

metal detectors and historical research, they have uncovered incredible artifacts from local sites such as school yards, old roads, to neighborhood backyards. Using found items like civil war buttons to copper English coins, Don and Chris have been piecing together bits of buried history for the past three years. Lecture is scheduled for Saturday, March 20 at 4pm, in the Wardell Community Room. For more information call 860-435-2838.

### 2009 TAX INFORMATION

Information regarding individual property, vehicles, and personal property taxes paid to the Town of Salisbury for the year 2009 can be viewed online by going to [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us). On the upper right corner of the front page under "Message from Town Officials" find the link: "Tax Collector, Denise Rice." Click on this link, then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "Tax History" link. This opens up the Salisbury page on the "Look Up Taxes" website where tax payment history can be searched for by name (last, first) or location (street or full address).

### PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS

Eileen Epperson, a presenter at last December's Parliament in Melbourne, will talk about the event that hosted 6,000 participants, delivered more than 600 workshops, and needed over 500 volunteers. The Dalai Lama and aboriginal leaders from all over the world were featured. Come hear about the theme of the 2009 Parliament, "Make a World of Difference:

Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth." Eileen has been active in interfaith dialogue for over 35 years. She gave programs at both the 1993 and 1999 Parliaments in Chicago and Cape Town, South Africa, and attended the one in 2004 in Barcelona. If her earlier talk was missed last October, don't miss this one.

The Rev. Eileen Epperson has been a Presbyterian minister since 1990, serving as a college, hospital, and hospice chaplain as well as a trained interim minister at five Congregational and Federated churches. She was the settled minister of a Congregational church in Torrington, CT, from 2003-2006. She has a private practice in spiritual and life coaching with a specialty in forgiveness issues. She created The Forgiveness Process and works with individuals and leads workshops in Connecticut, Florida, and New York. Lecture is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at 10am, in the Wardell Community Room.

### SECOND SATURDAY BOOK CLUB

A powerful tragedy distilled into a small masterpiece by the Nobel

Prize-winning author of *Beloved*, Toni Morrison, and, almost a prelude to that story, *A Mercy* is set two centuries earlier.

Jacob is an Anglo-Dutch trader in 1680s United States, when the slave trade is still in its infancy. Reluctantly he takes a small 14-year-old slave girl named Florens in partial payment from a plantation owner for a bad debt. Because she can read and write, he thinks she might be useful on his farm. Feeling rejected by her slave mother, Florens looks for love, first from Lina, an older servant woman at her new master's house, and later from the handsome blacksmith, an African, never enslaved, who comes riding into their lives. As with *Beloved*, at the novel's heart is the ambivalent, disturbing story of a mother and a daughter: a mother who casts off her daughter in order to save her, and a daughter who may never exorcise that abandonment. Discussion will take place on Saturday, March 13 at 4pm in the Wardell Community Room. Copies of the book are available at the library. For more information call 860-435-2838.

**Daylight Savings Time**

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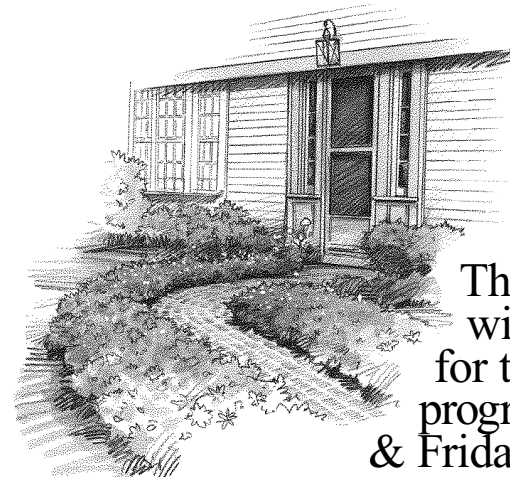
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## HELP FOR HOMEOWNER TAX

The Salisbury assessor's office will be accepting applications for the Homeowner's Tax Relief program on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am-4pm, February 1 to

May 14, 2010. Applicants are required by law to submit proof of 2009 income (Income Tax Return if filed) and their Social Security 1099 forms for the year 2009. The income limits for this year are: married \$39,500 and single \$32,300; this means all income including Social Security.

