

## UPCOMING EVENTS ...

**Thursday, September 10  
4:00 pm (via Zoom)  
A Virtual Welcome Reception  
"May Day at Yale 1970"  
Henry "Sam" Chauncey**

**October 7, 14, and 28  
Virtual Lecture Series  
"The Year of the Woman at Yale"**

**Tuesday, Oct. 13  
Lunch & Learn**

Send your \$40 dues and any scholarship contributions to

**Margaret Sipple  
Membership Chair  
177 State St., Guilford CT 06437  
(Make checks payable to "YUWO")**

## YUWO (Virtual) Lecture Series

"The Year of the Woman at Yale" promises three separate discussions with highly accomplished women who have influenced Yale through their professional connections. Get ready to ZOOM three Wednesdays in October from 10:30 A.M. to Noon. Attendance is free and email invitations for each will be forthcoming, allowing you to use the link for each of the three lectures.

In this series, we will be able to interact first-hand with women who exemplify excellence and are important role models for women everywhere. We ask that all participants in this series send questions you would like posed to the speakers to sandrajogreer@gmail.com before the lectures begin. They will be shared with the speakers to help them prepare for the interviews we will be conducting on Zoom.

## Fall 2020 Lecture Series Dates

**Wednesday, Oct. 7, 10:30 am**  
Susan Gibbons, PhD, is Vice Provost for Collections and Scholarly Communications

**Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10:30 am**  
Linda Greenhouse is Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law and Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence at Yale Law School, long-time New York Times reporter, Pulitzer Prize winner and author.

**Oct. 21: NO LECTURE**

**Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10:30 am**  
Constance Royster is former director of Development for the Yale Divinity School and currently the principal of Laurel Associates, LLC



I hope that September 2020 finds you well and ready to greet new ideas and new formats. This Newsletter is full of ways YUWO is reaching out to you, to keep us connected and informed. The word "Zoom" has taken on a new meaning. I learned Zoom basics by downloading the app, creating a free account, and starting meetings with myself as the only participant. This way I discovered where the buttons and controls were on each of my devices. Give it a try. The process gets easier and more rewarding. The YUWO Board is a creative team who are coming up with unique suggestions. Join YUWO and Zoom with us at 4:00 pm, Thursday, September 10 for a Virtual Welcome Reception where we will hear a timely, 50th anniversary talk "May Day at Yale 1970" by Henry "Sam" Chauncey.

Details about this event, our two fall Lunch and Learn speakers from the MacMillan Center, and our October Lecture speakers are enclosed. Remember to complete and send both the Membership form and the Activity Sheet to Margaret Sipple, Membership Chair. Please Stay Safe,

*Mary-Jo W. Warren, YUWO President*

## YUWO VIRTUAL Monthly Book Groups – Read On!

### Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Monday, September 14. We will be discussing *America's Women: Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates and Heroines* by Gail Collins. (Our August group had to be postponed because of power outages.)

Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or [patgoldst@gmail.com](mailto:patgoldst@gmail.com)

### Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Monday, September 2, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward, won the 2017 National Book Award. Not an easy book to read, but this group doesn't do "easy." "Part ghost story, part road novel..." This book group is very large but always open to new members.

Contact Patty Pollard (203-668-6019) or [pollpatty@yahoo.com](mailto:pollpatty@yahoo.com).

### Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Tuesday, September 9. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

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

### Second Thursday Morning at 10:00 am on Zoom:

Thursday, September 13. Our non-fiction book choice is *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. We would be happy to accept three to four additional readers from among new or current YUWO members.

Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or [amdefronzo@gmail.com](mailto:amdefronzo@gmail.com)

## Art Aficionados

In this "new world" we have access to a virtual tour of VICTORIAN RADICALS led by Yale History of Art Professor Tim Barringer. I think of this exhibit as a follow-up on what we saw in the Ruskin show, but of course the Pre-Raphaelites do stand on their own. Barringer is probably the world expert on this group of artists who came together in 1848 to protest pollution caused by the industrial expansion and the lack of creative involvement with the ensuing mass production of household goods. This exhibit went up at the YCBA in early March, curated by Prof. Barringer. The expectation was that people would come from wide and far to see this temporary collection, but we all have online access at <https://youtu.be/qedlVaido5s>. — Anneke Hathaway, 203-343-8480.

