

MILE SPRING 2022 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Programs will be presented on ZOOM this Spring. You will receive weekly emails regarding the programs and any changes in the schedule as well as the ZOOM address.

March – Week 1

Tuesday, March 1 – A Little Bit O’Erin Performance

Join us and enjoy tales and tunes of the Emerald Isle! Tom Callinan draws on his ethnic heritage, three summers in Ireland, and over 45 years as a performing member with The Morgans, Connecticut’s Premier Irish Band. He has an extensive repertoire of folksongs, stories, and popular songs and tunes from a variety of times and places on both sides of the Atlantic. He uses his considerable musical talents to enchant his audiences with tales and tunes of the Emerald Island. Included in the program is material that reflects the whole range of human emotions, from the cradle to the grave: work songs, play songs, youth and old age, courtship and marriage, migration, famine, nationalism. A wonderful musical experience, from a lump in your heart, tears in your eyes, to hands clapping and toes tapping!

Presenter: Tom Callinan earned a BS in Secondary Education English/Music from CCSU and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies at Wesleyan University. Tom was Connecticut’s first official State Troubadour.

Wednesday March 2 — Women in Jazz

This presentation, covering the time period of 1929-1968, is a fascinating look at woman in jazz. Women have been involved in jazz since the early 1920’s, not just as vocalists, but as instrumentalists, composers and arrangers. An understanding of jazz would not be complete without highlighting the influence and contributions of women such as Bessie Smith, Valaida Snow, Mildred Bailey, Mary Lou Williams, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughn. The lecture will include a performance by Galen followed by a 60-minute PowerPoint presentation with music samples. It will conclude with a Q&A.

Presenter: Galen Abdur-Razzaq studied at the Berklee College of Music and earned a Master’s in Education from Rutgers University. For more than 30 years, he has performed and spoken to college and university students across the country. Galen is an educator, arranger, composer, and director.

Thursday, March 3 – *This Was Toscanini: The Maestro, My Father and Me* -Remembering the Musical Genius of Legendary Conductor Arturo Toscanini

This program will feature the co-author of *This Was Toscanini: The Maestro, My Father and Me* with an author talk, slides and video, remembering the musical genius of legendary conductor Arturo Toscanini and concluding with a Q&A.

Presenter: Lucy Antek Johnson, daughter of Samuel Antek, was born and raised in New York City. After studying music, fine art, and ballet, she was drawn to the world of television production and spent her entire career in the entertainment industry, working with such producers as Martin Charnin, Harry Belafonte, David Susskind, and Roone Arledge. When she moved to Los Angeles in 1978, she produced movies for television, then joined the ranks of NBC as a network executive. She soon worked her way up to senior vice president of daytime and children’s programs for CBS, a position she held for fourteen years. **Samuel Antek**, now deceased, contributed to this memoir within a memoir and was the first violinist in Toscanini’s orchestra. In 1937, he was selected to become a first violinist for the NBC Symphony, an orchestra specially created by RCA for the legendary conductor Arturo Toscanini. He was a

member of the orchestra for all of its seventeen years, from 1937 to 1954. With the support and encouragement of the Maestro, and the guidance of conductor Pierre Monteux, Antek was able to launch his own career as a conductor.

March — Week 2

Tuesday, March 8 – Wolfram von Eschenbach’s *Parzival*

If you enjoy the tales of King Arthur and the Holy Grail, this presentation is for you! One of the great epics of the High Middle Ages, it not only features the inevitable damsels in distress and chivalrous knights charging to their rescue, but also presents one of the great heroes of the Arthurian and Grail cycle in a unique way. The growth and transformation of Parzival (Percival) ,from ignorant fool to model Christian knight worthy of becoming the King of the Grail, is used by Wolfram as a critique of the warrior knight so dominant in chivalric epics. And in a curious twist, the author treats the issue of religious and racial tolerance in a unique and surprising fashion. And all that is firmly set in a framework of Christian sin and redemption. **Presenter: Herbert Arnold** has a Doctorate in Philosophy from Wurzburg, Germany and taught at Wesleyan University from 1963-2006.

