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presentations  
for your patrons**

*With 5 new talks  
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**2024**

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- > Each presentation is designed to be delivered in Zoom or in-person and is designed for the young adult to senior audience level of interest.
- > Every presentation tells their story using vintage photographs, narrative developed through hours of research and insights from period documents.
- > If a presentation lends itself to localized insights, like the talk on watermills or taverns, slides and discussion are added to highlight local stories where possible.
- > New topics are developed during the year and introduced through new versions of this online catalog and with updates to the website, [vintageflyer.com](http://vintageflyer.com).

I hope you will find some topics that interest you and your patrons.

*John*

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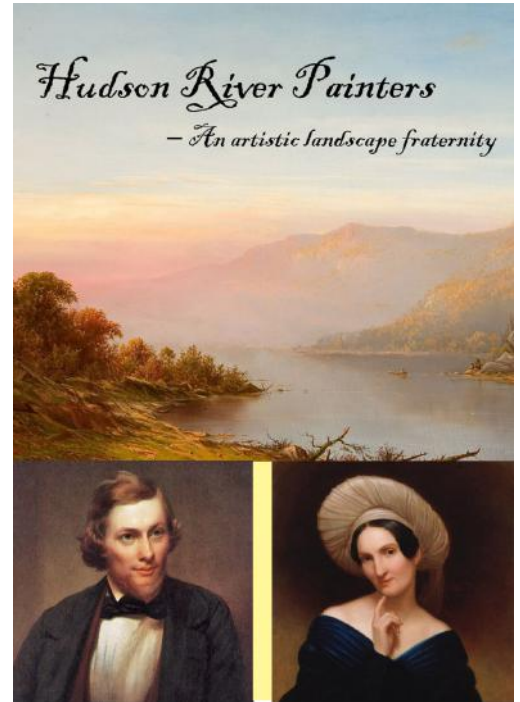


# - Art History -

## Hudson River Painters - An artistic landscape fraternity

This illustrated presentation highlights the people, places and symbolism of the Hudson River painters.

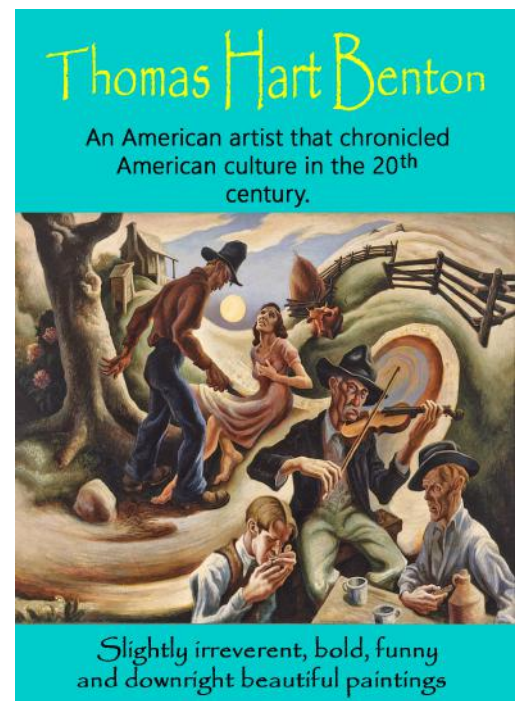
The Hudson River School was America's first true artistic fraternity. Dating from the 1820s, the fraternity was a loosely organized group of painters who took as their subject the unique naturalness of the American continent. The men and women artists started painting the Hudson River region in New York and would expand to scenes from across the country, some, even South America.



## Thomas Hart Benton - An American artist that chronicled American culture in the 20th century

Thomas Hart Benton is probably the best known American muralist. He created a distinctive style and chronicled the American landscape from the 1930s into the 1970s.

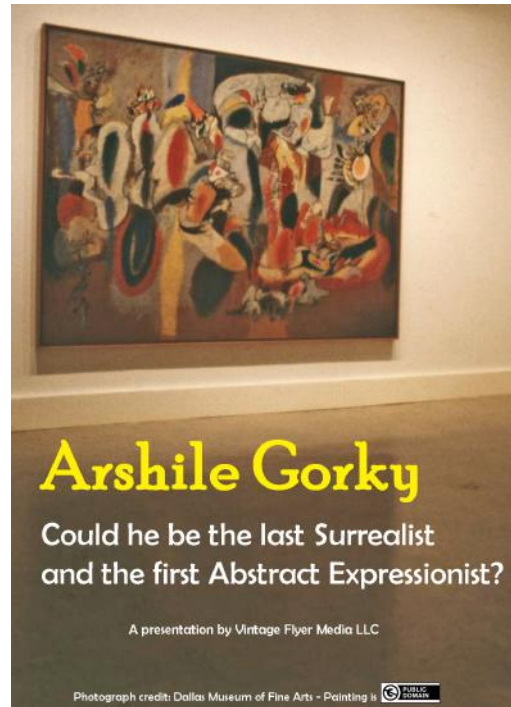
Professionally trained both in America and in France, Benton gained fame painting depictions of America and its people, culture and history. His work often provided a social commentary loved by most of the people who viewed his work. His most famous student was Jackson Pollock who also sat for several Benton paintings.



## Arshile Gorky - Could he be the last Surrealist and the first Abstract Expressionist?

Arshile Gorky was a largely self-taught immigrant artist from the early 20th century. He leveraged early modern artists' styles that he had mastered and blended them with his relentless experimentation of futuristic concepts.

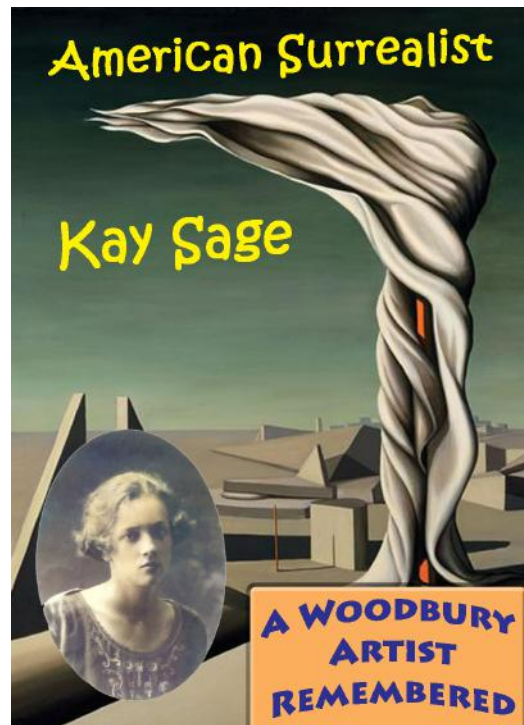
Many believe Gorky's diverse and prolific body of work was the most daring, innovative and influential of the American modernist movement. He fathered a unique art movement in the 1940s, Abstract Expressionism.



## American Surrealist Kay Sage - A Woodbury artist remembered

Women Surrealist painters are uncommon in the history of art yet a Connecticut woman, Kay Sage, became an important member of the movement. She and her artist husband, Yves Tanguy, made Woodbury, CT, home starting in the 1940s.

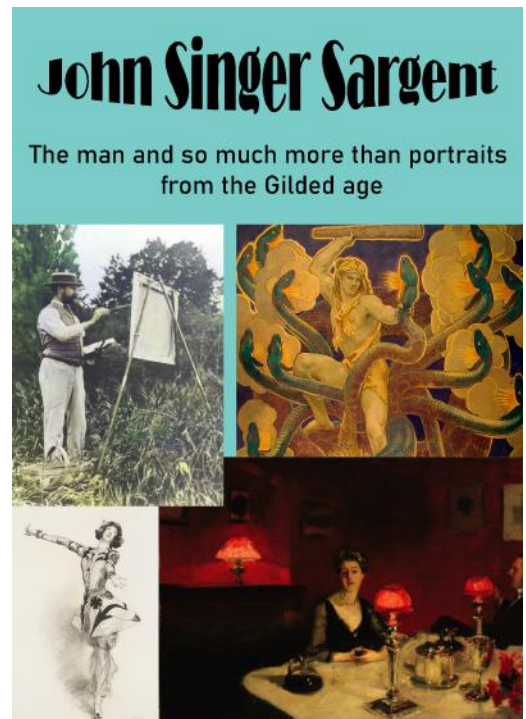
Her life was extraordinary and often dramatic. She helped numerous European artists escape to America avoiding the WWII Nazi onslaught and created a strong Surrealist movement in America.



# John Singer Sargent - The man and so much more than portraits

Most people don't know that Sargent would sketch hundreds of charcoal images in his lifetime, paint over 3,000 paintings, hundreds of breath-taking watercolors and he painted massive murals.

