



Spring Study Group

The some 102 YUWO members and guests enjoying the Fall Study Group on "The American West," plus those not able to take advantage of this series, should take note: YUWO's Spring Study Group will be on "American Fiction: Western Settings."

Mark J. Schenker, Ph.D., Dean of Academic Affairs at Yale, will be lecturer of the five-session series, to begin March 25, 2009. Many of you know Dr. Schenker already since, when his academic schedule permits, he lectures or chairs discussion groups on literature in libraries and art centers all over Connecticut. He is currently doing a series of six related lectures at Branford's Willoughby Wallace Library entitled "Schenkspeare: Mark on Will," covering the sonnets and four plays of William Shakespeare.

Here's the reading list for the Spring Study Group so 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 been notified and should have these works available.



**Holiday Party
Sunday, December 14
4-6 p.m.**

**LUCE HALL
MacMillan Center
at Yale**

Save the Date! (See p. 3)

Exploring New Haven

At 10 AM on October 29, YUWO members will meet at the entrance to the Marsh Botanical Garden, 227 Mansfield St. at the north end of the campus, for guided tour followed by a visit to the nearby Yale Sustainable Food Project farm on Edwards street.

The Marsh Gardens have tropical plants of economic and cultural significance in several large greenhouses. The Gardens collect, propagate and care for special plants necessary for the work of Yale students and researchers.

The Yale Farm was established in May 2003. Today, it is a lush, productive, organic farm that produces hundreds of varieties of vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers. The Farm produces crops throughout the year, while

modeling the practices of sustainable agriculture. Yale professors from several departments use the Farm as a resource in their coursework, and teachers from New Haven schools bring their classes to the farm for lessons.

For information, or to sign up for the tour, call Anne Schenck, 787-3705, or Lyn Howe, 288-1217.

Lunch and Learn

Carter Wiseman, the speaker for the November 18 **Lunch and Learn**, is a man of many achievements. A lecturer at the Yale School of Architecture, his accomplishments go far beyond York Street. In addition to being a teacher, he is an author, editor and critic. His books include, but are not limited to, the authoritative book on Louis Kahn entitled "Louis Kahn: Beyond Time and Style, A Life in Architecture," "I.M. Pei, A Profile in American Architecture," and "Twentieth Century American Architecture, Their Buildings and Their Makers." He has written articles for *American Heritage*, *Architectural Record*, *Art News*, and *Harpers*, has been an editor at the *Yale Alumni Magazine*, *Newsweek*, and *Horizon* and was for many years the architecture critic for *New York Magazine*. The venue will be The Yale Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street and the time 12noon -1:30 pm. Bring lunch and dessert and beverage will be provided. For information, call Stephanie Jatlow at 389-2044.

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Message from the President and Vice-President

We hope that everyone is enjoying the exciting activities and interest groups that YUWO is offering this year. Don't forget to invite someone to join you to share the ride and the fun.

Among the exciting offerings for the year is our monthly series of Lunch and Learn lectures, held on Tuesdays in the middle of the month. We gather at noon with our bag lunches – coffee, tea and cookies provided – and hear a stimulating talk from 12:30-1:30. We thank Priscilla Kissick for organizing the interesting talk about change and the presidency by Professor Stephen Skowronek for October 21. Leona Nalle and Stephanie Jatlow have planned November's Lunch and Learn by Carter Wiseman who will be talking about architecture on November 18 at the Yale Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street.

The Holiday Party Committee has been busy planning our annual holiday party to be held Sunday, December 14 at Yale's Luce Hall at the MacMillan Center, 34 Hillhouse Avenue. Some of you may remember our successful party at Luce Hall several years ago and this year promises to be even more fun. For members, spouses and friends. Complete details about the party can be found on page 3.

We want to encourage you to get your YUWO newsletter by email. You will receive it the same day it goes to the printer and it will save YUWO the money for mailing a hard copy. Just let Audrey DeFronzo, our membership chair, know that you are willing to receive the newsletter by email only. We also hope that you will frequent our wonderful YUWO website at www.yale.edu/yuwo, where the newsletter and information about events and activities are available.

