

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)

Invites you to its meeting August 30, 2023 at 11:00 am.

First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT

The program will also be shown on Webinar: https://bit.ly/30IBj21

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"Van Gogh's Cypresses"



Vincent Van Gogh created some of the most iconic images of the south of France, capturing the region's distinctive landscape which both inspired and astonished him, leading him to paint an exceptional body of work devoted to its golden wheatfields and colorful gardens, as well as its stately cypress trees. Join Page Knox for a discussion of Van Gogh's paintings, drawings, letters and more that depict the landscapes of Arles and Saint Rémy during the final years of his life, many of which are framed by these tall, powerful trees. Surprised that "no one has yet done them as I see them," Van Gogh was drawn particularly to the cypress as a symbol of the natural and the spiritual; explored in a recent

exhibition at the MET, his paintings of these ancient trees, including classics such as *Starry Night* and *Wheat Fields with Cypresses*, are magical and magisterial.

Page Knox is a contractual adjunct professor in the Art History Department of Columbia University and a contractual lecturer and educator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She works in a variety of capacities at the Met, teaching classes, and giving public gallery talks and lectures on special exhibitions and the permanent collection. She is also highly active leading trips for Travel with the Met, including the following tours:

*Raphael, Defining Beauty in Renaissance Italy: From Florence to Rome

*Met Classics: Rome *Met Classics: Madrid

*Great Artists—Caravaggio, Master of Light & Shadow: From Rome to Malta

Dr. Knox earned her B.A. in Art History from Yale University and her Ph.D. in Art History from Columbia University in 2012.

Our speaker on September 6 is naturalist Jo Ubogy on "Raising Monarchs"

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 **10:40 AM** followed promptly by our presentation at **11:00 AM**. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave. in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org.