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A Message from Grace:

Welcome to the September issue of Founders Forum! We're thrilled to introduce Jessica Mancini, our new Communications Manager. If her name rings a bell, it's because Jessica and her family have been part of the Ridgefield community for generations. We are excited to have her on board.

As we gear up for the start of our Fall Semester the week of September 16th, we're energized about all the fun and engaging programs we have lined up for you.

Be sure to flip through this issue of Founders Forum and discover the special programs coming your way in September.

Here's to a season filled with learning, connection, and community.

Enjoy the read!

HIGHLIGHTS

- SEPT 2ND FOUNDERS HALL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- SEPT 6TH FASHION SHOW
SPONSORED BY RVNAHEALTH
- SEPT 12TH BOOK DISCUSSION: THE DUTCH HOUSE
- SEPT 14TH BIG BAND BIG NIGHT GALA
- SEPT 16TH FALL SEMESTER BEGINS
- SEPT 18TH EAT TOGETHER LUNCH
- SEPT 20TH PERFORMANCE: BROADWAY MUSICALS DUETS
- SEPT 24TH SEMINAR: 60 YEARS OF ART AT THE ALDRICH
- SEPT 27TH SEMINAR: RISE OF THE BLUES
- OCT 8TH SEMINAR: NAVIGATING SENIOR CARE 101

EVENTS

SEMINAR:

**How To Get There From Here,
Navigating Senior Care 101
Presented by Oasis Senior Advisors
Friday, October 8th 1pm**

An overview of the entire care continuum from in home through nursing home. What are the best practices, what are the resources available, what do things cost and how do people pay for it?

PERFORMANCE:

**Broadway Musicals Duets
Friday, September 20th 3:00pm**

Join us for an enchanting afternoon as Charlotte Gray and Bradan Janso, two talented teens, take the stage at Founders Hall. These long-time voice students of "Miss Anya" (Anya Caravella, local performer, off-Broadway actress, and creator of the beloved Glee Club), have dazzled audiences with many captivating performances. Their repertoire will feature beloved songs from Broadway's most cherished musicals, promising a delightful experience for all.



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Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

EVENTS

**SEMINAR:
60 Years of Art at the Aldrich
Presented by Cybele Maylone
Tuesday, September 24th 1:00pm**

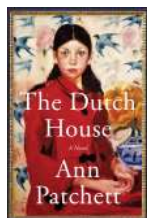
Join Executive Director Cybele Maylone to learn about the history of the Museum and its six decades of exhibitions and programming in Ridgefield. In addition, hear about the plans for the Museum's newly renovated Sculpture Garden and campus, which will open in late fall 2024.

**SEMINAR:
Rise Of The Blues
Presented by Dr. Peter Muir
Friday, September 27th 1:00pm**

A lecture recital that traces blues from its beginnings in the African American subculture in the early 1900s through its triumphant emergence in the mainstream over the next twenty years. This revelatory program offers works from the obscure to the famous, and deep insights into the development of this most important and influential of genres.

HAPPENINGS

**BOOK DISCUSSION:
The Dutch House, by Ann Patchett
Thursday, September 12th, 3-4:30pm**



Join us for this discussion facilitated by staff members of the Ridgefield Library.

**EAT LUNCH TOGETHER:
Wednesday, September 18th
12:00-1:00pm**



Bring your own lunch and we will provide sweets.

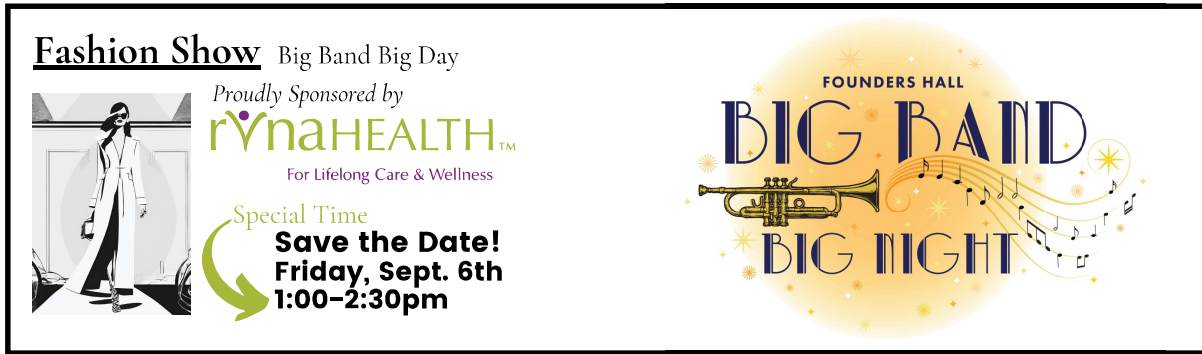
September at the Movies

Fri., 9/13 at 2:00pm *The Guernsey Literary Society* (2018) 2hr 4mins ~PG
Lily James, Michiel Huisman, Glen Powell, Jessica Brown

Fri., 9/20 at 2:30pm *Woman in Gold* (2015) 1hr 51mins ~PG13
Helen Mirren, Maria Altmann, Ryan Reynolds

Fri., 9/27 at 2:30pm *The Proposal* (2009) 1hr 48mins ~PG13
Sandra Bullock · Ryan Reynolds · Mary Steenburgen

HAPPENINGS



Fashion Show Big Band Big Day
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rYnaHEALTH™
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Special Time
Save the Date!
Friday, Sept. 6th
1:00-2:30pm

FOUNDERS HALL
BIG BAND
BIG NIGHT

Get ready for a Founders Friday of fashion and fun as our very own Founders Hall members walk down the runway in our upcoming Fashion Show! No need to register, just drop by.

They'll be showcasing the stunning styles of Elegant Ridgefield, all while channeling the vibrant spirit of our "Big Band Big Day" theme. As you enjoy delicious tea and cookies, you'll be tapping your toes to the lively sounds of swing music, setting the perfect mood for the festivities to come.

This event is more than just a fashion show—it's a celebration that ties perfectly into our upcoming "Big Band Big Night" Gala on Saturday, September 14th at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury.

Grab your tickets now to support the donor-driven mission of Founders Hall. The evening kicks off at 6 pm with a social hour, followed by a delightful dinner and a chance to dance the night away to the tunes of the Norm Hathaway Band. We will be honoring Board Member and longtime supporter Rudy Ruggles, who will receive the prestigious Pillar of Founders Hall Award for his unwavering commitment and leadership that have strengthened our community in countless ways.

If you have questions or would like to speak in greater detail, please contact Stephanie Campbell at 203.431.7000 or Stephanie@founders-hall.org.

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Welcome!

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(as of August 16th)

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Noah Bronkesh	Tony Gregoras	Peter Simon
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REMINDERS

Well-being Guidelines

Our goal is to keep Founders Hall members, instructors and staff healthy while gathering in-person and enjoying each other's company.

1. If you don't feel well, please stay home.
2. If you test positive for Covid, please inform Grace immediately.

Respecting Shared Spaces: Cell Phone Etiquette

1. Let's keep Founders Hall an environment for everyone. Please remember to silence your cell phones during class and step outside to take a call.
2. For your privacy and to respect others' space, please avoid taking calls on speakerphone.

A big thank you for adhering to the above reminders. You are helping to maintain a respectful and healthy environment for everyone. We appreciate you!

Don't forget! Most of our Fall Semester classes begin the week of September 16th. We can't wait to bring on this season with you.

Happy Fall!