



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **April 27, 2016** at
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

Anne Gilhuly
"The Great Essayist, Michel deMontaigne"



Anne Guilhuly, a lifetime teacher and learner as well as a favorite speaker in Greenwich, will bring to life Michel de Montaigne who was a famous sixteenth century French philosopher, author and statesman. He lived during a period of brutal and vengeful wars between Catholics and Protestants, not only surviving them but also rising above them. While not the first to write short discussions of particular topics (essays), he popularized the genre, which he named Essais, or attempts, from the French verb essayer, to try. His works were extremely influential, impacting Descartes, Rousseau, Pascal, Nietzsche, Emerson and possibly the later works of Shakespeare, among others. Eric Hoffer, a twentieth century San Francisco longshoreman and a social and moral philosopher, frequently applied Montaigne principles to contemporary problems.

Montaigne's writings are about life. In a biography of him, Sarah Bakewell entitled her chapters "How to Live" and continued: Don't Worry about Death; Pay Attention; Be Born; Use Little Tricks; Read a Lot, Forget Most of [it] and Be Slow-witted; Question Everything; Live Temperately, Guard Your Humanity. Saint Beuve, a French author, advised, "To restore lucidity and proportion to our judgments, let us read every evening a page of Montaigne."

Anne Gilhuly's educational credits come from Sweet Briar College and Yale Law School. She was a Fulbright scholar at the University of London and earned a Master of Arts in Teaching at Manhattanville College. For over two decades, she has given multiple lectures in Greenwich on the plays of Shakespeare and has taught the Greek classics and the writings of Montaigne in the Greenwich Adult Continuing Education program. In 1995, she received the Distinguished Teacher award at Greenwich High School.

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org