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Wilton Library welcomes three authors in December

Wilton, CT –Wilton Library is showcasing three author talks in December, offering a break to weary shoppers during the gift buying season. The talks range from a historical account of medieval Europe by Nancy Goldstone to Susan Breen’s contemporary fiction about a mother/daughter relationship to the very real story of the economic and environmental impact of the banana by Dan Koepfel.

Nancy Goldstone visits the library on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. to discuss her historical book, *Four Queens—The Provencal Sisters Who Ruled Europe*. According to a starred review by *Publishers Weekly*, “The four beautiful, cultured and clever daughters of the Count and Countess of Provence made illustrious marriages and lived at the epicenter of political power and intrigue in 13th-century Europe....This is a fresh, eminently enjoyable history that gives women their due as movers and shakers in tumultuous times.” Westport residents, historians and bibliophiles, Goldstone and her husband, Lawrence, are well-known for their non-fiction accounts of rare manuscripts and books.

Susan Breen, author of *The Fiction Class*, conducts a writing class and author talk on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 9 until 1:30. Ms. Breen teaches classes in Beginning Fiction and Advanced Fiction for Gotham Writers' Workshop in Manhattan (www.writingclasses.com). Her novel, *The Fiction Class*, is the story of a woman's relationship with her ailing mother and the offbeat members of the creative writing workshop she leads. Susan states that the book is autobiographical in the sense that the idea for it came out of discussions (arguments) she had with her mother and the real-life classes she teaches. The writing class runs until noon and the talk begins shortly after that until 1:30. Guests are invited to bring their own bag lunches during these informal sessions and to have them at the lunch break. The library will supply beverages.

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Dan Koeppel describes a journey filled with colorful characters and startling revelations in the race against time to save the world's most beloved fruit – the ubiquitous banana. He will be discussing his non-fiction work, *Banana—The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World* on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Koeppel is a writer and journalist, and is currently a contributing editor at *National Geographic Adventure*. He is featured in *Bicycling*, *Mountain Bike*, *Backpacker*, *Popular Mechanics* and *Popular Science* magazines. He also has contributed to *The New York Times Magazine*, *Wired*, *Outside*, *Elle*, *Martha Stewart Living* and *Audubon* magazines.

Question and answer periods follow each of the talks. Books will be available for purchase and signing giving attendees the opportunity to enjoy the talks and get some holiday shopping done at the same time. The programs are free of charge. Advance registration is recommended. To register, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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