenic beauty, its Green, its historic houses, and its thriving business community guide the citizens of Guilford toward a promising future. So come, stay awhile and enjoy everything our town has to offer.

Leete's Island Garden Club Plant & Bake Sale

Don't miss this chance to beautify your gardens with plants you'll enjoy year after year! On Saturday, May 11th, from 9:00 am to noon, the Leete's Island Garden Club's annual plant sale will be held on the southwest corner of the Guilford Green. You'll find a wide selection of reasonably priced perennials just in time for planting. There will also be a limited selection of hanging baskets filled with colorful annuals-come early to get your pick. Garden Club members will be on hand to answer your plant care questions, so stop by and feel free to "pick" their brains!

A variety of home-baked goods will also be available and priced right for your Mother's Day get together. New this year will be some decorated tins filled with a baker's dozen of favorite recipe cookies. Also new-reusable grocery shopping tote bags that are functional, attractive, and washable-so you'll want to get more than one! This new item is a Leete's Island Garden Club effort to eliminate use of single-use plastic bags. There will be much more: garden aprons, decorated flower pots, and even dried items to use with your own center piece creations. We're sure you'll

find something special for mom or to keep for yourself!

Proceeds from purchases support the many Leete's Island Garden Club's civic beautification and public education projects. Help them continue their 80 year tradition of community service by coming to the Green on May 11th. Rain date is: May 12th.

For more information, contact us at: 203-444-4706.

Guilford Preservation Alliance - Guilford & World War I

During WWI, the U.S. supplied major contributions of raw material, money, and mobilized over 4 million military personnel. Offensive weapons of mass destruction and defensive strategies and tactics, unlike anything seen in previous wars, were developed. Tanks were built and used in response to the stalemate of trench warfare. Modernized submarines armed with torpedoes and deck guns were used. Giant zeppelins and airplanes were used for surveillance, bombing raids, and aerial dogfight combat. Poisonous gas killed thousands before gas masks were distributed. Flamethrowers, machine guns, field artillery, and skin burning mustard gas unleashed horrific results.

Local boards were established to register men. Some of those in Guilford who were too old or too young to enlist joined the Home Guard. Women were also allowed to enlist and serve in the Navy and as nurses. Some of the men who served were wounded and gassed, many whose lives were never the same.

DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR, GUILFORD LOST SEVERAL YOUNG MEN

Burton M. Lee, born 2 Dec 1892, the son of J. Wilson Lee and Edith E. Morse (321 Boston Street), enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He died from blood poisoning and pneumonia at the age of 25.

Frank H. Bishop, born 22 Oct 1895, the son of Frank Bishop and Sophia Spencer (77 Broad Street). enlisted in the Signal Corps serving in the Aero Squadrons. He died from pneumonia while at Blois, France, at the age of 22.

Charles W. Darrow, born 6 Jul 1898, served in Co. D, 102nd Regiment. On 20 Apr 1918, he was killed when 3,200 German stormtroopers attacked Seicheprey, France. The American Legion post, here in Guilford, is named in his honor.

Herbert H. Hall, born 20 Apr 1897, the son of Herbert Hall and Florence Hamilton of North Guilford, enlisted in Co. D, 102nd Infantry. On his 21st birthday, he was captured at the Battle of

Seicheprey. A prisoner for 5 ½ months, he died from influenza 4 Oct 1918 at Bengal, Germany.

Harold C. Davis, born Jan 1899, the son of Wilbur and Amy Davis, served in Co. F, 102nd Regiment. He died from wounds while at Vosge, France, 15 Aug 1918, at the age of 19.

Many other Guilford men and women continued to serve until the armistice was signed ending the war on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in 1918.

John J. Sullivan, who served with 6 others from Guilford in the 103rd Field Artillery, wrote in his diary that day: "Germany Surrendered at 5:00 am. We got word at 8:00 am. Guns fired until 11:00 am. Then the WHOLE front stopped. Big time in evening."

In Guilford, 10-year-old Phil Dudley recorded: "When I woke up, I heard the whistles blowing."

