

WILTON LIBRARY



## NEWS

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **A garden affair for Wilton Library's fund-raiser May 17**

Wilton, CT – Wilton Library will be transformed into a magical garden on Saturday, May 17, starting at 6 p.m., when the library's fund-raiser, "Moonlight in the Garden" gets underway. The evening will feature great food, drink, live entertainment, along with live and silent auctions. The "Into the Garden" theme coincides with spring renewal, and a needed renewal of funds for the library. "This is such an important evening for the library," noted Elizabeth Harleman, co-chair of the event. "Wilton Library is an invaluable community resource, cherished and shared by so many. Our goal of the event is to raise \$70,000, which is needed to fund our collections, programs and technology." The Wilton Bank is a lead sponsor of the event, along with major sponsorship by Ryan Partnership.

The evening begins in the newly renovated interior courtyard with cocktails and a silent auction at 6 p.m. Dinner and live jazz musical accompaniment with the Rex Cadwallader Trio begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by the live auction. According to Trish Clifford, co-chair, "Our silent auction items focus on the garden theme, so we'll have some wonderful items – beautifully potted containers, planting of daffodil bulbs in a garden, landscape architectural services, outdoor grill, summer programs at Weir Farm and Ambler Farm – everything centered around the garden and outdoors. Another highlight is our Take a Chance donation, which is a week's vacation at Anguilla, generously provided by Ted Riegel of The Wilton Travel Bureau."

Paul Flynn, of Elmer's All the Best Wine, has generously donated a wine tasting for the cocktail period. Guests will move indoors to enjoy a gourmet sit down dinner in the areas surrounding the Brubeck courtyard. The dinner is by Deborah Fisher Caterers.

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Harleman remarked, "This is expected to be such a fun evening for everyone. We'll be in our festive garden attire and we even have an illusionist who will entertain at each table during dinner. The whole night should be quite magical."

Tickets for the event are as follows: Perennial \$150 for seniors (65 and older); Evergreen \$175; Wild Flower \$300 (recognition in the Gala program); Exotic \$500 (recognition in the Gala program) and \$5,000 for a table sponsorship (includes seating for 10 and recognition in the Gala program). Reservations for "Moonlight in the Garden" may be made by calling Anne Rowlands at 762-3950 ext. 216, or by stopping by the library to fill out an invitation response card. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis.

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