



YUWO Spring Bus Trip

The YUWO spring bus trip to museums in New York City will be on **Thursday, May 18**. (Did we ever think May would just be in a few weeks?) We will leave New Haven at 8 am from the commuter lot on Devine Street off of State Street in North Haven and go first to the Rubin Museum of Art, home to a comprehensive collection of art from the Himalayas and surrounding regions. The current exhibit is titled "Holy Madness: Portraits of Tantric Siddhas," (Buddhist holy men). The museum, which opened in 1999 in the former Barney's department store site, is on W 17th Street in the Chelsea district.

Lunch will be on your own. There are many good restaurants in the area but the museum also has a restaurant with "a varied menu including dishes inspired by the cuisine of the Himalayas." If you prefer to eat there, please indicate this on the reservation form.

There is more! For information about intriguing afternoon options and plans for transportation to and returning, please go to page 2. To make a reservation, send in the form on page 5. Cut-off date is May 10.



ANNUAL LUNCHEON Wednesday, May 3 New Haven Country Club

***Marna Borgstrom,
President and Chief Executive
of the New Haven Hospital
Health System, Speaker***

Scholarship presentations

***Registration and social hour
at 11:30 am***

***Seating for lunch promptly
at 12:00 noon***

***See the reservation form on p. 5
Cut-off date is April 26***

Movie Matinees

"Vanya on 42nd Street" (1994) will be shown on **Thursday, May 11**, 1:00 at the Blackstone Library, 758 Main Street, Branford. The film reduces Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya" to its bare elements: loneliness, wasted lives, romantic hope, despair. Cast includes Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brook Smith. Discussion with Mara. Meet for soup and sandwich at 11:30 am at Bread Star Bakery, 1108 Main. Contact: Eva at evaewing@yahoo.com or Mara Cunningham (772-4007) to reserve for lunch.

Fall Excursion

Please note: Because of the early fall date of the Fall Excursion, detailed information is included here (see below):

On **Friday, October 6**, YUWO members will visit two houses with famous gardens in Lenox, Massachusetts. The first stop will be "The Mount," where American novelist Edith Wharton lived in elegant style during the 1920s and 30s. Next will be "Naumkaeg," which was built by McKim, Mead and White in the 1880s and where gardens have attracted famous gardeners and clubs for years.

Plans are to meet at 7:30 am at the commuter parking lot at the corner of Hartford Turnpike and Devine Street off of I 91 at Exit 10. We will return to the lot at about 6:00 pm. The cost is \$80 each, due to the higher cost for gas. Checks should be made payable to YUWO and sent soon to Leona Nalle, (387-7932) with the reservation form on page 5. You may cancel, if necessary, up to ten days before departure. We will need at least 23 people in the cozy small bus. Cut-off date is September 10.

For information about other activities, see page 3.

President's Message

I greet you for the last time as president of YUWO. It has been a very pleasant two years and I value new friendships which have developed as a result of working with such interesting and capable women.

I have learned much about YUWO as a result of this job. On March 23rd I went with the birding group to the ornithology lab, where Curator Richard Prum showed us his temperature-controlled file cabinets filled with thousands of examples of birds from all over the world. I thought that this was a fine example of the best of YUWO. We are able to indulge our curiosity by experiencing knowledge from one of the finest universities in the world. The Yale/New Haven community is an enriched one, and we are able to participate in that environment through YUWO. I am grateful for the chance.

YUWO gives back to the community through our scholarship funds; this year's awards will be presented at the annual luncheon on May 3rd. There will be 12 winners who will receive a total of \$15,700. I hope to see many of you at the luncheon.

I thank everyone who has helped me to make this such a satisfying two years. Special thanks go to Alex Koontz who has produced this wonderful newsletter during this past year with help from Patty Pollard, Eva Ewing, and Marty Sherman.

Alice

YUWO Spring Bus Trip (continued)

At 1 pm the bus will take the group uptown. You can ask to be let off at either the Frick Museum to see their permanent collection or at the Metropolitan Museum. The Met has a special show now on Hatshepsut, queen and pharaoh of Egypt in the 15th century B.C. It celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Met's Egyptian Department. Please indicate on the reservation form which museum you would like to attend. Those of you who have already made reservations will be contacted about your preference.

The bus will pick up at both the Frick and the Met at around 3 pm for the return trip to New Haven. The cost for the trip — bus, snacks, Rubin admission and docent, and Frick/Met admission, plus a \$5 donation to the YUWO Annual scholarship fund — will be \$60 for seniors and \$67 for those under 65. The reservation form is on page 4.

Contact: Nancy Ahlstrom, 865-2028

A note of thanks to our mailing team for the past year: Linda Johnson and Carol Hogan. Each month, the YUWO newsletters were picked up from the printer and mailed promptly and efficiently by these two cheerful volunteers — a heartfelt thank you to you both!