His formula for success is evocative and challenged the conventions of the era. In the presentation, your patrons will hear some of the captivating stories of a life well lived, the extended family he loved and some of those surprising puzzles behind his paintings.



## - Aviation History -

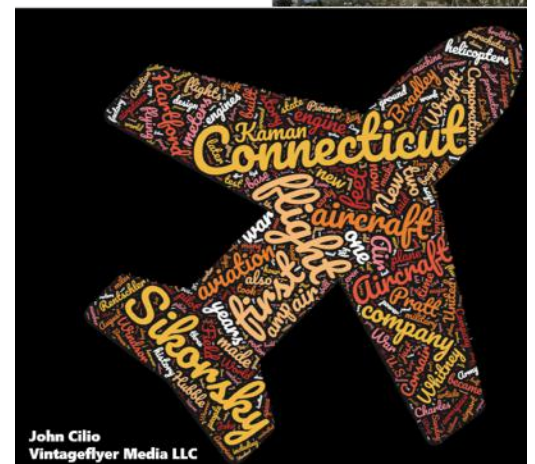
### Tales from Connecticut's Aviation History - Keeping things up in the air all the time

Connecticut inventors and entrepreneurs helped pioneer early flight and motivated other brave fliers to reach for the stars. All of the stories blend to form a unique aspect of brilliance, innovation, vision and risk. Often their risk was personal well-being as well as financial failure.

Meet the people and the machines they created. I will highlight 17 decades of Connecticut aviation history with short stories and images that tell the tale.

#### Tales from Connecticut's Aviation History

Keeping things up in the air all the time

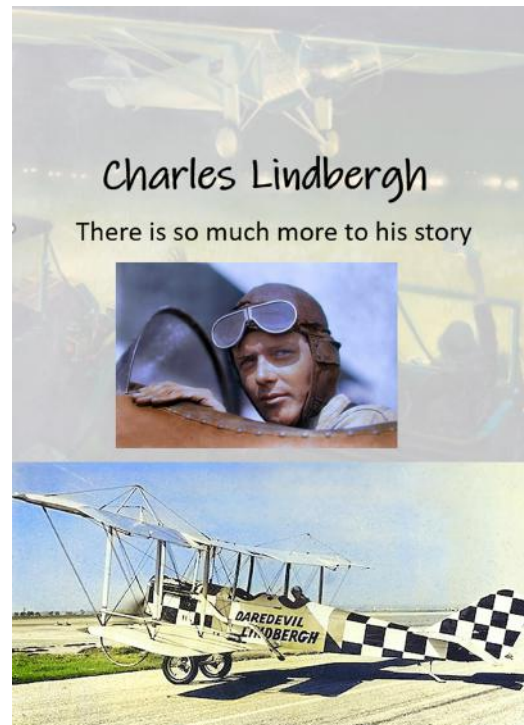




## Charles Lindbergh - There is so much more to his story

Charles Lindbergh was a natural born pilot. He loved being in the air and danger was obviously in the eye of the beholder. He is one of the 68 men that attempted to fly across the Atlantic Ocean non-stop. Fortunately for him and posterity, he was the first to successfully accomplish that flight.

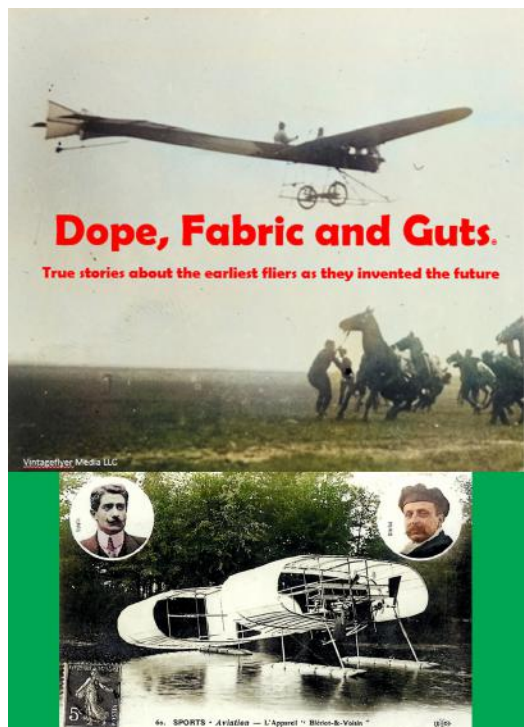
Our presentation tells the life-story of this amazing man and pilot. I share vintage photographs from many of his exploits to help patrons visualize the challenges he faced.



## Dope, Fabric and Guts - True stories about the earliest fliers as they invented the future

In 1903 it seemed that everyone was trying to figure out how to make a flying machine, fly. Eventually they would be called aeroplanes and later, aircraft.

It was a time when the concept of airspace was a struggle between the birds and the pioneer fliers. Country boundaries had not yet extended into the sky. Hear some of the true adventure stories about the earliest fliers and their heavier-than-air flying machines. These fliers would invent their future, what we now call history.

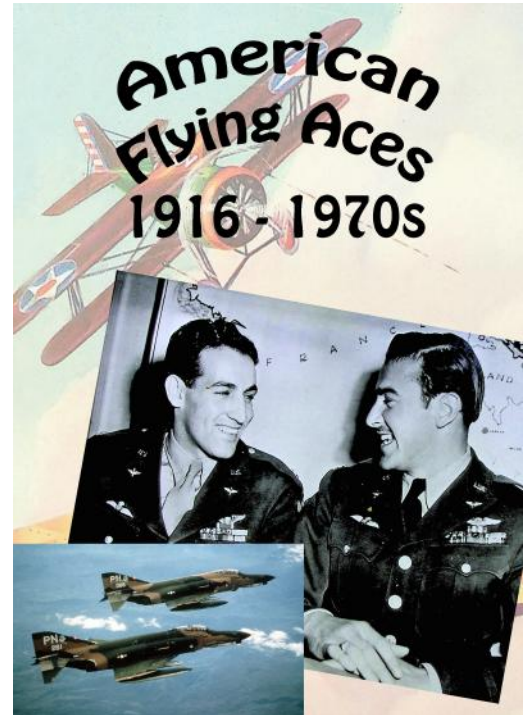




## American Flying Aces - 1916-1970s

An American Fighter Ace is described as a U.S. citizen who has served honorably as a fighter pilot in a U.S. military service or the service of a nation not at war with the United States who has destroyed five or more enemy aircraft in aerial combat.

Through this presentation I will share stories and photographs about WWI Aces who devised the very concept of aerial combat as well as Aces that flew in WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam.



## American Airpower - Bombers of WWII and the Cold War

American Airpower brings together a collection of aircraft whose primary role was the delivery of explosives to be dropped on a target from the air.

Patrons will learn about how many different bombers were deployed. I cover some of the construction improvements discovered during WWII and how war constantly pushed manufacturers and military planners to improve bombers. This talk covers WWII, Korea and Vietnam era bombers. Some of these airplanes are still in military service.



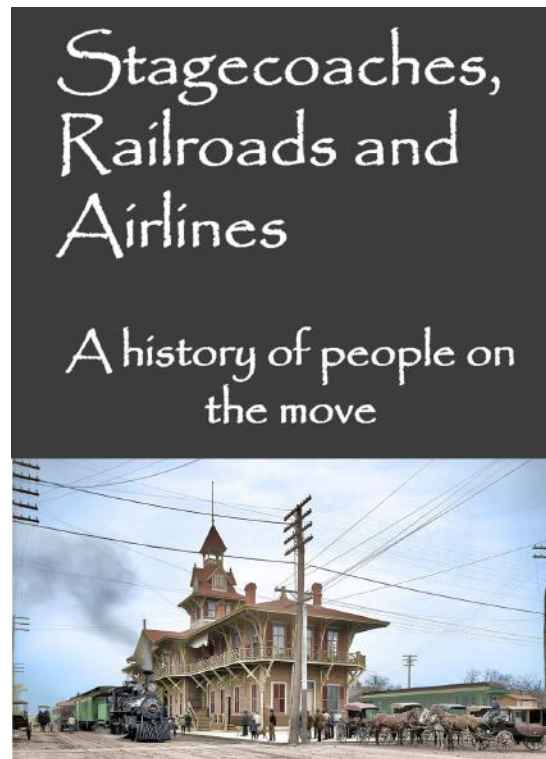
**American  
Airpower - Bombers  
WWII & the Cold war**



## Stagecoaches, Railroads and Airlines - A history of people on the move

The story of America is a story of a country whose people have always been on the move. As roads developed in America, the stagecoach became the choice. But as the country expanded, distances grew longer and populations swelled, the railroad developed.

