

THE PRESENT DAY CLUB

APRIL 2010

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Elegant taverns of the 18th century, forerunners of today's restaurants, served as centers for conversations, both social and business, but more importantly they were the settings for gala entertainment. Evenings spent there provided both men and women with an opportunity to enjoy a culinary experience while visiting with friends. One of the recognized Taverns of that era, City Tavern in Philadelphia, still exists today. History tells us that John Adams was one of its patrons.

On April 10th "John Adams" will visit Princeton for an evening at "The Present Day Tavern." Upon arrival, guests will enter a charming ballroom decorated in the authentic style of the period. In the background harpsichord music will be playing. The menu for the dinner will provide the same culinary experience that members of the Continental Congress enjoyed so many years ago.

The main event of the dinner theater will be the appearance of a professional actor and actress who will impersonate John and Abigail Adams. They will appear in the dress of the period and will relate the story of the eventful life they led.

As David McCullough tells us in his book entitled *John Adams*. John "is a brilliant, fiercely independent, often irascible, always honest Yankee patriot, who spared nothing in his zeal for the American Revolution." McCullough poses the question, "What were those 'self-evident' truths that so many risked all for, fought for and died for? What was the source of their courage?" We will be able to ask these questions and others during the evening.

This will be an event which will bring to life the history of that most important era, one that forever shaped our country. Join with fellow Club members and guests as we celebrate an elegant 18th century evening with John and Abigail Adams.

Cordially,
Janet T. Reiche,
President

APRIL LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

Note: Reservations will be accepted for April luncheons beginning March 18, 2010.

WED., APRIL 7

12:30 P.M. Luncheon
\$15 (tax included)
MEMBERS & GUESTS
Chair: Margie Stockwell

RESILIENT FRAGILITY...

GLASS AS AN ARTIST'S MUSE

Humanity has been fascinated by glass for centuries. Santa Fe artist Flo Perkins will give a brief overview of its history, featuring images of several of the objects that have inspired generations of glass artists. Flo, who has been part of the studio glass movement in the United States since 1974, will talk about her journey with this legendary medium and share her motivation for creating her unique sculptures.

WED., APRIL 14

12:30 P.M. Luncheon
\$15 (tax included)
MEMBERS & GUESTS
Chair: Mary Giordmaine

BECOMING A CONDUCTOR:

AN IMPROBABLE JOURNEY FOR A SOUTHERN GIRL

As a southern girl, learning music was an accepted part of Frances Slade's education. It wasn't until she completed graduate school that she decided to concentrate on conducting major works with orchestra. Uncertain of where this goal would take her, she told herself, "If I can just conduct the Brahms requiem, I'll be happy." Our fellow club member Frances, founder and conductor of the Princeton Pro Musica Chorus and Orchestra, will conduct her favorite requiem for the fifth time next month. She'll trace the arc of her journey with us.

WED., APRIL 21

12:30 P.M. Luncheon
\$20 (tax included)
MEMBERS ONLY

SPRING FASHION SHOW

KiKi D's will show a selection of name-brand dresses, jackets, wraps and accessories for special occasions and casual gatherings. Noteworthy is KiKi D's wide array of fabrics, sizes and price tags. And, in our time honored tradition, our models for the show will be our fellow PDC members. Sign up early!

WED., APRIL 28

12:30 P.M. Luncheon
\$15 (tax included)
MEMBERS & GUESTS
Chair: Patty Morse

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH!

A trio of poets from U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative will read their own works as well as selections from the Cooperative's newly published journal, *U.S. 1 Worksheets*. Jean Hollander, a prize-winning poet renowned for three collections, has nurtured numerous local poets in her classes and workshops. Among them are Nancy Scott, author of two collections and a chapbook of her poems and Linda Arntzenius, a professional writer, formerly with Town Topics. Her byline appears regularly in Princeton Magazine. Listen carefully; you won't want to miss a word.

ACTIVITIES

REMINDER: No reservation for any activity will be accepted until the Club Manager has received your check.

SPRING THEATRE

April 7 *The Addams Family* \$150.00 Lunt-Fontanne Theatre
205 W. 46th Street
Starring Nathan Lane and Bebe Neuwirth

To accommodate members, for one week after receipt of Bulletin, theatre tickets are limited to members only. After said week, non-members, when accompanied by a member, add \$10 extra to the cost of the ticket. The theatre bus will depart from Windsor Green Shopping Center, Route 1, by Marshalls at 10:00 a.m. If you want transportation only to and from New York the fare is \$25. Lunch will be on your own. Bus questions, call Melanie Rauch (Info. deleted) . Theatre questions, call Maureen Watson (Info. deleted) , or Ethel Koszeghy (Info. deleted) .

THE BOOK GROUP

April 19	<i>Champlain's Dream</i> David Hackett-Fischer	June 21	<i>The Madonnas of Leningrad</i> Debra Dean
May 17	BOOK SELECTION MONTH		

Monthly meetings take place on the Mondays scheduled above with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by the book discussion at 1:30 p.m. If you are not on the master list for attendance, please call Christine to let her know you are attending. Regular members should call Christine if they cannot attend. Questions? Call Shirley Guard at (Info. deleted) or Arie Wittke (Info. deleted).

MAHJONGG

Our MAHJONGG games will continue every Tuesday afternoon in April starting at 1:30 pm. at the Club. Players who know the basics of the game with some previous playing experience are all welcome. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served along with "lite bites" for purchase. To order your 2010 MAHJONGG "sequence" card please call the National Mahjongg League at 212-246-3052. The card costs \$8.00 for the large print. Please call Patty Tappan (Info. deleted) , or email (Info. deleted) by the Sunday preceding the Tuesday you wish to play so we can set up the proper number of tables and boards for the games. May the tiles be with us for the April games!

