**Lunch and Learn**

On Tuesday, November 9, at noon, we will meet with State Representative Lonnie Reed from Branford. She may be joined by Representative Gayle Slossberg from Woodbridge and Denise Merrill, candidate for Secretary of State. This event will take place on at the Visitor Center at 149 Elm Street.

**Fall Study Group**

Only for YUWO members who have already registered -- see box on page 2. The Study Group -- Great Gifts and Acquisitions—will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m, at the New Haven Lawn Club. The remaining lectures are as follows:

- **October 27** - Susan B. Matheson, Molly and Walter Bareiss Curator of Ancient Art, will discuss the ancient art acquisitions at the Gallery.
- **November 3** - Patricia E. Kane, Friends of American Arts Curator of American Decorative Arts, will cover the collections of American decorative arts and furniture.
- **November 10** - Frederick John Lamp, Francis and Benjamin Benenson Foundation Curator of African Art, will speak on collecting African art at Yale.
- **November 17** - Laurence Kanter, Lionel Goldfrank III Curator of Early European Art, will discuss the notable gifts of Italian and European paintings.

**Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 12
4-6 PM
Horchow Hall

Save the date! See Page 2

**November Books**

- Monday, November 8 2:00-4:00
  *Wolf Hall* by Hillary Mantel.
  Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

- Tuesday, November 11 1:30-3:00
  *Factory Girls* by Leslie Chang.
  Lynn Howe (203-288-1217).

- Thursday, November 11 9:30 AM
  *The Forgotten Man* by Amity Shlaes.
  Eleanor Radune, (203-483-6528).

- Monday, November 15 2:30-4:00
  *When Everything Changed* by Gail Collins.
  Ellie Mattson (203-453-4274).
Message from the President and Vice-President

We hope that everyone is enjoying the exciting activities and interest groups that YUWO is offering this year. Please remember to invite some to join you to share the fun and the ride.

Among the exciting offerings for the year is our monthly Lunch and Learn lecture series held on a mid-month Tuesday in the Yale Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street. We meet at noon with brown bags – beverages and cookies are provided - and hear a stimulating talk from 12:30 – 1:30. We want to thank Mary Davis, Judy Miller and Stephanie Jatlow for organizing the series which this year will deal with women’s issues. Dr. Karen Mitchell on brain imaging and age related changes in cognition on October 12. On November 9, shortly after the mid-term elections, we will hear from a panel of elected women in Connecticut.

The Holiday Party Committee, headed by Pam Rackliffe, has been busy organizing our annual holiday party which will be held on Sunday, December 12, from 4:00 to 6:00 in Horchow Hall at the corner of Hillhouse and Sachem. We will again raise scholarship monies with our famous basket raffle and you are asked to contribute items for the theme baskets to be raffled at the party. Perhaps an interest group would like to create a basket. Items can be brought to the Study Group Series at the Lawn Club and given to Pam, Johanna Becker, or Audrey. As in the past there is no admission charge to this party but we ask that you come with your favorite finger food, savory or sweet. YUWO will provide non-alcoholic punch and wine. Significant others and friends are invited.

We want to thank Felicia Tencza for her service to the YUWO board and to the Yale Health Plan Member Advisory Committee. Betty Ann Levitin has graciously agreed to serve as YUWO’s new liaison to the YHP.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Audrey and Pam

Yuwo Holiday Party

Save the date of Sunday, December 12th, from 4-6 pm, for the Holiday Party. We will be at the Horchow House, corner of Hillhouse Avenue and Sachem Street, where we enjoyed our party last year. One of our activities has been the basket raffle, and we will repeat this fun event. Please collect some items to include in the baskets. You can bring them to the lecture series at the Lawn Club and give them to Pam Rackliffe or make an arrangement with Johanna Becker, who will co-coordinate the assembling of the baskets in November

Fall Study Is Group Sold Out!

YUWO’s Study Group, Great Gifts & Acquisitions, The Yale University Art Gallery, has sold out. This is good news since Fall and Spring Study Groups are the principal source of funds for YUWO scholarships. We are sorry that due to room capacity fire laws, many would-be registrants have been disappointed!
Activities

ART AFICIONADOS — We will have a tour of the current exhibition at the Yale Center for British Art, “The Independent Eye: Contemporary British Art from the Collection of Samuel and Gabrielle Lurie,” on Wednesday, November 10. Plan to meet at the main entrance a little before 12 noon. We will have lunch afterward at the Union League Café. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (203-865-2028) to make a reservation. No emails, please.

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 — On October 21, at 2 PM, we will walk in the Quinnipiac Meadows property of the Land Trust. We will meet the Indian historian from the Historical Society and hear about the Quinnipiac Indians. A week or two after that, we plan a hike in the Guilford Lakes area. The exact date and time are not yet decided. For more information, call 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 Yale in New York preview concert of Yale Guitar Music in Morse Recital Hall Monday, on November 8, 2010 at 8:00 PM. Benjamin Verdery, director. Music for solo guitar by Martin Bresnick and premieres of solo pieces by Ezra Laderman, Jack Vees, and Kathryn Alexander. Ensemble works by Ingram Marshall (alto flute and guitar), David Lang (two electric guitars), Aaron Jay Kernis (guitar and string quartet), Samuel Adams (for guitar ensemble; premiere), and Benjamin Verdery (for eight guitars). Meet for dinner at 6:30 PM at York Street Pizza. Call Ileane 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.

**SKING** — 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. 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** — Travel Gourmet member had such a good time reacquainting themselves with the New Britain Museum that we decided the next trip would be to another well-known Connecticut Museum, The Hill-Stead in Farmington. We will make a visit there on Tuesday, October 26, to see the current exhibit and a tour of the whole house. We will lunch afterward at another well-known Farmington restaurant, Apricots. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (203-865-2028) to make a reservation. No emails, please.

**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. 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.
The Wine and Cheese Reception on Tuesday, September 14 was a great success. A beautiful late-summer day made it possible for us to enjoy the lovely rear porch as well as the art-filled rooms of the President’s House. We would like to express our thanks to our committee who greeted guests and served wines, punch and a selection of cheeses as well as setting up beforehand and cleaning up after the event was over. A reception of this size becomes easy and fun with willing committee members to share the work, and we were blessed with many hands to help. Thanks to you all. Marcia Lynch and Wini Colleran.

From left to right: Trudi Bollier, Kay Ross and Jane Levin. Photo by Mary-Jo Warren

On a sparkling, breezy Monday morning in September, the Hiking Group visited Hammonasset Park for a wonderful walk on the nature trail and then down by the water. (See photo) The stiff breeze kept most birds out of sight, but we enjoyed the views and the sunshine, and some finished the morning with a picnic on tables by the butterfly garden. From left to right: Patty Pollard, Diane Girvin, Chaline Johnson, Rose Cuomo, Marie Kozak, Pam Rackliffe, Betty Ann Levitin, and Anne Schenck. Photo by Lyn Howe.

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of two YUWO members. Nancy Hoskins died on August 24th and Roz Daitch on October 3. Both were active in YUWO until the end and will be greatly missed.
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November Reminder: Please check that you have renewed your YUWO membership. The December Newsletter will contain the Membership List which will include, and be sent to, YUWO members.

Membership Registration Form (2010-2011)

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Please clearly PRINT your email address if you wish to receive the YUWO newsletter and other YUWO notices via email:

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Yale Affiliation of: Self ____ Spouse ____ Other Relative ___

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I am renewing my membership ____               I am a new member of YUWO ____

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