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November



UU Humanists Local Group

HAC Monthly Meeting

Why I am a Humanist

Greg Seaman, speaker

Monday Nov. 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Greg Seaman is a retired physics professor and former long-time Board member for the Unitarian Universalist Association's UU Humanist Association. Greg received a PhD in nuclear physics from Yale in 1964. He had post-doctoral appointments at Los Alamos and at Rutgers, doing basic research on the van de Graff accelerator.

He then went on to teach for a number of years at Kansas State, before returning to Connecticut to work for Canberra Industries in Meriden, doing sales and project management. The company sold nuclear measurement equipment, and did related special software development. Greg's largest projects for them were in Saudi Arabia and Minnesota. He retired in 1998.

Greg and his wife Lous Smith, well known to HAC, have been active members of USNH since 1983. He will articulate, with his clear thinking, his strong dedication to Humanist values.

This meeting will be live in the Children's Chapel at USNH.

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can view the latest newsletter and calendar at www.cthumanist.org.

The USNH indoor event Covid policy requires masks, social distancing, and no food.

Some programs are held ONLINE this month.

NOVEMBER 2021

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| Mon. 1 | Monday Social – Remote | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 6 | Explorations – The Iconic Covered Bridge | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Sat. 13 | Book Discussion: “The Wordy Shipmates” by Sarah Vowell | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Sun. 14 | Outdoor Explorations w Aaron Goode | 12:00 p.m. |
| Mon. 15 | Monthly Meeting – Why I am a Humanist By Greg Seaman | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun. 21 | Board Meeting (all members are welcome) | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mon. 22 | Wood-N-Tap Discussion | 7:00 p.m. |

DECEMBER 2021

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| Sat. 4 | Explorations – TBD | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Mon. 6 | Monday Social – Remote | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 18 | Book Discussion: “Adam Bede” by George Eliot | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Mon. 20 | Annual Meeting & Winter Solstice Celebration via Zoom | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon. 27 | Wood-N-Tap Discussion – TBD | 7:00 p.m. |

HAC Explorations - The Iconic Covered Bridge

Sat, Nov. 6, 2:30 p.m.

Traveling through New England, these beautiful structures mark the landscape in many places. Fairly common in the Nineteenth century, their numbers are dwindling. One covered bridge, located in New York State, just over the Massachusetts border, was swept away by flooding during Hurricane Irene in 2011. The community was able to raise the funds to rebuild it, and the story of the bridge's rebirth is fascinating. Equally interesting is the comparison between covered bridges in America, and those in China, which are constructed using a totally different design concept.

Join us for a journey into the not too distant past. The film will be shown, followed by discussion.

This event is held in the Children's Chapel at USNH. The Boshis will host.

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Notices and Events of Interest

Protect Our Democracy!

It's time to push the Senate to pass S.4 - John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (VRAA) and protect access to the ballot box for all Americans.

<http://ahuman.convio.net/site/R?i=mDxK7yJFZSii->

[X0rQmHmoBEs6I8YvzlG3wGIUG_k473HaAMSJY2VPA](http://ahuman.convio.net/site/R?i=mDxK7yJFZSii-X0rQmHmoBEs6I8YvzlG3wGIUG_k473HaAMSJY2VPA)

Contact Senators Blumenthal and Murphy.

Here is a clear look at an important topic: video "Climate Change: Sunrise or Sunset," a panel discussion with Climate Czar John Kerry, and other renowned activists in the field.

<https://cptv.org/programs/climate-change-sunrise-or-sunset/>



Book Discussion: "The Wordy Shipmates" by Sarah Vowell

Sat, Nov. 13th, 2:30 p.m. Hosted by Kevin & Paula

"The Wordy Shipmates" is New York Times bestselling author Sarah Vowell's exploration of the Puritans and their journey to America to become the people of John Winthrop's "city upon a hill."

To this day, America views itself as a Puritan nation, but Vowell investigates what that means and what it should mean. What was this great political enterprise all about? Who were these people who are considered the philosophical, spiritual, and moral ancestors of our nation? What Vowell discovers is something far different from what their uptight shoe-buckles-and-corn reputation might suggest. The people she finds are highly literate, deeply principled, and surprisingly feisty. Their story is filled with pamphlet feuds, witty courtroom dramas, and bloody vengeance.

Vowell's words crackle on the printed page...smart, quirky and unabashedly incendiary...Vowell is very funny. She is generous as she wrestles with the moral intricacies of our nation's beginnings and how Puritan contradictions inform our sense of American exceptionalism today... "The Wordy Shipmates" is more than a punkish twist on our brave, verbose, tortured forebears, living in their new colony like "an ashram in the woods." - Cleveland Plain Dealer

This will be an online event at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88327662267?pwd=MThDY09rc1ZSME90djVYMzYyY2VPA>

Upcoming:

Saturday, December 18: "Adam Bede" by George Eliot

Wood-N-Tap Discussion: - "What if Emotions Aren't Universal"

Mon. Nov. 22nd, 7:00 p.m. indoors at the Hamden Wood-n-Tap

It can be difficult to remove bias in social science experiments. What do you make of this recreation of a classic experiment that has influenced our beliefs for decades? <https://tinyurl.com/5pn8bkrw>

Because we're meeting indoors, please only join us if you've been fully vaccinated.

7:00 p.m.

Wood-n-Tap

2100 Dixwell Ave, Hamden

Outdoor Explorations - A Short Walking Trip

Sun. Nov. 14th, 12:00 p.m. with Aaron Goode

We will meet in Hamden and take a stroll on the Farmington Canal State Park trail.