



New Haven Excursion

On Monday, March 26 from 1-2 p.m. we have been invited to visit with Professor Sarah Weiss, who will speak to us about the Javanese gamelan which Yale recently acquired.

A gamelan is a kind of musical ensemble featuring a variety of instruments such as metallaphones, xylophones, drums, and gongs; bamboo flutes, bowed and plucked strings. Vocalists may also be included. A gamelan, as a set of instruments, is a distinct entity, built and tuned to stay together. The word "gamelan" comes from the Javanese word "gamei" meaning to strike or hammer, and the Malay-Indonesian suffix "an" makes the root a collective noun. For additional information, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamelan> The activities event will be held in Room 04 in the basement of Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm Street, where the gamelan is housed.

There is space for about 30 visitors. Shoes must be taken off before entering the room. (A bookshelf for shoes is just outside the classroom door.) There are only a few chairs so bring a folding stool or small chair if you don't want to sit on the floor. We must leave promptly as Professor Weiss will need to prepare for her 2:30 class. The entrance to Hendrie is at the side of the building, down the "driveway," just beyond the archway. Contact Anne Schenck, (787-3705) if you'd like to attend.

May 9 Excursion to the J. P. Morgan Library and The Tenement Museum in New York City

(Reservation form on p. 5)

Study Group

The Study Group spring series entitled "Constructing the Public Realm: Urban Space and its Uses" and featuring Alan Plattus, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism, begins on February 21 with a lecture entitled "Agora and Forum: Constructing Identity in Classical Antiquity." The next, on February 28 is entitled "Campanilismo: Piazza and Palazzo in the Italian City States." On March 7, he will discuss "The King and the City: Royal Squares in Ancien Regime France." There will be a two-week hiatus for Yale spring vacation, and we will resume on March 28 with a lecture entitled "Rus in Urbe: Public Parks in the Industrial City." On April 4, the final lecture is entitled "Something Old, Something New: Urban Change and the Persistence of Civic Identity." If you have missed some lectures, you may still participate. The cost is 50 dollars for the series. Bring a friend not eligible for YUWO membership.

Lunch and Learn

On March 20, Professor Douglas Rae, Richard S. Ely Professor of Organization and Management at the School of Management and Professor of Political Science, will discuss his book, *Murder in the Model City*, a behind-the-scenes look at the trial of Bobby Seale, the role of the FBI, Kingman Brewster, and the events that brought thousands of National Guard troops to New Haven. For many of those who lived in the area, events are imprinted in memory as if yesterday. The location will be the Steinbach Lounge, School of Management, 52 Hillhouse Avenue, at noon. Parking available at the Lawn Club.

March Books

Wednesday, March 14

9-10:30 *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Genevieve Goff (467-3337)

Monday, March 19

2:30-4:30 *Middlesex*. by Jeffrey Eugenides

Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

Monday, March 12

2:00-3:30 *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: an African Childhood* by Alexandra Fuller

Ginny Shaw (481-6176)

Wednesday, March 7

1:30-3:00 *Nine Parts of Desire* by Geraldine Brooks

Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

New Book Group: The next meeting will be February 27. The book will be *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Contact Lyn Howe, 288-1217.

Patty Pollard, President, 481-2766; Johanna Becker, Vice President, 248-6391
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Message from the President and Vice-President

Our spirits and minds are being warmed despite the cold outside by all the wonderful YUWO activities! Thank you to the Lunch and Learn team and especially Avril Winks and Beth Dock for the most interesting talk by Ann Bierstecker about African women writers. And thank you to Priscilla Kissick for leading the team and for planning the February talk by Helen Varney Burst on Midwifery. The Yale furniture collection tour was so popular that Lyn Howe arranged for a repeat recently for fifteen of us.

We are looking forward to our spring study group on public urban space and its uses by Alan Plattus, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism, beginning February 21 and continuing on February 28, March 7, March 28 and April 4. Thank you so very much to Letha Sandweiss for creating such wonderful courses to stimulate us!

Priscilla Kissick and her committee have planned a delicious menu for our annual meeting and luncheon at the New Haven Country Club on Wednesday, May 2. Kate McEvoy, Deputy Director of the Connecticut Agency on Aging has agreed to be our speaker. Please let Johanna know if you have some topics or questions for Kate to address.

Patty and Johanna

Call Patty (481-2766) if you would be interested in working on the YUWO web site next year.

Annual Luncheon Update

The speaker at the YUWO annual luncheon this year will be Kate McEvoy, Esq. Ms. McEvoy is the Deputy Director of the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. She is also the legislative liaison for the Connecticut Association of Area Agencies on Aging and represents this Agency on the Steering Committee of the CT Elder Action Network, and the CT Long Term Care Advisory Council. She is also the Chair of the Law Task Force of the Ct Coalition to Improve End of Life Care. She is well versed on the issues of advance directives, Medicare, home and community-based services, entitlements and policy issues, and she has written numerous articles pertaining to elder concerns. We have not at this point completely narrowed down the exact focus of her talk, as we would like to hear from YUWO members about questions of particular interest to them in this field. Therefore, please call or write Johanna Becker with your wishes or suggestions for the speaker as soon as possible, so that these might be incorporated into Ms. McEvoy's presentation at the Luncheon.

