



***The Last Snow*** by Susan Grisell

This month we were thrilled to receive permission from local artist Susan Grisell to use her oil painting, ***The Last Snow***, for our January 2020 Newsletter. Maybe we were a little optimistic using a painting titled ***The Last Snow*** but we found it so beautiful that we just had to choose it for our front page. Susan had a month long exhibit of her works at the Brookfield Library in December. To learn more about Susan and see examples of her work, please read our article below.

**We would like to wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Healthy New Year!**

***Please Share with A Friend! Thanks - Tara and Monica***



In this edition of our newsletter, we will give you the highlights of some of the many events happening locally and neighboring towns. For a complete listing, please visit

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### Winter Night by Susan Grisell

Susan Grisell regards her oil paintings as a visual journal recording a time of day, an effect of light, an arrangement of objects, or a person's attitude, an impression which she hopes to communicate to the viewer. She has painted and exhibited professionally all her adult life, mostly in outdoor shows in New York and New England. Numerous awards include Best in Show in the outdoor festivals held at Washington Square, Mystic and New Milford, Connecticut, and Best in Show at Roxbury's Art in the Meetinghouse. She is a member of the Salmagundi Club in New York and the Washington Art Association, and a past member of both the Lyme and Kent Art Associations.

Susan may be contacted at: [susangrisell@gmail.com](mailto:susangrisell@gmail.com) or call 860-354-2550. Her website is [susangrisell.com](http://susangrisell.com). She is a longtime resident of Gaylordsville, CT.



### Update on Brookfield Village Phase Two

Brookfield is ringing in the new year with major advances towards the continuing development of Brookfield Town Center! The town completed Phase 2 of the Streetscape in October and in November the Brookfield Village developer cleared the remaining vacant buildings to prepare for the construction of Brookfield Village Phase Two. On Thursday, 12/14/19, a public hearing was held with the Town of Brookfield Zoning to review the site plan modifications for Brookfield Village Phase Two which includes the construction of two multi-use buildings and patio-plazas at 802 and 806 Federal Rd.

The modifications include more parking, widening the plaza, adding a second story bridge area to connect the two buildings, and adding high-end finishes and some balconies to the apartments.

The first floors of the 2 new buildings will offer approximately 15,000 square feet of retail space (7,500 sq ft per building). George Walker, the commercial real estate agent for the retail space, states "I am really excited they plan to break ground for Phase Two in the spring once all approvals have been received. This is going to be a beautiful centerpiece for Brookfield Town Center where I can envision many community events taking place in the plazas."

If the new modifications are approved, Brookfield Village Phase Two will feature two enlarged plazas. The first plaza will parallel Federal Rd and will be a patio area 26 feet wide and 160 feet long. The second plaza will be located between the two buildings and will be 40 feet wide and 180 feet long. The plazas will allow restaurants to provide

substantial outdoor patio dining, a must have for many restaurateurs. George added that he already has a signed lease with an upscale Asian restaurant. "Have you ever had the option to dine outdoors at an Asian restaurant?" George asked us with a big grin.

George is looking to lease the remaining space to a mix of restaurants, personal services such as spas and salons, and a mix of retail shops. A café is expected to sign a lease in one of the new buildings.

The two new buildings will also include a combined 40 upscale market rate apartments featuring high ceilings, granite countertops, and high-end fixtures. Unlike Phase One which included some affordable housing, all 40 of the apartments in Phase Two will be market rate residential units.

Phase Two will now also include the demolition of the old brick Post Office building on Station Rd and will be replaced with a parking lot for over 40 cars. Phase Three is currently in the pre-planning design phase but will include market rate residential buildings, not affordable housing.

George stated that if all goes well, ground breaking will begin in the spring and the buildings will be completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021. Meanwhile the town plans to bid out Streetscape Phase 3 in late 2020. This year will certainly be an exciting time of positive change and progress in Brookfield Town Center! First Selectman Steve Dunn summarizes it best. "Brookfield Village Phase Two will replace an old and run down set of buildings with two new mixed use buildings and improve the downtown with more shopping, an Asian fusion restaurant and other shops that our residents can enjoy. The apartments will be market rate upscale."

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*Advice for Living*  
Kerri Columbo

Happy New Year!

Want to get organized, healthy or save money in 2020?

Do you dream of learning a new language or connecting more with friends and family?

What's important to you?

Make your dream a reality with a little planning and setting a SMART Goal for yourself –

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant (to your personal goals and priorities) and Time Sensitive.

