

# WOMEN'S FORUM

April 2023

Dear Ladies,

One of the delights of living out here in the "country" is that periodically an event, which is a hallmark of our area - happens. Such is the program titled MANSION IN MAY. I've noticed that it's also a conversation stopper - the moment the name comes up, all talk turns to "When are we going?".

For our Spring Luncheon at the Dillon Library on Thursday April 6, WF welcomes Author and Historian Barry Thomson and his illustrated talk about the history of the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center, its invaluable affiliation with the hospital and its much heralded MANSION IN MAY program.

Many of us are familiar with the magnificent presentation of interior and landscape design that has become one of the most sought out destinations in the Somerset Hills. Mr.

Thomson's lecture will give us perspective on the forces at work behind this project and a hint of this year's stunning display.

Spring Luncheon, Thursday April 6, 2023 at noon. Admission 20.

Did you know that April is National Poetry Month? I know because our learned library director Marie Crenshaw told me so. I had approached her with our next topic and she directed me to April - and so here we are! Google tells us: "April is National Poetry Month, 30 days of celebrating the joy, expressiveness, and pure delight of poetry." So that's exactly what we are going to do. We are going to honor the art of verse at our Poetry Luncheon on Thursday April 20, at the Dillon Library.

We'll start with the story of an American literary legend, Robert Frost. "Frequently honored during his lifetime, Frost is the only poet to receive four PULITZER PRIZES FOR POETRY. He became one of America's rare public literary

figures, almost an artistic institution. He was awarded the CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL in 1960 for his poetic works. He was named POET LAUREATE OF VERMONT." Wikipedia.

I found an interview done in 1952 which reveals the poet in his realm, his New England farm. You'll discover an intriguing man full of complexity and brilliance and humility in the person of this gentle Vermont farmer. After the documentary we will host poets of our own, from the WF membership, who will recite from their work and tell us about their inspiration and journey to poetry.

Poetry Luncheon, Thursday April 20, at noon.  
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For links to register for the programs please contact us at [womensforumusa@gmail.com](mailto:womensforumusa@gmail.com). Your address will then be added to our email distribution list for detailed announcements of all events.

As always,

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