

2022 Library Luminaries

ILARIA & GERARD FRANCIS
host
HOLLY PARKER

Ilaria and Gerard Francis have been weekend residents of Washington since 2018. After being invited to spend a weekend, they fell in love with the natural beauty of the area and made it their weekend home. They subsequently became full-time residents in 2020. They have been lucky enough to befriend many wonderful Washington residents and continue to find every opportunity to meet others. They are committed to helping the community and preserving Washington's amazing natural beauty. Gerard runs the Data Business at JP Morgan and Ilaria runs a tech startup. They recognize the important contribution the Gunn Memorial Library makes to the community, especially through sharing knowledge and experience. Their youngest son Ollie spends his weekend casting lines in Washington's many ponds and lakes, while they enjoy the trails around their property and Steep Rock with their friends and lots of dogs.

Holly Parker is a real estate powerhouse. As one of Manhattan's top agents, she has sold over \$8 billion dollars of luxury real estate throughout her twenty eight year career.

Parker is also the author of *Back on the Market*, her highly anticipated autobiographical book that was recently optioned by a production company in Los Angeles to be developed into a television series. Cleverly told through the eyes of a seasoned realtor, Parker connects the similarities between real estate, life, love, and dating. *Back on the Market* cleverly connects common real estate terms to everyday life through Parker's sharp humor and quick wit. Hilarious and deeply emotional, Parker writes about her experiences in rebuilding her life after an unanticipated divorce—two actually. From her husband and her former best friend. It's a story of self-discovery, becoming self-aware, and ultimately falling in love with yourself.

Another project Holly is extremely proud of is her film, *Anxious Nation*. She and her husband Marc are Executive Producers of this highly anticipated documentary that focuses on anxiety and how it shows up in our kids and families.

Parker is a force who wears many hats—mom, wife, philanthropist, and successful real estate agent. She proudly resides in New York City and Washington, CT.

SUZIE PAXTON & PATRICK HORAN
host
EMMA TILLINGER KOSKOFF

Suzie Paxton & Patrick Horan have been full-time Washington residents since 2017, moving from Brooklyn (NY) to be closer to Waldingfield Farm, his family's certified organic vegetable operation on East Street, and only one mile away from the Gunn Memorial Library. Patrick oversees the farm's day-to-day operations while Suzie works as the Principal of Point Studio, a video and television production company. The farm's main barn will also be the backdrop of this farm-to-table themed Library Luminary event!

Emma Tillinger Koskoff (Producer) is a three-time Academy Award nominated producer, best known for her work on *Joker*, *The Wolf of Wall Street* & *The Irishman*. Koskoff began her career in the film industry assisting director/producer Ted Demme on the critically acclaimed film *Blow*. In 2003, she joined Martin Scorsese's Sikelia Productions working as Scorsese's executive assistant before being named President of Production in 2006. Among the many Scorsese-directed films and documentaries Koskoff associate, co- and executive produced are *The Blues*; *The Aviator*; *No Direction Home: Bob Dylan*; *the Rolling Stones concert film, Shine a Light*; *Shutter Island*; the prestigious Peabody award winning, *A Letter to Elia*; *Public Speaking* (Fran Lebowitz), and *George Harrison: Living in the Material World*, for which she won an Emmy Award in 2011; the Oscar winning *Hugo*; and HBO's *Vinyl*. In 2012, Koskoff produced Scorsese's *The Wolf of Wall Street*, receiving her first Academy Award, Golden Globe, and Producers Guild Award nominations. 2016 saw the release of two Koskoff produced films, *Silence* (AFI movie of the year) and the boxing drama *Bleed for This*, directed by Ben Younger. She also executive produced the Grateful Dead documentary *Long Strange Trip* directed by Amir Bar-Lev and the Ben Wheatley directed *Free Fire*. In 2019, Koskoff served as executive producer on Josh and Benny Safdie's critically acclaimed *Uncut Gems* and Joanna Hogg's *The Souvenir* (Part 1 and 2). Koskoff also produced two of 2019's most critically acclaimed and successful films: Todd Phillip's *Joker* and Scorsese's *The Irishman*. She earned Oscar, PGA, BAFTA, and Golden Globe nominations for both films, one of only a handful of producers, and the second woman to be nominated for these awards twice in one year. In 2021, Koskoff produced the Scorsese-directed Fran Lebowitz docuseries *Pretend it's a City*. Koskoff was a partner in the Emerging Filmmaker Fund with Scorsese and RT Features dedicated to supporting emerging directors around the world. Among the partnership's films are Jonas Carpignano's *A Ciambra*, Danielle Lessovitz's transgender romance *Port Authority*, and Croatia filmmaker Antoneta Kusijanovic's *Murina*, which premiered at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival where it won the Camera d'Or. Koskoff is currently in production on *Mother's Milk* directed by Miles Joris-Peyrafitte and starring Hilary Swank.