Wednesday March 9 – Money Matters: Demystifying Personal Finance and Investing

Whether you want to brush up on your investing skills or improve your financial knowledge this presentation will help you. Magdalena “Maggie” Johndrow will address the “Buzz Words of Finance”. What is a stock/bond/mutual fund/ ETF? How do they relate to each other? Why are they important to me (“everyday investor”)? What does it mean when someone refers to “the market”? What is a market index and why is it important? There will be discussion of the different account types for investing: 401K, 403B, IRA, ROTH, brokerage. Maggie will provide a “dummy” 401K or IRA statement and show how to read the statement.

Presenter: Magdalena “Maggie” Johndrow has a BA in Economics from Providence College, and an MS in International Political Economy from London School of Economics. She has a CT Life, Health, and Accident License, is a Certified Fund Specialist® (CFS®) and is a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst® (CDFA®). Maggie is frequently featured as a knowledgeable source in outlets like Forbes, U.S. News, NPR, and Bloomberg. She was named one of Investment News Magazine’s 40 Under 40 recipients in 2018 and to the Hartford Business Journal’s 40 under 40 class in 2019. She was also recognized for 2 years in a row as a Five Star Professional in Wealth Management, an honor given to only 9-percent of Connecticut financial advisors.

Thursdays, Great Decisions 9:30 – 11:30 AM via Zoom Participation Limited to 20.

Reservation required. Contact moderator Budsielaff@sbcglobal.net

Great Decisions is a discussion forum that follows a curriculum developed by the Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org). The program is supported by the Great Decisions program materials which present basic information on each topic. Participants read the topical section for that week, then come to the sessions to discuss their various points of view with one another. Active participation is encouraged, but not required. Participants are expected to obtain program materials from FPA and to read the topic sections prior to each session. The book is available in print (\$35) and various e-book formats (est. \$25).

In an age where our political discourse has become more polarized, Great Decisions provides an excellent opportunity for open, fair, objective discussions – and helps the participants understand multiple perspectives on the topics.

We will have 5 sessions using the Great Decisions Materials and 1 open discussion on current events topics chosen by the participants. Topics and schedule are as follows:

- **March 10 – Changing demographics**
- **March 17 – Outer Space**
- **March 24 – Climate Change**
- **March 31 – Russia**
- **April 7 -- Myanmar and ASEAN**
- **April 14 -- No Session**
- **April 21 – Open Discussion**

Moderator: Bud Sielaff, a retired business executive with degrees in engineering, marketing and finance. Bud is a member of MILE and has been a moderator of the Great Decisions program since Fall 2018. He has a business strategy background, and has had extensive international travels, and closely follows world events as an interested citizen.

Thursday, March 10 – Great Decisions Discussion Forum 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Changing Demographics

Thursday, March 10-- Mummies Around the World

Mummies Around the World will take attendees on a journey of discovery into the phenomena of mummification. After establishing how data is collected from mummified remains, the presenters will describe the various types of mummies as well as the global distribution of mummies. The attendees will then learn about the oldest mummies in the world, the Chinchorro from what is now Northern Chile, who predate Egyptian mummification by about 2000 years. The presenters will then discuss Egyptian mummification and various global examples of peoples and cultures who practiced body preservation including mummies from Peru, Mexico, Turkey, crypt mummies of Europe, the Philippines, and Papua New Guinea to name a few. The topic of mummification for a purpose and revered mummies will be presented including self-mummified Buddhist Monks, Saint mummies, and philosophers. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of mummies developed for medical study and mummies made for profit. Questions and answers will follow.

Presenters: Gerald (Jerry) J. Conlogue has an MHS, ARRT, ASRT. **Ronald G. Beckett** is a PhD, Fellow in the American Association for Respiratory Care, Fulbright Scholar in Anthropology Senior Specialist Program, and National Geographic Explorer. The presenters are the co-founders and co-directors of the Bioanthropology Research Institute at Quinnipiac U in Hamden, CT. Conlogue and Beckett have researched mummies across the globe and have published many scientific articles as well as four books on the subject of mummy research. Their expertise is in the acquisition of medical imaging data from mummified remains and cultural artifacts, specifically, radiographic and endoscopic images. While much of their work has been accomplished in the field at the sites where the mummies are discovered or conserved, they have also applied advanced imaging methods such as CT scans, MRI, and XRF analysis, in an attempt to better understand past peoples and cultures.

