Dear YUWO Members and Friends:

“April is the cruellest month.” I think not . . . Ahead of us are the last two, very active months of the YUWO year. Members will learn about opera at West Campus, the new boat house on New Haven Harbor, and will meet our new YUWO officers and scholars at the Lawn Club Annual Meeting. Because parking may be a bit tight at the Lawn Club, we hope you will carpool with your YUWO friends. As always, YUWO members’ personal guests are welcome at our lecture series and excursions. I hope to see you at some or all of these events.

Please note that during our May 15 visit to the MFA, there will also be a special exhibit on “Frida Kahlo and Arte Popular” which will include a selection of Kahlo’s MFA paintings, loans from other collections as well as a sample of traditional Mexican Folk Art. To whet your appetite, here is a link: www.mfa.org. Click on “Exhibitions.” As always, the YUWO small group activities continue to nourish me. Before this newsletter reaches you, I will enjoy YUWO friends at both the French and Gourmet Groups and host my Thursday Book Group. Watch for the crocuses and snowdrops to announce Spring!

Mary-Jo W. Warren, YUWO President
YUWO Monthly Book Groups

Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

April 8 – Burger’s Daughter by Nadine Gordimer
Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

April 15 – She Has Her Mother’s Laugh by Carl Zimmer
Contact Patty Pollard (203-668-6019) or pollpatty@yahoo.com

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

April 9 – The Milkman by Anna Burns
Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am:

April 11– The Feather Thief by Kirk Wallace Johnson
Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdct1103@sbcglobal.net

You’re invited to Join the Needlers

Needlers will meet twice in April. Our first get-together will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 1:30 pm and our second will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:30 pm. Neither venue has yet been finalized so Dinny Wakerley will provide the information to the group closer to the dates.

If you’d like to join us and aren’t on the Needlers’ email list, please contact Dinny for information and directions. She can be reached at dinnyw999@gmail.com or 203-624-9343. As always, you are invited to bring your projects, or your mending, or to come just for the conversation. Everyone is welcome. Needlers pictured l. to r.: Sally Vasey, Dinny Wakerley, Nancy Campbell, Jean Williams, Louise FitzSimons, Winnie Seibert. Photo: Marion Petrelli.

YUWO Sunday Morning Film Group  The Sunday Morning Film Group will meet next on Sunday, March 24th. Interested people will get a notice a few days before as to film, time and place. If you responded earlier to prackliffe18@gmail.com you will receive the notice. We plan to see commercial films, at the regular or senior ticket price, in a theater probably in New Haven. Come, bring your friends.
The YUWO Nominating Committee—Berclee Cameron, Landa Freeman (chair), Mary Jane Miller, Marion Petrelli, and Sally Tyler—presents the following slate, each nominated for a two-year term, to be voted at the YUWO Annual Meeting on May 8:

**Assistant Treasurer:** Betsy Weber  
**Recording Secretary:** Susan Anderson  
**Membership Chair:** Margaret Sipple  
**Scholarship Chair:** Sally Tyler

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

**Annual Meeting Speaker to be Professor Stephen L. Carter of the Yale Law School**

The YUWO Annual Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, May 8, will feature Stephen L. Carter, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at the Yale Law School as its speaker. In addition to his law school role, Professor Carter is an author.

His most recent non-fiction work is *Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer* (his grandmother) *Who Took Down America’s Most Powerful Mobster*. This book details the story of his grandmother Eunice, who was born the daughter of a Georgia slave. In the early 1900s, she went on to receive two degrees from Smith College and a JD degree from Fordham University. She then became the first black, female Assistant District Attorney in New York, persuading District Attorney Thomas Dewey to allow her to pursue and prosecute the Mafia boss Lucky Luciano, which ultimately led to his deportation. This is quite a story, even more so when told from the perspective of a grandson.

**YUWO Invites All Newcomers to Lunch at Mory’s**

Plans for the Newcomers’ Lunch in the Captain’s Room at Mory’s are well underway. Several Board members will be joining us so you will have an opportunity to find out more about various activities planned this spring. Please RSVP to Mary Jane Miller at mjmiller@computerdesign.net or 203-281-6919, and come join us on Saturday, March 30th at noon and meet your fellow Newcomers.

**YUWO Spring Golf Clinic with Chawwadee**

Weather permitting, the Yale Women’s Golf Coach, Chawwadee Rompethong, will offer YUWO members a golf clinic beginning on Wednesday, March 27 at 1:30 pm and continuing on Wednesdays April 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 1:30 pm. This clinic is $30 per person per session and is for all levels of play. Please come and invite your friends.

