

FRIENDS UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 9th—6:30 PM
The 2010-2011 Yacyshyn Concert Series

"TWO OLD MEN"

Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins delight audiences-young and old-with a combination of Irish music and American country music.

With banjo, guitar, mandolin, concertina, bodran, octave mandolin, and heart-warming vocal harmonies, Two Old Friends tell a story in music of how immigrants came to this country from Ireland, Scotland, and Great Britain, bringing their melodies and instruments; and they show how the old time country ballads of the Appalachians are rooted in these tunes.

A Two Old Friends performance will give you plaintive ballads and foot-stomping shout tunes; soaring mandolin solos, gospel sing-alongs, traditional Irish tunes, and story-telling. There is truly something for everyone.

Wednesday, March 16th—6:30 PM
The MetroWest Daily News/Marlborough Enterprise
2011 McConnell Author/Celebrity Series # 28

James C. Johnston, Historian/Author

This author is an incredible story teller. He has written several books, but his latest, "The African Son" is absolutely his best work (published Jan. 2011)

In 1815, deep within Africa, a fifteen-year-old prince of the Matabele nation is captured and sold to slave traders in Mozambique. Bound hand and foot like an animal suspended from a pole, the young Matabele somehow knows that this moment is the conclusion of his old life. As he travels on a ship bound for America, the prince realizes he will never again hear his name-Atachawayo-cried out in greeting.

.....As he begins what will become a thirty-five-year journey from the confines of slavery to the joy of true freedom that takes him from Georgia to England and from Paris to Mozambique, Samuel stops at nothing to fulfill his promise to himself to achieve total revenge.

Wednesday, April 13th—6:30 PM
The Annual Paternoster Memorial Opera Trust Concert

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Wednesday, April 27th—6:30 PM
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Elizabeth Benedict, Author

Elizabeth Benedict is a highly regarded novelist, journalist, teacher of creative writing, editor, and writing coach. She has published five acclaimed novels, a classic book on writing fiction, and hundreds of reviews, essays, and magazine articles. She is the editor of the upcoming anthology, Mentors, Muses & Monsters: 30 Writers on the People Who Changed Their Lives.

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		DR. LESTER GRINSPON	
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Professor Emeritus, Harvard University Author of "Marijuana Reconsidered"			
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DR. LESTER GRINSPOON
Professor Emeritus,
Harvard University
Author of "Marijuana Reconsidered"

Dr. Grinspoon is Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and served for 40 years as Senior Psychiatrist at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston. A Fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Psychiatric Association, he was the founding editor of both the Annual Review of Psychiatry and the Harvard Mental Health Letter.

He is the author or co-author of over 160 journal articles, including his 1995 commentary in the Journal of the American Medical Association entitled "Marihuana as Medicine: A Plea for Reconsideration." His first book, "Marihuana Reconsidered", originally published in 1971 by Harvard University Press, was recently republished as a classic. His latest book, "Marihuana, the Forbidden Medicine", co-authored with James B. Bakalar, was published by Yale University Press in 1993 (revised and expanded edition, 1997) and has now been translated into ten languages. Dr. Grinspoon was also a reviewer of the 1999 Institute of Medicine report, "Marijuana and Medicine: Assessing the Science Base."

In 1990 Dr. Grinspoon received the Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for Achievement in the Field of Scholarship and Writing from the Drug Policy Foundation (now Alliance) in Washington, DC. He presently serves on NORML's Advisory Board and maintains www.marijuana-uses.com, which chronicles real life stories of people who have had positive "non-medical" experiences with marijuana.

"When I first began to study marijuana in 1967, I naïvely believed that its only use was as a recreational drug," says Grinspoon. "I soon came to understand that it also had a second important utility, as a medicine, and I published (along with James B. Bakalar) Marijuana, the Forbidden Medicine. Just as penicillin, after its discovery as an antibiotic in 1941, was soon hailed as a wonder drug because of its limited toxicity, its versatility in treating a number of different kinds of symptoms and syndromes, and its limited cost, we believe that marijuana, for the same three reasons, will eventually be hailed as a wonder medicine. Over the last decade and a half I have come to believe that there is a third category of marijuana use –enhancement."

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Dr. Lester Grinspoon, a psychiatrist, is a retired professor at the Harvard Medical School and a well published author in the field of drugs and drug policy. He has authored more than 140 articles in scientific journals and twelve books, including Marijuana Reconsidered and Marijuana, The Forbidden Medicine.

Dr. Grinspoon is a frequent lecturer on drug policy issues and has appeared as an expert witness before legislative committees in several states and several committees of the U.S. Congress. In 1990 he received the Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for Achievement in the Field of Scholarship and Writing from the Drug Policy Foundation in Washington, DC.

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MAURICE LEWIS-Host
Journalist and Media Personality



For The Friends 2010-2011 Season and the 28th year of the "MetroWest Daily News/ Marlborough Enterprise 2011 McConnell Author/Celebrity Series No. 28, we are very pleased to welcome again as Host for his seventh year for this Series, Mr. Maurice Lewis , formerly of Marlborough and now of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Lewis is an award winning television, radio, cable and print journalist and broadcaster. Maurice has a broadcasting career that includes assignments in Morocco, Spain, the Philippines, and in the African countries of Ethiopia, and Mali. During these overseas assignments Maurice reported from refugee camps overflowing with people trying to escape the deadly grip of famine, drought and civil war.

Reports from Maurice from the Philippines brought news of political unrest, military action and about the devastation of tropical storms, hurricanes, an attempted coup, and the plight of hard working people living in a city on top of a garbage dump.

Our program host has a distinguished record of accomplishments here in the United States, and particularly as a member of the Boston based news media. Maurice was a member of the WBZ Radio, 1030 AM news team that refined and expanded the traditional five and ten minute newscast that eventually evolved into the all news concept that continues at WBZ today. Reporting for WBZ TV 4, "Eye Witness News" Maurice also anchored the 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM weekend news that broadcast the historic and violent events surrounding court ordered decisions mandating school desegregation in Boston with busing as a remedy, and for the attempts to desegregate public housing.

Anchoring the weekend news at Boston's TV Channel 7, Maurice was recognized for fair and accurate reporting and for interviews with politicians, community activists, and for in-depth interviews with public safety officials. As the award winning host of the WBCN 104.1 FM program "Boston Sunday Review" Maurice interviewed many of the top authors, musicians, movie actors and writers of the day i.e., Jean Auel, Tony Bennett, Mohammad Ali, Don Henley, Carl Hiaasen, Julia Child and many others. Currently, Maurice lives with his wife Terry in Marlborough, where he serves on the Advisory Committee (Strategic Planning) for the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Planning Committee for the annual Evening of Giving, and as host of the Marlborough City Council cable TV program "Council Update." Maurice is also President of the Board of Directors for Veterans Benefits Clearinghouse in Boston celebrating twenty-six years of serving veterans and their families. He has a weekly radio program he host on WCRN Radio 380 AM out of Worcester.

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