



### *Movie Matinees*

On Thursday, November 9 at 1 p.m. at the Blackstone Library in Branford, Mara Cunningham will show and discuss the movie "The Innocents" (1961, 100 min.). It is based on the Henry James novel, *The Turn of the Screw*, adapted for the screen by Truman Capote. Eerie and often interpreted as a ghost story, it is perhaps just the byproduct of psychological distortions preying on the mind of an inexperienced Victorian governess. It stars Deborah Kerr as the romantic but provincial governess, and two remarkable child actors who act out with both precocious sophistication and vulnerable innocence. Meet for lunch at noon at the Bread Star Bakery, 1008 Main Street near the library if you would like to join those accustomed to this treat. For more information please call Mara Cunningham at 772-4007 or email Eva Ewing at evaewing@yahoo.com.

### *Study Group*

Study Group is in session. See page 3 for more information or call Letha Sandweiss at 562-2894.

### *Holiday Party*

*Sunday*

*December 3*

*4 pm - 6 pm*

*Divinity School*

*Common Room*

### *Holiday Party*

We have obtained the Common Room at the Divinity School on Prospect Street for our Holiday Gathering, which will occur on Sunday, December 3 this year. There will be no admission charge and we will again ask you to share your talents and generosity in the spirit of the holidays.

Carol Dhawan (562-0017) will again handle the food and drink, so let her know what you would like to contribute in the way of holiday food. Roberta Thornton (752-0604) and Joan Binder (624-3316) will accept donations for a silent auction and there will be holiday greens for sale. Anyone wishing to pick and arrange greens for sale should contact Allie Loomis 453-0036. We will find a sunny day close to the date to work at Allie's house.

### *Lunch and Learn*

Lunch and Learn will meet on Tuesday, November 14, from 12-1:30 p.m. Gaboury Benoit, Co-Director of the Hixon Center for Urban Ecology at Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, will speak on "Green Sprawl: Environmentally Sustainable Land Development — Is it possible to build shopping malls, housing developments, and industrial parks in harmony with nature?" The lecture will be held in the Watson Center, room A48, at the School of Organization and Management, 60 Sachem Street. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and cookies are provided. Beth Dock (488-7279).

### *November Books*

**Wednesday, November 8**

9-10:30 *The Romantics* by Pankaj Mishra.

Genevieve Goff (467-3337)

**Monday, November 20**

2:30-4:30 *Absalom, Absalom!* by William Faulkner.

Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

**Monday, November 13**

2:00-3:30 *Come Back to Afghanistan* by Susan Burton and Said Akbar

Ginny Shaw (481-6176)

**Wednesday, November 1**

1:30-3:00 *The Wapshot Chronicle* by John Cheever

Leona Nalle (387-7932)

### **Message from your President and Vice President**

YUWO is thriving. The Wine and Cheese reception was a delightful introduction. The weather was beautiful and Jane Levin was such a warm hostess, welcoming each of us to the President's House. Thank you to Judy Long and her committee and to Elliot Brause and his generosity for making it a special day.

Many of our interest groups have met already, happy to see each other after the summer and to welcome new members to their exciting activities. We enjoyed a most interesting Lunch and Learn talk by Margaret Farley on the ethics of sexuality and are looking forward to more interesting talks in October and November. Our Study Group — A Special Relationship: The American People and the British Monarchy by Frank Prochaska — begins Tuesday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the New Haven Lawn Club, and runs for five weeks. Check your newsletters and the website to keep up with our calendar of activities.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's Holiday Party, Sunday, December 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Divinity School Common Room. We hope that you will give generously, sharing your culinary gifts as well as financially supporting the scholarship fund.

Thank you for all that you are doing to make YUWO so special and such a satisfying outlet for all of our many interests.

Patty and Johanna

### ***Special Thanks***

YUWO sends special thanks to Nico Cellinese, the charming Senior Collections Manager for Botany at the Peabody Museum. On October 12, a small group visited her domain in the Environmental Science Building and learned a great deal about the collection, preservation, and classification of botanical specimens. We saw a very early collection created by Amos Eaton in 1814, recent new species, kept in the lab as a holotype, the specimen used as the basis of the original published description of the species. The specimens are kept in a room which is at a special temperature and humidity. The trip was arranged by Anne Mac Mahon. If you missed it, speak to her and perhaps another trip can be arranged!

### ***Yale's "Secret Garden"***

The YUWO Luncheon Gourmet group followed up their first luncheon of the year, with its "Celebrating the Farm-to-Table Movement" theme, with a fascinating and highly informative tour of the Yale Farm on Edwards Street between Prospect and Whitney Avenues. Melina Shannon-DiPietro, one of the directors of the Yale Sustainable Food Project, led the tour, with the help of program coordinator Laura Hess. Melina was also our contact for the incredible fresh produce and herbs which the Farm graciously agreed to "source" for our luncheon — everything from Italian eggplants to Sungold tomatoes to incredible fresh herbs and lettuces! During our tour, we sampled incredible black radishes, buttery-sweet turnips, exotic herbs — and those wonderful Sungold tomatoes!

