

Kenneth R. Weinstein

SUNDAY • JUNE 2 • 4:00 PM

HOST: Join Denise and Camillo Santomero III in their stunning Georgian Mott Schmidt Bedford home and gardens fully restored to their 1926 design.

Kenneth Weinstein is president and CEO of the Hudson Institute, a Washington think tank dedicated to U.S. leadership and national security. A political theorist by training, Weinstein is the chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the oversight board for the Voice of America, and serves on the U.S. Trade Representative's policy advisory board. Weinstein will share his take on what he calls Trump's "disruptive" style of governing.

Bill Sherman & Matt Vogel

MONDAY • JUNE 10 • 7:00 PM

HOST: As you step inside their English-style pub, Carla and Brian Eccleston's 1911 Pelham Manor home will transport you across the pond.

Bill Sherman is the music director for "Sesame Street" and an Emmy, Tony and Grammy award-winning composer, producer, arranger and orchestrator. He is currently working on the film adaptation of In the Heights with Lin Manuel Miranda (2020). Emmy award-winning actor and director Matt Vogel is the puppeteer for Kermit, the Count, and Big Bird. He has been a "Sesame Street" muppet performer since 1996 and a core Disney muppet performer since 2008.

Peter Blauner

THURSDAY • JUNE 13 • 7:00 PM

HOST: Greg and Kathiryn Werlinich's contemporary Rye Brook living room provides a safe place to talk about scary crime novels.

Peter Blauner is the author of eight novels, including *New York Times* bestseller *The Intruder* and 2018 *L.A. Times* bestseller *Sunrise Highway*. His short fiction has been anthologized in *Best American Mystery Stories* and on NPR's "Selected Shorts." Blauner was also staff writer and co-executive producer for several television shows, including "Law & Order: SVU" and "Blue Bloods." He will discuss his approach to writing for TV versus writing novels.

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Lisa Friel

THURSDAY • APRIL 4 • 7:00 PM

HOST: Amy Koch-Oman and David Oman’s colorful and art-filled home is perched above picturesque Bronxville. *A long flight of stairs must be climbed to enter this home.*

Lisa Friel, special counsel for investigations at the NFL, once led the sex crime prosecution unit in the Manhattan DA’s office. She will discuss how domestic violence, child abuse and sexual misconduct became a private-sector issue and how the handling of these matters has evolved, especially in today’s #metoo era.

Maureen Sherry

MONDAY • APRIL 8 • 7:00 PM

HOST: Marianne and David Chao’s 1920s-era Edgemont home was once owned by Meredith Wood, the late president of the Book of the Month Club.

After years on Wall Street, Maureen Sherry—once the youngest managing director at Bear Stearns—wrote *Opening Belle*, a novel based on her experience. Sherry, who has shared her perspective on CNBC’s “Closing Bell,” “Fox at Five,” CNN and in *The New York Times*, *Fortune* and *Money*, will let us know why she is bullish about women in finance.

Katonah Museum of Art

FRIDAY • MAY 3 • 6:30 PM

HOST: Yvonne Pollack’s Marcel Breuer–designed home will serve as the perfect coda to viewing the Edward Larrabee Barnes–architected KMA.

Join Executive Director Michael Gitlitz and curator Michele Wijegoonaratna for a private tour of “LandEscape: New Visions of the Landscape from the Early 20th and 21st Centuries,” at the Katonah Museum of Art. Works by American modernists including Marsden Hartley, John Marin and Marguerite Zorach featured at the ground-breaking 1913 Armory Show will be contrasted with pieces by contemporary artists including Judy Pfaff and Lois Dodd.

Anna Quindlen

SUNDAY • MAY 5 • 11:30 AM

HOST: It seems fitting that Joanne Landau and Fred Schwalb’s Croton on Hudson home, once J.J. Newberry’s hunting lodge, where his family gathered every summer, would be where Anna Quindlen will tell us about becoming a grandmother.

Anna Quindlen, Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist and *New York Times* best-selling novelist has just published her tenth novel, *Nanaville*. Her singular voice has never been sharper or warmer. With the sensitivities and wordcraft she brought to motherhood in *Living Out Loud* and to growing older in *Lots of Candles*, *Plenty of Cake*, Quindlen now illuminates the special joy of grandparenting.

Women’s Self Defense with Tommy Calandrucci

WEDNESDAY • MAY 8 • 12:00 PM

HOST: Marianne and David Chao’s large and light-filled gym in their Edgemont home will give participants room to learn some crucial moves.

