

# SILENT SPRING at 50 CELEBRATIONS in 2012

2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of Rachel Carson's seminal book, *Silent Spring*, considered a significant influence in launching an era of environmental awareness and action around the world.

## THROUGHOUT 2012

In 2012, Chatham University's Jennie King Mellon Library will feature a number of displays on both Rachel Carson (Class of 1929) and her seminal work, *Silent Spring*. See JKM Library's blog at <http://blogs.chatham.edu/library/>.

## FEBRUARY 15

6:30-9:00 p.m.

**Composer Steven Stucky** discusses for the Chatham community the connections to Rachel Carson and the role of her writing in the themes of his work.

Welker Room, James Laughlin Music Hall

## FEBRUARY 17

**World Premier of *Silent Spring*** Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform *Silent Spring*, a commissioned symphonic work by PSO Composer of the Year, Steven Stucky.

## MARCH 20

7:00-9:00 p.m.

**All-Genre Writing Contest: Rachel Carson and Her Legacy, 50 Years after Silent Spring.** Award ceremony, readings, and reception

Welker Room, James Laughlin Music Hall

## APRIL 22

**Earth Day: Bicycle Parade and Rally in Honor of Rachel Carson** Students from Pittsburgh universities (Carlow, Chatham, CMU, Duquesne, Pitt, and Point Park), Bike Pittsburgh, Venture Outdoors, REI, and many others join together to show support for preserving our environmental values.

## MAY 11-12

### **Perspectives on *Silent Spring* at 50 Symposium**

The Rachel Carson Institute in partnership with the National Aviary will present a symposium on the impact of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* on conservation of wildlife and the future of conservation and preservation of biodiversity.

National Aviary Theater of Flight and Chatham University  
Eddy Theatre

## OCTOBER 26-27

### **Rachel Carson Legacy Conference: Sustaining Food Resources for the World**

This conference will gather international perspectives on the importance of food sovereignty, food security, environmentally sound agricultural practices, local and indigenous food management, preservation of biodiversity in food sources and seeds, and organic and sustainable practices. There will be a particular focus on reducing toxics in the food chain. The conference and workshop, planned by University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Carnegie Mellon University, Robert Morris University, Penn State University, and PASA, will be hosted at Chatham University.

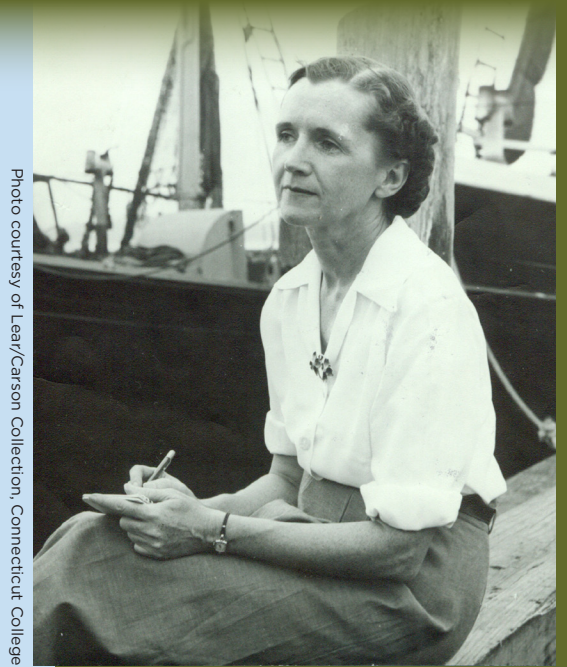


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See [www.chatham.edu/rachelcarson](http://www.chatham.edu/rachelcarson) for registration information on all events.

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