## French Conversation

Connect up with French Conversation on Zoom, 1:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. Contact Debbie St. Thomas, 203-488-1859. Merci Beaucoup.

## Golf and Tennis

Both groups are postponed until at least Spring, 2021.

## Local Tours

The distancing constraints of COVID-19 have put all local tours on hold. Some day we will together tour Yale's Musical Instrument Collection, the gardens of Hillhouse Avenue and the new biology greenhouse as had been planned. In the meantime, for individual local tours (both physical and virtual), we can recommend a free subscription to the Daily Nutmeg - New Haven ([www.dailynutmeg.com](http://www.dailynutmeg.com)) for inspiration and historical perspective. Most museums have significantly increased their digital presence during the pandemic and are offering wonderful tours and events. Try the new app Bloomberg Connects from Bloomberg Philanthropies (available for free download from the Apple App Store) which is supporting the arts with new digital access to cultural institutions (so far in New York and London) like the Frick Museum, the New York Botanical Garden or London's Serpentine Galleries. — Shavaun Towers

## Lunch and Learn

*Due to the ongoing constraints of the pandemic, the YUWO Lunch and Learn series will take place via Zoom this Fall.*



On **Tuesday, October 13, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm** Marci Shore, Yale Associate Professor of History and incoming Director of Graduate Studies for the MA in European & Russian Studies, will present a talk on her research. Professor Shore specializes in European cultural, intellectual, and Jewish history, particularly Eastern Europe especially Russia, Poland, and Ukraine. She received her M.A. from the University of Toronto in 1996 and her PhD from Stanford University in 2001. Before joining Yale's history department, she was a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University's Harriman Institute; an assistant professor of history and Jewish studies at Indiana University; and Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Visiting Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at Yale. She is the author of *The Taste of Ashes: The Afterlife of Totalitarianism in Eastern Europe* (Crown, 2013), *Caviar and Ashes: A Warsaw Generation's Life and Death in Marxism, 1918-1968* (Yale University Press, 2006) and the translator of Michal Glowinski's Holocaust memoir *The Black Seasons* (Northwestern University Press, 2005), as well as numerous scholarly articles and book reviews. Her newest book is titled *The Ukrainian Night: An Intimate History of Revolution* (Yale University Press); she is also at work on a longer book project titled

*Phenomenological Encounters: Scenes from Central Europe*. For more information, please see <https://history.yale.edu/people/marci-shore>

👉 **SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 10!** On Tuesday, November 10, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm George Syrimis, Director of Hellenic Studies and lecturer in Comparative Literature and Women's and Gender Studies, will talk about the *Ancient and Modern Olympics*.

## Luncheon Gourmet Group

Gourmet members will gather for their first virtual meeting on Thursday, October 1 at 12:30 pm to discuss the book *Always Home* by Fanny Singer, daughter of chef Alice Waters. Several volunteers will demonstrate recipes from the book. This book is a memoir with many amusing stories of a little girl growing up in a rich and unusual family concerned with French cooking. Be ready to share thoughts on your own challenges of gathering, preparing and sharing food during these past months since March. — Sally Fazzone, 203-228-2362.

## Memoir Writing Group

Join others in a small on-line writing group to share two pages of your memoir at a time. See the registration form available in this newsletter and in the recent mailing. Margaret Flesher (203-457-7111 or [mcflesher729@gmail.com](mailto:mcflesher729@gmail.com)) is an accredited leader of this type of class. Fee: \$80 for eight sessions.

