

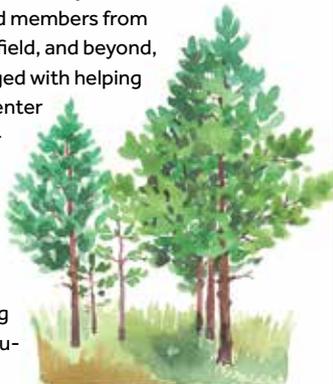


SWOON-WORTHY

Westport-based **Swoon**, a boutique vintage home furnishing store that offers antiques, art, accessories, custom furniture, and design services recently added another category to the list: art gallery. Owner Sue Appleton-Webster has launched a series of monthly art shows that feature a curated selection of work by local artists. "We hope to foster a sense of community where people can come out, chat with our artists, enjoy free refreshments and live entertainment, and view wonderful art," says Appleton-Webster. "Sometimes a gallery setting can be intimidating, but viewing art in a store is a lot more relaxed and helps people to see it in a setting with furniture and accessories, which gives a sense of scale." swoonwestport.com

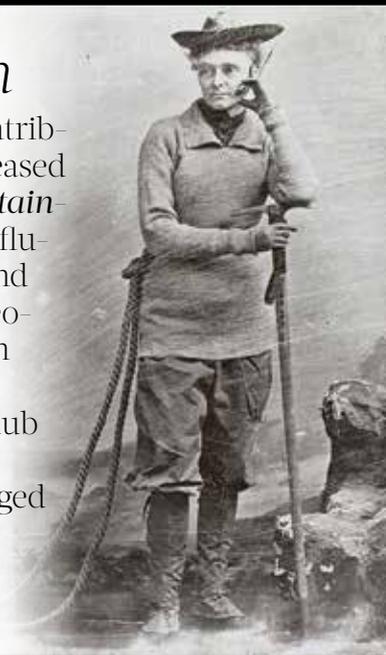
WELCOME TO THE BOARD

The Woodcock Nature Center recently welcomed three new board members: Pete Campbell (owner of Horseshoe Farm in Ridgefield), Pace University Environmental Studies Professor Michael Rubbo, and digital marketing expert Andy Williams. There are now ten board members from Wilton, Ridgefield, and beyond, who are charged with helping the Nature Center build community through programs that are educational and "nurture understanding about our natural world."



Pioneering Women

Weston resident and TownVibe contributor Cathryn J. Prince, recently released her new book, *Queen of the Mountaineers*. The biography explores the influence of Fanny Bullock Workman and Annie S. Peck, who defied the stereotypes of the late 19th and early 20th century. Workman was a founding member of the American Alpine Club and broke climbing records while Smith Peck, also a climber, challenged Victorian norms by climbing in pants and choosing independence over a traditional married life.



Murder & Mayhem

Congratulations to Wilton's Elissa Grodin whose murder mystery A Handful of Worldliness was recently released. The book features protagonist Edwina Goodman, who teaches physics at an elite New England college and becomes embroiled in a murder investigation. When a suspicious death is reported at the GHN Network (the "Gotta Have It Now" home shopping channel), Edwina's interested is piqued and soon, her comfortable and predictable world is turned upside down.

Great Reviews!

Recently, **Mike Hess** was named Best Practitioner Reviewer by the *Journal of Advertising Research* (JAR), which is published by the Advertising Research Foundation. Hess, who is a 40-year veteran of the advertising world, has had his own articles published in JAR in the past, but more recently, he has turned his talents to reviewing and commenting on the articles of others as a way to keep up with the industry and also to make a contribution. Congratulations, Mike!



Italy Beckons

The Wilton Singers are an intergenerational singing group with a membership ranging in age from 20 to 80. At the end of July, the group heads to Italy to sing a series of concerts at basilicas and churches in Padua, Venice, and Florence. Annbeth Lattimer says: "We love to sing together and miss doing so in the summer. And of course, it's Italy! It's a wonderful opportunity to make a memory."