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June 2017

UU Humanists Local Group

Picnic: June 24

Join us for our Annual Picnic on Saturday, June 24th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the lovely home of Gayle Walter and Gordon Daniell at 51 Linden Street in New Haven. In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved indoors.

Gayle and Gordon will provide hot dogs and veggie burgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

RSVP to Gayle at GayleCWalter@gmail.com.

If you have any trouble finding the location, Gayle's phone number is (203) 640-3694.

Directions

From South of New Haven:

Take the Trumbull Street Exit off I-91, which is the first exit past the 95/91 interchange. At the end of the ramp, take a right onto Orange Street. Go north on Orange Street 10 blocks to Avon Street. All the side streets are one way, so you need to go around the block to get to 51 Linden Street: take a right onto Avon, then a left onto Foster, then a left onto Linden Street.

From North of New Haven:

Take the Willow Street Exit off I-91, which is Exit 5. At the end of the exit ramp, take a right onto Willow Street. Go west on Willow Street to the third traffic light at the corner of Willow and

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at meetup.com/cthumanist.

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Sat., 3	Explorations: <i>Verna, USO Girl</i>	2:30 p.m
Mon., 5	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 17	Book Discussion: <i>White Trash: The 400-Year Old Untold History of Class in America</i> by Nancy Isenberg	2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m
Sat., 24	Annual Picnic at Gayle Walter's home	4:00 p.m
Sun., 25	Board meeting	2:00 p.m

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Sat., 1	Explorations: <i>Coney Island</i>	2:30 p.m
Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m
Sat., 15	Book Discussion: <i>Riders of the Purple Sage</i> by Zane Grey	2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m
Mon., 17	Monthly Meeting Main program: TBA	7:00 p.m 7:30 p.m
Sun., 23	Board meeting	2:00 p.m

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Foster Streets; there is a pizza parlor on the near right-hand corner. Turn left onto Foster Street and take the first right onto Linden Street.

Once you reach Linden Street:
#51 is the last house on the right of the first block of Linden Street. It is a small

butterscotch-colored Victorian. There is a 2-car garage between the house and the market on the corner, which is Romeo's. If you go too far, you will be back to Orange Street. Because Linden Street is one-way, either park on the street and walk back or go around the block again.

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Book Discussion: "Riders of the Purple Sage"

Please join us at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when we will discuss our book for July: *Riders of the Purple Sage*, a classic western by Zane Grey. Numerous copies are available in public libraries, and it is even available free online at Project Gutenberg, since it's out of copyright.

From *Goodreads*: Told by a master storyteller who, according to critic Russell Nye, "combined adventure, action, violence, crisis, conflict, sentimentalism, and sex in an extremely shrewd mixture," *Riders of the Purple Sage* is a classic of the Western genre. It is the story of Lassiter, a gunslinging avenger in black, who shows up in a remote Utah town just in time to save the young and beautiful rancher Jane Withersteen from having to marry a Mormon elder against her will. Lassiter is on his own quest, one that ends when he discovers a secret grave on Jane's grounds. "[Zane Grey's] popularity was neither accidental nor undeserved," wrote Nye. "Few popular novelists have possessed such a grasp of what the public wanted and few have developed Grey's skill at supplying it."

"Zane Grey epitomized the mythical West that should have been. The standout among them is *Riders of the Purple Sage*." – *True West*

Explorations: "Coney Island"

In the late nineteenth century, a barrier island off the southern Long Island coast named for the wild rabbits that inhabited the place, and famously referred to as "Sodom by the Sea," developed into an area famous for its hotels, beaches, amusement parks, and unbridled hedonism (not to mention hot dogs). For those of us at home this weekend, join us for a trip into the past, and learn about this fascinating place in this wonderful documentary by Ric Burns.

Join us at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

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