Goal Examples:

- I will sort, categorize and organize select clothes of mine that serve me, and donate the rest by the last day of winter, March 19, 2020.
- I will sort and reconcile store receipts with credit card bills each weekend by 7pm Saturday.
- I will drink 64 ounces of water a day; plan, prepare and travel with nutrient rich calorie conscious meals, snacks and treats; and will follow a comprehensive exercise plan and lose 15 pounds by March 30, 2020.
- I will use the Duolingo app 10 minutes a day and learn communicative Spanish by June 30, 2020.
- I will review my annual calendar and select one afternoon or evening each month to invite friends to our home.
- I will save at least \$1500 by March 25, 2020 by making coffee, refilling my reusable water bottle and making meals at home.

Got the idea?

Once you set your SMART goal, determine the exact daily and weekly habits you will adopt to attain the goal.

Since this is a goal you have selected for yourself and are excited to achieve, approach your new habits with open curiosity and understanding that simple changes held consistently will result in achieving your goal!

You got this!

Do you have a question about how to simplify your life? Are you unsure how to start downsizing for a move, or organizing part of your home? Email your question to: [AskKerri@gmail.com](mailto:AskKerri@gmail.com). Perhaps you will see your question answered in her column!

Kerri Colombo, Motivator, Speaker, Simplifier, Organizer

*Kerri Colombo is passionate about motivating people to simplify life by reducing clutter and creating streamlined organization systems that support your lifestyle & free up time to do what you love. Kerri works with private clients; she is also a speaker and educator. She became the Expert Organizer on the national TV series, TLC's Hoarding: Buried Alive and has appeared on Better Connecticut and FOX Connecticut News. She is also the recommended Organizer by Hartford Hospital's esteemed Institute of Living: Anxiety Disorders Center. For more information or to schedule a private organizing appointment or public speaking engagement, please visit [www.CornerstoneOrganizing.org](http://www.CornerstoneOrganizing.org).*



**The Shepaug eagle viewing site is open for its 34th season December 18th, 2019 through March 8th, 2020 from 9:00 until 1:00 Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.**

The Shepaug Dam, on the Housatonic River in Southbury, holds a special appeal to the wintering birds because the hydroelectric station's operation prevents water from freezing, making it easy to feed on fish below the dam. Since it opened in 1985, the Shepaug Eagle Observation Area has hosted nearly 140,000 visitors to observe the eagles and view exhibits. The program is managed by volunteers from the Connecticut Audubon.

Visitors gather in a blind with spotting scopes set up to provide excellent viewing. Volunteers can assist viewers, provide

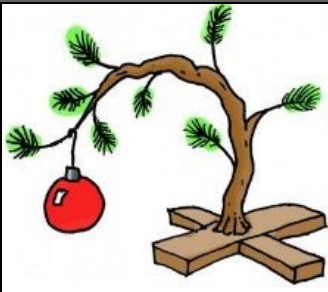
information and answer questions. Individuals and school groups are welcome.

Possibly the largest concentration of wintering eagles in New England can be seen perching, fishing or flying at this site on the Housatonic River. In past years visitors have witnessed as many as 20 or more eagles in a single day, not to mention a variety of other birds including red-tail hawks, sharp-shinned hawks, goshawks, great blue herons, and various waterfowl.

During the viewing season, admission is [free](#) but reservations are required. This year reservations may be made [on line](#) by clicking the Book Now icon below.

[BOOK NOW](#)

In the case of current or anticipated inclement weather, visitors are urged to call [1-860-895-6468](tel:1-860-895-6468) to verify whether or not the viewing area is open before arriving on the reserved viewing day. If the eagle viewing facility is closed due to inclement weather, reservations are cancelled and must be rebooked.



Troop 5 of Brookfield has begun accepting reservations for its 10th Annual Christmas Tree Pick Up service. Boy Scouts from Troop 5 will pick up Christmas Trees the first two Saturdays in January and recycle them by grinding them into mulch to be used for other projects. Brookfield residents can schedule a tree pick up by visiting the troop's website <http://www.brookfieldtroop5.org/christmas-tree-pickup.html> . There is a suggested donation amount of \$10 per tree. Donations in any amount are appreciated but not required.

Trees should be free of ornaments and left in the driveway for pick up. When making a reservation online, please select a pick up date of either Saturday January 4, 2020 or

Saturday January 11, 2020.

Troop 5 of Brookfield has begun accepting reservations for its 10th Annual Christmas Tree Pick Up service. Boy Scouts from Troop 5 will pick up

Troop 5 is comprised of 32 local boys age 11-17. Service to the community is a central part of the Scouting program and Troop 5 Scouts participate in service projects throughout the year including Fall clean up, trail clean up, Memorial Day flag placement at local cemeteries and more. Donations collected from Christmas tree pick-ups assist the troop in purchasing needed supplies to run the program as well as assist Scouts in paying for valuable summer camp experiences. Last year 220 trees were collected and recycled. The troop hopes to exceed that number this year.