For questions, contact Pam Rackliffe at prackliffe18@gmail.com or call her at 203-488-2667.

**Scrabble Group News for Scrabble Fans**

Louise FitzSimons, Scrabble Group Coordinator, would like you to know that the Scrabble Group will not meet in April, due to the fact that the third Sunday of the month is Easter Sunday. For information about the Group’s next meeting, contact Louise at 203-530-4671 or cavancmm@gmail.com
YUWO to Visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

On Wednesday, May 15 YUWO is sponsoring a Spring Bus Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston.

Upon arrival the group will have an hour-long guided tour of the Toulouse-Lautrec and The Stars of Paris exhibit which highlights the celebrity culture of the times, their personal lives and the roles they played. The display incorporates works by Lautrec’s contemporaries Edgar Degas, Honoré Daumier, Pierre Bonnard, Édouard Vuillard and others. The exhibition draws on the MFA and the Boston Public Library’s rich holdings, and includes key loans from public and private collections.

After the guided tour there will be time to enjoy lunch (on your own) and other MFA exhibits including the Frida Kahlo and Arte Popular which will include a selection of Kahlo’s MFA paintings, loans from other collections, and a sample of traditional Mexican folk art. To spark your interest, here is the link: www.mfa.org

There will be two bus pick-up locations. The bus will leave Guilford Park & Ride at exit 58 on I-95 at 8:00 AM. Then the bus will proceed to the Devine Street Park & Ride, exit 10 on I-91, leaving at 8:30 AM. For the return trip, the bus will depart from the MFA at 3:30 PM.

The cost of $55.00 covers the bus (tip included), the admission fee to the Museum, and the Guided Tour fee.

A Registration Form for the Spring Bus Trip is at the end of this Newsletter.

John Walsh returns to Lecture at the Yale University Art Gallery

YUWO member Jill Walsh and her husband, John Walsh, will be back New Haven this spring so that John can complete his lecture series on Vincent Van Gogh at the Yale University Art Gallery.

Lectures and dates are:

- Van Gogh in Arles I: Town, Fields and Gardens, Friday, April 5 at 1:30 pm
- Van Gogh in Arles II: Friends and Models, Friday, April 12 at 1:30 pm
- Van Gogh and the Asylum at Saint-Rémy, Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 pm
- Van Gogh in Auvers-sur-Oise, the Last Works and the Artist’s Reputation, Friday, April 26 at 1:30 pm

Art Aficionados to Tour Children’s Games at the Center for British Art

Anneke Hathaway is trying to arrange a docent tour of the new exhibit at the Center for British Art titled “Instruction and Delight: Children’s Games from the Ellen and Arthur Liman Collection.” This will take you back to the origin of various table games recently donated to the Center for British Art by the Liman family.

The tour will be on one of the following dates: Tuesday, April 2, 9, or 16. If you wish to join the tour, please contact Anneke Hathaway — apthathaway@gmail.com — to let her know. Once the date and time are confirmed, she will email you with that information.
YUWO to Tour the Canal Dock Boathouse

Shavaun Towers Bennett is pleased to announce a tour on **Tuesday, April 9 at 11:00 am** of the newly opened **Canal Dock Boathouse** at 475 Long Wharf Drive (between Lenny & Joe’s and the food trucks) on New Haven harbor.

Rick Weis, a partner of Gregg Weis & Gardner Architects in New Haven will be our tour leader. His firm recently completed this community boating center on Long Wharf Drive. The center was a cooperative effort of the City of New Haven, the CT DOT, and the Federal Highway Administration as a part of the Q Bridge and I-95 / I-91 interchange project (officially “the I-95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor”). The Boathouse, completed last September, was the final phase in that $2 billion project which was constructed in multiple phases over the course of 18 years. The new Boathouse was included in the project to mitigate the associated demolition of the 1911 Yale (Adee) Boathouse on Forbes Avenue. Salvaged elements of the historic structure have been incorporated into the new.

A non-profit now operates the facility to provide recreational, cultural, and educational programs related to New Haven Harbor. Parking spaces for cars are along Long Wharf Drive.

The YUWO Scholarship Program Needs Your Help!

Since 1972, YUWO’s scholarship awards have been helping Yale-connected women gain the additional education they need to achieve more successful careers. You will meet these outstanding awardees at YUWO’s Annual Luncheon in May.

To date, almost 50% of YUWO’s 325 Members, have supported these hard-working women by contributing to our scholarship funds. We would love to increase this percentage. To expand our awards program, we need to raise the percentage of YUWO contributors to at least 75%.

This year, we have received the largest number of applications ever – suggesting that more women today are working toward improving their ability to support their families.

