

# Library Lines

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## **Old style paintings from new artists**

Beardsley Gallery of Wilton presents “Traditions,” at an opening reception at the library on Friday, June 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibition which runs through June 28 features paintings and sculptures by more than fifteen artists that are created primarily in the style and tradition of the old masters. The artists come from surrounding towns in and around Connecticut, and as far away as California. The local artists are Grace Devito (New Canaan), Jean Walworth (Darien), Sandra Wakeen (Trumbull). Other Connecticut artists include Curt Hanson (Cornwall), William Thomason (Winsted), Kirill Doron (New Milford), Kelly Birkenruth (West Hartford). Artists from New York City and other areas include Burt Silverman, Robert Palevitz, Sam Emler, Rich Denisiewicz. From outside the region, across the country and in Europe, the artists are Dennis Sheehan (Manchester, NH), Glenn Harrington (New Hope, PA), Ronald Ray Rogers (CA), Tim Huhn (CA), Dmitri Danish (Belgium) and Tang Wei Min (China). The reception is open to the public. A portion of the proceeds from sales of paintings benefits the library.

## **Outdoor animals pay indoor visit**

Creepy, crawly bugs, animals and insects of all sizes visit the library on Saturday, June 5, from 2 to 3 p.m., when representatives from Green Meadows Farm share their information about creatures that live in the wild. Stickers the tree frog, Toothpase the tortoise and Tickle the hedgehog make this return engagement lots of fun. Children will have the chance to touch these mascots of the farm. The program is sponsored by the Coyle Family Younger Readers Fund. Children ages 3 and up are welcome with their caregivers. There is no fee for the program. Registration is required. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

## **Local artist and author featured**

Artist and Wilton resident Peter Rubino introduces his latest production, *Sculpting the Figure in Clay*, at the library's *Area Author Affair* on Monday, June 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. In his new book, Mr. Rubino uses a geometric approach in a comprehensive instructional guide to sculpting the human figure in clay, which mimics the classroom experience. Mr. Rubino will talk briefly and show a short DVD as well as present a clay demonstration. In addition to creating private and corporate commissions, Mr. Rubino has been instructing more than 35 years at prestigious art institutions such as The Brooklyn Museum Art School and The National Academy School of Fine Art in NYC. Mr. Rubino also originated "Symphony in Clay" a unique, high energy, "Extreme Sculpting" performance piece. Portraits of jazz icon Dave Brubeck and sports legend Lou Gehrig are examples of Peter Rubino's talent for making bronze come to life with vitality. The Brubeck sculpture resides in the aptly named Brubeck Room at the library. Refreshments will be served during the meet and greet, and books will be available for purchase and signing. There is no charge for the program. Advance registration is recommended. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

## **Wilton Reads begins**

The sixth annual community-wide reading program, *Wilton Reads* began this week with the distribution of 100 free books given away on June 1. Book group discussions of *That Old Cape Magic* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo take place next week in evening and morning sessions. Professional book group leader Susan Boyar leads the evening discussion on Tuesday, June 8, from 7 to 8:30. Dr. Joanna Ecke takes the helm on Thursday morning, June 10, from 10:30 to noon for another discussion of the novel. The reading event comes to a fitting conclusion with the visit of Mr. Russo on Sunday, June 27, beginning at 4 p.m. The Wilton Reads program is generously sponsored by The Wilton Bank and the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County. To register for any of the Wilton Reads events: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

## **Artists' colony explored**

Marybeth Gioffre Nisco, Director of Education at the Greenwich Historical Society, presents a talk on life in the Holley House located in Cos Cob, CT on Wednesday, June 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the program at the library, *Weir Farm Adair Burlingham Memorial Lecture: The Holley House – American Impressionists and Their Friends*. Attendees will learn about the American Impressionist artists such as John Henry Twachtman, Childe Hassam, J. Alden Weir, Theodore Robinson, Elmer MacRae and Ernest Lawson, their work and their inspiration as well as the everyday workings of running a boarding house for artists in Cos Cob, with proprietors Edward and Josephine Holley. A discussion based on photographs, letters and diaries from the archival collection will bring to life the bohemian atmosphere that abounded at the Holley House. The program is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by the Wilton Library. There is no charge for the program. A reception follows the talk. Registration is recommended. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

## **Reach for the stars**

In a program designed for kids ages 5 to 105, Robo the friendly robot comes to the library for an interactive, hands-on multimedia presentation called *Go for the Stars* on Thursday, June 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. The program is presented by Gary Pozzato, an aerospace educator who has worked closely with NASA personnel on several educational projects, was a certified flight instructor and has helped with the manufacture of equipment for the NASA Space Suit, Space Shuttle Orbiter, and the International Space Station. Children under the age of 12 must have a caregiver present. Registration is required however there is no fee for the program which is sponsored by the Dibner Family Science Fund. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.