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### Join us for our Holiday Party Celebration – “Farewell to Our Fiftieth Anniversary!”

- Sunday, December 6th from 4 to 6 pm at the Greenberg Conference Center, 391 Prospect Street.
- This party is a gift to our members, and will be catered. You are welcome to bring a guest.
- In addition to wine, punch, and wonderful food, we will have a silent auction & lottery baskets.
- Please respond by using the insert in this issue.

### Views on Dutch Painting of the Golden Age returning to the Yale University Art Gallery this spring!

- The Gallery will offer five more lectures on Dutch 17th century painting.
- Dates and times are: Thursday, February 18 at 5:30 pm with John Walsh and Fridays, February 19 and 26, March 4 and 11 each at 1:30 pm.

### President’s Letter to the YUWO Community

Dear YUWO Members,

It has been a busy month for the Yale University Women’s Organization since the last Newsletter. The Opera Series Study Group under the leadership of Judith Malafronte has been completed and has left those who partook of this excellent series crying “Encore!” It was one of our most successful Study Groups in recent YUWO history. Many thanks to Judith Miller and her very able committee. They have begun work on the Spring series, whose focus will be Architecture at Yale and in New Haven.

Another outstanding event occurred in the month of November as well. This was a trip to the new, recently opened Whitney Museum of American Art. The building, designed by Renzo Piano, is small but perfectly planned with gorgeous views of lower Manhattan and the Hudson River from every floor. Two special exhibits featured a retrospective of painter/sculptor Frank Stella as well as an exhibit by Archibald Motely, Jazz Age artist whose works include portraits as well as scenes of Chicago’s black community. Many thanks to Dody Gall for her hard work in planning this great trip.

Looking toward the future, please remember to send in your response now for the holiday “Farewell to the 50th” party on December 6th. This party, a gift to our members, will be catered by the highly recommended Bob Bourassa from Wallingford. There will be a raffle, silent auction, and entertainment provided by the award winning Elm City Quartet. Come enjoy the Greenberg Conference Center again and see many friends as well!

With best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season, Stephanie and Annemarie
**Needlers Invite You to Join Them**

On Tuesday, December 8 at 1:30 pm, the YUWO Needlers will meet at the home of Dinny Wakerley in Hamden. On Tuesday, December 22, at 1:30 pm, the Needlers will meet at the home of Sally Vasey in New Haven. In January YUWO Needlers get-togethers will take place at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12 and Tuesday, January 26. Venues have not yet been finalized.

You are invited to bring your projects, or mending, or just come for the conversation! Everyone is welcome! Please contact Dinny Wakerley at 203-624-9343 for additional information and/or directions.

**YUWO Monthly Book Groups**

**Second Monday at 2:00 pm:**
- December 14 – *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
- January 11 – *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout
Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

**Third Monday at 2:00 pm:**
- December 14 (Second Monday) – *Poetry & Planning for 2016*
Contact Betsy Suatoni (518-483-6509) or elsuatoni@sbcglobal.net

**Second Tuesday at 2:00 pm:**
- December 8 – *Voices From Chernobyl* by Svetlana Alexievich
- January 12 – *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe@sbcglobal.net

**Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am:**
- December 10 – *On the Move – A Life* by Oliver Sacks
- January 14 – *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
Contact Vicki Smith (203-488-3352) or vssfleur@sbcglobal.net

**YUWO Webmaster Needed**

YUWO is looking for someone to assume management and / or redesign of the current YUWO website. Our present website needs a new look and better functionality.

This is an excellent opportunity for a computer savvy YUWO member to learn all about the YUWO organization and to spread the word about our organization to the community.

Position requires web design experience, knowledge of WordPress, and, if the site remains at Yale, a valid net ID. For more information, please contact Stephanie Jatlow at sjatlow@netscape.net
Spend an Hour with the Stars!

Exploring Yale and New Haven County invites you to join them on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 pm at Yale’s Leitner Family Observatory & Planetarium for a fascinating hour-long show entitled “Black Holes.”

If we’re lucky and the sky is clear that night, we’ll be able to view the stars, planets, and nebulae first hand through their telescopes.

The Observatory is located at 355 Prospect Street, at the top of Prospect Hill, adjacent to but just south of the Greenberg Conference Center. Please use the same parking lot as you did for the Wine and Cheese reception. For more information or to sign up for this event, please contact Emly McDiarmid at 203-640-1035 or emmcdiarmid@gmail.com. We’ll need a head count.

Spring Study Group: Architecture at Yale and Beyond

With great pleasure, Judith Miller and her committee are happy to report that the YUWO Study Group and the YUWO Scholarship Fund owe a great debt of gratitude to the West Campus Conference Center administration. With their support, we have been able to broaden the attendance at our lecture series. In addition we are happy to report that our fall series, “Five Days at the Opera,” raised $7,340 for the YUWO Scholarship Fund.

Since Yale University has a rich relationship with the city of New Haven and a proud tradition of leadership in architectural innovation, the Study Group has decided to focus on architecture at Yale and in New Haven for our Spring 2016 lecture series. Tentative title of the series is: Architecture and Yale: Preservation, Restoration, and the Future.

Dates and time are: Wednesdays in late March and the month of April; all at 10:30 am.

With urban renewal, urban design, and sustainability much in the news these days, we hope YUWO members will join us for what promises to be a stimulating series of lectures by some outstanding architecture faculty.

Art Aficionados to Visit the Yale Art Gallery Ceramic Exhibit

On Wednesday, December 16 at 12:30 pm, Art Aficionados will have a guided tour by one of the curators of the exhibit entitled: The Ceramic Presence in Modern Art: Selections from the Linda Leonard Schlenger Collection and Yale University Art Gallery.

Over the last 25 years, Linda Leonard Schlenger has amassed one of the most important collections of contemporary ceramics in the country. Many of you have been eyeing this collection and so you know this will be a great presentation before the exhibit closes on January 3rd.

Please leave Anneke Hathaway a phone or email message so she can provide the Gallery with an expected count. Anneke’s phone number is 203-752-0460; her email is anneke_hathaway@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter News

This issue of the YUWO Newsletter is a combined one for both December 2015 and January 2016. The next issue will be February 2016. Please send your articles for the February Newsletter to Landa Freeman at landamfreeman@gmail.com by January 15th.
We wish you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season along with Best Wishes for the New Year