IN MEMORIAM

Kathryn Klee Gips Ross 1922 - 2011

Wine and Cheese Reception

The President’s House, 43 Hillhouse Avenue
Tuesday, September 20 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Come to meet old friends and sign up for new activities!

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. There will be no separate mailing.

Message from the President and Vice-President

Welcome to an exciting year for YUWO.

Please join us as guests of Jane Levin at the Wine and Cheese reception on Tuesday, September 20, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the President’s House. We will welcome newcomers and prospective members and renew our friendships. There will be a membership table where you may pay your dues of $25 and make a donation to any of the four scholarship funds.

I hope you will examine the wonderful YUWO brochure prepared by Marty Sherman. It is full of appealing lectures, activities and interest groups for all of us, including a new group, The Wine Trail. As in the past, further details and signup sheets for all the activities will be available at the Wine and Cheese Reception.

The Fall Study Group, “The Peabody Museum: From Dinosaurs to Diamonds”, will begin on Wednesday, September 28, at the Lawn Club. Please complete the registration sheet found in this newsletter and return it with your check to Pat Whitestone promptly. There will be no separate mailing for Study Group this year.

On a sad note we report the death of Kay Ross on May 23. We were honored to have Kay speak to us at the Annual Luncheon earlier in May when we presented the first annual Kay Ross Scholarship. YUWO has lost a valued advisor and a genuine friend.

We look forward to greeting you on September 20th.

Audrey and Pam

Explore New Haven

Join us on Thursday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m. for a tour of the Fair Haven Health Clinic. Learn how they are screening the women in the area, finding that many have diabetes and about how the doctors and others at the clinic are teaching them healthier ways to live. In support of this, there is a garden behind Chabaso bakery just two blocks away. We will walk down to the garden and learn about the urban farm movement taking over the poor areas of the city. Many residents were farmers in their former homeland so it is natural for them to want to garden. Sign up at the Wine and Cheese Reception or Call Anne Schenck, 203 787-3705 or Eleanor Radune, 203-483-6528.

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. Place to be announced.
September Books

Tuesday, September 6 1:30-3:00 p.m. Russian Winter by Daphne Kalotay. Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443), Ileana Tombank, (203-288-5363).

Monday, September 12 2:00 p.m. The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

Tuesday, September 13 2:00 p.m. The Good Soldier by Ford Maddox Ford. Lynn Howe (203-288-1217).

Thursday, September 8 9:30 a.m. The Ordeal of Elizabeth Marsh: A Woman in World History by Linda Colley. Eleanor Radune (203-483-6528).

Monday, September 19 2:30 p.m. The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. Elena Mattson (203-453-4274).

The Walking Group

On Tuesday, May 3, the Walking Group took the trail to Indian Head in East Rock Park with Ranger Dan Barvir. We learned a lot about birds and butterflies, history, geology, and human behavior in the park! YUWO members in the photo along with Ranger Dan, from left to right: Jacqueline Diesenhouse, Barbara Johnson, Gloria Schaffer, Johanna Becker, Rita Rodeheffer, Rose Cuomo, Patty Pollard, Christi Moore, Katerina Simons, and Annie Clark.

Photo by Lyn Howe
Activities

Conversation Partners, Bird Watching, and Book Circle Activity Groups will be discontinued for the time being starting this fall. Conversation partners are available through the Yale International Student Center on Temple Street. They would like to oversee this activity so there is really no role for YUWO to play in organizing partners. Anyone can simply apply at the Center to be matched with a foreign student who would like to practice his or her English and learn more about the New Haven community.

Ann MacMahon would like to step down as contact person for bird watching. She suggests that YUWO members contact Dan the ranger in East Rock Park and join his bird walks in the area. She reminds people that the Peabody Museum has an excellent collection of Connecticut birds and that the curator is willing to show groups behind the scenes specimens and the extended collection. Anne is also available as a resource for anyone who would like to head up a Bird Watching activity group.

Finally, Book Circle is being disbanded due to lack of interest at this time.

If anyone is interested in re-organizing these or forming any new groups, please contact Johanna Becker.

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! In the fall and spring the new wine group will travel to some of Connecticut's vineyards to taste wine and to learn about this burgeoning agricultural business. In the winter months we will seek expert speakers in the field. First meeting Thursday afternoon, September 29 to visit two Wallingford wineries. Sign up at Wine and Cheese or contact Mary-Jo Warren (rmjwarren@sbcglobal.net or 203-288-5037) NOTE - Mary-Jo will be out of town September 17-September 24.

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** There are many free concerts at Yale. Sign up at the Wine and Cheese Reception if you would like to join others to attend such events, and perhaps eat together beforehand. 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. 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** — We are off to a racing start. Because the group meets the last Tuesday in the month, our first trip will be the very next week after the Wine and Cheese opening reception (9/20), on Tuesday, September 27. We will head to Darien for a docent-led visit to the Bates Scofield House—a colonial saltbox-style house built around 1736. Also on the grounds is the 1827 Scofield barn. Our group will be treated to an exhibit-in-the-making. Mannequins for the show “Fashion Transformed: La Belle Epoque a Moderne 1900-1920” are being outfitted and we will get a look at the operation.

Lunch will be at the oyster bar-bistro Ten Twenty Post right down the road. The menu looks great! Please join the Travel Gourmet group for this outing. As usual we will make up car pools a few days in advance of the Tuesday. We will leave New Haven around 9:30. 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. Sign up at the Wine and Cheese or call Jodi Rucquoi at 203-481-0160.

**WALKING GROUP** — Please look for sign-up table at the Wine and Cheese to join the YUWO Walking Group. We will plan several walks in the fall and in the spring, choosing different walks locally in the area from Guilford to Milford. Usually we meet at 10 AM and finish around noon. Please come with your suggestions for beautiful destinations and routes. 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.
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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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