March — Week 3

Tuesday, March 15 – Wine and Wine Making: A Journey from Vino Lover to Vintner

This presentation will appeal to the more experienced wine lover as well as the wine novice. It will provide some general knowledge about wine, a brief introduction to home winemaking for anyone interested in starting out, as well as some information about interesting wines and wineries in both the US and abroad. For instance, the presentation will include information and pictures from a trip Dr McDermott took to Croatia's 'underwater' winery where she and her husband went scuba diving to see their storage racks. Participants will learn what an "orange" wine is, the basics of winemaking, some wine-related history, and how wine varies by region.

Presenter: Dr. Karen C. P. McDermott started making wine at home about eight years ago, but she has been a wine lover for much longer. She first learned about wine by participating in the annual Connecticut Wine Trail Passport program. Since then, she has visited wineries in 17 states and 3 countries, one year visiting more than 100 wineries in a year. She has made more than 40 different kinds of wine since 2014, totaling close to 1000 bottles, and several of her wines have won gold or bronze medals at the annual Winemaker Magazine International Amateur Wine Competition. She and her mother, Chris Piantek, have also designed wine labels for Heartstone Winery in Columbia, CT.

Wednesday March 16 – Talking Trash: What's In, What's Out, How to Recycle Right

After your garbage goes out each week, do you think about it? Connecticut is facing a waste disposal crisis. Most of Connecticut's trash is disposed at one of five waste-to-energy facilities. One of the largest facilities, the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) in Hartford, which services over 50 Connecticut communities, is scheduled to close in 2022. This will significantly reduce in-state disposal capacity. As businesses and municipalities export more waste to out-of-state landfills and incinerators, costs are expected to rise significantly. This program will review the current trash situation and review what is being done to try to address the problem. Discussion will include waste reduction efforts, why recycling is important, what is acceptable and not acceptable in the recycling, and what additional programs are, or will be, available. Questions are encouraged!

Presenter: Kim O'Rourke earned a BS in Environmental Conservation, with a concentration in Communications from the University of New Hampshire. She completed coursework in Master of Public Administration, UConn and is a Certified UConn Master Composter.

Thursday, March 17 – Great Decisions Discussion Forum 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Outer Space

Thursday, March 17 - Plan Your Grand Finale, a Lighter Look at One of Life's Certainties

This presentation offers practical advice on how to leave a personal legacy. It features humorous quotes and illustrations to detract from the more serious, underlying subject matter. Participants will learn how to develop a plan to get their personal affairs in order. They will be able to discuss with loved ones what matters to them at the end of life.

Presenters: Susan Daniels, MSN, RN CHPN, Hospice Resource Nurse Coordinator

Susan has her Masters of Science in Nursing from Sacred Heart University. In her thirty years as a Registered Nurse, Susan has worked in Oncology, Telemetry, Dementia Special Care, and for the last twelve years, Hospice and Palliative Care. Her Hospice and Palliative experiences include eight years of home care case management during which she successfully assisted countless families through rewarding end of life. She has been with the Middlesex Health

System for five years, working both in the hospital and homecare to facilitate smooth transitions across the continuum of care. Her favorite part of the job is helping people to clarify their wishes at whatever stage of life they are in and assisting them in the fulfillment of their wishes.

Sherry Russenberger, GC-C, BCCC, Hospice Program Bereavement Coordinator

Sherry has been part of the Middlesex Hospice program at Middlesex Health for the past 17 years. She is currently the Bereavement Coordinator for the program, as well as a Certified Grief Counselor and board-certified Clinical Chaplain. Sherry works closely with the medical staff, patients and their families helping to support and educate them with end-of-life discussion. Through a life altering health challenge, she blends her experience and training to support those in the process of grief and bereavement in hopes of finding peace and harmony.

Diane Santostefano, MBA, EOLD, Hospice Program Volunteer Coordinator

Diane is the Hospice Program Volunteer Coordinator and an End of Life Doula. She also serves on the steering committee for the Middlesex Health Center for Mindfulness and Compassion and is the Vice President of the National End of Life Doula Alliance. Diane has a Master of Business Administration degree from UConn as well as extensive team building and leadership experience in corporate and educational organizations. She is energized by collaborating with others to empower patients and families to navigate end of life issues in a way that is most meaningful for them.

