Important Fall Events

Dec. 2 – Holiday Party at Q Club
Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & 22 – Needlers meetings
Dec. 11 – Creative Arts Workshop Behind the Scenes Tour
Dec. 16 & Jan. 20 – Scrabble Group meets
April 3, 10, 24 & May 1 – Spring Lecture Series on Opera

Need gifts for your family?

Look no further!

Join YUWO Members on Tuesday, December 11 at 10:30 for a tour of

The Creative Arts Workshop’s Celebration of American Crafts Exhibit

Our tour will be given by Robin Green, the Gallery’s Manager
80 Audubon Street, New Haven

Save the Date!

YUWO Holiday Party

Sunday, December 2
3:00 to 5:00 pm

Quinnipiac Club
221 Church Street, New Haven

Please join us!

Music by Andy Rubenoff

YUWO Members and Friends:

One of the joys, and responsibilities, of a YUWO President is to attend as many small group activities and large group functions as possible.

In talking to new members, I have learned that there is no such thing as “too much information” for YUWO members. I encourage anyone—whether newcomer or seasoned—who wants to learn more about a small meeting, a large event (or even the author of a Book Group choice) to email or call the Group Chair. (Please refer to the list of Chairs that appeared in the October Newsletter.)

For large group functions, the Newsletter is a great source. (Read and Save each issue.)

In addition, Betsy Rosenthal (203-248-5379 or Betsyrose1028@gmail.com) and I (475-227-2292 or Rmjwarren@sbcglobal.net) are each willing to listen and help you enrich and improve your YUWO experiences.

Remember the YUWO Holiday Party on Sunday, December 2, 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Quinnipiac Club, 221 Church St. in New Haven.

I look forward to seeing you in December and again in the New Year!

Mary-Jo Warren, YUWO President
Scrabble Group News for Scrabble Fans

Louise FitzSimons, Scrabble Group Coordinator, invites you to the Scrabble Group’s next meeting on **Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 pm**. In the New Year, the Scrabble Group will meet on **Sunday, January 20 at 2:00 pm**. Thereafter, the group will meet on the third Sunday of each month. For questions, contact Louise at 203-530-4671 or cavancomm@gmail.com

YUWO Monthly Book Groups

**Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:**

- **December 10** – *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- **January 14** – Book to be decided at the December meeting.

  Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

**Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:**

- **December 10** – Poetry and Planning Session for 2019
- **January 21** – Book to be chosen at the December meeting.

  Contact Patty Pollard (203-668-6019) or pollpatty@yahoo.com

**Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:**

- **December 11** – *The Maze at Windermere* by Gregory Blake Smith
- **January 8** – *The Woman Behind the New Deal: the Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins* by Kirsten Downey

  Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

**Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am:**

- **Thursday, December 13** – *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond, at the home of Eleanor Radune
- **Thursday, January 10** – *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

  Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdct1103@sbcglobal.net

You’re invited to join the Needlers

Needlers will meet on **Tuesday, December 11th at 1:30 pm** at Pam Field’s house in Hamden. Because of the timing of Christmas, we will not have a second get-together in December.

Our first get-together of the New Year will take place on **Tuesday, January 8th at 1:30 pm**. Our second will take place on **Tuesday, January 22nd at 1:30 pm**. Neither venue has yet been finalized. If you’d like to join us and aren’t on the Needlers’ mailing list, please contact Dinny Wakerley nearer to the time for that information.

As always, you are invited to bring your projects, or mending, or to come for the conversation. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Dinny at 203-624-9343 or dinnyw999@gmail.com for additional information and/or directions.
The YUWO Holiday Party Has a New Venue

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, YUWO members are invited to attend the YUWO Holiday Party at the handsome Quinnipiack Club, 221 Church Street, in New Haven. There is no charge for parking in New Haven on Sundays.

Come enjoy your YUWO friends, seasonal music by pianist Andrew Rubenoff, Q-Club hors d’oeuvres, and a cash bar. In the spirit of this season of giving, and in lieu of our traditional basket raffle, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to one of our scholarship funds.

YUWO Scholarship News from Berclee Cameron, Chair, Scholarship Committee

We always like to hear good news from scholarship recipients, and I’m delighted to share a recent update from Bayla Arietta. She’s a Curatorial Assistant at the Yale Center for British Art and is using her Magee Fenn Scholarship award to continue studies in her field.

“The YUWO Scholarship has made such an impact on my ability to pursue my interest and studies in collection management at Johns Hopkins University. I am currently halfway through my third semester and taking a fascinating class called The History and Philosophy of Museums. I am learning something new every day, continue to work full time on top of school, and am enjoying every minute!

“Thank you again, Bayla”

And thank you to all our members, whose generosity makes the scholarship program possible!