The luncheon registration form is on page 5.

Movie Matinee

On Thursday, March 8, at 1 p.m., Mara Cunningham will present Joseph von Sternberg's "The Scarlett Empress" (1934, 104 minutes) at the Blackstone Library in Branford. Marlene Dietrich has a mesmerizing transformation as a budding German princess pressed into marriage with the paranoid, possibly insane, heir apparent to the throne of Russia. As she grows to womanhood, she learns the skills and cunning necessary to outwit subjugation to her child-husband, his aunt the czarina, and various schemes against her position, entering into multiple liaisons with powerful and adoring men who advance her ascent to become "Catherine the Great, Empress of all the Russias." There are astonishing Byzantine sets and décor. The camera work by von Sternberg is groundbreaking. For information call Mara (772-4007) or Eva Ewing (315-5160).

Excursion Description

The J.P. Morgan Library displays a collection of drawings, prints, music manuscripts, illustrated books, and works of art from the 15th century on, including three copies of the Gutenberg Bible. The Tenement Museum shows the actual apartment of ten immigrants to New York City in approximately 1916.

Activities

The March 14 meeting of *Art Aficionados* will be held in the British Art Center at 12 noon. Joan Binder will lead a tour of the current show "Howard Hodgkin: Paintings 1992-2007." He is described by a critic as one of the most important artists working in Britain today. Hodgkin calls his works "representational pictures of emotional situations." Come and see what you think! We will go to Lalibela's Ethiopian Restaurant for a buffet lunch afterward. It is located at 176 Temple Street. You might want to park closer to the restaurant than to the BAC. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to make a reservation for lunch. No reservation is necessary for the museum tour.

No doubt when you read this, spring weather will be back, but right now frozen rain is falling, so our February 14 meeting featuring Margot Fassler speaking about her cinematic projects has been rescheduled for April. The date will be announced in the next Newsletter.

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 March concert for *Music Together* will take place on Friday, March 2 at Woolsey Hall at 8:00 pm. The program will feature Mahler's Symphony No. 3 with the Yale Glee Club. Meet before the concert at 6:30 at Zaroka Restaurant, 148 York St. Bring a friend! Call Ileana Tombank (288-6363) or Raejeanne Kier (287-2443).

Conversational French meets at 1:30 pm. 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 the first Sunday of each 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. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30. Call Carol Dhawan at 562-0017.

The *Travel Gourmet Group's* first spring trip will be a visit to the Bruce Museum in Greenwich on Tuesday, March 27. Although we have had a fairly recent trip there, the museum is producing some interesting shows these days, so let's go again. This time the exhibition is "Painterly Controversy: William Merritt Chase and Robert Henri." We will go to lunch at Paul Newman's new restaurant in Westport. It has received good reviews for its all organic food. We will leave New Haven at 10 a.m. Car pools will be arranged. Call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to reserve.

Save the date—May 8. We are making plans to visit Philip Johnson's Glass House in New Canaan. Ordinarily *Travel Gourmet* meets the last Tuesday in the month, but the Glass House will not be open to visitors until May. More news about this trip in the next Newsletter. No reservations will be taken until that time.

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

There are eleven people signed up for *Skiing* this year. If you wish to join them call Shirley Johnson (389-5399).

Explore New Haven will visit the Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac University on March 1 at 11 a.m. David Ives, Director, will speak. The Schweitzer Institute is a nonprofit organization sponsoring programs that carry on



Annual Luncheon

May 2, 2007, New Haven Country Club

Choice of Entrée (please check)

Petite Filet mignon, medium rare only _____

Crab cakes with citrus mayo _____

Chicken Marsala with mushrooms _____

Number of reservations _____ @ \$25.00 per person Lunch total _____

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

Please return by April 24, 2007.

Make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:

*Mary Jo Warren
180 Forest Hill Road
North Haven, CT 06473*

Social Hour and registration at 11:30. Seating for lunch promptly at 12:00

Name _____ Guest Name _____

No refunds after April 27, 2007



**Excursion to New York City
J. P. Morgan Library and The Tenement Museum
Wednesday, May 9, 2007**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

A check payable to YUWO for \$65 is enclosed _____
Lunch on your own at Morgan Library

Please mail check and form to Leona Nalle, 115 Oliver Rd., New Haven CT 06515

Bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. from the commuter parking lot in North Haven. Take exit 10 from I 91. Turn off the connector 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.

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