Message from the President and Vice-President

Please join us to welcome newcomers and renew friendships at the Wine and Cheese reception held in the President’s House on Tuesday, September 20, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. I hope you have had time to examine the YUWO brochure which details the many varied interest groups, lectures and activities that are offered. We encourage you to bring a friend who may be interested in YUWO membership.

Because the lecture series, From Dinosaurs to Diamonds: The Collections of Yale’s Peabody Museum of Natural History, begins early this year on September 28, the study group committee has arranged to accept registrations of paid YUWO members at the Wine and Cheese reception. You must bring a separate check for this registration.

We encourage you to receive the newsletter by email. This is a win–win situation for everyone. Not only do you get the newsletter the day it goes to the printer, YUWO significantly reduces its postage costs. 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 can be found.

Welcome to an exciting new year.

Audrey and Pam

Lunch and Learn

On Tuesday, October 25, Lunch and Learn will present Ronald Heiferman, Yale ’65, Professor of History at Quinnipiac University, who will discuss ‘Twilight of the Romanovs: The Family Albums of Nicholas and Alexandra’. The saga of how Yale came to acquire these treasures should be of special interest to members of the Yale community. Time: noon to 1:15 at the Visitor’s Center, 149 Elm Street.

Audrey DeFronzo, President, 203-230-0592; Pam Rackliffe, Vice President, 203-488.2667
Mary-Jo Warren, Membership Chair, 203-288-503
**Fall Study Group**

The Fall 2011 series of lectures, *From Dinosaurs to Diamonds: The Collections of Yale's Peabody Museum of Natural History*, will begin on September 28 and go through November 2. Lectures are held on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the New Haven Lawn Club. Speakers will include Derek Briggs, the Director of the Peabody, on the history and future of the Peabody, Kristof Zyskowski on the Ornithology collections, Armand Morgan on the Great Hall of Dinosaurs and Zallinger murals, Leo Hickey on Botany collections and Jay Ague on Geology, Minerals and Gems. The registration form is at the back of this newsletter.

**October Books**

**Wednesday, October 5** 1:30-3:00 p.m. *Caleb’s Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443), Ileane Tombank, (203-288-5363).

**Monday, October 10** 2:00 p.m. *Selected Readings*, Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

**Tuesday, October 11** 2:00 p.m. *Cleoptara: A Life* by Stacy Schiff Lynn Howe (203-288-1217).

**Thursday, October 13** 9:30 a.m. *A Singular Woman* by Janny Scott. Eleanor Radune (203-483-6528).

**Monday, October 17** 2:30 p.m. *The Patron Saint of Liars* by Anne Patchett Elena Mattson (203-453-4274).

**Save the Date:** May 2, 2012 is the Annual Luncheon. By popular demand the new venue will be the New Haven Lawn Club.

**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. The first tour will be in October. For information about details and reservations, see the next newsletter. Anneke Hathaway 203-752-0460 anneke_hathaway@sbcglobal.net and Diane McQuire

**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.

**CONNECTICUT WINE TRAIL** -- New for 2011-2012! On Thursday, October 20, the YUWO group will visit Jones Winery in the White Hills of Shelton. In 2010 Connecticut Magazine named Jones Winery to have “the best wine in Connecticut”. We will meet at a commuter parking lot at 1:00pm and car pool to the winery. (The rendezvous location is still to be determined.) Wine tastings are a personal expense, costing about $7.00, which often includes a wine glass with the logo of the vineyard. There will be designated drivers. Contact Mary-Jo Warren for more information rmjwarren@sbcglobal.net or (203) 288-5037.

**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.

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 203-263-2260, Carol Dhawan, 203-562-0017.

MUSIC TOGETHER Yale Philharmonia Woolsey Hall Friday, October 21, at 8:00 PM. Peter Oundjian, guest conductor. John Adams, Bruch, Tchaikovsky. Dinner at China Great Wall, 67 Whitney Avenue at 6:30 PM. Ileane Tombank, 203-288-5363 or Raejeanne Kier, 203-287-2443.

NEEDELERS — 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. We go to Butternut Basin (near Great Barrington, MA) for a variety of beginner to intermediate trails. We carpool, sharing trip expenses with the driver, usually on “Ladies Day” or at other reduced rate times.