Later that evening, the hundreds gathered on the green, sang the Star Spangled Banner and the National Anthem, lit a big bonfire in the middle of the green, set off firecrackers, and dedicated the Honor Roll. *From speeches read by Tracy Tomaselli on the Guilford Green, Memorial Day, May 28, 2018 and Veteran's Day, November 11, 2018.*

EARLY GUILFORD DAYS

This program will be held May 16, 17, 20, 21 this year. Wait, what are Early Guilford Days? This is a program which grew from the ideas of a group of Guilford women who wanted to be sure Guilford colonial history was taught in the schools. Rebecca Light, a 4th grade teacher at Cox school, Sarah McCulloch and Priscilla Norton, both GPA members organized an initial educational event which took 4th grade students to visit the Hyland House Museum to increase their understanding of colonial history.

This was such a successful outing that it led to the development of a program for all 4th grade students in town and was broadened to include the Griswold House as part of the educational experience. 2019 marks the anniversary of over 20 years this program has been part of the school curriculum. Students participate in early colonial

workshop experiences from hearth cooking to basket making and herbal remedies heightening their awareness of colonial Guilford history. From the beginning the GPA has supported Early Guilford Days with an annual grant.

Second Annual Big Sleep Out to Raise Awareness of Homelessness



On Saturday, April 27, the Guilford Town Green will again host The Big Sleep Out, an event that focuses attention on homelessness and raises funds for Columbus House. Since 1982

Columbus House has served people in the New Haven area who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, by providing them with shelter and housing and encouraging their personal growth and self-reliance.

The moving force behind the event is Ella Stanley, a junior at Guilford High School, who brought the first Big Sleep Out to Guilford in 2018. Reflecting upon its success, Stanley stated, “Last year the support of the community was amazing! We were able to have a successful event that brought participants together for a great cause and raised a tremendous amount of money [more than \$6,000] for Columbus house.”

“But more importantly, I think, was that we were able to take this idea of homelessness that carries such a stereotype and redefine it. That these are people not so different from us, just people who happen to be homeless. When participants talked with speakers who were homeless, lived a day in a person's shoes during the simulation game, or slept outside for the entire night, they gained a deeper understanding and compassion for what homelessness is.”

Stanley continued, “This year we want to get even more people from our community to join us and participate in the sleep out. My hope is that the more people we reach, the further this message will spread.”

Sleep outs, such as the one organized by Stanley, draw attention to the problem, and are gaining greater momentum in the United States. They are better known in other parts of the world, especially the UK and Australia, where the Down Under country has hosted them for three decades.

Stanley is inviting all Guilford residents, their families and friends to join her on the Green to experience a night outdoors. A sleep-out center will be located in the middle of the Green, and security will be provided during sleeping hours. St. George Church will set



Ella Stanley, left, and Julie Orenstein, right, flank the quilt that participants in the 2018 Big Sleep Out created. During the past year they displayed the quilt at the Guilford Free Library, Nathanael B. Greene Community Center and several other Guilford locations.

up a soup kitchen in the hall, where meals similar to those offered at Columbus House will be served.

Some of the activities planned are a panel of speakers relating their experiences with homelessness; an interactive online simulation game in which people make decisions as if they were living on the brink of homelessness; a cardboard shelter-making competition (more fun than education), a quilt workshop where participants create squares for a quilt that travels to various Guilford locations; as well as a possible showing of movie *The Soloist*.

You, too, can help the homeless by supporting The Big Sleep Out. To become a sponsor, pledge on behalf of a team or make a personal donation, visit The Big Sleep Out website: <https://thebigsleepoutguilford.weebly.com/> for complete information. To sleep out, contact Ella Stanley at thebigsleepoutguilford@gmail.com.



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Children's Programs

REGISTRATION for starred (**) programs began on Tuesday, March 12, at 9:00 am in person, by phone at: 203-453-8282, or online at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

SPECIALS

Funded by the Friends of the Guilford Free Library
& Lana Ferguson Fund

**Lana Ferguson Literary Festival featuring author Nora

Raleigh Baskin: To honor the memory of a treasured former children's librarian, the Guilford Free Library and the family of Lana Ferguson present the fourth annual Lana Ferguson Literary Festival. We will be hosting a question and answer session with book signing from Nora Raleigh Baskin, award-winning author of *Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*, *Ruby on the Outside*, and a dozen more books for children and teens. *Nine, Ten* (current nominee for the Nutmeg Book Award), will be available for sale at a special discounted rate only at this event (\$10 as opposed to \$18 retail), or fans can bring their own book for signing. Registration is strongly encouraged. All fans welcome, but most appropriate for children in grades 3-7.

