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The First Selectman's Corner

I am happy to report that the Town ended fiscal year 2017-2018 with an unaudited estimated surplus of \$618,000. Credit goes to Town employees for the excellent management of their department budgets. The surplus can be attributed to our aggressive prior year tax collections as well as revenues from our building and engineering fees due to our ongoing successes in economic development.

Once again, we are delighted to report that Standard & Poor's Rating Services has reaffirmed the Town's "AAA" credit rating, which is its highest rating. Supporting its decision, Standard & Poor's credited the Town's strong management and budgetary performance, which is evident by its past nine years of continued surpluses and increasing unassigned reserves, as supporting its highest rating. The Town on August 1st went out to market to bond \$12 million in long-term bonds and \$3.2 million in short term notes. A rate of 2.92% was received for the long-term notes and 1.84% on the short term notes. The rating report also mentioned the town's continuing economic development, which provides additional diversity and growth to the tax base.

The Energy Task Force has been re-established by the Board of Selectmen and has already started working toward its goal of making Guilford a Certified Sustainable Connecticut community. In addition, the committee will also work with local groups

advocating for a town ordinance banning single use plastic bags. The Bring Your Own (BYO) group is encouraging stores to offer paper bags only, with the ultimate goal of having people bring their own reusable bags when shopping.



Matthew T. Hoey III, First Selectman

The Town and Board of Education is in the process of rolling out ClearGov profiles. This is a transparency and benchmarking platform with easy to understand profiles of the Town and Board of Education budgets. Residents will be able to get a clearer picture of finances and see how our town compares to other towns as well. We hope this will allow people to be more informed and involved with the budget preparation process.

During this summer the Public Works Department prepared and chip sealed 6.8 miles of roads south of Route 1. Workers installed drainage and paved Old Sachem Head Road from Indian Road to Uncas Point Road. Crews also took down more than 140 trees around Town. As winter approaches the focus will now shift to storm preparedness and cleanup.
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An advertisement for Saybrook Country Barn Apparel. It features a group of seven diverse women of various ethnicities and ages, all smiling and posing in a studio setting. They are wearing a variety of casual, stylish clothing including blouses, jackets, and jeans. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. On the left side of the image, the text "FIT IS EVERYTHING" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below that, the "NYDJ. LOS ANGELES" logo is displayed. At the bottom left, there is a dark blue rectangular box with the "Saybrook Country Barn APPAREL" logo in white. At the bottom right, the address "2 Main St. Old Saybrook, CT | 860.388.0891 | www.saybrookcountrybarn.com" is printed in a small, dark font.

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goPINK Project Supports Women Facing Breast Cancer this October

You can support women facing breast cancer in our community this October through the goPINK Project! Since 2010, local businesses, salons, schools and teams have raised over \$185,000 to help cover the costs of integrative medicine therapy for over 1,000 patients at Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center. Integrative medicine is a complement to conventional cancer treatment that focuses on the whole person - mind, body and spirit. Patients choose from yoga, Reiki, massage, reflexology, meditation and more, which are available at Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center in Middletown and Westbrook.

This year, Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center, 250 Flat Rock Place, will host food trucks every week in October from 11 am to 3:30 pm and will donate a percentage of sales to goPINK, including: Taco Pacifico (October 12), Lenny & Joe's Lobster Truck (October 18) and Chris' Dog House (October 22).

And don't forget the goPINK Shoreline Party, taking place at the Scotch Plains Tavern (October 23) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm (tickets sold at Scotch Plains Tavern). To learn more about the month of activities visit: gopinkproject.com.

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I am pleased to announce that there have been some recent promotions of town employees as well as a previous employee who has returned to town. Janice Plaziak, who previously worked in the land use office, has been hired as the new Town Engineer. Jennifer Bernardo has been promoted from Assistant Assessor to the Assessor position and Tom Fillion has also been elevated from Superintendent of Highways to our Public Works Director. We are excited about these new changes and know that these three employees will continue to do great work for the town.

The Parks and Recreation Department had another successful, safe summer and beach season. I would like to congratulate all our young camp counsellors for their hard work running the camps. We also had another year

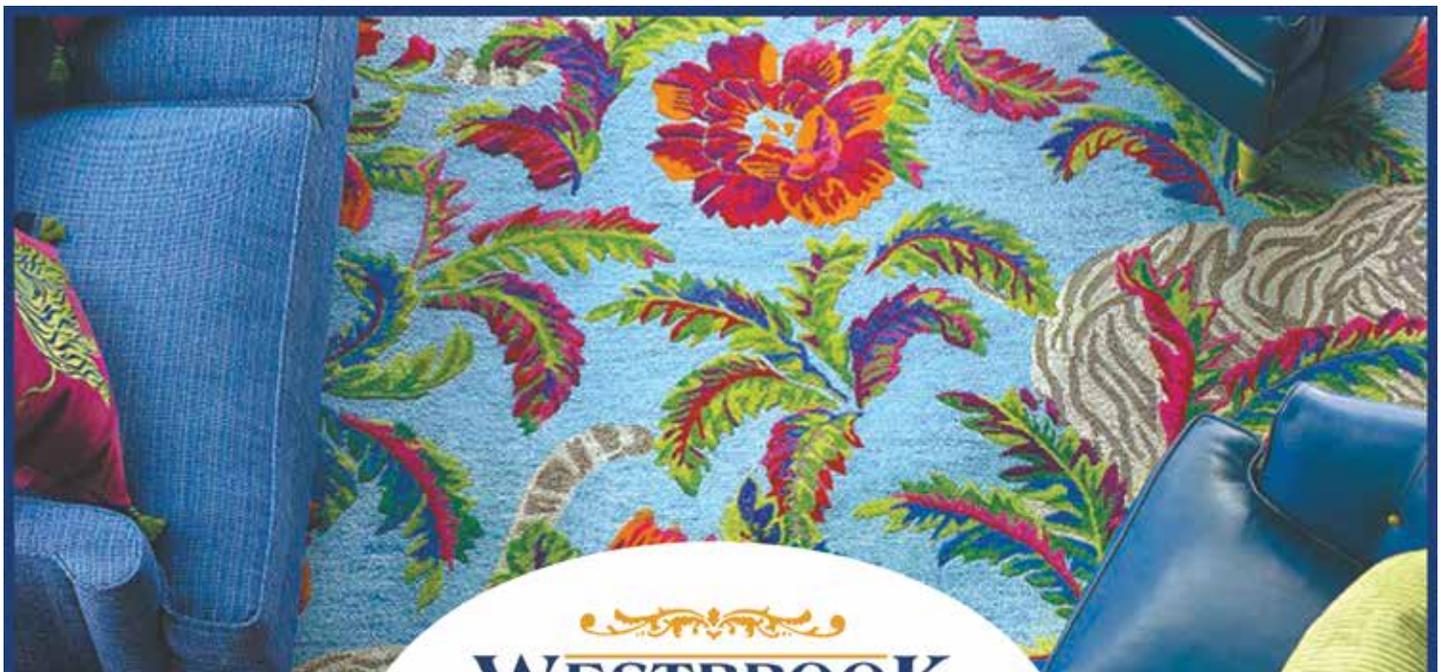
of successful summer events on the Green which included, concerts, the Art Center Expo, The Shoreline Arts Alliance Shakespeare on the Green, the Chamber's Taste of the Shoreline and the Jewish Festival. As summer turns into fall we can look forward to the Civic Women Harvest Festival, Parks and Recreation Scarecrow Building Contest, Window Painting and Halloween Spooktacular followed by our Annual Tree Lighting event.