## Needler's News

Sadly but not surprisingly, the Needlers Group has not been meeting since late winter thanks to COVID-19. However we regularly keep in touch with each other which somewhat mitigates the loss of our group get-togethers. Needlework isn't really conducive to Zoom meetings and our regular contact seems to be working well. So for the moment, we will probably continue as we are and eagerly await the day when we can get together, admire each other's work and catch up on hugs. — Dinny Wakerley.

## YUWO Walkers

Patty Pollard and her hiking crew are not easily kept from meeting and walking—masked and socially distanced—in nearby scenic locations. If you hanker for the out-of-doors, contact Patty Pollard, 203-668-6019.

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## YUWO Welcome Reception Virtual Sign-up

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Interested in receiving special notices from any of these activity groups? Please check the box in front of the group name and return this form along with your dues check and membership form to **Membership Chair Margaret Sipple, 177 State Street, Guilford, CT 06437.**

*Questions about activities? Contact Bernie: 714.749.8998. If appropriate contact the Group Chair directly.*

- Art Aficionados – Anneke Hathaway, 203.343.8480** will offer Links to Virtual museum tours until the brick and mortar museums are open again
- Book Discussion Groups** – Three of the four book groups are open to new members. All book groups are meeting successfully via Zoom. (Tuesday Book Group is full.)
  - Morning Group: Audrey DeFronzo, 203.804.5572** Second Thursday of the month, 10:00-11.30 am
  - Afternoon Group, 2nd Monday: Pat Goldstein, 203.535.0734.** Second Monday of the month, 2:00-3:30 pm
  - Afternoon Group, Monday: Betsy Suatoni, 518.483.6509; Patty Pollard, 203.668.6019**  
One Monday every month, 2:00-3:30 pm
  - [Full] 2nd Tuesday Afternoon Group: Lyn Howe, 203.606.0370** Second Tuesday of the month, 2:00-3:30 pm
- Excursions – Winnie Seibert, winnieseibert@gmail.com 203.458.6516 and Willi Stahura, 508.653.8443.**  
Each year YUWO organizes bus trips, one in the fall and one in the spring, to museums, gardens or places of interest. We will offer links to virtual tours during the pandemic.
- Explore Yale and New Haven County – Shavaun Towers Bennett; 203.915.1858**  
YUWO offers opportunities to visit and learn about new, unusual or less well-known destinations in the New Haven area with several weekday tours. Plans are to tour outdoor spaces, Hillhouse Avenue landscape and gardens, and to tour the roof deck greenhouse of the Yale Microbiology Department, which will allow physical distancing.
- French Conversation – Debbie St. Thomas, 203.488.1859**  
The group has been meeting on Zoom, instead of at Chestnut Fine Foods, 1:30 pm first Tuesday of the month. This has worked well since women who are quarantined further away have been able to attend.
- Golf – Barbara Kryger, 203.288.1515; Pam Rackliffe, 203.488.2667**  
A golf clinic is offered in the spring for all levels of players. Currently there is a search for a new golf pro. Times, location and fees to be determined.

- Luncheon Gourmet Group – (on Hold) Melissa Lamoreaux, 203.458.0857; Bernardina Wilcox, 714.749.8998**  
In normal times, participants share the meals' expenses and take turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Discussion of the recipes follows each luncheon. There have been 6 meetings per season in members' homes as well as one outing to a restaurant or other culinary activity. Dues are \$10.
- \* **Memoir Writing Group – Margaret Flesher, 203.457.7111 or mcflesher729@gmail.com**  
This new activity will meet in eight sessions, beginning Thursday, September 17; the cost is \$80. (*See registration form in this mailing or available at [www.yuwowomen.org](http://www.yuwowomen.org)*). Participants will join a small group in which they'll write about their lives, one story at a time. Major life themes serve as inspiration for a two-page story each week when the group gathers virtually on Zoom for discussion, creative activities, and sharing stories.
- Needlers – Dinny Wakerley, 203.624.9343 or dinnyw999@gmail.com**  
Needlers traditionally meet monthly in members' homes on Tuesday at 1:30 for conversation, with light refreshments, while knitting, crocheting, working on needlepoint, mending or whatever project of choice, from September through June. There is discussion on how to proceed depending on members' comfort level regarding physical distancing and wearing of masks.
- Scrabble – Louise FitzSimons, 203.530.4671 or cavancomm@gmail.com**  
Meetings have been in members' homes on the third Sunday of the month. The group may meet via an online option in the future.
- Tennis – Carol Munch 203.278.3862**  
Intermediate and advanced players meet weekly for a round robin Tuesday 10-11:30 October through April. Cost is \$100 per season to Yale and \$15 per play. Currently the Yale courts are closed and no commitment for the fall has been made.
- YUWO Walkers – Patty Pollard, 203.668.6019**  
Walkers meet in the fall and spring for walks in nearby scenic locations. Difficulty level varies and walks are usually planned for about two hours. The group has resumed their hikes, with number of participants per hike limited to 8, maintaining 6' physical distance and wearing masks where appropriate. Hikes are scheduled depending on weather conditions.



