

# Great Presenters Series



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## 2017 - 2018



October 3  
7:30 - 9 p.m.

### Suzanne Hodes

#### Studio Days - A Memoir of my Creative Life

Using several images as examples, Suzanne Hodes shares the personal impact of people, cities, nature, and great social and political disruptions of her generation through her art.

Suzanne Hodes grew up in New York City, studied with the legendary expressionist Oskar Kokoschka in Salzburg, and had a Fulbright grant to Paris, as well as a Bunting fellowship to Israel. In 1982 she co-founded the group "Artists for Survival" to support the nuclear freeze and social justice. Her work is in the Fogg Art Museum, the DeCordova Museum, the Danforth Art Museum, the Portland Museum of Art in Maine, the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, and many public and private collections.



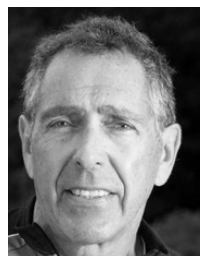
November 7  
7:30 - 9 p.m.

### Stephen Winthrop & M. Jane Williamson

#### Making a Lasting Splash After the 2014 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Stephen was diagnosed with ALS ("Lou Gehrig's Disease") in November 2013, just months before the viral ice bucket challenge. He and his wife Jane will describe their experiences and how they've plunged into education, advocacy, research, and fundraising, to fight the disease on many fronts.

Stephen Winthrop is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the ALS Association, the first ALS patient to so serve. In February he received the Heroes Living with ALS award from the Association. He and Jane live in Wayland with their two children and are NEALS Research Ambassadors and co-captains of their team, "Will Win Against ALS." [www.willwinagainstals.org](http://www.willwinagainstals.org)



December 5  
7:30 - 9 p.m.

### Herb Kavet

#### Remote and Exciting Travel by Bicycle

You can't see the world from the window of an air conditioned bus. Not really. Biking provides more intimate contact. You can easily meet the local people, whether primitive or sophisticated, because you are traveling in such an unthreatening and often locally acceptable manner. Herb will talk about adventures and encounters mostly in Third World countries.

Herb Kavet graduated MIT in 1958 as an engineer but spent most of his life as an entrepreneur and writer. He wrote hundreds of short humor books which his wife likes to describe as being of questionable taste. Still, all got published mainly because he owned the publishing company. Currently retired at 80, he skis all winter, bikes all summer and plays with his grandchildren in between.



January 9  
7:30 - 9 p.m.

### Linda Harrar

#### Wildways: Corridors of Life

Wildlife the world over need to roam for breeding, foraging, and to carry out their traditional migrations, but they are often blocked by ranches, farms, roads and other human-made obstacles. Now there's new hope for wildlife through an approach called "connectivity conservation." Wild Ways reveals through stunning cinematography how lions, bears, antelope and elephants can be preserved. From North America's Yellowstone to Yukon, to Southern Africa's elephant highways stretching across five nations, animals are on the move again in Wild Ways.

Linda Harrar of WGBH (Channel 2) Boston will present a 20-minute clip and talk about the documentary.

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**Harris Tohn**  
**February 6**  
**7:30 - 9 p.m.**

**Ellen Tohn & Anne Harris**  
**Wayland's Energy and Climate Action**

Wayland's Energy Committee has been successfully working over the past seven years to reduce our carbon footprint and save the town money. So far: 20% reduction in electricity use and \$200,000 in reduced energy costs. Learn what's next (and how to help).

**Ellen Tohn** is an environmental health consultant with over 30 years of experience. She is the founder of Tohn Environmental Strategies and a nationally recognized expert. **Anne Harris** worked as structural engineer and college admissions counselor before her concern about climate change inspired her to join the energy committee. She now works in the green energy industry. Ellen and Anne co-chair the Energy and Climate Committee.



**March 6**  
**7:30 - 9 p.m.**

**Nicholas M. O'Donnell**  
**A Tragic Fate: Law and Ethics in the Battle Over Nazi-looted Art**

The Nazis looted art on an unfathomable scale. The dispute over what should happen to those artworks has garnered headlines in recent years. This talk discusses the first book to analyze the legal and ethical struggles that have epitomized those battles, explained by one of the leading practitioners in the field.

Nicholas M. O'Donnell is a Partner in the Litigation Department of Sullivan & Worcester and a member of the firm's Art & Museum Law practice group. His practice focuses primarily on complex civil litigation, where he has served as lead counsel on a variety of lawsuits concerning restitution and fine art sales and has advised museums, dealers, auction houses, and collectors worldwide about restitution, copyright, and de-accessioning issues. O'Donnell is also the editor of the Art Law Report, which provides timely updates and commentary on legal issues.



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**April 10**  
**7:30 - 9 p.m.**

**Dr. Carol Englander**  
**Diet and Nutrition for Aspergers Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Come learn how and why changing diet and adding vitamins and minerals may improve attention, social functioning, and academic performance. Find out how laboratory tests can determine which specific nutrients to add for each individual.

Carol S. Englander, M.D. has a private integrative medical practice in Framingham. She has treated children and young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Aspergers Syndrome for over 20 years using the biomedical model developed by Defeat Autism Now and the Autism Research Institute. A graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Dr. Englander served as a founding member of the board of the American Holistic Medical Association.

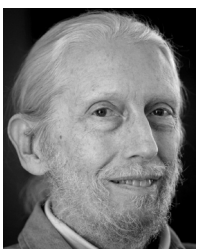


**May 1**  
**7:30 - 9 p.m.**

**John Landry**  
**Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML)**

This time it's for real, and it will change everything! For nearly 20 years AI floundered as a technology that never delivered results. That era is over! Aided by stunning advances in hardware performance and cloud computing, the AI software concepts conceived in the 80s and enhanced over the last five years are starting a revolution in "machine learning" (ML), enabling computers to perform "human-like" tasks (image and speech recognition, language translation, text understanding, etc.) at speeds and accuracy only dreamed of a few years ago. Long-time tech visionary John Landry will provide a lively discussion on ML and what might happen when machines exceed humans in intelligence (aka "super intelligence").

John Landry continues his 40+ year career in tech where he's been an Angel Investor in 80+ companies, a Senior Tech Exec/CTO 12-times (incl. Lotus, Cullinet, IBM), a Co-founder of six companies and Board Director of 45 companies.



**June 5**  
**7:30 - 9 p.m.**

**Hendrik Broekman**  
**Living the Harpsichord Life**

Harpsichords, despite being real, stubbornly remain less well understood than unicorns by most folk, aficionados aside. This program is intended to shed light on the making, music and other fascinations of this near-mythical instrument. One just might make a personal appearance!

Hendrik Broekman has been involved with harpsichords all his adult life, both as maker and player. He progressed to his own shop in 1972. Since 1979 he has served as the Technical Director of Hubbard Harpsichords.