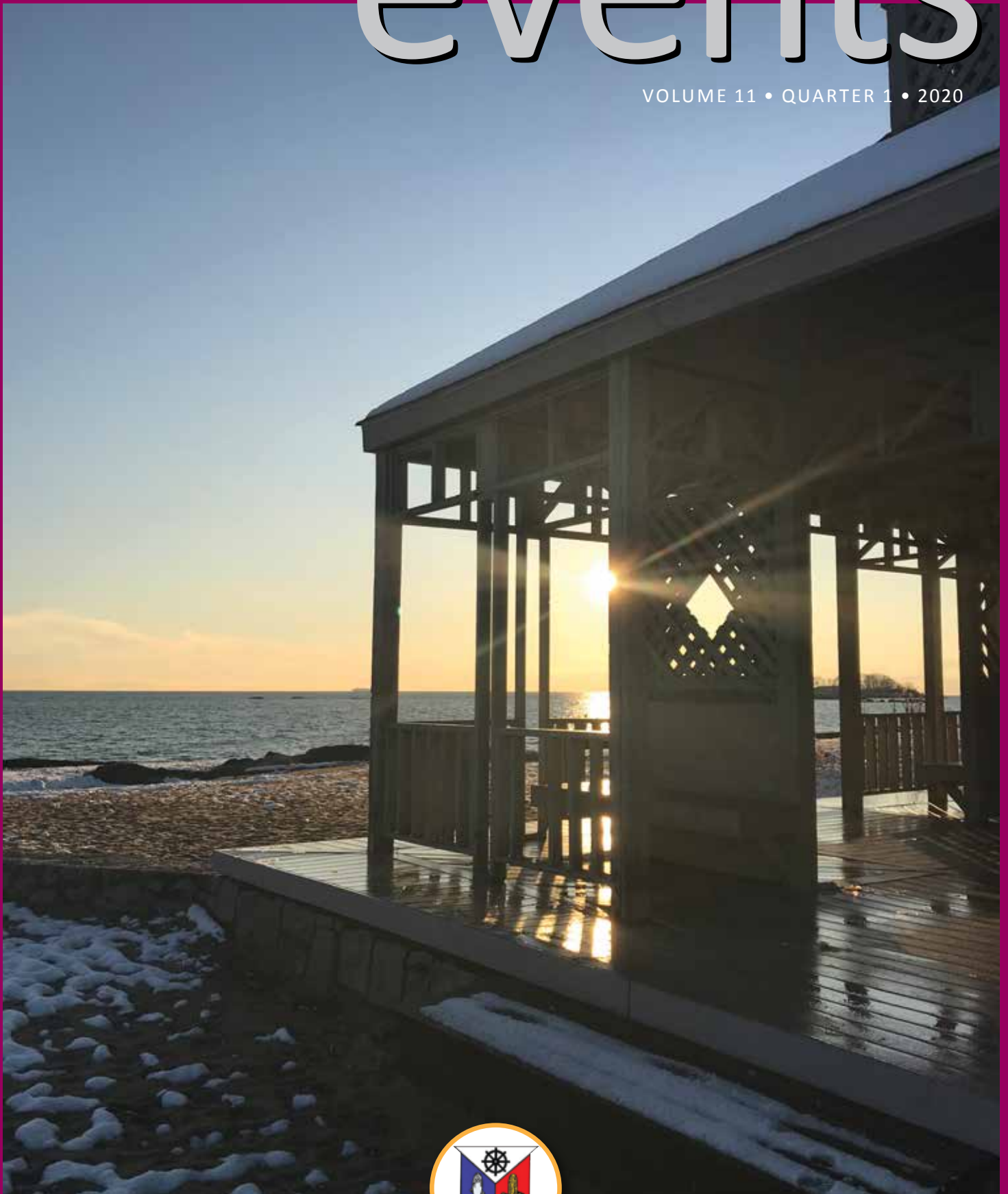


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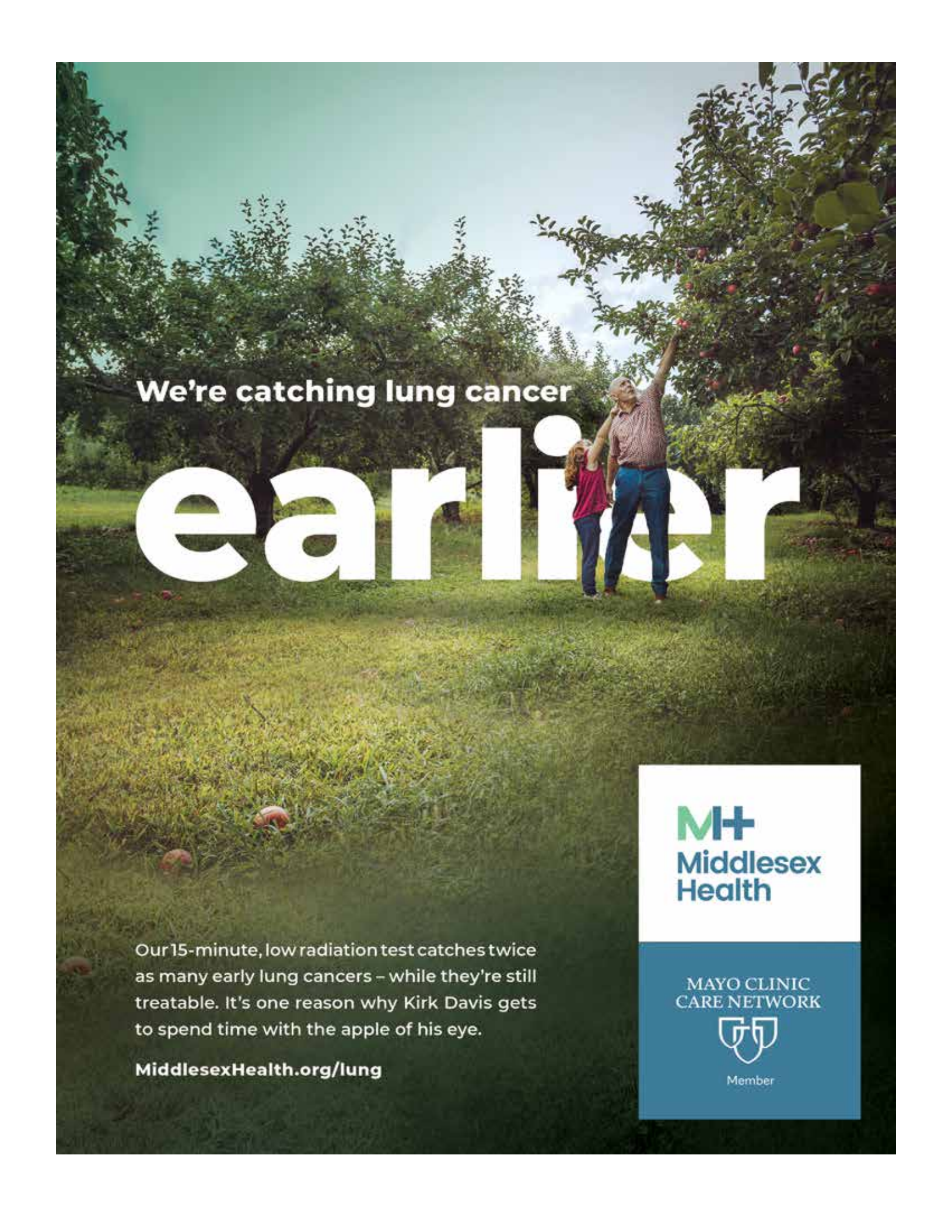
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## The First Selectwoman's Corner

I want to thank the people of Madison for giving me the opportunity to serve our very beautiful and special town as your First Selectwoman. I am honored and proud to take on this role, and I am grateful for your support.

There will be many challenges ahead – projects to start, projects to finish, and other unanticipated things that will need creative solutions. But this is all part of progress. And that progress will require us to work together collaboratively as a community so we can come up with the best ideas to move us forward.

In the coming editions of Madison Events Magazines, I expect to be reporting to you on

what is going on in town, what Town government is working on, and how you can contribute to those efforts. It is important that all community voices be heard so that we are focusing on what matters most to the people of Madison. In the meantime, I thank you again for your support and look forward to working together to keep our town such a special place.

