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### *Exploring New Haven with YUWO*

Please join us for our next local exploration trip on **Thursday, October 25**. We have arranged to visit the office of Recording for the Blind, 209 Orange St., meeting there at 12:30 p.m. with our brown bag lunch, and then at 1 p.m. those who have been recording that morning will join us at the end of their sessions to share their experiences.

Following our visit to 209 Orange Street, we will walk around the corner to the Young Men's Institute Library, 847 Chapel St. There we have the opportunity to visit an historic relic of old New Haven, which today is a membership library offering "the facilities of a private club."

Recommendations for parking and transportation are as follows: the Institute Library validates parking tickets for up to two hours at the Crown St. and Temple St garages. Another option: you may choose to park in one of the garages in the Audubon area and pick up the free Downtown Electric Trolley which circulates every 15 minutes.

Leaving the trolley at the corner of Elm and Orange Streets, you will find Recording for the Blind half a block further on Orange Street.

After walking the block to the Institute Library for our visit, we can pick up the trolley on Chapel St. in front of the Institute and ride back to Audubon St.

Sign up and get more information by calling Lyn Howe at 288-1217 or Anne Schenck at 787-3705.

**NEWCOMERS  
Gather for Dessert  
at Betty Ann Levitin's  
11 Debra Lane,  
Branford, Thursday,  
October 11  
7:30 p.m.  
Come to meet new  
friends and find out  
about  
YUWO activities.  
Members are welcome!**

### *Lunch and Learn*

On **Tuesday October 16** at 12:30 p.m. Thomas J. Near, PhD, Assistant Professor and Assistant Curator, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University will speak to YUWO members and others in the Yale Community. His topic will be *Evolution on Ice: Diversity and Biology of Fishes in Antarctica*. Come at noon to Room 102, Kline Biology Tower, 219 Prospect Street with your bag lunch and enjoy the coffee and dessert which will be provided by YUWO gourmet cooks. Bring a friend to this interesting lecture which we are fortunate to be able to sponsor because of our connection with Yale University.

### *October Books*

#### **Monday, September 24**

1:00-2:30 *Away* by Amy Bloom  
Lyn Howe (288-1217)

#### **Wednesday, October 3**

1:30-3:00 *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

#### **Monday, October 8**

2:00-3:30 *Journey From the Land of No* by Roya Hakakaian

Vin Klein (248-6691)

#### **Wednesday, October 10**

9:00-10:30 *The Orientalist* by Tom Reiss

Genevieve Goff (208-1357)

#### **Monday, October 15**

2:00-3:30 *Omnivores Dilemma* by Michael Pollan

Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

### *Fall Study Group*

The fall Study Group will begin on **Wednesday, October 3**, with a lecture by Yale Law School Professor Drew Days "Assessing the Roberts Court." The series will consist of seven lectures by a group of professors from the Yale Law School and will focus on contemporary issues of the law. It will include election law, the Constitution, tax law, environmental protection and housing as well as other topics. All lectures will be held at the New Haven Lawn Club at 10:30 a.m. The dates are October 3, 9, 17, 24, 31 and November 7 and 14. You will receive a mailing with details and a registration form.

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## Message from the President and Vice-President

We welcome you to what promises to be an exciting YUWO year! We have an abundance of enticing activities and interest groups planned. Join us, get involved, welcome our newcomers with their fresh ideas, and take someone with you to your next meeting. This is the time to renew our friendships and activities as well as to do something different and engage some new women in what we enjoy.

Among the exciting offerings for the year is our new study group for the fall – Contemporary Issues in the Law – beginning October 3 with Drew Days “Assessing the Roberts Court.”

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](http://www.yale.edu/yuwo), where the newsletter and information about events and activities are available.

Patty and Johanna

There will be a memorial service for Ann Childs' husband, Brevard Childs, who died on June 23, 2007. It will be on September 25, at the Yale Divinity School in Marquand Chapel at 5:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the Common Room. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Yale Divinity School Library.

**To volunteer to be a Conversation Partner, call Manette Adams at 288-3249 or email her at [harry.adams@yale.edu](mailto:harry.adams@yale.edu).** Manette reports that all who have participated have found it very rewarding!

