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**The Aldrich Presents Edward Tufte: Short Course and Sculpture Tour
benefiting Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust**

Acclaimed sculptor and design expert Edward Tufte will teach a three-hour version of his famous course, *Presenting Data and Information*, at The Ridgefield Playhouse on Saturday, July 11. Afterwards, he will lead a tour of his major sculpture exhibition, *Seeing Around*, at The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum.

Participants will each receive copies of Tufte's new book on analytical design, *Beautiful Evidence*, and his essay, *Seeing Around*. This unique event is a benefit for The Aldrich, Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust, and the Ridgefield Conservation Commission.

Edward Tufte, a Professor at Princeton and Yale for 32 years, was described by *The New York Times* as the "Leonardo da Vinci of data" and by *Business Week* as the "Galileo of graphics." He has written, designed and self-published four classic books on analytical design: *The Visual Display of Quantitative Information*, *Envisioning Information*, *Visual Explanations*, and *Beautiful Evidence*. In the last ten years he has created 40 monumental outdoor artworks, 100 table pieces and many steel engravings and digital prints. His sculpture fields are located on 165 acres in Woodbury and Cheshire, Connecticut.

The Playhouse lecture will take place from 1 to 4:30 pm, with the sculpture tour and a reception immediately afterwards at The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum. Donations are \$250; full-time students and teachers, \$100. The entire donation will go to the beneficiaries.

For more information visit www.aldrichart.org or call The Aldrich at 203.438.4519

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that focuses on environmental education, and on the acquisition, conservation, and stewardship of open space. Through its land trust initiatives, Flanders actively works to protect important natural sites and the area's landscape character and quality of life. The Flanders Land Trust manages more than 1900 acres of preserved land in Woodbury and neighboring towns. Educational programs for children and adults are offered at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, Flanders' main campus in Woodbury. Trails at its major nature preserves are open to the public at no charge from dawn to dusk.



Image: Edward Tufte, *Larkin's Twig*, 2004

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