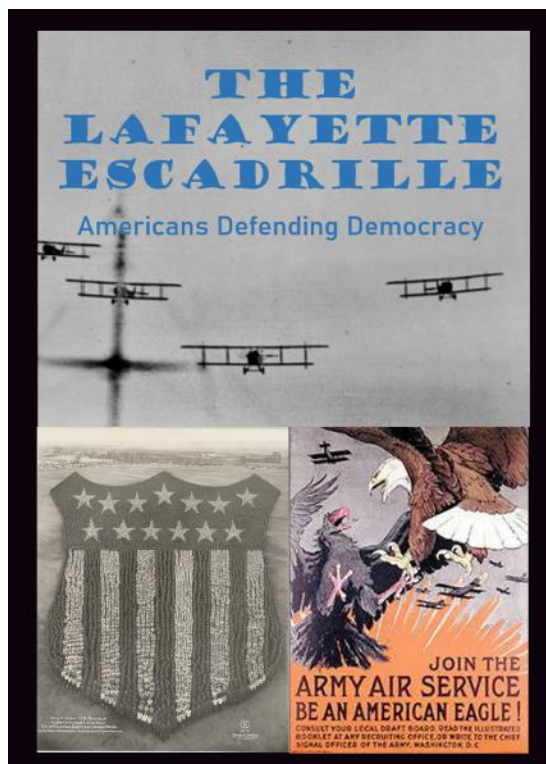
As America's airplanes and airports expanded, commercial airlines became the most popular method of travel. Learn a little about the struggles and triumphs of their competition as the American public chose how they would travel.



## The Lafayette Escadrille - Americans defending democracy

On July 28, 1914, the Great War, WWI, began and it was the first time airplanes were involved in conflict. In that year, America had six military airplanes.

Long before America officially joined the war, thirty-eight Americans flew in a French squadron called the Lafayette Escadrille. Their antics made U.S. headlines constantly and helped the country choose which side to fight on in 1917.



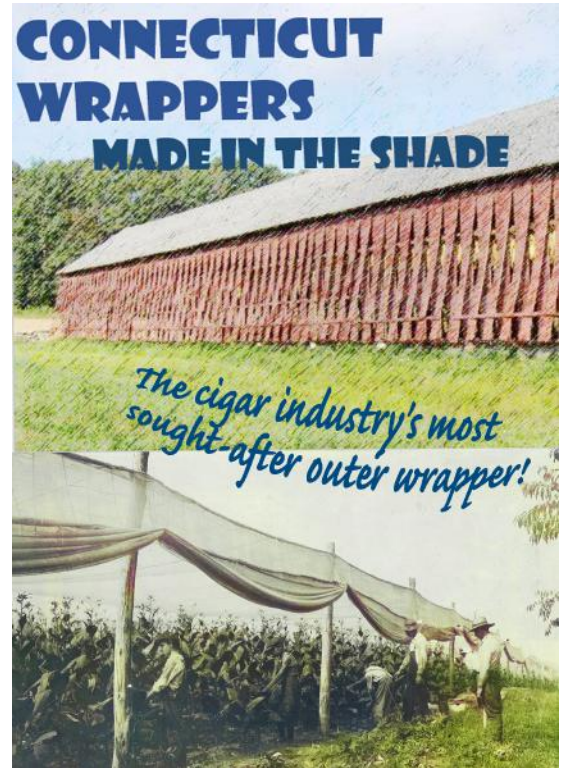


# - Connecticut History -

## Connecticut Wrappers - Made in the shade

A cigar wrapper is the tobacco leaf that you see on the outside of the cigar. Connecticut started growing tobacco in 1640 with significant laws governing its use and production. Eventually the state began producing shade-grown tobacco for wrappers in 1901.

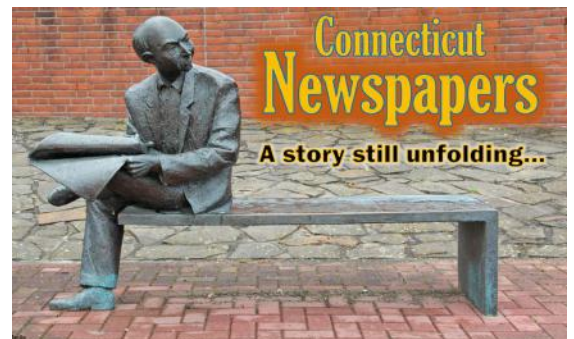
I will discuss how shade tobacco is planted, harvested, cured and sold. We'll also discuss the history of how tobacco became known in the European cultures and the growth of its economic importance in Connecticut.



## Connecticut Newspapers - A story still unfolding

This presentation brings to life nearly 300 years of Connecticut newspaper publishing and evolution.

Over the decades editors solved challenges: contemporaneous government censorship, paper availability and the limits of early printing production systems. They faced competition from the invention of the radio, the television and lately, the internet. They have made many changes, developed new revenue sources and our newspapers are not ready to fold-up. Join us to hear their stories.



Connecticut towns have hosted more than 2,000 different newspapers since 1755. - we've got the story





## Connecticut Innovations that helped to change the world

In this 50-minute presentation, patrons will laugh a little, learn a little and hear how people from Connecticut have helped to make a better world. From the time the federal government first began issuing patents in 1790, Connecticut was the national leader in patent production.

I will share some of the important discoveries, patents and inventions that are connected to the state of Connecticut. They are radical innovations changing people's lives all over the world.



## Connecticut Landmarks are such special places

To commemorate our history, the state hosts 60 National Landmarks and many more state landmarks covering a variety of venues. Thanks to the Historic Site Act of 1935, the United States could begin safeguarding buildings and other culturally significant sites.

What makes these sites distinctive is the story behind them. The presentation tends to inspire listeners to take some time and visit places they may have heard about for decades but now, because they know the story behind the landmarks, they want to see them firsthand.

**Connecticut Landmarks**  
are such special places!

Let's discover more about some of the unique sites we call landmarks.

*Our legendary history has imprinted the state with three centuries of fascinating physical landmarks. Commemorating our history, the state hosts 60 National Landmarks and dozens of state landmarks covering a variety of venues.*

*Hear some of the stories behind these distinctive sites and learn a little more about how these landmarks help make Connecticut special.*

# Early Inns and Taverns across Connecticut and New England

Taverns in colonial America were known by a variety of names. In New England, inns were known as ordinaries and were tightly controlled and licensed by the church-based government. The word "inn" during the American Revolution seemed too British and the inns became known as taverns.

I will share some insights on many specific New England and Connecticut taverns - several still stand. This presentation usually has two or three slides dedicated to taverns and inns where the presentation is being given.



**Early Inns and Taverns**  
across Connecticut and New England



## The energy of falling water - Connecticut's early mills

In the early days of 1640, every small Connecticut village had to depend upon itself for almost every necessity. There was no electricity or steam power. Water-powered mills were the answer.

Communities often started around a sawmill or a gristmill. More factories, whose machines were powered by water, making hats, buttons, clocks, cider, plaster or iron works would follow. Let me tell the story. Mills were one of the reasons Mark Twain said, "Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over."

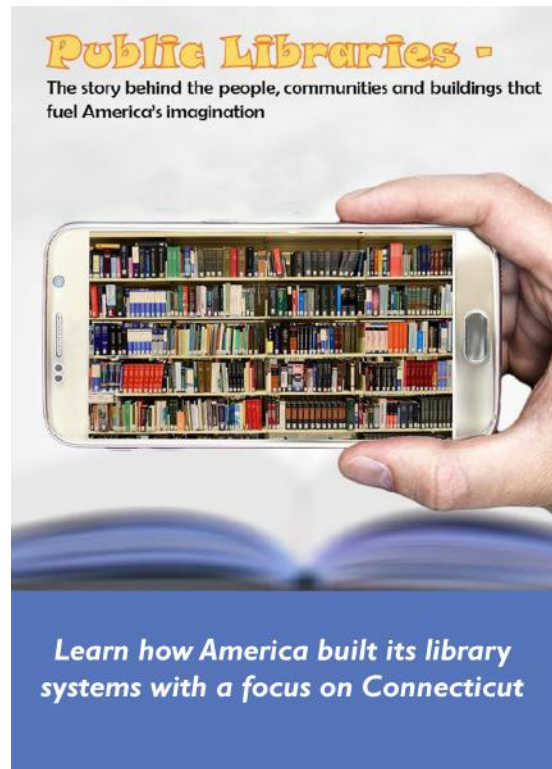
The energy of falling water  
**Connecticut's Early Mills**

John Tyler's Improved Water Wheel.