*Please return this form along with your dues check (made out to "YUWO") and membership form to:*

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*[For latest information about YUWO activities, please visit [www.yuwowomen.org](http://www.yuwowomen.org)]*

**Everyone Has a Story!**  
***Learn to Write Yours, Two Pages at a Time***

Beginning Thursday, September 17, YUWO member Margaret Flesher is offering a series of eight virtual Guided Autobiography sessions on Zoom. Along with creative activities, writing tips, and helpful prompts, each session introduces a major life theme for a story to write at home and share with the group in a safe, supportive setting. The weekly sessions run through November 5, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and the cost for eight sessions is \$80. Group size is limited, to allow time for all to read their stories.

If you want to leave a legacy for your family, gain perspective on a life transition, start a memoir, or simply reflect on your life experience, the new YUWO Memoir Writers group will get you started on the right track. With its thematic approach, Guided Autobiography makes memoir writing accessible to everyone. You'll dig deep into your memories and write a two-page story each week.

The Guided Autobiography technique was developed by James Birren, a pioneer in gerontology research at the University of Southern California. Because it was developed in an academic setting, the method has been the subject of extensive testing and research that supports its benefits in fostering a sense of how one's life has mattered.

Margaret Flesher is a writer who helps individuals preserve memories and family history through writing their life stories. She is certified as a Guided Autobiography instructor by the Birren Center for Autobiographical Studies.

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*To reserve your place in the class, please complete the form below and return with your check for \$80, payable to Margaret Flesher, 38 Long Hill Farm, Guilford, CT 06437.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$80 enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone \_\_\_\_\_

What are your goals in joining the group? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience with Zoom? \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Your major life work: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Your favorite activities: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) An interesting fact about you: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about YUWO Memoir Writers or Guided Autobiography, contact Margaret at [mcflsher729@gmail.com](mailto:mcflsher729@gmail.com) or 203.457.7111. Visit her website at [bit.ly/MFA-GuidedAutobiography.com](http://bit.ly/MFA-GuidedAutobiography.com).

*Yale University Women's Organization*  
**Membership Registration Form 2020-2021**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you do not have email.

I am renewing my membership \_\_\_\_\_ I am a new member \_\_\_\_\_

**YUWO Annual Dues** \$40.00

*YUWO's Fiscal Year is June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021.  
Please remit dues by October 15, 2020.*

Thank you for your scholarship donation(s):

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*A full description of the YUWO Scholarship program and these Funds is found on the YUWO website: <https://yuwowomen.org/scholarships-for-higher-education/>*

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If writing one check please use the check memo line to indicate the amount and specific scholarship fund donation in addition to your dues.

**Note: Donations to YUWO Scholarship funds are tax deductible.**

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## YUWO Newsletter for September 2020

*Make the most of your YUWO membership!*

*Attend the Virtual Welcome Back Reception, sign up for the Virtual Fall Lecture Series, enjoy new activities, take a virtual trip to the Clark Museum in Williamstown, MA, visit (virtually) the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, make a new friend!*