

LA GRUA CENTER

September 2014

THURSDAY THE 4TH AT 7PM
Creative Placemaking in
Northeast New London &
Hodges Square - Relevance to
Surrounding Communities

SATURDAY THE 6TH AT 1PM Lecture Series: Book Chat on Lilly Pulitzer with Author Kathryn Livingston

SATURDAY THE 13TH AT 5PM James Merrill House Presents: Annual James Merrill Lecture with Jeffrey Eugenides

SATURDAY THE 20TH AT 5PM La Grua Center Annual Fundraiser on the Green with the Press Gang

Sunday the 21st at 4pm Stonington Historical Society Presents: Sermons in Stone with Susan Allport

Saturday the 27th at 5pm Lecture Series: Ernie O'Malley (1897-1957) Irish Rebel, Author and Observer with Cormac O'Malley

Classes at La Grua Center

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Stretch and Strengthen: Independent Today and Tomorrow:
Maintaining Mobility and Stability - Improving Your Balance,
Posture and Gait. (Mondays 5 - 6 pm)

NEW: Zumba Gold Class with Monica Bengtson *(Wednesdays 10-11am)*

Juan O'Callahan's Total Wellness Class for 65s/Up (Tuesdays/Thursdays 11 am - 12 pm)

Irish Step Dancing - Novice through Champion (ages 6 to 12) (Tuesdays 4:30 - 7 pm)

Traditional West African Dance w/Ashley Jones (*Tuesdays 7:30 -*9 pm)

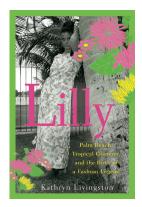
Kripalu Yoga with Priscilla Humphrey (*Thursdays 4 - 5:15* pm)

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LECTURES

SATURDAY at 1 PM • September 6th Book Chat: Lilly Pulitzer with Author Kathryn Livingston

Lilly Pulitzer, whose very name has come to be synonymous with the vibrantly printed fashions for men, women and children in coastal communities up and down along the Atlantic Ocean as well as epitomize the clean-cut, casual style of the civilized barefoot life across America, was an enterprising designer, inspiring working mother and somewhat independent-minded, thoroughly original social figure. Her shifts flowered in the 1960s in Palm Beach, went from a snob uniform to a general fashion craze and made a smashing comeback in the 1990s. In contrast to the high-visibility of her brand, Lilly Pulitzer has largely kept her personal story to herself. Now Kathryn Livingston, former executive



editor of Town & Country and five previous books, gives us the first full-scale biography of this rich, complex, extraordinary and closely-guarded life story. Livingston will offer insights into this fascinating achiever's world -- the heartbreaks, the scandals, the challenges and personal courage to carve out a creative voice for herself. Open to the public and free of charge.

SATURDAY at 5 PM • September 27th Ernie O'Malley (1897-1957) Irish Rebel, Author and Observer with Cormac O'Malley

Cormac O'Malley will reflect on his father, Ernie O'Malley, and his role not only as an active IRA commander in the Irish War of Independence but his subsequent cultural interests in his writings in



New Mexico, New York and Ireland; poetry, art criticism, photography, military history, literary magazine editor, art collecting, folklore and farming. When released from prison he spent two years in Europe and seven years in the United States and Mexico (1928-1935) before returning to Ireland with his American wife, Helen Hooker of Connecticut. Open to the public and free of charge.

MUSIC

The La Grua Center's Annual Fundraiser on the Green

SATURDAY September 20th Cocktails at 5 PM • Concert at 6:30 PM

THE PRESS GANG

Alden Robinson, fiddle Owen Marshall, guitar, harmonium Christian "Junior" Stevens, accordion, squeezebox, concertinas

New Traditions, Old Tunes / Ireland & Abroad

Well now, an' the title says it all!
For their third appearance at the La Grua Center, Maine's irrepressible Press Gang share their joyful evocation of the many facets of Irish and Eireinspired tunes with our Annual Benefit audience. Their playing is always songful, often bracingly spicey. Hearing concertina, squeezebox, treadle-pumped harmonium in glorious combination with traditional fiddle and guitar is a rare delight. Join us for a memorable late afternoon in the La Grua Center's rich, resonant acoustics.



\$50/ person \$75/ reserved seating To purchase tickets visit us online at www.LaGruaCenter.org or call 860-535-2300