## Holiday Party

Save the date! Holiday Party December 9, 4 - 6 p.m. at the Eli Whitney Barn. We need volunteers to contribute items for baskets to be raffled off in themes like: kitchenware, wines and cheeses, cosmetics, gardening materials, teas and coffees, and anything else you can think of. We also need volunteers to assemble these baskets, as well as people to help decorate the hall and set up. Please contact Johanna Becker (248-6391) if you can contribute your time, talents, or items. Looking forward to seeing you all!

## Activities

*Art Aficionados* will have to limit the number attending its first activity as the exhibit space is so small. The date is October 3 from 12-1 at the Yale Art Gallery where John Gordon, Benjamin Attmore Hewitt Assistant Curator of American Art, will speak about the exhibit “The Architect’s Table: Swid Powell and Postmodern Design.” Some of you may remember that he led three groups through the Garvin Collection last year. We plan to have lunch at a great new “Postmodern” restaurant, Barcelona, after the meeting. We will be happy to include people who would just like to go to lunch. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to sign up. If you leave a message, include the date you received your newsletter. If there are too many responses we will try to get Professor Gordon to repeat his discussion of the exhibit at another date.

The *Music Together Group* will attend a free performance of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony by the Philharmonia Orchestra of Yale on Friday September 28 at Woolsey Hall. The Elgar Cello Concerto will also be on the program. Meet at the Naples Restaurant for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call Ileana Tombank (288-6363) or Raejean Kier (287-2443) to sign up.

On October 27, the *Music Together Group* will attend “Chiaroscuro: Canticles and Cries” presented by Yale Schola Cantorum at Sprague Hall, 8:00 p.m. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at York Square Pizza, 288 York St.

## Activities (continued)

**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.

**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 Johanna Becker, 248-6391.

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.

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.

**Travel Gourmet visits** interesting spots in Connecticut and eats at a nearby restaurant. The first meeting is on **Tuesday, September 25** and will be a tour of the Noah Webster House, followed by lunch at Angelo's on Main. Lunch will be followed by a walking tour of "Cows on Parade" in downtown West Hartford. Call Nancy Ahlstrom 865-2028. The October meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 23** and will be a trip to the Norwalk area for a visit to the Penzeys Spice Company showroom. It may sound dull but will be really fun so bring your holiday present list. That will be followed by a visit to City Hall to see WPA murals, one of the largest collections in the country of murals commissioned by the Works Progress Administration (Those born much after the Depression may not know what WPA stands for!) Large canvases depict local scenes in the 30's and 40's. We will have a guided tour. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to reserve.

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

On **Thursday, October 11** at 1:00 p.m. at the Blackstone Library in Branford, the **Movie Matinee Group** will convene to enjoy "Balanchine: an American Master's Biography" (1990s, 1hour and 52 minutes). This film is a full look at the background and choreography of one the ballet masters of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, George Balanchine. The extremes of kitsch — a ballet for 50 elephants in tutus commissioned by the Ringling Bros. and "pure ballets" such as Concerto Barorocco — are captured in this documentary as well as anecdotes by Balanchine himself, and startling conversations between Balanchine and Igor Stravinsky. Included are extended dance segments with Suzanne Farrell and Mikhail Baryshnikov...the film is a great comedy of manners and a visual tour de force. Mara Lemanis Cunningham will introduce the film and lead the discussion. Call Mara Cunningham (772-4007), Eva Ewing (315-5160), or Leona Nalle (387-7932) for information.

**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.

The **Bird Watching Group** should be aware that David Sibley, noted ornithologist, will be speaking at the Peabody Museum on September 27 at 5:30. He will discuss the universal appeal of birds and the pleasures and challenges of creating a field guide.

A new activity is being proposed for the coming year if there is sufficient interest. An **Opera Group** will be formed to hire a bus to take the members to New York City from New Haven on a week night to attend the opera. The cost of the bus would be shared. If you are interested, please notify Louise Fitzsimons (782-0913) and watch the web site and newsletter for further information.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be **October 8**. Please send your information to Alice Loomis (aloomie@aol.com).

## ***YUWO Membership Registration Form for 2007-2008***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Please PRINT your e-mail address if you wish to receive general YUWO announcements via e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the YUWO Newsletter via e-mail only \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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YUWO welcomes the following new members whose dues were received as of September 16, 2007.

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