The YUWO Lecture Series

Fall 2021 Lecture Series

The theme of the October 2021 Lecture Series is “The Yale Sustainability Project: A Hotbed of Hope!” The lectures will highlight the efforts by the Yale Sustainability Project across the University campus, and the ongoing research of Yale’s faculty and Project leaders. Speakers will include Ginger Chapman, Director of the Yale Sustainability Project; Dean Indy Burke, Yale School of the Environment; Dean Ann Kurth, Yale School of Nursing; Julie Paquette, Yale’s Director of Energy; Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School; Dr. Maya Prabhu, Associate Professor of Psychiatry; Faculty, Law and Psychiatry Division; Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker, Senior Lecturer and Senior Research Scholar, Yale School of the Environment and Yale Divinity School.

The dates will be the October Wednesdays and Wednesday, November 3, 2021, from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Confirmation of the University’s Visitor policy will appear in the YUWO September Newsletter with the Registration Form. The general public is invited to attend with YUWO members as we celebrate the successes and continuing efforts of the Yale Sustainability Project.

Lunch and Learn Series

The 2021-22 YUWO Lunch and Learn series will present an interesting and diverse assortment of noontime talks approximately once a month. Topics such as Russian hackers, Scandinavia and Northern Europe, responding to threats to coastal environments, music and national identity, and international cinema will be addressed.

The talks will take place via Zoom for some speakers and in person for others.

YUWO Activity Groups

Activities Chair — Bernardina (Bernie) Wilcox, 714.749.8998. Feel free to contact Bernie with general questions regarding YUWO activities.

ART AFICIONADOS — Anneke Hathaway, 203.343.8480. The Yale Center for British Art and the Yale Art Gallery plan to open fully August 28, 2021! We will plan to schedule tours of the permanent collections or special exhibits. We are excited to share a museum experience! See you in September with open museums.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS — Two of the four book groups are open to new members. Book groups plan a hybrid year, some on Zoom and others in person.


Afternoon Group: Pat Goldstein, 203.535.0734. Third Monday of the month, 2:00-3:30 pm.

Excursions, BUS — Winnie Seibert, 203.430.8059. YUWO organizes bus trips, one in the fall and one in the spring, to museums, gardens or places of interest. We will be traveling by bus when safe and until then we will rely on car pools.

Excursions, Local — 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 spaces related to last year’s Zoom talks such as the New Haven Green.

Film Group — Bernardina Wilcox, 714.749.8998. The group meets on the last Monday of the month at 2:00 pm on Zoom. We watch a film on our own, then meet and discuss. We are looking at options to meet in person in September.

French Conversation — Debbie St. Thomas, 203.488.1859. The group will accommodate all members by being hybrid in 2021-2022, alternating Zoom with actual meetings at 1:30 pm first Tuesday of the month. Our first meeting will be at Chestnut Fine Foods, 1012 State St, New Haven on September 7.

Golf — Barbara Kryger, 203.288.1515; Pam Rackliffe, 203.488.2667. A golf clinic may be 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.

Italian Conversation — (New) Elena Phillips 312.305.0601. Please contact Elena if you are interested in joining other YUWO women for intermediate level conversation and activities related to Italian culture.

Luncheon Gourmet — Melissa Lamoreaux (Co-Chair), 203.458.0857. Pre-COVID, participants shared the meal’s expenses and took turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Discussion of the recipes followed. Six meetings per season in members’ homes and one outing to a restaurant or culinary activity. Post-COVID plans are underway. Dues are $10.

Needlers — Betsy Rosenthal, 203.248.5379. Needlers traditionally meet monthly in members’ homes on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm, September through June. The time is spent working on our own projects, conversing with friends and sharing light refreshments.

Scrabble — Marion Petrelli, 203.281.4711. Meetings have been in members’ homes on the third Sunday of the month. We will discuss that traditional mode of gathering versus occasional on line options. We will choose what works.

Tennis — Carol Munch, 203.278.3862. Intermediate and advanced players meet weekly for a round robin Tuesday 10-11:30 am from October through April. Cost is $100 per season to Yale and $15 per play. Currently Yale courts are closed to visitors. We await Yale’s decisions about the fall.

YUWO Walkers — Looking for a Leader! 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. Hikes are dependent on weather conditions.
The YUWO Scholarship Program

We are approaching the 50th anniversary of the YUWO Scholarship Program in 2022! The Scholarship Fund has grown dramatically since its beginnings in 1972. YUWO has helped women follow their dreams, go back to school, and reimagine their futures in the workplace. YUWO scholars have advanced their careers in areas ranging from nursing and public health to business administration, engineering, arts education, event management, data analytics, and more. To date, YUWO has awarded 364 scholarships totaling $504,375.

The Scholarship Program is supported by generous contributions from YUWO members and friends. Additional funding is generated from the annual distributions from the Magee Fenn Trust Fund, the Gustave and Carol L. Sirot Fund, and the YUWO Trust Fund. The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven invests and manages YUWO’s funds.

YUWO Scholarships are designed for women associated with the Yale community by either their own or their families’ affiliation, whose formal education has been interrupted or delayed, and who wish to resume their studies or enhance their careers. Additional details about eligibility, applications, and deadlines may be found on our website at www.yuwowomen.org.

Membership in YUWO

Membership in the Yale University Women’s Organization (YUWO) is open to any person who, by virtue of individual or family affiliation, past or present, is associated with the Yale community. YUWO dues are $40 per year, payable at the beginning of the academic year. Payment of dues allows participation in any YUWO activity or interest group. Some interest groups have additional fees. Dues also cover a subscription to the newsletter. Membership forms are available online at www.yuwowomen.org. For more information, contact Membership Chair Willi Stahura at 203.678.4126.

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