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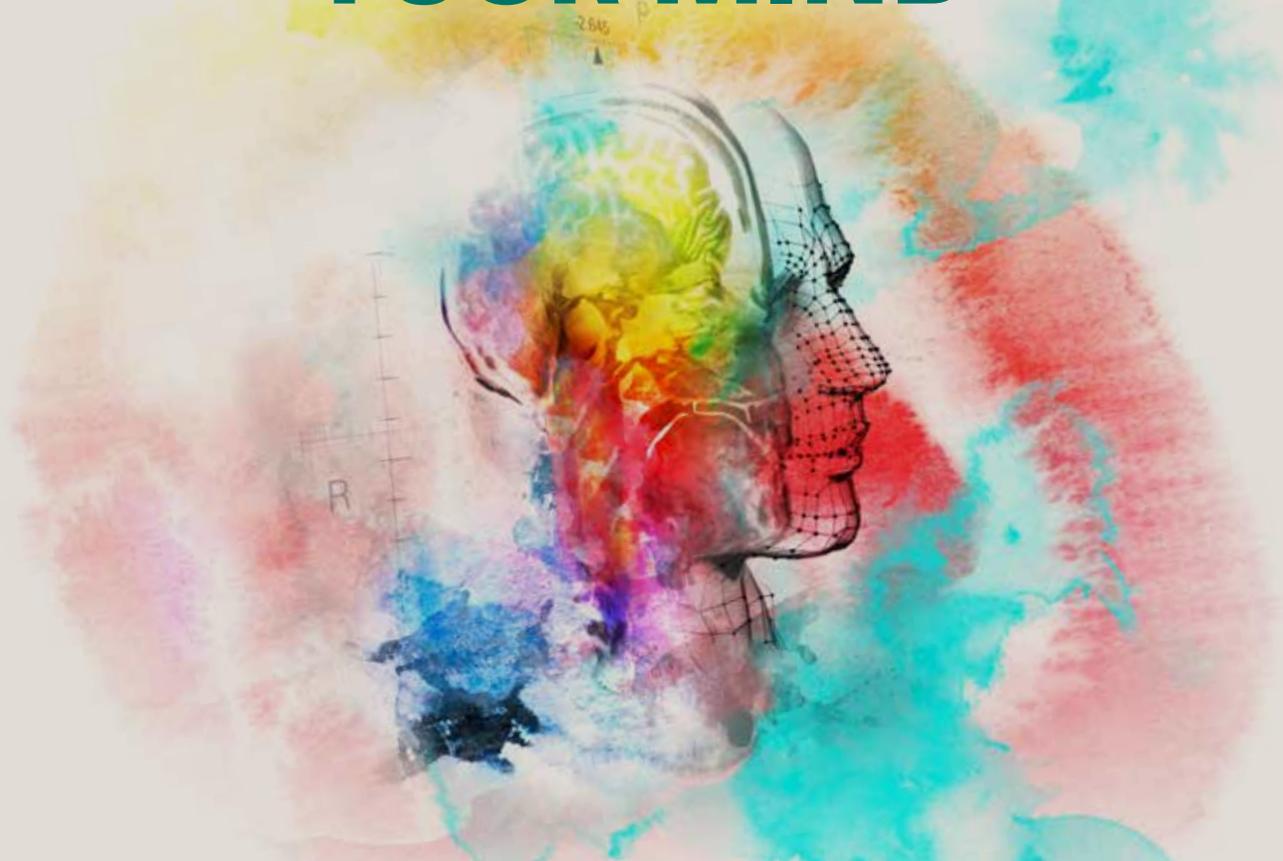
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Selectwoman's Corner

As we look back on the last three months, things have been fairly quiet in our fair Town. Yes, we have had to deal with several storms that either caused delayed openings or closed schools, and even Town Hall. But in comparison to last year, when we were reeling from the tragedy in Newtown, followed by a major blizzard that shut us down for three days, things are somewhat calm. On the other hand, there are LOTS of projects going on that are keeping us quite busy.

The WPCA/Wastewater Management study was completed by our engineering firm of Woodard and Curran and presented to the WPCA at their December meeting. The WPCA voted on a recommendation by Woodard and Curran to propose a local solution for the shoreline area that would provide a low profile treatment facility, subsurface dispersal of the effluent, and accommodations for reuse during peak flow periods. The final draft was submitted to the CT DEEP for their review, and we await their feedback. Because this is an innovative approach for our state, it may take some time to work out the permitting process and details for the system. The WPCA is feeling very optimistic about the proposal and continues to do its regular work as we wait to hear more.

On another subject, the Route 156 Bike Path and Sound View Improvements Project, under the leadership of Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal, continues to progress. The Committee has almost completed the negotiations on the Scope of Work, which has taken

a bit longer than anticipated. Once completed, we will present the final amount to the Board of Selectmen for approval. While the full amount of the first phase will go to a Town Meeting for approval, the CT DOT is funding 80% of the cost. We anticipate that the Town Meeting will be sometime in late March or early April. Stay tuned for more information on this.

The Boathouse - Hains Park Improvements Committee has begun their work with eight very qualified committee members led by Selectman Skip Sibley. The Town of Old Lyme was awarded a STEAP grant for \$478,000 to expand the boathouse at Rogers Lake, as well as install new, safer docks, and other improvements to Hains Park. We are very lucky to have some very talented people willing to help with the project, with expertise in the sport of rowing, architecture, project management and finance. Having just begun the process, I am sure there will be much more to report in the Summer Old Lyme Events.

Our Senior Center has become a hub of activity for many people in our community, so it was quite a blow to our programs

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when it was closed due to bacterial contamination of the well. The good news is that many organizations came to our aid, proving once again the collaborative spirit of our community. Our Meals on Wheels has not lost a day due to the closure, thanks to the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. With less than 24 hours notice, they opened their kitchen to the program five days a week! Other programs such as yoga, iPad classes, and painting have been scheduled in the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, Lymes Youth Service Bureau and even the Lyme Art Association. These organizations graciously welcomed the program participants with open arms. Stephanie Lyon, our Sr. Center Coordinator, worked hard to keep programs in place, and Sonia Marino, our Sanitarian, was instrumental in getting an approval from the State of CT for a newly drilled well within 24 hours - a process that can take up to a month. All of these people and organizations are certainly deserving of our thanks!

The Town of Old Lyme has demonstrated its commitment to the environment through our town issued recycling bins that allow single stream recycling for all residents. It really could not be easier for our residents - anything that can be recycled can go in the green bins. But as a forward thinking community, we continue to look for opportunities to reduce waste and increase recycling, and we just recently found out that we are getting financial support on that front! The CT DEEP announced that it is offering Recycling Incentive Grants for communities committed to improving. Thanks to the efforts of Cathy Frank, the Town of Old Lyme was the first community to be awarded this grant. The \$16,000 award will allow us to work with a consultant to develop innovative ways to increase recycling, educate our residents on the benefits of recycling, and become a model community for others to follow. A committee is now being formed to work on the project, which will include Gary Yuknat from Shoreline Sanitation, who currently provides our trash and recycling service. Gary has been an advocate for recycling for some time and will be an asset on the project. This is a great opportunity and we are delighted to have received this grant!

As many of you already know, the Town of Old Lyme has hired Vision Government Solutions, Inc. to complete the state-mandated revaluation program. Revaluation has been ongoing since October, and will continue through October of 2014. All data collectors have their cars registered with our Police Dept. and carry a photo ID badge, as well as a letter of identification from the Assessor. They have been working in several areas already, recording exterior measurements and conducting interior inspections. The reassessment project will establish market value as of October 1, 2014, which will be reflected in the tax bills issued in the summer of 2015. All property owners and tenants are respectfully requested to cooperate with data collectors to insure that accurate information is used in the revaluation process. Any property owners who have questions concerning the revaluation process can contact the Assessor's Office during working hours at 860-434-1605 ext. 219.

The Planning Commission has been hard at work for months reviewing the Public Improvements Regulations and updating

them for this century. The document has been shared with all of our agencies within town, including Public Works, the Fire Department, EMS and Tree Commission, to name a few. Comments and suggestions are being forwarded to the Planning Commission and they will edit as necessary. Ultimately, the Public Improvements Regulations will go to a Town Meeting for final approval.

Another area that we are focusing on is our Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, which requires updating in order to qualify for special grant funding in the case of disasters. We are lucky to have the services of Jeremy DeCarli, through the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. Jeremy has been updating the NHMP for several communities within the RiverCOG, so is familiar with the requirements of DEEP and FEMA. Without his help, it would be a much more arduous task for our land use department. A committee has been formed to review the Plan, and make sure it meets the needs of our community. It will then need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, CT DEEP, FEMA, and finally, at a Town Meeting. We anticipate this to be completed by the summer. Thank you to Jeremy DeCarli and the Committee for helping us on this requirement!

With all of this work going on in the Land Use Department, we will have to carry on without our leader, as Ann Brown, Land Use Coordinator, has announced her retirement. She has agreed to stay on until we hire her replacement, which should be sometime before the start of Spring. Ann has served the Town of Old Lyme for 12 years as Zoning Enforcement Officer and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer. We thank her for her dedication and wish her well in her retirement! She will be missed by many.

Our Annual Town Meeting was held on January 27th in the Town Hall Meeting Hall. At that time, we accepted our FY 2013 Town Report, which was beautifully compiled by Michele Dickey and focused on the year of unusual storms. Copies are currently available at Town Hall. We also accepted a donation of land, 72 Pond Rd., from the Old Lyme Development Corporation, which is the western half of the Town Parking Lot in Sound View. The land was originally purchased by William Pike for the enjoyment by our citizens. In order to continue with the improvements to the Parking lot, it is necessary for the Town to have the deed to the land.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen named Peter Cable as the 2013 Citizen of the Year. Peter has quietly served the Town in many ways, on the Open Space Committee, and continuing when it became a Commission. In addition, he serves on the High School Building Committee, as well as the CT River Gateway Commission. Peter Cable is always willing to lend a hand. When soliciting volunteers to visit our citizens who sought shelter at the East Lyme Middle School during Storm Sandy, Peter was one of the first to offer assistance. We are grateful for his good deeds, and congratulate Peter Cable on this honor!

