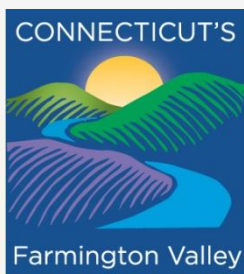


Season's Greetings from FVVA !

We hope your Holidays are filled with fun, family, friends, fabulous food, and everything you wish for!

January 2017



Farmington Valley
Visitors Association

33 East Main Street PO Box
1491 Avon, CT 06001

860-676-8878

The Avon Library will now be open on Sundays. Their hours are 1-5pm. For more information, call 673-9712.

The Farmington Valley Arts Center announces their Winter Classes for 2017. Visit www.artsfvac.org for details!

**Additional
Simsbury Public Library's
January Schedule**

658-7663 x 2200 or
www.simsburylibrary.info

THERE'S STILL TIME TO BUY that special Christmas or Chanukah gift! Just visit a FVVA member for last minute "Deals & Steals!"

If you haven't made your **New Year's Eve plans**, there's no time to waste! Check out our lodgings, restaurants, grocery & specialty food stores for reservations, catered meals or all the fixings; and don't forget our entertainment venues. You'll find the right way to make unforgettable memories as you usher in 2017!

FROM OUR FVVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS and families, we wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season, and a successful 2017!

With your support and commitment to FVVA in 2016, we were able to enhance our promotion of the Farmington Valley as a great place to live, work, and visit. We've increased your visibility, showcased your events and news, helped you with events and promotions, worked with our towns and their events, and much more.

Exciting things are planned for 2017 including: more events, Vendor Fairs, the completion of our new website, and the launch of a mobile app! Keep "TUNED" to the newsletter and e-blasts for details!

As you know, FVVA does not receive State or Federal Funding. We exist on membership dues and fundraising efforts. We rely on your financial support in the form of yearly dues to continue to promote you and our 8 valley towns. We hope you will remain a member in 2017, and help us continue to expand our ability to promote your business to residents, individuals/families and businesses wishing to relocate to the valley, and visitors.

You can count on us to help you in any way we can, so 2017 will be a GREAT YEAR. We also encourage you to become more involved. Join a committee, help us plan events, become a costumed volunteer and help us celebrate Haunted Miniature Golf's 10th Anniversary. JUST GIVE US A CALL !

To begin 2017 with a bang, we're continuing our "**SWEETHEART DEAL!**"

Dues invoices will be sent the beginning of January. We're offering you a 10% Early Bird discount If you pay your 2017 dues by Valentine's Day

5,12,19,26 2-2:30 or 2:30-3: New Year, New Device: One-on-One help with your electronic devices

9 11:45-1:30pm: Coloring in the Cafe for Adults

9 6:30-8:30pm: Photography Series: Flash Part 1-the Other Light

12 7-8:30pm

Adult Book Discussion Group: Long Day's Journey into Night

13 11:45-12:45: Free Blood Pressure Screening

13, 27 10:30-11:30: Sit & Stitch Needlework Group

17,24,31 1-2pm or 7-8pm: the 7 Things to Know about Personal Finance Series

Join Our Mailing List!

(Feb. 14th). You can pay by check, or on our website through PayPal.

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

Livingston Balloon Company
70 West Street Simsbury 651-1100

e: crballoon@att.net www.livingstonballooncompany.com

Say Hi to Clyde

Livingston Balloon Company was founded in 1986 by owner/pilot Clyde Livingston. The company is based in Simsbury, and provides hot-air balloon flights in both Farmington and the Litchfield Valley.

Livingston Balloon Company offers charter hot-air balloon rides as well as custom tether balloon rides for your special occasion or corporate function, pilot training and promotions.

See Connecticut in a very unique way- while drifting over grand and beautiful landscape!

