



Fall Zoom Lecture Series: Sustainability

Wednesday,
November 3 at 10:30
Last lecture in Fall Lecture Series



Lunch & Learn Zoom Save the date!

November 16, 2021 (12:00-1:00)
Professor Dudley Andrew will
examine "What Cinema Is."

YUWO Membership

All YUWO programs depend on a supportive membership. If you have not already, please return the form in this Newsletter. Make sure you are listed in the Membership Directory that goes out in December.



*Hillhouse Avenue Circa 1905
with Sachem Woods visible.
Photographer unknown –
Yale Library Historic photo*

Save the Date!

Tuesday
November 2 at 10:30am

Walking Tour
of
Historic Hillhouse Avenue
with Jay Bright, Architect

PLEASE NOTE:
This tour is weather dependent so
please sign up with Shavaun
Towers Bennett by email at
stowers@tps-lass.com or by
phone at 203-915-1858.

See page 3 for full details.



President's Letter to YUWO Members and the YUWO Community

My condo door decoration changes with the seasons. This helps me monitor the year's passing. Fall is here and I have hung a neutral wreath, the month before I hang my festive holiday wreath. This is a reminder for me to begin to plan ahead for the end of the year. In the spirit of safety, the YUWO Board voted not to hold a large indoor December gathering. Instead, Bernie Wilcox is encouraging each Activity Chair to hold a small, festive gathering in their comfort pods. If you need help or encouragement, contact me or Bernie (714-749-8998 or bernardinawilcox@gmail.com)

October offered YUWO members good weather to manage a hybrid month with big spaces for indoor and outdoor activities. See the photos enclosed for the Gourmet Luncheon, the Hill-Stead outing, and Chris Wigren's Tour of the New Haven Green.

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

YUWO Monthly Book Groups – Read On!

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

Our September meeting was devoted to making decisions about the upcoming months. On October 18 we discussed *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, and November 15's selection is *The Netanyahus* by Joshua Cohen.

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

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

Linda Badgley will lead the group discussion of *Homeland Elegies* by Ayad Akhtar on Monday, November 15. Group members will be sent an email once the location has been determined. Our December meeting is traditionally when everyone submits the name of a book to be read in the coming year, and we vote for eleven titles. If time allows, we each read a poem. It's a festive meeting with food and drink, too..

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

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom

The book to be discussed on Tuesday, November 9, will be *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. December 14, the title is *Vesper Flights* by Helen MacDonald.

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

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am (Hybrid)

The morning book group will meet Thursday, November 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Gretchen Kingsley to discuss *1776* by David McCullough. If you are interested in joining a book group, we are welcoming new members. We are also 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 preparations will be 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

YUWO ACTIVITY GROUPS

Italian Group – Do you speak Italian? Do you want to gather for conversation with others who do? The next meeting for the Italian group is November 17, 11 a.m., at the Guilford Free Library across from the Green. For more information, contact Elena Phillips at elena.phillips@gmail.com.

Film Group – The YUWO Zoom Film Group meets once per month on the last Monday around 11:30 am. Members watch a chosen film at home and prepare to discuss it with the group. About a week before the meeting, a list of discussion prompts is sent to the members. Films are chosen organically by the group leader or any member who has a suggestion. So far, we have watched *The Dissident*, *The Sound of Metal*, *Remains of the Day*, *Howard's End*, *The English Patient*, *Chinatown* and in October, *Moulin Rouge*. Discussions have been lively and interesting with members contributing additional background information. Membership is around sixteen people, with 8 – 10 showing up regularly. We have learned a lot about films and very much enjoy it!

For November we will watch, on our own, John Huston's *The Dead*, which is based on a James Joyce short story. We will meet on Zoom on Monday, November 22 to discuss. In December we will gather for a potluck lunch at MJW's condo, where she has a copy of the film. Some of us will finally enjoy a face to face meeting and will watch selective scenes from the movie.

Election Day Tour
Tuesday, November 2 at 10:30am

Walking Tour
of
Historic Hillhouse Avenue with Jay Bright, Architect
Meet at Lichtenstein sculpture across Sachem Street at the head of Hillhouse Ave.

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Special Tour of the Humanities Center replaced by Hillhouse Avenue tour with Jay Bright

Architect Jay Bright has graciously volunteered to give us a walking lecture on the architecture/history of Hillhouse Avenue on Tuesday, November 2 at 10:30. We will begin at the head (north end) of the Avenue, walk down the two blocks of the west side and then return up the east side. (In the spring we hope to have a different tour of the Avenue's gardens.)

Jay is a certified historic architect who has won awards from both the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation (now Preservation Connecticut) and the New Haven Preservation Trust. His work has been published in national publications including Traditional Building and Period Homes. One of his colonial renovation projects was featured on HGTV's "Restore America." Visit <https://jaybrightarchitect.com> for more information. Some of you may have met him this week on our very successful tour of the New Haven Green with Chris Wigren.

This tour is weather dependent. In case of any questions, contact Shavaun Towers Bennett at 203-915-1858.

