Join your YUWO friends

Spring Bus Trip
Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

Special Exhibit:
“Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris”
Wednesday, May 15th

YUWO Annual Meeting & Scholarship Awards Luncheon
with law professor
Stephen L. Carter,
who will speak about his
Grandmother (!)
Wednesday, May 8
at noon
New Haven Lawn Club
193 Whitney Avenue

YUWO Members and Friends –

About 15 years ago, Trudi Bollier, Chair of the Nominating Committee, called to ask if I would be YUWO Treasurer. Since I had just retired, I said “Yes.” 15 years later, here I am. Landa Freeman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and her Committee have been tapping our Membership and have done a fine job of filling YUWO Board positions. I hope that those who have responded and those who will respond, will gain as much satisfaction and as many friends, as I have from my involvement in YUWO.

This “Spring” do come join other YUWO members on Patty Pollard’s Hikes, listen in at Stephanie Jatlow’s and Cathy Burgard’s Immigration Lunch & Learn, attend Sandra Greer’s Opera Lecture Series, visit the new Boat House with Shavaun Towers Bennett, come celebrate our Scholarship Recipients at the Annual Lunch with Chairs Audrey DeFronzo and Susan Anderson. Say farewell to the YUWO year on Winnie Seibert’s trip to the Boston MFA.

And if Landa or one of her Committee calls – Do say “Yes.”

The world awaits you!

Mary-Jo W. Warren
YUWO Monthly Book Groups

Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

March 11 – *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende

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

Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

March 18 – *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers

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

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

March 12 – *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson

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

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am:

March 14 – *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz at the home of Mary-Jo Warren

- Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdet1103@sbcglobal.net

You’re invited to Join the Needlers

Needlers will meet twice in March. Our first get-together will be on **Tuesday, March 12th at 1:30 pm** and our second will be on **Tuesday, March 26th 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 mending, or to come just for the conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Scrabble Group News for Scrabble Fans

Louise FitzSimons, Scrabble Group Coordinator, invites you to the Scrabble Group’s next meeting on **Sunday, March 17 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 Membership List

Please add:

Nancy Ahlstrom, 99 Armory Street, Hamden, CT 06517 203-865-2028 <nancy.ahlstrom@yale.edu>
Lunch & Learn at the Yale Visitor Center on Wednesday, March 13 at noon

This Lunch & Learn will be hosted by Stephanie Jatlow and Cathy Burgard, a long-time tutor of English at the Springs Learning Center, an educational resource located in Fair Haven, which has served adult immigrants in the greater New Haven area since 2002.

To begin, Sister Margaret Mary Kennedy director of the Center, will discuss the Center’s mission to provide literacy and job readiness skills to a largely underserved Hispanic population. Then, Cathy will talk about her experience as a tutor at the Center. She will be accompanied by two of her students who will try to describe their immigration experience.

The program will take place at the Yale Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street on Wednesday, March 13 at noon. Bring a sandwich and we will provide coffee, tea and cookies. PLEASE NOTE: This program is on a Wednesday, not the usual Tuesday you expect for Lunch & Learn events.

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 at Yale Law School as its speaker. In addition to his law school responsibilities, Professor Carter is a novelist.

His most recent non-fiction work, Invisible, 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 became the first black, female Assistant District Attorney in New York. She persuaded then District Attorney Thomas Dewey to allow her to pursue and prosecute the Mafia boss Lucky Luciano, ultimately leading to his deportation. This is quite a story, even more so when told from the perspective of a grandson.

Art Aficionados to tour the William Hunter Collection at the Center for British Art

Anneke Hathaway has arranged for YUWO to have a guided tour on Wednesday, March 20 at noon of the new exhibit entitled “William Hunter and the Anatomy of the Modern Museum.” Dr. Hunter was an 18th century physician and obstetrician to royalty. The exhibit features over 300 objects, including anatomical representations, works of art, and a variety of items from places and cultures collected during James Cook’s travels. These are on loan from the University of Glasgow.

Please email Anneke at apthathaway@gmail.com if you plan to join the tour. The tour guide will meet us in the entrance court of the Museum a little before noon.

Scholarship Committee News

The deadline for receipt of YUWO scholarship applications is March 15th. As we prepare for this year’s awards, please enjoy this snippet of recent correspondence from Moya Anne Meckel, who is completing her studies at the Yale School of Nursing, where she was elected President of the Student Government Organization. She writes:

*Hi Berclee: My goodness, thank you from the bottom of my heart to you and YUWO. . . . My deepest gratitude for your help and support through this process — and from the start from YUWO for my educational career. All my very, very best, Moya*

Moya Meckel is an RN and a candidate for a Master of Science in Nursing degree, class of 2019.
YUWO to Visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

YUWO members will be taking their Spring Bus Trip to The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on Wednesday, May 15 and will have an hour-long guided tour of the Toulouse-Lautrec and The Stars of Paris exhibit.

