EVENTS Florence Griswold Museum

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2018

Nancy Friese, *Lieutenant River Shore* (details), 2010. Watercolor on paper mounted on linen, 40 x 60 in. Florence Griswold Museum, Purchased with an Anonymous Gift.

Works of Wonder Inside and Out—*Paper Trail* and Wee Faerie Village

The fall exhibition, *Paper Trail: American Prints, Drawings, and Watercolors* offers visitors a rare glimpse into a fragile sub-section of the collection—the works on paper—that tell a distinct story about the Museum. This exhibition follows the "paper trail" of acquisitions and gifts made to the Museum over its long history to examine how artists' approaches to process, including drawing, etching, painting, and lithography, connect and speak to each other over time.

Back for its tenth season, Wee Faerie Village presents *Lettersburg Junction: Wee Faerie Homesteads from A to Z and 1-2-3*. The family-friendly event features over thirty faerie-scaled houses based on the letters of the alphabet, numbers, and symbols in a fun and imaginative way. *Lettersburg Junction* is the small town with the big heart. Outdoor fun for the whole family!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Museum this fall—inside and out.

David D.J. Rau
Director of Education & Outreach

Programs included with Museum admission unless otherwise noted. Programs with fees require advance reservation. To RSVP for a program, go online at FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org; call (860) 434-5542, ext. 111 (front desk), or come in.

SEPTEMBER

LECTURE: *Hillside Farms and Stone Walls—A Marriage of Inconvenience*

Sunday, September 9, 2pm
Dr. Robert Thorson, Geologist
$7 (members $5)

Stone walls get born, grow up, then age gracefully. Thorson will share his observations of the battle between the New England farmer and Mother Earth culminating in miles of stone walls that crisscross every town.

GALLERY TALK: *Focusing on the Griswold Farm*

Wednesday, September 12, 11am
Amy Kurtz Lansing, Curator

Kurtz Lansing looks at the agrarian past of the historic Griswold estate with its orchard, vegetable gardens, flower gardens, pasture, and a series of outbuildings.

LECTURE: *Seeing Seaweed Differently—Farming Kelp off the New England Coast*

Thursday, September 13, 2pm
Suzie Flores, Kelp Farmer
$7 (member $5)

As our climate changes so does farming. Some are looking to the oceans as the next farming frontier. Stonington Kelp Co. operates a kelp farm off the coast of Stonington, CT. Join Flores for a discussion of the history, ecological benefits, and various applications of kelp farming as well as the fascinating ins and outs of operating a kelp farm.

RIVER EXCURSION: Swallowing Up the Sky—Bird Watching on the River

Thursday, September 13, 5:30pm-9pm-ish
Connecticut River Expeditions
$60 (members $55)
No refunds after September 6 (refunds subject to $20 fee).
Adventure departs from Dock #3, Eagle Landing State Park, Haddam

Join us aboard *Adventure* for an excursion down the Connecticut River to watch the mesmerizing flight of tree swallows at twilight. Their swirling and swooping above the marsh is a spectacle not to be missed! Wine and cheese included. Feel free to bring additional food and drink.

READING CLUB: *Fall Fiction—Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) #1 • The Detecting Poe*

Friday, September 14, 3pm
Dr. Mark J. Schenker, Senior Associate Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs, Yale College
$7 (members $5)

Schenker presents a lecture and discussion on Poe's tales of "ratiocination," centering on the thought patterns of detective C. Auguste Dupin in *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* and *The Purloined Letter*.

SPECIAL EVENT: *The Art of Saving and Sharing Seeds*

Sunday, September 16, 3pm
Baylee Rose Drown, Farmer, and Brendan McGuire, Farmer and Seed Saver, Upper Pond Farm, Lyme

Drown and McGuire demonstrate how to save seeds from the recent harvest in preparation for next year. Please bring seeds to share. *Upper Pond Farm will be selling produce (greens, roots, carrots, beets, sweet turnips, radishes, winter squash, Brussels sprouts) from 1-5pm on site.*

DROP-IN HISTORY PROGRAM: *A Farmer's Wife in Connecticut: Farm Ways of Yesteryear*

Sunday, September 16, 1-4pm
Leslie Evans, Food Historian, Avery-Copp House Museum, Groton, CT

Learn about life on a Connecticut farm conveyed through Evans's first-person presentation of a Farmer's Wife. This month's topic is celebrating and preserving the harvest.