Thursday, April 11th

from 4:30 - 5:30 pm Suggested for ages 8 & up

**Writing Workshop with author Nora Raleigh Baskin (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):

Do you love to write? Is being an author your lifelong dream? Or has the writing bug only just recently taken a bite out of you? Either way, you can unleash your creative potential with tips and advice from award-winning author Nora Raleigh Baskin! Registration required. Space is limited. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Thursday, April 11th

from 5:30 - 6:30 pm Ages 9 to 17

**Smeagull the Seagull (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):

Listen to the adventures of *Smeagull the Seagull* who loves to hang around humans, as told by the author and illustrator, Mark Lender and Valerie Pettis, who live on the shoreline. Learn about the real gull that inspired this story, what went into writing and illustrating it, and fun seagull facts. Then have a chance to ask questions, purchase the book at a discount, and get it autographed.

Monday, April 8th

from 4:30 - 5:30 pm All ages

****Pinkalicious & Peterrific with author Victoria Kann (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):** Join the best-selling author behind the *Pinkalicious* and *Peterrific* books (now also a TV show on PBS Kids) as she talks about how she comes up with her stories, what it's like to turn a book into a TV show, shares *Pinkalicious* stories, and more! Bring your favorite *Pinkalicious* book to get signed, or purchase one at a discount at this event. Registration required.

Tuesday, April 9th

from 4:30 - 5:30 pm Ages 3 & up

****Scribbles (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):** Hear local author Theresa Mackiewicz read from her book *Scribbles*, do a crayon craft, then have a chance to ask questions, buy her book at a discount, & get an autograph.

Wednesday, April 10th

from 4:30 - 6:30 pm Ages 3 & up

****Teddy Bear Sleepover:** Bring your favorite bear to the library for special stories, songs, and crafts, and leave them overnight to sleep over. Come back in the morning to see what your bear got up to after lights-out, and have doughnuts and lemonade with your bear. Registration required.

Friday, May 10th

from 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Then Saturday, May 11th

from 9:00 - 11:00 am Ages 4 & up

**MUTT-I-GREES IN THE LIBRARY

This series uses curriculum developed by The Pet Savers Foundation, North Shore Animal League, and Yale University School of the 21st Century to teach compassion and community with the help of animals. Registration is required for each individual event. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Seeing Eye Dogs & Beyond - Guiding Eyes will talk about seeing eye dogs for the blind and other kinds of service dogs in this informative presentation & demonstration for families.

Thursday, April 25th

from 6:00 - 7:00 pm All ages

Making Toys for Shelter Pets - Bring your own clean, gently used jeans, t-shirts, towels, or sewing scraps to make into toys for dogs & cats in shelters to play with while they wait for their forever families to find them. (We will also have some fabric supplies.) Space is limited.

Tuesday, May 7th

from 4:30 - 6:30 pm All ages

Feline Friends - Branford Compassion Club will host this chat about all things cat!

Tuesday, May 7th

from 7:00 - 8:00 pm All ages

Do What's Best for Your Pet - Help your furry family member be healthy and happy with these tips from Guilford Animal Control for new & seasoned pet parents alike.

Saturday, June 8th
from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm All ages

****Passover Celebration:** Join us for stories, songs, and a craft to celebrate this holiday, led by Stacey Battat of PJ Library & the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Please register.

Friday, April 26th
from 4:15 - 5:15 pm Ages 4 to 7

SERIES

Please Register

**WEEKEND WILDLIFE

One Saturday each month, come to the library to learn about local and world wildlife and meet animals & plants. Registration required for each individual event. Funded by the Allan Louis Loeb Foundation.

April 6th - Under the Sea: Learn about sea creatures that live in Connecticut up close with a marine touch tank.

May 11th - Busy Bees: Learn the differences between native and honey bees and what you can do to help both.

June 15th - One of These Birds is Not Like the Others:

Compare various raptors with other types of birds from all over.