RACHEL & MIKE JACOBELLIS
host
JOEL VIEHLAND

Rachel and Mike Jacobellis live in Washington and love spending time at the Gunn Library with their three kids. Rachel homeschools one of their kids and is an advocate for Tourette Syndrome and neurodiversity. Mike is a rare and unique car dealer, professional racecar driver, and works in finance. Rachel is on the board of Steep Rock and on the Leadership Council at Robin Hood on their Education committee. Mike is on the board of International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) and the finance committee for Robin Hood.

Joel Viehland is an American chef who began working in restaurants at the age of 15. He has cooked at award-winning restaurants such as New York's Gramercy Tavern, Noma in Copenhagen, as well as Emeril's, Herbsaint, and Bayona in New Orleans before becoming the opening chef at Community Table in CT in 2010. There he began his focus on locally sourced New England ingredients, emphasizing seasonal simplicity and depth of flavor. During his five years there, it was nominated for three James Beard Awards. In 2014, *Cooking Light* named Joel the Best Small Town Chef in America, while *Yankee Magazine* named Community Table The Best Locavore Restaurant in New England in 2015. In 2017 Joel opened Swyft, in Kent, CT. Swyft became an immediate destination for its Neapolitan style wood fired pizza and creative small plates. Named best pizza and best burger in the state by *CT Magazine*. When the pandemic hit, Joel decided to leave Swyft opting to stay home with family to focus on special events and private catering. Joel is currently helping with community efforts by donating his time to the Northwest Connecticut Food Hub, researching and experimenting with vegetable varieties, and consulting on numerous projects in the region.

SARAH LEE MARTIN & ANDRIS KALNINS

host

ROBERT CLOHESSY

Sarah Lee has enjoyed the Litchfield Hills since the 1960s when she was a summer camper at Po-Ne-Mah in Kent, CT. She and her husband **Andris** have been New Preston weekenders since 1998 and have recently become full time residents. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Columbia University, she was an investment banker for over 20 years. More recently, Sarah Lee and her sister Claudia opened Hays Worthington in New Preston Village specializing in fine and period jewelry. One of the jewels in the area is the Gunn Memorial Library, an oasis of knowledge, entertainment and enlightenment. Sarah Lee and Andris are honored to support the Gunn Memorial Library with Luminary Robert Clohessy.

Robert Clohessy is a critically acclaimed actor and seasoned veteran of film, television and stage. He holds a longstanding featured role in the popular TV series, *Blue Bloods* as police Lt. Gormley, a drama about an Irish American family of New York City cops.

He played Officer Patrick Flaherty in *Hill Street Blues* as well as Lt. George Shaver in the ABC detective series *O'Hara*. Speaking of his role in the iconic *Hill Street Blues*, Mr. Clohessy said, "It was right before my Dad passed away, so it was a great pleasure to actually play a cop, and have him talk to me about it and help me out before he passed away. That was a joy." He also joined the cast of the HBO prison drama *Oz* as Correctional Officer Sean Murphy and has appeared in numerous *Law & Order* episodes. He received a Screen Actors Guild Award for Best Ensemble in the HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*.

In feature films, Mr. Clohessy held a supporting role in *Across the Universe* playing the part of Jude's long lost father. He played Jack Parker in the *Crimson Mask*. His largest big budget film role was opposite Bradley Cooper in *The Place beyond the Pines*. In addition, Mr. Clohessy has held roles in some of Hollywood's biggest movies including *The Avengers* (2012) and *The Wolf of Wall Street* (2013). In the past two years, he was in two films directed by his son, Miles Clohessy. The films are titled *Fire Island* and *The Redeemer* and are both soon to be released.