Also, please note “The Last Word” segment of this issue of Madison Events Magazines (page 18). It commemorates the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (ratified in August of 1920), providing for the women’s right to vote. As the first woman to be elected as your First Selectman since the 1970s,



Peggy Lyons  
First Selectwoman

it is important to remember this turning point in United States history and reflect on the efforts of those who worked tirelessly to make it possible. Thank you!

*Peggy Lyons, First Selectwoman*

A photograph of a bedroom set from Saybrook Home. The set includes a bed with a white headboard and footboard, white bedding, and a striped pillow. There are two white nightstands with gold-colored drawers and knobs. A lamp with a white shade and a gold base is on the left nightstand. A tall, thin vase with green grass is on the floor next to the left nightstand. The room has light-colored walls and a window with white curtains.

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While it may seem too cold for any living creature to survive outside in February, many animals are scurrying all around our northern forests and fields. Go on a mystery hunt for tracks and other signs of winter animals venturing out in the snow. Create a fun craft to help you remember the tracks you saw. For preschoolers ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult. \$15

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Saturday, February 22 or February 29 / 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Come learn how maple syrup is made, from tree to table. We'll tap Bauer Park's maple trees, taste the sap, and learn how to turn it into syrup (which we'll also taste!). Information on where to acquire sugaring supplies, and when, where and how to tap the maple trees in your own yard will be provided. Boots are recommended as we'll be hiking into the woods to tap the trees. For adults and children ages 3 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5.



Learn how to tap a tree and make maple syrup at Bauer Park.

Pre-registration is required at [www.madisonct.org/recreation](http://www.madisonct.org/recreation) or in the Madison Beach & Recreation office. Questions? Call 203-245-5623. Learn about upcoming events at Bauer Park at [www.facebook.com/bauerparkmadisonct](http://www.facebook.com/bauerparkmadisonct).

Educational programs can be arranged for school, scout and community groups at Bauer Park, Rockland Preserve and the town beaches. Contact the Beach & Recreation Office at 203-245-5623 for more information.

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# Madison Land Conservation Trust

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturdays, April 11 & May 9, 10:00 am Tree Identification Walks

Join former Madison Tree Warden Bob Kuchta for a two-part tree walk at Rettich Preserve. Part 1 on April 11 will focus on tree identification by examining tree buds, bark and shape. Part 2 on May 9 will look at the same trees' flowers and foliage.

Bob has identified 42 species of trees and shrubs at Rettich Preserve, a 12-acre property at the former Rettich farm along the Hammonasset River. The land was donated to the Land Trust in 2014 by Fred and Rosa Rettich. Meet by the parking lot at 274 River Road.

### Saturday, April 18, 6:30 pm - Wild & Scenic Film Festival

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is returning to the shoreline! Last year's festival was a sold-out success, with



Learn to identify trees at Rettich Preserve with the Madison Land Trust.

350 attendees enjoying fabulous films and gourmet refreshments. Once again, the Madison and Clinton Land Trusts are teaming up to bring this globetrotting event to our area. Our goal is to engage our communities, increase environmental awareness, and inspire people to become active in protecting and preserving our beautiful shoreline habitats.

Wild & Scenic is a film festival with a purpose, bringing together storytellers and stories that reflect a love and appreciation of the natural world. The evening will feature a series of short award-winning environmental and

outdoor adventure films from around the world.

The Madison and Clinton Land Trusts will co-host the festival in the Andrews Memorial Town Hall auditorium at 54 East Main Street in Clinton. Light refreshments will be served.

Both land trusts are non-profit volunteer organizations dedicated to conserving our local natural resources. Go to [www.madisonlandtrust.org](http://www.madisonlandtrust.org) or [www.facebook.com/madisonlandtrust](http://www.facebook.com/madisonlandtrust) to view the film and learn when tickets will go on sale.

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# 45th Annual Member Show of the Madison Art Society



The 45th Annual Member Show of the Madison Art Society will be held at the Henry Carter Hull Library, 10 Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton, CT from February 2nd until February 29th. The show, which showcases original artwork created by Members of the Madison Art Society, is free to the public and available for viewing during normal library hours. An opening reception for the show will be held Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1:30-3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and to view the artwork. Refreshments will be served.

