

Using Love, the Family, & Age to Like the World: *Aesthetic Realism Shows How!*

Friday ◆ Sept. 7 ◆ 10:30 am

This is a thrilling presentation by Anne Fielding and Jeffrey Carduner. Men and women are going to learn—with practical immediacy—what Aesthetic Realism, the philosophy founded by Eli Siegel, the great American poet and critic, explains: the most urgent need for every person is *to like the world on an honest basis*. And this lively presentation—with audience participation—shows people how they can!

Ms. Fielding and Mr. Carduner are popular speakers in the New York City metropolitan area, and in senior residential communities in Florida and North Carolina. Using examples from their own lives, and instances of poetry, painting, and the drama, they speak of what Aesthetic Realism shows: there is a *fight* in every person between the desire to care for things, see new possibilities in the world, and the desire to have *contempt*, “the addition to self through the lessening of something else.”

Women and men are invigorated as they learn to see other people, the family, everyday objects, and the opposite sex in a way that is fair, fresh,



and really kind—based on the principle stated by Mr. Siegel “*The world, art, and self explain each other: each is the aesthetic oneness of opposites.*” A pine tree, for example, with its graceful, wide-spreading branches and sturdy trunk, puts together opposites we want to put together—flexibility and firmness, softness and sharpness, activity and rest. Seeing how the opposites are in things, oneself, art, reality—men and women get new and deep perception, more *life!*

