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- Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted
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POLICIES

- \$2 handling charge will apply to all orders.
- \$3 surcharge is included in the series and single ticket prices. This charge has been authorized by the City of Woodstock with all proceeds being applied to the Opera House Annex Project.
- No refunds or exchanges.
- Performances may be subject to change.

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Creative Living Series

All Programs Begin at 10:00 a.m. • Coffee and Conversation Offered at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Brent Ridge & Josh Kilmer-Purcell

**THE FABULOUS BEEKMAN BOYS
OCTOBER 16, 2014**



When Dr. Brent Ridge and Josh Kilmer-Purcell bought a rundown farm in Upstate New York, they started a movement. Their Beekman Farm and its surrounding community serve as inspiration for "Beekman 1802," the brand that launched a hit TV show; bestselling books; beauty, home and food product lines in leading retailers; a massive social following; and a James Beard nominated lifestyle

website. Known best as "The Fabulous Beekman Boys" from their Cooking Channel reality show, the duo has put their stylish stamp on seasonal living. They are the authors of *The Beekman 1802 Heirloom Cookbook*, *Heirloom Desserts*, and memoir *The Bucolic Plague*, as well as the 2012 First Place Winners of CBS's *The Amazing Race*.

Dr. John Y. Cole

**A LIFE AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
NOVEMBER 20, 2014**



The Library of Congress is one of the largest, most comprehensive research and public libraries in the world; its Jefferson Building is a unique architectural treasure. For over 45 years, John Y. Cole has sought to increase public understanding of the key role the Library plays in American government, scholarship, and society. As both historian of the institution and founding

director of its reading and literacy promotion office, the Center for the Book, he is well qualified for the task. Join Dr. Cole for an illustrated, personal introduction to the Library of Congress and its unique features, from Thomas Jefferson's personal library to the recently opened Young Readers Center.

Mark Hirsch

**THAT TREE
JANUARY 15, 2015**



While recovering from a near-fatal car accident, photojournalist Mark Hirsch was encouraged by a friend to capture images of a magnificent bur oak tree standing alone on the horizon near his rural Wisconsin home. The photos, taken daily for one year with his iPhone, became

for Hirsch an unintended adventure in self-discovery and gave him the healing, inspiration and enlightenment he needed. His project has been celebrated on *CBS News Sunday Morning*, NPR Public Radio, and in major newspapers, and is followed by 40,000 devoted fans on his Facebook page, where he continues to share new photos of his favorite bur oak. *That Tree* was published in 2013.

Dr. Temple Grandin

**THINKING IN PICTURES
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**



Photo by Rosalie Winard

Named one of *Time Magazine's* 100 most influential people, Temple Grandin's achievements are all the more remarkable because at age two she had no speech and all the signs of severe autism. Her mother enrolled her in early intervention programs; later, mentoring by a high school science teacher and a rancher aunt motivated her to

become a scientist and livestock equipment designer. Dr. Grandin shares how her ability to "think in pictures" helps her solve problems that neuro-typical brains might miss. She makes the case that the world needs people on the autism spectrum: visual, pattern and verbal thinkers, and all kinds of smart, geeky kids. Claire Danes portrayed her in the award-winning HBO film *Temple Grandin*.

Jeffrey Nigro

**DRESS & FASHION IN
JANE AUSTEN & HER WORLD
MARCH 19, 2015**



"Mrs. Powlett was at once expensively & nakedly dress'd; we have had the satisfaction of estimating her Lace & her Muslin; & she said too little to afford us much other amusement." This report, delivered by Jane Austen in an 1801 letter to her sister, is one of the many characteristically pithy assessments that fill her correspondence. Although Austen often portrayed fashion-consciousness in her novels as a sign of frivolous behavior,

privately she was as concerned with cutting a fine figure as everyone else in Regency England. Art historian and Art Institute lecturer Jeffrey Nigro discusses aspects of "dress and undress" in the fashions of Austen's day and how those fashions reflect changing social ideals.

Elizabeth Murray

**LIVING LIFE IN FULL BLOOM
APRIL 16, 2015**



Best known for her photographs of Monet's gardens, taken over a 30 year period, and for being the first woman gardener to help restore them, author and artist Elizabeth Murray presents a guide for living beautifully and creatively. The Four Pathways in her book, *Living Life in Full Bloom*, help us tap into The Gardener (cultivating intimacy with nature), The Artist (expanding creativity and imagination), The Lover (leading with the heart and committing to what

we love), and The Spirit-Weaver (bringing celebration, ceremony, blessings and gratitude into each day). Murray's presentation blends photographic images with personal stories, garden metaphors, and humor to inspire her audience to connect with what has meaning for them and to express their own creativity.

Past Speakers Include

Studs Terkel, John Bredar, Ann Patchett, Paul Sereno, Bill Kurtis, Jane Hamilton, Mario Battaglia, Beverly Sills, Gene Siskel, Sarah Paretsky, Rick Steves, Martha Stewart, Billy Collins, Maya Angelou, Scott Peacock, Robert Wittman, Gus Russo, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Charlie Trotter, Gwendolyn Brooks, Jacques Pepin, Amy Dickinson, Fr. Andrew Greeley, Rick Bayless, Leslie Hindman, John Callaway, Geoffrey Baer, Gale Gand and Eddie Ross