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## SHERMAN FOR THE HOLIDAYS 2026:

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tickets at SCEmusic.org

The Sherman Players are presenting "An American Christmas Carol" Dec 4 – 20, 2026. It is based on the novel by Charles Dickens, adapted by Robin Frome and directed by Jane Farnol. Purchase tickets at www.shermanplayers.org.

The sixth annual Sherman Artists Open Studios 2026 is Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be twenty-eight artists in Home Studios, the Sherman JCC, and Charter Hall. For a preview of these artists, visit the art show at the Sherman Library Art Exhibits www.shermanlibrary.org. For a brochure/map and more information, visit www.ShermanArtists.org Brochures are also available at many locations throughout the town.

Tickets are now on sale for the Sherman Library Centennial Celebration Winter Gala "Crystal Luxe": Dec.5, 7-10:00pm. Come celebrate the season as you sip cocktails, enjoy festive fare, sway to live music, and shop the fabulous silent auction. Tickets are $175 apiece. Tickets are available at the Library or online at www.shermanlibrary.org/gala2025 until Nov 30th. For more information visit www.shermanlibrary.org or call 860-354-2455

Also the first weekend in December is the Sherman Historical Society Open House at the Northrup House Dec 5, 1-4pm & Dec 6, 2-6pm with Santa at the Barn at 5:30. www.shermanhistoricalsociety.org. And don't forget to do some holiday shopping at the Sherman Historical Society Old Store.

This year also the Sherman Park n Rec and the Sherman Commission for the Arts is sponsoring the second annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Registration Deadline is November 30th; Decorations need to be finalized by Monday Dec 7th. There will be a town-wide drive through on Friday December 11. The top 3 homes will be announced on Monday December 21st. To register: ShermanCT.MyRec.com

Friday December 11, 4 - 6

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## RebelsCares Fall Yard Cleanup



Kevin Dransfield, Bill Hogan, Connor Davis, Doris McDemott, Bill McDermott, Deb Blum, Sam Gioia, Brian Blum, Adam & Will Huron, Rick Salem, Dan Joslin

***By Joe Simmons***

For the eleventh consecutive year, volunteers from RebelsCare joined together this fall to assist New Fairfield residents who are unable to manage their own yard maintenance. The annual fall cleanup has become a community tradition, providing much-needed help to senior citizens and homeowners facing physical or other challenges.

This year, 15 dedicated volunteers spent a Saturday morning raking leaves, clearing yards, and tidying outdoor spaces for five homeowners. Among the volunteers were seven members of the Knights of Columbus and three teens. Due to the heavy rain the previous two days, the leaves were quite heavy and harder to move. However, the volunteers took the challenge in stride and got the job done. After the work was finished, one resident expressed her appreciation to the volunteers. "You are a real godsend I just couldn't handle this myself. " Another commented: "I don't have family around so this is so helpful. And you are always so cheerful".

Afterwards organizer Doris McDermott reflected on the day's activities: "It's rewarding to be able to help people and the seniors are so appreciative. There's a lot of people in need in our town, and if we had more volunteers, we could do more homes"

RebelsCare is a community service organization that provides students and adults the opportunity to help local homeowners in need. The group has also sponsored various projects, including painting, home repairs, and yard maintenance.

## SCAN Presents Kathleen L'Hommedieu Still Life in Oil Demo, Dec. 9



Light of Spring, oil, *by Kathleen L'Hommedieu*

The Society of Creative Arts of Newtown (SCAN) will present Kathleen L'Hommedieu demonstrating a still life in oil on Wednesday December 9th at 1:30 pm at The Newtown Senior Center, 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT. The demonstration is open to the public and admission is free.

I was taking the ferry to Block Island and a stranger who happened to be an art teacher, said to me, "Everyone should paint." I thought she was crazy. Thirteen years later and I would say the exact same thing! Painting is freedom, magic, meditative and joyous. I have spent a lifetime gathering beauty while rowing, hiking and spending time outdoors. These beautiful memories are my work.

*And, yes, you should paint!*

**Meet the Artist**

Kathleen L'Hommedieu, born and raised in Connecticut, finds inspiration through light and color in the landscape and sky. Many years of traveling for business and rowing competitions through Europe are also a major influence.

"We are immersed in light, color and energy from all that surrounds us no matter where we find ourselves."

Kathy has taught art classes at the Washington Art Association as well as Old Platform 6, Studio 130 and currently teaches in her home studio. Her work is collected in the U.S. and Europe. Kathy was recently awarded first place, visual artist in the Litchfield Magazine 2023 Reader's Choice Awards.

Kathleen attended Norwalk Community College and the University of Connecticut where she studied Landscape Architecture. Kathleen also obtained her Master Gardener Certification from

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pm there will also be a Tree Lighting on the Sherman Green at the Daily Market. There will be Holiday Crafts plus Community Spirit with a Gift Card Drive for Sherman Social Service with the Tree Lighting around 6pm.

Mark your calendars for these great events. And there is more to come!! Enjoy our shops and restaurants when you are in town. For more times, locations, and detail information visit the Sherman Commission for the Arts Facebook page or the Community Calendar on the Town of Sherman website: www.shermanct.gov.