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# BIBLIOEVENTS

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## Ridgefield Folk Fall Series

Live Music with **Lucy Kaplansky**

**FREE** – Sponsored by the Friends

**Sunday, November 11 @ 2 PM**

Tickets available from 1 PM on concert day

Lucy's new album *Over the Hills* was the #1 most played album on 153 folk radio stations in March 2007, and *Manhattan Moon*, the first track on the album, was the #1 most played song!

“...On her latest CD... the warmth of Kaplansky’s voice paired with her pensive songs makes her music sound like wistful lullabies.”

*-The Washington Post*

The Ridgefield Library, The Connecticut Fund for the Environment,  
Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment (RACE),  
Ridgefield Open Space Association (ROSA) & Ridgefield League of Women Voters

Present a Public Forum:

## Save Our Drinking Water



Participants in this important discussion about the threats to Connecticut's drinking water watersheds will include:

Ridgefield First Selectman, **Rudy Marconi** | **Woody Bliss**, Weston First Selectman,  
Redding First Selectman, **Natalie Ketcham** | **Betty Brosius**, Ridgefield Director of Planning

and representatives from:

Fairfield County Delegation | Saugatuck River Watershed Partnership  
Norwalk River Watershed Association | Department of Environmental Protection  
Ridgefield Garden Club | Aquarion Water Company

**Wednesday, November 28**

**6:45 - 9:00 PM**

Dayton Program Room.

Registration not required, but space is limited.

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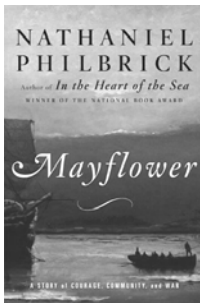
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**TUESDAY EVENING  
NONFICTIONEERS**

Tuesday, November 6, 7 PM  
*Mayflower*  
by Nathaniel Philbrick

Philbrick's account brings the Plymouth Colony and its leaders, William Bradford, Benjamin Church and Miles Standish, vividly to life and dispels a wealth of misconceptions about the pilgrim settlements in New England. This is an impeccably researched and expertly rendered story of survival.

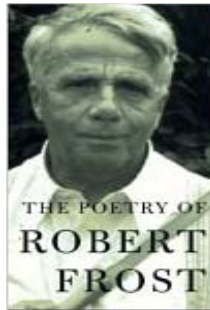


**POETRY DISCUSSION  
GROUP**

Friday, November. 16, 1 PM  
*The Poetry of Robert Frost*  
by Robert Frost

No poet is more emblematically American than Robert Frost. From "The Road Not Taken" to "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," Frost defined and refined our sense of poetry and what it can do.

*Sponsored by the Friends*



**CRITICS' CIRCLE**

Tuesday, November 20, 7 PM  
*Slow Man*  
by J. M. Coetzee

A retired photographer, recuperating from a terrible bicycle accident, falls in love with the down-to-earth Croatian nurse on whom he is entirely dependent for his care, while simultaneously being encouraged by a mysterious writer to take an activist role in his own life. The South African Nobel Laureate ponders the themes of health and the loneliness of old age.



**AM BOOK GROUP**

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 9:30 AM  
*The Tortilla Curtain*  
by T. Coraghessan Boyle

The PEN/Faulkner Award-winning novelist juxtaposes the lives and lifestyles of two Southern California couples who meet by a freak accident. One couple is an illegal immigrant worker from Mexico and his pregnant wife and the other is a wealthy, politically correct pair of "Los Angeles liberals". Immigration, unemployment, discrimination, social responsibility and the pursuit of the American Dream are Boyle's themes in this work inspired by John Steinbeck's classic portrayal of economic nomads in *The Grapes of Wrath*.



**Hollister Films**

All films are free thanks to the generosity of a private donor

**The Good Shepherd**

2007, Rated R, 168 Mins.



Edward is a member of the Skull and Bones Society while a student at Yale and is a morally upright young man who values honor and discretion. These are the qualities that help him become recruited for a career in the newly founded Office of Strategic Services (CIA). While working there, his ideals gradually turn to suspicion influenced by the Cold War paranoia present within the office. His dedication to his work comes with a heavy price, leading him to sacrifice his ideals and eventually the happiness of his family.

Tuesday, November 13  
1:30 & 7 PM

**Amazing Grace**

2007, Rated PG, 111 Mins.



Idealist William Wilberforce maneuvers his way through Parliament in 18th century England endeavoring to end slavery. Wilberforce was elected to the House of Commons at 21 and successfully assembled a diverse coalition that went up against the most powerful men of the time.

Tuesday, November 27  
1:30 & 7 PM

# Portraits in Motion

Dramatic Performances about Literary and Historical Figures

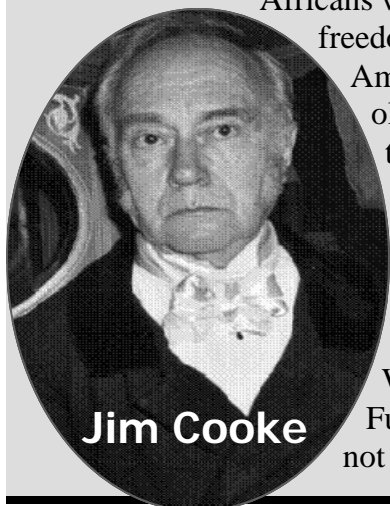
The Portraits in Motion series continues with **John Quincy Adams: A Spirit Unconquerable!** played by Jim Cooke on **Thursday, November 8 at 7 PM.**

John Quincy Adams was the son of our second president, John Adams and of the indomitable Abigail Adams. Here, we see him in the last ten years of his long life. He returns to Washington as a member of Congress; we witness his fight against the infamous "Gag Rule" devised by slave masters to curb congressional discussion of their "peculiar institution." When asked to defend the imprisoned

Africans who had fought for their freedom on the slave ship

Amistad, he fears he is too old and too weak to argue their case before the Supreme Court. Yet driven by duty, he takes up their cause and wins!

