Message from the President and Vice-President

On Tuesday, September 14, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, we will meet with newcomer and prospective members as well as renew our friendships with YUWO friends as guests of Jane Levin at the President’s House for our Wine and Cheese Reception. Mary Jo Warren, membership chair, will be at a welcoming table to receive our dues of $25 and our scholarship donations to any of the four funds, with separate checks to each of them.

Please explore the wonderful YUWO brochure prepared by Marty Sherman. It is full of appealing lectures, activities, and interest groups for all of us. As in the past, further details and signup sheets for all the excursions, lectures and interest groups will be available at the Wine and Cheese Reception. We want to thank everyone who is working with us to make this a YUWO year full of promise and excitement. We both want to thank Patty Pollard for her inspiration and guidance.

We look forward to greeting you on September 14th.

Audrey and Pam
Explore New Haven County

On Thursday, September 23, we will be touring the Osborne Homestead Museum in Derby CT. The Osborne Homestead Museum encompasses the house and grounds of the former Frances Osborne Kellogg Estate. Originally constructed in the mid-1800’s, the house was enlarged and completely remodeled in the Colonial Revival style during the 1920’s. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, its restored interior now displays the original contents of the estate, which constitutes a significant collection of antiques and fine arts. The museum is also on the “Connecticut Historic Gardens Trail” as well the “Connecticut Women’s Heritage Trail.” The Homestead celebrates the life of Frances Osborne Kellogg, an accomplished businesswoman and conversationalist who was dedicated to preserving land for the future generations.

Directions: The museum is adjacent to Osbornedale State Park, 7 miles west of New Haven off of Route 34. From Main Street (Route 34) in Derby continue west on Route 34 for about 1.5 miles, turn right on Cedric Avenue then turn left onto Hawthorne Avenue at the T intersection. Parking is about 2000 feet on the left. We will meet at the Homestead Visitor’s Center at 10:30.

The number of people is open but we will be divided into groups of 8. We need a number in advance so docents will be available. Please call Anne Schenck (203.787.3705) or Eleanor Radune (203.483.6528) no later than September 16th to sign up.

Join us at 1 pm Wednesday, October 20 for a walk around Wooster Square led by Jay Bright, who spoke to us last spring at a Lunch and Learn program. He is an architect who has focused on historic preservation the last 25 years of his 40+ years of architectural work and was a Wooster Square tour guide in 1971 when that historic district was created. It is a favorite area of the city for him. We will meet at the Christopher Columbus Statue on Chapel Street at the edge Wooster Square. There is parking all around the square. Call Anne Schenck (203.787.3705) or Eleanor Radune (203.483.6528) to sign up.

Fall Study Group

The fall study group will feature six lectures by several professors and will be entitled Great Gifts and Acquisitions: The Yale University Art Gallery. Jock Reynolds, Henry J. Heinz II Director of the Yale University Art Gallery, will give the inaugural talk of the series. The first lecture will take place at the Lawn Club on October 6. You will receive a registration form with details. The cost will be $65, which includes Lawn Club parking.

Lunch and Learn

Having trouble remembering things? Decline in memory is one of the most disturbing facets of aging. Dr. Karen Mitchell of the Yale Cognition Project will discuss what research is uncovering about the processes that underlie memory, the brain mechanisms involved, and how these change with normal aging. She will also discuss recent progress on interventions to reduce age-related cognitive decline. This event will take place on Tuesday, October 12 at noon at the Visitor Center at 149 Elm Street.
September Books

**Wednesday, September 1** 1:30-3:00 *A Short History of Women* by Kate Walbert. Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443), Ileane Tombank, (203-288-5363)

**Monday, September 13** 2:00-4:00 *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris. Irene Smith (203-248-2949)

**Tuesday, September 14** 1:30-3:00 *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers. Lynn Howe (203-288-1217)

**Thursday, September 16** -10:30 AM. *Hemmings at Monticello* by Gordon Reed. Eleanor Radune, (203-483-6528)

**Monday, September 20** 2:30-4:00 *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Ellie Mattson (203-453-4274)

To volunteer to be a Conversation Partner for a visiting international scholar/student at Yale, call Roberta Thornton at 752-0604 or sign up at the Wine and Cheese Reception.

