

OUR 2013 LUMINARIES and OUR HOSTS

Linda Allard hosting Alessandra Ferri

After only two years in the fashion industry, Linda Allard became director of design at Ellen Tracy where she devoted the remainder of her 40-year career. An avid cook, accomplished artist, and devoted gardener, Linda authored and illustrated *Absolutely Delicious! A Collection of My Favorite Recipes*. Gunn Memorial is fortunate to be one of many not-for-profit organizations that Linda supports, which extends to the American Ballet Theatre of which she is a Trustee.

Alessandra Ferri is considered to be one of the most important dramatic ballerinas of our time. Born in Milan, she began training at the school of Teatro alla Scala and continued at the Royal Ballet School in London. In 1980, Ferri won the prestigious Prix de Lausanne and joined the Royal Ballet where she was selected by Sir Kenneth MacMillan for leading roles in *Romeo and Juliet*, *Manon*, and *Mayerling*. In 1985, Mikhail Baryshnikov invited Ferri to join American Ballet Theatre where she danced as a principal until 2007. Ferri has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards. Since retiring from the stage, she has been the Director of Dance Programming at the Spoleto Festival in Italy. In 2011, Ferri began work on an innovative dance/theatre project entitled *The Piano Upstairs*, for which she has created the choreography and concept, and has collaborated with the esteemed Broadway writer, John Weidman. The premiere will open the Spoleto Festival in June and will feature Alessandra and Tony Award-winning actor Boyd Gaines in the lead roles.

Robert Couturier & Jeffrey Morgan hosting Barbara Paul Robinson

Paris native Robert Couturier's grand-scale design and décor projects span continents, commissioned by a Who's Who of the international power elite. His eminently livable creations are grounded in classical training and spiced with his own inimitable wit: he loves baroque music as well as Eminem. He acknowledges that he would not be able to live without sugar and has far too many suits. "The furthest job I have is Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea, but I am happiest in our house with Jeffrey and our Shi Tzus." Jeffrey Morgan is an architectural historian and self-professed vigilante preservationist.

Barbara Paul Robinson worked as a gardener for Rosemary Verey at Barnsley House during a sabbatical from the leading international law firm, Debevoise & Plimpton, where she was the first woman partner. A hands-in-the-dirt gardener herself, she and her husband have created their own gardens at Brush Hill in northwestern Connecticut, which have been featured in articles, books and on television. A frequent speaker, Barbara has published articles in the *New York Times*, *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening* and *Hortus*; she also has written a chapter in Rosemary Verey's *The Secret Garden*. The gardens can be viewed at www.brushhillgardens.com.

Dixie & David De Luca hosting Vicky Ward

Dixie and David De Luca have enjoyed their home in the New Preston area for almost 15 years. Originally built in 1834, they have done two major renovations on their Greek Revival residence, which was for many years the art studio and home to artist Waldemar Neufeld. The De Lucas are avid American furniture and folk art collectors and members of the Collectors Circle of the Winterthur Museum, in Wilmington, DE, where David is a Trustee. After 25 years in the corporate insurance business, Dixie pursued her passion for entertaining, working with event planner Colin Cowie. She currently devotes her full-time efforts to their active family life, serves as Trustee to the New York School for the Deaf, and still loves to entertain. David is Managing Director at a New York investment bank. He is also the gardener in the family!

Vicky Ward is the author of *The Devil's Casino*, the inside story of what happened at Lehman Brothers and why it failed. Ms. Ward has been a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair*, *Town & Country*, among other publications, specializing in investigative reporting. She has profiled, among others, Jill Kelley and her role in the David Petraeus affair, CIA agent Valerie Plame,

businesswoman Louise MacBain, Morgan Stanley, the late Bruce Wasserstein, counterterrorism expert Richard Clarke, the Getty, the Guggenheim, the Fairfield Greenwich Group (the Madoff feeder fund), Brooke Astor and Kate Moss. She is writing a book about the General Motors Building, the most expensive and coveted commercial real estate in the U.S. Ward is a weekly columnist for the *Huffington Post*, and a contributor to CNBC. Previously the executive editor of *Talk* magazine, her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, the *London Times*, and the *Daily Telegraph*. A native Briton, Ward was the runner-up for the Catherine Pakenham Award in 1994, Britain's most prestigious award for young women writers. She holds a Master's in English Literature from Cambridge and has lived in New York City since 1997.

Holly Flor & Rudy Mangels hosting Dr. Henry Lee

Holly Flor and Rudy Mangels have had their home in Roxbury for 37 years. Former weekenders from New York City, they have been full-time residents for the past 20 years. They have been enthusiastic supporters of the Gunn Library since their children were small and went to Saturday morning story time. This is their fourth time hosting a Library Luminaries dinner!

