

# The Ridgefield Library



## BIBLIOEVENTS

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### Photography Exhibit:

#### *“Don Bruen and Friends”*

Students in this fall’s photography workshop, taught by Don Bruen, will exhibit their work in the Library’s Dayton Program Room during December and January.



*On view from*  
*December 6 - January 29*

**Artists’ Reception**

**Sunday, December 13**

**2 - 4 PM**

**Refreshments will be served.**



*The exhibit can be viewed during normal Library hours when the room is not in use for another program.*

### Seminar:

#### *Business Ethics*

With Scott Vetrella

**Tuesday, December 8**

**7:30 to 9 AM**

**J**oin us bright and early for a Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine seminar on business ethics entitled *When Good People Do Bad Things at Work*.

Scott Ventrella is Principal of Positive Dynamics, a management consulting firm specializing in the development and delivery of programs designed to help companies achieve unprecedented levels of performance by leveraging the inherent potential in people. He brings over 20 years of organizational development experience to Positive Dynamics with a unique blend of solid, real-world application and academic credentials.



Register by calling the Chamber at 203-438-5992. Scott Ventrella

### Book Sale:

#### *The Friends of the Library*

#### *Holiday Boutique*

**Friday, December 4, 6 - 9 PM**

**Saturday, December 5, 9 - 4 PM**



**N**early new and gift quality books will be for sale at the Friends of the Library annual Holiday Boutique. Find great prices for your holiday shopping convenience. Children’s books, coffee table books and more will be for sale in the Morris Memorial Wing of the Library.

The Main Street door to the Library will be open during the Holiday Stroll, so be sure to drop by and pick up some great gifts for the holidays!



## ARTalk:

# *Masks as a Portal to the World*



with artist **Suzanne Benton**

**Sunday, December 6**

**2 PM**

**I**nternationally known mask-maker, storyteller, and Ridgefield resident Suzanne Benton will perform two short mask tales and screen a portion of her exciting 2009 Brooklyn Museum of Art performance in the Library's Dayton Program Room.

Widely exhibited with over 250 solo shows and representation in museum and private collections worldwide, Suzanne Benton is a noted sculptor, mask-maker, performance artist, feminist, painter, printmaker, lecturer and workshop leader who has shared her multi-cultural performances and art for over 30 years in 29 countries from Calcutta to Cambridge. A Fulbright Scholar, Benton has received numerous grants and artist residencies worldwide. In addition, she is the author of *The Art of Welded Sculpture*, *The Journey Letter of a Traveling Artist* and numerous articles.

Of her inspiration, Benton says that she is "drawn to diverse themes steeped in myth, ritual and archetype." Her masks, sculpture, paintings and prints are infused with a strong sense of storytelling which has been deeply influenced by her extensive travels.

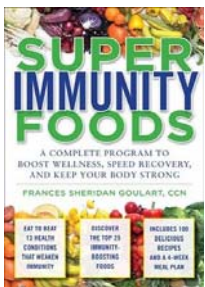
Ms. Benton's performance and screening are part of the Library's ARTalk series which presents art, architecture and design lectures, workshops, and art trips sponsored by the Ridgefield Library and the Ridgefield Guild of Artists. *No Registration.*



## Author Talks:

### *Super Immunity Foods*

With author  
**Frances Sheriden Goulart**



Ridgefield author Frances Sheriden Goulart will discuss 25 super immunity foods that can strengthen the body's six immune centers and help heal and reverse the most common ailments.

**Frances Goulart** is a certified clinical nutritionist and author of 16 books on health and fitness.

**Thursday, December 10**

**7 PM**

*No Registration.*

### *Marco*

With author  
**Philip Tropea**



Philip Tropea, a 20-year Ridgefield resident, former radio show host, and professional singer, will give a talk, sign his novel *Marco* and also sing a song or two!

**Don't miss this musical  
Author Talk!**

**Thursday, December 17**

**7 PM**

*No Registration.*

# B O O K   G R O U P S

## TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, December 1  
7 PM

*The Future of Life*  
by E.O. Wilson

### Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, January 5  
7 PM

*Wait Till Next Year*  
by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Set in the suburbs of New York in the 1950s, *Wait Till Next Year* is Doris Kearns Goodwin's touching memoir of growing up in love with her family and baseball. She re-creates the postwar era, when the corner store was a place to share stories and neighborhoods were equally divided between Dodger, Giant, and Yankee fans. (Book Description)

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, Dec. 3  
1 PM

The December meeting will be a planning session for the 2010 season. Come with a favorite book title that you would like to share with the group.

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, December 18  
1 PM

*Strike Sparks*  
By Sharon Olds



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the Library.

*The following groups do  
not meet in December.  
Join us in the New Year!*

## Books & Breakfast

Monday, January 11  
10:30 AM



*Join us for breakfast  
and an informal  
book discussion*

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, Jan. 19  
7 PM

*Dubliners*  
by James Joyce

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, Jan. 23  
10 AM

Title TBA

## Beginning in January



## Enjoy Joyce!

A multi-media, multi-part exploration of the life and work of James Joyce culminating in a three month exploration of *Ulysses* led by Dr. Mark Schenker, Associate Dean at Yale College.

Sign up at the Fiction Desk.

# Hollister Films

*Every Little Step* (2009) - PG 13, 93 Minutes

With an Introduction by Special Guests Actors Steve Boockvor and Denise Pence

**Tuesday, December 8, 1:30 & 7 PM**

**J**oin us for a special screening of *Every Little Step*, a documentary about the making of *A Chorus Line*. Two of the original cast members will be on hand



After *A Chorus Line* Denise Pence went on to become an Emmy-nominated daytime "star," portraying "Katie Parker" for almost a decade on *The Guiding Light*. She continues doing commercials, voiceovers and audio books.

Steve Boockvor's lengthy professional Broadway background culminated in a Tony nomination for his work in *Working*. Other landmark shows included *Follies*, *Cabaret* and *Annie*. He is co-founder and Artistic Director of History Alive! - a company of actors who perform at schools throughout the tri-state area. *No Registration.*



Steve Boockvor    Denise Pence

(The original Al and Kristine  
from *A Chorus Line*)



# DECEMBER 2009

## CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 <b>Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers:</b> <i>The Future of Life</i> by E. O. Wilson 7 PM	2	3 <b>Murder by the Book:</b> Mystery Discussion Series 1 PM	4 <b>Book Sale:</b> Friends Holiday Boutique 6 - 9 PM	5 <b>Memoir Writing Group</b> 10 AM  <b>Book Sale:</b> Friends Holiday Boutique 9 - 4 PM
6 <b>ARTalk:</b> <i>Masks as a Portal to the World</i> with artist Suzanne Benton 2 PM	7	8 <b>Seminar:</b> <i>Business Ethics</i> with Scott Vetrella 7:30 - 9:00 AM Register 203 438 5992  <b>Hollister Film:</b> <i>Every Little Step</i> with special guests, actors Steve Bookvor and Denise Pence	9	10 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Super Immunity Foods</i> with Frances Goulart 7 PM	11	12 <b>Shutterbugs:</b> Monthly meeting of the photography group 9:30 AM
13 <b>Artist's Reception:</b> <i>Photography by Don Bruen and Friends</i> 2 - 4 PM	14	15 <b>Meeting:</b> <i>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield</i> 7 PM	16	17 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Marco</i> with Philip Tropea 7 PM	18 <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>Strike Sparks</i> by Sharon Olds led by Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM	19
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