The Madison Art Society provides exhibition opportunities for artists of all levels, and works to promote art within the community. Members of the Madison Art Society have been displaying their work since the organization's creation in 1976.

*Marlene Sicuranza's watercolor, Fury Rescue Dog, won the most popular award at last year's member show.*



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# The Scranton Library - Celebrate 120 Years!



## The Scranton Library, 1900-2020

The Scranton Library is celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> “birthday” this year and we have a lot to celebrate!

Over the next 6 months we will reach many important milestones in our building project, which

will ultimately lead up to a ribbon cutting ceremony and Grand Re-opening to be held on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Mark your calendars, you’ll want to be there for this once in a lifetime event!

The first milestone will be the official end of construction, which is expected to take place at the end of February/ beginning of March. Next our shelving will arrive for installation. New furniture, equipment, and technology will be installed. The books and other supplies that have been in storage will be moved back in. Then we will begin the process of packing and preparing to close up shop at

our temporary North Madison location and say good bye to our friends at Madison Earth Care. Throughout this process we will do our best to maintain the library services that you depend on and we will work to minimize the time period when we are closed for business.

To get the latest news and information go to [scrantonlibrary.org](http://scrantonlibrary.org) and sign up for our e-newsletters. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram for exciting, behind the scenes sneak peeks. Don’t miss these great opportunities to celebrate one of Madison’s most treasured public resources:

### April 18th at 6 pm - the BEFORE Party

Join us for our annual library fundraiser and get a sneak peek at our new building before it opens to the public. Tickets are available at the library and online: [scranton\\_before\\_party.eventbrite.com](http://scranton_before_party.eventbrite.com).

### July 1st at 4 pm - Grand Re-opening

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# The Women's Club of Madison

## Babysitting Seminar 2020

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March 25th will be a weather makeup class.

This year the Women's Club will be sponsoring their 50th Babysitting Seminar. Fifty years ago it was started as a service program and has been in continuous service since then. Our club feels it is a necessary service both for the students who will be responsible for the care of the children plus their parents.

Our first year we were happy to have had 116 registrants. However, we now limit the class to 40 students. We run this program with the Madison Beach and Recreation Department. The program, offered to students both male and female ages 11 through 13, is open to students from Madison, Clinton and Guilford. It is run by our members

and consists of three weekly classes held at the Polson Middle School. Each week we have a different presenter from our local community emergency services. Police, fire and ambulance do a wonderful job of educating the students on any and all emergencies that may occur and how to best handle them. One week is devoted to a local pediatrician who instructs the students on the handling of babies and young children, signs and symptoms of medical issues such as allergies and asthma, and how to handle them. A school nurse also instructs the students on taking care of infants. Diapering and feeding some real babies make it fun and practical.

Students must attend all three classes to receive a Certificate of Completion.

Classes will take place 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Polson Middle School Cafeteria.



Registration may be done online at [www.madisonct.org/Recreation](http://www.madisonct.org/Recreation) or in person at the Madison Beach & Recreation Department. Cost \$45.00.

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Register early as the classes fill up fast, there is a **MAXIMUM OF 40 STUDENTS ALLOWED PER CLASS, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## Finding Lung Cancer

While lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, it's important to understand that it can be treated successfully when found early.

Lung cancer often has no symptoms, making it difficult for people to realize that something is wrong. Most often, early stage lung cancer can be best detected through lung screenings.

Lung screenings are ordered by physicians and recommended for those aged 55 to 80 who have a 30-pack year history of smoking. You must also be a smoker or former smoker who quit within the past 15 years and not be exhibiting lung cancer symptoms.

Middlesex Health is a Lung Cancer Screening Center of Excellence. This means that Middlesex demonstrates responsible, high-quality screening practices, and it ensures that the low-dose CT scans used to screen for lung cancer are carried out safely, efficiently and equitably.

Early lung cancer can also be detected through "incidental findings," meaning that a suspicious lesion was detected during the reading of a diagnostic test that a patient was having for another medical issue. It is critically important that lesions, regardless of how they are detected, are followed up on as recommended.