Please join us in making a contribution by sending your check made out to YUWO Scholarships, to YUWO at P.O. Box 207165, New Haven, CT 06405. You may also add a donation to your May luncheon reservation check. Your scholarship contribution is fully tax-deductible.

Questions? Contact Berclee Cameron, Chair Scholarship Committee at Berclee.cameron@yale.edu or Betsy Weber, Assistant Treasurer at eweber@edgedev.com.
In this Spring Lecture Series, we will look at operatic masterpieces that go beyond the typical soprano-tenor love couple. Each of the four is in a different language, allowing us to explore different vocal and linguistic demands, as we consider the various voice types. We’ll touch on the source material, dramatic and musical structure, characters, casting, and performance history of Handel’s *Giulio Cesare*, Wagner’s *Die Meistersinger*, Massenet’s *Werther*, and Britten’s *Turn of the Screw*.

There will be a reading each week and the instructor will provide links to favorite video performances. Those wanting to get a head start can read Goethe’s *The Sorrows of Young Werther* and Henry James’ *The Turn of the Screw*.

I have tried to find productions to watch for free that have subtitles, but I have still not found one for *Werther*. You are welcome to watch any productions of these operas on DVD, by streaming subscription, or live. Be sure to activate the subtitles!

**April 3: Handel’s *Giulio Cesare in Egitto***

A good production from Glyndebourne [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an_SUvpylso](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an_SUvpylso)

Reading:

- “Giulio Cesare” in Kelly, *First Nights at the Opera*
- Excerpts from Marcello, *Il Teatro alla Moda* (1720)

**April 10: Britten’s *Turn of the Screw***

Live production from Lyon [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEA5ByEhX6g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEA5ByEhX6g)

Film version from 1982 in two parts [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb8_SnrZWzk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb8_SnrZWzk&feature=youtu.be)
and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBFOCzPiVnY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBFOCzPiVnY)

Another film version [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7GOueDw0cl&t=9s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7GOueDw0cl&t=9s)

Reading:

- Henry James, *The Turn of the Screw* (many online versions)
- Chapter two in Howard, *Turn of the Screw*

**April 24: Wagner’s *Die Meistersinger***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yTLcTEfig](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yTLcTEfig) Acts One and Two

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaE5e26rInY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaE5e26rInY) Act Three

Reading:

- “Die Meistersinger” from Berger, *Wagner Without Fear*

**May 1: Massenet’s *Werther***

Reading:

- “Werther” in Huebner *French Opera at the Fin de Siècle*

Fabulous pictures at this French website [http://www.artlyriquefr.fr/oeuvres/Werther.html](http://www.artlyriquefr.fr/oeuvres/Werther.html)
Registration Form for the Spring Lecture Series on Opera

April 3, 10, 24 & May 1, at 10:00 am. at the Yale West Campus Conference Center.

This course is open to YUWO members and the public. The Fee is $65 per person for the series. Tickets are not available for individual lectures. Make checks payable to YUWO.

Mail to Sandra Greer, 38 Fernwood Road, Hamden, CT 06517

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

Phone ___________________________ Email _____________________________________________

Registration Form for the Spring Bus Trip to the MFA in Boston

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

This trip is open to YUWO members and their guests. The Fee is $55 and includes the cost of the bus, driver’s tip, admission to the Museum, and a one-hour guided tour of the exhibit “Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris” Exhibit. Lunch is on your own; there are 3 restaurants in the Museum. You may also visit the Frida Kahlo exhibit.

Make your check for $55 payable to YUWO. Mail before April 15 to Winnie Seibert, 78 Fair Street, Guilford, CT 06437. For questions, 203-458-6516 or email winnieseibert@gmail.com

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________ Cell Phone ______________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________

I will board the bus at ____ Exit 58, I-95, Guilford Park & Ride, departing 8:00 AM
I will board the bus at ____ Exit 10, I-91, Devine St. Park & Ride, North Haven, departing 8:30 AM
Directions to Yale's West Campus –

If you are driving from the north or east (New Haven), take I-95 to exit 41 (Marsh Hill Road). At the end of the ramp, take a left onto Marsh Hill Road. At the next traffic light, take a left onto the West Campus Drive/I-95 northbound entrance ramp. Stay in the right lane and check in at the Welcome Center for directions to the Conference Center.

If you are driving from the south or west (New York), take exit 41 (Marsh Hill Road) and go straight ahead at the end of the exit ramp, across Marsh Hill Road, onto the northbound entrance ramp. Follow this to the fork, stay in the right lane and check in at the Welcome Center for directions to the Conference Center.