Dr. Henry Lee is one of the world's foremost forensic scientists. His work has made him a landmark in modern-day criminal investigations. He has been a prominent player in many of the most challenging cases of the last 50 years and has worked with law enforcement agencies in helping to solve more than 8,000 cases. Dr. Lee's testimony figured prominently in the O. J. Simpson, Drew Peterson, and Kennedy Smith Trials, and in convictions of the Newtown "Woodchipper" murderer. Dr. Lee assisted in investigations of other famous crimes, such as the murder of Jon Benet Ramsey in Boulder, Colorado, the 1993 suicide of White House Counsel Vincent Foster, the death of Chandra Levy, the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart, and the reinvestigation of the Kennedy assassination. Dr. Lee is currently the director of Forensic Research and Training Center and Distinguished Professor in Forensic Science of the University of New Haven. He has co-authored more than 40 books and is a recipient of 20 honorary degrees. Married for more than 40 years, Henry & his wife Margaret have two grown children.

Steven Fuchs & Brian Lancaster hosting A. J. Jacobs & Julie Jacobs

Brian and Steven enjoy their Ehrick Rossiter home, which they share with their two children Anna (8) and William (6), their rescue dog, Lucy, and frequent house guests. Brian is currently head of structured transactions, strategy, research and risk at RBS, and was formerly CIO at Wells Fargo, head of Securitized Products Research at Bear Stearns, and Senior Economist at the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England. Brian serves on several boards, has authored a couple of finance books and has been an adjunct professor at Columbia and NYU business schools. Steven is the former CEO of Hampton Industries, a publicly-traded apparel company, and has served on several not-for-profit boards supporting LGBT causes. Steven enjoys training for triathlons in and around Lake Waramaug. Brian and Steven love the Gunn and often can be found there on weekends with their children and friends reading books in the children's section.

A.J. Jacobs is a humorist and Editor-at-Large at *Esquire* and author of four *New York Times* bestsellers, including *The Know-It-All*. *The Year of Living Biblically* appeared on the cover of the evangelical magazine *Relevant*, but was also featured in *Penthouse*. (A.J. tells us he is proud to be a uniter, not a divider.) In 2010 came *My Life as an Experiment: One Man's Humble Quest to Improve Himself*, then *Drop Dead Healthy* in 2012, which was written on a treadmill desk and took about 1,200 miles. Jacobs also has written for the *New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *New York* magazine and *Dental Economics* magazine, one of the top five magazines about the financial side of tooth care. He has appeared on *Oprah*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The Dr. Oz Show*, *The Colbert Report* and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. A.J. lives in New York with his family. His wife, Julie, works for a highbrow scavenger hunt called Watson Adventures.

Wilson Henley & Bruce Glickman hosting Robert Topol & Anthony Trotta

Bruce and Wilson, weekend residents of Litchfield County for over 18 years, are pleased to be back in Washington. Owners of the design mecca Duane in New York City, Bruce and Wilson sell collectable mid-century modern furnishings to the trade worldwide, as well as design and produce their own line of furniture. Wilson, once an editor at Random House, recently became a trustee of Gunn Memorial. Bruce, an ex “Mad Men” has lent his design talents to local events such as the Washington Connecticut Antiques Show and benefits for Hollister House and the Washington Montessori School. Their business and homes have been featured in such publications as *Elle Décor*, *Architectural Digest*, and *Connecticut Cottages and Gardens*.

Bob Topol and Tony Trotta are Master Scenic artists for feature films. They have created scenery for studio sets and on location for such directors as Martin Scorsese, Steven Spielberg, Ridley Scott and Ang Lee. With careers spanning 30 years, their work can be seen in *The Departed*, which won a Best Picture Oscar in 2006. They’ve been the team behind two films nominated for Best Art Direction Oscars: *Cider House Rules* and *Revolutionary Road*. In 2009 they were invited to become members of the Academy of Motion Pictures. Bob’s first feature film was *Friday the 13th*. A financial success, “Part 2” was ordered by Paramount to be filmed in Litchfield County. Bob was hired to scout for “the summer camp on a lake.” He fell in love with the area, and shortly thereafter Bob and Tony bought their home here. They have just completed sets for the film *Winter’s Tale*, an adaptation of the Mark Helprin novel starring Russell Crowe and Colin Farrell, due this fall.

John Lyons & Susannah Gray hosting Peter Rogness

John Lyons, a motion picture editor who has worked on over 25 feature films, has had the pleasure of working with some of the world’s most talented directors. His most recent film, *The Lunchbox*, premiered in May during Critic’s Week at the Cannes Film Festival. Susannah Gray is the Chief Financial Officer of Royalty Pharma, a global leader in the acquisition of pharmaceutical royalty interests. Susannah and John are the proud parents of Jack, age 12.

Peter Rogness is an award-winning set designer and art director for film and television, where his career has extended over 20 years. Notable projects include *The Cider House Rules*, *Doubt*, *Catch Me If You Can*, and the 2011 film *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. He recently won an Emmy for Outstanding Art Direction for Todd Haynes’ adaptation of *Mildred Pierce*. Mr. Rogness is a voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (Oscars) and the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (Emmys). He has a BA from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and an MFA from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts. Peter considers himself extremely fortunate to have been a resident of Litchfield County for the past 12 years.