The Yale Farm is part of the Yale Sustainable Food Project, founded in 2001 by Yale students, faculty, and staff, President Richard Levin, and Alice Waters. According to its website ([www.yale.edu/sustainable](http://www.yale.edu/sustainable)), the Project "seeks to nourish a culture in which the pleasures of growing, cooking, and sharing food are integral to each student's experience at Yale." The Farm sells produce at the Wooster Square Farmer's Market every Saturday morning through the first week of December. They welcome visitors to the farm on Friday afternoons between 1 and 5 p.m. (although they prefer advance notice for groups). Next time you're driving up Edwards Street toward Prospect, keep an eye out, on the right-hand side, for a narrow strip of land just bursting with emerald green heads of endive, escarole, and frisée. Bon Appétit!

**Art Aficionados**, please note the change in date from that listed in the October Newsletter for the November meeting! It will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at noon at the British Art Center. John Cook, Professor Emeritus of Religion and the Arts, Former Director of the Institute of Sacred Music, will speak about the new exhibit "Art and Music in Britain." Lunch will be at Scoozy's after the tour. Please make reservations by calling Nancy Ahlstrom at 865-2028.

For the **Genealogy Group**, contact Pat Whitestone at 483-1351 or Anne MacMahon at 772-1643. The group meets occasionally to exchange tips, share progress, and solicit advice. Now and then an expert will be consulted.

The November concert for **Music Together** will take place on Thursday November 16 at Sprague Hall at 8 pm. Meet at Naples Restaurant on Wall St. at 6:30 for supper. The music program will feature Steven Stucky, guest composer. Yale Schola Cantorum, Simon Carrington, director will perform Stucky's Three New Motets. Yale Camerata, Marguerite Brooks, conductor will perform Martin Bresnick's Three Coral Songs. There will also be additional works by Yale composers. Call Ileane Tombank (288-6363) or Raejeanne Kier (287-2443).

**Conversational French** meets at 1 p.m. every Monday at Chestnut Fine Foods, 1012 State Street, New Haven. All are welcome, but intermediate proficiency and above is recommended, since French is spoken at the meetings. Contact Debbie St. Thomas (488-1859) or Julie Crowder (288-7157).

**Luncheon Gourmet** began in 1964 when members met to cook, eat and socialize as they do today. Participants share the meal's expenses and take turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. Dues covering printing costs and other incidentals are \$10. Contacts: Marty Sherman (605-5773), Carol Sirot (453-5755), Carol Dhawan (562-0017), or Johanna Becker (248-6391).

**The Bridge Group** will meet for lunch at the New Haven Country Club every second and fourth Friday. They are looking for new members, singles or couples. Play will last about three hours after lunch. Call Britta Chambers, 453-5813.

**Scrabble**: On October 1 and the first Sunday of each succeeding month, there will be a meeting of the Scrabble group at the home of Inge Ladenbauer-Bellis, 114 Vineyard Road, Hamden. 288-2436.

Play intermediate or advanced **Tennis** at Yale's Indoor Cullman Courts, beginning in October. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30. Call Carol Dhawan at 562-0017.

On Tuesday, October 24, **Travel Gourmet** will tour Monte Christo Cottage, the boyhood home of playwright Eugene O'Neill. There will also be a walk-through of the O'Neill Festival Theatre complex. Luncheon will be at the Lighthouse Inn, a Victorian mansion (and adjoining lighthouse), on a beautiful site overlooking the Long Island Sound. We will leave the New Haven area around 9 am. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom at 865-2028 to make reservations. Carpools will be arranged.

If you wish to **Explore New Haven** with YUWO, on Thursday, November 9 we will have curator-led tours of the **American Decorative Arts Furniture Study Collection**, located on York St., across from Chapel-York garage. There are approximately 1000 examples of furniture and wooden objects from the 17th to 21st centuries in the collection. Access to the collection is controlled with buzzer entrance, and our groups are limited to 15 persons, so you need to register with Lyn Howe (288-1217) to join the tour. Also, notify Lyn if you need elevator access to the collection which is on a lower level, reached by a steep staircase. Two one-hour tours have been arranged, the first at 11 am and the second at 1 pm. Those from either tour may meet for lunch between tours.

**Needlers** will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Call Betty Ann Levitin (488-5862).

**Study Group**, which began on Tuesday Oct. 17, will continue on the following three **Wednesdays**, Oct. 25, and Nov. 1 and 8. The last session will be on **Tuesday** Nov. 14. Frank Prochaska will speak on the British Monarchy at the Lawn Club. All lectures will be at 10:30 am. For information, call Letha Sandweiss at 562-2894.



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