

WPKN Newsletter February 11, 2019

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special programs and guests

Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

Digging in the Dirt: Kevin's guest will be Tradd Cotter an expert mycologist and author of the book "Organic Mushroom Farming and Mycoremediation." His book is an exploration of the best organic mushroom cultivation practices, sharing the results of his groundbreaking research, and offers creative ways to apply better cultivation skills—whether the goal is to help a community clean up industrial pollution or simply to grow your own mushrooms to enjoy in your meals. Geared toward readers who want to grow mushrooms without the use of pesticides, Cotter takes "organic" one step further by introducing an entirely new way of thinking—one that looks at the potential to grow mushrooms on just about anything, just about anywhere, and by anyone. **Monday, February 11 at 5:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice: Paul Kaplan talks about his biography, Lillian Wald: America's Social and Healthcare Reformer. Wald was one of the most influential but least known people of the early 20th century. She founded the Visiting Nurse Service, but realized that to really tackle poverty, the conditions immigrants and their kids lived in needed to change. They needed education, playgrounds, enough food to eat and sanitation. In treating the whole person, Wald changed the whole notion of social service for the poor. Then, health and science journalist Susan Bohan, talks about her book, *Twenty Years of Life: Why the Poor Die Earlier and How to Challenge Inequity*. **Monday, February 11 at 10:00 PM.**

Tidings from Hazel Kahan: This month, Hazel's guest on Tidings is once again an old school chum from their boarding school in the Indian Himalayas. In their first conversation, Tom Scovel spoke about growing up in China, that conversation continues as he talks about visiting the school recently with his grandson, 62 years after he left. Although this is a very personal conversation, it becomes universal as these friends explore the meanings of memory and how an identical situation is anything but identical when it is experienced by different people. **Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 PM and [archived](#).**

Mark Naftalin & Friends A live musical broadcast from the Pequot Library (which is holding their annual book sale). Led by the renowned blues pianist and Rock & Roll Hall of Famer, the Friends are an ensemble of (mostly) Fairfield County-based blues and jazz musicians. This year's broadcasts will feature singing guitarists Paul Gabriel and J.D. Seem; singing harmonicists Manny Foglio (of the Mojomatics) and Mark Zaretsky (of the Cobalt Rhythm Kings); from Otis & The Hurricanes, guitarist-vocalist Chris "Otis" Cross and pianist-accordionist-vocalist Smokin' Joe Najmy; sax master Crispin Cioe (of the Uptown Horns); guitarist-vocalist-harmonicist Daniel J ("The Modern Bluesman"); and frottoirist-percussionist-vocalist Peter Menta, a.k.a. Washboard Slim (of Washboard Slim & the Bluelights). Joining Naftalin in the rhythm section will be bassists David Anastasia, David "Bobo" Lavorgna and Rich Zurkowski, and, on drums and percussion, Matt Moadel and Barry Urich. For the live WPKN broadcast, Naftalin will play piano solos on the Library's extraordinary Steinway concert grand piano. **Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM each day.**

News and Public Affairs

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

- 1) Anthony Rogers-Wright, of Center for Sustainable Economy discusses his group's views on the proposed federal Green New Deal legislation, with a focus on the need to halt the development of new fossil fuel infrastructure.
- 2) Sanaa Abrar, Advocacy Director with the group United We Dream, discusses her group's current campaign to pressure Congress to defund the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in order to disable the U.S. - Trump deportation force.
- 3) Bryant Welch, a nationally prominent clinical psychologist and attorney, talks about his new book, "State of Confusion: Political Manipulation and the Assault on the American Mind."
- 4) Carlos Moreno Connecticut State Director of the Working Families Organization, talks about the current campaign to pass real, comprehensive Paid Family & Medical Leave in the Connecticut legislature.

Monday, February 11 at 8:00 PM and in the WPKN [archive](#).

WPKN Events

WPKN's Music on Film series presents "Finding Fela," which tells the story of Fela Anikulapo Kuti's life, his music, his social and political importance. He created a new musical movement, Afrobeat, using that forum to express his revolutionary political opinions against the dictatorial Nigerian government of the 1970s and 1980s. His influence helped bring a change towards democracy in Nigeria and promoted Pan Africanist politics to the world. The power and potency of Fela's message is completely current today and is expressed in the political movements of oppressed people, embracing Fela's music and message in their struggle for freedom. Finding Fela was directed by the Academy Award winning director, Alex Gibney. Thursday, February 21. Doors: 6:00 pm / Show: 7:00 pm; \$12.00. At the Bijou Theatre, 275 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, CT.