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An advertisement for County Hearing and Balance. The top half features a black and white photograph of a young boy and an older man with glasses sitting together outdoors. The text 'Good hearing is PRICELESS' is overlaid on the image. Below the photo, the text reads 'Is it time to get your hearing checked?'. The bottom half of the ad contains the company name 'County Hearing and Balance' with a logo, the address 'MADISON 82 Bradley Road 203-245-1950', and the contact information 'Call us for a Free Initial Consultation All services by Doctors of Audiology www.countyhearingandbalance.com'.

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## Lung Cancer... continued from page 11

The Total Lung Care Center, part of Middlesex Health Cancer Center, works with primary care physicians, radiologists and nurse navigators to coordinate expedited care plans. The goal is to always get you an appointment with

a pulmonologist as soon as possible. A timely diagnosis is very important because it allows lung cancer to be treated at an earlier stage. If your lesion is determined to be cancerous, you may need additional care and treatment.

The Total Lung Care Center's nurse navigator will guide and support you through all aspects of lung cancer care - from diagnosis to survivorship. For more information, visit [MiddlesexHealth.org/lung](http://MiddlesexHealth.org/lung).

## Madison Senior Center

### Try this new Class! Just Plain Art - Zen & Ink



Sara Drought Nebel, a well-known local artist is bringing her Treefort Studio to the Senior Center! You will sit in a light-filled room and for an hour and a half, learn to draw, paint, zen tangle and even calligraphy, the art of writing.

Sara will provide some of the supplies and asks you to bring to the first class a 6"x9" (approximate size) pad of multi-media paper, a 4B pencil, kneaded eraser and an extra fine sharpie pen or micro .01. Most importantly, bring your child-like imagination and wonder. Beginning Monday, Jan. 13th, 1:30-3 pm. 5 Class Pass fee: \$100 or Drop-in fee for one class: \$25.

### The Madison Senior Center And The CT Healthy Living Collective Offer Nationally Recognized Program To Help Older Adults Master Aging

Madison Senior Center and the CT Healthy Living Collective is pleased to announce that we will offer an innovative (new) ten-week health and wellness program to residents 60 and over. The Aging Mastery Program<sup>®</sup> (AMP) was developed by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and has been successful at helping older adults build their own playbook for aging well. This effort is made possible in part through support from the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for older adults to participate in, and reap the benefits of, this cutting-edge program. We are currently recruiting 20-25 adults to participate in the ten-week educational program. AMP is a fun, innovative, and person-centered education program that empowers participants to embrace their gift of longevity by spending more time each day doing things that are good for themselves and for others.

The program encourages mastery - developing sustainable behaviors across many dimensions that lead to improved health, stronger economic security, enhanced well-being, and increased societal participation.

The CT Healthy Living Collective is a network of partners dedicated to delivering programs and services that promote healthier people, better care, smarter spending, and health equity. We will host an informational meeting on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at the Madison Senior Center. If you are interested in learning more about the program, call Ellie Gillespie or Austin Hall at (203)-245-5627. If this program piques your interest stop by or call to learn more! You may also visit us at [www.cthealthyliving.org](http://www.cthealthyliving.org) for a complete list of programs.

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## Did You Know?

**Publisher's Note:** The year 2020 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution. Our "The Last Word" feature found on page 18 of this Madison Events Magazine provides for a commemoration of this milestone and honors the commitment of so many who fought painstakingly over so many decades for women's right to vote. We have compiled a few fun facts regarding women's suffrage.

While voting rights could no longer be denied because of race or sex, after the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendments, many voters still faced ballot restrictions, including registration rules, literacy tests, poll taxes, and moral residency requirements.

Source: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/)

The official colors of the formal woman suffrage movement in the United States were gold, white, and violet, or "Give Women the Vote." Red was the official color of the anti-suffrage movement.

Source: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/history-woman-suffrage-movement-prior-to-ratification/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/history-woman-suffrage-movement-prior-to-ratification/)

Alice Paul, of the National Women's Party, designed a "ratification banner," on which she sewed stars for each state that ratified the 19th Amendment. When she reached 36 stars, it was complete.