## Public Libraries - The story behind the people, communities and buildings that fuel America's imagination

The first American book sharing institutions date back to colonial times. We might not recognize them; they were neither public nor free and counted their book collections by the dozens. The modern - free to use - library as we know them evolved slowly, starting in the 1830s.

Learn how our library systems developed from colonial times into the powerhouse of information they provide today in this 50-minute talk.



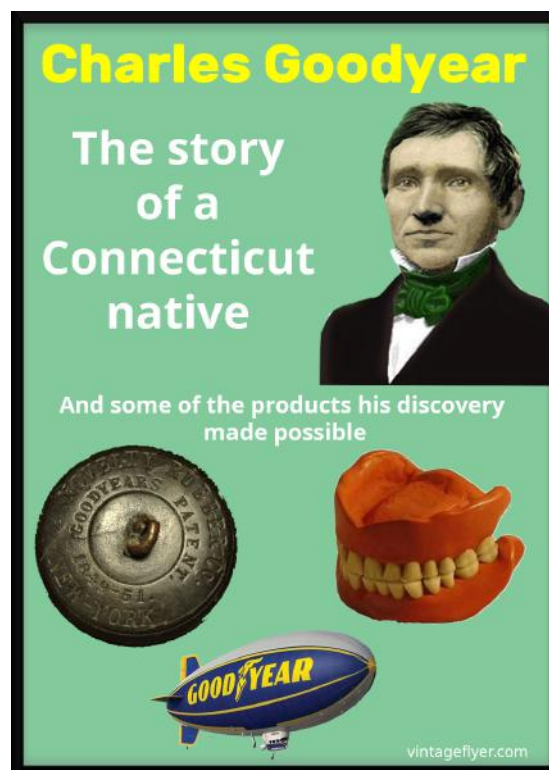
## Goodyear - The story of a Connecticut native

The Connecticut born inventor, Charles Goodyear, patented the process of vulcanizing rubber in 1844. Thomas Hancock had also patented a similar process and there were a number of other financial and production issues surrounding his discovery.

Goodyear had a decisive court victory in 1852. Unfortunately, he did not prosper from his discovery during his lifetime, but the industry he helped to found has played a major role in the development of the world's economy.

**If you are seeking more Connecticut inspired topics, be sure to see:**

Tales from Connecticut's Aviation History; page 5.



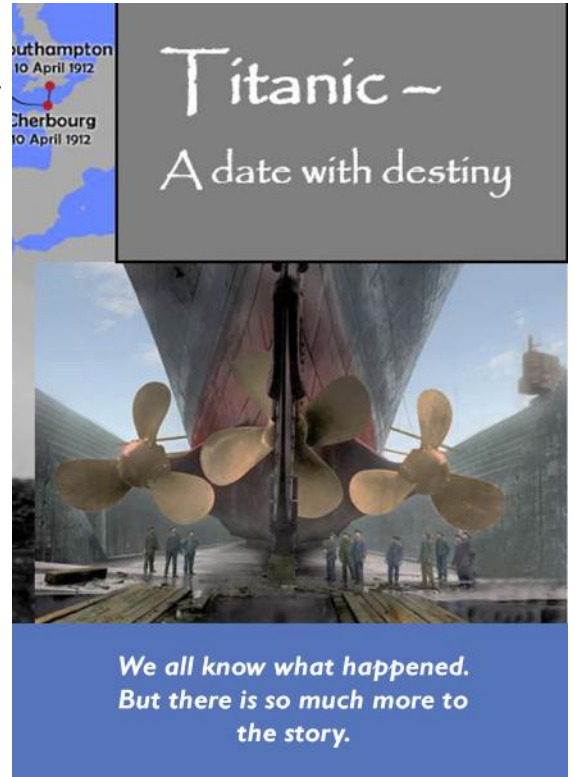


# - General Topics -

## Titanic - A date with destiny

The name Titanic derives from the Titan of Greek mythology where Titanic means gigantic. It was the largest moveable man made object of its time. The ship had nine decks, hosting 840 staterooms.

In this illustrated presentation, I share stories about the Titanic's construction, preparations for sailing, its crew and its passengers. We tour the ship's rooms and see how first, second and third class passengers lived on their journey. Was it destiny or bad luck and misfortune that sank the Titanic - you can decide.



## The Statue of Liberty - A symbol of American Freedom

The official name of the statue we call the Statue of Liberty is "Liberty Enlightening the World." The statue was a gift of the French people to America as a salute to the American version of liberty.

When the statue arrived from France, she was the color of a shiny new penny. Americans needed to build and fund its pedestal but New Yorkers were reluctant. Learn the challenging story of the statue and see images of its construction in this illustrated presentation.



**The Statue of Liberty**  
**A symbol of American freedom**

## It's Official - The Great Seal of the United States

The Great Seal of the United States symbolizes the country's independence and self-government. It appears on official documents such as proclamations, treaties and communications from the President to heads of foreign governments. As soon as the Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776, the Continental Congress created a committee to design the seal. It took six years of discussion and design.

Learn about the the trials and tribulations that were required to create our nation's official seal.

It's Official

## The Great Seal of the United States



## The Roaring 1920s

The 1920s era went by many names; the Jazz Age, the Age of Intolerance, the Age of Wonderful Nonsense and the Roaring Twenties. Young women's fashion of the 1920s was both a trend and a social statement. The 18th Amendment took effect on January 17, 1920, prohibiting liquor's manufacture, sale, import, export or transportation. But there is so much more.

Join me as we explore the history and stories of America's roaring 1920s.



# Secrets to time - The invention of photography

For a photo to exist it requires a photographer to see an idea, a camera to convert an image to a stream of light, something to preserve the image "film" and something to reproduce the image, a print. The first photographic image was taken in 1826.

Over the last 200 years, the processes to produce prints have changed dramatically - calotypes, daguerréotypes, cyanotypes and tin types to name a few. Color arrived in 1908. I will share the history that led to your mobile phone camera today.

**The secrets to time –  
Limitless possibilities with the  
invention of photography**

The people and stories that created the means to capture a moment in time.



# A history of electric vehicles

Electric vehicles began their evolution in the 1840s but like today, needed better batteries. Those arrived in the 1880s. In 1887 there were large New York City electric taxi fleets in operation. Electric cars outsold gasoline cars in 1899 and 1900.

By 1916, there were hybrid automobiles with gasoline and electric engines, but by 1935 electric vehicles had all but disappeared. Now they are back! Let me share the history of electric cars and maybe we can see if history is repeating itself.

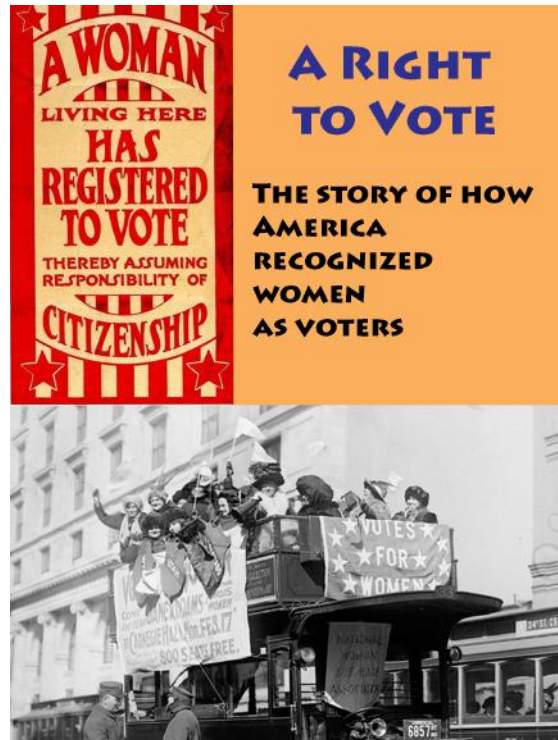




# A Right to Vote - The story of how America recognized women as voters

Can you imagine America without the opportunity for women to vote? It's barely been 100 years since that opportunity was guaranteed by the 19th amendment. It took political engagements which gave way to open resistance, pickets at the White House and outright physical skirmishes along parade routes to change minds.