Elderly homeowners must have reached the age of 65 by December 31, 2009, to qualify. Those homeowners on social security disability do not need to meet the age requirement, but must show proof of their permanent disability status and meet the income limits for this program. Salisbury residents who qualify may apply at the assessor's office at Town Hall. Call 860-435-5176 with any questions.

## AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

Salisbury Senior Services, in cooperation with the IRS, will again be sponsoring an AARP Tax-Aide Program at the Salisbury Town Hall on Thursdays from 9am-4pm, February 18 through April 15, 2010. They will be e-filing all tax returns which will greatly speed up any refunds.

Volunteers trained by AARP, and certified by the IRS, will be available

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to assist those 60 and older, as well as other low-income citizens with the preparation and filing of all tax forms, both state & federal, and to answer any questions. There is absolutely no charge for this service. Due to a limited number of trained volunteers, those interested in assistance from the Tax-Aide Program are asked to call Senior Services Director, Mike Beck, at 860-435-5191 to make an appointment.

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**EATING WELL AS WE AGE**

Sue Spring, M.S., R.D.—known to many as Salisbury's former Town Clerk, and to others as the amazing woman who hiked the 2,178 miles of the Appalachian Trail—recently became a board certified specialist in gerontological nutrition, one of only four in the state and just 250 in the entire country. Ms. Spring, a registered food dietician, has a B.S. in food technology, a M.S. in food microbiology, and consults with the dietary department at Noble Horizons.

On Thursday, March 25 at 2pm, Ms. Spring will discuss how best to meet nutritional needs as one ages. Since she is the consulting dietician at Noble Horizons, she has selected several items from their menus which will be served as samples following her presentation. The program is free, although registration is required to ensure ample nibbles for all guests. Please call 860-435-9851, ext. 190 for more information and to reserve a spot.

**REVERSE MORTGAGE**

Reverse mortgages are a hot topic these days. Ever wonder if one is right for yourself or someone you know? If so, please join Jessica Krupski, Reverse Mortgage Consultant, Special Products Group of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, to learn all the ins and outs, special criteria and processes, of the FHA reverse mortgage.

This unique loan was designed for mature Americans 62 years or

older to allow access to the equity in their homes to provide current income, or funds for any other goal. One makes no monthly payments on the loan, as long as one lives in the home as the primary residence. The loan is repaid when the house is sold by either the homeowner or heirs.

Ms. Krupski has worked with reverse mortgages for more than six years, and has assisted many local homeowners with this process. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage is the leading reverse mortgage lender in the country. Presentation is scheduled for Saturday, March 6 at 10am, in the Wardell Community Room. For more information call 860-435-2838.

**MARC SIMONT: POLITICAL CARTOONS & BOOK**

The northwest corner of Connecticut is home to many natural treasures, few as zealously revered as the award-winning cartoonist, artist, and illustrator, Marc Simont. Known especially well locally for his political cartoons in *The Lakeville Journal*, Simont's latest effort is his compendium, *The Beautiful Planet: Ours to Lose*, an impassioned anti-war book that chronicles five decades of Marc's political cartoons beginning with the Vietnam War and concluding with the war in Afghanistan. Simont's personally curated exhibit of his political cartoons will be on display Fridays, March 6–28, 2010, from 1–5:30pm, and weekends 11am–4pm at Noble Horizons. The community is invited to an opening reception and book sign-

ing on Sunday, March 14 from 2–4pm, in the Learning Center Gallery.

Marc's extraordinary career includes collaborations with Margaret Wise Brown, Betty Bao Lord, Alistair Cooke, and James Thurber among others and he has been honored with the Caldecott Medal, two Caldecott Honors, and distinctions from the *New York Times*, the American Library Association, and the *Boston Globe*. His work is featured in museums as distant as Japan. Simont's book will be published in March, copies of which will be available for purchase at the March 14 reception. For more information call 860-435-9851, ext 190.