Source: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/ratification/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/ratification/)

Not all Connecticut women and men were in favor of women's suffrage. By the early 1900s, the Connecticut Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage had local branches all across the state. Members of the organization thought voting put an unnecessary burden on women. Like many other states in America, Connecticut was split on the issue of women's suffrage.

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/connecticut-and-the-19th-amendment.htm>

In 1869, Frances Ellen Burr and Isabella Beecher Hooker (the half-sister of Harriett Beecher Stowe) established the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association (CWSA). This group advocated for women's suffrage in local elections and eventually worked with national leaders to organize protests and demonstrations.

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/connecticut-and-the-19th-amendment.htm>

Katharine Martha Houghton Hepburn (mother of actress Katharine Hepburn) co-founded the Hartford Equal Franchise League in 1913, a group that eventually numbered between 20,000-30,000 members. She later became President of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association, an affiliate of the NAWSA, actively speaking as a representative of women who were mothers as well as suffragists. In September 1917, inspired by the arrests of the White House pickets, she resigned from the Connecticut organization and joined the National Woman's Party. By November 1917 she was on the NWP's National Executive Committee, where she continued to make public appearances on behalf of the cause.

<http://www.brynmawr.edu/library/exhibits/suffrage/nawsaAlums.html>

In 1918, Katharine Ludington (who settled in Old Lyme, CT) became the

President of Connecticut Women's Suffrage League. In 1919, the federal amendment that would grant women the right to vote was passed by Congress and sent to all the states for approval. Women wanted to vote in the 1920 presidential election and Ludington worked for the Connecticut legislature to approve the amendment because it needed 36 states to be officially ratified, and at this time only 35 had agreed.

Ludington organized rallies, mobilized supporters, wrote letters, and tried to convince Connecticut's Republican Governor Marcus Holcomb to call a special session to bring the suffrage amendment to a vote. Unfortunately, Holcomb refused and Tennessee ended up being the thirty-sixth state to approve the amendment.

Source: <https://votesforwomenct.com/ct-suffragettes/>

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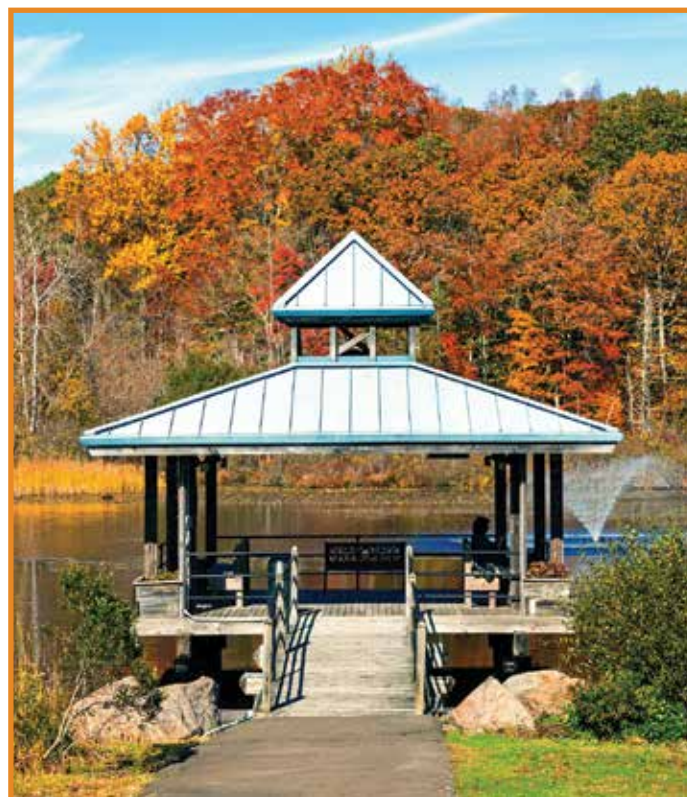
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# The Frederick Lee Lectures Explore Immigration and Becoming American

The thirteenth annual Frederick Lee Lectures that launched in January explore immigration and the notion of becoming American. The three-part series focuses on immigrant stories from the Puritans who first settled the area to the Germans who contributed their skills to agriculture and industry and onward to the diverse immigrant shopkeepers who ran Main Street at the turn of the last century. These timely talks will reveal how each wave of immigrants shaped community life and were in turn shaped by it.