## The Brookfield Library



### ***"Painting with Fabric: quilts that look like painting"***

See the spectacular and intricate art quilts in the January exhibit by Avon textile artist Judy Ross. Her exhibit of colorful quilts will be on exhibit from January 3 – January 31 at The Brookfield Library Art Gallery. You will have an opportunity to meet the artist for one day only, Sunday, January 12, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Ms. Ross's quilt-scapes are of land, sea and air and are realistically stylized, close-up views from her unique perspective. She has exhibited in numerous galleries and shows throughout Connecticut as well as nationally and internationally. One of her quilts was featured in a 2014 book "Dare to Dance" by Mary Kerr. Inspired by her environment, Ms. Ross combines color, texture and dimension to create something beautiful.

For more information about this event, click [here](#).

### Animal Tracking In Winter – Bent Of The River Audubon

The tracks of an animal can tell us much about its life. Join Morgan Evans, Bent of the River Center Manager, and learn about animal signs and follow the tracks of birds, foxes, coyote, and, deer as well as other mammals. Winter is the perfect time to learn about the mammals that roam the fields and forests of Connecticut.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - Please email [Kathleen.Pratt@audubon.org](mailto:Kathleen.Pratt@audubon.org)



### Winter Ecology Walk & Talk - Hosted by Great Hollow Nature Preserve in New Fairfield

Did you know that when animals hibernate, they don't really "sleep" through the winter? Join our naturalist, John Foley, for a winter ecology hike through Great Hollow where we'll learn how specially adapted plants and animals survive the winter. John will also share some tips on how to identify some of our trees and other plants when they have no leaves. If there's snow on the ground, we'll look for animal tracks and interpret the animal's behavior at the time they were left. Don't forget to bring binoculars if you have some so you can look for wintering birds along the way. Please dress warmly and wear proper footwear for hiking. Please, no dogs. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. Free for members; a suggested donation of \$5/person for non-members is greatly appreciated. Please sign up in advance by emailing John at [jfoley@greathollow.org](mailto:jfoley@greathollow.org).

## BROOKFIELD NEWS

Did you know that Brookfield Public Works on Grays Bridge Rd. supplies free salt and/or sand to Brookfield residents? Just bring your own bucket and shovel! Keep in mind this is not for commercial use.



## On the Calendar

### Parents Support Group

**January 6 from 7:00 to 8:30**

The Network is a family-driven, parent-led Network that will provide parents who are concerned about their child's mental health and well-being with the opportunity to give and receive valuable peer connection. For more information, click [here](#).

### Dementia Caregiving Basic Training - A Six Session Series

**January 16, 2020 - February 20, 2020 from 11am - 12pm**

Maplewood at Stony Hill is hosting a series of events to provide at home caregivers the tools they need to handle overwhelming situations. The six session series occurs on Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and is open to the public. Lunch will be provided as well. Over the course of the six week, Maplewood experts will provide important information, planning tools, and practical strategies.

### **Movies at the Library**

#### **Blinded by the Light: Saturday, January 4 at 1:00 p.m.**

Javed, a British teen of Pakistani descent, is growing up in England in 1987. Amidst the racial and economic turmoil of the times, he writes poetry as a means to escape the intolerance of his hometown and the inflexibility of his traditional father. But when he is introduced to the music of "the Boss," Javed sees parallels to his working-class life in Springsteen's powerful lyrics.

#### **"Judy" Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

Starring Renee Zellweger. Thirty years after rising to global stardom in *The Wizard of Oz*, showbiz legend Judy Garland arrives in London to perform a five week, sold-out run at the Talk of the Town. While preparing for the shows, Garland battles with management, reminisces with friends and adoring fans, and embarks on a whirlwind romance with soon-to-be fifth husband Mickey Deans, all while bravely struggling to overcome intensifying anxiety and physical decline. Free showing, popcorn & soda.

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### **Bethel Farmers Market- First Market of 2020**

#### **January 18th at 9:00 to 12:00**

Join us for the first market of the year and decade! We will be holding the market once a month during the winter season so come visit us!

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### **15th Annual Teddy Bear Sleepover!**

#### **January 31 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

Ages 4 & up; Registration required

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and come to our festival of teddy bear activities. There will be games, crafts, stories and more. The stuffed animals will stay at the library overnight! What kind of mischief will they get into? Find out Saturday morning! Stuffed Animal pick-up will be *Saturday, February 1 at 9:00 a.m.*

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### **Winterfest 2020**

#### **Saturday, February 1 from 10:00 to 3:00**

DEEP's annual FREE family Winter Festival provides fun for the entire family with many exciting and fun winter activities taking place from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Children and adults can spend time together outdoors and try ice fishing (ice dependent), or snowshoeing, go on a hike, play winter games, and view a host of demonstrations from LL Bean, Resources in Search and Rescue (rescue dogs), and more. Families may also gather around fire pits for a good old-fashioned marshmallow roast and enjoy story-time by the bonfire. Event is held at Burr Pond State Park in Torrington, CT.

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