

**You are invited to  
Join author PHYLLIS CHINLUND  
for a **Valentine's Day** book talk**

***LOOKING BACK FROM THE GATE:  
A Story of Love, Art, and Dementia***

**3:00 Wednesday, February 14  
Avita of Stroudwater  
113 Landing Rd., Westbrook**

*Of interest to anyone who's curious about how our brains work and don't work. And it's a love story. Who wouldn't want to read it?* **Nancy Coleman, PhD**

**♥ Love Isn't for Sissies ♥**

"Love isn't for sissies" could have been the motto for the 30-year marriage between geriatric clinician Phyllis Chinlund, and photographer Ray Witlin. Even after the onset of Alzheimer's disease, Ray didn't forget it. "*I love you*. We'll be OK," he would frequently declare. "But things don't stay the same, and we'll get through."

"From the unique perspective of two careers, geriatric social work and documentary film, Phyllis Chinlund's memoir *Looking Back from the Gate: A Story of Love, Art, and Dementia*, recounts how they "got through." Journals, photographs, and conversations bring the reader along on the rollercoaster of their move from Manhattan to Maine. As Ray explores with his camera, the book's twin messages emerge: the saving grace of creativity and enduring love.

**Please pass this along to anyone who might be interested**

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