March—Week 4

Tuesday, March 22—Great Courses Presentation: Architecture of Power, Great Palaces of the Ancient World. SESSION 1 Introduction and Malkata Palace

This presentation will use videos from the Great Courses Series to showcase great palaces of the ancient world. Steven L. Tuck PhD who is a Professor of Classics and the chair of the Department of Classics at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio will be our guide. It will be viewed in three sessions

We will view an introduction and the Malkata Palace. The introduction focuses on the palaces of Saddam Hussein of which there are over one hundred. It will highlight the key components of the ancient palaces: lavish use of water, banquet halls, throne rooms, and architectural elements designed to reflect and reinforce the power of the ruler. The Malkata Palace is the palace of the Egyptian pharaoh, Amenhotep III. It is one of the oldest surviving palaces in the world and displays the earliest examples of what will be major decorative themes in later palaces.

Presenter: Nancy Rogalsky is a MILE moderator, board member and past MILE presenter.

Wednesday, March 23 – Great Courses Presentation: Architecture of Power, Great Palaces of the Ancient World. SESSION 2 Amarna and Phaistos

This presentation is Session 2 of 3, using videos from the Great Courses Series to showcase great palaces of the ancient world. Steven L. Tuck PhD who is a Professor of Classics and the chair of the Department of Classics at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio will be our guide.

We will view Amarna and Phaistos. Amarna is the palace of Amenhotep IV. Because he viewed himself as the only intercessor between humans and the sun god, Aten, this palace was designed with open spaces to allow the rays of the sun in. Phaistos is a palace of the Minoans on the island of Crete.

Presenter: Nancy Rogalsky is a MILE moderator, board member and past MILE presenter.

Thursday, March 24 – Great Decisions Discussion Forum 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Climate Change

Thursday, March 24 – Great Courses Presentation: Architecture of Power, Great Palaces of the Ancient World. SESSION 3 Greek Palaces and Assyrian Nimrud Palace

This presentation is session 3 from the Great Courses Series to showcase great palaces of the ancient world. Steven L. Tuck PhD who is a Professor of Classics and the chair of the Department of Classics at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio will be our guide.

This session will highlight Greek influenced palaces in Ai Khanoum in modern Afghanistan and the Assyrian Nimrod Palace near modern day Mosul, Iraq.

Presenter: Nancy Rogalsky is a MILE moderator, board member and past MILE presenter

March — Week 5

Tuesday, March 29 – *The Bedquilt – A Quilting Bee in our Village* (Performance)

Sit back and enjoy! Professional actress Michèle LaRue will perform these stories from America's Gilded Age and Progressive Era followed by an exchange of thoughts and opinions. This is a program of two vibrant, vintage stories that spirit us away to old-time New England, where a gaggle of townswomen—and a solitary spinster—fashion remarkable art for everyday use.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher's *The Bedquilt* reveals the suspenseful journey of an unlikely heroine: Aunt Mehetabel. Aunt Mehetabel is elderly and unmarried; she is taken for granted by her New England family although she is "clever in the way of patching bedquilts." Throughout the story, Mehetabel grows, winning admiration and finding self-respect, as she painstakingly devotes herself to realizing her ideal: "a pattern beyond which no patchwork quilt could go."

The Bedquilt, written in 1906, is introduced by the gleeful account of *A Quilting Bee in Our Village*, penned by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, eight years earlier. In Freeman's little town, good food, gossip, and games make a successful bee—sewing is just the start.

Presenter: Michèle LaRue earned a BSc in Acting, University of Kansas. She has been a professional actress since 1970. Ms. LaRue is a member of Actors' Equity Association since 1976 and subsequently a member of SAG-AFTRA. She is also a professional book and periodical writer-editor.

Wednesday March 30 – *Homegoing, A Novel by Yaa Gyasi. Eight Generations of a Ghanan Family's Journey, and the legacy of Slavery*

This presentation explores a fascinating look at how two lives diverged. Yaa Gyasi's 2016 debut novel traces the fortunes of two 18th century Ghanan half-sisters: Effia, marries a British colonist, and Esi, who is enslaved. The author follows their descendants in segregated America up through the 20th century in this award-winning book described as "a kind of time-elapsed photo of black lives in America and in the motherland," and a *Roots* for our time.

We will explore the Atlantic slave trade, British colonialism in Africa, the culture of Ghana, the legacy of slavery in the United States and the author's methods and achievements in bringing these to life.