The Board of Selectmen wish you all a wonderful Spring - I am sure we are all happy to see it arrive!

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Town Hall Hours for most departments is Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Curbside trash removal is performed by Shoreline Sanitation (860-434-0052). There is no trash pick-up on the following Holidays: Christmas (Dec. 25), New Year's (Jan. 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), and Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.). Trash normally collected on Thanksgiving is picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pickup. For other holidays, trash pickup moves to the following day, until Thursday and Friday, which remain on schedule.

Please have trash container out at curbside by 6:00 am on your assigned day. Containers should be three feet away from any other objects, such as mailboxes, cars, other containers, planters, etc. Please be mindful not to block breakdown/emergency lane with receptacle. Clearly mark your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Phone Michele Hayes (860-434-1605, ext. 212) with any additional trash removal questions that you may have.

Single stream curbside recycling pick-up is provided for clean

bottles, cans, #1 - 7 plastics and paper products co-mingled in the green recycling carts every other week. Corrugated cardboard boxes need to be flattened for recycling. A complete list of acceptable single stream recyclables is available on the Town's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov) - click the trash and recycling link on the Selectman's or Public Works pages or at www.shorelinesanitation.com. Information is also available in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, and at the Landfill/Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road. Please phone Michele Hayes (860-434-1605, ext. 212) with any additional questions you may have.

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Additional automated trash and recycling containers should be ordered through Michele Hayes (860-434-1605, ext. 212) in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street. Containers cost \$80. Please mark clearly your address on recycling and trash receptacles to avoid mix up, removal or displacement of cans. Homeowners are responsible to replace lost, stolen or broken cans at their expense.

Transfer Station/Landfill Hours. The Transfer Station is located

on Four Mile River Road and is open Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 am - 3:45 pm, Saturday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Tax payers vehicles should have a Transfer Station sticker affixed to the right-hand side of windshield. Vehicles without a sticker, should bring proof of property address (i.e., tax bill, mortgage statement or closing papers), along with a driver's license and registration.

Bulky Waste and Demolition: Vehicles will be charged by weight at \$110/ton. Recyclables should not be mixed in the same load with Bulky Waste or Demolition debris. Loads less than 100 lbs. are charged a minimum fee of \$5.

Brush is charged on a per load basis. No wood or limbs thicker than four inches are accepted.

Grass clippings are not allowed at the Transfer Station because of chemical contamination from pesticides and fertilizers and cannot be deposited in your trash can. Please compost on your property.

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- Christopher Michael Konow & Ashlee Marie James - October 12
- Paul Nicolosi & Marlise Rose Pagano - November 2
- David Ernest Nance & Jasmine Jake McTigue - November 8
- Jack Barry Hotchkiss & Margaret Rose Piver Comstock - November 12

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Chamber Update

It was a full house at the Bee & Thistle Inn for our Annual Holiday Dinner in December! All enjoyed a delightful holiday concert by the Select Singers from Lyme Old Lyme High School (Thanks to Kristine Pekar!). Kudos to Linnea Rufo & staff for a delicious dinner and memorable event.

On January 16, we welcomed new Lyme Art Association Executive Director Joe Newman at a Business with Pleasure reception at the Lyme Art Association.

In February, our dinner meeting at The Hideaway featured Dr. Scott Colley, President of the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, as the featured speaker.

On March 14, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, all are welcome to enjoy delicious refreshments and a Student Art Exhibit at Paving the Way to a Brighter Future. This is a Chamber Reception at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts to support the Chamber scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior continuing a business education after graduation. Please help us support the next generation of business professionals!

Finally, our annual celebration of business - Taste of Lymes Business Expo - returns to the Old Lyme Country Club on Sunday, April 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Stop by for "a taste" of the many goods & services offered by our Chamber members. The event features demos by local chefs and food samplings from member restaurants & caterers. Mark your calendars!

Please check www.VisitOldLyme.com for updates to our schedule - & don't forget to "BUY LOCAL."

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For more information contact Camp Director Sarah Carlson at scarlson@highhopestr.org or (860) 434-1974 ext. 115 or visit our website www.highhopestr.org. The deadline for applications is May 3rd.

Looking for a fun way to spend time this summer? Volunteer at summer camp. If you are 14 or older contact Courtney Bernard at cbernard@highhopestr.org about our summer volunteer program or visit our website www.highhopestr.org to learn more.

Cable Advisory Council Seeks Volunteers from East Haddam & Lyme

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council consists of representatives from Old Lyme, Salem, East Haddam, Lyme, and Haddam Neck.

State regulations require each represented town to appoint one or more town residents as Advisory Council members. The number of required representatives is based on population. The Board of Education in each town is also required to appoint one member of the advisory council.

In the past few years, the Old Lyme Area Advisory Council has actively promoted public access in our towns through press releases and a book mark promotion. The Council also started a grant program to provide audio/video equipment for member towns and school districts, and a scholarship program for students attending high school in member towns. To date, 12 local students have received scholarships from the Advisory Council.

A vacancy currently exists on the Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council for representatives from East Haddam and Lyme. Please contact the Board of Selectmen in your town if you are interested in serving on the Council.

The Advisory Council meets quarterly, alternating the meeting locations among member towns. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 pm in the Old Lyme Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

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For the uninitiated, Intake Day is a spring ritual, marking a time to find, dust off, clean, repair and donate those valued, but little-used items in your care, to benefit The Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut. On Tuesday April 22, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme on Ferry Road, members of the Lyme Old Lyme Auxiliary of Child and Family Agency will be standing by to greet and assist with your donated items. Please use the Ferry Road entrance. Tax donation letters will be available on site, and specialty art or jewelry items will be appreciated and handled with care. If you need assistance with unusual or bulkier items, pickups may be able to be arranged in advance by contacting Teri Lewis at 860-227-7913.

The auxiliary will collect, sort, box and then transport your contributions to the New London Armory for a bonanza, 3-day fundraiser which has earned a reputation for being one of the "Largest Tag Sales in New England." This year's 60th Annual Sale will be held May 1, 2, & 3 at a new, yet old venue - the New London Armory at 249 Bayonet Street New London, CT 06320.

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The motto Bring the Best and Leave the Rest has made the town of Old Lyme a standard bearer for "quality" donations which help to provide for an increasingly successful fund raiser. Proceeds go directly to support the many extraordinary services provided by Child & Family Agency, a non-profit organization which has served Connecticut families for over 200 years.

Today, programs deal with children's health care, childcare, parent education, children's mental health, child abuse prevention, the treatment of family violence, and teen pregnancy. Child-care and out-of-school programs benefit from volunteers who read one-on-one with children, share a hobby, an athletic skill or a special talent with a classroom, are homework buddies or create sets and costumes for their exciting theatre productions. To join the auxiliary or to volunteer today, please call 860-443-2896.

Your collective donations make a difference every year in the lives of the children and families served, but in times of economic turmoil your support is crucial, helping to stabilize some very fragile lives. Last year over 17,000 children and their family members from 79 towns were helped by the agency's staff of 175 dedicated professionals. For more information about the work of Child & Family, visit www.childandfamilyagency.org.

Save the Date - "Lyme Old Lyme Auxiliary Kitchen Tour" Saturday, June 21, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - more details will follow - www.childandfamilyagency.org.

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Common Core: A Good Fit for Connecticut?

Across Connecticut and across the United States, this is a school year of significant educational reform. The Common Core State Standards and new curricula aligned with them, a new teacher evaluation model, the frequent progress monitoring of student learning, and a changeover from Connecticut Mastery testing to computer-based Smarter Balanced assessment have confronted students and teachers returning to class.

Common Core is a high-impact national initiative in public education designed to prepare students in grades K-12 for higher education and the workplace. The Connecticut State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards in 2010 without critical input from parents, educators, experts and community stakeholders. Initially, 45 states including Connecticut adopted the Common Core State Standards. However, at least 15 legislatures are now reconsidering and either delaying or prohibiting implementation



of the Common Core out of concern that the standards are not properly crafted to adequately benefit students.

I have introduced a bill to the legislature's Education Committee that would delay Common Core implementation in Connecticut pending public hearings with parents, education experts, teachers, school administrators and community stakeholders.

While education reform is serious, Connecticut must embark on a path that balances rigor with creativity; high standards with individual needs; and gets it right for our students, their learning, and their future.

State Representative Marilyn Giuliano

State Rep. Marilyn Giuliano represents Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook in the Connecticut General Assembly and is a member of the legislature's Education Committee.

Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. has been Serving Seniors in the nine-town Estuary region for 40 years! Call us to receive our Gazette Newsletter or go to www.ecsenior.org for our online newsletter, events calendar, menu, and more!

"Buy a Wheel" for \$1 Meals on Wheels Fundraiser - During March, National Nutrition Month, local businesses will sell paper "Wheels" for \$1. 100% of the monies raised from the "Buy A Wheel" program will go to our local Meals On Wheels program to feed homebound seniors.

Please buy a wheel to provide a meal for a senior citizen in your town!

Meals on Wheels - hot meals for homebound seniors, delivered to your home. Call Peg at 860-388-1611. A donation of \$3.00 is requested for those aged 60+. Meals are supported by Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds available under the Older Americans Act.

Café Meal Sites - Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Clinton, Westbrook (Thursdays). Reservations required by calling 860-388-1611 by 11:00 am, 24 hours in advance.

Stan Greimann Estuary Medical Outpatient Transportation - For medical appointments to any medical location beyond the nine-town estuary region. Call Judy at 860-388-1611. Suggested donation of \$35 for a roundtrip Doctor appointment up to 5 hours. Suggested donation of \$70 for appointments over 5 hours.

Classes and Activities - Board Games, Billiards, Ping Pong, Yoga, Exercise Classes, Mah Jongg, Wii, Cribbage, Writer's Group, Book Club, Quilter's Group, Needlecrafters, Hand and Foot, and more! Check the Gazette for all of our programs.

Estuary Thrift Shop - Open 10:00 am - 3:45 pm, Monday - Friday; and from 9:00 am - 12:45 pm on Saturdays. Clothes (men, women, and children), kitchen items, crafts, and more available! Donations are accepted and volunteers always needed!