Saturdays, 4/16, 5/11, & 6/15
from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Ages 4 & up

****Paws & Read:** Reading can be stressful for children who are struggling with it, and reading to a silent furry partner can help. Sign up for a 15 minute reading slot with one of our licensed therapy dogs: Chief or Miley, and dog handler Howard Taylor, or Lucy, and dog handler Ellen Silberman, or Denver, and dog handler Kimber Tanaka. Parent/legal guardian must sign a permission form for their child to be alone in the room with the dog and handler.

Dates and times for Chief or Miley

Tuesdays, April 2nd-June 11th
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Ages 6 & up

Dates and times for Lucy

Thursdays, April 11-June 27 (skip 4/18, 5/2, & 6/6)
from 4:00-5:00pm Ages 6 & up

Dates and times for Denver

Saturdays, 4/27
from 10:00-11:00am Ages 6 & up

****In-Between:** An after-school program for grades 5 & 6.
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Sometimes art, sometimes science, sometimes technology, but always a lot of fun. Please register for each program individually. Join us on two Thursdays a month.

April 4 & 25, May 9 & 23, June 6

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th & 6th graders

****Tots & Tunes:** Come and enjoy a musical program with your toddlers and preschoolers. Dance to great children's music, play musical instruments, and swing scarves.

Tuesdays, April 2 through May 28 (skip 4/30)

from 10:00 - 10:30 am Ages 0 to 5

OR Wednesdays, April 3 through May 29 (skip 5/15)

from 10:00 - 10:30 am Ages 0 to 5

****Baby Time:** You will hear and discuss developmental issues with professionals, meet other parents, listen to stories, and let your babies play together. Free gift for your baby. (With Guilford Youth & Family Services.)

Mondays, April 1st - May 6th (skip 4/15)

from 9:30 - 10:00 am Ages 0 to 11 months

****One On Ones:** A playful time with songs, stories, and poems led by library staff for toddler & parent/caregiver.

Fridays, April 26th through June 7th (skip 5/17)

from 9:30-10:00am Ages 12 to 23 months

****Time For Twos:** A parent-child introduction to a traditional story time with books, songs, marching, and more, led by library staff for toddlers & parent/caregiver.

Fridays, April 25th through June 6th (skip 5/16)

from 9:30-10:00am Ages 24 to 36 months

DROP - IN PROGRAMS

Open To All - Registration Not Required

Crafternoons: Get creative at the library! We supply the materials, you supply the imagination. Build and take home anything you can dream up. No need to register.

Mondays, April 15th

from 1:00 - 6:00 pm All ages

May 13th & June 3rd

from 3:30 - 6:30 pm All ages

LEGO® Building Club: Join us one Friday each month from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. We will build theme-based projects and put them on display in the children's room.

April 12th, May 24th, and June 7th

from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Kindergarten & up

Books-In-A-Nook: Listen to stories read in a quiet corner of the Children's Room. Community volunteers or library staff will read to you from new books and the library's special story collection.

Wednesdays, April 3rd through June 26th

from 11:00 - 11:30 am All ages

Storytime: Children and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for special stories, songs, puppets, and finger plays with the children's staff.

Thursdays, April 18th through June 13th

from 11:00-11:30am Ages 3 & up

Pop-In-Playtime: Parents come, meet your friends, let your children play! In the preschool area of the children's room.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 2nd through June 26th

from 10:30 - 11:30 am All ages

Registration for Summer Programs begins Tuesday,

June 4th at 9:00 am at the Guilford Free Library, 67 Park Street, Guilford, CT 06437. To register or for more information about our programs you can call: 203-453-8282 or check us out on our web site at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

Teen Programs

DIY LIP SCRUBS

Learn how to make homemade lip scrubs with a variety of ingredients. Lip scrubs are used to exfoliate the lips, leaving them smooth and moisturized! They usually consist of soothing and beneficial ingredients such as coconut, vanilla, citrus, vitamins, and essential oils. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 3

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

PRACTICE SAT & ACT EXAMS

C2 Education of Fairfield will host free practice SAT and ACT exams. You may bring a calculator and snacks. Please let us know which test you are taking when you sign up! Registration required.

Saturday, April 27

from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm High school students

MAKE YOUR OWN QUESO

Learn how to make queso from scratch! Once you've mastered it, you can make it at home and serve with chips or as a taco topping. We will be taste testing with chips! Registration required.