On Broadway, he played Mike in the Roundabout Theatre Company revival of *Pal Joey* as well as roles in *Twelve Angry Men*, and *Rounding Third*. Off Broadway, he has held numerous roles and has also has performed with the Shakespeare Theatre including *A Midsummer Night's*

Dream and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. New York and regional credits: *Bad Habits* (Manhattan Theatre Club); *Heaven* (Yale Repertory Theater); *Frankie and Johnnie* (Hartford Stage); *Wild Goose* (Ensemble Studio Theatre); *Golden Boy* and *The Homecoming* with Williamstown Theatre Festival, and *That Championship Season* (Westport Stage). He also starred in many productions directed by Walt Witcover at Masterworks Laboratory Theatre.

Born in the Bronx, Mr. Clohessy is a long-time resident of West Cornwall in Litchfield County. He is married to Catherine Erhart and together, they have two sons.

CAROLYN KLEMM
hosts
STUART WOODS

With over 35 years of experience in Litchfield County real estate, **Carolyn Klemm** knows nearly every property in the twenty-six villages and towns throughout the area. Articles in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, and newspapers throughout the USA, House & Garden TV, MSNBC, and others have recognized Carolyn's sales prowess, her joie de vivre and unique abilities of connecting and networking people. Some of her luminary clients include NBC's Tom Brokaw, Diplomat Henry Kissinger, US Ambassadors William vanden Heuvel and William Luers, and authors Barbara Taylor Bradford and Stuart Woods.

Born in London, Carolyn came to America and grew up in Scarsdale, becoming a buyer and fashion designer at Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Bergdorf Goodman. She also managed a dozen boutiques from New York to Chicago. Along the way she gained expertise in food and entertaining by attending famed culinary school Cordon Bleu, and regularly serves clients' favorites at legendary dinner parties.

Stuart Woods was born in the small Southern town of Manchester, Georgia and graduated from the University of Georgia with a BA in sociology. In the 1960's he lived in New York and then London, working for various advertising agencies. In 1973, he decided that the time had come for him to write the novel he had been thinking about since the age of ten. He moved to Ireland and worked for a Dublin ad agency while working on his novel.

A couple of years later he decided to compete in the 1976 Observer Single-handed Trans-Atlantic Race. Afterward, he spent time in Georgia writing two nonfiction books, including *Blue Water*, *Green Skipper*, an account of his Irish experience and the transatlantic race. The British publisher sold the American rights to W.W. Norton, which also contracted to publish his novel. He finished *Chiefs* and it was published in March 1981, eight years after he had begun it.

Chiefs established Woods as a novelist. The book won the Edgar Allan Poe prize from the Mystery Writers of America. He has also been awarded France's Grand Prix de Littérature Policière for *Imperfect Strangers*. He has since been prolific, having published 89 novels. After publishing fifteen novels before appearing on the *New York Times* best seller list, he has since had more than 70 best sellers.

Stuart Woods married the former Jeanmarie Cooper in 2013. They live with a Labrador retriever named Fred in Key West, FL, on Mount Desert Island in ME, and in Santa Fe.

MICHAEL DEL NIN & SEAN KREBS
host
TRACY DENNIS-TIWARY

Michael Del Nin and Sean Krebs discovered Washington while visiting friends for the weekend and began searching for a house in town on the drive back to the city. During the nearly two decades that followed, other than during a seven-year stint in Prague, they have spent as much time as possible in Washington (including probably hundreds of hours with their two children at the Gunn Memorial Library). Michael has been a film and television executive for much of his career and is now the Head of Media Partnerships and Investments at Soros Fund Management in New York. Sean comes from the fashion world and was, most recently, International Editor of *Vogue Czech Republic & Slovakia*. They look forward to welcoming everyone to their home to meet the evening's wonderful luminary and enjoy a plate of Mamie's famous fried chicken.

