



Study Group

Continuing the focus on the American West, the Spring Study Group will include five book discussion meetings starting on March 25 and led by Mark Schenker, Ph.D., Dean of Academic Affairs at Yale.

A reading list for the Spring Study Group follows, so that YUWO Book Groups and individual members can get a head start:

- March 25:** *The Virginian* (1902) by Owen Wister (1860-1939)
- April 1:** "The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky" and "The Blue Hotel" (both 1898) by Stephen Crane (1871-1900)
- April 8:** *My Antonia* (1918) by Willa Cather (1873-1947)
- April 15:** *Fools Crow* (1986) by James Welch (1940-2003)
- April 22:** *Blood Meridian* (1985) by Cormac McCarthy (1933-)

The Yale Bookstore has these books. They are at the front desk and **buyers who identify themselves as YUWO members will be given a 10% discount.**

Exploring New Haven

Have you been interested in seeing inside the renovated Art and Architecture building? Do you love it or hate it? We got a glowing report on Paul Rudolph Hall from our November L&L speaker Carter Wiseman, so join our YUWO tour to see the renovations of the Rudolph building and the new Loria (History of Art) Center that

adjoins it. Tours will be led by experienced graduate student guides, and we have been told that they can accommodate several groups. We need to know how many to expect, however, so please call or email to sign up. The date is Monday, Feb. 23, and we will meet our guides at 10:30 AM at the entrance to the new Loria building at 190 York St. Please call Anne Schenck: 787-3705, or email Lyn Howe at lyn.howe@sbcglobal.net.

Save the Date!
May 6, 2009
Annual Luncheon
The guest speaker
will be:
Linda Greenhouse,
Pulitzer Prize winning
Legal Writer

Wednesday, May 6, we will again meet for our annual luncheon at the New Haven Country Club. We are indeed fortunate to have as our guest speaker Linda Greenhouse, who has just returned to Yale Law School as Journalist in Residence in 2009.

Lunch and Learn

Don't forget the January 27, 2009 **Lunch and Learn** which will meet at noon at the Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street. The speaker will be Marcia Chambers and the topic, "Making the Switch – From Print to Online Journalism." Marcia will speak at

12:30. Bring a bag lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.

NOTE: Winter has arrived and our cancellation policy is to follow the example of the Hamden School System. If school is closed, Lunch and Learn will be cancelled. Check www.yale.edu/yuwo or call Stephanie Jatlow (389-2044) for more information.

On Tuesday February 17 **Lunch and Learn** will present Dean Robert Blocker, the Henry and Lucy Moses Dean of the Yale School of Music, speaking to us on "Music: the Universal Language of Hope." We will meet at noon at the Yale Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street and the talk will begin at 12:30. Bring lunch and dessert and beverage will be provided.

We have all enjoyed the riches offered by the programs at the Music School and the talent of the students and faculty. Dean Blocker has brought the school into the 21st century with funding, renovated facilities, and affiliations with universities around the world. Check out his creative web site, www.robertblocker.org to grasp his musical insight and concert piano skills. Of special interest is the section on Cultural Leadership: The Transformative Power of Music. This will provide an introduction to his talk. Listen, as well, to the two piano recordings on his home page.

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Message from the President and Vice-President

Happy New Year to all!

We thank all of you who made our holiday party at Luce Hall such a success. The festively decorated room was full of warmth and good cheer. We all enjoyed your delicious culinary contributions. Roberta Thornton and Johanna Becker were creative masters of the silent auction and holiday basket donations to benefit our Annual Scholarship Fund. A big thanks to the Holiday Committee — Patricia Axelrod, Arlene Cohen, Terry Martin, Leona Nalle, Pam Rackliffe and Gloria Schoolfield — for making this a wonderful celebration. Also thanks to Franco's Wine Shop of Madison for contributing an outstanding selection of wine.

If, during the coming months, you think of an idea to make our next holiday party special, please let us know and plan to join us next fall as we plan the 2009 event.

There are many exciting activities planned for the coming months. We look forward to seeing you at the Lunch and Learn planned for Tuesday, January 27, when the Journalist in Residence and Fellow in Law at the Yale School of Law, Marcia Chambers, will talk about making the switch from print to online journalism. This will be from 12 to 1:30 in the Yale Visitor Center at 149 Elm Street.

Patty and Barbara

[Check out page 4 for a GREAT photo from the 2008 Holiday Party!]

Philip Johnson's GLASS HOUSE in New Canaan, CT

Bus Trip on Monday, April 27, 2009

Completed in 1949, the Glass House was Philip Johnson's personal residence for over 50 years. All four walls are of glass, so the beautifully designed landscape is always visible. Only the small bathroom/shower area has interior walls. It is the most striking example of the International Style of modern architecture which Johnson introduced into America. Before his death in 2005, Johnson deeded the Glass House, and all of the other structures he designed on the five-acre property, to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which now manages ticketed visits to the site.

We arrive at the Glass House Visitors Center in New Canaan. At **11 am**, ten of us will take the Center's shuttle bus to have a docent-led, 90-minute tour of the site, and at **12 noon**, another group of ten will take the shuttle bus for the same 90-minute tour. While some of us are waiting between tours, we can stroll through New Canaan, which has plenty of places to eat and shop. Lunch is on your own.

