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Wilton Library's benefit is *Beyond Words* on March 30

Wilton, CT – The buzz has started, the tweets are gaining momentum and Facebook “likes” are piling up as the preparations for Wilton Library’s annual benefit, *Beyond Words*, get underway. With the date for the library’s important fundraiser set for Friday, March 30, from 7 to 11 p.m., enthusiastic organizers are working diligently to promote the event in both traditional and non-traditional ways. According to Susan DiLoreto, co-chair of the benefit with Jennifer Allbee, Michele Klink and Robin Roscillo, “Because this special evening showcases the library as more than ‘just books,’ we’re embracing that thought through all the ways in which we’re promoting the evening. In addition to traditional mail, we’re getting the word out in as many ways as people like to be reached – through e-mails, tweets, Facebook – allowing them to spread the word to friends through all their electronic gadgets.” The evening is essentially an engaging cocktail party where guests get to mingle all night long, enjoying the delectable cuisine provided by Tim LaBant’s Catering, swaying to the soul-stirring music of Arthur Lipner & Brazilian Vibes, and keeping tabs on all the “must-have” silent auction items using electronic devices. Robin Roscillo noted, “We introduced the BidPal® auction system using the iPad Touch® at last year’s auction and our guests had a great time. They were able to thoroughly enjoy their friends’ company and at the same time, keep up with which fabulous items they were being out-bid on. It made for a fun night for everyone, and a financially successful night for the library – which at the heart of everything is what *Beyond Words* is all about!”

Tim LaBant, owner and chef of The Schoolhouse at Cannondale, will once again tantalize guests with his miniature favorites, followed by a dizzying array of delicious dishes, including vegetarian fare. Rebecca Thorpe from the restaurant remarked that Mr. LaBant will be preparing “wonderful and tasty hors d’oeuvres such as fried clams on the half shell, one-bite, twice baked potatoes, and angel hair pasta Alfredo twists sitting upon a juicy Italian miniature meatball. Guests will also be sampling mouth-watering short ribs accompanied by a parmesan

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polenta, flatbread with a variety of toppings including crumbled lamb sausage, mint, goat cheese, roasted potatoes and more, followed by a warm barley salad dressed with seasonal roasted vegetables. This menu offers something for everyone to enjoy!” Scrumptious desserts are being provided by Sugar & Olives of Norwalk. Dining is informal with open seating so that guests may socialize more easily.

Wiltonian Arthur Lipner & Brazilian Vibes will add their own flavor to the evening with the soothing sounds of jazz and percussions. The members of the band for the evening are Arthur on vibes, Nanny Assis handling vocals, guitars, and percussion, and Mike Lavelle on bass.

Using their special electronic device, guests can get their fingers ready to bid on many enticing items such as tickets to the New York Ballet and dinner, extraordinary wine and champagne offerings, a private meeting with *State of Wonder* author Ann Patchett before her talk at the library’s *Wilton Reads!* program in May, which includes first edition autographed books, sporting event tickets, puppy training and photos, Wilton’s own Pizza Truck Company party, kids’ tea parties and a particularly fun visit to the Wilton Fire Station with a tour and photo op for kids.

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Tickets for Wilton Library’s fundraiser range from \$150 to \$500, with a table for four with reserved parking for \$2,500. Guests may purchase their tickets online (www.wiltonlibrary.org/beyondwords), by calling Anne Rowlands, 203-762-3950, ext. 216, or by stopping at the circulation desk. Invitations to the benefit are being mailed on or about February 16. People who did not receive invitations in the mail may pick them up at the library or visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/beyondwords to make their reservations and purchase tickets.

Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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arthurlipner020712 Caption: Arthur Lipner & Brazilian Vibes are just one of the many cool aspects of Wilton Library’s “Beyond Words” benefit on Friday, March 30, from 7 to 11 p.m. The library’s important fundraiser offers delectable cuisine by Tim LaBant of LaBant Catering and The Schoolhouse at Cannondale Restaurant and an electronic silent auction. Tickets range from \$150 to \$300. To purchase tickets, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/beyondwords, call 203-762-3950, ext. 216 or stop by the circulation desk. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT.