

HILL-STEAD MUSEUM

Dear Friends,

With only weeks-in as Executive Director, I am writing to thank you for your support through the transition and for your many good wishes as we begin a new chapter at Hill-Stead. With you with us, the museum is stronger and better able to move quickly in exciting new directions.

On Valentine's Day evening, we hosted our first dramatic reading of Shakespeare in the drawing room. Known to many from their summertime outdoor festival in West Hartford, *Shakespeare under the Stars*, the performers of Capital Classics Theatre Company read, sang and channeled pieces of

Shakespearean love. At one particularly heady moment, I looked from the individuals to the walls – where the paintings seemed aglow – and thought about the marvelous artistic dialogue occurring before my eyes, a conversation spanning centuries and mediums. The words of Shakespeare, the actors interpreting them, as their musician accompanied, and all presented within a setting filled with magnificent examples of fine and decorative arts. I couldn't help but wonder if I was sitting in – inch by the square inch – the most artistically creative room in Connecticut?!

For myself and my family, I continually seek out such sublime expressions of human creativity in artistic form. And one of my favorite parts of this new role is collaborating with colleagues and artists to create such experiences for our visitors. Our next event – *Rumba Flamenca* on Thursday, March 20, when the musicians will perform between the two Spanish- and musically-inspired canvases by Edouard Manet hanging on our walls – is something I eagerly await.

I'd love to welcome you to this event, or any of the other new offerings coming



up: our **Mixology à la Monet** competition (February 29), at which guests will join in selecting the museum's new signature cocktail, or our family-friendly sheep-to-shawl extravaganza on the first day of spring, March 21. This event, which we've aptly titled **The Art of Shearing**, stars the beloved sheep of Clatter Ridge Farm who graze our pastures daily and provide countless moments of zen for those stuck in the perennial traffic jam on Route 4.

Looking forward to seeing you here!

Warm wishes,

Anna

Dr. Anna Swinbourne, Hill-Stead Museum Executive Director

Mixology à la Monet

Saturday, February 29 | 6-8pm



Local mixologists from Fork & Fire, The Wise Old Dog, The Liquorist MD, Taprock and Toro Loco compete for the title of Hill-Stead Signature Cocktail with your votes.

Member Admission | \$15

Non-Member Admission | \$20

**MIXOLOGY TICKETS FEBRUARY
29**

Rumba Flamenca

Friday, March 20 5:45-7:30pm

Jason and Elysa Hochman are the creative musical couple behind Jay & Lee Rumba Flamenca. They'll offer a repertoire of original compositions and unique arrangements of renowned Spanish Classical & Nuevo Flamenco guitar pieces.

Member Admission | \$55



Non-Member Admission | \$65

**RUMBA FLAMENCA TICKETS
MARCH 20**

The Art of Shearing: A Sheep to Shawl Demonstration

Saturday, March 21 | 10am-4pm



**See what it takes to take wool from
"Sheep to Shawl..."**

...an interactive celebration and demonstration of all things fiber!

On March 21st, while our sheep are being shorn, Hill-Stead Museum will welcome fiber artists, and vendors; demonstrating Skirting, Carding, Spinning, Weaving, Knitting, Crocheting, Felting and more.

There will be free hayrides to and from the barns, food vendors and story tellers. It's a celebration-Join us!

Tickets: \$20 per carload

SHEEP SHEARING TICKETS | MARCH 21

A Hill-Stead Museum Membership opens the door to a year filled with arts-focused events,



social gatherings, exhibitions and seasonal celebrations. We hope you'll join in!

JOIN NOW!

HILL-STEAD CALENDAR

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