



Wednesday at 6PM • May 9

**Good Stories Well Told: *The Environmental Activism of Beatrix Potter* With Tom Verde**

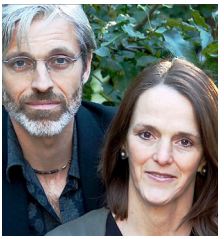
While English author Beatrix Potter went on to fame and fortune as a children's book writer and creator of Peter Rabbit, her true passion was preserving the landscape that provided inspiration for her stories: the hills and farms of western England's stunning and dramatic Lake District. Tom Verde will discuss how Potter, an active conservationist, practically single-handedly saved the Lake District from development and deforestation, using the proceeds of her books to fund her efforts. **Suggested donation \$5.**



Friday from 5-7PM • May 11

**Exhibit Opening: *Wonder!* Northeast Connecticut Art Guild**

La Grua Center is pleased to welcome back artists from the Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild (NECTAG) during the months of May and June. A wide variety of works are on display, including oils, watercolors, acrylics, and more! Opening reception is Friday, May 11 from 5-7pm. Open to the public. **Suggested donation \$5.**



Saturday at 5PM • May 12

**Music Matters Series: Tracy-Murphy Duo**  
*Fiddle & Song from the North~English & French Ballads in the Celtic Tradition*

Becky Tracy and Keith Murphy are treasured voices in America's vibrant folk scene. Gifted players and singers who stoke the power and sheer energy of quick-tempo pieces to a fine heat, they also imbue the slow tunes with stillness, quiet resonance, and moving serenity. Keith's deft foot percussion underpins his multi-instrument soundscape, all the while intertwining with Beck's elegant fiddle filigree. Their deep feeling for what they do will make this a truly memorable afternoon. **Tickets \$10.**



Wednesday at 6PM • May 16 • Co-presented with Southeast CT World Affairs Council

**World Comes to La Grua Series: Anthony Pellegrini**  
*China's Belt Road Initiative—The New "Silk Road"*

Anthony Pellegrini will discuss the history and motivation behind China's new Belt Road Initiative (BRI, the "new silk routes"), compare the BRI with Europe's TEN networks and South America's IIRSSA networks, discuss some of the real risks of the BRI for China, and conclude with a discussion of some of the implications for China's role in the world. Open to the public. **Tickets \$10.**



Wednesday at 6PM • May 23

**Good Stories Well Told Series: Sue Ellen Thompson**  
*Marriage, Metaphor, & Mortality: The Poetry of Jane Kenyon*

Jane Kenyon only published four collections of poetry, but her reputation and influence, especially following her death from leukemia at the age of 47 in 1995, have continued to grow. Today she is widely recognized as one of America's premier lyric poets. Sue Ellen Thompson will explore the impact that Kenyon's lifelong struggle with depression and her marriage to a future U.S. Poet Laureate had on her work. Several of her poems will be read and discussed. Open to the public. **Suggested donation \$5.**

**Visit our website to purchase tickets in advance.**

**Cash, check, or credit card accepted at the door. 18 and under admitted for free.**

## CLASSES & OTHER EVENTS

THURSDAY THE 10TH AT 6PM

Stonington Historical Society: Stones of Stonington~ Native American Rock Formations, with Markham Starr

SUNDAY THE 6TH AT 7PM

Stonington Madrigal Singers: Songs & Sweets

WEDNESDAY THE 9TH AT 11AM

Stonington Garden Club: The Garden In Every Sense and Season, with Tovah Martin

SUNDAY THE 20TH AT 5PM

Stonington Free Library: Connecticut Early Music

**Classes:** See [LaGruaCenter.org](http://LaGruaCenter.org) for class description and fees.

Yoga by the Sea with Casey Gash  
Basic/Gentle Yoga (Tuesdays 9:30-10:45am)

Beginner's Mind Yoga with Alice Despard (Thursdays 9-10:30am)

Stretch and Strengthen--Maintaining Mobility and Stability; Improving Your Balance, Posture, and Gait (Mondays & Wednesdays 1:00-2:00pm)

Tarot, Meditation, & Pendulum classes with Sunshine Estar (Mondays 10-11am)

Traditional West African Drumming & Dance w/Ashley Jones (Tuesdays: Drum 6-7:30, Dance 7:30-9pm)

Full Moon Meditation with Sunshine Estar (Thursday 5/3 and Wednesday 5/30 at 7pm)

*Free parking is in the main lot at Stonington Commons at 32 Water Street in Stonington Borough. Turn right just past the Inn at Stonington where the sign says Stonington Commons. The parking lot is directly ahead after turning in, and we're the little stone building on the far end of the green.*

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