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2009/2010 Yuwo Scholarship Winners

(in alphabetical order: Amy Barbosa, Merieta Bayati, Cherice Dykes, Maura Esposito, Michelle Sazon, Kristen Siedlarz-Sirot Scholar, and (Terry Reese-Magee Fenn Scholar-absent from photo)
A Book Group Meeting on August 3

Photo by Felicia Tencza.

Activities

ART AFICIONADOS — Women interested in art are invited to tour exhibitions at Yale art venues. These docent-led tours run from noon until one o’clock on Wednesdays, usually the first or second Wednesday of the month. After the tour, lunch* is planned for those members who wish to join us at a good restaurant nearby. For information about details and reservations, see the YUWO Newsletter. Joan Binder, 203.624.3316, jwbinder@aol.com, or Nancy Ahlstrom, 203.865.2028.

*Lunch with Art Aficionados: If you are interested only in trying out a new restaurant, please join us for lunch after the tour. Nancy Ahlstrom, 203.865-2028.

BOOK CIRCLE — Read approximately eight recently published books for the price of one. Books are circulated, with each member keeping one book at the end of the cycle. Circle members select the books by majority vote from a descriptive list available at the Wine and Cheese Reception. Cost share is about $25. Nancy Hoskins, 203.488.1871 or nancy.hoskins@comcast.net.

BRIDGE GROUP — This duplicate bridge group will meet for lunch and play at the New Haven Country Club once a month, usually on Wednesdays, starting in September. You can bring a non-YUWO partner, but at least one of each couple must be a member of YUWO. Britta Chambers, 203.453.5813.

CONVERSATION PARTNERS — Enjoy making friends with people from other cultures, or helping a foreign student become more at ease with the English language? You can become a partner for a visiting international scholar/student at Yale. There is no language requirement. Volunteers commit to one hour per week and volunteer for just three months to give a foreign visitor a good start. Sign up at the Wine and Cheese or call Roberta Thornton, 203.752.0604.

FRENCH, CONVERSATIONAL — Discussion de contes et de romans et discussion libre. Meets Mondays at 2:00 pm at Chestnut Fine Foods in New Haven. French is spoken at the meetings, so
intermediate proficiency and above is necessary. Debbie St. Thomas, 203.488.1859, and Julie Crowder, 203.288.7157.

**Hiking Group** — We meet four or five times during the year, in the fall and the spring, for a walk in some nearby scenic location. The hikes usually are planned for about two hours, and the level of difficulty varies from one destination to another—not all hikes are up hills, though some are! Plans for upcoming walks will be described in the newsletters. Lyn Howe, 203.288.1217.

**Italian Conversation** — Group members have enjoyed meeting on Monday mornings at the Yale bookstore during the past year, though the schedule is flexible and the venue may change. Depending on group interest, future discussions may focus on Italian films or operas. Desiree Galassi, 203.426.3214 or dgalassi@earthlink.net.

**Luncheon Gourmet Group** — Participants share the meal’s expenses and take turns planning the menu, and preparing and presenting the luncheon. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month. Dues are $10. Happy Thomas, 203.393.7239; Marty Sherman 203.605.5773; Carol Dhawan, 203.562.0017.

**Music Together** will attend a free concert by the Yale Philharmonia of Beethoven’s 4th Piano Concerto, in Woolsey Hall on, September 24, at 8 pm. Meet for dinner at 6:30 pm at York Square Pizza, 288 York Street. Call Ilene Tombank (203.288.5363) or Raejeanne Kier (203.287.2443).

**Needlers** — Join the Needlers for conversation and light refreshment while working on your own project—knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, quilting, embroidery or mending. Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in members’ homes. Call for directions. Betty Ann Levitin, 203.488.5862.