Madison native and teacher Fred Raudat will chronicle the nineteenth- and early twentieth-century migration of Germans to Madison when the Lectures continue on February 9. As a German-American with deep roots in Madison, Raudat will explore how these immigrants assimilated into their adopted community while preserving their cultural heritage through the establishment of the Lutheran church, social clubs, and strong ethnic neighborhoods. Raudat's presentation will feature photos and artifacts documenting the lives and contributions of Madison's first non-English-speaking immigrant group.

Roxanne Coady, owner of RJ Julia's Booksellers, will deliver the final lecture on March 8. Her presentation will focus on Madison's immigrant merchants who owned and operated thriving Main Street businesses - from the Monroe Building, anchored now by



The Luisiana by Lloyd Italiano began passenger service between Italy and New York in 1906. This ship carried Madison resident and shoemaker, Salvatore Lupone, in 1908.

Walker Loden, to the sycamore tree beneath which the Schmeddlings ran a successful bakery for several years. Coady will bring to life the personal stories of the British, Czech, German, Irish, Italian, and Russian men and women who embraced Yankee principles of thrift and ingenuity and built successful lives in Madison.

The Frederick Lee Lectures receive support from the Maureen and Peter Dalton Fund and the First Congregational Church, which offers Hubley Hall. These public events are offered with a suggested donation of \$5 adults/ \$4 Members and \$2 Students. Programs begin at 4 pm followed by a brief Q & A session.

## Old Saybrook Chili Fest

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 29, for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Saybrook Chili Fest, when Main Street will be lined with chili competitors vying for the highly coveted title of "Best Chili."

Chili Fest is a much-anticipated winter event, attracting 3,000+ visitors. The money raised from Chili Fest supports multiple charitable causes. The first is the C. Wilfred Hunter Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce to area students pursuing post-secondary education. Additionally, the top three winners earn a donation to their designated charity. The Chili Fest competition is open to the community. Professional chefs as well as non-professionals compete for votes, with the public casting ballots for their favorite chili. In addition to the popular vote, a panel of independent judges will conduct a taste test and announce the "Judges Choice" Award.

Applications and instructions for entering Chili Fest may be found on the Chamber web site, [www.oldsaybrookchamber.com/chili-fest](http://www.oldsaybrookchamber.com/chili-fest). Tickets are \$10 and serve as a voting ballot. They may be purchased at ballot stations along Main Street and at the Chamber office at 1 Main Street the week preceding the event. Chili Fest is presented by Guilford Savings Bank and is held rain, snow, or shine along Main Street, Old Saybrook.

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This year, taking on the production of *All Shook Up*, *A Shared Stage Productions* will partner with The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook for the fifth consecutive year to present its seventh unique and collaborative musical production, featuring a cast and crew from the Vista and shoreline communities. With nearly sold-out shows in past years, audience members have had the opportunity to witness the meaningful relationships and open communication formed amongst cast members.

The production will run May 15 - 17 at The Kate in Old Saybrook under the direction of Neil Fuentes. Tickets



will be available on The Kate's website – [www.thekate.org](http://www.thekate.org). For more information, please contact Jess Lillge at [jlillge@vistalifeinnovations.org](mailto:jlillge@vistalifeinnovations.org) or 860-399-8080 ext. 269.

*Vista Life Innovations is a 501©3 nonprofit organization with campuses in Madison and Westbrook. Vista's mission is to provide services and resources to assist individuals with disabilities achieve personal success. For more information about Vista, please visit [www.vistalifeinnovations.org](http://www.vistalifeinnovations.org).*

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## Women's Suffrage 100 Years Later by Sigrid Kun

### Honoring the Hard Fought Battle for Women's Voting Rights



The year 2020 marks 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment, which was ratified on August 18, 1920. The 19th Amendment reads as follows:

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

Two simple sentences, it seems. Today, it is unimaginable that this basic right would not exist for women. Yet, the 19th Amendment resulted from a long, incredible struggle for equality and it represents a true turning point in United States history. It is only fitting to take a moment to reflect on this centennial. This brief segment can only present a few historical snippets surrounding the fight and can only point out some of the organizations commemorating the centennial.