The Gym at the Estuary - Hours expanding-stop in for more information. There are seven different pieces of weight equipment and four cardio machines, including a NuStep. Member packages include a fitness assessment and three (3) training sessions on all machines (required). Gym Membership Options: Three months - \$50.00, Six months - \$90, Full year - \$150. To schedule an appointment with our Fitness Trainer, Skylar Miers, ATC, call 860-388-1611. The gym is available for use only after payment of membership fees and completion of the required fitness assessment and training sessions. Gym Hours are posted at the Estuary.

The Marshview Gallery at the Estuary - Open daily 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The art on exhibit changes monthly and highlights the talents of local artists from along the shoreline. Join us on the second Friday of each month for the Artist Reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Refreshments are served, and a door prize is drawn. All ages are welcome. Call 860-388-1611 for information.

Donate Your Car or Boat to the Estuary Council! Turn your car or boat into a tax deduction by calling: 1-800-716-5868. Proceeds benefit the vital services we provide for seniors in the nine-town Estuary Region.

Volunteer Opportunities - Call Judy at 860-388-1611.

Did You Make \$58,000 or Less in 2013?

The New Year means tax season is quickly approaching! Here is an opportunity to get your taxes done for free by IRS certified volunteers through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

What is VITA?

VITA is a program where volunteers become IRS certified in able to assist people who make \$58,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled." VITA works to make sure individuals receive as much of a refund as they have earned, knowing that tax returns can make a big difference in an individual's or family's financial situation.

Things to bring with you:

1. Social Security Cards for ALL household members
2. Valid Picture Identification
3. All Income Forms, W-2, 1099s & 1098s
4. Proof of all other income
5. If you would like your refund direct deposited, please bring a voided check. For split refunds, bring your savings account number as well.
6. If claiming daycare or elder care expenses, please have the amount paid and the caregiver's name, address and social security or business tax ID number
7. If itemizing, proof of all deductible expenses
8. If available, bring last year's Federal and State Return

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By Appointment Only - Schedule an appointment starting January 6. (Tax preparation available from February 3 - April 10, 2014). Please call 860.425.6597.

Old Lyme Social Service is now offering evening appointments. To schedule an appointment for days or evenings please contact; Valerie Goncalves, Social Service Coordinator at 860-434-1605 Ext. 228 or by Email at vgoncalves@old-lyme-ct.gov.



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Lymes Youth Service Bureau

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Kindergarten Readiness Workshop. Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., at Lyme-Old Lyme High School Media Center.

How Do I Know if My Child is Ready??? Join members of the Kindergarten and Preschool Teams from Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools to learn about how you can prepare your child for kindergarten. Some of the topics to be covered include:

- Kindergarten Readiness Checklist
- Kindergarten Today - It's Not What it Used to Be
- Late Birthdays - new Connecticut dates to consider
- Emotional, Social and Academic Development

This program is free and open to the public. We encourage parents of children age 3 and up to attend. Childcare Provided. For more information contact LYSB 860-434-7208. This event is sponsored by the Lyme-Old Lyme Early Childhood Council.

LYSB 29th Annual Youth Art Show. At the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Sill House Gallery. Featuring artwork by K-12 students of the Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools, March 20 through 29, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed Sunday). Opening Reception: Thursday, March 20, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Bizz 2014. Friday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at LOLHS Auditorium LYSB's town wide talent show! *Auditions:* Monday, March 31, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at LOLMS or Tuesday, April 1, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at LOLMS. *NOTE:* Appointments required for auditions. Call LYSB to schedule 860-434-7208. Please visit our website for complete list of audition rules www.lysb.org

Mother/Daughter Workshop: Let's Start Talking. Tuesday, April 29, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Open the lines of communication with your daughter! Designed to give girls a better understanding of the changes that her body will go through during puberty. Topics will include the importance of a positive body image and how to deal with difficult situations. A fun and educational night out for girls in 4th or 5th grade and their mothers. Cost is \$40 per pair and includes resource materials, goodie bags and a pizza dinner. Patty Cournoyer, LOLMS health teacher facilitate this course. This class always fills up so call LYSB to pre-register 860-434-7208 x0.

Babies First. Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. For expecting moms, or parents of children up to 12 months. The group is casual, comfortable, and informative. Weekly topics of interest are based on the diversity of your questions, hopes, desires and concerns commonly found during the first year of parenthood. Meeting in the casual child friendly atmosphere of Mimi's Place at LYSB, nursing moms and diaper changing always welcome! Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

Active Learning for Ones Playgroup. Wednesdays 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Celebrating your toddler's desire to play! Parents and children come together to explore, discover, and exercise your child's newest skills. Group activities will support your child's emerging curiosity, language, problem solving, motor skills, and cooperation in the gentlest manner. Circle time includes lap play, face time, movement, finger-play, & nursery rhymes. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

Twos Playgroup. Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Mimi's Place has a new room-scape for early childhood programs & caregivers including a Cozy Corner, a Group Area, and a Messy Area. Areas for nursing mommies too! Children ages 2 and up will gain social and literacy skills while enjoying circle time, free play, snacks, crafts and outdoor time at Mimi's Place adjacent playground for children up to age 5. Siblings always welcome. Each week the groups will explore a new theme. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

Music with Margie. Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. 6 week sessions \$60. Siblings free. Music with Margie is a "joy-based" music and movement preschool program for young children based on the simple truth that children learn and retain knowledge through PLAY! Enthusiastically performed, written, and taught by Connecticut-born Margie Warner. With a unique understanding of what makes kids tick, the children are entertained while simultaneously learning about the "stuff of life." The curriculum covers everything from families to weather to dinosaurs - all in a fun, safe environment. Margie is a member of both ASCAP and the Connecticut Storytelling Center. For more information on Margie <http://www.musicwithmargie.com>.

Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. YAC is a high school community service club that participates in a variety of fun projects throughout the year. All high school students in L/OL are welcome to join us any Wednesday night! For questions call 860-434-7208 x0.

Middle School After School Program. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Come hang out at LYSB and participate in a variety of crafts, games, and fun activities. Students can walk to LYSB after school and passes for the Late Bus will be provided. This is a drop in program open to any LOLMS student. Registration fee of \$25 and permission form required, available on our website www.lysb.org.

Elementary After School Program. Every Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. For grades 2-5. Come to LYSB's Activity Center with your friends to play games, enjoy crafts, snacks, and more. Fun is guaranteed!! Students from Center School will be escorted to LYSB. Students from Mile Creek & Lyme Schools will take the bus directly to LYSB. Fee is \$100 for the year. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0.

Engineering Fundamentals with Legos: After School Program. Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

For Homeschoolers. Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Design and build motorized machines, catapults, pyramids, demolition derby cars, truss and suspension bridges, buildings, and other constructions. Explore real world concepts in physics, mechanical engineering, and architecture while playing with your favorite creations. An experienced instructor will challenge new and returning students to engineer at the next level. This is a hands-on and minds-on class suitable for LEGO® novices to "maniacs." Contact 860-434-7208 x0 for more information.

CASFY: Community Action for Substance Free Youth. Meets the First Monday of the month at LYSB at 7:00 p.m. CASFY



is the prevention coalition for Lyme and Old Lyme and our goal is to reduce substance use among youth through a variety of strategies. We are fortunate to have a strong group of citizens who care about this issue. Please join us at an upcoming meeting. Newcomers are most welcome! To learn more about our work, visit www.lysb.org and click on CASFY.

Change Happens: A Program for Children of Divorce. Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Change Happens is LYSB's program for children and adolescents whose families are going through divorce, separation, remarriage, and custody issues. This program was designed to assist children through the continuum of family reorganization, change or upset. We will address self-esteem, issues of loss, communication and transition. Hands on activities will help young people express themselves. All young people who are managing the emotions and hurdles of family transitions will benefit from this program which will be held at LYSB and led by a licensed clinical social worker. Fee: \$90 for six week sessions. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0. All calls are confidential.

Run Like a Girl. Sundays 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. March through May. LYSB's group running program for girls 8 and up, training for a 5K finale! We will meet at LYSB for a group run followed by a half hour meeting. We will also do local trails and high school track. Lessons include embracing differences; stretching; nutrition; dealing with injuries; "your look"; team spirit; stress relief; goals and plans. No need to pre-register, just show up!

Acting Up! LYSB's prevention drama troupe for any high school student living in L/OL. Meets Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. starting March 17. The purpose of Acting Up! is to provide high school students with the necessary tools to "dramatically" improve their lives and self esteem through the art of acting and writing, and to positively influence the lives of middle and elementary school students through performance. Working with an acting coach, Acting Up! members will write and perform their own sketches for middle and elementary students about the problems they are facing or will face in the near future. Topics may include peer

pressure, underage drinking, drug use, bullying/teasing, eating Disorders, etc. It is our goal that through our work with younger students, we will be able to give our own members a sense of pride knowing they are helping to make a difference. Acting Up! is a place for people to grow, both within themselves and as valuable members of the community. For more information about Acting Up!, call LYSB at 860-434-7208. Fun is guaranteed!

Girls Circle. A three week empowerment program for girls! For Grades 3-5: Three Mondays May 5, 12, & 19, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. "The shortest distance between isolation and belonging is a Circle." Join us each week for a new theme and activity designed to increase girls' self esteem, body image, and social support. During this program girls will:

- Develop connections and feel included
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- Dissolve barriers to respect, confidence, and empathy
- Nurture friendships

Call LYSB to register 860-434-7208 x0. More info at www.lysb.org.

Yoga for Teens & Adults. Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., year round. Relax and restore your mind, body, and spirit. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. \$10/class, drop in. Taught by Joanie Fitton.

Job Bank. Do you need help with your lawn? Need a new babysitter? Have odd jobs waiting for attention? Call the LYSB Job Bank for names of area youth interested in working for you. (860-434-7208). Kids who want to be listed in the Job Bank need to register at LYSB with a parental permission form available at www.lysb.org For middle and high school youth ages 12 to 18.

