

TERRARIUMS

Garden Club and library to present Tovah Martin

KENT » When you need nature close by, terrariums are the answer. If you've always yearned to host plants indoors, but failed — this lecture will come to the rescue. The solution is crystal clear — glass can serve as a solution to bond botany and you. With the aid of a terrarium, you can host nature almost anywhere: in your parched apartment, your dim office cubicle, or your less-than-ideal home growing environment. Terrariums are like personal assistants — they put your indoor gardening chores on autopilot. These “small worlds” introduce beauty, botany, whimsy, sophistication, and sparkle into any décor simply, elegantly, and inexpensively. This lecture explains exactly how to work with terrariums. Not only will we share all sorts of recycling ideas for enlisting everything from vases to cake stands, fishbowls, lemonade pitchers, cookie jars, etc for growing plants and showcasing nature, but we'll talk about how to select appropriate plants. And most importantly, this illustrated lecture will demonstrate precisely how to plant glass enclosures of all types, sharing secrets for success to incorporate green into your life, no matter how busy your schedule might be.

Join the Kent Memorial Library and the Kent Garden Club as they welcome horticulturalist, author and



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Tovah Martin will be speaking at the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. Her topic will be “Terrariums & You” and her book *The New Terrarium* will be available for purchase and signing. This special event is co-sponsored by the Kent Garden Club and Kent Memorial Library. Please register.

photographer Tovah Martin on Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m. at the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent. Her topic is “Terrariums & You.” And her book *The New Terrarium* will be available for purchase & signing.

An avid (verging on obsessed) gardener indoors and outside, Tovah Martin is the author of many gardening books — most re-

cently *The Indestructible Houseplant* (2015, Timber Press) which follows the success of *The Unexpected Houseplant* (2012, Timber Press) and *The New Terrarium* (2009, Clarkson Potter) as well as the popular *Tasha Tudor's Garden* (1994, Houghton Mifflin). A freelance writer, her articles have appeared in publications throughout the country including

Country Gardens, *Garden Design*, *Traditional Home*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *O the Oprah magazine*, *Old House Interiors*, *Horticulture magazine*, *Yankee*, *Passport*, *Connecticut Cottages & Gardens* as well as *The Daily Telegraph* in Europe. In addition to being the 2012 *Writer in Residence* for the new *Victoria* magazine, she is an accredited Organic Land Care

Professional through NOFA, an honorary member of the Garden Club of America and the recipient of their medal for outstanding literary achievement. In 2013, she received the Gustav Mehlquist Award—the highest honor bestowed by the Connecticut Horticultural Society. She has appeared on the *Martha Stewart Show*, PBS television series and the CBS *Sunday Early*



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Show as well as many other television and radio broadcasts. She speaks throughout the country and has lectured aboard the QE2. Tovah can be found at www.tovahmartin.com and she posts on facebook at Plants-wise by Tovah Martin.

Her book will be available for purchase and signing. This event is free and open to the public. To register or for more information call the Library, 860-927-3761; email kmlinfo@biblio.org; stop by the Library; or visit the Library's online calendar at kentmemoriallibrary.org.

The Kent Memorial Library's mission is to enrich the lives of individuals and the community by providing materials, programs, and services to encourage reading, learning and imagination. The Kent Memorial Library is located at 32 North Main Street, Kent

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THE FLYING KITCHEN

Youth cooking classes in Salisbury open Chaiwalla's doors

SALISBURY » After closing its doors in June, Salisbury's once bustling Chaiwalla Tea House has been unthinkably quiet, a great void for locals and visitors alike. While Mary O'Brien's tomato pie remains a haunting memory, an upcoming series of pop-up cooking classes for elementary and middle school students will have her kitchen pumping again soon. *La Cucina Volante*, as the series is called, is the dream project of Lakeville resident, Emily Armstrong Oberto, and is finally coming true thanks to a collaboration with O'Brien.

In Italian, *La Cucina Volante* means “The Flying Kitchen,” and the name is a nod to the idea that cooking can transport you, through time, into your imagination, or across the world. Oberto, a graduate of NYU's Food

Studies master's program, has long had a passion for home cooking, and as the mother of two Salisbury Central School students, she's also keenly aware of how much can be learned through the lens of food. “Children love to get their hands dirty, which makes cooking an ideal way to teach them...about our food systems, food culture, history, science, you name it. Being in the kitchen together is a fun, delicious, and meaningful way to connect to each other and to our food,” says Oberto.

The inaugural classes, titled “Comfort Me With Apples,” are scheduled for two Saturdays in October, the 15th and the 29th. Students can sign up for either a lunch class or a teatime session, each featuring a bounty of apple-centric rec-



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ipes and take-aways, including fresh-pressed apple cider. “Cooking and baking are truly magical,” re-

marks O'Brien, “but they are also important skills for boys and girls to learn. Fortunately, the kitchen is a

place that can be both magical and logical at the same time.”

Local cooking classes are

limited, especially for children, so Oberto and O'Brien anticipate that *La Cucina Volante* will resonate with families who are looking for a different sort of weekend activity. If their instincts are correct, they plan to expand the series further, and are considering offering tastings and classes for adults as well. For many, Chaiwalla calls to mind the soul-warming pleasures of a perfectly brewed pot of tea. The pair hopes that *La Cucina Volante* will take those fond associations and fly.

La Cucina Volante at Chaiwalla Tea Company is located at 1 Main Street, Salisbury. For more information email lacucinavolantect@gmail.com or call 860-435-9758.

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