Since this is such a popular trip, we will draw names from a hat, as we did for the same trip in October 2007. Send your name with phone number or e-mail to Patty Pollard, 51 Bayards Crossing, Branford, CT 06405. You may also email her at pollpatty@yahoo.com, or give it to her at our first Study Group lecture on March 25. Patty will draw names by March 30, and we will inform you if you have been chosen. Those who went on the 2007 trip *are not eligible!* **But if your name isn't drawn -- we have the same tour scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2009.**

The bus leaves promptly at 8:45 am from the commuter parking lot in North Haven at Devine Street.

Take I-91, then Exit 10 and Exit 1, turn left to the lot on the left. ***Cost of \$65*** covers bus transportation, drivers tip and admission to the Glass House. ***Return about 3 pm.***

For information about the trip, call Dody Gall, 203-288-6590

Activities

Art Aficionados will have an interesting tour on Wednesday, February 11. Professor Alexander Purves will lead the group on a tour of the renovated and newly reopened Paul Rudolph Art and Architecture building, art in situ instead of just on the walls. Professor Purves is Professor Emeritus of Architecture so we can look forward to a critical appraisal of the building and its various transformations up to the present. Meet at noon just inside the main door. We will go to lunch at Bangkok Gardens, also on York Street. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to reserve for the tour and for lunch. We especially need an accurate count of the number who want to go on the tour. You will only be on the list if you call Nancy.

Bird Watchers may contact Anne MacMahon, 772-1643 for information about local bird walks and activities. She will give you information about walks which may be arranged with the local New Haven Park Ranger or research where you can find bird watching information.

February Book Groups:

Wednesday, February 4

1:30-3:00 *The Gathering* by Anne Enright. Contact Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

Monday, February 9

2:00-3:30 *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin. Contact Vin Klein (248-6691)

Tuesday, February 10

1:00 *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink. Contact Lyn Howe (288-1217)

Monday, February 16

2:30-4:00 *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Contact Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

The Bridge Group meets for lunch and duplicate bridge at the New Haven Country Club once a month. They are looking for new members, singles or couples. You can bring a non-YUWO partner, but at least one of each couple must be a member of YUWO. Call Britta Chambers (453-5813) to join.

Conversational French meets at 1:30 pm. every Monday year round at Chestnut Fine Foods, 1012 State Street, New Haven. All are welcome, but intermediate proficiency and above is recommended, since French is spoken at the meetings. Contact Debbie St. Thomas, 488-1859 or Julie Crowder, 288-7157.

For the **Genealogy Group**, contact Pat Whitestone at 483-1351 or Anne MacMahon at 772-1643.

Luncheon Gourmet members meet to cook, eat and socialize. Participants share the meal's expenses and take turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. Dues covering printing costs and other incidentals are \$10. Contacts: Marty Sherman, 605-5773, Carol Sirot, 453-5755, Carol Dhawan, 562-0017, or Happy Thomas 393-7239.

The **Movie Matinee Group**, whose theme this year is Movie Melodramas (*The Solace of the Soaps*), will meet on Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m. at Mitchell Library in Westville. The movie "Me and You and Everyone We Know (U.S., 2005, 92 minutes) is directed by Miranda July. It is a poetic and penetrating look at how everyday people struggle to connect with one another in an isolating modern world. Discussion with Eva Ewing. Directions to Mitchell Library are on the YUWO website (www.yale.edu/yuwo/calendar.html). For information or to share a ride, please call Mara Cunningham (772-4007), Leona Nalle (387-7932) or Eva Ewing (315-5160).

The **Music Together Group** will attend the free faculty artists' series concert on Saturday, February 28 at 8 pm in Sprague Hall on College St. next to Woolsey Hall. The concert will feature Wendy Sharp and Friends, chamber music with guest artists. Meet for dinner at Clark's Restaurant, 68 Whitney Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Friends are welcome. Call Ileana Tombank, 288-5363, or Raejeanne Kier, 287-2443, for information.

Needlers will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for conversation help, ideas, and light refreshment while working on your own project — knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, quilting, embroidery, or mending. Call Betty Ann Levitin (488-5862) for information.

On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a meeting of the **Scrabble group** at the home of Inge Ladenbauer-Bellis, 114 Vineyard Road, Hamden. Call Inge at 288-2436 to join.

The *YUWO Ski Group* will carpool to Butternut Basin in Massachusetts and take advantage of mid-week opportunities. Please call Pam Rackliffe (488-2667) for the schedule. Dates will depend on weather and snow conditions.

Play intermediate or advanced *Tennis* at Yale's Indoor Cullman Courts. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30. Call Carol Dhawan at 562-0017.

Reserve the date, Tuesday, March 31, for a trip to Norwich with *Travel Gourmet*. Details will appear in the March newsletter.

Your newsletter editor would like some help. It is a great job which requires comfort with the computer and some familiarity with Microsoft Word. If you are willing to help, call Patty Pollard (481-2766).



Kirsti Langbein with the exquisitely detailed gingerbread house she donated to the YUWO Holiday Party Silent Auction. (Photo: Mary-Jo Warren)

Changes and Additions to YUWO Directory as of January 20, 2009

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