Solar Panel News from the O. L. Conservation Commission

A number of towns in Connecticut have recently participated in a new plan to expand the use of solar panels by homeowners. The new plan calls for neighboring towns to form a large group of citizens ready, willing, and able to have solar panels installed on their properties at a group rate. The program is called CT Solar Challenge. Substantial savings are derived by eliminating the normal marketing and advertising costs and by installing up to fifty systems in the same geographic area by the same vendor. The incentive for the sponsoring town comes in the form of a free solar installation on a town building. The savings have convinced those who previously thought that solar panel installation was beyond their means to go ahead and install a system, and as more and more families participate the costs continue to go down. Old Lyme has been invited to participate in this highly successful model. The CT Solar Challenge is a complete program that requires nothing from the town but a commitment to promote the program, the

use of town meeting spaces and existing communication channels, and a team of willing volunteers to explain the program. Their website is www.CTSolarChallenge.com. Volunteers and those who want to go solar should contact the first selectman's office at www.OldLymeCt-gov.

The State of Connecticut's Clean Energy Fund now known as the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority also has a leasing program for solar panels in conjunction with their solar rebate program. Details can be found at ctsolarlease.com. Leasing has the advantage of a single monthly payment as well as maintenance and repair by the leasing company.

Don't forget that now is the time to have your house checked for RADON gas, the colorless, odorless gas that can kill. Get a free test kit from Town Hall and test your house now. While you are at it, get a free water test bottle at Town Hall and have your water tested as well.

WPCA and Wastewater Management Study

The WPCA continues to work on plans to improve wastewater management through the development of sewers for identified critical areas of need.

The WPCA and Woodard and Curran, the engineering firm contracted to research the areas of need, have submitted a Wastewater Management Plan to the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

As of this writing, DEEP is reviewing the Plan through various departments and is expected to provide comments and/or questions in early March.

The proposed Wastewater Management Plan and other educational materials are available via www.oldlyme-ct.gov under Current Projects, as well as on the WPCA page.

When the DEEP review process is complete, a Public

Information meeting for residents will be scheduled to review the plan and recommendations.

The WPCA's Wastewater Management Plan considers all options. Both the WPCA and its contracted engineering firm believe the best option will be a local solution instead of connecting to the New London treatment plant, which would require negotiating with the towns of East Lyme, Niantic, Waterford, and New London.

The final, approved Wastewater Management Plan will improve the current areas of need and benefit the town by keeping the water local to help recharge our aquifers and by helping us best manage our future. We appreciate the hard work that both the WPCA and the engineering firm have done to make this happen. There is still a lot of work ahead, but great progress has been made!

Data Collectors are Visiting Old Lyme Residents

The Town of Old Lyme has hired Vision Government Solutions Inc. to complete its state-mandated revaluation program. The reassessment project will establish market value as of October 1, 2014, which will be reflected in the tax bills issued in the summer of 2015.

Revaluation will continue over the winter months until its completion in October 2014.

Data Collectors will be visiting all residents in Old Lyme to record exterior measurements and conduct interior inspections. There are currently five (5) personnel working North of I-95.

Data Collectors will carry a letter of identification from the Assessor's Office, a photo ID badge and their cars will be registered with the Police Department. All property owners and tenants are respectfully requested to cooperate with Data Collectors to insure that accurate information is used in the revaluation process.

Any property owners who have questions concerning the revaluation process can contact the Assessor's Office during working hours at 860-434-1605 x219. Look for further updates as the revaluation process continues in the new year.

Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

The Lyme - Old Lyme Junior Women's Club and the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association will be sponsoring the annual Pre-Kindergarten Audio-Visual Screening Clinic on Tuesday, May 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme Parish Center, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme. This clinic is offered as a free community service to all incoming kindergarten students to both Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Schools in Regional District 18. Parents may make appointments at the time of registration at the two schools or anytime thereafter by calling the OLVNA Administration phone line at: 860-434-5241, during normal business hours.

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. Scholarship and the Mary Hubbard Noyes Memorial Scholarship are awarded each year to graduating students who are accepted to an accredited institute of higher learning and have declared majors in courses in health-orientated fields. Application is through the Guidance Department at Regional District 18 High School for students attending there. Eligible senior students attending other high schools, who are Old Lyme or Lyme residents, please call the OLVNA Administration at: 860-434-5241, before April 30 for further application information.

The Association distributed just under 400 doses of influenza vaccine to our town residents during this year's immunization program. Town Nurse Linda Camarra, R.N. is in her office at the Lymes' Senior Center each weekday for consultations, blood pressure checks and other health care services. The new expanded nurse's office hours are: Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Also, should in-home nursing care or other health related services be needed please ask for us by name from your doctor or referring hospital as the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association through Interim Health Care or call us directly at: 860-434-7808.

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. expresses gratitude to the Essex Savings Bank for including us on their ballot to share in their Community Investment Program. We ask that those persons who are eligible to vote at the bank during this year's campaign give our Association consideration. All of the donations that we receive are used to support our public health services and programs.

Thank you.

Muriel Drugan, Executive Director - Administration
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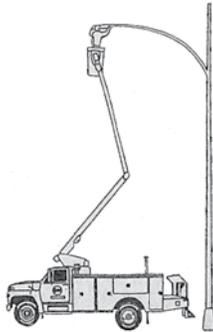
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Senior Center

*Lymes' Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road Old Lyme CT
Tel: 860-434-4127, www.seniorcenter@oldlyme-ct.gov
Open 9:00 - 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday with some evenings*

The Lymes' Senior Center has 621 current members ... and we are growing larger every day! Our programs are diverse, and range from entertaining performances by various singers and dancers to presentations by locally renowned lecturers and authors. We offer exercise programs, craft and painting classes, chats about health topics, financial seminars, and many special events. Listed below are the upcoming special events and trips for March and April. Many of the special events are at no

March and April Special Events, Lectures, and Trips at the Lymes' Senior Center

- On Monday, March 17 at 1:00 pm, The Gray School of Irish Dance will be here in traditional Irish Dance costumes to perform a variety of Irish Dances.
- On Friday, March 21 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm, AARP's Drive Safety Program will be offered. Registration and payment is required.
- On Wednesday, March 26 at 1:00 pm the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame will be presenting a free interactive multi-media program entitled "300 Years of Connecticut's Remarkable Women"
- On Friday April 4 at 1:00 pm there will be a free performance from the Groton Silvertones.
- On Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00 pm we will be having a free multimedia presentation entitled "Birds and Butterflies"
- On Tuesday, April 15, weather permitting; we will start up our Trailblazers hiking club. It will meet every Tuesday at 9:30 am. It will be an easy one hour hike. Registration is required.
- On Wednesday, April 23 at 1:00 pm the Duck River Garden club will host a free gardening program entitled "Spring Back to Basics in the Garden".
- On Thursday, April 24 we will be taking a daytrip to Mohegan Sun Casino. The cost will be \$20.00 a person and

charge to those 60 and over. If you are not already a member and would like to be, you can contact me at the phone number listed above. For only five dollars a year, you will receive a monthly newsletter by mail and help to support the senior center programs. You may want to mark your calendars early for our free Art in Nature Weekend June 20-22. This will be open to the community and will involve various garden clubs, painters, and local civic and business organizations. There will be workshops, demonstrations, and hikes offered for those of all ages.

*Stephanie Lyon
Senior Center Coordinator*

- will include a motor coach bus ride, a \$15.00 meal voucher and a \$15.00 free bet. Sign up and prepayment are required.
 - On Friday, April 25 at the senior center, Chelsea Bank will be presenting a free program entitled "What you need to know about Reverse Mortgages".
 - On April 30 at 1:00 pm we will be having a free lecture on the history of Old Lyme entitled "The Trolley Comes to Old Lyme ... and leaves".
- For more information or to sign up for any of the programs please call Stephanie Lyon at (860)434-4127.

Summer Concert Series 2014

Come and enjoy a summer evening at the Lymes Senior Center, 26 Town Woods Road for "Summer Sounds" a four week musical series.

- Thursday, July 10, Old Lyme Town Band
 - Thursday, July 17, U.S. Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band
 - Thursday July 24, Waterford Community Band
 - Thursday July 31, 102nd Army Band (at the request of the band this program will be held outdoors, bring a chair)
- All concerts start at 7:00 pm. In the event of rain the 102nd band program will take place in the Senior Center.
All ages welcome!

Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection

The Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection is a website www.volunteer.truist.com/ollvolunteer that provides a centralized online presence for the non-profit, educational, and service based organizations in our community. There are currently twenty-five participating organizations, all of which are in need of volunteers to carry out their work that is so valuable to the two towns of Old Lyme and Lyme. Current listings for volunteers include the following. The Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library could use volunteers in a number of areas including art exhibitions, the children's room, circulation department, development, and publicity and marketing. The Old Lyme Historical Society needs a volunteer to work with high school students in designing and maintaining the display cases in the library and post office. The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries can

use volunteers of all ages on Saturday mornings to assist people in need receiving free groceries. Please visit the website to see the full job descriptions and complete listing of organizations.

The Old Lyme - Lyme Volunteer Connection is a free community resource, thanks to a grant from the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation. If you are the leader of an organization that is either located in or provides services to Old Lyme or Lyme and would like to participate contact Noah Christiano, the high school student who manages and administers this website, at ollvolunteer@gmail.com. If you are involved in an organization that is already on the website, please remember to keep your listings of volunteer opportunities current.

Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

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Attending a program? Please register! It's simple and easy to register online at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org under the Events tab by clicking on the program to enter your contact information. Or you can call the Library at 860-434-1684 for staff assistance. New programs are posted monthly on our website and in our printed monthly calendar.

Children's Events:

Now through June by appointment: Project Help! The Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library is now offering school project help by appointment. Project perfection has never been easier! Just stop by, call, or email us and tell us about your assignment at least three weeks before the due date. The more time we have to help you, the easier your work will be. Set up an appointment to visit the library and we'll show you the best books, articles and websites on your topic. Just call Alex Klaus or Michelle DeSarbo at 860-434-1684 to get started. You can also email us at ProjectHelp@oldlyme.lioninc.org.