Presenter: Thomas Piezzo holds a BA in English from SUNY Stony Brook, and a Master's in Library and Information Science from Long Island University. Tom is Director of the Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam, CT. Prior to that, he was a reference librarian and the adult

programming coordinator at the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library in Madison, CT, and a branch library manager in New York City. He has 28 years' experience as a public librarian.

Thursday, March 31 – Great Decisions Discussion Forum 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Russia

Thursday, March 31 – By Her Hand, Italian Women Artists from 1500-1800

This presentation is an overview of the exhibit which was at the Wadsworth Atheneum from the fall to Jan. 9, 2022. It focuses on Artemisia Gentileschi and other women from 1500-1800 in Italy. What were the obstacles of women in the art world? And how did these artists overcome these obstacles? What was their artwork like and how does it reflect their lives? The audience will see many of the pieces that were on view and be able to engage in appreciating and interpreting the art.

Presenter: Christi Moraga graduated from Middlebury College in 1976 and received her MA in Spanish from Middlebury's Madrid program in 1977. She taught French and Spanish in Connecticut and abroad for 36 years. In 2007, Christi was named the ACTFL Northeast World Language Teacher of the Year. While teaching at West Woods Upper Elementary School in Farmington, Connecticut, she created the popular "Taste of Languages Club" and in 2014, she initiated the "Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors" of fifth and sixth graders from Farmington and Hartford to learn strategies to stamp out bullying and racism. Since retiring in 2016, she has been very active as a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, MILE, the Alliance Française de Hartford and CT COLT. She has served for three years on the Selection Committee of the Américas Award to choose high quality stories for children with Latinx characters. She puts energy into everything she does.

April — Week 6

Tuesday, April 5 – A New Eye on the Universe: The James Webb Space Telescope

This is a very timely presentation! Learn about NASA's newest telescope, the James Webb Space Telescope, which was launched on December 25, 2021. According to NASA, 'Webb will be the largest, most powerful and complex space telescope ever built and launched into space. It will fundamentally alter our understanding of the universe'. Join CCSU astronomy professor Dr. Kristine Larsen as she highlights what makes the Webb Space Telescope unique and what NASA hopes to learn while using it.

Presenter: Dr. Kristine Larsen earned a PhD in Physics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. October 1990, she has an MS in Physics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT May 1987 and a BA in Physics, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT. December 1984, Magna Cum Laude and Honors Program graduate.

Wednesday April 6 –Car Trip to Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center at Foxwoods Casino

See Trip Registration Form.

Thursday, April 7 – Great Decisions Discussion Forum 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Myanmar and ASEAN

Thursday, April 7 – What is a Trust? And How Can One Avoid Probate?

You've heard about trusts. But what exactly are they and what do they do for you? You've heard about the different types – Revocable. Irrevocable. Special Needs. Testamentary. In a nutshell, a trust is an ownership system between 3 people –The first person who gives the second person the legal right to hold money (or other assets) for the third person who receives the money. Simple, right? Well... there's a little more to trusts than just that! In this course we'll explain how trusts are created, explain the different types of trusts, and go over who you should choose to participate. You'll walk away knowing how to use trusts to do things like avoid probate court or protect your life savings from Connecticut's high long-term care costs. Whether you are new to trusts or even understand them well, you'll walk away understanding how to use these powerful planning tools to your advantage.

Presenter: Attorney Brendan Daly is the managing partner of Czepiga Daly Pope & Perri, where he practices in the areas of elder law, estate and disability planning and estate administration. He earned a JD, Quinnipiac University School of Law and is a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA).

April — Week 7

Monday, April 11– Dental Missions of Mercy in CT and Guatemala

This program will give an overview of the impact of dental disease on our overall health. We will compare access to dental care with respect to poverty in Connecticut and Guatemala and the impact of charitable dentistry efforts on both populations. Heim participates annually in a one-week dental clinic in either Guatemala City or Esquipulas, Guatemala every October and a long weekend Connecticut dental clinic every spring. These clinics are totally free and provide to clients who cannot afford dental work. Dr. Heim will relate vignettes about his experiences.

Presenter: Brad Heim earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Connecticut in 1985, Master of the Academy of General Dentistry in 2011 and Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine in 2020. He is clinical co-chair of the Connecticut Mission of Mercy and Vice-president of DDS International.