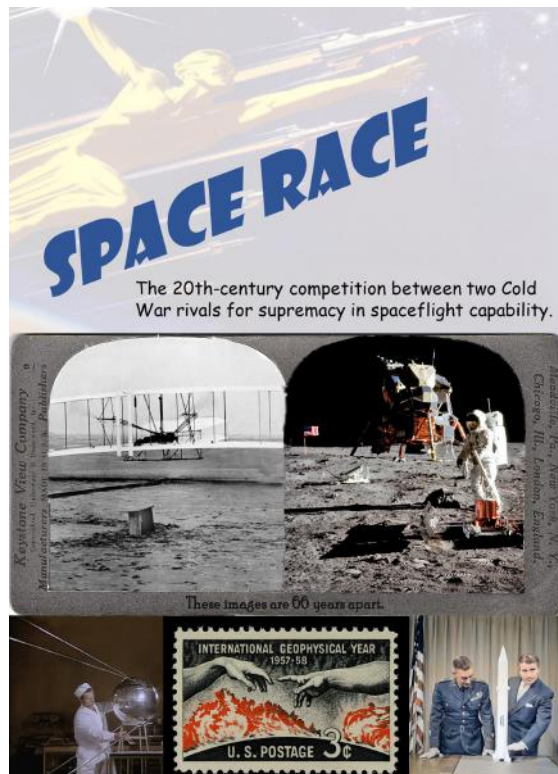
The 19th amendment squeaked by to approval on the last day, and the last few hours of the amendment's approval window. Your patrons will learn about the struggles and successes that lead to women gaining the right to vote.



# The Space Race - From Sputnik to the Shuttle

The space race was a 20th century competition between two Cold War rivals, the Soviet Union and the United States. The race persisted nearly fifteen years with each country claiming multiple victories along the journey.

The space race spawned pioneering efforts to launch artificial satellites, unmanned probes to many planets and human spaceflight in Earth orbit and to the Moon. The presentation explains how America ultimately won the race and the journey required to achieve that goal.



## How does the Space Industry impact millions of people every day?

The space race began decades ago as a competition between two superpowers, but there are now 90 nations operating in space. It's almost impossible to imagine everyday life without the many applications developed for or from space.

All this work has generated a new term, the space economy, and it is worth an estimated \$469 billion. Innovation is fueling the growth of 10,000 companies involved in lowering costs and enhancing lives. Join me as I highlight the global space renaissance underway.

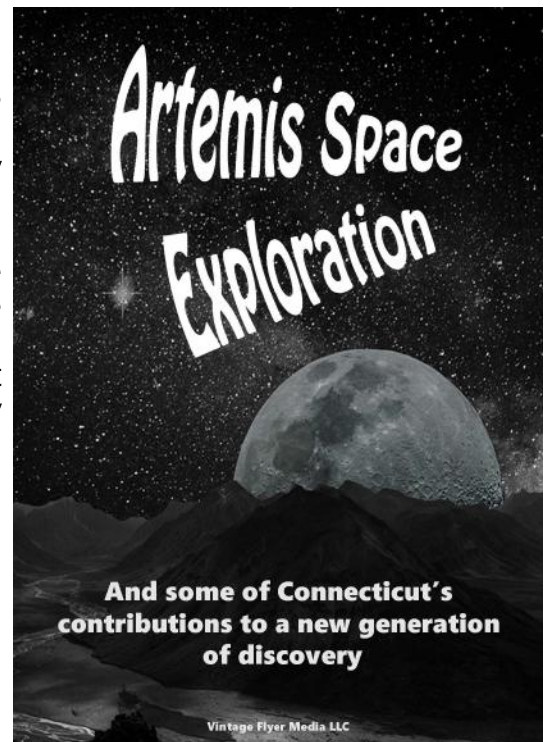


**How does the Space Industry impact millions of people every day?**

## Artemis Space Exploration and Connecticut's contribution to a new generation of discovery

Maybe you've heard -- America is going back to the Moon and beyond. The program is called Artemis and the first of its missions are already complete.

Artemis plans will land the first woman on the moon, the first human colonies there and use water found on the Moon. The presentation shares insights about some of the Connecticut companies, technology and NASA terminology that you will be hearing about in these missions.

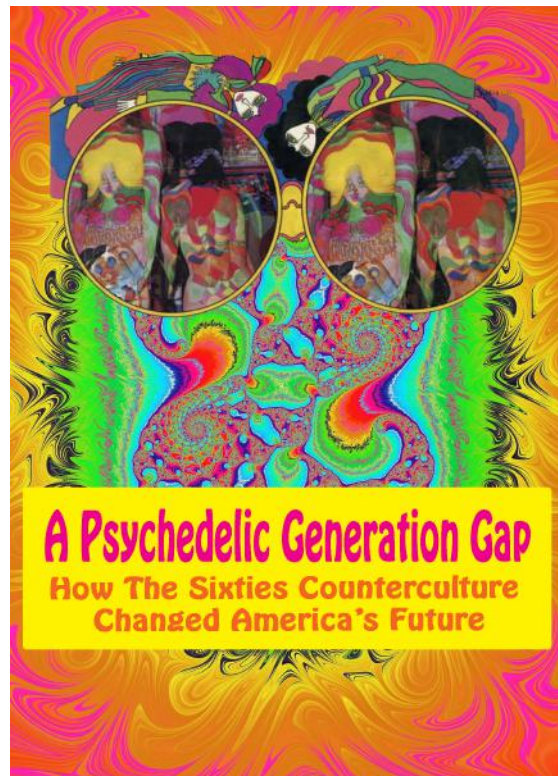




## A Psychedelic Generation Gap - How the sixties counterculture changed America's future

The 1960s were one of the most disorderly and divisive decades in world history. The number of American young people 14 to 25 jumped 40 percent in the era, representing 20% of the population. A new, psychedelic inspired music delivered lyrics and energy crucial to invigorate political ideas and common experiences.

Learn how the disagreements with the status quo led to national student-led uprisings changing how people reacted to the Vietnam War, nuclear proliferation, the environment and human rights.



## Six remarkable achievements by women that changed the world

Hear the inspiring stories behind six incredible achievements led by women who looked past the naysayers, saw a bigger picture and succeeded. Sometimes their achievement required a lifetime of work while others faced a unique challenge to be solved.

Either way, because their dreams were transformed into action, they helped in creating a better world for thousands of people. We would not want to think about a world without these achievements. It's a part of women's history not often discussed.

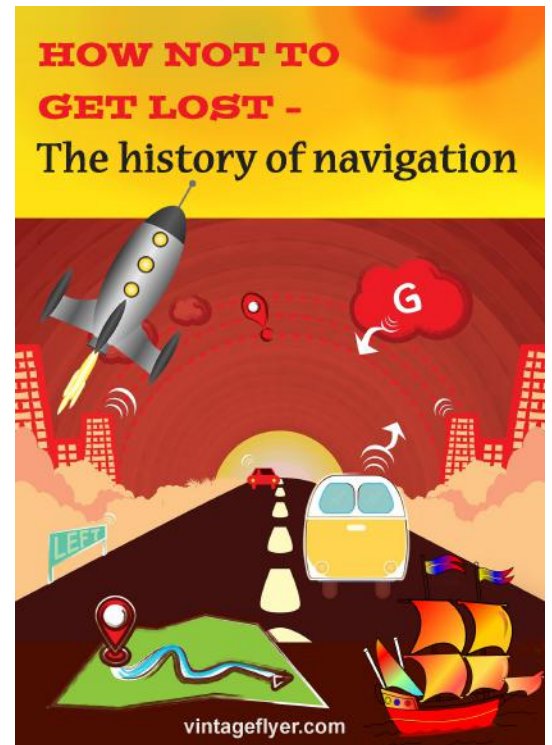




## How not to get lost - The history of navigation

Once upon a time, finding a new destination required a map or a guide. In earlier times, people sailed keeping the shorelines in sight. Today we hardly think about finding a location – we enter the address into our GPS and off we go.

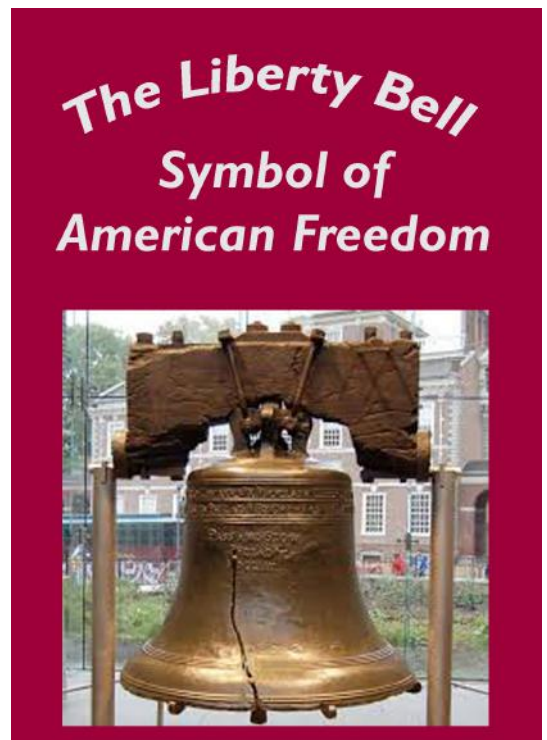
How did we get to the point of having GPS in the first place? The Greeks figured out how to get ships from point A to point B with the idea of latitude and longitude 5,000 years ago. The rest of the story would take humans a few thousand years. Learn how we figured out how not to get lost over time.