Patty and Barbara

NEW OPERA BUS!

YUWO's Opera Bus didn't work out last year because we started too late and made it too complicated. This year YUWO is offering only the transportation. Each rider will buy her/his own tickets for the performance at the Metropolitan Opera. (Louise FitzSimons will be happy to assist with this, if you wish.)

The YUWO Opera Bus will be taking us to New York for an evening performance of Mozart's '*Don Giovanni*' on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008**. Husbands/friends, etc. are welcome.

The bus will cost **only \$35** per person and is restroom equipped. We will leave from New Haven, promptly at 3PM (exact location to be announced). We will arrive at Lincoln Center between 5 and 5:30 PM, in plenty of time for those who wish to have dinner or simply to visit the city and enjoy the pre-holiday spirit and decorations.

The performance begins at 8 PM. It ends at 11:30; we will then board the bus for our return to New Haven, arriving about 1:30 AM. If there is sufficient interest, we can arrange for pick-up and drop off at Whitney Center.

Tickets: A good supply of tickets at all prices, except the most expensive (premium), for the Tuesday, December 9th performance is available. Tickets may be ordered on line at www.metopera.org or by telephone at 212-362-6000. Please note that the Metropolitan Opera adds a service charge of \$8.50 to each ticket purchased on line or by telephone.

Bus only -- \$35.00 per person. Checks made out to: **"YUWO"**; mail to Louise FitzSimons, P.O. Box 6661, Hamden CT 06517. Please call Louise FitzSimons (203-782-0913) for further information, area restaurant recommendations, assistance with buying tickets, etc.

Please order ASAP to assure your seat(s) on the bus and the earlier the better in getting good seats at the opera. Good seats remain at all prices for this early-in-the-week performance. *Don Giovanni* opened Wed. night, Oct. 1st, and now the word-of-mouth is spreading fast about this outstanding cast, particularly the exciting new Uruguayan baritone, Erwin Schrott, in the title role. We very much hope you can join us on December 9 for this gala occasion.

YUWO HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual Holiday party will be held Sunday, December 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Yale's Luce Hall at the MacMillan Center, 34 Hillhouse Avenue. This special event gives us a chance to celebrate the holidays together and to raise funds for our scholarship programs. We don't charge admission but we do hope you'll come to the party carrying your favorite finger food...savory or sweet (savory would be our first choice, but it's up to you). There are some great chefs in YUWO and we look forward to sampling your creation to accompany our wine and punch. Whatever you bring should be ready to eat because there are no facilities for reheating.

We raise money for our scholarships with our famous basket raffle and we do hope you'll contribute an item for a basket...or a complete basket! You can take your items to the Carriage House at Edgerton Garden Center on the morning of November 10 at 9:15 AM before our board meeting or you can give it to a board member anytime before we meet. You can drop your contribution off at Johanna Becker's House in Hamden (248-6391) or on the shoreline at Barbara Loucks' (245-9718) Just phone ahead to be sure someone will be there to accept your generous offering. The committee will be filling baskets later this month and we look for your contribution of books, wine, candy, DVDs, cosmetics...whatever. If you want to make a complete basket you can bring it with you when you come to the party but let us know you're doing it.

There will be some surprise items for a silent auction and the afternoon promises, as always, to be filled with good cheer. Remember, spouses and friends are welcome!

Activities

Please note these new Activity Groups:

At the Wine and Cheese party, three new YUWO activity groups were proposed, and sign-up sheets were started. These interesting opportunities have not yet been advertised to all members, so each group is looking for more participants to help with the set-up and organization.

If you are interested, please call Lyn Howe, 288-1217 to get contact information.

1. ITALIAN CONVERSATION - meet with a native speaker, twice per month. Contact Desiree Galassi: dgalassi@earthlink.net, or 203-426-3214

For the next two options, please call Lyn Howe, 288-1217 for contact information.

2. EVENING BOOK GROUP - two members want to meet evenings for book discussion.
3. SPANISH CONVERSATION - meet to practice and perfect your Spanish.