Tuesday, April 12 – Author Chat on Three Books about Shel Silverstein, Semmelsweis and Anita Garibaldi

This presentation explores what it is like day in and day out to be a practicing writer. Anthony Valerio lives in Middletown close to most of you and this is consoling to him. Writing is a terrifying enterprise. We will explore how this is so. He will talk about three projects - how they came about, challenges, misses and successes. Then in the Q&A period, go anywhere you wish. The three books are:

BEFORE THE SIDEWALK ENDED: A WALK WITH SHEL SILVERSTEIN

SEMMELEWEIS: the Women's Doctor

ANITA GARIBALDI, a biography.

Presenter: Anthony Valerio is the author of twelve books of fiction & nonfiction. He has taught at New York University, the City University of New York and Wesleyan University.

Wednesday April 13 – What’s Happening in Space and Exploration?

Let us explore together!

- What’s happening in Space and Exploration?
- Why is the new service branch (U.S. Space Force) so important?
- Why are the “Space Barons” (Commercial Partnerships) so important and why should we care?
- What is NASA Doing? (James Webb Telescope, Artemus, Mars, missions to the asteroids, Jupiter, etc.)
- What is the difference between Expeditionary, Commercial, and Settlement activities? Why is that important?
- What should we be doing in LEO, Cis-Lunar Space, Moon, Mars, etc.?

Presenter: Stevan Akerley earned an MBA in International Business and Information Tech. from University of Hartford, CT; B.S. in Industrial Technology from Calif. State College at Long Beach. (Now UCLB) and a A.A. in Liberal Arts from Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA. Stevan is a retired Engineer who worked 38.6 years at P&W and then 7 years as a Technical Consultant for P&W.

April – Week 8

Tuesday, April 19 – Getting to Know Weir Farm National Historical Park

Join Park Ranger Kristin Lessard for an introduction to Weir Farm National Historical Park, your local national park! The discussion will include a brief history of the site and how it became a unit of the National Park Service, as well as current programs and opportunities to get involved. Discover this National Park for Art, and be inspired by of generations of world-class artists, including America's most beloved Impressionist J. Alden Weir. Kristin will highlight the artistic legacy of Weir Farm and how contemporary artists use the park as a source of inspiration and creativity. Learn about the exciting Art in the Park programming, including the Park's Artist-in-Residence program, Take Part in Art, Impressionist Painting Workshops, and more! Weir Farm is a national legacy to American Impressionism, the creative spirit, and historic preservation.

Presenter: Kristin Lessard graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management and has extensive training in public programming and 21st century visitor engagement techniques. She has worked for the National Park Service since 2008, serving in varied professional roles across multiple disciplines including Resource Interpretation, Education, Public Affairs, Project Management, and Youth and Volunteer Engagement.

Wednesday April 20 –Performance: Pete Seeger and Peter, Paul and Mary Songs

Roger Tincknell is back by popular demand for our MILE Community. This time, he will sing and tell about the songs we all love from Pete Seeger to Peter, Paul and Mary. Let’s walk down memory lane with Roger.

Whether we are in person at MxCC or at home listening by Zoom, we are happy to have Roger back. (Stay tuned for decision of where the concert will be.)

Presenter: Roger Tincknell earned a BA at UMASS Amherst, and an MA at Graduate program HART School of Music, Hartford. Roger has over 45 years as a classroom teacher, music specialist and performing musician, offering educational and participatory music programs for schools, libraries, senior centers and other community organizations.

Thursday, April 21 – Great Decisions Discussion Forum 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Open Discussion

Thursday, April 21— Evelyn Longman: A Sculptor’s Art and Career

At the turn of the 20th century, Evelyn Longman began to work in art. Now forgotten by many people, she was enormously successful and had a long career, becoming one of the foremost sculptors in the United States. Although her childhood was marked by poverty and tragedy, she was driven to do her art and excelled in a field dominated by men. In 1920, she married the headmaster of Loomis Chafee School and continued her work there in her studio, while also mothering the boys at the school. This program tells the story of her life and works and includes many photos of her works.

Presenter: Liz Burke has a BS and an MS from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. She worked as a speech-language pathologist for more than 40 years, retiring in April of 2021. Liz has lived in Connecticut since 2000 and worked at the University of Connecticut teaching graduate students for eleven years before opening a private practice in 2015.

April – Week 9

**Tuesday, April 26—MILE Annual Meeting
Election of Officers**