Marty Sherman

Activities (continued)

Books in May

- Monday, May 8,** 2:00-3:30 pm, Girls of Tender Age by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith
Contact: Ginny Shaw, 481-6176
- Wednesday, May 10,** 9:00-10:30 am Please call Genevieve Goff, 467-3337, if you need to know the book choice.
- Wednesday, May 10,** 1:15 pm at the home of Gretje Shepard, 303 Ridge Road, Hamden
The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith
Contact: Leona Nalle, 387-7932
- Monday, May 15,** 2:30-4:30 p.m., February House by Sherill Tippins
Contact: Ellie Mattson, 453-4274

Golf Clinic

For the sixth year, we offer a five-week golf clinic at the Yale golf course for all levels of players. Starting the last week in **April**, weather permitting, the Yale Men's golf coach, David Patterson, again will be our teacher. The fee is \$150.
If you have not been called and want to participate, call Marion Kessen, 488-3043

Scrabble

To give the game a chance on **Sunday, May 7th**, call Inge Ladenbauer, 288-2436.
Tables of Scrabble with an occasional Rummikub begin play at 2:00 pm.

Travel Gourmet

On Tuesday, May 23, the Travel Gourmet group has rescheduled its visit to the Mystic Sea Aquarium in Mystic, CT. Everyone has seen the Aquarium as we travel up and down I-95, but now is the time to plan a visit. The Travel Gourmet group can benefit from a special group rate of \$13.50 which includes the famous sea lion show held in the Aquarium's arena at 11:30. If enough YUWO members (and guests) sign up by May 15 (we will have a surprise tour leader), we can arrange a behind-the-scenes tour for an additional \$5-\$6. Lunch will be purchased at a highly recommended nearby bistro/deli. All kinds of soups, sandwiches, wraps, salads, etc., are available. Transportation will be by carpool. Call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to reserve. If you do not receive a phone confirmation of your reservation by May 15, call her again.

A New Activity was added this year by our energetic and enthusiastic member.

Anne McMahon, founder of "Birding On and Off Campus," began by informing birders about current events. She hopes that those who enjoyed this new YUWO activity will pass the word on to others. The highpoint this year came on March 23, when about 15 interested members gathered at the ornithology lab in the new science building to hear Curator Richard Prum describe many of the birds in the very large collection from all over the world. It was very easy to pay attention — Professor Prum was engaging and the birds had a lot to show.

On April 15, 2006, a lovely Saturday morning, twenty YUWO members enjoyed a guided tour of the Grove Street Cemetery. Although many of us have passed by the gates, few have taken the opportunity to visit this historic site. Patricia Illingworth, our docent, led us through the park-like grounds indicating the tombs of some noted Americans and discussing the history of the area. If you were unable to attend the scheduled event, there are walking tours every Saturday at 11am from May 7 to November 9, and on the first and third Sundays monthly at 12noon, May 1 through November 20. — Ina Jaffee

This page is intentionally left blank in order to allow you to cut out the reservation forms without losing the important Activity information on page 3.

NEW YORK SPRING EXCURSION RESERVATION FORM
Thursday, May 18, 2006

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Please check the correct box and enclose a payment for that amount.

Senior (65 and over): \$60___ Adult (under 65): \$67___

If you would like to eat at the Rubin Museum, check here___.

In the afternoon I want to go to the Frick Museum__ or the Metropolitan Museum__

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO YUWO:

Nancy Ahlstrom, 99 Armory Street, Hamden, CT 06517 (203 865-2028)

Cut-off date for all reservations is May 10.

Fall Excursion Form



“House and Garden” in Lenox, Massachusetts
Friday, October 6, 2006, 7:30am to 6:00pm

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Please check to indicate your choice of lunch:

I will bring my own bag lunch___ I will buy a box lunch at the site for \$12___

A check, payable to YUWO, for \$_____ is enclosed (\$80 per person)

(We meet at 7:30 am at the commuter parking lot in North Haven, Exit 10 from I-91.

Turn off the connector ramp at Exit 1 and go left from the ramp onto Devine Street.

Continue to the corner of Hartford Turnpike and Devine Street to the parking lot.)

Please mail ASAP to Leona Nalle, 115 Oliver Road, New Haven 06515 (387-7932)

ANNUAL LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

NEW HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

11:30am

Choice of entrée (please check)

Petit Filet Mignon, Medium Rare only___ Medallions of Chicken Piccata___

Poached Filet of Sole, Lemon Sauce___

Number of reservations_____ @ \$25 per person Lunch total \$ _____

I would like to contribute to the Annual Scholarship Fund. My separate check is \$ _____

Please return form by Wednesday, April 26, 2005.

Mail the form and checks payable to YUWO to Betsy L. Suatoni, 35 Castle Rock,

Branford, CT 06415

Social hour and registration at 11:30 Seating for lunch promptly at 12:00 noon

Name _____

Name of guest(s) _____

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