Mondays at 10:30 am: Toddler Time. Two to five-year-olds will delight in listening to stories, singing songs, and making a themed craft. All this free fun takes place in the Community Room. Each program lasts approximately thirty minutes. No need to register - just drop in! (No class Memorial Day, May 26)

Mondays at 11:30 am: Toddler Time: Session II. We have added an additional Toddler Time session! Two to five-year-olds will delight in listening to stories, singing songs, and making a themed craft. All this free fun takes place in the Community Room. Each program lasts approximately thirty minutes. No need to register - just drop in! (No class Memorial Day, May 26)

Thursdays at 10:15 am: Drop-In Baby Time. Children ages birth through age two. Introduce your baby to the library and meet new people! Activities include: sharing books, singing songs and finger plays, and then playtime and exploration with an optional simple craft. Each program lasts approximately thirty minutes. No need to register - just drop-in. (No class Thanksgiving Day November 27)

First Monday of every month: 3:00 - 4:30 pm CrAfter School. Join us in making a themed craft the first Monday afternoon of each month through June (4/7, 5/5, 6/2). Materials will be provided. CrAfter School is for children in grades three through five. Register online at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684.

Thursday, March 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Childhood Roots: An Evening with Barbara Stacks. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers can join us for an evening with parent educator and psychologist Barbara Stacks as she discusses her new book, *Childhood Roots: Trail Markers for Raising Children From Birth to Eight*. Featuring gorgeous Impressionistic illustrations by Lyme Art Academy graduate Sarah Leis, *Childhood Roots* will educate, inspire and empower parents as they journey through the first eight years of their child's

life. A question-and-answer session as well as a book signing will follow. Light refreshments will be served. Snow date is Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 pm. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684.

Thursday, February 20 and Thursday, March 20, 3:30 - 4:30 pm Builders' Adventure Club. Brick building fans unite! Come to the Community Room to play, imagine, and create using our stash of stackable bricks. You can stick to our theme for the month (TBA) or design a model you choose yourself. After we have finished, we will take your creations and put them on display in the Children's Room! Kids in grades K-5 are welcome. We will provide all materials.

Thursday, March 27, Thursday, April 24, Thursday, May 22, 3:30 - 4:30 pm Nuts About Nutmegs Book Discussion Group. Make new friends and share your love of reading at our new book discussion group devoted to the Nutmeg nominees! Our schedule is as follows: March: *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper, April: *The Great Wall of Lucy Wu* by Wendy Wan-Long Shang, May: *Saving Armpit* by Natalie Hyde. We will meet in the Community Room. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684.

Friday, March 28, 3:30 - 5:00 pm Make Your Own Marshmallow Launchers: Part Deux. Marshmallow Launchers are back! Kids in grades 3-8 are welcome to attend this free competition. Come to the Community Room to build your own mini marshmallow launcher. All materials will be provided. Target and distance competition will take place after assembly is complete. Space is limited. Registration is required for materials planning purposes. Snacks will be served. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, April 1: Edible Books! Time TBA. We are looking for creative kids and families to participate in our first ever Edible Books event! Simply pick your favorite book and design an edible creation that somehow relates to the book of your choosing. Your creation will be showcased at the event. Members of the public will have to guess what book you have selected based on your edible creation, and then eat it up! Groups (e.g. Girl or Boy Scout troops, afterschool clubs) and families are especially welcome. Examples are available at www.books2eat.com. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684.

Tuesday, April 8 and Tuesday, May 6, 6:15 - 7:00 pm Teddy Bear Story Time. Little ones 2-5 years of age can dress in their jammies and bring their teddy bear along for this special evening story time! Enjoy bedtime stories, soothing songs, rhymes and fingerplays as we get ready for bed. All are welcome to join us at this free, fun event. Registration is strongly encouraged.

Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 - 4:30 pm Birds of Prey: Horizon Wings. What are the features all raptors have in common? Spend an afternoon with four birds of prey at this free presentation from a raptor rehabilitator at Horizon Wings! Learn their individual stories as well as the characteristics and behaviors of each species. This program is best for children 6 and above. Registration is

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required. Sign up online at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684.

Thursday, April 17, 3:30 - 4:30 pm Drop-In Easter Craft. Kids in grades K-5 are welcome to join us in the Community Room to make adorable Easter treat cups! We will use construction paper, pipe cleaners, Easter grass and wiggly eyes to turn ordinary paper cups in to baby bunnies and chicks. The cups are yours to take home and fill with your Easter treats! All materials will be provided. No need to register, just drop in.

Friday, April 18: Morning Movie Matinee: Frozen @ 10:30 am - 12:15 pm. Nothing to do on your holiday break? Grab your friends, head to the library and catch a morning movie! Bring comfy pillows and cozy blankets to sit on and we'll provide the rest. We will be showing the film "Frozen." Light refreshments will be served. Registration is strongly preferred but not required.

Tuesday, April 22, 4:00 - 5:00 pm Drop-In Earth Day Craft: Build a Recyclable Garden. Come to the Community Room and celebrate Earth Day! We will be making a colorful garden scene out of recyclable materials: bottle caps, straws, cardboard food boxes, lids and more. This craft activity is best suited for children in grades K-5, but all are welcome. Registration is not required - just drop in!

Saturday, May 3, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Star Wars Saturday. In honor of National Star Wars Day swing by the library for some Star Wars-themed crafts! No need to register, just drop in the Children's room. All materials will be provided. Costumes are always appreciated!

Saturday, May 3, 2:00 pm - 4:15 pm Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace. In honor of National Star Wars Day come watch "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace". We'll even have some movie snacks! Then, stay for some Star Wars-themed crafts. No need to register, just drop in. All materials will be provided. Costumes are always appreciated!

Thursday, May 8, 3:30 - 5:00 pm K-5 Picture Frame Decorating. Show your love for Mom with this Mother's Day craft! We will be decorating picture frames using beautiful beads and mosaic tiles. Little ones can use foam frames and stickers if they wish. All materials will be provided - all you have to do is put a photograph in the frame after it has dried. Registration is required and space is limited! For more information contact Teen Librarian Alex Klaus at aklaus@oldlyme.lioninc.org or call the library at 860 434-1684.

Coming Soon ... Summer Reading: Fizz Boom Read! Check our website for details and updates on all new and exciting programs to keep every reader energized during the summer!
Young Adults Events:

For more information contact Teen Librarian Alex Klaus at aklaus@oldlyme.lioninc.org or call the library at 860-434-1684.

Friday, March 21, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Divergent Release Party! Get pumped for the movie's release in theaters on March 21. Celebrate with fans, find your Faction, compete for prizes in trivia, and more. Snacks will be provided! Grades 6 to 12. Registration Required. Limit 25.

Friday, April 11, 1:30 - 4:30 pm Moneysmart Monopoly

Tournament. During National Moneysmart Week, sign up to participate in our first Monopoly Tournament! Think you're a Monopoly pro? Join our tournament and compete against other pros. Snacks will be provided. Space/ Game boards are limited.

Wednesday, April 16, 3:15 - 4:15 pm Moneysmart Teens by TD Bank. Chris Henry from TD Bank will provide teen oriented helpful money tips, budget worksheets and money lessons to help them get started on a lifetime of smart money habits! Stop by for snacks and a chance to win prizes. Registration is encouraged but not required. Grades 6-9.

Saturday, May 3, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Star Wars Saturday. We'll be celebrating "May The Fourth Be With You" or National Star Wars Day a little early this year! So swing by the library for some Star Wars themed crafts. No need to register, just drop in the Children's room. All materials will be provided. Also at 2:00 pm we will be showing "Star Wars Episode: The Phantom Menace". All ages welcome. Costumes are always appreciated!

Tuesday, May 6, 3:15 - 5:30 pm Teen Movie Classic: The Sandlot. Join us for pizza and a movie! We'll be showing "The Sandlot" rated PG. No need register, just drop in!

Thursday, May 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm Teen/Tween Mother Daughter Craft: Sugar Scrub. In honor of Mother's Day we'll be hosting a Mother Daughter craft for tween, teens, and their mothers! Come make homemade sugar scrub. All materials will be provided. Registration required. Mom can't make it? Stop by anyway and surprise her with a homemade Mother's Day gift! Grades 6-12.

Tuesday, June 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm Henna with Heather. Kick-off your summer with an awesome henna design! Mehndi artist Heather Caunt-Nulton will give a short talk about the origins and designs of henna. Each participant will then receive a henna design of their very own; drawn by Heather from her naturally created henna dyes. Space and time are limited so registration is required.

Coming in April & May! The Library is proud to be a partner with Music Now, Inc. to bring Literacy, Lyrics and Lymestock to the youth of the local communities. Stay tuned for the official launch of the series and its dynamic culminating performances!

Adult Programs:

Beginning Water Color Classes on Tuesdays with Joan Bernard. Beginners from 1:00 - 3:00 pm or Advanced Beginners from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Instructor Joan Bernard, a local watercolor artist, will guide students through composition, color mixing and other basic elements of painting. Each participant will have time to learn and receive feedback from Joan on their compositions and progress. Joan has studied fine art at Syracuse University, the Silvermine Art Center and the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. She has been painting in watercolor for 40 years. She is a resident of Old Saybrook and volunteers on the Art Exhibition Committee at the Library.

Classes run in six week sessions. The next session starts runs from February 18 to March 25; followed by April 1 to May 6. Fee is \$140 for six classes, payable to Joan Bernard. Consult

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the website for new sessions beginning every 6 weeks. Want more details and a list of materials? Call Joan at 860-388-1983. Registration required.

Mah Jongg & Game Day with Joanie Fitton. Wednesdays at 12:00 noon - 3:30 pm. Mah Jongg is a popular game craze that is enjoyed by adults of all ages. It is a fun, challenging and competitive game! Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy and calculation and involves a certain degree of chance. Learn how to play and focus on the skills that will make you a patient and avid player while keeping the brain active and agile. Enjoy socializing with others in the community while acquiring a new hobby. Beginners and more experienced players are all welcome. Take a break from your routine and join us for an energizing new pass time that you can play all year long! Walk-ins welcome! Class fee is \$10 per class payable to the instructor.

