Message from the President and Vice-President

What an exciting year is planned for YUWO!

Please join us as we welcome newcomers and renew our friendships. The beginning of a new year is the time to explore new activities and interests. Please bring a new friend or a YUWO member who may have transportation difficulties to your next YUWO event.

The fall Study Group – Great Gifts and Acquisitions: The Yale University Art Gallery-begins, Wednesday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the New Haven Lawn Club with Jock Reynolds, Director of the Art Gallery. This promises to be an exciting lecture series, which we expect will be fully subscribed. If you haven’t returned your application form please do so quickly to avoid being disappointed.

The entire Lunch and Learn schedule this year will be devoted to women’s issues. The first session will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at noon in the Visitors Center. Dr. Karen Mitchell of the Yale Cognition Project will discuss aging and memory.

As YUWO grows so do our interests. A new activity this year is Travel the Globe. If you’re an armchair traveler or perhaps looking for a like-minded travel partner be sure to check this new group.

We encourage you to receive the newsletter by email. This is a win-win situation – not only do you get the newsletter the day it goes to press, YUWO also significantly reduces its mailing expense. Contact Mary-Jo Warren, Membership Chair, to tell her you are willing to receive the newsletter by email only. Also remember to check the YUWO website at www.yale.edu/yuwo, where the newsletter and any updated information regarding events and activities are available.

Audrey and Pam
**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. The cost of the series is $65, which includes Lawn Club parking.

The next two October lectures are as follows: October 13, Helen A. Cooper, Holcombe T. Green Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture, will tell us about the history of the American paintings and sculpture collections at the Gallery. October 27, Susan B. Matheson, Molly and Walter Bareiss Curator of Ancient Art, will discuss the Ancient art acquisitions at the Gallery.

**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 explore the question: "What Can Brain Imaging Tell Us about Age-Related Changes in Cognition?" This event will take place on Tuesday, October 12 at noon at the Visitor Center at 149 Elm Street.

On Tuesday, November 9, we will hear a small panel of elected women in Connecticut, State Rep Lonnie Reed from Branford and probably Rep Gayle Slossberg from Woodbridge. We hope to have Denise Merrill, candidate for Sec. of State, also. Our larger topic for the year relates to women's issues so we plan at least three late winter/spring programs, one relevant to medical issues with a female radiologist from the new Smilow Center at Yale.

**Explore New Haven County**
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. Rain date – October 21.

**October Books**

Monday, October 11 2:00-4:00 *The Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick. Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

Tuesday, October 12 1:30-3:00 *The Winter Queen* by Boris Akunin. Lynn Howe (203-288-1217)

Thursday, October 14 10:30 AM *Olive Kittridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Eleanor Radune, (203-483-6528).

Monday, October 18 2:30-4:00 *Hemmings at Monticello* by Gordon Reed. Ellie Mattson (203-453-4274).

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**YUWO ACTIVITIES**
*We encourage all new and current YUWO members to contact the leaders of activity groups to express your interest, get your questions answered, or sign up to join the group. All activities are listed at www.yale.edu/yuwo and in our brochure (which is also available on our website). Please come join us!*
Activities

**ART AFICIONADOS — Wednesday, October 13.** Pat Kane, Curator of American Decorative Arts, and one of this year’s study group lecturers, will lead a visit to the Garvin Furniture Study Collection, housed at 149 York Street. The group will meet in the lobby of the Yale Art Gallery, 111 Chapel Street, at 12 noon sharp and walk over to York Street. We will have lunch afterward at Scoozzi. This will be a popular tour and space is limited. The first 20 people to call after **September 15** will be on the list. Call Nancy Ahlstrom 203-865-2028 to reserve. No emails, please.

**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. Call Genevieve Goff, 203-208-1357.

**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 will have a hike at Hammonasset State Park on **Monday, Sept. 20**, starting at the park at 10:30 AM. Call or check our table at the Wine and Cheese for details on meeting place. If weather is bad on Monday we will walk on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The walk is flat, along the beach. 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 Linden String Quartet in Sprague Hall on Sunday, October 10, at 8:00 PM. Program includes Kelly Marie-Murphy's Dark Energy and Dvorák's String Quartet No. 12 in F major, Op. 96, "American." Meet for dinner at 6:30 pm at Clark’s Pizza and Restaurant, 68 Whitney Avenue. 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.

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 inter-mediate 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 Racklifie, 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 — We will have a tour the New Britain Art Museum on Tuesday, September 28. Current shows are devoted to M.C. Escher and John Rappleye. The museum’s permanent collection is outstanding and well displayed in the new gallery’s spaces. We will lunch at the East Side restaurant famous for its authentic German cuisine. Car pools will be arranged by September 26. We will plan to leave the New Haven area at 10 am and return after lunch around 3-3:30. Nancy Ahlstrom, 203-865-2028.

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 French Conversation Group “en plein air” at the Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme  (Photo by Mary Jo Warren)

YUWO activity groups are a fine way to make friends and pursue mutual interests. The French Conversation group is one of the Yale University Women’s Organization interest groups open to YUWO members with intermediate, or above, language skills. Some in the group are native speakers. The women meet weekly at Chestnut Fine Foods, State Street. The purpose of the group is to discuss books as well as daily life and politics in France, and at home. In 2008 the group was reading a short story collection by Le Clezio when he won the Noble Prize for Literature. Several times during the year the group plans French-related excursions. Some past excursions have been to the Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme, to enjoy the exhibit of American Impressionists at Giverny and to the Hillstead Museum, Farmington. Around New Haven, the group has viewed the Christmas santon (nativity scenes) at the Knights of Columbus Museum as well as French manuscripts at the Bienecke Library. In September 2010, the group will travel to the Clark Museum in Williamstown, MA to see the exposition “Picasso looks at Degas”.

To volunteer to be a Conversation Partner for a visiting international scholar/student at Yale, call Roberta Thornton at 752-0604
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.

NAME: ______________________________ PHONE: ___________________
ADDRESS: ___________________________ E-MAIL: ___________________
Membership Reminder: This form is included in the October Newsletter in case you have not renewed your YUWO membership.

Membership Registration Form (2010-2011)

Name ____________________________ Phone _______________________

Address _________________________________________________________

Street  City  Zip

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

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Membership is open to any woman who by virtue of her own or her family’s affiliation, past or present, is associated with the Yale community. Check as many as apply:

Yale Affiliation of: Self ____ Spouse ____ Other Relative ____

As: Staff ____ Faculty ____ Student ____ Postdoc ____ Alum____

Position of above is: Active ____ Retired ____ Former ____

Amount Enclosed:

YUWO Annual Dues $ 25.00  __________  25.00

Separate checks, please, for each scholarship donation:

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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.

Donations to the all YUWO scholarship funds are tax deductible

Return this page and check(s) to the Membership Chair:
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