ART•BAR HAPPY HOUR: *Great Impressions Printing Project*
Thursday, September 20, 5:30pm
$25 (members $22)

Come spend a fun evening designing an avant-garde print using non-traditional objects to make designs. All materials supplied, but feel free to bring your own creative shapes (cookie cutters, blocks, jagged rocks).

MUSEUM THEATRE: *Meeting Matilda in the Griswold Boardinghouse for Artists*
Saturday, September 22, 11am-4pm
Diana Dunlap, Writer and Actor

One day only! Matilda Browne, one of the key members of the Lyme Art Colony, comes to life in this first-person theatrical appearance. Enjoy our visitor from yesteryear as she strolls through the Griswold House, telling stories of a life filled with art and adventure.

FAERIE EVENT: *V is for Victorian Emporium Day*
September 29, 11am-4pm
Leslie Evans, Director and Natalie Livingston, Educator, Avery-Copp House Museum, Groton, CT

Sweet treats, music, and hands-on crafts abound in our one-day Victorian Emporium. The good old days are back again!

Drop-In Hands-On Faerie Event: *C is for Crafternoons*
Sundays, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 11am-4pm

Museum Educators present an alphabet-inspired hands-on project for families to enjoy during their visit. A different project each week!

OCTOBER

FAERIE EVENT: *Faerie Special Teas*
Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 3:30 to 5pm*
Children $20, adults $10

Dress in your faerie best for an afternoon immersed in imagination. Decorate a cupcake and sip faerie fizz tea, make a faerie wand, listen to a story, and then self-guide Wee Faerie Village. *You can self-guide before or after the teas. *The faeries will send your child a special invitation if you share mailing address when you sign up.*

FAERIE EVENT: *D is for Dictionary*
Saturday, October 6, 11am-4pm
Sophie Huget, Public Programs Manager, Noah Webster House and West Hartford Historical Society

Get to know Noah Webster, dictionary author and founding father. Enjoy pop-up spelling bees and fun prizes for participation throughout the day.

FAERIE EVENT: *A is for A Cappella Super Hero Singers*
Sunday, October 7, 1-3pm

Enjoy the exuberant voices of the Co Co Beaux, Connecticut College's all-male *a cappella* group. These talented super hero singers will wander the grounds, serenading all with their super-power voices.

FAERIE EVENT: *Lettersburg Junction's Bizarre Bazaar—A Quirky and Creative Artisan Faire*
Monday, October 8, 10am-3pm

Artful objects created by local artisans and crafters inspired by faeries, nature, and more will be featured in a special one-day, pop-up display at the Museum.

COLUMBUS DAY FAERIE EVENT: *I is for Impressionism*
Monday, October 8, 10am-5pm

Behold the "bronze" sculpture of French Impressionist Auguste Renoir! L'Ana Burton leads faerie dance lessons at 11:30am. Then, join our fun parade featuring the Chester Fife & Drum Corps at noon. Wings, crowns, tiaras, and colorful attire encouraged. Hands-on crafts in the Education Center, 11am-4pm.

FAERIE EVENT: *F is for Flamenco Dancing*
Saturday, October 13; presentations at 11:30am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm, and 2:00pm
Rebeca Tomás, Artistic Director and Dancer, A Palo Seco Flamenco Company

Learn the history of this dazzling traditional Spanish dance up close. The festive dance features fast footwork, expressive gestures, and the signature sounds of clapping, snapping, and the clicking of castanets.

ART•BAR HAPPY HOUR: *Wee Faerie Sparkle Shadow Jars*
Thursday, October 18, 5:30pm
$25 (members $22)

Come spend a fun evening designing a faerie realm in a jar. Finished product flickers with shadowy dazzlement.

FAERIE EVENT: *P is for Pirates*
Saturday, October 20, 11am-4pm

Ahoy Mateys! The pirates have come ashore and set up camp at the Museum. Come meet the *Free Men of the Sea*, re-enactors who bring the myths and history of pirates and privateers to life. Pirate crafts in the Education Center.

