



20th Century Club of Park Ridge

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## Highlights

October 2022

### Mark your Calendar

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting  
**Live Watercolor Demonstration**

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting  
**Meet Beatrix Potter**

December 13<sup>th</sup> - **Christmas Luncheon**  
More information below

### THOMAS TRAUSCH



Thomas Trausch is the Club's guest artist on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. He will provide a **Live Watercolor Demonstration**

Nationally recognized, Trausch has worked for many years with both watercolor and oils. His work is found in private, corporate,

and public collections, including the Parker Pen Co.; The Elmhurst, Illinois Fine Arts Museum; Morgan Stanley; Burlington Northern Railroad; Ms. Oprah Winfrey; and The Northern Trust Bank. He has exhibited with The Oil Painters

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## A Word From the President.....



**Welcome back Ladies!** This is my favorite time of year, leaves turning, wearing sweaters, watching football games, and Halloween! But most of all; getting back into the swing of seeing friends again. We are set to have a great year of **in person** meetings.

We have a fantastic line up of programs this year thanks to Gail Brandt and her committee chairs. We are going to meet Beatrix Potter, see a live watercolor demonstration, tour the world with Martina Mathisen just to name a few of our programs. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives!

This year we are making a big push to be publicly noticed. We would like to grow our membership! We are not a secret organization and we are going to let everyone know about the wonderful things we do and the impressive activities that are part of our group. After last year's by laws change, we can now invite friends who live in other cities. We have set up a Facebook page (controlled by Toni Flosi), we have been at the Farmers Market twice passing out our literature, and we are placing articles in local publications, thanks to some great connections through Joan Mattingly. Be prepared to see 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club everywhere!

Our benefit preparations are underway and we could use some help. If you are interested, please give Darlene DeRyke a call. Many hands make light the work!

We have an active email address: [20thccpr@gmail.com](mailto:20thccpr@gmail.com). If you have any questions, reach out. We have a new webmaster, Pat Long, keeping the web page, [pr20cc.org](http://pr20cc.org), up to date. Invite your friends to check out our webpage or Facebook page, **20<sup>th</sup> Century Club of Park Ridge, IL**

I'm looking forward to a great year!

*Liz*



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of America and is a Master Signature Member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America.

Trausch has illustrated and co-authored *The Opera House Sketch Book* and has been published in the Artists Magazine *Splash 3*; by Northlight Books *The Best of Watercolor, vol 1 and 2*; by Rockport Publishers *Portrait Inspirations*; and most recently *The Complete Guide to Creative Painting*.

Characteristic of his work is the interplay of light and color, creating energy. He believes that light can impart a spiritual quality that resonates with the viewer. The process of painting is what the journey is all about.

Membership dues (\$40) for the 2022-2023 year are being collected NOW. We ask that you mail them to the Financial Secretary, Helen Ideno, at 1301 N Tyrell, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

## SPRING BENEFIT UPDATE

Last year's benefit luncheon allowed the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club to donate \$6000 to the Park Ridge Library. Library Director, Joanna Bertucci, and Adult Services Manager, Laura Scott, have specially designated those funds to launch a new Library program, **Wits Workout**, an engaging, interactive and educational brain health program geared towards seniors.

Developed by the University of Illinois Extension, the program is "based on the research that intellectual challenge and social connectedness are two of several factors that contribute to brain health throughout life. **Wits Workout** has two main goals: to provide purposeful opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually, and to increase their socialization through ongoing group participation."

As featured in the Library's Fall publication, the Library plans to offer the **Wits Workout** program monthly, having hired a Center of Concern staffer to facilitate. The first program is October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Contact the Library at 847-720-3280 to learn about future scheduled sessions and take a friend or two with you!

## STITCHERY GROUP

The stitchery group continues its support of Maine East High School's sewing program. Donations of sewing notions are requested: thread, needles, scissors, buttons, snaps, zippers, bias tapes, etc. Fabric donations for their sewing classes are also much appreciated. All are asked to check their supplies, and if you have some things that you would like to donate, please bring them to the general meeting in October. We will make sure the students receive them. New items as well as gently used things will be accepted.