Lastly, Guilford High School fall sports are in full swing. Get out and support our local athletes. I am looking forward to working the "Chain Gang" at the home football games.

Matthew T. Hoey III
First Selectman

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PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS for any business/business owner, farmer, any owner of an unregistered or out of state registered motor vehicle or owner of a horse(s), must be filed by November 1st. Penalties will be applied to non-filed declarations. Additional information is available on the Town's website and the Declaration can be found at: www.ci.guilford.ct.us/town-departments/personal-property.htm.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT for new organizations seeking tax exempt status must file their initial Quadrennial Report by November 1st, 2018 to be considered. Amended Quadrennial's are also due for organizations that have acquired Real Estate, Personal Property and/or Motor Vehicles between October 2, 2017 and October 1, 2018.

The following is an abbreviated look at some of the Exemption Programs that the Guilford Assessor's Office administers. If you think you might be eligible for any of these programs, please call the Assessor's Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for more information. There is also additional information about these programs (and other important information) on the Town's website: www.ci.guilford.ct.us under Departments; Assessor's Office. Please note: Exemptions are always stated in assessment dollars. To calculate the actual tax savings, multiply the

assessment exemption amount by the appropriate mill rate (e.g., the assessment exemption amount is \$1,000 and say the mill rate is 31.28 so the tax savings is \$31.28 or \$1,000 times 0.03128.)

FARM MACHINERY (STATE PROGRAM) which is used exclusively by a qualifying farmer may qualify for a \$100,000 assessment exemption. An M-28 Form must be filed no later than November 1, 2018 along with a Personal Property Declaration.

FARM MACHINERY (LOCAL PROGRAM) which is used exclusively by a farmer, who qualifies for the above described program, may be eligible for an additional \$100,000 assessment exemption. An M-28 Form must be filed no later than November 1, 2018 along with a Personal Property Declaration.

FARM BUILDINGS (LOCAL PROGRAM) which are used exclusively for farming activities by farmers, who are receiving an exemption for their farm equipment [See FARM MACHINERY (STATE PROGRAM) Above] are eligible for an assessment exemption of \$100,000 for certain eligible farm buildings. An application must be filed no later than November 1, 2018 along with a Personal Property Declaration.

FARM, FOREST OR OPEN SPACE (STATE PROGRAMS) applications must be filed between September 1, 2018 and **continued on page 6**



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43 Grist Mill Circle, Guilford \$389,000



103 Boston St, Guilford \$399,500



139 Ironwood Rd, Guilford \$875,000



663 Nut Plains Rd, Guilford \$350,000



170 Old Quarry, Guilford \$2,250,000



150 Sconset, Guilford \$475,000



42 Mill Stone, Guilford \$499,900



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55 Vineyard Place, Guilford \$1,375,000



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October 31, 2018. For Forest Land, a State Forester's Report must accompany application and be dated by September 1st.

ONE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED OR SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED MOTOR VEHICLE (LOCAL OPTION) if owned by the applicant as of October 1, 2018 and used exclusively for the purpose of transporting the medically incapacitated owner and if such vehicle is not for hire and the required application is filed with the Assessor's Office by November 1, 2018; or for such motor vehicles purchased after October 1, 2018, within 30 days of purchase.

ONE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR AN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMAN (STATE PROGRAM) Applications must be filed no later than December 31, 2018 for taxes due and payable July 2017.

DISABLED SERVICEMEN OR EX-SERVICEMEN (STATE PROGRAM) may apply for an additional exemption by filing Form 20-5455a (issued by the Veterans Administration) with the Assessor's Office by March 31, 2019. The amount of the assessment exemption will vary depending on the degree of disability. If you have previously been granted an exemption due to your disability, then you do not have to re-apply.

Jennifer Bernardo, Assessor

Town Clerk

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The State Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 and Absentee Ballots become available on Friday, October 5th. An application must be filled out in order to receive a ballot and these are available in the Town Clerk's office. The applications are also available on the Town of Guilford website under the Town Clerk Department. They can be mailed in and a ballot will be sent to the address that is designated on the application as soon as the ballots become available. Ballots must be returned by November 6th, the day of the election, in order to be counted.

June is Dog License month in the State of Connecticut but you can purchase a license for a newly acquired dog all year long. Dogs do not need to be licensed until they are six months old. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$8.00 and unspayed, unneutered animals are \$19.00. We will need to see a current rabies certificate. We will also need to see a certificate stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered. For dog license renewals there is a late fee of \$1.00 per month after June 30. If your dog has lost his tag, a replacement tag may be obtained for fifty cents.

Marriage license applications are now available online. To access them go to: www.ci.guilford.ct.us and go to Town Clerk under Town Departments. A list of Guilford Justices of the Peace is also available. The fee for a marriage license is \$50.00 and the license is good for 65 days from the date of issue. Both parties need to appear and present I.D. (driver's license or passport). Once the marriage has been performed and the license has been returned to the Town Clerk's office you obtain a certified copy of the marriage

license for a fee of \$20.00. Applications for certified copies of births, deaths and marriages are also available online.

Shellfish licenses may also be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. The fee for an annual resident license (calendar year) is \$25.00 and a senior license (65+) is \$15.00. An annual non-resident license is \$75.00 and a non-resident senior license is \$65.00. A non-resident daily pass can also be purchased for \$25.00. Applicants must provide I.D. and proof of residence.

Payment is cash or check only. The licenses may also be obtained from the Lobster Pound, Captain Morgan's in Madison or a member of the Shellfish Commission.

THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE OFFERS NOTARY SERVICES.

The fee for each notarization is \$5.00, cash or check only, and I.D. is required. We cannot notarize wills, deeds that will be recorded on the Guilford land records, or I-9 forms.

Registrar of Voters

Vote November 6, 2018 in the State/Federal Election

THE UPCOMING ELECTION & WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW!

On November 6, 2018 Guilford (and the entire state) will be voting for a new governor for that state of Connecticut. In addition, we will be voting for our US Senator, US Representative, four constitutional state officers, State Senator, State Representative, Judge of Probate and Registrar of Voters (see below for a fuller description of the ballot.) Please vote at your usual polling place

which will be opened from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm. Please see the Registrar of Voters section in the website for town of Guilford at: www.ci.guilford.ct.us, for information on your exact voting place.

Make sure you are registered to vote

THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 30, 2018.

