



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 College and a leader of literary discussion groups in Connecticut libraries.

A reading list for the Spring Study Group follows:

- 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.**

Your registration form will be arriving soon!

Please note: The next Newsletter deadline will be on **March 5** since Yale will be on break, and the Board Meeting will be on March 2.



May 6, 2009
YUWO Annual Meeting
and Scholarship Awards
Luncheon
New Haven
Country Club
Guest speaker:
Linda Greenhouse,
Pulitzer Prize winning
Legal Writer

See page 5 for
reservation form

Exploring New Haven

Join **YUWO** on April 22 for a visit to the Coast Guard Station, 120 Woodward Ave. on the East Shore, from 1-3 pm. Captain of the Port Daniel Ronan will speak about the role of the Coast Guard and his maritime security duties as Sector Commander of Long Island Sound, including the south side of Long Island. We have been invited to lunch (\$4.25) in the Coast Guard Galley which closes at 1 pm. Lunch includes soup of the day, a salad bar and sandwich bar, and a selection of beverages. Contact Anne Schenck (787-3705) or Lyn Howe (lyn.howe@sbcglobal.net)

by April 14 if you wish to attend. An exact count of those wishing lunch is needed and **you** will need directions to the station. April 22 is the last Study Group meeting, but you will be able to reach the East Shore by 12:15 in time to get lunch. Two dates were offered and this was the most convenient.

Lunch and Learn

On Tuesday, March 17, Lunch and Learn will feature Karen J. Dougherty, RD, CD-N, Manager – Wellness, Information and Nutrition Program, Yale University Dining. Her topic will be "Understanding Sustainable Dining Options at Yale." She will touch on the various things Dining is doing to help the University's sustainable initiative to reduce our carbon footprint and make ourselves and the world "healthier." We will have a better understanding of sustainability as it relates to Yale Dining after Karen's talk. Meet at noon at the Visitor Center, 149 Elm St. (between College and Temple Streets) and the talk will begin at 12:30. Dessert and coffee will be provided to go with your bag lunch. Call Stephanie Jatlow (389-2044) for information.

NOTE: Winter is still here and our cancellation policy is to follow the example of the Hamden School System. If Hamden public schools are closed, Lunch and Learn will be cancelled. Check the YUWO website at www.yale.edu/yuwo or call Stephanie Jatlow (389-2044) for more information.

Message from the President and Vice-President

We hope that you will be inspired to join us in contributing to the YUWO scholarship funds to fulfill the dreams of needy women in the Yale community.

What wonderful YUWO activities are stimulating our minds this winter! Thank you to Beth Dock and Stephanie Jatlow and members of the team for the February 17 Lunch and Learn with Music Dean Robert Blocker and the March 17 one with Yale Dining Services Manager Karen Dougherty.

We are looking forward to our spring study group on fiction of the American West with Mark Schenker, Dean of Academic Affairs at Yale beginning Wednesday, March 25 at 10:30 am at the New Haven Lawn Club. Thank you to Letha Sandweiss, Pat Whitestone and the committee for developing another interesting course!

Roz Daitch, Marcia MacDonald and their committee are planning a delicious menu for our Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the New Haven Country Club on Wednesday, May 6. We are delighted to have Linda Greenhouse, Pulitzer Prize winning legal writer, as our speaker. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Patty and Barbara

FYI: The cost of mailing this Newsletter (postage) now exceeds the cost of printing it! We could save a good bit if those of you who are able to do so would obtain your copy electronically. (As a bonus, you'll get the Newsletter "hot off the 'net" at least a week earlier than those getting it by mail ... and you'll save a tree or two as well! Just tell Membership Chair Audrey DeFronzo you'd like to give it a try.

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 and phone number by mail (Patty Pollard, 51 Bayards Crossing, Branford, CT 06405) or email (pollpatty@yahoo.com), or you may 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, driver's tip and admission to the Glass House. ***Return about 3 pm.*** For information about the trip, call Dody Gall (288-6590).

Activities

Art Aficionados will have a chance to see another of Yale's outstanding museums and collections on Wednesday, March 18. We will visit the Peabody Museum for a tour of the newly revised and reopened Mineral Collection. Minerals are interesting and often beautiful. The new display features spectacular gemstones and jewelry from the Benjamin and Barbara Zucker Family Collection. We are fortunate to have as our guide Ellen Faller, Collection Manager of the Minerology Division of the Peabody Museum. Ellen has been intimately involved in staging this new exhibit. Plan to meet in the lobby of the museum which is on the corner of Whitney Avenue and Sachem Street. Parking is available in a Yale Lot, entrance opposite Humphrey Street, and have your ticket validated. There may be an entrance charge to the museum, depending upon your status. Lunch will be after the tour at the New Haven Lawn Club. You will only be on the list if you call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to reserve for the tour and lunch.

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.

March Book Groups:

Wednesday, March 4

1:30-3:00 *Third Class Ticket* by Heather Wood. Contact Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

Monday, March 9

2:00-3:30 *Dreams from My Father* by Barack Obama. Contact Vin Klein (248-6691)

Tuesday, March 10

1:30 *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson. Contact Lyn Howe (288-1217)

Monday, March 16

2:30-4:00 *The Defining Moment* by Jonathon Alter. 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** will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 1 pm. at Mitchell Library, 37 Harrison St. in New Haven. The movie "Witness for the Prosecution" (USA, 1957, 116 minutes) is directed by Billy Wilder. It is based on an Agatha Christie tale of a man on trial for murder — a trial featuring surprise after surprise. Tyrone Power, Marlene Dietrich and Charles Laughton star. Leona Nalle will introduce the film and lead the discussion after the film. Please call Mara Cunningham (772-4007), Leona Nalle (387-7932) or Eva Ewing (315-5160) for information.

The **Music Together Group** will attend Big Rhythms: the Mitchell-Ruff Duo with Carmen de Lavallade's dance version of James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation" on Thursday March 12 at 8 pm in Sprague Hall on College St. next to Woolsey Hall. It will be an exploration of African-American oral traditions of music, worship and dance, both sacred and profane. 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.

On Tuesday March 31 **Travel Gourmet** will visit the Slater Memorial Museum on the campus of Norwich Free Academy in Norwich. In addition to the permanent collection, there will be a special juried exhibition of works by Connecticut artists. There is no elevator and the permanent collection is up one flight and the special exhibition is down one flight from the main lobby. Admission fee is \$3.00. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant. To register call Jacqueline Collimore (865-2405) by Thursday March 26.

**YUWO Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon
Wednesday, May 6, 2009
New Haven Country Club**



Choice of Entrée (please check your selection)

Roast Chicken A La Orange _____

Twin Crab Bakes with Lemon Beurre Blanc _____

Number of Reservations _____ **@\$25 per person**

I would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. My separate check (made out to the "YUWO Scholarship Fund") for \$_____ is enclosed.

Please return by April 30, 2009. Make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:

**Rita Trayner
101-10 Hotchkiss Grove Road
Branford, CT 06405**

Social Hour at 11:30 and seating for lunch at 12 noon.

Name _____

Guest Name _____

No refunds after May 1, 2009

Changes and Additions to YUWO Directory as of February 12, 2009

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