YUWO Visits the Friends Center for Children in Fair Haven

On Tuesday, November 6, fourteen YUWO members had the privilege of touring the Friends Center for Children in the Fair Haven Heights section of New Haven. We began our tour (arranged by Shavaun Towers Bennett) by visiting several classrooms and continued our tour with a Lunch & Learn presentation (arranged by Stephanie Jatlow) by Allyx Schiavone, Executive Director of the Center.

We learned that the Center is thriving at capacity. Because New Haven has a growing and persistent need for quality early child care, the Friends Center responds to this need as an honor and responsibility to provide a learning community that is progressive, child-centered, family-empowering, diverse and accessible.*

Yet the need for childcare slots far exceeds their availability. As the need grows, so must the Center’s response. This need has germinated into an expansion next fall of a stand-alone classroom on Dixwell Avenue. It blazes the trail for a larger permanent expansion in the Dixwell neighborhood, a brand new Friends Center facility, projected to open in 2020. By operating at two sites, Friends Center will nearly double its reach from 84 to 150 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.*

If you were not on this tour and have an opportunity to visit the Friends Center, by all means, do go. It’s a wonderful place! Their website is http://www.friendscenterforchildren.org

* Source: Friends Center for Children Report to the Community, 2017 - 2018
Local Excursions Invites You to a Celebration of American Crafts!

Shavaun Towers Bennett, chair of Local Excursions, has arranged for YUWO members to have a Behind-the-scenes Tour of the Creative Arts Workshop’s Celebration of American Crafts (at 80 Audubon Street in New Haven) on Tuesday, December 11 at 10:30 am. The Creative Arts Workshop is a community art school, which holds an annual exhibit of items created by its students. These items range from ornaments to furniture and might be the perfect gift for your family or friends. Our Tour will be given by the Gallery’s Manager Robin Green. Reservations are not necessary. Parking is available immediately adjacent in the Audubon Street garage.

News of YUWO Hikers

The YUWO Walking/Hiking group has been hiking just about every week this Fall. Our destinations have been West Rock, Hammonasset Beach State Park, Farmington Canal Trail, East Rock, and probably Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary the week of November 12th. We decided to plan our hikes based on 10-day weather forecasts. We’d love to have you join us! Contact Patty Pollard at pollpatty@yahoo.com for more information.
The Spring Lecture Series will be on Opera

This Spring’s Lecture Series will feature Judith Malafronte, a Lecturer in the Yale School of Music and the Institute for Sacred Music. The theme of the series will be understanding opera in the language and culture in which it was written.

The series will be presented on four Wednesdays: April 3, 10, 24 and May 1 at 10:30 am at the Yale West Campus Conference Center.

Ms. Malaforte will explain the linguistic differences as well as the cultural impacts and historic influences that identify the specific opera presented. The focus on language will offer us a unique opportunity to understand that particular opera.

Judith Malafronte has an active career as a mezzo-soprano in opera, oratorio, and recital. She has appeared with the San Francisco Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the St. Louis Symphony, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Handel and Haydn Society, and the Mark Morris Dance Group. She is the winner of several top awards in Italy, Spain, Belgium, and the United States, including the Grand Prize at the International Vocal Competition in Hertogenbosch, Holland.

Ms. Malafronte holds degrees with honors from Vassar College and Stanford University. She studied at the University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music, in Paris and Fontainebleau with Nadia Boulanger, and in Milan as a Fulbright scholar with Giulietta Simionato. Her writings have appeared in Opera News, Stagebill, Islands, Early Music America Magazine, Schwann Inside, and Opus. Ms. Malafronte also teaches undergraduate music courses in Yale College.

A formal announcement with a registration form will be in the February Newsletter.

YUWO Membership News

Adrian Sterling, Chair of Membership, is happy to report that as of mid-November we have 303 paid YUWO members which includes 27 new members. We are happy to see that our membership has increased over last year and hope that all members are able to take part in YUWO’s many activities. New Members are welcome to join any time during the year and we encourage our current members to spread the word. For questions, please contact Adrian at 574-339-7553 or adrian.sterling@yale.edu. A membership form may be found on the YUWO website at www.yuwowomen.org.

The YUWO Newsletter Needs You!

The Newsletter will have a new staff beginning in August 2019. We have identified co-editors who enjoy writing and editing and are looking for someone who knows how to format pages using MS Word or Adobe InDesign, i.e., editing and inserting pictures and graphics, selecting and sizing fonts and spacing, organizing and placing content on each page, etc. If you’ve had experience doing such work, we can provide templates and examples that will help you simplify producing eight editions of the YUWO Newsletter each year.

Think you might be interested? Contact Landa Freeman at 203-453-5505 (and leave a message) or email her at landamfreeman@gmail.com.

Many thanks!
We wish you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season along with Best Wishes for the New Year