Contemporary Classics Book Discussions facilitated by Marsha Bansavage. First Monday of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

March 3, Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury. The classic dystopian novel of a post-literate future, *Fahrenheit 451* stands alongside Orwell's *1984* and Huxley's *Brave New World* as a prophetic account of Western civilization's enslavement by the media, drugs and conformity. Bradbury's powerful and poetic prose combines with uncanny insight into the potential of technology to create a novel which, decades after its first publication, still has the power to dazzle and shock. (GoodReads.com)

April 7, Readers Choice: The Great Gatsby or Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald. In 1922, F. Scott Fitzgerald announced his decision to write "something new - something extraordinary and beautiful and simple and intricately patterned." That extraordinary, beautiful, intricately patterned, and above all, simple novel became *The Great Gatsby*, arguably Fitzgerald's finest work and certainly the book for which he is best known. A portrait of the Jazz Age in all of its decadence and excess, *Gatsby* captured the spirit of the author's generation and earned itself a permanent place in American mythology. (GoodReads.com).

May 5, Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers. "The war tried to kill us in the spring," begins this breathtaking account of friendship and loss. In Al Tafari, Iraq, twenty-one-year old Private Bartle and eighteen-year-old Private Murphy cling to life as their platoon launches a bloody battle for the city. In the endless days that follow, the two young soldiers do everything to protect each other from the forces that press in on every side: the insurgents, physical fatigue, and the mental stress that comes from constant danger. With profound emotional insight, especially into the effects of a hidden war on mothers and families at home, *The Yellow Birds* is a groundbreaking novel about the costs of war that is destined to become a classic. (GoodReads.com).

Phoebe's Book Chat, Second Thursdays of the month at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

March 13, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. Set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* is an extraordinary story of commitment and enduring hope.

In Henry and Keiko, Jamie Ford has created an unforgettable duo whose story teaches us of the power of forgiveness and the human heart. (GoodReads.com).

April 10, The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin. Drawing on the rich history of the twentieth century - from the late twenties to the mid-sixties - and featuring cameos from such notable characters as Joseph Kennedy and Amelia Earhart, *The Aviator's Wife* is a vividly imagined novel of a complicated marriage - revealing both its dizzying highs and its devastating lows. With stunning power and grace, Melanie Benjamin provides new insight into what made this remarkable relationship endure. (MelanieBenjamin.com).

May 8, The Astronaut Wives Club by Lily Koppel. "As America's Mercury Seven astronauts were launched on death-defying missions, television cameras focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed from military spouses into American royalty. They had tea with Jackie Kennedy, appeared on the cover of Life magazine, and quickly grew into fashion icons. Together with the other wives they formed the Astronaut Wives Club, meeting regularly to provide support and friendship.

As their celebrity rose - and as divorce and tragic death began to touch their lives - they continued to rally together, and the wives have now been friends for more than fifty years. *The Astronaut Wives Club* tells the real story of the women who stood beside some of the biggest heroes in American history." (Amazon.com).

June 12, The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout. "How do you build empathy for the characters in your book? Make them suffer. That's an old trick of the trade, and Elizabeth Strout, the Pulitzer-winning author of *Olive Kitteridge*, uses it brilliantly in *The Burgess Boys* ... Strout conveys what it feels like to be an outsider very well, whether she's delving into the quiet inner lives of Somalis in Shirley Falls or showing how the Burgess kids got so alienated from one another. But the details are so keenly observed, you can connect with the characters despite their apparent isolation ... [a] gracefully written novel. Grade: A." -Entertainment Weekly.

Tech Time! First Friday of every month 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Librarian Jessica Steding will instruct patrons in hands on sessions about their iPads and Kindles. Learn how to get the most out of your device, reduce your frustration, and enjoy features, apps and important functions to make your life easier!

March 13, Medicare & Supplemental Insurance with Tom Perrone 1:30 - 3:00 pm. A short course with Tom Perrone of New England Consulting Group of Guildford, that will cover the health care issues for retirees, options available and other supplemental options. Part 1 will present Medicare and supplemental insurance, focusing on the new rules. Part 2 will address VA benefits, how you qualify and what you need to do to receive them. Free course with materials for you to take home with you! Free and open to the public. Please register: a minimum of 10 participants needed to run the program.

Opera Lecture & Lunch Series Returns! Saturdays 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Old Lyme Inn. Love opera? The spring series

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will enrich your experience with presentations on the theme of romantic love to accompany performances of audience favorites. James Kuslan returns with lively educational discussions of the Metropolitan Opera's simulcast productions at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook. Lectures are accompanied by musical clips of outstanding operatic performances by the world's most renowned singers.

All programs take place at the Old Lyme Inn. Programs will end promptly at 12:30 pm to ensure our participants have ample time for Met Live in HD performances at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center at 12:55 pm. The lecture is free and lunch is optional. The cost for lunch is \$25.27 per person paid in advance. Menu choices are Kale Caesar Salad with Chicken, Grilled Vegetable & Hummus Wrap, or the Famous Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup. Beverages billed separately. Reservations for both the lecture and optional lunch are required for each individual program as seating is limited. All registrations and payments will be managed by Library. Call 860-434-1684 and ask for Katie or Stephanie.

Massenet's Werther, March 15, Registration Deadline: Friday March 7. Based on a novella by Goethe that recounts the sufferings, existential and romantic, of a young man who falls helplessly in love with a married woman. She, against her will, is pulled toward him. Werther believes that every half-drawn line making up his metaphorical self-portrait will be completed only if Charlotte can be his. She will not leave her husband, so Werther chooses to die by his own hand. Werther's depiction of romantic love as a dangerous and destructive madness that does not enrich life but devours it is set to music of torrent-borne beauty.

Puccini's La Bohème, April 5, Registration deadline Friday, March 28. Of all the works staged by the Metropolitan Opera since it opened in 1883, La Bohème is the most frequently performed. Puccini's enthralling tunes, 19th century bohemian Parisian setting and the romantic entanglements of its sympathetic characters explain its popularity. In a way, La Bohème is everyone's story - per Wordsworth - when "to be young was very heaven"! Youthful delusions are dispelled when death crashes the party: The opera's heroine succumbs to tuberculosis before the final curtain, leaving her lover bereft. Few weather his heartbreak dry-eyed, since Puccini's score summarizes an epoch of a mature person's experience that can never be recaptured, only recalled.

Mozart's Così fan tutte, April 26, Registration Deadline: Friday April 18. Così fan Tutte horrified Beethoven, but not on account of its music, which he revered. It was the opera's cynical libretto, by Lorenzo da Ponte, which knocked women off the pedestals where romantics like Beethoven preferred to perch them, that distressed the great composer. Two men test their lovers' constancy by pretending to go off to war; they return disguised to woo (and win) them. Handicapping the fidelity test are Don Alfonso, a world-weary rake who has seen it all, and the women's maid, Despina, who would have stars in her eyes only if she slapped her face with her dishtowel. Così's paradox is its bittersweet depiction of human frailty by music of divine loftiness.

Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm: An Evening with Pat

Wright, the Dog Listener. Spend the evening with Dog Listener Pat Wright. Learn how to bring your dog to peace and solve the problem of unwanted behaviors. Pat Wright has worked as the highest ranking member in the United States of the Jan Fennell International Team of Dog Listeners. Some of the many topics discussed are pulling on the lead, jumping up, aggression, separation anxiety, and excessive barking. Pat mixes in some very entertaining experiences from her many years of Dog Listening throughout New England. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the talk. No dogs please!

Red Carpet Movies! Third Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Movie Series featuring Golden Globe, Academy Award, Emmy and Sundance Film Festival award winners, nominees and audience favorites! Please register to help us plan for seating needs.

NEW! Partnering with our neighbor, the Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe, we will offer Boxed Dinners soon! Watch the website for details!

March 20, Phantom of the Opera (2004) starring Gerard Butler, Emma Rossum and Patrick Wilson. A disfigured musical genius, hidden away in the Paris Opera House, terrorizes the opera company for the unwitting benefit of a young protégée whom he trains and loves.

April 17, Gravity (2013) Starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. A medical engineer and an astronaut work together to survive after an accident leaves them adrift in space.

May 15, Austenland (2013) A romantic comedy starring Kerry Russell. Obsessed with the film *Pride and Prejudice* featuring Colin Firth as Mr. Darcy (1995), a woman travels to a Jane Austen theme park in search for her perfect gentleman.

March 26, Chocolate @ Your Library at 7:00 pm. What could be better on a cold winter's day (or any day) than indulging in some rich satisfying chocolate? Learning to make your own chocolate truffles could definitely top that! Maria Brandiff, recently retired from Cheshire Public Library, is continuing her second career as a chocolatier and teacher of all things chocolate. Maria has been packing up her chocolate making equipment more and more frequently and traveling to libraries all over the state. Maria's presentation includes a discussion of the varieties of chocolate available, how to work with it and the basics of chocolate truffle making. This is an adult class that is a demonstration only with generous samples for all to taste. Class size is limited to 30. Registration required in advance. All materials and samples provided. Bring your love of chocolate and an interest in making homemade chocolate treats to share with friends and family!

April 10, Art Exhibition & Opening Reception in the Ludington Gallery. Jacqueline White, Susan Higgins and Rosemary Webber, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Spring signals rebirth and renewal, and the Library is also renewing its commitment to bring new talent to our three art exhibitions! Harkening back to our cultural heritage of the Lyme Art Colony exhibits of the 1900s in the Library, many regional artists will display in the Ludington Gallery. We welcome our patrons and visitors to take a fresh look at interpretations of the familiar. Landscapes both traditional and abstract, found objects reimagined, photographs of everyday

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things, paintings of coastal fishing villages, exuberant interpretations of people and places, and our exhibits will surprise and delight our patrons. By exploring each artist's personal style and vision, we invite our patrons to experience their own renewal and connection to the artists' creative expressions. Join us in welcoming our new exhibitors!

April 16, Colleen Plimpton: All Season Color in the Garden 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Co-sponsored by Duck River Garden Club. A PowerPoint presentation showing easy, colorful plants which bloom from March 'til November with an emphasis on deer-resistant material. Time for questions and answers to all you gardening issues! A popular garden author, lecturer, instructor and coach, Colleen is a member of Garden Writers Association, the Federated Garden Clubs of America, The Nature Conservancy, The Garden Conservancy, Highstead Arboretum, the Connecticut Horticultural Society, the New York Botanical Garden, and many other groups. Her award-winning one-acre ornamental garden has been on numerous

tours, and serves as a living classroom laboratory where she teaches composting, composition, color and many additional how-to's of gardening. She runs a garden coaching business, and teaches gardening at the New York Botanical Garden.