Thursday, May 2

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

TO BE READ

Looking for the next hot read? Something new and exciting? Join us for an exclusive look at some amazing books coming out in the next few months. At TBR you will be the first to get a sneak peek at the best new books BEFORE they hit the stacks! You might also have a chance to leave with a free book! Presented by Kathy Sharp (Formerly of R.J. Julia) along with other fellow book lovers. Snacks will be served! Registration required.

Thursday, May 2
from 6:00 - 7:30 pm 7th graders and up

ROCKSTAR FOR A DAY

Ever wanted to see what it's like to be in a band? Are you already in a band but just like to play with musical equipment? Come jam with fellow wannabe rock stars! Play the Library's electronic drum set, electric guitar, and electric bass guitar. Play your favorite songs or try to write your own. Registration required.

Monday, May 6
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

DIY MINI SUCCULENT PLANTER

Decorate a succulent planter. We will have succulents for you to plant as well. Succulents are very easy to take care of and can be added to any room! Registration required.

Tuesday, May 14
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

HALF DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

Race against the clock to be the first team to complete all 15 tasks in this multi-location scavenger hunt! Teams can have no more than 4 members. Please register the day of at the Library.

Wednesday, May 22
begins at 1:00 pm 5th through 8th graders

JAVASCRIPT FOR TEENS

Learn how to code in JavaScript in this two week class. Please prepare to attend both classes. Registration required.

Tuesdays, June 4 and 11
from 3:30 - 5:00 pm 5th graders and up

DIY RAINBOW BRACELETS

Make a beaded bracelet with every color of the rainbow. Registration required.

Monday, June 10
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

DIY CONSTELLATION ART

Paint the constellation of your choice on canvas. Registration required.

Tuesday, June 18
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm 5th graders and up

VIRTUAL REALITY IN SPACE

Explore space right here on Earth with a variety of virtual reality games and apps. Registration required.

Wednesday, June 26
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm 5th graders and up

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Book Buzz - Join us the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am (April 9, May 14, June 11) to discuss the latest books. No registration necessary, just drop in!

OPERA TALK

Cosponsored by Shoreline Village CT. (Each program begins at 7:00 pm and is scheduled a few days prior to the broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera production at Regal Cinema in Branford)

May 8 Poulenc's "Dialogues des Carmélites" with Marc Verzatt, International Stage Director

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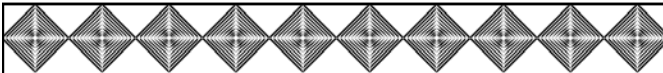
April 2 Retirement Talk with Kenneth Myles, 6:30 pm
April 3 Monarch Butterflies Film and discussion, 6:30 pm
April 4 Yale Science Diplomats, "Bodybuilding and Building Bodies: Upgrades from Nature and Technology" 7:00 pm

April 7 Classical Music Concert by Lions Gate Trio, 2:00 pm
April 9 Witness Stones Project Book Discussion: "Complicity" with co-authors Jenifer Frank and Anne Farrow
April 10 "Country Acres and Cul-de-Sacs," a book talk with Yale Professor Jay Gitlin, 7:00 pm
April 11 Shoreline Village CT Art talk: Exploring the New Britain Museum of American Art with Marcie Slepian, 2:00 pm
April 11 Guilford Poets Guild Second Thursday Poetry Series, 6:30 pm
April 14 Moses Gunn Play Co. "The Blood Knot" by Athol Fugard
April 16 Edith B. Nettleton Lecture Series: James McBride, 7:00 pm
April 17 Bringing Turtles Out of Their Shells with Pamela Meier, 7:00 pm
April 18 Mark Schenker Book Discussion, American Pastoral by Philip Roth, 7:00 pm
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April 24 Yale Science Diplomats, "Flesh, Blood, and Bone: Unraveling the Mysteries of Evolution," 7:00 pm
April 25 Mutt-i-grees Program: Guiding Eyes, 6:00 pm
April 30 Edith B. Nettleton Lecture Series: Jim Powers, 7:00 pm
May 1 CT Sea Kayaking with Dave Fasulo, 7:00 pm
May 4 Moses Gunn Theater Co., 2:00 pm
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May 22 Writing Injustice Book Discussion, 7:00 pm
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May 28 Yale Science Diplomats, "The Molecular Macarena: Coordinating Your Body's Movements," 7:00 pm
May 30 Mark Schenker Book Discussion, 7:00 pm
June 1 Moses Gunn Play Co., 2:00 pm
June 4 Java Script Class for Adults, 6:00 pm
June 5 Edith B. Nettleton Lecture Series: CT Architecture, 7:00 pm
June 6 Concert by Phil Rosenthal and the Guilford Ramblers, 7:00 pm
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This intergenerational youth to youth experience enhances the program for the cast members who not only look up to our high school students, but also get the chance to support them and attend GHS Productions to bring it full circle. The program also encompasses a full family