## The Liberty Bell - Symbol of American Freedom

In the early days of America, bells were a community's mass communication device. They were rung for fires, funerals, festivals and other important events. The bell America calls the Liberty Bell was brought to Philadelphia in 1752 and weighed more than a ton.

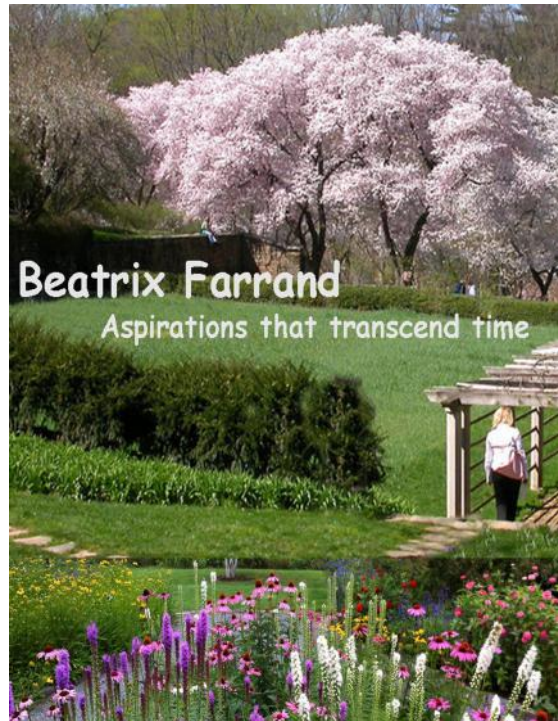
When first rung, it was uninspiring and cracked. The colonists melted it down and recast the bell, more than once. It endures as a national treasure, one of the six symbols most recognized for representing America. Join me as I tell the stories that make the bell a prized icon of American traditions.



## Beatrix Farrand - Aspirations that transcend time

Beatrix Farrand was a woman ahead of her time. She started a consulting business from scratch, in 1895. Her first location was a home office in NYC and as her business expanded, she hired and managed employees across three states. She charged the same fees that her male counterparts did.

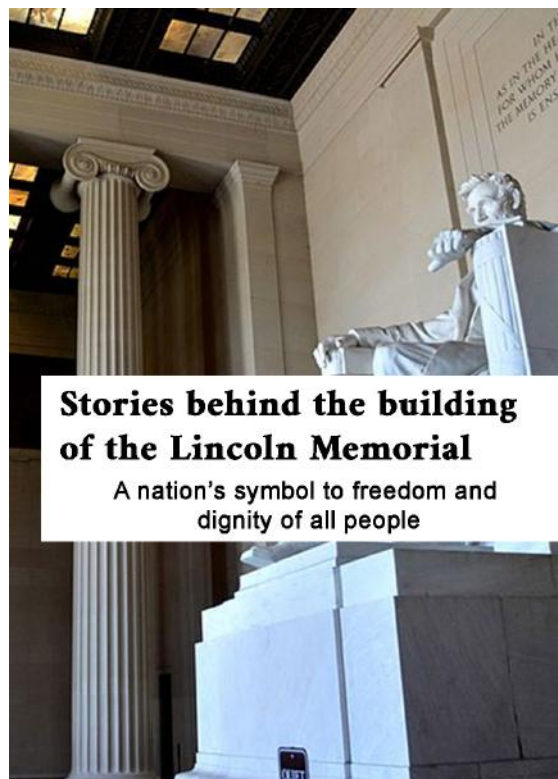
She would build her landscape gardening business into one of the most important of the 20th century. Four of her 12 surviving gardens are in Connecticut. Join me as I tell some of the stories and projects involving the woman who became one of the premier landscape architects of the 20th century.



## Stories behind the building of the Lincoln Memorial

Abraham Lincoln was America's 16th President. People remember him for his undaunted courage to preserve the United States as one country. He also created the Department of Agriculture, the Homestead Act, ended slavery and created the modern U.S. Federal currency. He was loved by many, despised by others.

It took many years and many designs before the country fully recognized Lincoln's accomplishments with his memorial. Learn some of the intriguing background stories about building the Lincoln Memorial.





## The Sport of Prohibition - Bootlegging

The Prohibition Era began in 1920 when the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution passed. Bootlegging wasn't new then, but the amendment expanded bootleggers' markets. Needless to say, the law was difficult to enforce.

The competition between the bootleggers producing and transporting illegal liquor and police trying to stop them almost became a sport. Sometimes the sport had a deadly outcome. I will highlight some of the stories behind bootlegging as a way of life before and after the Prohibition Era.



## The Sport of Prohibition



## Earth - An introduction to our planet's life-support systems and some surprising history

Everything on Earth is interconnected with processes and cycles so vast they can be difficult to comprehend. These processes are getting knocked off balance by human activity and one result is climate change.

The presentation is an introduction to the systems and cycles that maintain Earth's ecosystems. In the talk I will explain the differences of climate change, global warming and why we care.





# - Seasonal Topics -

## Secrets your parents never told you about the history of Christmas carols and songs

Carols used to be sung all during the year, but only the tradition of singing them at Christmas has survived. Early Christians replaced the pagan solstice galas with Christmas and substituted their Christian songs. Over the centuries the words and meanings of the songs have changed.

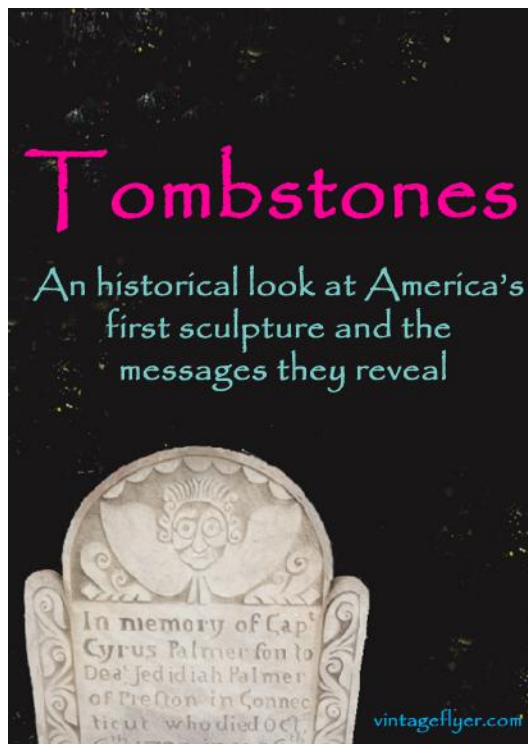
There is so much more to the stories of most Christmas carols and songs than most of us know. Discover some of the fascinating legends and realities that surround the traditional songs of the season.



## Tombstones - A historical look at America's first sculpture

Take a stroll through an old cemetery and you'll see intricate carvings on the tombstones of the deceased. While these symbols and shapes may look strange to us today, some say morbid or even hair-raising, they held important associations for our ancestors.

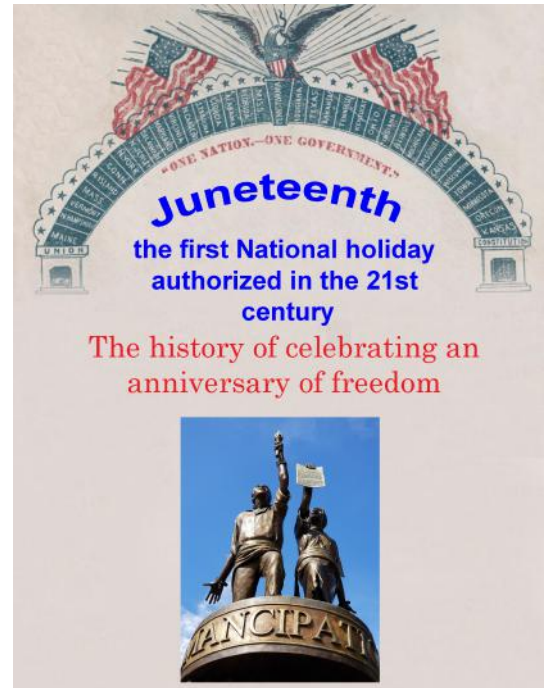
Symbols evolved as attitudes toward death changed. Learn about some of the history of America's first sculpture and how many of the messages have been interpreted.



# Juneteenth - The first National Holiday authorized in the 21st century

Juneteenth is a portmanteau word for June and nineteenth. Juneteenth, originally known as Jubilee Day, is a special holiday celebrating the promise of tomorrow that freedom provides every citizen.