Tracy Dennis-Tiwary, Ph.D. is the author of *Future Tense: Why Anxiety Is Good for You (Even Though It Feels Bad)* which was published by Harper Wave, an imprint of Harper Collins, in May 2022. Dr. Dennis-Tiwary is a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Hunter College, the City University of New York, where she directs the Emotion Regulation Lab, and is cofounder of the digital therapeutics company Wise Therapeutics. She received her doctoral and postdoctoral training in clinical psychology at The Pennsylvania State University and New York University School of Medicine. She has published over one hundred scientific articles in top peer-reviewed journals and delivered more than three hundred presentations at academic conferences and for corporate clients. Dr. Dennis-Tiwary has been featured throughout the media, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, CBS, ABC, CNN, NPR, and Bloomberg Television. She lives with her husband and two children in New York City and Patterson, NY.

STEVEN FUCHS & BRIAN LANCASTER
host
GREGG WATTENBERG

Brian and Steven enjoy their Ehrick Rossiter home, which they share with their two children Anna (17) and William (15), their rescue dog, Lucy, and frequent house guests. Brian is currently a professor of Finance at The Columbia Business School and was formally Chief Investment Officer at Wells Fargo, head of structured transactions at RBS, head of Securitized Products Research at Bear Stearns, and Senior Economist at the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England. He serves on several boards, and has authored several books on finance. Don't let his bio fool you, he is a really fun guy!

Steven is the former CEO of Hampton Industries, a publicly-traded apparel company. He now consults to nonprofit organizations, is a Trustee/Treasurer of Gunn Memorial Library, board member of Books For Kids, Parents in Action facilitator, and enjoys training for triathlons, wood working, sailing, and reading. On weekends Brian and Steven typically schlep their kids to the ski slopes, riding stables, soccer fields, and tennis courts of NW Litchfield County.

Gregg Wattenberg is an American songwriter, record producer, and musician. Most recently Gregg co-wrote and co-produced John Legend's *Conversations in the Dark*, and the 1st lead single from the *Bigger Love* album which won a Grammy for Best R&B album in 2021. Since 2000, he has co-written and/or produced eight Billboard #1 hit songs, including Five For Fighting's *Easy Tonight*, *100 Years*, and *Superman (It's Not Easy)*, which was nominated for a Grammy in 2002. Gregg also co-wrote the #1 hit *It's Not Over* by Daughtry, earning him a

nomination for a 2007 Grammy, and an ASCAP Pop Music Award. He worked with Train to co-produce *Hey, Soul Sister*, which earned a Grammy and the ASCAP Song of the Year award in 2010. Gregg also co-wrote and produced Phillip Phillips' #1 song *Gone, Gone, Gone*. Gregg has also collaborated with: Rascal Flatts, Bon Jovi, Brad Paisley, Rob Thomas, Goo Goo Dolls, A Great Big World, Jason Mraz, O.A.R., and Robert Randolph.

Gregg served as the Chief Creative Officer and ultimately Co-Owner for Wind-Up Records, which at the time of its sale in 2013, was the nation's largest independently owned record company. Gregg is a graduate of Tufts University, and regularly lectures on behalf of The Songwriters Hall of Fame, NYU Clive Davis School of Music, ASCAP, and The Grammys. He has a recording studio in New York City, where he lives with his wife, Mina Wattenberg, and their two children, Mia and Max. When the kids are not in school, they enjoy their hilltop home overlooking Candlewood Lake.

MELISSA & RUSS TRIEDMAN

host

CAITLIN MACY

Melissa and Russ Triedman live in New York City and have been weekend residents of Washington Depot since 2016. They discovered the area during their drives up to Hotchkiss to visit their daughter and purchased the house just in time for her to graduate. (Their younger two children opted to attend high school in New York City.) Weekends are spent for family gatherings and long walks on Calhoun Street and in the Steep Rock Preserve.

Caitlin Macy is the author of two novels, *Mrs.* and *The Fundamentals of Play*, and two collections of short stories, *Spoiled* and the forthcoming *A Blind Corner* (June, 2022; Little, Brown). Her work has been published in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times Magazine*, and the *New York Times Book Review*. The recipient of an O'Henry Award, she lives in New York and Norfolk, CT, with her husband, two daughters, and two dogs.

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to all of our gracious hosts and sparkling luminaries