Just another Saturday afternoon with the cast of Mary Poppins Jr!
Photo by Producer and Director Mike Kosko.

experience, utilizing countless parent and sibling volunteers to help with rehearsals, props, costumes & hair.

This year the Family Theatre Production of Mary Poppins Jr., will be performed at The Guilford High School Performing Arts Center. The show is appropriate for all ages and runs approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes (which includes a 15 minute in-

termission). The “junior,” in the title of our production of Mary Poppins Jr., indicates that the score is vocally friendly for young voices. The cast still includes all of the characters in the original version, but with a few different twists and turns then you may remember. There are three performances to choose from, so join us for a spectacular

show: Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm or Sunday, April 14 at 12 noon. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at: gyfspoppins.brownpapertickets.com, in person at Guilford Youth & Family Services or at the box office prior to each performance. All seating is general admission. For more information and ticket prices, visit GY&FS: 36 Graves Ave, Guilford or call 203-453-8047.

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PROGRAMS OFFERED AT WOMEN & FAMILY LIFE CENTER

- Breastfeeding Support Group:** 11:00 am on Tuesdays
- Yoga:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays (different times each day)
- Restart Divorce & Separation Support Groups:** noon on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 pm on Thursdays

Visit the Women & Family Life Center website for a complete listing and more detailed information on all of the programs and services offered: www.womenandfamilylife.org.

GIRLS COACH GIRLS RUN (GCGR)

For 4th grade girls. Registration is open until 04/23/2019. GCGR is a 12 week program, with site locations in Guilford and Madison. This is a three-tiered peer mentoring program where 8th, 11th and 12th grade girls coach 4th grade girls in leadership skills, building self-esteem and interpersonal competencies, and learn about healthy lifestyles, all while training for a 5K fun run at the Surf Club in Madison on June 5, 2019. For more information visit our GCGR Program page on our website: www.womenandfamilylife.org and for registration information call Beth Skudder at 203-458-6699 or email bskudder@womenandfamilylife.org

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 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
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5K begins at 9:00 am, walk begins at 9:10 am and awards ceremony is at 10:15 am.

Women & Family Life Center and Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital have come together to co-host Tracy's Run. This race is dedicated to educating people, reducing stigma and creating support for individuals who struggle with mental health issues. For registration information visit our event page at: www.womenandfamilylife.org or email: djackson@womenandfamilylife.org.

THE LIMELITE PROJECT: GIRLS FOR GIRLS

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Guilford Keeping Society

SPRING - SUMMER 2019 EVENTS

- April 27 **Wines of the World Wine Tasting** at The Medad Stone Tavern Museum from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Event includes Silent Auction, Appetizers and the Shoreline Jazz Quartet.
- May 11 **Spring Tea** at the Medad Stone Tavern from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. (Reservation required.)
- May 27 **Annual Memorial Day Picnic** at the Thomas Griswold House Museum from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. Free will offering.
- June 1 **Museum Season Opening** at the Thomas Griswold House and the Medad Stone Tavern from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free admission (donations accepted.)

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June 8 **Connecticut Open House Day** at Thomas Griswold House and Medad Stone Tavern Museums from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free Admission.

June 8 **"New to You" Tag Sale** in the field at the Thomas Griswold House from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Come and shop or rent a table to sell your treasures! Call for a table rental at: 203-453-2263.