NOVEMBER LUNCH & LEARN

November 16, 2021 (12:00-1:00 pm on Zoom)

Lunch & Learn presents Dudley Andrew, R. Selden Rose Professor of Comparative Literature and Professor of Film Studies at Yale, on “What Cinema Is.” Andrew attended Notre Dame to study English and Philosophy, then Columbia University to learn filmmaking. He first encountered French film theory during the turbulent period of 1968. After earning a PhD at the University of Iowa in the English department’s Program of Modern Letters while teaching film theory and history, he came to Yale in 2000, where he established a doctorate in which Film Studies is combined with one of 9 traditional disciplines. Andrew chaired Comp Lit from 2009-2013, working with grad students on the French literary and philosophical milieu, or on issues that cross between Cinema and Literature. He teaches undergraduate courses in World Cinema and in adaptation, and seminars on the work of Bazin, whose complete works he curates in a dedicated archive at Yale. Andrew provides a link to French cinema’s illustrious past from his personal encounters with legendary figures like Renoir, Truffaut, Resnais, Rohmer, and Marker. In 2006 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2011 the Society for Cinema and Media Studies conferred on him its Lifetime Achievement Award. Contact Mary-Jo Warren at warrenmaryjo1635@gmail.com for the zoom link.

YUWO Scholarship Program Makes an Impact

By Jane Shaw, Chair

This year’s Scholarship Program is off to a strong beginning, thanks to generous donations of more than \$6,335 from 97 donors. Wouldn’t it be a wonderful statement to our community to announce that we had 100% participation in 2022?

As a member of the Scholarship Committee, I have been inspired by the true stories of women overcoming obstacles to further their education, some of them changing career direction to follow their dreams. Throughout the year, we hope to share their stories with you.

Our four 2020-21 Scholars are hard at work as they pursue degrees at Harvard, SCSU, and Yale, with awards ranging from \$2,280 to \$9,500. Hui Yang is a full-time student in the Yale Advanced Professional MPH program, having already received MD and PhD degrees in China. Rowan Avery McWade has begun her course of part-time study at SCSU, planning to obtain an MS in Library and Information Sciences with a concentration in Cultural Heritage Informatics. Emily Roback is on track to receive her MBA from SCSU, juggling her career at Yale and becoming a new mother in the middle of the pandemic. Emily Chew is enrolled in the Arts in Education program at Harvard Graduate School of Education where she is able to create, practice, and reflect while receiving instruction and feedback.

One of the great pleasures our committee enjoys is sending Book Awards to our scholars. Each woman receives a check which she can use for books or whatever else she needs, solely at her discretion. “Wow, thank you so much,” wrote one recipient. “The scholarship has already been so impactful in my learning! I appreciate this extra gift. The scholarship has been a huge blessing in allowing me to further my learning.”

A Picture-Perfect Hill-Stead House Tour

The day could not have been milder, the sky bluer, the grounds more lovely than during the YUWO trip to the Hill-Stead House and Beatrice Farrand's Sunken Garden. Several carloads of YUWO members met on the grounds near Farmington on Thursday, October 21. The home, now a museum, is exactly as it was left by the owner, Theodate Pope Riddle. Her father's collection of early Impressionist paintings highlighted the tour for many. Would you expect to see two Monet haystack paintings, a large Mary Cassatt portrait of mother and children, Whistler



drawings, and more in a 1901 Colonial Revival mansion on a hill in northern Connecticut? We were impressed by the paintings, multiple fireplaces, and separate rooms for every occasion from morning to dinner to after-dining musical entertaining, all furnished with period pieces plus a great number of artifacts collected on Theodate's tours of Europe. We only regretted the fact that, although we could see the butler's pantry, the kitchen had long ago been turned into an office for the staff. They didn't think anyone would want to see the kitchen! If you were unable to join the YUWO outing, go to www.hillstead.org for more information about a trip on your own.

... and a Beautiful Day on the New Haven Green!

Over 20 YUWO members and guests met Shavaun Towers Bennett, Chair of Local Excursions, and Christopher Wigren, Deputy Director of Preservation Connecticut, at the flagpole on the lower Green on Tuesday, October 12. Chris had given a virtual Zoom tour of the Green in May 2021 and this was a follow-up. Chris helped the group visualize and understand the history and growth of the heart of New Haven over four centuries.



Let Them Eat Pie!

The Gourmet Group gathered for its first meeting of the year at the Gouveia Winery in October. If you haven't been here, it's a treat! Located high on a hill near Wallingford, the Winery offers a very large selection of wines and a generous dining room. Diners must bring their own food and buy the beverages. Our dishes were all pies, savory or sweet, echoing a Gourmet



Group gathering from ten years ago.

For this one, Nancy Charles made a great dessert tart. The recipe is available below.

Nancy Charles's Cranberry Pecan 10-inch Tart

1 cup coarsely chopped pecans (3/4 cup for tart, 1/4 for topping)
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries (if frozen defrost prior to adding to batter)
Demerara sugar for sprinkling
2 large eggs lightly beaten
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon almond extract
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter melted, plus more for pans
1 cup all-purpose flour

1. Heat oven to 350 with rack in center. Spread nuts on baking pan. Bake until fragrant, about minutes. Transfer nuts to bowl and set aside to cool. Reduce temperature at 325 to bake the tart.
2. Brush 10-inch tart pan with melted butter to coat insides evenly. (or use 12 fluted tartlet molds: 3 3/4 inch by 3/4 inch round)
3. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, sugar, almond extract, melted butter and flour (batter will be thick). Stir in cranberries and 3/4 cup pecans.
4. Fill pan(s). Sprinkle with remaining pecans and demerara sugar. Bake until golden and slightly crusty on top and cake tester inserted in center comes out clean, 35-40 minutes. Transfer to cooling rack. Once cool, you may serve it with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, and garnish with orange zest.



Yale University Women's Organization
Membership Registration Form 2021-2022

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\$40.00

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