This exhibition highlights the celebrity culture of the times, their personal lives and the roles they played.

More than 200 works compose “thematic sections highlighting Lautrec’s formal innovations, such as dramatic lighting effects and color combinations; the changing artistic and social landscapes of Paris, with scenes of the city by day and by night; cafés, cabarets, and theaters; and celebrities of the age. The display also incorporates works by Lautrec’s contemporaries Edgar Degas, Honoré Daumier, Pierre Bonnard, Édouard Vuillard, and others—presenting Lautrec in the context of his heroes, peers, and followers. Organized by the MFA in partnership with the Boston Public Library, the exhibition draws on both institutions’ rich holdings, and includes key loans of paintings and graphic arts from public and private collections.” (from the Museum’s website)

There will then be three hours for you to enjoy lunch at one of the Museum’s three restaurants and to visit other areas of the Museum.

The bus will leave Guilford at exit 58 on I-95 at 8:00 AM, stop at the Devine St. Parking lot, exit 10 on I-91 at 8:30 AM, and will depart for home from the MFA at 3:30 PM.

The cost of $55 includes the bus, driver’s tip, the admission fee to the Museum, and the Guided Tour fee.

Lunch is on your own.

We ask you to mail your Registration, found at the end of this Newsletter, by April 15 so that we can open up this opportunity to other organizations if space remains.

YUWO Invites All Newcomers to Lunch at Mory’s

Mary Jane Miller, chair of Newcomers, invites all members new to YUWO this year to lunch on Saturday, March 30 at noon at Mory’s in New Haven. Mary Jane will send a formal invitation with further details shortly. She looks forward to meeting you and learning about your interest in YUWO.

New Activity Group – 4th Sunday Morning Film Club

Pam Rackliffe, our film and art buff, is looking for other YUWO members to join her once a month to view special independent or commercial films. She plans to find and choose those films that usually come and go in the New Haven area before any of us have a chance to view them. Coffee and discussion will follow each session.

To receive a monthly notice about this Film Club, please email Pam Rackliffe at pracklefe18@gmail.com or call her at 203-488-2667 to join the list.
Presenting Operatic Love Stories: Beyond the Tenor – Soprano Duet

This Spring’s Lecture Series is presented by Judith Malafronte, Lecturer at the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music. She is also an internationally known mezzo-soprano. Ms. Malafronte will give us a look at operatic masterpieces that go beyond the typical soprano-tenor love couple.

The four operas she will discuss are: Handel’s *Giulio Cesare*, Wagner’s *Die Meistersinger*, Massanet’s *Werther*, and Britten’s *Turn of the Screw*. Each of the four is in a different language, allowing us to explore different vocal and linguistic demands, as we touch on the source material, dramatic and musical structure, characters, casting, and performance history of each.

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*.

All lectures will take place at 10:00 am (to 11:00 am) at the Yale West Campus Conference Center on four Wednesdays: April 3, 10, 24, and May 1. The series is open to YUWO members, friends and the public.

The fee is $65 per person; tickets are not available for individual lectures. To sign up for the series, please use the Registration form on the last page of this Newsletter.

For questions, contact Sandra Greer at sandrajogreer@gmail.com or call 203-444-9040.

Directions to Yale’s West Campus for the Spring Lecture Series

**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.

Yale University Women’s Organization is a not-for-profit entity, independent and separately organized from Yale University. “Yale University” is a registered trademark and used with the permission of Yale University.
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.

Summer School, Anyone?

From YUWO member Charlotte Evans comes the news that the Yale Divinity School is seeking to expand its student body for summer classes, which take place the first two weeks in June and feature distinguished faculty members, significant reading and the opportunity to spend time with attendees (some clergy, some not) from around the country and from overseas.

Classes run at the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle – Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon – lunch is provided. Tuition is $450 per course, which sounds like a lot but is a bargain given regular tuition fees.

A complete list of courses may be seen by googling “Summer Study at Yale Divinity School,” along with the on-line registration form. Click on the course titles for a detailed description.

John Walsh to return to the Yale University Art Gallery

YUWO member Jill Walsh and her husband, John Walsh, will be returning to 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
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.

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, in Guilford, departs 8:00 AM
I will board the bus at ____Exit 10, I-91, Devine St. Parking Lot, North Haven, departs 8:30 AM
Looking for a Spring activity?

Join your YUWO friends for Lunch & Learn,
for the Opera Lecture Series, for a tour of the Canal Dock Boathouse,
for a trip to the MFA, and finally for a Luncheon celebration
with our Scholarship Recipients.