DO IT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. HERE'S HOW:

Online Registration

It is now possible to register to vote, to change your address, name **continued on page 8**



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and/or party affiliation, online (to change/add online you must have a current, valid Connecticut Driver's License with your Guilford address). The process is very easy. One path is to go into the Town of Guilford's website at: www.ci.guilford.ct.us, choose Registrar of Voters from the Town Department list and then "Register to Vote Online" which is located on the left side of that page. Another way is through the Secretary of the State's website at: www.sots.ct.gov, choosing the Elections and Voting tab. A third, and the best way, is to go directly to the website: www.voterregistration.ct.gov. Online registration is available 24/7 until Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

DMV

When creating, updating or renewing your Connecticut drivers you will now be given the option to register to vote (if you are not already a registered voter in Connecticut), or to change your current voter registration. This is a process to streamline the voter registration system - one-stop shopping.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

If by any chance you have not been able to register to vote before November 6, 2018, you may come to our office, register to vote, and receive a ballot on Election Day. We highly recommend that Election Day Registration be your last option. Your voting experience will be many times smoother if you complete your voter registration by October 30, 2018. On that day, the Registrars will be in their office

to receive applications for voter registration until 8:00 pm.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE BALLOT

You can expect to see a very full ballot this November. There are eleven separate races - two federal (US Senator and Congressional Representative); seven State (Governor/ Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, State Senator and State Representative); two local (Judge of Probate and Registrar of Voters). For each race Democratic and Republican candidates will be on the first two lines of the ballot. Minor party endorsements for the major party candidates will be on the next two lines. Unique candidate from minor parties will follow, if there are any. Petitioning candidates with no party endorsement will be next. The bottom line for the ballots will provide space to vote for write-in candidates. A list of certified write-in candidates for each race will be available at each polling place.

Other Useful Information

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

All absentee ballot processing is handled by the TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. If you know you will not be in Guilford on Election Day, November 6, you can submit an application for an absentee ballot to the Town Clerk right now and a ballot will be mailed to you by the Town Clerk when they become available on October 5, 2018. In order to be counted, completed absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk's office by the end of Election Day (8:00pm), November 6, 2018. If you have further questions regarding absentee ballots please call the Town Clerk's office at: 203-453-8001.

CURBSIDE VOTING

Curbside Voting is available if, for any reason, you cannot walk into your polling place on Election Day. Two poll workers will come to your vehicle and give you a ballot to fill out. Please call the Registrar of Voters office at: 203-453-8028 when you are ready to go to the polls so we can set the process in motion and save you time when you get to the polling place.

PERMANENT ABSENTEE STATUS

We would like to remind you of the availability of permanent absentee ballot status. Here's how it works: If you have a disability which prevents you from going to your polling place to vote you may file a request for an absentee ballot and include with that request a letter from your physician which states that your physical condition prevents you from going to the polls to vote. From then on the Town Clerk will automatically send you a ballot for every election, primary, and referendum, which you can fill out and return by mail. Every year we will send you a letter asking you to confirm the accuracy of your address.

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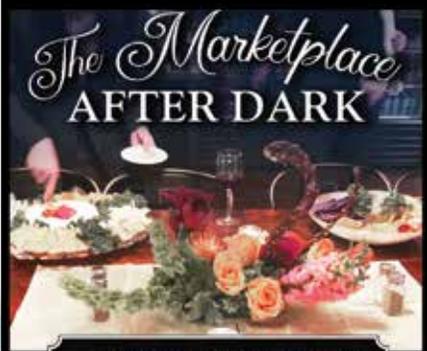
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Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join your local Chamber for these upcoming events: from September to November.

Visit: Shorelinechamberct.com anytime for more information about our events.

October 10, 2018

- Women of Excellence Award Luncheon

The Chamber will be hosting its 3rd "Women of Excellence Award Luncheon." This event is sponsored in partnership with the Chambers of Branford, North Branford, Guilford, East Haven, Clinton, Madison, Killingworth and Old Saybrook. Eight women will be awarded this "Women of Excellence Award" (one from each township) on October 10 at 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at Woodwinds in Branford. You are invited to attend this event by registering online on the chamber website.

October 13, 2018

- Chowder Challenge For A Cause

Come enjoy the shops of Guilford and taste the varieties of chowder and cast your vote for your favorite chowder for our "Chowder Challenge For A Cause" sponsored by Guilford Savings Bank. The winner of the chowder challenge receives a \$500.00 check for the charity of their choice. The date is October 13 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Guilford Town Green.

November 7, 2018

- Non Profit Conference and Awards Celebration

The Chamber will be hosting a Non-Profit Conference and Awards Celebration on November 7 at Woodwinds in Branford.

Conference topics Include:

- New Tax Laws and How They Apply to You
- New Haven Public Library Granting Resources
- Foundation Directory Online
- Foundation Grants to Individuals Online
- Foundation Maps
- GuideStar
- Legacy/Estate Planning + Charitable Giving
- Board Members' Round-Table
- Storytelling - How best to tell your story
- Major Donors Panel

Continental breakfast and lunch will be included with conference registration.

November 30, 2018

- Guilford Tree Lighting Event

The Chamber and the Town of Guilford will be hosting the annual tree lighting event on November 30 on the Guilford Town Green from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Please join us for some fun, music and lights!!!

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You can register online for all events at: www.shorelinechamberct.com

Taste of The Shoreline:

The Chamber hosted its annual Taste of the Shoreline on August 19. The feedback on the event has been nothing short of awesome! The event was enjoyed by all, the tastes were delicious, the weather was spectacular. We would like to thank the sponsors, vendors, volunteers and staff for a successful event. If you were unable to attend this year, we will see you next year!!!



Both photos are from the Shoreline Chamber Taste of the Shoreline. Photos courtesy Guilford Chamber of Commerce / Hartford Courant.



Economic Development

Here we are, entering the fourth quarter of 2018, asking ourselves, where did the year go? At times, we complained about the hot, humid weather of this summer. But most are saying, "still better than freezing, snowy weather, possibly to come." So, let's make certain we enjoy all the fall has to offer in and around Guilford.

In past issues, we have commented on many new construction/major renovations occurring throughout Guilford. These confirm the desirability of our community while providing needed housing, office space, medical and healthcare facilities, restaurants, retail and more. All provide services desired by our residents, employment opportunities and contribute to our grand list and tax base. Much is underway with more in the conceptual design stage.

From a food service and restaurant perspective, Chapter 1 was

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just opening when our last issue came out. Following their opening, they have added lunch services, happy hour and music periodically to their operation and many have enjoyed outdoor dining on their rear deck. The Java Hut quickly filled the void when Perk on Church moved out, offering delicious fresh items, with many items sourced locally. They feature organic coffee, crepes, sandwiches and more. CT Lunch opened in the Village Walk Plaza, in the former La Rosticceria location. CT Lunch specializes in serving hot dogs, hamburgers and an assortment of sandwiches.