Tommy Calandrucci is a boxing and self-defense instructor with a second-degree black belt in Kyokushin karate and extensive training in Krav Maga. Calandrucci offers a class on the importance of self-awareness in everyday situations as well as how to stave off an attacker. Bring your daughters (13 and up), granddaughters or nieces! *Please wear athletic shoes and attire.*

Kate Coyne

SATURDAY • MAY 11 • 4:00 PM

HOST: Charles Lewis Tiffany once lived in Dawn Fitzpatrick and John Esposito’s home in Irvington, which boasts a 180-degree view of the Hudson River.

Kate Coyne is the executive editor of *People*, where she oversees television, film and music coverage, as well as the annual *Sexiest Man Alive* blockbuster issue. Coyne—who worked at *The New York Post*’s “Page Six” and is the author of *I’m Your Biggest Fan*, an unfiltered look at life alongside the rich and famous—will share some of her countless surprising (often awkward) interactions.

Arlene Alda

TUESDAY • MAY 14 • 7:00 PM

HOST: Edythe Gladstein is delighted to honor the Bronx in her gracious 1916 Scarsdale Tudor home.

Musician, photographer and writer Arlene Alda began her career as a professional clarinetist. When her children were young, she became an award-winning photographer; now, she is the author of 19 books. *Just Kids from the Bronx* is a collection of stories featuring recollections of Bronx-born artists, athletes, scientists and entrepreneurs including Al Pacino, Mary Higgins Clark, Carl Reiner, Colin Powell, Neil deGrasse Tyson and Bobby Bonilla.

William Helmreich

WEDNESDAY • MAY 15 • 6:30 PM

HOST: Kate and Seymour Weingarten’s NYC apartment building was featured in the iconic movie *Ghostbusters* and has breathtaking views of Central Park.

William Helmreich has traversed every block of New York City to write the award-winning book *The New York Nobody Knows*. For his subsequent 2018 walking guide, *The Manhattan Nobody Knows*, he re-traced most of his many steps—walking more than 9,000 miles to date. Helmreich has shared the magic of what he learned along the way with “Oprah,” “NBC Nightline,” CNN, *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*.

Out of My Head Movie screening and discussion

WEDNESDAY • MAY 22 • 6:30 PM

HOST: Wendy and Howard Berk’s media room in their well-appointed Scarsdale colonial will be a great place to catch this flick.

Share the journey of a mother and daughter as they discover the truth about living with chronic migraine. Writer/director Susanna Styron’s credits include Sidney Lumet’s TV series “100 Centre Street” and the web series “All Downhill From Here,” starring Brooke Adams. Styron’s partner on *Out of My Head*, Jacki Ochs, is a documentary producer/director who executive-produced Keith Beauchamp’s Emmy-nominated “The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till.” Dr. Richard B. Lipton, the co-director of the Montefiore Headache Center, will join the filmmakers to answer questions about this complex and often misunderstood disorder afflicting nearly a billion people worldwide.

Justin Hefter

THURSDAY • MAY 23 • 7:00 PM

HOST: Diane and Marc Greenwald’s warm yet elegant Scarsdale Tudor, built in the late 1920s, provides the perfect setting to hear Justin Hefter’s astounding and life-affirming story.

In March 2015, Justin Hefter, along with three strangers, helped interfaith activist Mohammed Al Samawi escape from war-torn Yemen. Samawi’s book about the rescue, *The Fox Hunt: A Refugee’s Memoir of Coming to America*, is being made into a movie by *La La Land* producer Jordan Horowitz. At the time, Hefter was the CEO of Bandura, a company he created to encourage intercultural cooperation. Most recently, Hefter helped launch the African Middle Eastern Leadership Project as he continues to seek to advance human rights around the world.

Sam Sifton

WEDNESDAY • MAY 29 • 7:00 PM

HOST: Suzanne and Andy Yearley’s meticulously updated 1929 Scarsdale colonial has a sumptuous double kitchen where Suzanne teaches her consistently sold-out “What’s for Dinner” classes.

Sam Sifton is food editor for *The New York Times*, founding editor of the *NYT* Cooking food app, and a columnist for its magazine. He has also served as the paper’s national editor, restaurant critic and culture editor. His upcoming book, *See you on Sunday! A Cookbook for Family and Friends*, emphasizes the joys of breaking bread with those who matter most.