This program is free thanks to the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund. Reservations are not required.



**Jim Cooke**

## Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

### Friday, November 2

9 AM - 5 PM

Early Bird: \$10

9:00 AM - Noon \$10

12 PM - 5 PM

Free Admission/Regular

Prices

### Saturday, November 3

9 AM - 5 PM

Free Admission/Regular

Prices

### Sunday, November 4

1 PM - 5 PM

Free Admission

All Books 1/2 Price

### Monday, November 5

10 AM - 5 PM

Free Admission

Bag of Books \$5

## Coming in December ...

- ◆ Portraits in Motion: Amelia Earhart: First Lady of the Air, with actress Jessa Piaia, Sunday, December 2, 2 PM
- ◆ Conductor Lecture with Maestro Gerald Steichen, Monday, December 3, 7:30 PM
- ◆ Author Talk with Nalini Jones, author of *What You Call Winter*, Thursday, December 6, 7 PM
- ◆ Violin Recital with David Gale, Sunday, December 9, 1 PM
- ◆ Poetry Reading with Ira Joe Fisher at the Guild of Artists, Sunday, December 9, 2 PM
- ◆ Author Talk with Lorenzo Ottaviani, author and book designer of *Travel Italia*, Thursday, December 13, 7 PM



**Dr. Paula Henderson**

## author

@ the Ridgefield Library

# The Joy of the Tudor Garden

A Slide Show by Dr. Paula Henderson

Who designed Tudor gardens?

How were plants used?

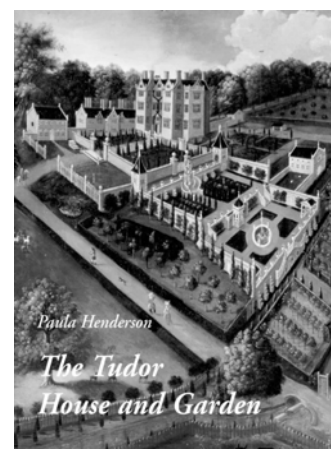
How did gardeners create wilderness gardens and why?

What do Tudor gardens have in common with the two most significant art and literary forms of the day: the miniature painting & the sonnet?

*Books will be available for sale & signing*

**Thursday, November 15 @ 7 PM**

Dayton Program Room. No registration required







# November 2007

## Calendar of Adult Programs and Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>November - December Exhibit:</b> Photographs by the Candlewood Camera Club Nov 10—December 30  <b>Opening Reception -</b> <b>Sunday, November 18, 4 - 6 PM</b>  <i>Exhibit can be viewed during normal Library hours when the Dayton Program Room is not in use for another program.</i>				1	2 <b>Friends Book Sale</b> <b>9 AM—5 PM</b> (9—noon \$10 early bird fee)	3 <b>Friends Book Sale</b> <b>9 AM—5 PM</b>  <b>Memoir Writing</b> <b>10 AM</b>  <b>Photography Workshop</b> with Don Bruen <b>10 AM</b> Part 3 of 7 <b>Field Trip</b>
4 <b>Friends Book Sale</b> <b>1 PM—5 PM</b> All Books Half Price	5 <b>Friends Book Sale</b> <b>10 AM—5 PM</b> Bag of Books \$5	6 <b>Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers</b> <i>Mayfower</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick <b>7 PM</b>	7	8 <b>Portraits in Motion</b> Jim Cooke portrays <b>John Quincy Adams</b> <b>7 PM</b>	9	10 <b>Shutterbugs</b> Monthly Meeting <b>9:30 AM</b> History Room  <b>Photography Workshop</b> with Don Bruen <b>10 AM</b> Part 4 of 7 <b>Field Trip</b>
11 <b>Ridgefield Folk</b> With Lucy Kaplansky <b>2 PM</b>	12	13 <b>Hollister Film Series</b> <i>The Good Shepherd</i> <b>1:30 PM &amp; 7 PM</b>	14	15 <b>Author Talk</b> <i>The Joy of the Tudor Garden</i> with Dr. Paula Henderson <b>7 PM</b>	16 <b>Poetry Discussion Group</b> <i>Poetry of Robert Frost</i> with Alan Holder <b>1 PM</b>	17 <b>Photography Workshop</b> with Don Bruen <b>10 AM</b> Part 5 of 7 <b>Field Trip</b>
18 <b>Opening Reception</b> Candlewood Camera Club <b>4—6 PM</b>	19	20 <b>Critics' Circle Book Group</b> <i>Slow Man</i> by J. M. Coetzee <b>7PM</b>  <b>The Ridgefield Writer's Guild: A Networking Group for Writers</b> <b>7 PM</b>	21	22 <b>Library Closed</b>  Happy Thanksgiving!	23 <b>Library Closed</b>	24
25	26	27 <b>Hollister Film Series</b> <i>Amazing Grace</i> <b>1:30 PM &amp; 7 PM</b>	28 <b>A.M. Book Group</b> <i>The Tortilla Curtain</i> by T. Coraghessan Boyle <b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>Forum on the Environment</b> <i>Save our Drinking Water</i> <b>6:45 PM</b>	29	30	