Numerous service businesses have opened in Guilford, including: Friedler Dental Group in the Patriot Center (800 Boston Post Road.) Friedler Dental Group consolidated its offices from Madison and New Haven to this new Guilford location. They pride themselves with personal care utilizing the most up-to-date technologies in a warm and welcoming environment. Orangetheory Fitness opened in the CVS Plaza. Their scientifically designed workout program includes a unique combination of cardiovascular, power and strength training to change the body at the cellular level, so you live a longer, more vibrant life. By the time this issue is delivered, two additional businesses will have opened: Kiddie Clubhouse LLC and The Spot-Guilford Acrobatics and Company. Kiddie Clubhouse LLC is a childcare center, serving infants, toddlers to preschoolers, ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. They are located within the Village Walk plaza. The Spot-Guilford Acrobatics and Company is located within the Guilford Plaza - 643 Boston Poston Road (former Boss Pizza location.) They train students ranging from K-12 in acrobatics, tumbling, stunting, dance and more. After ten years of successful operation, the three cofounding partners of MIX Design are pleased to report the business has transitioned to a new owner. The partners decided it was time to spend more time with their families. However, you may see them around the store helping out as well. After a long period of vacancy at the former Splash Restaurant location, we are pleased to report the Central Hospital for Veterinary is coming to Guilford. The opening is expected to occur this fall, providing medical emergency and referral support.

Guilford is a town full of wonderful events and activities. Please place Friday November 30, 2018 on your calendar for our Annual Tree Lighting program on the Guilford Green with a 6:00 pm start, sponsored by the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and the Town Economic Development Commission and Park & Recreation Departments.

Continue enjoying our fine community. SHOP-DINE-EXPLORE ...and more. Should you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me.

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will accept competitive grant applications between February 15, 2019 and March 15, 2019. The application and dates for grantee workshops will be available through our website www.guilfordfoundation.org beginning January 1, 2019.

TGF also partners with Guilford High School's Interact Club to support the Youth Advisory Group. This group also accepts grant applications (also available on our website). Their next annual deadline is April 1, 2018.

Looking to get involved? TGF has an annual dinner and celebration each year to review the previous year's accomplishments and present current strategies and

efforts. TGF also has an electronic newsletter and Facebook page, which provide regular updates. If you are interested in starting a permanent legacy fund or want to contribute to an existing fund, please contact Executive Director Liza Janssen Petra at: lpetra@guilfordfoundation.org.

For more information, including ways to give, visit our website at: www.guilfordfoundation.org. Thanks to the support of this amazing community, TGF is positioned better than ever to meet our mission to "connect people who care with causes that matter to them" and improve the quality of life in Guilford: now, and for generations to come.

Social Services - Back to School



We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated towards our annual Back to School Program. This

program has been essential in providing school age children in Guilford from low income families with school supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, new shoes and even new haircuts thanks to a partnership with The Hair Cuttery's Share-A-Haircut Program!

Once again, we experienced a very generous outpouring of support and we had a record number of donations this year. Donations came from businesses, civic and religious groups and community organizations, such as the Guilford Foundation and the Youth Advisory Group, Walmart, Guilford Newcomers, Guilford Savings Bank, Temple Beth Tikvah, North Guilford Congregational Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Whitfield Retirement Services, Clarity Software Solutions and many others. Donations

also came from private groups and clubs, individuals and families whose children brought in backpacks filled with school supplies. All were very much needed and appreciated. It shows how the Guilford community and beyond really cares and takes an interest in helping their neighbors in need.

You all have made it possible for Guilford students in less fortunate circumstances to start the new school year on equal footing with their peers. This not only empowers, but also strengthens the positive values of Guilford youth in our community.

On behalf of these families and their students: Thank You!

Guilford Social Services Staff
Tammy DeFrancesco
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Youth and Family Services

**Halloween Window Painting,
Scarecrow Building Contest & Halloween
Spooktacular Dates Announced**

IT'S WORTH IT. A Guilford D.A.Y. Initiative along with Guilford Youth & Family Services and Guilford Parks & Recreation are once again offering their Annual Fall Events.

The Halloween Window Painting and Scarecrow Building Contest will both

be held on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm on the Guilford Green. The Window painting is open to individuals, groups and families (up to 7 people per group), with sketches due by October 5th for review.

The Scarecrow Building is open to local business to create a representation of their business and display on the green for judging. For more information, or to register for

either event visit: guilfordparkrec.com or call: 203-453-8068.

The Halloween Spooktacular & Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, October 28 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm on the Guilford Green (this event will be moved into the Community Center in the case of bad weather). Ice cream sundaes, bounce houses, balloon animals, face painting, music and the Trunk-or-Treat are just some

of the wonderful activities at this annual community event. Residents, businesses and community groups are invited to decorate a car, van or truck and handout candy. However vehicle registration is required by October 19 (Parks & Rec program #41106). Please contact Guilford Parks & Recreation for more information call: 203-453-8068!

Guilford Seniors Annual Craft Fair

This year's Annual Craft Fair sponsored by Guilford Seniors will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Our seniors have been working all year on beautiful holiday and everyday decorations, various sewn creations, jewelry, children's intrigues, dog and cat toys and garments, as well as charming knitted and crocheted sweaters, hats, etc. Delicious cakes and cookies will be available for sale at our bake table. Our popular gently used jewelry and books tables are expected to again be well stocked this year as will our Market Place. Breakfast and lunch will be prepared by the Senior Kitchen staff and will be available at a reasonable cost. There will be something for the whole family - all at reasonable prices! The fair is an important fund raiser for our 55+ programs. Call the Community Center at: 203-453-8086 for additional information.

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The Guilford Preservation Alliance is a community advocacy organization constituted to preserve and protect the built and natural heritage of Guilford. Our important mission benefits the entire Guilford community. Learn more about the GPA and become a member by visiting www.guilfordpreservation.org.

In the last issue of Guilford Events, we highlighted the Hugh McK. Jones Trust Fund noting its mission and the projects it has supported in the preservation of historic Guilford. If you would like to donate, please contact Shirley Girioni at 203-453-5986. The Guilford Preservation Alliance thanks you for your support.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The Guilford Preservation Alliance wants to thank those who volunteered in the Kiosk at the Information Plaza this year. Our Greeters have been a welcoming sight for folks coming to Guilford for the first time, offering information about our historic town and all it has to offer. Free Around the Green walking tours have been enjoyed by many. Begun in 2015 the Kiosk has



been utilized by visitors from many Connecticut towns, states within the U.S. and countries around the world!

The GPA would also like to thank the many business owners who advertise on www.visitguilfordct.com which helps maintain the Kiosk. A list of these advertisers is located at the Kiosk and we encourage you to patronize them in appreciation of their support. The Kiosk has been a big success and the feedback from visitors has made the experience for all well worth the efforts involved.

SACHEM'S HEAD PLAQUE DEDICATION

The plaque to commemorate a raid to destroy a British supply depot at Sag Harbor, N.Y. under the command of Lt. Col. Return Jonathan Meigs, which commenced from Sachems Head on May 23, 1777, was dedicated and unveiled on Saturday, August 18. Those present included Regiment members from the 6th CT, 5th CT, 9th Regiment of Foot, Lebanon Militia, Pawlings Levies, Hearts of Oak Independent Militia in addition to members from the SAR, DAR and CAR, 1st Selectman Matthew Hoey, and many from the public. The ceremony began with re-enactors marching in among fife and drum music. The Chester (the first National Anthem sung by New England troops as they marched into battle) was performed. The history of the raid was provided by Capt. Richard Swartwout (6CR), an essay written by E.C. Adams Middle School student, Matthey Kotzbauer was read, and proclamations from the Town of Guilford and from Governor Malloy were presented by Matthew Hoey. Tracy Tomaselli was made an honorary member of the 6th CT. The ceremony concluded with a musket salute, and the unveiling of the plaque by Craig Reynolds, Lt. Ross Kenney, and Tracy Tomaselli. After the ceremony, refreshments, provided by the Marketplace and Big Y, were served.

ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GUILFORD GREEN

In 1916, the annual Christmas festivities were held at the Guilford Grange. A large number of members attended who thoroughly enjoyed the evening, a large Christmas tree loaded with gifts as the special attraction. Mr. Samuel Blatchley and Miss Bertha Benton, who acted as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, created much merriment in the distribution of presents. In 1917, Guilford would have its first community Christmas tree. The people of Guilford wanted to make it their purpose to awaken the real Christmas spirit and send forth a message of goodwill in spite of the sadness of the country being at war. They wished their "Tree of Light" to stand as an expression of the highest and noblest sentiment of the town. An article in the Shore Line Times urged the townsfolk to join in, stating:

"It will do our spirits good if we will gather in a neighborly way, it will cost some effort no doubt, but it will be worth the effort just to be neighborly and when we all raise our

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happy voices proclaiming good will to man, if we catch the contagion of it it will make us feel as if we would rather be good than bad, that we would rather give than be given to, that we would like to be of service to others and to our country. So come every one gay, lonely, sad, rich and poor all and help - your presence will mean that, and as the church bells finish their call and the star flashes its light, all join the summons to mankind "Oh! come all ye faithful" to be followed by other carols, after which bands of carolers will form, carrying the tidings of cheer to the sick and shut-ins, leaving we hope a real joy behind them. This is to be a community tree each one

feeling an ownership [with] it."

The town paid for the lights, different citizens agreed to furnish and set up the tree, and another contributed a large double electric star to cast its pure white light from the very top of the tree. The weather leading up to Christmas Eve was ideal, the air crisp with frost and the ground covered with snow. But when it was most needed for a typical Christmas Eve celebration, the temperature suddenly changed and rain began to fall just as the exercises commenced. However, the beautiful spirit of celebration was manifested as 200 people, of many ages, gathered. Many were the exclamations of delight when the colored lights were turned on, while all the bells in the borough churches rung out joyfully. The Liberty Chorus sang a number of Christmas carols, though the program was not completed on account of the rain. Selectman Stowe made a short address, explaining that there might be some gathered about the tree who would not go to church, so the church had been brought to them. He extended an invitation to all to attend services in Christ Church immediately after the exercises at the tree. Due to the storm, visits by the carolers to the homes of shut-ins was postponed until Christmas night at which time, the temperature having become much colder, about twenty-five singers in automobiles visited 27 homes carrying song and good cheer which was thoroughly appreciated by invalids, aged, and others unable to attend church service. On January 4, 1923, the Shore Line Times reported the Christmas tree on the green a success.

"The entire community wish to thank all who in any way helped in making the community Christmas tree, under the direction of Darrow Post, a success, and especially to the men who cut and selected such a beautiful tree. It could not have been improved. It has been illuminated each evening from Christmas Night until New Year's Night. It is hoped that this custom will continue to be carried on from year to year, showing the real Christmas spirit of Guilford."

This lovely custom revived in Guilford by Darrow Post No. 48, American Legion, took on permanency in 1924. In December of that year, conservation of the evergreen and insurance of continuance of the custom throughout future generations prompted the selection of a live tree, with its roots attached, to be planted on the green to serve as the community Christmas tree. Samuel D. Blatchley of Nut Plains, provided a seedling from the Vermont fir trees located in the Nut Plains Cemetery which the cemetery association had purchased circa 1870. The tree was transplanted under the direction of Tree Warden Herbert E. Jones and Post members, in the hope that it would grow through the many years of summer sun and winter snow, its shadow ever increasing and its mission fulfilled each Christmas.

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At the 1924 Christmas Eve ceremony, as in 1917, the weather did not cooperate. With mud underfoot and fog in the air, carols were sung in the Legion Hall. The following year, on Christmas Eve 1925, a pageant plus carol singing was staged at the tree. When the 1938 hurricane caused “many elms on the green to fall like matchsticks”, this symbolic community tree remained unyielding throughout the storm. Samuel D. Blatchley’s daughter, Mary, recalled, that at the time it was planted. Poetically written in the Times in an article by Phil Dudley:

“Every year now is adding to the little tree’s stature. Each Christmastide its increased growth is to be noted. Each passing Christmas henceforth will find a varying community group assembled about the beloved tree, though the carols sung will remain unaltered. Years will pass and the time will come when only the oldest inhabitant will recall that remote date when the young tree was planted... “Then grow on, little fir tree. Lift up thy head toward the stars and open thy branches to the friendly breezes! Cast a friendly shade in the heat of summer and spread thy friendly boughs of green in the white winter! For thy destiny is determined and thy mission to men is established. Thou shalt see the snows of many winters, and hear the Christmas carols of many generations, O Christmas Tree of Guilford Town.”

Spurred on by this exhortation, plus Sam Blatchley’s annual application native bovine fertilizer the little tree indeed “grew on.” And, by 1965, the tree had grown so tall that putting lights on it was a “king-size job.” In 1972, Richard Dudley proposed that the town light a different tree that had grown into beautiful proportions. This tree, donated by Floyd Hunter, Sr., and planted about eleven years prior, lay north to the one previously used for so many years. The Board of Selectmen light this smaller tree with small white lights thus conforming to the “lone white candle” concept which had gained wide recognition in the community.

The Christmas tree, planted in 1924, still stands on the green. Standing tall and within view of the current Christmas tree (located across from the town hall), and with its long branches are no longer decorated with lights during the Christmas season.

Articles, mostly verbatim, were taken from the Shore Line Times [Guilford, CT] 21 Dec 1916, 13 Dec 1917:1, 27 Dec 1917:1, 4 Jan 1923:1, 18 Dec 1924:1, 25 Dec 1924:1, Jan 1925:4, 20 Dec 1934:1, 11 Mar 1965:4, 16 Nov 1972:4. 1938 Hurricane quote from Lois (Papa) Dudley. Compiled by Tracy Tomaselli, 2018.

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Wednesday, October 3rd

from 4:15 - 5:00 pm All ages

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Saturday, October 20th

from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm All ages
(kids, teens, & grown-ups)

****Garden Club Autumn Planting:** Autumn is the best time to plant many native seed varieties that must overwinter in the ground to be able to sprout in the spring. Join us as we sow the seeds for next year's butterfly garden. All ages welcome, but ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, October 23rd

from 4:15 - 5:15 pm All ages

****Kitchen Messology:** Celebrate National Chemistry week with Jane Copes from Science Outside the Box in this fun, interactive demonstration for children and families. The science behind the mess and experiments you can do too!

Friday, October 26th

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****Tellabration!:** Celebrate storytelling with this fabulous story experience. Everyone in the family will find something to love about this great performance from a renowned storyteller, Ann Shapiro.

Tuesday, November 13th

from 4:30 - 5:30 pm All ages

****Thanksgiving Story & Craft:** Children will hear a story read by library staff, and volunteer Linda Srebnik of Guilford will help them create a holiday decoration to take home.

Thursday, November 15th

from 4:15 - 5:15 pm Ages 6 to 8

****Junior Chess Class:** Dr. Ani Deshpande, a United States Chess Federation Certified Chess Coach and a two-time Wisconsin State Chess Champion, will teach a 4-session chess class to students in grades 2 to 4. No prior knowledge required. Registration required. Plan to attend classes all four weeks. Space is limited.

Mondays, October 15th through November 5th

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Saturdays, 9/8, 10/6, 11/24, & 12/1

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-Chief or Miley & handler Howard Taylor

Wednesdays, Sept. 12th-December 26th

from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Ages 6 & up

Lucy & handler Ellen Silberman

Thursdays, October 4th-December 13th

from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Ages 6 & up

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

Tuesdays, October 2 through November 20,
from 10:00 - 10:30 am Ages 0 to 5
OR Wednesdays, October 3 through November 21,
from 10:00 - 10:30 am Ages 0 to 5

****Baby Time:** Meet other parents while you learn about developmental issues and let your babies play together. Free gift for your baby. (Co-sponsored by Guilford Youth and Family Services.)

Mondays, October 15 through Nov. 12
from 9:30 - 10:00 am;
playtime until 10:30 am Ages 0 to 11 months

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

Fridays, October 5 through Nov. 9
from 9:30 - 10:00 am;
playtime until 10:30 am Ages 12 to 23 months

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

Thursdays, October 4 through November 8
from 9:30 - 10:00 am Ages 24 to 36 months

DROP - IN PROGRAMS - Open To All Registration Not Required

Crafternoons: Drop in after school and build a craft of your own design using different materials we set out for you. All ages welcome, but children 8 and younger should be accompanied by an adult for these self-guided projects.

Tuesdays, 9/18, 10/16, 11/27, 12/18
drop in from 3:30 - 6:30 pm All ages

LEGO® Club: One Friday a month, build theme-based projects and put them on display in the children's room.

September 21, October 12, November 9, & December 14
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Kindergarten & up

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

Wednesdays, September 5 through December 26
from 11:00 - 11:30 am All ages

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Storytime: Join us for songs, stories, and puppets from the library's special storytelling collection.

Thursdays, October 4 through December 27
from 11:00 - 11:30 am (skip 11/22) Ages 3 & up

Pop-In-Playtime: Meet other parents and let your children play together in the library's preschool play area.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, September 4 through November 28
from 10:30 - 11:30 am All ages

Registration for December Programs begins Tuesday, November 13th at 9:00 am. 203-453-8282 | www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

Teen Programs

DIY HALLOWEEN CANVAS ART

5th graders and up, Wednesday, October 3 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Create spooktacular art! Use some basic templates and paint your own Halloween themed work of art. Registration required.

COLLEGE4LESS

All students and parents, Thursday, October 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Looking for financial aid for college? Confused about completing the FAFSA? College4Less of North Haven will present a free workshop for college financial planning. Registration required.

CODING CLUB

5th graders and up, Every Friday from October 5 through December 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Coding Club is a weekly gathering for tweens and teens where you can learn how to make websites, video games, and phone apps using a variety of computer languages. It's fun and informal, and you'll have cool projects to show your friends in no time. No coding experience required! Feel free to bring your own computer or use one of the library's. No registration required.

DIY DECORATIVE BOO SIGN

5th graders and up, Tuesday, October 9 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Paint and decorate your own decorative "Boo" sign. Use any colors and patterns you'd like to make it spooky, scary, cutesy, or all of the above. Registration required.

DIY HALLOWEEN CROWNS

5th graders and up, Friday, October 19 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Be spooky and fancy with a custom Halloween crown. If spiders aren't your thing, don't worry. There will be other options! Registration required.

GUILFORD COMIC CON

All ages, Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Are you a grownup who loves superheroes and Harry Potter? Are you a kid who loves anime and comics? Is Star Wars totally your thing? Do you love to dress up as your favorite pop culture character?

No matter who you are or what fandom you belong to, you're sure to have fun at our free all-day event for lovers of comics, sci-fi, fantasy, games, and more!

HALLOWEEN MONSTER BROWNIES

5th graders and up, Thursday, October 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. What's better than chocolate, Oreos, and Halloween? Not much! Come make monster Oreo brownies, complete with candy eye-balls. Registration required.

PRACTICE SAT EXAM

High school students, Saturday, October 27 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. The Princeton Review will administer a free practice SAT exam. Please bring a calculator and snacks. Registration required.

FALL LEAF INITIAL CRAFT

5th graders and up, Friday, November 2 from 3:30 to 4:40 pm. Decorate a wooden letter with craft fall leaves. Registration required.

PRACTICE ACT EXAM

High school students, Saturday, November 3 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. The Princeton Review will administer a free practice ACT exam. Please bring a calculator and snacks. Registration required.

BROCCOLI CHEESE CASSEROLE

7th graders and up, Wednesday, November 7 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Learn how to cook a broccoli cheese casserole, an excellent side dish for Thanksgiving dinner! Registration required.

FANTASTIC BEASTS PERLER BEADS

5th graders and up, Wednesday, November 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Make Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them characters out of perler beads. Registration required.

HOLIDAY MASON JAR LIGHTS

5th graders and up, Tuesday, December 4 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Create a holiday-themed light out of a mason jar, fairy lights, and more. Registration required.

PAINTED WOODEN ORNAMENTS

5th graders and up, Thursday, December 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Paint a wooden disk to hang on your tree or anywhere else you'd like! Registration required.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS 101

All students and parents, Saturday, December 15 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Learn key strategies about College Admissions from a Princeton Review expert. Answers tough questions about GPA, standardized tests, rigorous courses, extra-curricular activities, financial aid, and more. Includes open-forum Q&A and a free copy of Rob Franek's College Admissions 101. Registration required.

Adult Programs

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book a Lawyer - Free 15-minute legal consultations offered most Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Call the Reference desk at: 203-453-8282 for more information.

Book Buzz - Join us the second Tuesday of each month at: 11:00 am (Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec. 11) to discuss the latest books. No registration necessary, just drop in!