JANUARY EVENTS

- 6 Art At The 1820, featuring artist Mark Meyer, Simsbury 1820 House, Simsbury, 5:30-7:00 free opening Reception, call 658-7658
- 6 Friday Flicks: The Good Girl, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 1-3pm, 658-7663
- 7 Nature's Secrets - Just Sleeping Winter Away, Winding Trails, Farmington, pre-registration, 674-4227
- 7,14,21 Prime Time (K-3): Inventions, Talcott Mountain Science Center, Avon, 9am-3pm: 1/7: Bizarre Real Estate; 1/14: Tinkering Time; 1/21: Roller Coasters, registration & fees, 677-8571 or www.tmsc.org/inventions
- 7,14,21,28 Shakespeare for Kids Workshop, Farmington Valley Stage Company, Canton, 1-3pm, registration and fees, www.fvstage.org
- 8 Nature's Secrets - Wood Ducks at Winding Trails, Winding Trails, Farmington, pre-registration, 674-4227
- 8 Preserve your books, photographs & manuscripts, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 2-3:30pm, registration, 658-7663
- 8 Sundays at Three - a Concert Series featuring legendary Jazz Pianist Donn Trenner, Avon Public Library, Avon, 3pm, doors open at 2:30, 673-9712
- 12 Under the "Wolf" Moon - family night hike, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 7:30-8:45pm, \$5 members, \$7 non-members, pre-registration, 693-0263
- 13,14,20,21 RAW, an "emotional" musical revue, Farmington Valley Stage Company, Canton, 8pm, tickets: online \$20 adults, \$18 students & Seniors; door \$22 adults, \$20 students & Seniors, www.fvstage.org
- 12 Preservation Tour, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, 3pm, \$12 person, 522-9258 x 317 or in advance: www.harrietbeecherstowe.org

- 12 Meet author Heather Atwood - *In Cod we Trust: From Sea to Shore, The Celebrated Cuisine of Coastal Massachusetts*, Simsbury Library, with a dish made by Metro Bus, 3-4pm, reservations, 658-7663
- 13 Friday Flicks - *The Good Thief*, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 1-3pm, 658-7663
- 14 "Come Walk in My Shoes," Discussion and film screening, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 1-2:30pm, 658-7663
- 16 Snow Much Fun! Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 10am-4pm. Guided hikes at 11am & 2pm, crafts all day, museum admission, 693-0263
- 16 Open House - Martin Luther King Day, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, 9:30am-5pm, museum admission, 522-9258 x 317
- 17 Armchair Traveler Series - Be Transported - Egypt, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 1-2:30pm, reservations, 658-7663
- 18 Farmington's EDC Business Breakfast featuring Kevin Dillon, CEO of the CT Airport Authority, The Farmington Club, Farmington, free, registration, 675-2395
- 20 Friday Flicks - *A Good Year*, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 1-3pm, 658-7663
- 20 Friends Coffeehouse with classical guitarist, Jacelyn Jones, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, reservations required, 658-7663
- 21 C.A.R.E. Ice Fishing Class & practice, Winding Trails, Farmington, 8:30am-3pm, bring lunch, registration by January 16th; www.windingtrails.com
- 22 Jazz with Mike Casey, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 3-4pm, registration, 658-7663
- 23 The Stars of Middle Earth - J.R.R. Tolkien's *Tumultuous Love Affair* with Astronomy, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 6:30-8pm, registration, 658-7663
- 27 Friday Flicks-*The Good Lie*, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 1-3pm, 658-7663
- 28 Understanding Queen Victoria- a Victorian tea with costumed characters, Simsbury Historical Society, Simsbury, 1-3:30pm, \$15, 658-2500
- 29 Groundhog Day Hike, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, 1:30-3pm, \$6 adults, \$4 children, members 1/2 price, 693-0263
- 30 Mark Twain & The Indians, Simsbury Library, Simsbury, 2:30-4pm, registration, 658-7663

Sincerely,

Nancy Anstey and the Farmington Valley Visitors Association