July 15-19 **Historical American Girl Doll Camp** at The Medad Stone Tavern from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Ages 7-12. ***Advance reservation required.*

The American Girl Doll Camp will take campers back in time with the historical American Girl dolls. As campers for a week-long program at the Keeping Society's Medad Stone Tavern, children will learn about the everyday lives of children from many eras, using the American Girl dolls as starting points. Campers will be writing in their own journals, making crafts, playing games from each doll's time period, and cooking food from recipes they would have used during their time period. The week will end with a tea party for the campers and the dolls in the parlor of the Tavern.

To ask questions, or to register a child for camp, email info@guilfordkeepingsociety.com or call 203-453-2263. Checks should be mailed to Guilford Keeping Society, P. O. Box 363 Guilford, CT 06437.



Aug 5-9 **Colonial Life Camp** at The Thomas Griswold House from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Ages 7-12. ***Advance reservation required.*

The Colonial Life Camp will focus on colonial life in a New England town. Campers will do crafts, cook and play games from that period. We will learn about the chores, architecture and one room school houses of that time period. Our blacksmith will demonstrate how iron items were made at that time.

Oct 12 **Beer Tasting** at The Medad Stone Tavern from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Tickets \$25.00 before event \$30 at event. Adults only.

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With spring comes spring flowers, and Lauren Brown will spend Sunday Afternoon at the Farm leading an early spring wildflower walk on the 28th of April,

starting at 2:00 pm. As we walk, we will help maintain the trail by disposing of the invasive plant, garlic mustard. You never know what we might find. Join local botanist Lauren Brown, author of *Wildflowers and Winter Weeds*, *Weeds and Wildflowers in Winter and Grasses: An Identification Guide* for a sneak preview of the season. Please note: NO DOGS for this event.

The Dudley Farm Museum is celebrating 25 years! Join us Sunday, May 19th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm to celebrate the Museum's 25th anniversary. With our Big Barn Project nearing completion and other projects well on their way, we have much to celebrate. Enjoy great food, wonderful friends, a silent auction and live music with The Dudley Farm String Band. Tickets can be purchased at The Dudley Farm Museum or calling 203-457-0770, or by emailing: director@dudleyfarm.com.

June 1st is not only the opening of our Museum for the season, but also the first

Saturday of our weekly Farmers' Market. The Dudley Farm Farmers' Market is the second oldest Farmers' Market in the state, so we hope you'll visit and see what is homemade and homegrown. 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, the Connecticut Office of Tourism will sponsor the 15th Annual Connecticut Open House Day. This special one-day statewide event showcases Connecticut's diverse world of history, art, and tourism, and our doors will be open to all! So visit the Farmers' Market, visit the Museum, and then visit the other organizations in Guilford that are participating in this event.

The 5 Historic Museums of Guilford will be showcasing For Wee Folk: Children's Toys & Miniatures, 1639-1910 all summer long. Won't you visit each of our museums to see what we have for children of all ages?

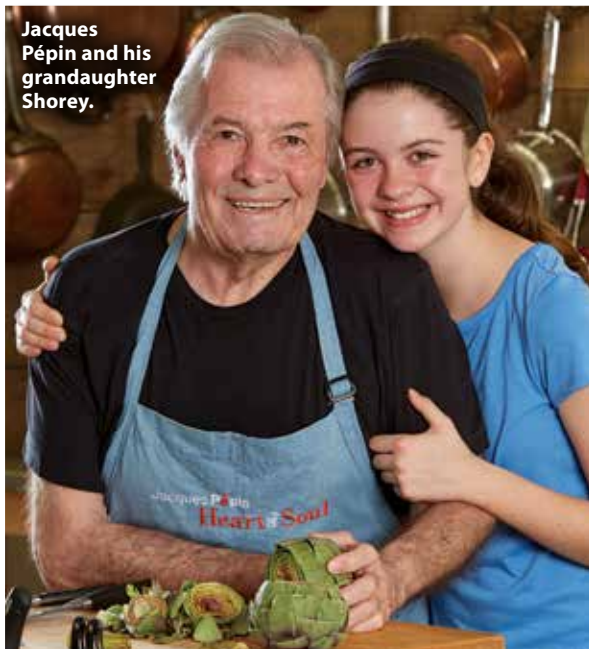


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Jacques Pépin and his granddaughter Shorey.

