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March - Meet the Authors Sunday Series Continues

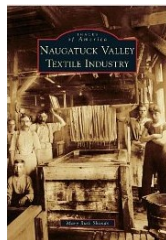
The Naugatuck Historical Society is proud to host two programs this month with authors. Join us for one or both of these programs, meet the authors, hear the presentation, get your book signed, and enjoy coffee with us.

Textiles - March 13, 1:30
Chef-March 27, 1:00

FREE for members, \$5 for non-members.

Naugatuck Valley Textile Industry, by Mary Ruth Shields

Relive the once industrious nature of the Naugatuck Valley and explore the shared history of Naugatuck River valley towns. The history of the textile industry has been fairly unexplored and ignored compared with other major industries that



Step into March

First Thursdays continue this March with our second monthly evening hours. In an effort to be more accessible to all families and visitors the Naugatuck Historical Society is now open from 6-8pm the first Thursday of every month. Last month we wel-

comed families from as far away as Plymouth who came to "Meet Lincoln." One of the visitors was a young student getting ready to recite the Gettysburg Address at school. Our President Lincoln, local actor and member Lewis Dube gave him some

What's Cooking at the Museum?

grew along the river. Learn what you have been missing. Admission will be waived with purchase of book at the event.
Meet author, historian and photographer, Anthony Riccio and Award winning Chef Silvio Suppa of Cafe Allegre in Madison. The book, *Cooking with Chef Silvio: Stories & Authentic Recipes of Campania*, reveals the secrets of authentic Campanian cooking and tells how Chef Silvio learned "l'arte della cucina" the art of cooking from his grandmother. This book presents a fascinating history of Campanian gastronomy beginning with the ancient Samnites to the present day dishes offered at Chef Silvio's restaurant in Madison.

Many of you will remember the presentation by An-



Anthony Riccio and Chef Silvio

thony Riccio last year on the history of the Italian American experience in New Haven. Anthony is also working on a new book, *Farms, Factories and Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut*. We are eagerly awaiting the publication of this new book as at least three chapters in the book will feature women from Naugatuck who worked in the rubber industry.

I think we will get Anthony to tell us how he is coming on this new book.

Check out other events on Naugatuck Patch at www.naugatuckpatch.com

pointers to help him. Join us on March 3rd as we celebrate the Irish. Enjoy crafts, music, and artifacts.

Special performance of the Horgan Academy Dancers at 7pm

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Coming Soon

- ◆ "They Called Me Lizzy" a Kandi Carle production, April 16, 1pm
- ◆ First Thursdays, April 7, 6-8pm
- ◆ Colette's Craft Program, April 9, 11am

Edit from the Feb-March Newsletter

- ◆ Lois Sokoloski was inadvertently left off of the list of Board Members.

Sesquicentennial Celebration Continues-April 16th

“They Called Me Lizzy”



Mary Todd Lincoln as the President’s wife couldn’t go and talk to the ladies at the salon or share her troubles or her inner most thoughts with the bartender down the street. She however had a friendly ear with her dressmaker and former slave Elizabeth Keckley.

Gain insight into the life within the white house during this traumatic era from this unusual perspective of a former slave and confidant to the first lady.

They Called Me Lizzy

A Candie Karle production

April 16th 1-3pm, please arrive promptly at 1pm.

High Tea, sandwiches, live music, raffles, gift bags, and more.

Historic Neary Ballroom

Fully handicapped accessibility through the back lot

Limited tickets available, \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

Have we peaked your interest yet?

If you would like to do more than just purchase a ticket for this event, there are lots of ways to get involved.

We are also looking for raffle baskets or items and donations of gift bag goodies.

Maybe instead you would like to get a group to go to the event? Or volunteer the day of the event?

If you would like to be more involved please call for specific information.

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.

H. E. Luccock

Community Connections

Organization Connections

This month we are proud to announce our partnership with Horgan Dance Academy who will be providing entertainment for us during our First Thursdays evening hours this March.

Educational Connections

The Naugatuck High School is working with us to provide volunteers to help serve at our High Tea with the performance on April 16th. We would like to thank Principal Fran Serratore for also working with us to apply for a grant this month.

Business Connections

This month we are proud to announce a new corporate member at the Chemical level. The law offices of Fitzpatrick, Santos, and Mariano are our newest corporate members.

Colette’s Craft Program

A hands on approach to history

Colette’s Craft program will be held on the second Saturday of every month at 11 am. Registration is highly recommended.

The program is recommended for children ages 5 and up. This program is open to member and non-members. Call to

volunteer or register.

Admission is free for children participating in the program, but there is a \$2 supply fee. Regular admission applies to adults, \$2 or free with membership.

March 12, 11am

Patriots and Paper Quilts
Hear the story of Chauncey Judd the young patriot and explore the art of quilting.

Next program April 9, 11am