For more information or to request your donations be picked up before the October meeting, please contact Rosanne Plotkin, stitchery group chairman at 847-698-2839, or Liz Greenhill at 714-931-2794 or [greenhillliz@aol.com](mailto:greenhillliz@aol.com).

Thank you all in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

### Scholarship Committee, anyone?

Annually the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club awards scholarships to talented students. If YOU would like to help review Scholarship Applications in the Spring, please contact Joan Mattingly at [joan.mattingly.1237@gmail.com](mailto:joan.mattingly.1237@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU, Barrie Shinn!



Barrie Shinn left a very generous bequest to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club's Scholarship Program in her will.

\$10,000 is being added to the Foundation's coffers.

THANK YOU, Mrs. Shinn



# Memorial Day Re-Cap

## 20th Century Club in the 2022 Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade

The day was beautiful, both in weather and spirit, as our Club once again participated in the Memorial Day Parade after a three-year hiatus.

Thanks to the kindness of Club Treasurer Marianne Araujo and her husband, Joe, who are vintage car collectors, the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club had a GREAT presence!

They offered their 1937 Hudson, in which both Araujos rode along with their Grandson, Christopher, a Maine South student. They also loaned their vintage Z4 BMW convertible, which Outgoing President Pat Long drove, accompanied by Incoming President, Liz Greenhill, as passenger and the 'candy lady'. Board Members Angie Bratek, Toni Flosi, and Maria Ciesla walked in front carrying the Club banner. The crowd was massive and enthusiastic all along the Parade route after the long absence. Those who marched were happy to once again participate and show our support of the Parade, our veterans and of Park Ridge, our home base.



Board Members Toni Flosi, Maria Ciesla and Angie Bratek led the 20<sup>th</sup> Century contingent!



Marianne Araujo decorating the 1937 Hudson!



Pat Long at the wheel with seat-mate Liz Greenhill. Angie Bratek is holding the sign.





Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**Christmas is COMING**  
Sooner than you might think!

Who doesn't like a Christmas Party? The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club is planning an excellent cheery luncheon at the Park Ridge Country Club on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars now and plan on joining the festivities. Let's fill the room at this members-only event and enjoy a meal with friends.

Tables of 10 are being formed. You can request a table or the planning committee will seat you. **RESERVE YOUR SEATS SOON!**

Tickets are \$52 per person. Reservations will be accepted at both the October and November general meetings. Checks should be made payable to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club.

Complete the form attached and turn it in (or mail it as indicated to Toni Flosi).

**SEE YOU THERE!**



## BOARD VACANCIES

The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club is seeking some volunteer help. Please consider stepping up!

The **DRAMA CHAIR** has had to resign. While the Drama Program for the year has been selected, the Drama Chair would coordinate presentation arrangements at the February General Meeting.

An **ASSISTANT SOCIAL CHAIR** is sought to help with arrangements for refreshments at the monthly General Meetings.

### Bridge, anyone?

If anyone is interested in learning how to play Bridge, or Duplicate Bridge, there are willing players ready to teach you. If you would like to join a Bridge Group, contact Gail Brandt at 847-685-0846.





**20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CLUB**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022 11:30 a.m.**

**Park Ridge Country Club \$52.00 per person**

Our annual Christmas luncheon is always a great party. Get your table together and choose a table captain (tables of 10). Return the form below at either the October or November General meeting or mail this form and checks to: Toni Flosi, 925 South Crescent, Park Ridge, IL 60068 Please address the check to 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club. If you are single or part of a smaller group, *don't worry*, you will be assigned to a table.

**The luncheon is limited to members only**

**Reservation deadline is Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> (the general meeting).**

**For more information call or email:**

**Toni Flosi**

**847-858-2078**

**tflosi@aadvert.com**

**TABLE CAPTAIN** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/ Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERS AT YOUR TABLE**

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