April 23rd is World Book Night! We are delighted to participate again in the international book giveaway to the public! The OLPGN Library will be giving away *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple. Details to follow about this year's partners and where the giveaway will take place!

May Step Back into the 1940s Date TBA. Return to the era of the 1940s and see how much America has changed! Learn how the world looked to a boy growing up in a time when kids were free to roam. Recall when radio held center stage and big-band sound dominated the music scene. See what amazing things can be learned from the 1940 Census. You will be entertained, whether it's a reminiscence or new introduction. Presenters Dick Tomlinson and Carol Whitmer will share their fascinating facts of the 40s!

New Phone Numbers

Effective July 1, you will be able to reach all Town departments, including Public Works, the Transfer Station, Senior Center, and Animal Control from the main Town Hall phone number: 860-434-1605. **Please make note of the following extensions:** Public Works extension: 243, Transfer Station extension: 242, Senior Center extension: 240 Animal Control extension: 244

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Hope is Power

Exercise Group Bonds Cancer Survivors

Laughter. Joy. A lightness of spirit. Camaraderie. These are terms that are not often connected to the word "cancer," but if you spend any time with the Hope is Power class at the Valley Shore YMCA in Westbrook, that's exactly what you'll experience.

Hope is Power is offered in collaboration and with the financial support of Middlesex Hospital. It is a free, 12-week program for adult cancer survivors designed to empower them to overcome the effects of fatigue and deconditioning from cancer and its treatment. The overall goal of the group is to improve participants' functional capacity and quality of life through an organized fitness program in a small group setting. The program was established in 2010 and now has an

advanced level class for those who want to continue in the program after taking the beginner class.

According to Pat O'Brien, survivorship coordinator at the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center, "There is an increasing amount of research pointing toward the benefits patients can receive from exercise, in terms of reducing cancer recurrence and improving survival rates."

The program is taught in a safe, fun, relaxed environment for all ages and fitness levels. Cancer experts from Middlesex Hospital also present to the group on a variety of topics, such as nutrition and personal care.

For more information about the next Hope is Power class, call the Valley-Shore YMCA at (860) 399-9622, ext. 121.

10th Annual Lions Memorial Day Antique Car Show



Join the Lyme-Old Lyme Lions and Wayne Carini, star of Velocity's hit television show, "Chasing Classic Cars," in celebrating the 10th Annual Lions Memorial Day Antique Car Show. Over 130 show cars will display on the beautiful grounds of the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, on Monday, May 26, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ten years ago, the show was the inspiration of Lions Phil Parcak and Jim Graybill, and through the years it has become the Lions' signature fundraising event that has allowed the club to contribute generously to our community.

Come for the cars, great food and music, Lyme Youth Services activities, the flea market, and robotics demonstrations by the

award-winning Techno Ticks. Some car owners will be invited to drive in the town's Memorial Day Parade. Peoples' Choice trophies for 13 classes will be awarded, in addition to the President's Choice trophy and an 'Autism Speaks' Best in Show Award, presented by Mr. Carini. Show car registration is \$10.00 and begins at 8:30 am. A \$5 donation for spectator admission is requested. Please come out and support this fun community fundraiser. All proceeds go to Lions charities.

For further information or to pre-register your car for the event, go to www.lymeoldlymelions.org, or contact Philip Parcak at 860-434-9044.

Taste of Lymes' Business Expo Returns

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber's annual celebration of business - Taste of Lymes Business Expo - returns to the Old Lyme Country Club on Sunday, April 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Chamber members are invited to reserve a display table. Contact Tim Griswold (timothygriswold@yahoo.com), Doug LoPresti or Colleen Atkinson (csed911@aol.com) for details.

Residents should mark their calendars and plan to stop by for "a taste" of the many goods & services offered by our Chamber members. Watch www.VisitOldLyme.com for details on featured demos by local chefs, food samplings from member restaurants & caterers, door prizes and much, much more.

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The Size-Up - OL Fire Department

Fellow Old Lymers, as you well know we are in the middle of the cold, winter season! Here are a few tips from your OLFD to help make it a safer experience.

Cooking Fire Safety

Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Cooking equipment, most often a range or stovetop, is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries.

Product Safety Tip: Turkey Fryers

It's a recipe for serious injury or even death to wear loose clothing (especially hanging sleeves), walk away from a cooking pot on the stove, or leave items that can catch fire, such as potholders or paper towels, around the stove. Whether you are cooking the family holiday dinner or a snack for the children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.

Choose the Right Equipment and Use It Properly

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions and code requirements when installing and operating cooking equipment.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance - it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

Watch What You Heat

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.

Keep Things That Can Catch Fire and Heat Sources Apart

- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the burner.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

If Your Clothes Catch Fire - *If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll. Stop immediately, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth to put out the fire. Immediately cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes and cover with a clean, dry cloth. Don't apply creams, ointments, sprays or other home remedies.*

Use Equipment for Intended Purposes Only

Cook only with equipment designed and intended for cooking, and heat your home only with equipment designed and intended for heating. There is additional danger of fire, injury, or death if equipment is used for a purpose for which it was not intended.

Protect Children from Scalds and Burns

- Young children are at high risk of being burned by hot food and liquids. Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.
- Keep young children at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from any place where hot food or drink is being prepared or carried. Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.
- When young children are present, use the stove's back burners whenever possible.
- Never hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
- Teach children that hot things burn.
- When children are old enough, teach them to cook safely. Supervise them closely.

Prevent Scalds and Burns

- To prevent spills due to overturn of appliances containing hot food or liquids, use the back burner when possible and/or turn pot handles away from the stove's edge. All appliance cords need to be kept coiled and away from counter edges.
- Use oven mitts or potholders when moving hot food from ovens, microwave ovens, or stovetops. Never use wet oven mitts or potholders as they can cause scald burns.
- Replace old or worn oven mitts.
- Treat a burn right away, putting it in cool water. Cool the burn for 3 to 5 minutes. If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions about how to treat it, seek medical attention right away.

Install and Use Microwave Ovens Safely

- Place or install the microwave oven at a safe height, within easy reach of all users. The face of the person using the microwave oven should always be higher than the front of the microwave oven door. This is to prevent hot food or liquid from spilling onto a user's face or body from above and to prevent the microwave oven itself from falling onto a user.
- Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in a microwave oven. They can cause a fire and damage the oven.
- Heat food only in containers or dishes that are safe for microwave use.
- Open heated food containers slowly away from the face to avoid steam burns. Hot steam escaping from the container or food can cause burns.
- Foods heat unevenly in microwave ovens. Stir and test before eating.

How and When to Fight Cooking Fires

- When in doubt, just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.

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- If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.
- Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing.
- If you have a fire in your microwave oven, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet.
- After a fire, both ovens and microwaves should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

Nuisance Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms should be installed away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance.
- A smoke alarm installed within 10 to 20 feet of a cooking appliance must be a photoelectric type or have a hush feature, which temporarily reduces the sensitivity of the alarm.
- If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking, press the hush button if the smoke alarm has one. Open the door or window or fan the area with a towel to get the air moving. Do not disable the smoke alarm or take out the batteries.
- Treat every smoke alarm activation as a likely fire and react quickly and safely to the alarm.

Until next time, stay safe out there and have a safe winter season - From Your Friends at the Old Lyme Fire Department.

Firefighter Johnny Cody, OLFD Safety/Public Affairs Officer

Excerpts taken from the U.S. Fire Administration and the State of Virginia Department of Forestry

Old Lyme Historical Society



Community's Support Needed for Historic Grange Hall Purchase

The Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc. has entered into a contract to purchase the historic building located at 55 Lyme Street, currently owned by the Old Lyme Grange #162. A capital campaign has been launched and the Society is seeking widespread community support. Members of the Society's

Board have pledged in excess of \$75,000 and the organization needs to raise an additional \$150,000 to cover the purchase price and necessary improvements. The generosity of the Society's Board Members has played a major role in starting this campaign. With the community's help, the Society will establish a permanent home and distinct presence within the heart of the Historic District of Old Lyme.

A move to this historic building on Lyme Street will mark a major turning point for the Old Lyme Historical Society, an organization that was formed in 2005 to collect, preserve, and interpret the rich history of Old Lyme. Entirely managed by a dedicated group of volunteers, the Society has been renting office space in the Genealogy Room at the Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, has its archives temporarily stored in the basement of Town Hall, and hosts events in various public and private spaces in Old Lyme. The 2,600 square foot Grange building will meet the Society's current needs for a permanent temperature controlled archive, periodic exhibits, lectures, meetings, receptions, and a shop for the Society's publications. It is expected that the public will have access to our archive, facilitating the research of local and genealogical histories, and the ability to view exhibitions over longer periods of time.



The Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc. has launched a capital campaign to purchase the hall owned by the Old Lyme Grange #162.

Photo credit: Michaele Pierson.

The membership and reach of the Old Lyme Historical Society has grown significantly since 2005. It has produced exhibits and numerous publications, conducted cemetery tours, and held dinner lectures; all in pursuit of its mission to preserve and analyze Old Lyme's social, civic, economic, and political past. A permanent home in the heart of Old Lyme will enable the Society to fulfill its mission more extensively. Contributions in any amount and/or stock transfers to this capital campaign are greatly needed and will be deeply appreciated. The Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Tax deductible contributions should be mailed to P.O. Box 352, Old Lyme, CT 06371. More information about the Society, its interesting activities and publications, may be found on its web site www.oldlymehistoricalsociety.org.



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Musical Masterworks to Present Spring Concerts



Musical Masterworks Artistic Director Edward Arron will host chamber music concerts at the First Congregational Church in March and May.

Musical Masterworks will continue its season of chamber music at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme with concerts on March 15 and 16 and May 3 and 4. The concerts are held on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 3:00 pm.

The March 15 and 16 concerts will feature pianist Pedja Musijevic, violinist Tessa Lark, violinist/violist Erin Keefe, and double bassist Kurt Muroki. Musical Masterworks Artistic Director Edward Arron will perform on cello and serve as host for the concerts. The March program will feature works by Rossini, Bartok, Schubert, and bluegrass-inspired composer Mark O'Connor. The finale of the March program will be Schubert's famous "Trout" Quintet, one of the most popular pieces in the chamber music repertoire.