OPERA TALKS

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

- October 3 Giuseppe Verdi 's "Aida" with Paul Berry, Yale School of Music
- October 18 Saint-Saens' "Samson et Dalila" with Marc Verzatt, Stage Director
- November 8 Nico Muhly's "Marnie" with Janna Baty, Yale School of Music
- December 11 Giuseppe Verdi 's "La Traviata" by Paul Berry, Yale School of Music

BOOKS, ART & MUSIC

- October 3 "Life Leaves Clues: finding your best purpose" with Barbara Shulman-Kirwin, 7:00 pm
- October 4 The Art of Paul Gauguin with Marcie Slepian. Cosponsored by Shoreline Village CT, 1:30 pm
- October 7 Concert featuring The Music of Coltrane with Stephen Roane and Russ Becker, 2:00 pm
- October 9 Long-term care insurance, 7:00 pm
- October 10 "Interesting Interments - Alder Brook Cemetery" by Tracy Tomaselli. Edith Nettleton Memorial Lecture Series, cosponsored with the Guilford Keeping Society) 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- October 11 SCORE Small Business Workshop, 4:00 pm
- October 11 Guilford Poets Guild Second Thursday Poetry Series, Julia Paul, 6:30 pm
- October 12 Concert: Songs of Woody Guthrie with Phil Rosenthal, cosponsored by SSILS, 9:30 am
- October 14 Beginners Yoga with Erin Bartolome, 1:15 - 2:15 pm
- October 17 "Managing Relationships with Viruses" - The Common Cold by Akiko Iwasaki, professor of Immunobiology and Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology at the Yale School of Medicine, 7:00 pm
- October 23 New Haven Symphony Orchestra talk, Cosponsored, 6:30 pm
- October 30 Mark Schenker's Future Classics Book Discussion, "To Kill a Mockingbird (1960) by Harper Lee, 7:00 pm

- November 1 "Burne-Jones' Chant d'Amour and the Pre-Raphaelite Dream" a talk by Professor Robert Baldwin, Associate Professor of Art History, Connecticut College, 7:00 pm
- November 2 Book Discussion "Tomb of the Unknown Racist" by Blanche McCrary Boyd, Weller Professor of English, Connecticut College, 9:30 am
Cosponsored by SSILS.
- November 7 "Invasive Plants" by Lindsay Suhr, Land Conservation Director at the CT Forest and Park Association. Cosponsored by the Guilford Conservation Commission, 6:30 pm
- November 8 Guilford Poets Guild Second Thursday Poetry Series: GPG Trio featuring Julie Harris, Jane Muir and Gordy Whiteman, 6:30 pm
- November 13 "The Ethical Art of Ben Shahn" with Marcie Slepian. Cosponsored by Shoreline Village CT, 2:00 pm
- November 14 Writing Injustice Book Discussion Group "The Fire Next Time" by James Baldwin. Discussion led by Hazel V. Carby and Donna Daniels, 7:00 pm
- November 15 "Animal Viruses and Humans - a Narrow Divide" with Dr. Warren Andiman, Professor emeritus of pediatrics and epidemiology at the Yale Schools of Medicine and Public Health
- November 28 "SCORE Small Business Mentoring," 6:00 pm
- November 29 Award-winning author Andres Dubus III, 7:00 pm
- December 6 Mark Schenker's Future Classic Series: Poems by Donald Hall (1928-2018) U.S. Poet Laureate, 2006-2007
- December 13 Guilford Poets Guild Second Thursday Poetry Series Holiday Round table, 6:30 pm

FILMS

Monday Night Movies: A film every Monday evening at 7:00 pm through December. "The Kampala Boxing Club" special screening and discussion by filmmaker, Sean Kiernan on Monday, October 22 at 7:00 pm. Check our website at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org for current listings.

TECHNOLOGY

"Book a Librarian" - Free technology and research assistance is available by appointment every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Address the topic of your choice in a one-on-one session with a professional librarian. Small group computer classes and drop-in sessions are regularly scheduled throughout the year.

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Five Garden Myths

MYTH # 1

It's October... it's too late to plant.

This is a great time to plant perennials, trees and shrubs. Fall plantings have the advantage of establishing roots in cool temperatures, accompanied by usually abundant rainfall. They are ready to grow as soon as soil and air temperatures warm in the spring.

The good root system developed in the fall will help the plants to be more resilient to the first summer heat and drought than their just planted spring counterparts. Of course, mums and spring flowering bulbs should also be planted now.

MYTH #2

It's too late to fertilize.

For trees, shrubs, and vines, September through mid-October is a preferred time to fertilize. Even though the above ground portion of the plant is approaching dormancy, the roots are still actively

growing. An organic based, low nitrogen fertilizer is most effective, as it has a slow release of nutrients. Younger plants need proportionately more fertilizer than old, established plants. Time your fertilizer before a rain storm, or water thoroughly. Lawns benefit from fall lime and fertilizer application. It is best to lime first, then wait three weeks before fertilizing.

MYTH #3

Pollinators aren't active in the fall.

Yes the monarchs (and most other butterflies) are gone. But honeybees, some native bees, flies, and beetles are still active. It is important to plan your landscape to include some late blooming perennials and woody ornamentals to ensure the pollinators can find food into the fall.

MYTH #4

Deer, squirrels, and chipmunks eat my bulbs and flowers.

When in doubt, plant daffodils! These

hardy bulbs naturalize and multiply in the garden. Neither the bulbs nor the flowers are a favored food of deer or rodents. They are easy to grow, satisfying, and stand up to the "spring surprise" of inclement weather and late snowstorms.

MYTH #5

Leaves are bad for my lawn.

In fact, leaves are a good source of nutrients, trace elements, and organic matter for your lawn. They do, however, need to be mulched, which can be easily accomplished with your regular lawn mowing routine.

Research by scientists at the Ag Station have shown that oak leaves do not adversely affect the pH of the soil, and are just as beneficial as maple or other "sweet" trees.

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Celebrate with The Dudley Farm Museum

Harvest Day at The Dudley Farm is Saturday, October 20th, with a rain date of October 27th, and the Farm will be filled with activities for the entire family.

Our Annual Open House and Holiday Market is the weekend of December 1st and 2nd, and again on Saturday December 8th.

Henry Whitfield State Museum

October 13 (Saturday) 2:00 pm

Archaeology Behind-the-Scenes Tour with the Curator

The green lawns of the Whitfield House property cover the complicated remains of this State Archaeological Preserve. Museum Curator Michael McBride will walk visitors through the grounds, offering insight into where buildings used to be, how the land was used, and interesting artifacts that were found, some of which will be shown to the public for the first time. \$6 admission to the tour also includes self-guided tours of the 1639 Whitfield House, the Visitor Center hands-on galleries, and the Education Building's displays. Limited to the first 40 people (ages 13+) who arrive - no advance reservations. Free parking.

October 27 (Saturday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Halloween Hysterics at Henry's

The lights will be off in Connecticut's oldest house, so bring a flashlight to explore - even the basement, which may have surprises for visitors brave enough to venture there. Admission includes crafting gravestones and gargoyles out of clay, displays on the Guilford Green graveyards and the Whitfield connection to the Salem witch trials, the origins of Halloween traditions in the Holidaze display, ... AND CANDY! \$6 admission. Free for children ages 12 and younger. Free parking.

November 23 (Friday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Harvesting History

Thanksgiving Friday is the perfect time to visit Connecticut's own Pilgrim-era museum. Taste 17th-century English and Native American foods, touch 17th-century English and Native American reproductions, hear hourly readings of the Pilgrim Cat storybook, write with a quill pen to "Make Your Marke," learn about the myths and origins of our Thanksgiving traditions in the Holidaze display, and take a self-guided tour of the 1639 Whitfield House. \$6 admission. Free for children ages 12 and younger. Free parking.

