

# Friends

of the Milford  
Town Library



## Spring 2017 Upcoming Programs and Events

Free and open to the public (unless otherwise stated), programs and events are held downstairs in the Library's Granite and Quarry Rooms.

### Karen Antonowicz – The Fashions of Downton Abbey Saturday, March 11 at 1p.m.

Are you a fan of Downton Abbey? Would you love to know more about the fashions of the period? If so, join us for an informative presentation about the lives and fashions of the residents of Downton Abbey. Travel with us through time while we explore the styles of 1912, represented in Season One of Downton Abbey, through the 1920s, when major changes occurred both in fashion and in society. Immerse yourself in Downton Abbey, as we explore all of the changing fashions of this intriguing period.



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This program is presented by Karen (Ren) Antonowicz, an expert in the field of Historic Costume and Textiles.

### The Moonlighters – an Evening of Celtic Music Thursday, March 23 at 7p.m.



The Moonlighters is a vibrant traditional group which focuses on the music of the South West of Ireland. For their first album, *On the Quiet*, the band returned to their roots with a unique approach which brings a new fire to the hearth of Irish Music. Their music is both a tribute to tradition and a celebration of discovery.

The boys, founding member Eoin McQuinn (bodhran, guitar, vocals), a native of Castleisland, County Kerry and Limerick born musician Frank Woulfe (concertina), will play a selection of *polkas and slides* which are native to County Kerry, a selection of *jigs and reels* that can be heard throughout the length and breadth of Ireland, and a few select songs (some in the Irish language) that best express the sentiment of The Moonlighters.



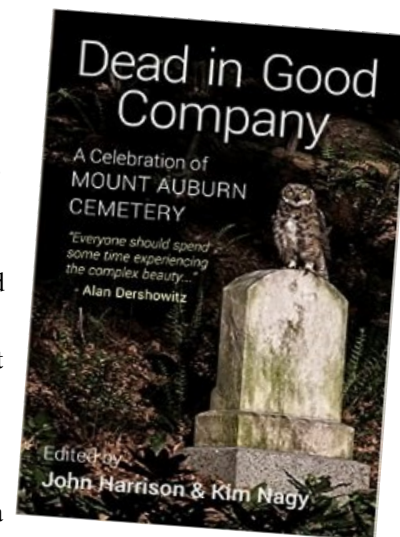
### John Harrison & Kim Nagy – Dead in Good Company: A Celebration of Mount Auburn Cemetery Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

*Dead in Good Company: A Celebration of Mount Auburn Cemetery* is a compelling collection of essays, poems and wildlife photographs of Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts by some of today's most important literary and celebrated public figures.

Sweet Auburn, as Mount Auburn Cemetery is affectionately known, is renowned as the final resting place for American luminaries including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Fannie Farmer, and Charles Sumner. But as America's first garden cemetery, it is also a brief home for migrating birds every spring and fall.

With a slide show presentation, John Harrison and Kim Nagy, co-editors of the book, will walk us through the cemetery and observe the wildlife and visit the deceased.

Harrison and Nagy will be joined by Sandra Lee, a true crime and mystery writer and investigative journalist, who contributed an essay to the book entitled *Heaven's Playground*.



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**WINGMASTERS –  
North American Birds of Prey**

**Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.**

Birds of prey are also known as raptors, and they are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons (the word raptor comes from a Latin word that means “to seize”). Raptors can also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom.

Raptors include hawks, falcons and owls, and this presentation, which incorporates 5 live birds of prey, gives an overview of these different categories. *North American Birds of Prey* is designed to explain predation, the birds’ place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. Because many birds of prey are declining in number, this presentation also features one or more of the endangered raptors that WINGMASTERS cares for, and explains why these species face an uncertain future.

Program made possible through a generous donation by the Bright Insurance Agency of Milford.

**Spring Book Sale**

**Members only sale:**  
Friday, April 28 from 4 to 7 p.m.

**Public sale:** Saturday, April 29  
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



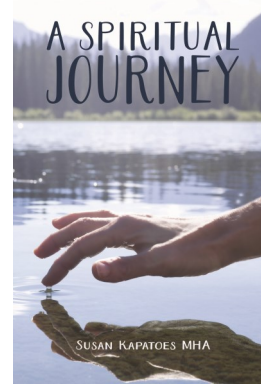
**Susan Kapatoes –  
A Spiritual Journey**

**Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.**

Embrace the infinite power of love, the beauty of everyday friendships, and the magnificence of this journey that we call life. This book, by local author Susan Kapatoes, is about unexplainable events and unforgettable memories.

But most of all, it is about moments – those important flashes of time that give purposeful meaning to our lives. Kapatoes has shared some of these moments because she wants you to know: That we are all powerful beings with the ability to use our inner wisdom for the benefit of humankind.

*A Spiritual Journey* empowers each of us to take positive action by using the tools we have inside: Sincerity, Joy, Awareness and Knowledge.



**Chuck Arning – “Nothing Moved  
Faster than a Horse” ...The Need  
to Move Goods: Creating the Canals**

**Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.**

Commerce and trade depend on access. The ability to move goods and services quickly between customers, businesses and governments was and is essential to growing a nation. Yet in 1800, nothing moved faster than a horse, and for most people, nothing ever would. To understand the significance of building a transportation system for a growing



nation, join Ranger Chuck Arning, of the John H. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, for a talk and slide show presentation about the role of the Blackstone Canal in shaping America’s transportation system.

**Kim Larkin – A Pleasant Pairing:  
Tea, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting**

**Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m.**

Join Kim Larkin as we explore the interesting histories of Tea and Chocolate. Hear all about the health benefits of both and learn a bit about the reverent tea ceremony. Lovely antique teapots and lace will be on



display as well as our tasty tea, unique cheese and chocolate samplings, which round out this fun and educational program.

Ms. Larkin is the owner and chocolatier of Klassic Kreations Gourmet, a commercially licensed chocolate company located in Connecticut.

Entrance to this event is by advanced sign-up only and the audience will be limited to 45. A \$5.00 donation is also required, payable at the door. Sign-up will begin on Monday, May 1. Please send an e-mail to: [friendsmilfordtownlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsmilfordtownlibrary@yahoo.com), or call the Milford Town Library’s Reference Desk at 508-473-2145 x2 with your contact information.