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## *A Message from Grace:*

Happy New Year! We are delighted to be beginning our 21st year and look forward to a wonderful year with you.

Winter Semester programs begin on Tuesday, January 3. Please remember that closings for inclement weather will be posted on [wwwFOUNDERS-hall.org](http://wwwFOUNDERS-hall.org).

Wishing you a safe and healthy 2023!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- JAN 2 BUILDING CLOSED
- JAN 13 RAID THE ROOT CELLAR TASTING  
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- JAN 17 TRIP: THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS AT THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- JAN 20 SEMINAR: VARIAN FRY, CONNECTICUT HERO
- JAN 27 SEMINAR: GET TO KNOW RIDGEFIELD: SOCIAL SERVICES

## HAPPENINGS



### RAID THE ROOT CELLAR TASTING

Friday, January 13 at 2:00pm

*We'll be tasting a variety of sweet and savory dishes that feature different root vegetables. Expect a tasty and nourishing array!*

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### BILLIARDS SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, January 31 & Wednesday, February 1  
at 10:00AM-2:00PM

*Join us for some friendly competition! Please register with Tracy by Monday, January 23rd.*

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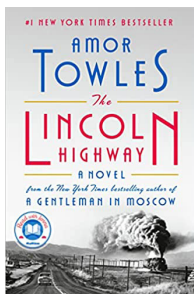
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### BOOK DISCUSSION:

*The Lincoln Highway*  
 by Amor Towles  
 January 12 at 3:00pm



We love book club! Join us for this discussion facilitated by staff members of the Ridgefield Library.

### SEMINAR:

*Varian Fry:  
 Connecticut Hero*  
 by Rita Frost

January 20 at 1:00pm

“Varian Fry became my passion after learning of his heroism in the Ridgefield Press twenty some years ago. Since he was a fellow Ridgefielder, and had saved Marc Chagall and 2,000 others, he intrigued me!” says Rita. Join us to learn more about this unique piece of Connecticut history.

### SEMINAR:

*Get to Know Ridgefield:  
 Social Services*

by League of Women Voters  
 and Tony Phillips

January 27 at 1:00pm

Come learn more about the wide array of services available to you through the Department of Social Services and the League of Women Voters. This will be a very informative session!

# January at the Movies

Selections may change based on availability.



- fri** **The Duke** **2:00pm**  
**6** In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government agreed to provide television for free to the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge -- a startling revelation of how a good man set out to change the world and in so doing saved his son and his marriage to Dorothy Bunton.  
 2021 Jim Broadbent, Helen Mirren, Fionn Whitehead R 1hr. 36 mins.
- fri** **The Lost City** **2:00 pm**  
**20** A reclusive romance novelist on a book tour with her cover model gets swept up in a kidnapping attempt that lands them both in a cutthroat jungle adventure.  
 2022 Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe PG-13 1 hr. 51 mins.
- fri** **Blue Bayou** **2:00 pm**  
**27** Antonio LeBlanc, a Korean adoptee raised in a small town in the Louisiana bayou, is married to the love of his life Kathy and stepdad to their beloved daughter Jessie. Struggling to make a better life for his family, he must confront the ghosts of his past when he discovers that he could be deported from the only country he has ever called home.  
 2021 Justin Chon, Alicia Vikander, Mark O'Brien R 1 hr. 59 mins.

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## A LOOK BACK AT THE HOLIDAYS

### *Volunteer Venue*

Special thanks to the Founders Hall Singers, Ridgefield Chorale and Ridgefield School of Dance for their inspiring holiday performance at the Nutcracker Tea.

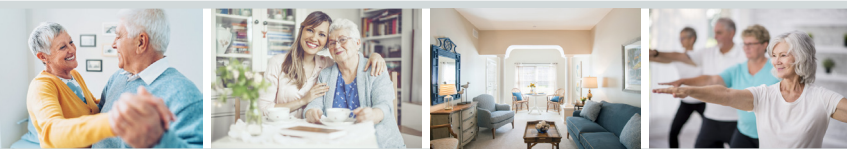
Our decorating committee outdid themselves again this year with the beautiful holiday décor throughout the building.

So much gratitude to the Ridgefield Nightingales and Ridgefield Theater Barn's Glee singers led by Miss Anya, as well as our wonderful pianists, Andy Jawlik and Michelle Scheffel. You spread cheer with your beautiful music and were a fun addition to our Holiday Parties.

A big "thank you" to our incredibly generous sponsors as well as all the volunteers, especially Angie Capocci, Steve Shomstein, Moe Ahmadi, and Martha Rajaratnam, who helped make our Holiday Parties run so smoothly.



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