SPRING FASHION SHOW

The Present Day Club Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mary Hagemann of KiKi D's
1225 State Road, Princeton

*Will show her collection of distinctive evening and casual clothes
Enhanced with an array of outstanding accessories.*

BALLROOM ART EXHIBIT

Art exhibited in the Ballroom through April 15 is the work of Princeton artist Ellie Wyeth. As an illustrator, her work has been published in *New Jersey, a Guide to the State; Irons in the fire; and Princeton, The first 250 years*. Her paintings have won entrance in juried exhibitions at the Phillips Mill Gallery, New Hope; the Coryell Gallery, Lambertville; and the show *Celebration of Women in Art* at the Woodrow Wilson School. For many years, she has been a member of Transformations, a local fine arts and crafts group in Princeton.

FROM THE HISTORIAN

PRESENT DAY CLUB TAKES ACTION

On May 16, 1898, a village improvement committee was appointed and chaired by Mrs. Lawrence Hutton assisted by four other club members. their first public step was "to petition the mayor and common council of the borough to prohibit the posting of bills and notices upon the trees, and to restrict same to store windows and bill boards. "This environmentally conscious group also tackled sanitary conditions, streets and vacant lots with such vigor that a larger town group called the community league was formed in October 1899.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

On April 26, 2010, the admissions committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. to review applications of candidates. A coffee will be held at 10 a.m. to meet candidates for membership with their proposers. As a proposer, you must have completed the application form found in the Members Room, following the directions attached to it. If you have questions, please call Arleen Hoffman, Chair of Admissions Committee at (Info. deleted) . Keep in mind that the Club now offers new members prorated dues on a monthly basis at 1/12 of annual dues.



18th Century
Dinner and Entertainment



starring

John and Abigail Adams
at our Historic Club House

Saturday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.
members and guests invited

Donation—\$75 per person

Cash bar

*Checks payable to **The Present Day Club** by March 26th
will secure your reservation.*

HOSPITALITY

Hostesses in charge of hospitality for the Wednesday luncheons in April are:

April 7	Arleen Hoffman	April 14	Kathy Fluss
April 21	Barbara Chatham	April 28	Arleen Hoffman

All members are reminded that they are required to serve as a waitress two times during each Club year. The waitress sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If a member signs up for waitress duty and later finds she is unable to serve, it is her responsibility to find a substitute. Please notify the hostess-in-charge of this change. A member may volunteer to act as hostess, which is less physically demanding than waitress duty. If you are not *physically* able to waitress or hostess, you may make a contribution of \$25 to the Club's Flower Fund.

BRIDGE

Sanctioned games, starting at 9:30 and followed by a mini-lesson will continue on Friday mornings. Play will end at 12:30 and the lesson must end by 1 p.m. in order to free up the room for other activities.

Members are thanked for their spirited and helpful response to a request for input into some of their preferences on how this game should be organized. While it is impossible to take all ideas into account, decisions have been made, as always, based on the wishes of the majority. It is regretted that we can't incorporate everyone's wishes, but such matters are always open to change.

So far we have had only two guests at our Friday Bridge. Remember to support the game and the Club by using this way to introduce some of your non-member friends to the benefits offered by the Present Day Club.

Thank you also to those members who routinely arrive early and help set up the game. Many of you have been doing this for several years and your support is much appreciated.

The next Club Championship will be on Friday, March 26. Play will start promptly at 9:30 and there will be no lesson following the game.

THE PRESENT DAY CLUB SPRING TRIP

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

Spend the day exploring the beautiful Brandywine River Valley

We start the day at the Brandywine River Museum in Chadd's Ford PA. See the collection of works by three generations of Wyeths and tour the N.C. Wyeth House and Studio with private guides. Enjoy the Spring display in the wildflower gardens.

Our next stop is the Simon Pearce Store in West Chester, PA where we will have a three course lunch in the elegant riverfront restaurant. See the glass blowing demonstration and shop for pieces from the Simon Pearce collection of distinctive handcrafted glassware, dinnerware and gifts (including reduced price seconds and discontinued items).

The trip includes: Comfortable bus with restroom, all entry fees, guides and a 3 course lunch. A cash bar is available.

The bus will leave from the Mountain Ave parking lot promptly at 8:15 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m. Cost for trip is \$80 (Add \$10 extra for non-members).

Please make reservations by giving your check payable to The Present Day Club to Christine before April 30, 2010.

Questions call Dorothy Meggitt *(Info. deleted)* .

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Dear Club Members,

On Tuesday, April 13, Flo Perkins will host a tour of her exhibit at Grounds for Sculpture for a group of 15 Present Day Club members. As you read from our April luncheon schedule, Flo will be our speaker on April 7.

The tour will be from 11 a.m. until 12 noon in the Industrial Arts Building at Grounds for Sculpture. Call Christine to reserve your spot. She will take the first 15 people and a very short waiting list.

The cost of the tour itself is \$10 per person. A check payable to Present Day Club must be received by Christine to secure your reservation.

You will be responsible for your own transportation. And you will need to pay the usual fee to enter GFS. (\$12/adults; \$10/seniors). Once our private tour is over, you can have

lunch in the café -- which is in the same building as the glass exhibit -- and you are free to stay and visit the other exhibits and the outside sculptures for as long as you like.

Note to Theater-goers: If you are attending the theater trip on April 7, this is your chance to hear Flo Perkins discuss her body of work at the exhibit site.

If this proves to be a well received activity, we will look for more opportunities to put together this type of 'local' mini-trip in connection with future luncheon speakers.

See you at lunch
Marge D'Amico
Jane DeLung