The presentation explores the history and origins of America's most recent addition to our national holiday schedule. It is a holiday recognized in all 50 states with Texas being the first state to legislate it as a state paid holiday.



## - WWII Topics -

### Women's Work in WWII

Listen as I tell the story about how the United States faced daunting challenges after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The country faced a dilemma; we needed to draft millions of men to defend the country while we needed to produce immense quantities of war materials. Employers, government organizations and our enemies were surprised when American women stepped forward.

But American women wanted the jobs and freedom to continue after the war. Their fight gained traction through the 50s and in the 1960s they brought changes to legislation that has helped to change the workplace forever.

**Women's Work in WWII**

**Inspiration  
Beyond Imagination**

**TO MAKE MEN FREE**

*"you will share the gratitude of a nation when victory is ours"*

**ENLIST IN THE WAVES TODAY**

**Pitch in and Help!**

**JOIN THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY  
OF THE U.S. CROP CORPS**

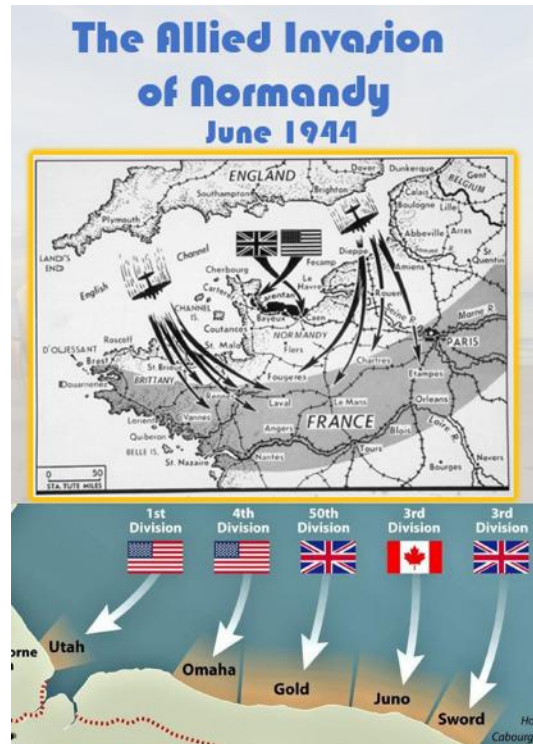
**Women war workers remembered achieving near equality in the war workplace but it was non-existent in the decade after the war.**

**They would make sure that changed too!**

# The Allied Invasion of Normandy - June 1944

Learn about one of the most pivotal events of the 20th century – the Normandy Invasion of WWII Europe. It was a vast international military operation that succeeded against the odds and one which called for human endeavor on a heroic scale.

I will underscore, through vintage photographs and stories, how the allies deceived the enemy, executed planning in near total secrecy, stockpiled men and materials and executed the most complex military exploit ever accomplished.



# Pearl Harbor and the surprise puzzle

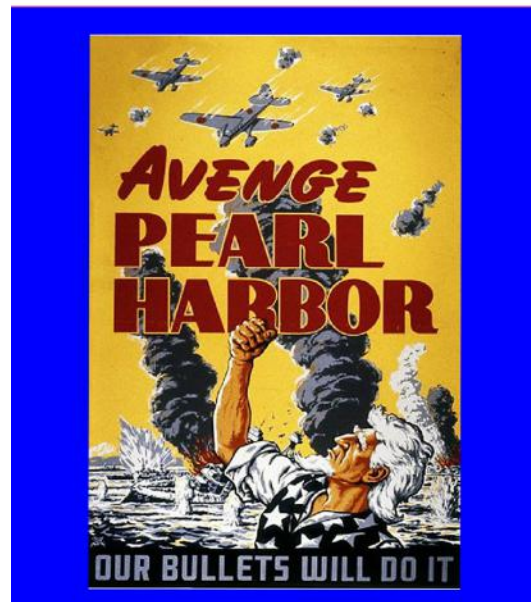
The attack on Pearl Harbor happened decades ago. The Japanese attackers traveled 3,400 miles across the Pacific to execute their 110-minute attack on Pearl Harbor. It was a total surprise, or was it?

We take a look at the attack based upon the postwar Congressional review of the facts. Regardless of how the country entered the war, America's involvement led to the ultimate defeat of the Axis powers, ushered in a new world order, and quite literally saved the free world from destruction. There is more to the story.

## Pearl Harbor

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A story that changed world history

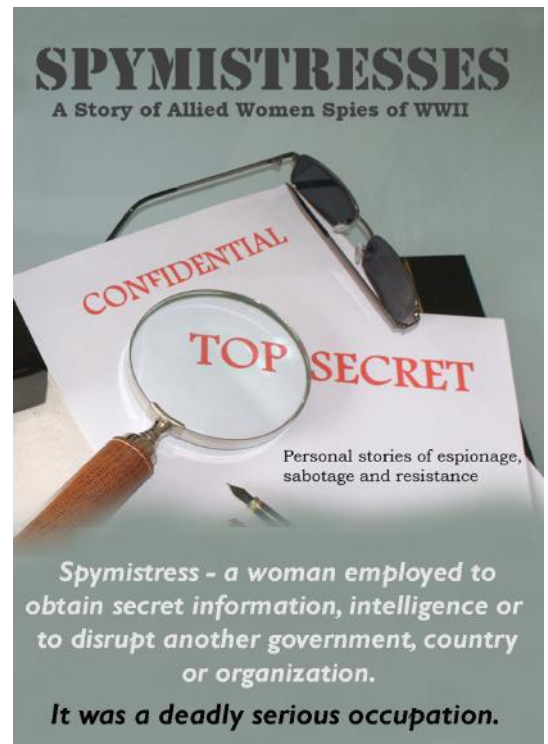




## Spymistresses - A story of Allied Women Spies of WWII

Spies belong to a special group of people with flexible identities, elastic morals and what has been referred to by some as situational ethics. Many take dangerous risks, complete their missions and live to tell the tale; others don't.

During WWII several women risked their lives to work within the enemy territory to uncover secrets. They covertly served the Allies and made significant contributions to the war. Learn about some of these women who worked in the European and Pacific theaters of the war.



## Baseball's little secret - Moe Berg is an OSS spy

This is a story that after hearing it you will wonder why you didn't know it before. It is a story about a WWII spy, working for the OSS. Our spy's top secret plus three levels higher work earned him a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The question he had to solve was did the German's have an atom bomb? He would quietly retire from the U.S. Office of Strategic Service in 1947 and contract with the CIA for decades. Learn more about baseball's quirky catcher.

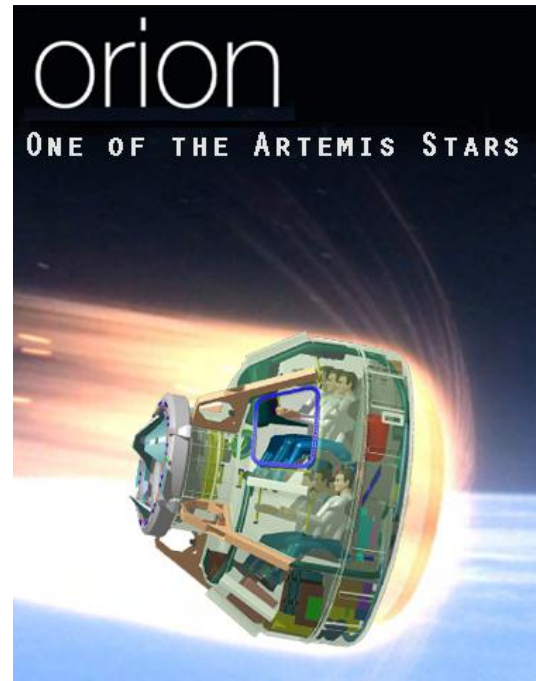


# - New talks added first quarter 2024 -

## Orion: One of the stars of Artemis

America has entered a new era of space exploration, it's called Artemis. It will lead humanity to sustainably colonize the Moon and prepare us for the exploration of Mars.