The Sunday, March 16 concert will be followed by a post-concert talk, led by Artistic Director Edward Arron. All audience members are invited to stay after the performance for a lively and informal discussion of the music that was performed.

The May 5 and 6 concerts will feature pianist Jeewon Park, violinist Yosuke Kawasaki, and cellist Edward Arron, who will again serve as host for the concerts. The program will feature works of Bach, Shostakovich, and Mendelssohn.

Tickets for the concerts are \$35 with \$5 student tickets available. Please call 860-434-2252 for more information or visit www.musicalmasterworks.org.

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A Tribute to the Old Lyme Grange #162



The lobby of the Old Lyme Grange Hall with a display of artifacts.

If you were to drive down Lyme Street on a Sunday evening in 1955 you probably would have found a crowd gathered at the Old Lyme Grange Hall for one of their popular community Sunday suppers. At that time, with an active membership of 253, the Old Lyme Grange #162 was the hub for numerous community activities while also serving as a fraternal organization. However, times have changed and as their numbers have dwindled, the building at 55 Lyme Street has been much quieter. In 2013, the officers made the difficult decision to retire their charter and approached the Old Lyme Historical Society about its interest in purchasing the property.

A history that dates back to the Reconstruction

The Old Lyme Grange was one of approximately sixty Community Grange chapters currently located in Connecticut. This nationwide organization headquartered in Washington D.C. has a hierarchical structure with approximately 160,000 members in 36 states. Officially named The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, the Grange is an American fraternal organization for families that encourages members to organize activities that promote the economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture.

The idea for the Grange was conceived by Oliver Hudson Kelley, who had been commissioned by President Andrew Johnson after the Civil War to tour the Southern States for the purpose of finding ways to improve agricultural conditions. During his travels Kelley found many poor farmers in a war-torn countryside still using outdated farming practices. Kelley was a Mason and believed that a fraternal organization could help unify the north and south by fostering a cooperative spirit, providing opportunities for socialization, while advocating for farmers and providing education on agricultural practices. Kelley then worked together with six other men and one woman to found the Grange in 1867. Paid agents organized local Granges and membership dramatically increased to 858,050 by 1875. Unusual for its time, the Grange also encouraged women and teens, old enough to draw a plow, to participate.

Known as the oldest American agricultural advocacy

group, the Grange is credited with successfully lobbying for the regulation of railroad transportation and grain warehouse costs, as well as for the Cooperative Extension Service (now the National Institute of Food and Agriculture), free rural mail delivery, and the Farm Credit system. They also advocated for temperance, the direct election of Senators, and women's suffrage. By the 1920s, as political parties had taken up many of the Grange causes, local Granges shifted their focus more on community service. However to this day, the state and national levels of the Grange remain a political force that continues to lobby for policies affecting free trade and farm policy.

A local organization built through mutual cooperation

The Old Lyme Grange #162 began fairly late in the Grange movement in 1905 when some members of the Lyme Grange, under the leadership of Stephen Sterling, organized more than thirty signers to become charter members. The women organized under the name of the Grange Aid Society and immediately began building up a fund in the hopes that the Old Lyme Grange might one day have its own home. In 1910, the Old Lyme Gun Club, located near the Lieutenant River, along what is now Maple Avenue, came up for sale and the ladies purchased it. However, the building was on land leased from the heirs of the S. E. Huntington family, so they continued saving money and looking for land. In 1928, the lot that is now 55 Lyme Street, adjacent to the Center School, became available. Against the advice of the men, the ladies of the Grange Aid Society purchased it for the sum of \$1,700. The members then got to work investing a considerable amount of energy in fundraising and sweat equity. Their efforts began by relocating the home that was on the lot, digging and laying stones for the cellar, and culminated with a team of oxen hauling the Gun Club building onto the new foundation. The building was enlarged and refurbished and in February 1929 the new hall was dedicated. For several years the members of the Grange worked hard to raise funds to pay off the \$2,200 mortgage. This involved numerous fundraisers, including fairs, box suppers, and dances, as well as selling advertisements on the large painted, two-sided backdrop for the hall's stage. By October 1931 they had raised enough to retire the debt.

Over the years the Old Lyme Grange has striven to be an asset to the community. Early on, when agriculture was part of everyday life in Old Lyme, meetings would combine degree-work for the members, speakers on topics relating to agriculture or practical household management, and planning sessions for spirited community entertainments. Often, the Old Lyme Grange allowed their hall to be used for community purposes. For a while, when more school lunch space was needed the Grange Hall facilities were used. The town's kindergarten also met in the hall until its own building could be completed. More recently, in the 1990s, a theatrical group called The Players II used the

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Duck River Garden Club



Left to Right: Kathy Kensel, Chevi DeLorenze, Judy Grant

wonderful “pickings”. And to top things off, “Delectable Edibles” has special treats for all to enjoy.

All proceeds from the sale go to ongoing civic projects, which include scholarships, senior’s garden therapy program, holiday wreaths for public buildings, baskets for families in need, maintenance of plants at town locations and contributions of new horticulture books to Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library. The Duck River Garden Club members look forward to seeing you and can help with any questions.

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donation is suggested. Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street. (860)434-7802; lymeartassociation.org.

April 18 to June 1 - *93rd Annual Elected Artist Exhibition and the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club Art Show*

Each spring the Lyme Art Association's Elected Artists display their finest work in the historic building's sky-lit main galleries. This year the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club returns with its benefit exhibition and sale of work by invited local artists, on view in the upstairs Goodman gallery and in the newly remodeled lower level galleries. Opening reception on Friday, April 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Gallery hours are Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Admission is free but a \$5 donation is suggested. Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street. (860)434-7802; lymeartassociation.org.

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hall for plays and the Democratic Party of Old Lyme used the space as its election headquarters every fall. As agricultural concerns became less important to members, they focused increasingly on service to the community including volunteering with the soup kitchen, purchasing needed items for local service organizations, planting flowers in town, and presenting awards to students and the first Citizens of the Year.

As the percentage of Americans working in agriculture has declined from approximately thirty percent at the beginning of the twentieth century to less than two percent today, Grange membership has fallen considerably. Likewise, the population of Old Lyme has similarly changed as has the needs of the community. The Old Lyme Historical Society is now in the midst of a capital campaign to purchase the Old Lyme Grange property. If all goes according to plan, the hall at 55 Lyme Street will begin a new life and, once again through the cooperative efforts of the community, it will be transformed into a fine center focused on the preservation and interpretation of the rich history of Old Lyme.

Special thanks to Carolyn Wakeman, The Charm of the Place, Old Lyme in the 1920s, (2011), Old Lyme Historical Society.

Did You Know? Back issues of Old Lyme Events are available online via the Town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov) under Community Links: http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_WebDocs/links.

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We have two more events coming up in our Inside My Studio Artist Lecture Series. On Friday, March 28, art educator and gallery manager Jeanne Potter will speak and on Friday, April, 18, the lecturer will be residential, interior, landscape and furniture designer Jonathan Isleib. The lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. and are preceded by a reception with hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome, tickets are \$10 per person: call Ann de Selding at 860-434-3571 ext. 117 to register. The College acknowledges the support of Brenda and Sheldon Baker, Pam and David Thompson, and Robert G. Manice towards this series.

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 11, when the Senior Studio Exhibition 2014 opens with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., which is free and open to the public. This



One of the signature works for the 38th Annual Juried Student Exhibition is *Braid*, a lithograph by senior Kellie Pereira.



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exceptional exhibition reflects the year-long, capstone, senior studio experience, which allows students to develop a body of work reflecting their individual interests, skills and aesthetic sensibilities. During the Opening Reception, guests are welcome to visit with the seniors in their studios: the majority of work in both the exhibition and studios will be for sale.

Save the date for our annual major fundraiser, ArtsBall 2014, which takes place this year on Saturday, June 7, from 5:30 to 11:00 p.m. The theme this year is ArtsBall in Bloom: A Night in the Garden of Art. This year's glittering gala will be infused with mystery and intrigue as guests experience a tantalizing cross-pollination of gardens and art, both ancient and modern. All net proceeds from the ball benefit student scholarships.

Our Summer Continuing Education (CE) and Pre-College Programs are currently being finalized. The CE program is for all ages and abilities while the Pre-College program is designed especially for high school students, who are considering pursuing an art degree. Visit our website to view the schedule under the CE and Pre-College tab or call Adam Nowakowski at 860-434-3571, ext. 127.

The College continues to welcome Volunteers as valued members of our community. Contact Ann de Selding at 860-434-3571, ext. 117, to explore the numerous possibilities.

Florence Griswold Museum



Lucien Abrams, *Déjeuner en Provence, ca. 1910*. Oil on canvas 24 1/8 x 19 3/4 inches, Collection of the McNay Art Museum

Saturday, May 3 is Free Day, filled with great art, creative fun, and beautiful views!

Florence Griswold Museum presents two exhibitions on view through June 1. *Lyme Artists Abroad* demonstrates how the artists who traveled to Old Lyme during the early twentieth-century brought with them a wealth of experiences and influences gathered during travels across the globe. This focused exhibition looks at the eclectic styles and techniques cultivated abroad by American

artists such as Harry Hoffman, William Henry Howe, and Willard Metcalf.

Lucien Abrams: *A Cosmopolitan in Connecticut* opens March 21. Organized by the Old Jail Art Center in Albany, Texas, it is the first exhibition to examine Abrams' work. Algerian watering holes, New England circus tents, and shady plazas of the American southwest are just a few of his diverse subjects. Abrams is an important figure in the evolution of American Impressionism in the 20th century, with his work representing an attempt to maintain the vitality of such a key modern movement.

The entire community is invited to the Museum's annual Free Day, Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. It is a great time to gather family and friends for a day of exciting programs, great art, and beautiful views. Visitors can explore art exhibitions, tour the Florence Griswold House, and wander historic gardens. All ages will enjoy playing gallery games, making art, visiting an artist's studio, or just relaxing by the Lieutenant River.

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