**THE GARDENER'S CRYSTAL JEWEL**

This is the final presentation of the "Era of Elegance" series co-sponsored by the Salisbury



Association Historical Society and the Sharon Historical Society. Join famed gardener and author, Arete S. Warren, on an historical journey of the origination and evolution of the greenhouse in

America. Ms. Warren, author of *Glasshouses, the Architectural History of Greenhouses, Conservatories and Orangeries*, is president of the Millbrook Garden Club and chairs the board of the Preservation League of New York State. She serves on the New York State Board for Historic Preservation, the Empire State Plaza Art Commission, and is a trustee of The American Museum in Britain. She lives in New York City and Sharon. Lecture is scheduled for Saturday, March 13 at 2pm in the Wardell Community Room. For more information call 860-435-2838.

**REGISTER FOR SPRING BASEBALL**

Salisbury Recreation Commission will offer baseball to children ages 5–12 this spring. Programs will include t-ball, in-house farm league, minor league and majors. Registration forms are available on the town website, [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us); click on recreation news on the right side of the page. Forms are also available at the Salisbury town hall. For further information, please contact Lisa McAuliffe 860-435-5186 or email [recreationdirector@salisburyct.us](mailto:recreationdirector@salisburyct.us). *Deadline to register is March 5, 2010.*

**REGISTER FOR SPRING LACROSSE**

Salisbury Recreation Commission will offer spring lacrosse to boys and girls through out the six region towns and surrounding MA and NY towns. Registration forms are available at the

Salisbury town hall and online at [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us); click on recreation news on the right side of the page. *Deadline to register is April 9, 2010.* Contact Lisa McAuliffe for further information at [recreationdirector@salisburyct.us](mailto:recreationdirector@salisburyct.us) or call 860-435-5186.

**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

The town of Salisbury once again looks forward to implementing its Summer Youth Employment Program. Approximately 30 boys and girls, ages 14 and 15, will be employed at various town departments learning valuable life skills. Employment with the town is often the very first work experience for these young people.

Funds to continue this program are made possible through the generous donations of local citizens. Those who wish to contribute and help the program to continue may forward a contribution to the Treasurers Office, Town Youth Employment Program, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT 06068. As always, we are grateful for the support for this very important program for our town's youth.

**TECHNO WORKSHOP**

Worried about losing all your files from a computer virus? Ever wonder how safe on-line communications really are? Learn the basics about keeping PCs computer virus free, keeping oneself safe online, as well as how to tune up and back up one's computer. Feel free to bring along personal laptops as Library Director, Claudia Cayne, conducts the lecture on Saturday, March 20 at 10am, in the Wardell Community

Room. For more information call 860-435-2838.

**FILM SOCIETY**

Old Ned Devine of Tulaigh Morh has the Irish National Lottery winning ticket, and unfortunately the shock of it kills him! Does the ticket go to waste? *Waking Ned Devine* delivers comedy and fun as it explores love, friendship and greed in a somnambulant Irish village; directed by Kirk Jones, it stars Ian Bannen and David Kelly, (1998, 91 minutes, PG). Show time: Sunday, March 14 at 7pm, in the Wardell Community Room. For more information call 860-435-2838.

**TUESDAY NIGHT FILM**

*Rhapsody in Blue*, Hollywood's version of a biography of George Gershwin's life stars Robert Alda, Joan Leslie, Alexis Smith, Charles Coburn, and Al Jolson; music by George Gershwin, Max Steiner, and Ira Gershwin includes: *Rhapsody in Blue*, *Fascinatin' Rhythm*, *Somebody Loves Me*, and *Swanee* (1945, 139 minutes, NR). Film will be shown Tuesday, March 23 at 5pm, in the Wardell Community Room. For more information call 860-435-2838. Door opens 30 minutes in advance.

**EXPLORING FOR BURIED HISTORY**

Don Stevens and Chris Willams will amaze with their discoveries found buried in the earth. Using