GALLERY TALK: *Tales from the Trail*
Thursday, October 25, 2pm
Jenny Parsons, Assistant Curator

Join Parsons to learn about how the Museum's works on paper collection has grown, from Lyme Art Colony artists leaving works in the Griswold boardinghouse, to recent acquisitions.

COLUMBUS DAY EVENT: *I is for Impressionism*
Auguste Renoir Living Statue
by Ten31 Productions, Pawtucket, RI

READING CLUB: *Fall Fiction—Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) #2 • The Gothic Poe*
Friday, October 26, 3pm
Dr. Mark J. Schenker, Senior Associate Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs, Yale College
$7 (members $5)

Schenker presents a lecture and discussion on Poe's tales of horror, which focus on both the physical and psychological elements of death, guilt, and mourning. Featured stories include *The Black Cat*, *The Cask of Amontillado*, and *The Tell-Tale Heart*.

FAERIE EVENT: *G is for Goblins and Halloween Fun*
Saturday, October 27, 11am-4pm, parade at noon

Halloween fun lasts all day with treats and hands-on crafts. Dress up as goblins, faeries, or super heroes to march in our *Cavalcade of Costumes* parade which begins at the Education Center. Craft-bag prizes for all participants.

HOMESCHOOLER CLASSES

2018-2019

Thursdays, 1:30-3pm (Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 15, Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14)
All 6 sessions: $60 (members $48); single sessions: $12 per participant (additional siblings $10). Includes one free museum admission for parent or guardian. To register, contact the Museum at (860) 434-5542, ext. 111.

A unique learning activity followed by a hands-on art project each session. Go to FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org for monthly themes.

NOVEMBER

LECTURE: *Seeing Nearby Places—The Why and How of Making Works on Paper*

Sunday, November 11, 2pm
Nancy Friese, Professor, RISD
$7 (members $5)

By looking outwards at nearby places, Friese's landscape art achieves luminosity, animation, and dazzling spatial recession on a flat surface. Join Friese for a discussion of how her habit of moving among media while creating in open-air sustains her and her art. Her knowledge of watercolors, painting, and printmaking will offer insight to the pros and cons of various creative techniques.

SPECIAL EVENT

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Annual Samuel Thorne Memorial Lecture: *Recording the Language Word by Word* with Kory Stamper, Lexicographer and Author

Saturday, November 10, 5pm

Lecture held in Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme
Call (860) 434-5542, ext. 111 or email frontdesk@flogris.org to RSVP
A book signing concludes the event.

Say the word "dictionary" and people imagine a hallowed book, given to us from on high, the place where language is codified for the ages. But the dictionary, just like language, changes—new words are added, old words are taken out, and the dictionary has moved from print to the web. Join bestselling author Stamper *(Word by Word: The Secret Life of Dictionaries)* as she explains what it takes to update a dictionary and shares some hilarious pitfalls of "the harmless drudge"—Samuel Johnson's tepid definition of the lexicographer.

ART•BAR HAPPY HOUR: *Hooking a Holiday Ornament*

Thursday, November 15, 5:30pm
$25 (members $22)

Come spend a fun evening crafting a hooked fabric holiday ornament. Workshop led by artist Betsy Barry. All materials supplied.

READING CLUB: *Fall Fiction—Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) #3 • The Poetic Poe*

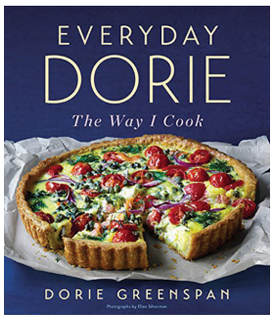
Friday, November 16, 3pm
Dr. Mark J. Schenker, Senior Associate Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs, Yale College
$7 (members $5)

Schenker presents a lecture and discussion on Poe's poetry, which reflected his devotion to beauty as an ideal and the sense of loss as an enduring reality. Poems featured include "The City in the Sea," "To Helen," "The Raven," "Ulalume," and "Annabel Lee."

Shop Event: *Everyday Dorie*

Sunday, November 18, 2pm
Dorie Greenspan, Author and Chef
$35 (members $31.50); includes signed book and admission to the talk
Limited seating; advance reservations required.

Join Greenspan for a talk about her new book *Everyday Dorie: The Way I Cook*. Each Dorie recipe is like a best friend in the kitchen, full of her infectious love of cooking and trademark hand-holding directions.



