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A Message from Grace:

Summer is one of my favorite times of year here at Founders Hall and that's because it's time for our annual Independence Day picnic. Featuring classic old fashioned barbeque and live music from Billy Michael and Guests, it is sure to be a great way to celebrate America's birthday.

We also have a Honey tasting this month and if you haven't attended one of our tastings, this will be one you won't want to miss. We'll sample local honey and find out what each pairs best with.

Check out our special section of Founders Forum every month to see a highlight celebrating 20 years. This month we're featuring the evolution of our social events. What item did we ask our original members to donate that we still use today? Read to find out!

HIGHLIGHTS

- JULY 1 INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC
SPONSORED BY FAIRFIELD COUNTY BANK, MEALS ON WHEELS OF RIDGEFIELD, RIDGEFIELD CROSSINGS, AND RIGHT AT HOME.
- JULY 4 CLOSED, INDEPENDENCE DAY
- JULY 8 HONEY TASTING
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- JULY 14 BOOK DISCUSSION: THE SECRET CHORD BY GERALDINE BROOKS
- JULY 15 UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERIES OF CRYPTOCURRENCY AND THE COMING DIGITAL WORLD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEMINAR SERIES: John Patrick
Unravelling the Mysteries of Cryptocurrency
and the Coming Digital World
JULY 15 at 1:00**

Have you been wondering about Bitcoin? How about cryptocurrencies and NFTs? Are they for real? Come to hear former Founders Hall board member and longtime Ridgefield resident John Patrick break it all down for us. In the past, John has enlightened us about the Internet, the future of healthcare, mobile voting, home automation, robots, and artificial intelligence. Don't miss his next visit with us and learn about what he believes will be a future of digital money and more.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY
PICNIC
JULY 1**

Join us at this classic backyard barbeque featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, Grace's famous baked beans, cake, and fruit. Come for the food, stay for the fun. Call the Front Desk ASAP to check for space.

**HONEY TASTING
JULY 8 at 2:00**

Calling all foodies! Sample different types of honey (from different flowers) and the corresponding dishes that incorporate them at this fun, social gathering.



MEDITATION IN DAILY LIFE

Peter Bancel will hold a workshop on Fridays at 10:30am beginning July 8.

How can we care for the mind, and explore all that it can offer to our well-being? Meditation and the practice of mindfulness is an ancient, yet simple approach to maintaining a strong and healthy mind. Among its benefits are the sense of well-being it brings to our lives, and the cultivation of the best that mind can offer us, such as cheerfulness and appreciation, or acuity and insight.

This drop-in workshop will offer a chance to practice meditation with Peter.

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2002-2022: Founders Hall 20th Anniversary Spotlight

The social events calendar is pretty exciting here at Founders Hall these days. The expected teas and tastings follow an enjoyable pattern which members have come to love. Some themes are so popular we can't imagine a year without them, like the Books of Summer and fashion teas. But what about when Founders first opened its doors? Were the events the same?

“Founders Hall’s social events have been an evolution,” said Grace Weber, Director. “It’s been a growing process from each year to the next to figure out what we loved and what just wasn’t working.”

For instance, did you know that each member was asked to donate a teacup so that the cupboard was stocked for the tea parties with beautiful cups and saucers?

And the Fall Semester course book from 2003 lists monthly social teas but instead of a theme, it’s a generalized “Join us in the living room/library for concerts, games, storytelling, slide shows, etc. followed by tea and a sweet treat.”

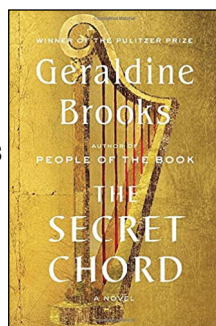
The crowd favorite Ice Cream Sundae Tea goes back 20 years, however, 2003’s Share a Wedding Memory tea was a one time occurrence.

The social events are pretty special and we hope to see you at one soon!



**BOOK
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The Secret Chord
by Geraldine Brooks
JULY 14 at 3:00**

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