The next meeting of the *Art Aficionados* group will be Wednesday, November 12, at 12 noon. Joan Binder has been making arrangements for a tour of one of the new shows at the British Art Center. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant. Look at the YUWO web site for up-to-date info (Joan is out of town at this point but has some things going!) Call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to sign up for the date and for more information. The tours are always interesting and the choice of restaurants is unlimited.

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.

November Book Groups:

Wednesday, November 5

1:30-3:00 *The Future of Freedom* by Fareed Zakaria. Contact Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

Monday, November 10

2:00-3:30 *The Leopard* by Giuseppe di Lampedusa . Contact Vin Klein (248-6691)

Monday, November 17

2:00-3:30 *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James. Contact Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

Tuesday, November 18

1:30 *Three Junes* by Julia Glass. Contact Lyn Howe (288-1217)

The Bridge Group will meet for lunch and duplicate bridge at the New Haven Country Club once a month starting in September. 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. The group meets occasionally to exchange tips, share progress, and solicit advice. Now and then an expert will be consulted.

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.

On Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 1 pm, the **Movie Matinee Group** will meet to view "Girl With a Pearl Earring," directed by Peter Webber (Luxembourg, 2003—1 hour, 39 minutes). The movie will be shown at **Mitchell Library, 37 Harrison Street, New Haven**. This is a cinematically riveting portrait of 17th century Delft and the scullery maid (Scarlett Johansson) who became the subject — according to novelist Tracy Chevalier — of artist Johannes Vermeer's (Colin Firth) famous painting. It has subtle characterization and an unusual plot. Mara Cunningham will lead the discussion. For information call Mara Cunningham (772-4007), Leona Nalle (387-7932) or Eva Ewing (315-5160).

The **Music Together Group** will attend the Yale Schola Cantorum's Chiaroscuro: Venetian Vespers, Savage Altars, Flashing Water concert on Saturday, November 8 at 8 pm in Sprague Hall. Meet for dinner at York Street Pizza, 288 York Street, at 6:30. Call Ileane 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.

Join **Travel Gourmet** for an early December tour of the Mark Twain House. We moved from the last Tuesday in the month to the first — Tuesday, December 2 — so that we could have a chance to see the house all decorated for the holidays. We will have a tour of the house beginning at 11 am. There is also a very good biographical film of Mark Twain done by Ken Burns which is shown in the visitors center at the house. I (Nancy) recommend to all to set aside some time to see this. We should allow about an hour to purchase tickets and see the film so let's plan to get to Hartford around 10 am. We should leave the New Haven area around 9 am. I can put together car pools for people who want to see the film and those who just want to go on the tour. I have the list of people who signed up at the Wine and Cheese but please call (Nancy Ahlstrom, 865-2028) if you didn't get to that event. Lunch will be a fixed menu (approx cost \$25) at the Town and Country Club, near the Mark Twain house — a really nice private club—a bit of Hartford! Join the Travel Gourmet group for a special trip!

YUWO Membership Registration Form for 2008-2009

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Please PRINT your e-mail address if you wish to receive the YUWO newsletter via e-mail:

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

Yale Affiliation: Self _____ Spouse _____ Other Relative _____

As: Staff _____ Faculty _____ Student _____ Postdoc _____

Position of above is: Active _____ Retired _____ Former _____

I am a new member of YUWO _____ OR I am renewing my membership _____

Amount Enclosed

YUWO Annual Dues	\$ <u>25</u>
Annual Scholarship Fund*	_____
Magee Fenn Scholarship Fund*	_____
YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund *	_____
The Gustave and Carol Sirot Fund*	_____

*Please remit separate checks for YUWO dues and any scholarship donations you wish to make. If you wish to contribute to more than one scholarship fund, please send a separate check for each in order to allow our treasurer to record your donations properly. Return this form and check(s) to Membership Chair Audrey DeFronzo, 35 Mowry Street, North Haven, CT 06473.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER: This will be your last newsletter unless you are a paid member of YUWO. You must also be a paid member in order to participate in YUWO activity groups.

Please send in the registration form above with your dues if you have forgotten to do so!

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