#### THE BEGINNINGS

The first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. It marked the beginnings of what would become a national movement for women's suffrage. The first National Woman's Rights Convention was held in 1850 in Worcester, MA. Other conventions followed. The Civil War (1861-1865) effectively halted the women's suffrage movement with activists focused on the abolition movement. While the movements for the abolition of slavery and women's rights, respectively, were often entangled, the constitutional amendments following the Civil War created rifts.

By 1869, there were two main groups advocating for women's suffrage. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony formed the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA). Lucy Stone and others founded the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA). While each entity had the same ultimate goal of winning woman suffrage, their philosophies differed. The NWSA sought change through constitutional amendment while the AWSA focused on gaining rights via individual states.

There were also differences between the AWSA and NWSA when it came to the constitutional amendments following the Civil War. The NWSA opposed the 15th Amendment (the right of a U.S. citizen to vote not to be abridged by race, color or previous condition of servitude) due to the exclusion of women. The AWSA supported the amendment, believing that voting rights for women were not far away. The two organizations ultimately united in 1890 as the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA).

#### AN ARDUOUS STRUGGLE

Progress for the women's suffrage movement was painfully slow and rights were garnered state by state. Women achieved voting rights in Wyoming first in 1869. Colorado followed in 1893. In 1896, Utah and Idaho were added. Fifteen states granted women the right to vote prior to the adoption of the 19th Amendment.

The 19th Amendment itself languished for many decades. Drafted by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in 1848, the 19th Amendment was not introduced in Congress until 1878 (30 years after the Seneca Falls convention). It was not until 1919 - 41 years after the amendment's introduction and 71 years following Seneca Falls - that Congress submitted it to the states for ratification. The successful struggle capped heroic efforts by a multitude of women

- including pickets, petitions, marches, and speeches. The suffragists endured mockery, arrests, jail, and even forced feeding after hunger strikes.

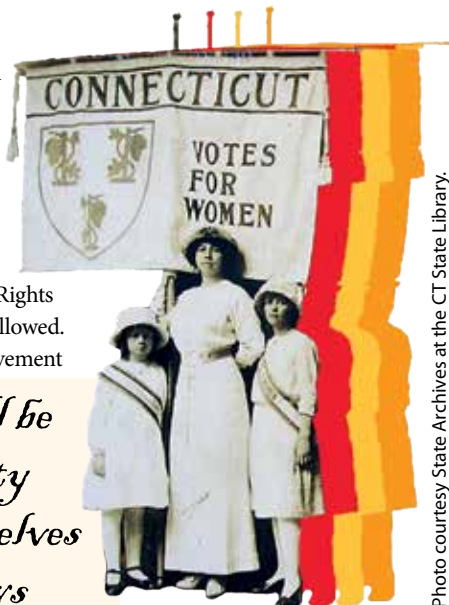


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One of "Hartford's Mothers" Josephine Bennett.

*“There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers.”*

*Susan B. Anthony*

#### CONNECTICUT'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Numerous events in 2020 around the country are celebrating the centennial of women's suffrage. Here in Connecticut, the Centennial Commission on Women's Suffrage (co-chaired by Secretary of State Denise Merrill, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz and Connecticut's First Lady Annie Lamont) was launched to celebrate the 19th Amendment. Merrill calls the 19th Amendment “the largest expansion of democracy our

nation has ever seen.” The Commission she adds “celebrates the women who made this victory possible, and take[s] a thoughtful look at the work that is left to be done.”

“The moment of achieving a woman's right to vote was a turning point for our country and for our world, that one of the most powerful nations on earth was sending a message that women have the right and responsibility to contribute to our government,” stated First Lady Lamont. “That moment opened the door for women to hold positions of power in government, education, healthcare, and of course, in business.”

Please see [www.votesforwomenct.com](http://www.votesforwomenct.com) for some of the Connecticut events commemorating the centennial of the 19th Amendment. The website also provides insightful biographies of some of Connecticut's women suffragists, including Josephine Bennett pictured above.

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