



# The Farmington Library

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## *Presents...*

### **Fermata Art Reception & Guest Lecture: “Visionary Houses and Outsider Environments”**

## **Sat. June 13th**

### ***Reception: 10am - 12pm***

During the month of June, the Farmington Library is honored to host a unique art exhibit in the community room, sponsored by The Fermata Arts Foundation, a non-profit artists aid organization. This exhibit features a stunning collection of children's drawings, shipped from Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Latvia and Bulgaria. The overall mission of the Fermata Foundation is to aid in the preservation of peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation. The model for achieving this is through the synthesis of art, architecture, philosophy and poetry. Fermata promotes and encourages true intercultural dialogue between countries.

### ***Guest Lecture: 12pm - 1pm***

Salvatore Scalora is the retired former director of the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut and an expert in the field of Outsider Art. His talk will explore why some people create amazing visionary houses that may take decades to build and in fact are more like sculptures than homes. He will provide spectacular examples like the Ideal Palace by the French postman Ferdinand Cheval, the bottle village of grandma Prisbrey, the 100 foot tall Watts Towers of Simon Rodia, and the naval fleet of Walter Flax, among others. These untrained artists create their dream spaces without any drawn plans and most often without legal building permits. They defy the logic that only academically trained and sanctioned artists can be considered true artists. Magnificent and mysterious, these artists' creations are like weeds that spring up in the manicured cultivated garden of academic art.

**Registration is Requested**

**To Register Please Call Information Services at: (860) 673-6791**

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