THE SHOP

Members' Double Discount Days
20% OFF IN THE SHOP
Saturday, October 20
through Friday, October 26

2ND ANNUAL MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY
20% OFF IN THE SHOP
Sunday, November 25, 1-5pm

Exhibitions

Art and the New England Farm

Through September 16, 2018

Art and the New England Farm has been made possible with the generous support of the State of Connecticut through the Consortium of CT Art Museums, Connecticut Humanities, and The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company. Additional support has been generously provided by a group of Exhibition Fund donors.

Paper Trail: American Prints, Drawings, and Watercolors

September 29, 2018–January 27, 2019

The *Paper Trail* exhibition has been made possible with the generous support of the State of Connecticut through the Consortium of CT Art Museums, and the Rudolph and John Dirks Fund. Additional support has been generously provided by a group of Exhibition Fund donors. Media sponsors WSHU and *Venü*.

Events

Annual Benefit Auction & Dinner Dance

September 22, 2018

Wee Faerie Village's Lettersburg Junction: Wee Faerie Homesteads from A to Z and 1-2-3

September 29–October 28, 2018

Wee Faerie Village: Lettersburg Junction is supported by the Donald Joffray Family, and by a group of donors who believe in the power of imagination.

Magic of Christmas

November 23, 2018 to January 6, 2019

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER TO ENJOY IT ALL!

Become a Museum member and receive free general admission year-round, discounts on programs and trips, and 10% off at The Shop and Café Flo. Plus, as a special one-time offer, join today and your membership will be valid through December 31, 2019! Individual memberships begin as low as $60.

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Marvelous Vowels Faeries, 2018. Illustrations by Aaron B. Miller

This year's Wee Faerie Village event

Lettersburg Junction: Wee Faerie Homesteads from A to Z and 1-2-3

An alpha-numerically inspired faerie house extravaganza.

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The Museum's educational programming is supported by grants from the Lelan F. Sillin, Jr. Education Endowment Fund; the Elizabeth Matthews Hubbard Education Fund; the Sali Godard Riege Educational Fund; and the Sally J. Bill Children's Education Fund.

Follow us on

Magic of Christmas 2018 Opening Weekend Events

HOLIDAY EVENT: *Santa at the Museum*
Friday, November 23, 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Ho, ho, ho, and away we go! The Museum's *Magic of Christmas* celebrations begin with the arrival of jolly old St. Nick dressed in his Victorian finery. Here's the perfect chance to tell the man of the North Pole your Christmas wishes (and take pictures), before or after touring the holiday decorations throughout the Museum. Hands-on holiday crafts in the Education Center 10am-4pm.

FAMILY EVENT: *Untangling the Holidays with Rapunzel and Flynn*
Saturday, November 24, shows at 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm

Brush up on your holiday crafting between visits by the long-locks princess and her noble suiter as they help you untangle the holiday stress through stories and song.

DROP-IN HANDS-ON PROGRAM: *Joy in the Making*
Sundays, November 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, January 6, 11am-4pm

Museum Educators present a holiday-inspired hands-on project for families to enjoy during their visit. A different project each week!

LOOKING AHEAD

DAY TRIP: *Criss-Crossing the Harlem River—The Morris-Jumel Mansion & The Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden*
Tuesday, December 4, 2011, 8am-7pm

$160 (members $145); fee includes transportation, bus tip, admission, tours, and a gourmet boxed lunch. No refunds after November 20 (refunds subject to $20 fee).

Our visit includes a guided tour of this remarkable mansion that highlights over 200 years of New York history, art, and culture. We will then cross over the Harlem River to visit the famed Holiday Train Show at the NYBG, where enchanting model trains zip through a display of more than 150 NYC landmarks.

DAY TRIP TO BROADWAY: Front Rows Seats for *Kiss Me Kate* on Broadway
Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 8:30am-8pm

$210 (members $195)

The Museum has secured front rows seats for this up-and-coming thrill ride of a revival with a stellar cast, Will Chase of *Nashville* and Kelli O'Hara of *South Pacific*. In Cole Porter's sparkling 1948 musical, the warring lovers of *The Taming of the Shrew* cause trouble both onstage and off.