Richard Wallgren & Martin Rook hosting Robert Mads Anderson

Richard Wallgren headed sales of the three most important residential real estate developments in New York’s history: Time Warner Center, 15 Central Park West, and, currently, 432 Park Avenue. He sits on the board of Village Care in New York. Martin Rook owns and operates New Preston Kitchen Goods, Litchfield County’s go-to source for cooking and entertaining. Marty and Richard rescue Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and sell their chickens’ eggs at the store, donating all proceeds to the ASPCA.

Robert Mads Anderson led an expedition to the remote Kangshung Face of Everest, completing a new route without oxygen or Sherpa support, before going on to ascend the rest of the Seven Summit Solo, climbing to the top of each of the world’s seven continents. His books on climbing include *Seven Summits Solo*, *To Everest via Antarctica*, and *Antonovs over the Arctic*, which covers his flight to the North Pole in a Russian biplane. Anderson has balanced an international advertising career with Ogilvy, FCB and Digitas as a Creative Director with 15 Himalayan expeditions, guiding on the Seven Summits and in the Himalayas, most recently leading a group to the top of Everest in May 2010, Makalu, the world’s fifth highest mountain, in 2011, and to

the top of Mt. Vinson, the tallest peak in Antarctica in 2013. He has enthralled audiences as a motivational speaker and leads 40 children annually up the six floor circular staircase at the Ruben Museum of Art's "Peak Experience," an overnight ascent of a simulated Everest in the heart of NYC. Anderson is currently finishing his fourth book, *Nine Lives*. He lives with his wife Margaret and children, Myles (15) and Phoebe (13), in Wilton, CT.

Zena Wiener hosting Ambassador William vanden Heuvel & Melinda vanden Heuvel

Zee Wiener has lived between Roxbury and New York City for 25 years. For her, loving Roxbury has been an adventure. It's joyful to be in the country on weekends. The landscape at Raven Rock was created over a period of 12 years and has been featured in many garden tours. It is extraordinary in many ways – the spread of greenery and the feeling of open spaces. It was built out of a need to find peace, solace, inspiration and spiritualism with a hope of transforming a raw and natural setting into gardens that would continue to evolve and grow more beautiful as they mature. Zee sang jingles for 20 years and probably sold you a bottle of Windex! Her husband Michael, now deceased, was a broadcaster and had a great love of photography. Zena is thrilled to host Bill and Melinda and is looking forward to dining with many friends.

William J. vanden Heuvel served as Deputy US Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1979 until 1981, and as US Permanent Representative to the European Office of the UN from 1977 to 1979. He is Senior Advisor to Allen & Company, a New York investment banking firm. Ambassador vanden Heuvel has served as President of the International Rescue Committee, Chairman of the New York City Board of Corrections and as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Association. A graduate of the Cornell University Law School, he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Cornell Law Review* and later served as Executive Assistant to General William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan, Special Counsel to Governor Averell Harriman and Assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. Ambassador vanden Heuvel is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Chairman of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. In 2002, the Special Exhibits Gallery of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, New York, was renamed in honor of Ambassador vanden Heuvel, who also received the Four Freedoms medal on that occasion. In 2003 he received the Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Medal. He is Chairman of Four Freedoms Park Conservancy, a memorial to President Roosevelt, built and open to the public after 40 years of effort. Melinda vanden Heuvel has long been involved with the National Center for Learning Disabilities and the National Hospice Foundation.

BRUNCH – SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd, 12:00P.M.

Graham Klemm & Matt Lynn hosting Roxana Robinson

Graham Klemm is President/Managing Broker of Klemm Real Estate, the county's luxury boutique firm that has brought many local luminaries to the area. Graham has worked in real estate since graduating college in Washington, D.C., where he met his partner of 18 years, Matt Lynn, an editor who would move on to marketing management. Aside from being a sales agent at the Klemm firm, Matt now owns and operates The Stationer & The Depot Papeterie, the area's chic boutique for stylish and traditional invitations and stationery. Matt also serves on the board of Washington Depot's esteemed Pilobolus. Graham and Matt live happily on a breathtaking hillside in Sharon, Connecticut with their beloved and energetic Weimaraner, Esther, who rules the roost.

Roxana Robinson is an American novelist and biographer whose fiction explores the complexity of familial bonds and fault lines. She is best known for her 2008 novel, *Cost*, which was named one of the Five Best Novels of the Year by the *Washington Post*. She is also the author of *Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life*, and has written widely on American art and issues pertaining to ecology and the environment. Her work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, *Harper's Magazine*, the *New York Times*, the *Atlantic*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Travel + Leisure*, *More*, and *Vogue*, among other publications. Roxana lives in New York and Connecticut. Roxana's new book, *Sparta*, is scheduled for June release and will be available at the brunch.