November 29 & December 6, 13, 20 (Thursdays) 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Holiday Shopping Evenings

Stop by the museum gift shop Thursday evenings during these

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extended hours for unique holiday gift ideas in a relaxed, festive atmosphere while enjoying hot chocolate and listening to historical Christmas instrumental music. It's free to browse and enjoy, but we can't promise you won't be tempted to buy something. Gift shop purchases support the museum and its programs. Holiday Shopping Evenings for 2018 are 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm on November 29 and December 6, 13 & 20. The gift shop is also open during its regular hours, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm (November-April - most weekdays & May-October - Wednesday-Sunday.)

November 30 (Friday) 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Firelight Festival

Spend an evening at Connecticut's oldest house with festive luminaria, lanterns, and outdoor fires. Enjoy roasted marshmallows and chestnuts, popcorn, hot cocoa, mulled cider, readings of The Night Before Christmas, self-guided tours of the 1639 Whitfield House after dark, the origins of Christmas traditions in the Holiday display, and pine cone ornament crafts. \$6 admission. Free for children ages 12 and younger. Free parking. No rain/snow date.

Guilford Art Center

GALLERY EXHIBITION:

Guilford Art League Annual Juried Exhibition & Sale

September 10-29

Opening Reception, Friday, Sept 14, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Free and open to all.

Fall Semester Began September 17.

Registration ongoing throughout the semester for youth and adult classes and workshops. See a full catalog of offerings at www.guilfordartcenter.org. Register online or call the GAC office for assistance at: 203-453-5947.

Designers Circus Pop-Up Shopping Event

Friday - Sunday, October 5-7

Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Designers Circus is setting up in the GAC gallery and filling it with a great selection of clothing by small-scale designers for the fall and winter seasons. This under-the-radar fashion and accessories event features unique items by scores of designers at wholesale prices 50-90% below retail. Free admission to all. The Shop at GAC will also be open for accessories to complement purchases.

ARTISTRY: Holiday Shopping at Guilford Art Center

Opening Reception Thursday, Nov 1, 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Free and open to the public.

GAC Members Week Nov 1-8. GAC members receive 15% off all purchases.

Free and open to the public - Open 7 days a week!

Make plans to do all your holiday shopping this fall at Guilford Art Center's "Artistry" event. Held November 1 - January 6, this annual shopping event features work by over 200 American artists. The Shop at Guilford Art Center expands into the Gallery, and both spaces are filled with one-of-a-kind, handmade crafts, including ceramics, candles, glass, jewelry, clothing, accessories, ornaments, stationery, leather goods, wood, toys, specialty foods and more. Scores of new artists are featured each year, as well as favorite returning artists. Special events

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take place throughout the season. Proceeds benefit the exhibiting artists and the Center's educational and community programs. GAC members receive 10% off purchases.

SOUP FOR GOOD: A Soup Supper to benefit Guilford Art Center and the Community Dining Room

Sunday, Nov 11, 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the GAC School and Pottery Studio

Pick out your one-of-a-kind handcrafted ceramic bowl, made by GAC potters and enjoy homemade soup, bread, dessert and a glass of wine/sparkling water. Bring your family and friends to this warm community event.

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An enduring promise to help Connecticut cancer patients and their families.

The story of John and Jane Ellis is one of love, inspiration and dedication. She says he had the vision. He says she's the angel who does everything. Together, they are strong individuals who never wavered since John made a most solemn promise.

Born in New London, John was a high school standout in football and baseball. He went on to a 13-year major league baseball career. The catcher debuted in 1969 with the New York Yankees (1969-1972), hitting a home run in his first at bat. He also played for the Cleveland Indians (1973-1975) and Texas Rangers (1976-1981).

Jane and John were married in 1988. A routine life insurance examination revealed a spot. He had been a picture of health - jogging 10 miles a day. At age 38, the 1971 Topps All-Star Rookie had Hodgkin's lymphoma. He had already lost a brother, sister and sister-in-law, each to cancer. "Sitting there in the hole, getting your juice, and breaking it down. I made a deal," explains John. "If you let me live, I'm going to do this. I said I'd dedicate my whole life to the needs of the needy."

That was 1987. Together, the couple started a foundation whose mission has remained steadfast - to provide financial assistance to Connecticut cancer patients and their families and to fund cancer research. He is the Chairman/Founder. She is the President and Executive Director. The formula is simple. Many individuals affected by cancer struggle with basic living necessities. The foundation is there to help.

Oncology social workers in Connecticut provide referrals to the foundation. Applications are reviewed each Monday, with grants made within a week - an unheard of turnaround. If there is an emergency, they will do what they can right away. "It's all local. "You know where the money is going and that makes us unique," notes Jane. To date, the foundation has provided almost \$6 million in financial assistance to CT families and over \$2 million to lymphoma research. A \$7 million endowment ensures its future.

Their signature fundraiser is an annual celebrity dinner first held in 1988 at the Groton Motor Inn. Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Billy Martin were there. "It was like a group of friends, getting together and telling stories," relates Jane. "It was special." The event raised \$100,000. At the end of the evening, Mickey observed "I hope this foundation goes on forever."

The event has grown markedly and is now hosted by a key corporate partner, Mohegan Sun. The next celebrity dinner will be held on February 8, 2019. The list of attendees are a testament to the relationships/trust that the couple forged over the years: Don Zimmer (who once released John), Yogi Berra, Derek Jeter, David Ortiz, Hank Aaron, Carl Yastrzemski, Joe Torre, Reggie Jackson, Mariano Rivera, and Roger



Left, John and Jane Ellis. Below, from the left, Derek Jeter, Didi Gregorius, Tommy Kahnle and David Robertson attending the 2018 Celebrity Dinner at Mohegan Sun.



New location, right, at 15 North Main Street in Old Saybrook.



Clemens. There are new fundraising initiatives: Cycle Against Cancer, the Fishing Against Cancer tournament, and a Speakers Program.

The foundation recently (July 2017) opened its new location at 15 North Main Street in Old Saybrook. Every aspect of the new facility focuses on the foundation's mission. There is a Hall of Fame. "It's a museum piece," says John. "A tribute to some of the wonderful baseball players who helped literally to build the foundation." There is an art gallery to hold exhibits benefitting the foundation. In fact, the inaugural art gallery exhibition (Horses: In Harmony) takes place from September 28 to October 26. "It's the infrastructure for the next 30 years," says Jane.

John and Jane have assembled plenty of stories. John laughs over that second celebrity dinner when Joe DiMaggio wouldn't sign memorabilia Whitey Ford brought along for him to sign. Yogi Berra successfully intervened. And then there was a single mother whose child was suffering from a rare cancer. "I'll never forget that for the rest of my life," recounts Jane. "They were homeless. She didn't know how to feed her children that evening. We gave her \$2,000. That gave her hope. We continued to help her. We got furniture... I had John schlep it all in his truck."

Thirty years ago, the couple wondered if they'd still be needed. Surely, cancer would be beaten already. "Our mission is more relevant today than 30 years ago," explains Jane. "Everyday expenses...it's so much more expensive to live. Our help is needed more than ever." "There's plenty of work here," adds John. "We look forward to making sure the foundation goes on and on."

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