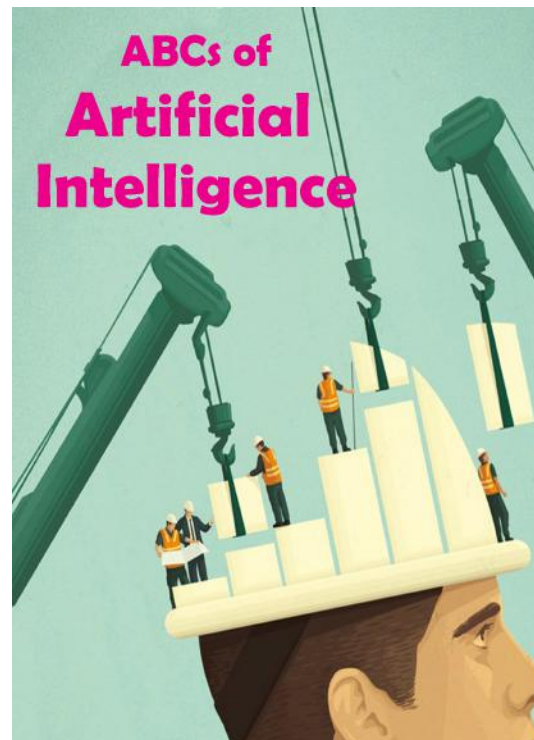
Orion is a specifically designed module to carry astronauts on deep space missions. It provides the infrastructure to keep humans comfortable on their long journeys and it is the only spacecraft capable of providing a high-speed return to Earth. This 50-minute presentation describes remarkable details about the spacecraft and its international medley of technology.



## ABCs of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI), can be traced back to the British computer pioneer, Alan Turing, who later solved how to decipher the German secret enigma code.

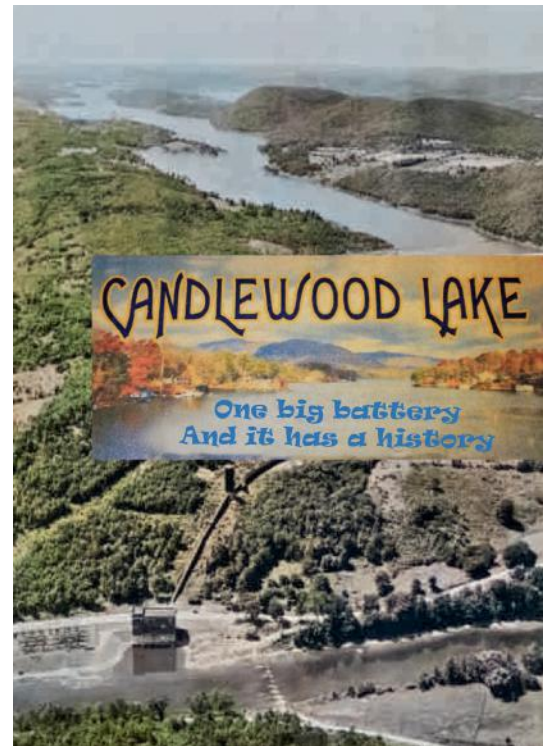
Our presentation will highlight how artificial intelligence is helping to shape our future by highlighting concepts including intelligent systems, deep learning and machine learning. Further discussion explains AI's ability to help make decisions using tools like expert systems, natural language processing applications and different kinds of artificial neural networks. The AI building blocks will make more sense after the talk.



# Candlewood Lake – One big battery and it has a history

Join us as we talk about some of the history behind the creation and operation of Candlewood Lake. As the mid-1920s plan unfolded, the lake would eventually flood 5,600 acres of land of the Rocky River basin and create an important Connecticut hydro-electric power source.

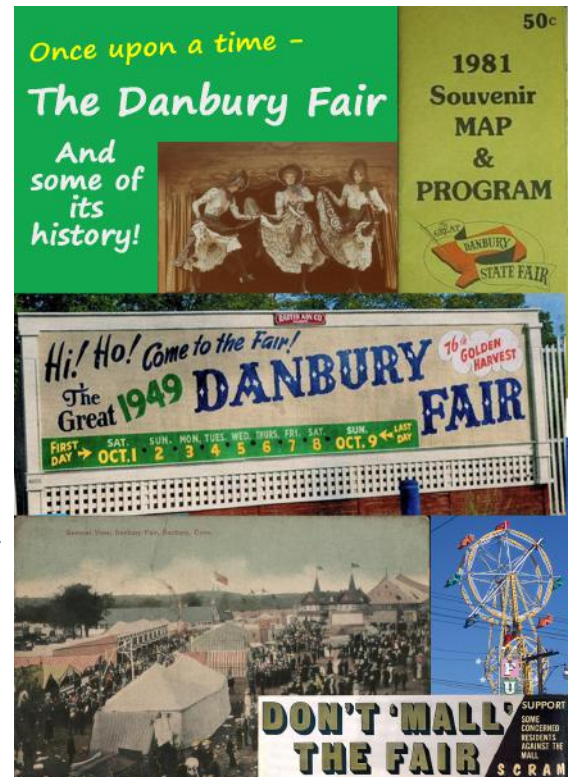
It was the first modern, large-scale facility in America to pump water up into a reservoir, in order to produce electrical power later. In many ways, the lake is a big battery power source, nearly 100 years old, that we get to enjoy today in many ways.



# Once upon a time: The Danbury Fair and some of its history!

For over 100 years the Danbury Fair was a phenomenon that people from all across the region anxiously anticipated. People loved all of it, yet the fair came to an end on October 12, 1981.

An estimated 400,000 people attended that year to say good-bye. With an unceremonious end, everything was auctioned off and the Danbury Fair Mall was built upon the fairgrounds. Join us as we look back through history and in a small way, remember some of the fun and tradition of the Danbury Fair.





## Bewitched - Captivating stories about a cast of characters

Few imagined that when *Bewitched* first appeared in the fall of 1964, it would air for eight seasons and continue in popular reruns for sixty years.

I'll share stories on the cast and those who replaced characters with untimely deaths. The list of guest stars was impressive; Richard Dreyfuss, Raquel Welch and Willie Mays were just a few. You might start to wonder if there really was magic in the twitch of her nose.



## About the presenter -

John Cilio is a historian, storyteller, a member of the Organization of American Historians and a member of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History.

John is a Connecticut resident and is the author of six historical books. He has written over 200 articles and has spoken at over 500 events on a wide range of topics in several countries. His goal is to make history relevant, engaging and enlightening.



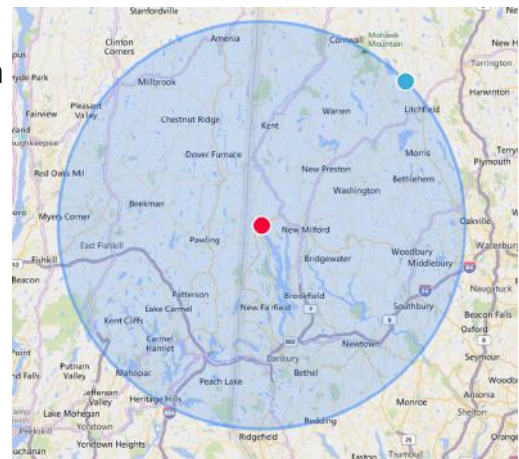
John believes that often the consequences of a historical incident were hidden from those that experienced it, yet looking back, one can sense the full impact of their moments in time.

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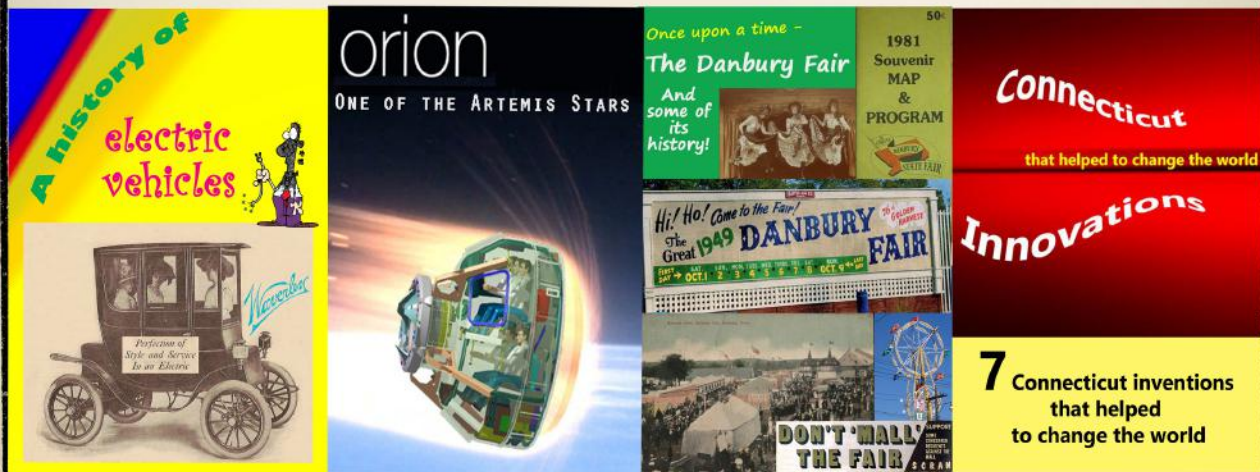
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