**Skiing** — Join other skiing enthusiasts from January to March 2011. We go to Butternut Basin (near Great Barrington, MA) for a variety of beginner to intermediate trails, plus a few “black diamonds.” We carpool, sharing trip expenses with the driver, usually on “Ladies Day” or at other reduced rate times. See the newsletter for details. Pam Rackliffe, 203.488.2667.

**Tennis** — Advanced or intermediate players meet weekly for a round-robin at Yale’s indoor Cullman Courts on Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. There is an hourly shared court fee, as well as a membership fee. Carol Dhawan, 203.562.0017.

**Travel Gourmet** — Each year we visit interesting attractions in different sections of Connecticut, topping off the experience with a meal at a nearby restaurant. We carpool and share travel expenses with the driver. Members are responsible for registration fees if canceling after deadline. Details available at the Wine and Cheese Reception and in YUWO newsletters. Nancy Ahlstrom, 203.865.2028; Jacqueline Collimore, 203.865.2405; Frances Woods, 860.521.6163.

**Travel the Globe** — *New for 2010* -- Interested in tours or travel outside Connecticut—to the Southwest, national parks, the Caribbean, or other destinations with a group? Or perhaps you might enjoy an opportunity to meet like-minded travel partners? Join other travel enthusiasts for travel talks? Those interested in this new group will gather to decide logistics. Sign up at the Wine and Cheese or call Jodi Rucquoi at 203.481.0160.

**Writing Group** — If you have a secret (or not so secret) wish to write your memoirs, poetry, fiction or essays, join this group to share your work and get encouragement and advice from others. This forum will meet once a month to read and listen to new or edited work. Work shared will remain confidential within the group. Ina Jaffe, 203.288.9810.
**YUWO Fall Excursion: Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Brooklyn Museum**  
**Saturday, October 9**

We will stop first at the **Brooklyn Botanic Garden**, (free on Saturday morning) which has 52 acres featuring plants from around the world. Enjoy the newly expanded Herb Garden, Shakespeare Garden, Japanese Pond Garden, Visitors Center, Lily Pool and the Steinhardt Conservatory with its Bonsai Exhibit, Trail of Evolution, three habitat pavilions and a special show *The 2010 BBG Florilegium Exhibition*, celebrating illustrated plant books, past and present.

**Lunch is on your own.** At the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, The Terrace Café is outdoors or in the Steinhardt Conservatory, or you may chose the Museum Café in the Brooklyn Museum.

The **Brooklyn Museum** has five floors of exhibits, covering ancient art to modern. Special exhibits include *Modernist Jewelry of Art Smith, Body Parts: Egyptian Fragments & Amulets*, a *Fred Tomaselli* retrospective of his epoxy resin paintings, and the permanent installation of Judy Chicago’s *The Dinner Party*.

**Cost of $50 includes bus transportation, driver’s tip and tickets to The Brooklyn Museum. The bus leaves promptly at 8:00 am from the commuter parking lot in North Haven at Devine Street.* Take I-91, exit 10, then Exit 1, turn left to the lot on the left. We will return about 6 pm.

Open to YUWO members and their guests. Trip is limited to 34 participants. Send your check made out to YUWO and a sign up form below to Dody Gall, 75 Charlton Hill, Hamden, CT 06518 before September 25. For information, phone: 203-288-6590 or e-mail: dmgall@aol.com.

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**YUWO Fall Excursion 2010 Sign up Form**

**Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Brooklyn Museum  
Bus Trip on Saturday, October 9, 2010**

Send your check made out to YUWO and this form to Dody Gall, 75 Charlton Hill, Hamden, CT 06518 before September 25.

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Membership Registration Form (2010-2011)

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Yale Affiliation of: Self ____ Spouse ____ Other Relative ____
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Please remit separate checks for YUWO dues and each scholarship fund donation you wish to make. All checks should be payable to “Yale University Women’s Organization”. Use the check memo line to indicate whether the amount is designated for “Dues” or a specific scholarship fund.

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