



Save the Date! Lunch & Learn Zoom

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022
12:00-1:00pm**

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“Chasing Numbers through the Sky”

*Very Happy Holidays
and
A Joyous New Year*



Save the Dates April 4, 13, 20 and 27

The Spring Lecture Series Karyl Evans Productions

1. “Mabel Osgood Wright: Pioneering Conservationist”
2. “The Life and Gardens of Beatrix Farrand”
3. “Letter from Italy, 1944: A New American Oratorio”
4. “Award Videos for the CT Women’s Hall of Fame”



President’s Letter to YUWO Members and the YUWO Community

I’m sharing with you a cropped photo from pre-Covid travels to the Battlefields of France and Belgium where the Remembrance Poppy graces the landscape. December is a time to reflect and thank. I have mastered the art of heading YUWO for the last 3 ½ years with the help, guidance and wisdom of my able Board. To all the women who have served with me, Thank you! Thank you! The list is too long. You know who you are.

May the small group Activity parties flourish this December in lieu of our Holiday party. There is always next year. In the spirit of Peace and Remembrance, on Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 pm, (the time we might have gathered together with glasses raised on high) I would like to suggest that you stream “All is Calm” on Channel 13’s Passport App. This is a musical docu-drama that retells the December truce of 1914 by weaving together firsthand accounts of WW I soldiers with patriotic tunes, trench songs and Christmas carols. “All is Calm” is performed by Cantus, an award-winning men’s vocal ensemble based in Minneapolis. Happy Calm and Joyous New Year!

— *Mary-Jo Worthey Warren, President 2018-2022*

YUWO Monthly Book Groups – Read On!

The #2 Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom

On December 20 we will discuss *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. The place is undecided, so stay tuned. On January 17, again not sure where, we will discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

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

The (First) Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm

Traditionally we hold a holiday party in December. Everyone brings treats to share. We read poetry and select books and hosts for the year to come, based on recommendations and votes. We will meet this year on Monday, December 13.

Contact Louise Ciulla (203) 288-5195, or lciulla@yahoo.com

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom

Our December 14 selection is *Vesper Flights* by Helen McDonald. On January 11 we plan to discuss *Night Boat to Tangier* by Kevin Barry.

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

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am

If you are interested in joining a book group, we are welcoming new members. We are planning to have a potluck lunch with our December meeting to celebrate the holidays. We usually have coffee provided by the hostess. This will be a bit more expansive and preparation shared by all. We are a small enough group that it works out easily and safely.

Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdefronzo@gmail.com

Remember, Books Make Great Gifts! Support Your Local Book Stores.

YUWO ACTIVITY GROUPS



Above, YUWO Walkers head up to the East Rock Park Summit on a stunning autumn day. At right: Architect Jay Bright, who has worked on many historic renovations in New Haven, leads a November 2 tour of Hill House Avenue. [Photos: Marion Petrelli]



JANUARY 2022 LUNCH & LEARN

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On January 18, 2022 from 12-1p.m., please join a Lunch and Learn Zoom session with Meg Oates, an analyst at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Washington, DC. Meg will give a talk titled, “Chasing Numbers through the Sky.” Climate change is causing floods and droughts, more frequent and more intense hurricanes, altering the distribution of fisheries, and threatening coastal resources. All of these challenges require more data to help the nation better understand and mitigate the impact of climate change. NOAA’s aircraft, which include the famous Hurricane Hunters, are uniquely equipped to collect much of this data. Learn about the work of NOAA’s aircraft, and how aircraft operations are changing to meet growing demands for climate data.

Meg Oates is an analyst at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with 15 years of experience in environmental policy. She works with NOAA’s marine and aircraft operations to incorporate changing needs and policy decisions into the President’s Budget request to Congress. Meg’s work has spanned environmental issues ranging from developing a new model to determine habitat restoration needs to expanding the use of uncrewed systems.

FALL & SPRING LECTURE SERIES

The YUWO **Fall Lecture Series** featured a very timely set of presentations by Yale faculty from the Yale School of the Environment, Yale Divinity School, Yale Law School, Yale School of Medicine and Yale School of Nursing. In this lecture, titled “Sustainability at Yale: A Hotbed of Hope!” we zoomed with the best in learning about issues of planetary health, climate migration, energy sustainability, the development of a world class living village, the awe-inspiring movement of religion and ecology and the power of effective communication on the climate crisis. With thanks to Ginger Chapman, the director of the Yale Office of Sustainability, her presentation of the very optimistic yet complicated goals set by the University in achieving gold status in the near future inspired us with great hope and clarity. Many thanks to all who attended for supporting these efforts to keeping education at all levels a top priority. [See page 5 for readings and websites from the Fall Series.]

