



## 'Snowflakes for Roman' raising funds for Ansonia child with cancer

### At Lizzie's Corner Consignment in Seymour

By Patricia Villers

SEYMOUR - Snowflakes - the paper kind - currently adorn the windows of Lizzie's Corner Consignment and Gifts in support of a young Ansonia boy battling cancer.

Elizabeth Anderson, owner of the 36 Bank St. shop, said she is helping resident Pat Lique raise funds for the family of Roman Santiago, 4.

The effort is called "Snowflakes for Roman."

Last fall Roman was diagnosed with Stage II Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma Cancer, an extremely rare cancer.

His surgery on Nov. 6 removed 90 percent of the tumor, but he now is undergoing chemotherapy treatments which will be followed by radiation therapy.

Lique has cut out hundreds of paper snowflakes and also has led a group of snowflake makers at Lizzie's Corner, Anderson said.



**Roman Santiago is an amazing 4 year old little boy.**

**However, he has has been diagnosed with this rare cancer.**

**Along with your snowflake, you can further help in Roman's fight.**

**Visit the [GoFundMe](#) campaign established on his behalf.**

**Currently \$4,000 is needed to meet the \$15,000 goal.**

**Can you help?**

When customers make any size donation to the Santiago family they may write a message on a snowflake to be attached to a window at the shop.

Anderson said she will be collecting donations through the end of February.

"We've raised over \$300 so far from our generous customers," she said. "We're praying here at Lizzie's for Roman."

To read more about Roman's journey, visit the GoFundMe page set up for the family (Left).

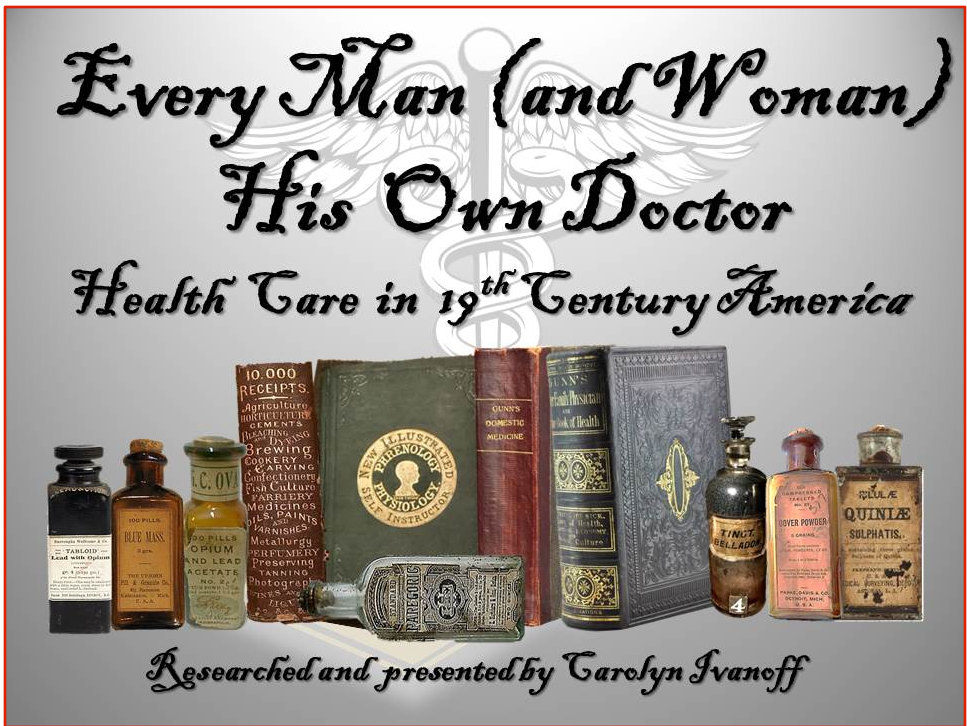


Despite the chill on Saturday, this seagull gracefully glides over Pickett's Pond in Derby.

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## 19th Century health care topic at Shelton Historical Society meeting



SHELTON - The Shelton Historical Society will hold its 50th annual meeting at 2 p.m. Feb. 2 at Huntington Congregational Church, 19 Church St.

Member and retired educator Carolyn Ivanoff will present *Every Man (and Woman) His Own Doctor, Health Care in 19th Century America*.

This year's meeting will examine healthcare in Victorian America. What was it like to need and experience medical care in 19th century America? How did people handle and treat inevitable illnesses that come with the human condition?

On the frontier, far from any medical help or knowledgeable practitioner, individuals and families had to rely on themselves and their own abilities to treat illness.

A garden for most Americans was an utmost necessity and many home medical manuals evolved to contain herbals and recipes or "receipts" that allowed Americans to create commonly used medicines in their own homes. Americans were their own doctors and caregivers.

American medicine would change forever because of the Civil War and the catastrophe of the mass casualty rates and health care crisis the war created.

This program examines not only the health care experience of 19th century Americans, but many of the Civil War medical practices that the war ultimately embedded into the fabric of American life we now experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The event is free and open to the public; donations are welcome. Refreshments will be served. In case of inclement weather, refer to the Shelton History Center's Facebook page.

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