Jacques Pépin: Simple ingredients, extraordinary results

by Sigrid Kun



Jacques Pépin strolling along the beach in Madison with one of his poodles.



Above, cooking with Julia Child on PBS's show "The Joy of Cooking."

All photographs by Tom Hopkins

A career that began in his family's kitchen continues in the family kitchen today. Whether preparing a lovely scallop or a veal chop with mashed potatoes, dinner is Jacques Pépin's "culmination of the day." The piano, he says, is the nickname for the stove. That makes Pépin a master musician.

DESTINED FOR THE KITCHEN

Pépin's skills were honed early. Home was working in his parents' restaurant near Lyon, France. A Paris apprenticeship began in 1949 at the age of 13 (interestingly, Julia Child was working in Paris at the same time). His military service in France (1956-58) found him as the personal chef to 3 heads of state (including Charles De Gaulle) at a time when chefs toiled in anonymity. There was no such thing as a celebrity chef. If commanded to the dining room, things had gone awry. "Now, [being a chef], all of a sudden, you are a genius," he quips. "It is a very different world. I am lucky to be a part of it."

A year after coming to the US in 1958, he was working at New York's finest French restaurant, Le Pavillon. He turned down the position of chef to the Kennedy White House. He opted to develop food lines for Howard Johnson. It all worked out. A NY Times food editor connected Pépin with Helen McCully, a food industry icon. She introduced Pépin to then unknown Julia Child. The delightful cooking duo went on to win a daytime television Emmy Award in 2001. Yes, the friends would often argue. "On the whole we agreed on what was important," he recalls. "Quality, simplicity."

"Extraordinary," he reminisces. "Nothing was planned. I am very existentialist that way. You do something and it projects you somewhere else. You do that and it projects you elsewhere." One thing has always led to another for Pépin. Trips to the Catskills in the early 1960s led to his catching the "painting bug." His paintings are now a new business line. This June, his

works will be on display at the Guilford Art Center. At the Catskills, he became a ski instructor. And on those slopes he met his wife of 53 years, Gloria. He calls his daughter (Claudine) and granddaughter (Shorey) his greatest accomplishments. During the 1960s he also earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia University.

A LIFE OF EVOLUTION

No life is without hardship. A 1974 car accident nearly claimed Pépin's life. He could no longer withstand the rigors of 7 days a week, 10-14 hours in the kitchen. His life transformed into "teaching, writing, and just cooking." Since 1975, he has written 30 books. He also became and remains a beloved fixture on television. He isn't a fan of today's harsh reality cooking shows. "You are asked to put a lot of yourself in your food. Love is a very important component. Yelling at you? There is no way you can teach with that approach... Cooking is interactive. You follow your taste. You taste and adjust. You taste and adjust."

At 83, he recognizes his own progression. "For many people in the country, I was known as the quintessential French chef... If you look at my books, there is the soup and cilantro with banana on one page, then the salad and fried chicken, and then the lobster roll. After half a century in the US, I am probably the quintessential American chef." Pépin's life/career has been profiled on the PBS series "American Masters." "I am probably the first cook to have an American Masters," he notes.

The Madison, CT resident continues to teach, paint, and enjoy life. Whether it is a game of boule, mushrooming, or walking his poodles along the beach, food still remains center stage. He is currently the Dean of Special Programs at the International Culinary Institute of New York and continues a 37-year teaching stint at Boston University. He performs countless cooking demonstrations across the country. In 2016, the Jacques Pépin Foundation was formed. His books/manuals of cooking techniques form the curriculum for soup kitchens from Boston to Seattle. The idea is to take what Pépin has created over so many decades to assist disenfranchised individuals - those who may be coming out of jail, are homeless, or are recovering from addictions.

JACQUES PÉPIN...NOT INVINCIBLE?

"Yes, yes," he relates. "One time. It was 30 years ago or more. It was in the early 70s, a 3-hour show with dancing and singing. I did a cheese soufflé." Pépin came on the stage two hours into the show to put the soufflé in the oven. There was no way of checking on the controls so he did not know the oven was set on self-cleaning mode. He went back on stage for the unveiling. "I have never seen anything so burned." He laughs heartily. "It was crust on the outside and still liquid on the inside... There was no recovery on that one. But it was the biggest standing ovation I ever had."

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