The **Spring Lecture Series** will feature Ms. Karyl Evans, founder of Karyl Evans Productions, with four documentary lectures surrounding historical women figures of Connecticut. Ms. Evans is an award-winning photographer and videographer whose documentaries seek to identify women in Connecticut who have established themselves as pioneers in women’s suffrage, conservation, landscape architecture, science and leadership among indigenous people. For a preview, please go to <https://www.karylevansproductions.com/film-projects>. We are scheduled for April 4, 13, 20 and 27, and more detailed information about the topics will be forthcoming. We hope to see you all there, with any luck, at the West Campus Conference Center. Let’s all look forward to a great season with great hope.

Happy holidays to all, with best wishes for a beautiful and safe new year. — *Sandra Greer*

YUWO ACTIVITY GROUPS (cont. from page 2)

Film Group: The film group has been meeting monthly via Zoom. The last film we discussed was “The Dead”, by John Huston, based on the short story by James Joyce. Our talks are interesting, enlightening and we always learn something new. We will meet at Mary-Jo’s condo for a holiday gathering as well as to plan for next year. For now we will stay on Zoom, but options will be considered. If you are interested in joining the group, contact bernardinawilcox@gmail.com

Patty Pollard Made a Difference! We Miss Her.

Patty Pollard has left Connecticut and moved to California, and her YUWO friends all miss her!

Patty was one of the most active members of YUWO in recent times. Twice YUWO president—from 2006 to 2010—she also served as longtime leader of a book group, YUWO Walkers, and Luncheon Gourmet. Her hallmark trait was kindness. “It wasn’t just all the things she did that made her special. It was how she made other people feel great,” a friend commented.

Patty is a native of California. After attending Stanford and graduating from Pomona College, she married Tom Pollard, who became President of Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla.

Twenty years ago, Patty and Tom moved to Branford when Tom joined Yale University as Chair of the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology. Patty had been an educational and community service activist before coming to New Haven and joining YUWO.

Patty and Tom have two children, Katherine and Daniel, and three grandsons. They are all active hikers and gather at the Pollard Ranch where they have thriving vineyards in Napa.

Retirement plans were made well in advance of their return to Berkeley, CA, where they are still busy upgrading their home, including a lab for Tom!



Patty’s Berkeley address is:

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Berkeley, CA 94707

— *Information contributed by
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Readings and websites from the Fall 2021 YUWO Lecture Series

From Ginger Chapman, Director, Yale Office of Sustainability

Donella Meadows, “Thinking in Systems”

From Maya Prabhu, Yale School of Medicine (Psychiatry) and Yale Law School

“World Bank Groundswell Report” (can be googled and downloaded)

From Dean Indy Burke, Yale School of the Environment

A Better Planet: 40 Big Ideas for a Sustainable Future. Daniel Esty, Editor, Yale University Press

From Dean Ann Kurth, Yale School of Nursing

“Safeguarding human health in the Anthropocene epoch: Report of the Rockefeller Foundation-Lancet Commission on planetary health” www.thelancet.com, vol 386, November 14, 2015

From Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

Jane Goodall, *Reason for Hope*, 1999, Warner Books

Jane Goodall, *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grimm, *Thomas Berry: Selected Writings on the Earth Community*, 2014, Orbis Books

Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker, *Journey of the Universe*, 2011, Yale University Press

Thomas Berry: A Biography <<https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fthomas-berry.org%2F%2Flife-and-thought%2Fthomas-berry-a-biography-columbia-2019&data=02%7C01%7Cmaryevelyn.tucker%40yale.edu%7C07f80884abd4482c470708d7c77fe17e%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C0%7C637197224360279330&sdata=Aan1AtEFDkM0pgCZYAxgWw9ZjAoTVZ52b9aJnJMYL-9E%3D&reserved=0>>

From Jennifer Marlon, Yale Program on Climate Change Communication

Katharine Hayhoe on TedWomen (What can I do: Talk about it)

Yale Climate Connections

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/>

International Public Opinion on Climate Change

<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/international-public-opinion-on-climate-change/>

Americans’ willingness to prepare for “climate change” vs. “extreme weather”

<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/americans-willingness-to-prepare-for-climate-change-vs-extreme-weather/>

Young adults, across party lines, are more willing to take climate action

<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/young-adults-climate-activism/>

Six Americas Super Short Survey

<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/sassy/>