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 — Ship Ahoy! Travel Gourmet will set sail on Tuesday, October 25, for a trip up the Connecticut River. We will begin our Fall outing with a quick lunch at the Griswald Inn, then on to the Connecticut River Museum in Essex for a tour, and finally, beginning at 2:30, we will have an hour and half sail up the Connecticut River on the museum’s schooner, the Mary E, returning to the museum by 4 pm. The museum tour and schooner trip cost $26. We should leave the New Haven area around 10:30 am, later for people living closer to Essex. Car pools will be arranged. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom for more information and to make a reservation. This will be the last meeting of Travel Gourmet in 2011. Nancy Ahlstrom, 203-865-2028. No emails please.

TRAVEL THE GLOBE 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. Jodi Rucquoi at 203-481-0160.

WALKING GROUP — Our next walk will be on Monday, September 26 at 10:30 AM in Devil’s Hopyard Park. Lyn Howe, 203-288-1217.

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.
We begin our day at MAD, the Museum of Arts and Design at 2 Columbus Circle. There are four floors of galleries there, with special exhibits of *Artist to Jeweler: Picasso to Koons* featuring 240 items, and *Crafting Modernism: Mid-Century Art & Design* with 100 examples of furniture, textiles, glass and ceramics from the 1940s to the 1970s.

After lunch, we go to the Metropolitan Opera for a 90-minute tour exploring the creation of an opera production through stops on the sets, costumes, wigs, dressing rooms, rehearsal halls and backstage complex.

**Cost of $75 includes bus transportation, driver’s tip, MAD museum admission and Met Opera backstage tour. Lunch is on your own.** For reservations at the MAD Museum restaurant, phone 212-299-7730.

*Our chartered bus leaves the North Haven commuter lot on Devine Street (Exit 10 off I-91) at 8:30 am, then stops at the Guilford commuter lot (Exit 58 off I-95) at 9:00 am to pick up shoreline participants. This trip is open first to YUWOs and limited to 35 members—if space is available, friends may be invited. We leave the Met Opera at 5:00 pm and return to Guilford around 7:00 pm and North Haven by 7:30 pm.*

Mail your check made out to YUWO for $75 and this form, to Dolores Gall, 75 Charlton Hill, Hamden, CT 06518 by November 1. For questions, phone Dody Gall at 203-288-6590 or e-mail dmgall@aol.com.
From Dinosaurs to Diamonds: Collections of the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History

Founded in 1866 with a gift from philanthropist George Peabody, the Museum’s collections now comprise more than 11 million specimens in all areas of the natural sciences. The renowned Great Hall of Dinosaurs features many of the fossils discovered by Peabody’s nephew, O.C. Marsh, the first Professor of Paleontology in North America. The Museum’s collections offer information on the history of the earth, past and present, and the many programs open to the public are an important educational resource for the community.

September 28 Derek Briggs, Director of the Museum and G.Evelyn Hutchinson Professor of Geology & Geophysics, will introduce us to the history, programs and future of the Museum

October 5 Kristof Zyskowski, Collections Manager of Vertebrate Zoology, will focus on the history and care of the ornithology collections

October 12 Armand Morgan, Senior Museum Instructor, will share his knowledge of the Great Hall of Dinosaurs and famous Rudolph Zallinger murals

October 19 Leo Hickey, Professor of Geology and Curator of Paleobotany, will speak on the history and extraordinary specimens in the Museum’s collections of fossil plants

No lecture on October 26

November 2 Jay Ague, Professor of Geology & Geophysics and Curator of Mineralogy, will focus on the new Hall of Minerals, Earth and Space

This course is open to YUWO members who will be given first consideration. If space is available, each member may register one paid guest. The fee is $60 per person for the series. Please make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:
Pat Whitestone, 83 Turtle Bay Drive, Branford, CT 06405

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Thank you to all members who have renewed YUWO membership. This is an October dues reminder just in case.

Membership Registration Form (2011-2012)

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 _____

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

Amount Enclosed:

YUWO Annual Dues $25.00

Annual Scholarship Fund ______
Magee Fenn Scholarship Fund ______
YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund ______
The Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Fund ______

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.

Donations to the all YUWO scholarship funds are tax deductible.

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