

Library Lines

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British work explored

Judson Scruton conducts an informative seminar about J. M. W. Turner's "The Fighting Temeraire" on Thursday, Sept. 4, from 10:30-noon. Scruton examines the seminal work of the British painter delving into its importance in British art history. The lecture coincides with the first major retrospective in forty years in the U.S of the works of J. M. W. Turner (1775 - 1851) which is taking place at the Metropolitan Museum of Art through Sept. 21. There is no charge for the program at the library. Advance registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Abstracts on view

The abstract artist Roger Mudre will have his opening reception at the library on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Weston artist's paintings are highly involved, starting with paper or canvas then applying metallic leaf to the surface. Numerous layers are applied to the surface in an additive and subtractive process, either with a brush, rag or scraper. According to Mudre, "The organic forms are created in the moment as the paint reacts to the process. This layering process also adds another dimension of depth to the paintings." With more than twenty paintings on view, the gallery will be transformed into a place for exploration. Noted the artist recently, "I invite you, the viewers, to enter these places [of an infinite space] and travel within the layers of color and pattern, imagining an ever growing and expanding life form with endless possibilities." All of the pieces will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library's art collection fund. The reception is open to the public. For information: 762-3950.

Activities for new residents

The Wilton Newcomers Club is having its annual Activities Fair in the Brubeck Room on Friday, Sept. 5, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The fair is open to new and prospective members in the community who want to see what the club and the library have to offer. Free babysitting is available on-site, although not required. To arrange for the complimentary babysitting, e-mail Kathryn Johnson at davekathryn@optonline.net or call 210-5564. Participants may feel free to walk with their children from table to table gathering information. There is no program charge and no required registration other than childcare. The event is co-sponsored by the library.

Time with grandparents

To celebrate Grandparents Day, the library is hosting a brunch on Sunday, Sept. 7, from noon-1 p.m. for children ages 3 and up and their grandparents. Everyone will get to listen to stories, make crafts, share memories and enjoy a special brunch. The celebration is made possible by the Coyle Family Fund. Registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Revolutionary history

Author Robert H. Patton discusses his new book, Patriot Pirates-The Privateer War for Freedom and Fortune in the American Revolution, on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 7-8:30 p.m. The grandson of World War II's General George S. Patton, the author speaks about the conversion of civilian vessels to fast-sailing warships during the Revolutionary War. This New England "fad" managed to defy the Royal Navy's overwhelming firepower and ravage the British economy, helping to win America's independence. Books will be available for purchase and signing, provided by The Wilton Open Book Shop. To register for the talk: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

September book groups

Book group meetings are underway this month with Wilton Library Readers having its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from noon-1:30. Susan Boyar leads the discussion of The Magic Mountain by Thomas Mann. There is no charge for the program. Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag lunch for the noontime discussion. Beverages will be provided by the library. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month through May (except December). Dates and titles can be seen on the library's Web site. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950. The Senior Center Book Discussion takes place at the Comstock Community Center on Tuesday, Sept. 23, starting at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon for a nominal charge. Judson Scruton leads a discussion of The Trouble With Poetry by Billy Collins. Senior Center book discussions are on the fourth Tuesday of each month through May (except in December). For information or to register, call the Senior Center at 834-6240.

Reminder: Library closed Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day. Library opens on Sundays from 1-5 beginning Sept. 7.