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Scholarship Dinner/Lecture

Tuesday, November 10

Dinner at 5:45 Lecture at 7:15

Chair: Diane Grabowski

“Catherine the Great, Volga Germans and Alzheimer’s Disease”

Dr. Thomas Bird, Professor of Medicine and Neurology, will be the speaker at the Annual Scholarship Dinner and Lecture. Dr. Bird has a longstanding interest in hereditary diseases of the nervous system. Dr. Bird’s research into genetic factors influencing Alzheimer’s disease led to a surprising and fascinating historical trail of politics, sociology and immigration. He will discuss how the unexpected consequences of Catherine the Great’s political decisions in the 18th Century ultimately led more than 200 years later to the discovery of a gene for Alzheimer’s disease at the University of Washington.

Dr. Bird graduated from Dartmouth College and Cornell Medical School and completed his internship, Neurology residency and Medical Genetics fellowship at the University of Washington.

He became a pioneer in Clinical Neurogenetics establishing the first clinic for adult neurogenetics in the country at the UW in 1974. He is now Professor (Emeritus) of Neurology and Medicine (Medical Genetics) and Head of the Division of Neurogenetics at the UW. He has been active in the UW Alzheimer Disease Research Center and the Huntington’s Disease Center of Excellence. He and his colleagues have been instrumental in discovering genes for many neurological diseases including Alzheimer, Frontotemporal Dementia, Hereditary Ataxia, Charcot-Marie-Tooth neuropathy and movement disorders such as chorea and dystonia. He and his family have lived for many years in Lake Forest Park.

The University of Washington Faculty Auxiliary

Cordially invites you to our

Annual Holiday Tea

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

From 1:30 to 3:30

At The Waterfront Activities Center

Located directly behind Husky Stadium

on Union Bay and Montlake Cut

(parking permit required)

Chairs: Tina Schiess and Evette Hackman

The Holiday Tea at the WAC

The Holiday Tea will be at the Waterfront Activities Center (WAC) this year while the President’s house is being remodeled.

Parking for The Waterfront Activities Center is anywhere in the area called E 12 behind Husky stadium. Park anywhere in E 12 including the spaces marked Media parking, as that applies only during for Husky Games.

The parking meter is right in front of the building, as you can see in the picture. Parking costs \$3.00 an hour. Those who have retirement parking privileges must go on campus to the parking booth to request a permit for WAC before parking at the WAC. Entrance to the building is at the parking level.

This is a good time to car pool.



Tina Schiess and Dagmar Shannon stand by the parking meter in front of the Waterfront Activities Center, where the Annual Holiday Tea will be held.



President's Message

Fall Reception

How did we get so lucky? I guess the heavens were just looking down on us with favor as we met again for our Annual Fall Reception at the Unitarian Church in brilliant sunshine and blue skies.

We had a good turnout and new members were introduced. It is always great to see folks bring friends and relatives for a first look at what our organization does, and does so well: provide an environment for companionship and friendship through participation in the Interest Groups. This year we had a new twist as Carol Ingram, who was stepping in for our traveling Interest Group Chair Traudi Krausser, began the introduction of the different interest groups with a fun and provocative question. We in the audience had to guess which Interest Group the question referred to. In this way she got the audience thinking before each Chair of the Interest Group said a few words about her group. Though I have attended many Fall Receptions, I still find it great to hear about all the diverse activities that are covered by our Interest Groups. Thank you, Carol, for stepping up and doing such a fine job!



A big thank you goes to Mary Albrecht as well for being a "Pro" at the art of creating an inviting table. Her organizational skills in lining up all the volunteers- from bringing the refreshments to the setup and cleanup- are remarkable. If you belong to that wonderful group of people, a big heartfelt thank you goes to you too. More thanks also go to Mimi Wagar, who with her innate sense of beauty, gave the main table the ultimate flair with an arrangement of pots of Chrysanthemums that were later raffled off.



With dedicated people like that, how can we not be lucky, and our gatherings nothing short of perfectly wonderful. A great big "Thank you" to all who helped and to all who attended.

~Dagmar Shannon
UWFA President

In Memoriam

Mary Hjorth



Our long time member and dear friend Mary Hjorth passed away peacefully at her home on Oct 22nd, 2015. She was born in 1942 in County Wicklow, Ireland, and followed her sister to America. In New York she met a promising young lawyer named Roland Hjorth and the two were married in 1969. Ron accepted a position here at the UW School of Law in 1970 where he later became Dean, while Mary followed her own career as a teacher.

Mary's warm, open and positive outlook on life made her a favorite among us. She participated in

Tuesday Trekkers group, Gallery Goers, and Seattle Seattle. Mary is survived by her husband Roland and daughter Heather Hjorth. It was Mary's wish that in lieu of flowers, donation should be made to the UWA Scholarship Fund. Mary will be sorely missed.

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Editor's Notes

Ever since the UWFA Newsletter has been available by email and on our website, people have asked that we not be send them pink paper copy. Our membership over the last years has become more accustomed to the digital world.

The Board is discussing a proposal to send the Newsletter by email only, with a paper copy available for people who request it. Meanwhile, let us know if your email address in the Directory you received this week has changed. Let us know if you do not get an E mailed copy.

~Hady De Jong, Newsletter Editor
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Dinner and a Movie

Wednesday, January 13 at 7:15

Dinner at 5:45



Bringing Up Baby

Director: Howard Hawks 1938

Starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant

In pursuit of sorely needed research funding, absent minded professor and paleontologist David Huxley bumbles his way through adventures that include a beautiful heiress, wardrobe malfunctions, a leopard, mistaken leopard identities, and a night in jail. The definitive screwball comedy, this film was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress as culturally significant.

One of the funniest movies ever made.

~Esther Neeser
Program Co-chair

Gallery Goers and Seattle Seattle

Wednesday, November 18

For the combined November outing, Gallery Goers and Seattle Seattle will visit the new Cascadia Art Museum in Edmonds on Wednesday, November 18 at 11 a.m. with lunch following at Arnie's in Edmonds.

Cascadia Art Museum, which opened in September, is the first museum dedicated to Northwest art from the late 19th century through the 1960s, defined by the waters that flow from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.



Cascadia Art Museum in Edmonds- a repurposed Safeway store.

The photo above looks like an architectural rendering. In reality it is a very handsome re-purposed Safeway store with nice landscaping done by the curators of the Dunn Gardens. The exhibits we'll see include paintings done by local watercolor artists working in the first half of the twentieth century preceding the formation of the Northwest Watercolor Society. Several of the artists were associated with the UW. We'll also see an exhibit of vintage Christmas cards.

Tuesday Trekkers



Traudi Krausser ready for rain.

Like many of our Interest Groups, Tuesday Trekkers meet year round. This September Interest Group Chair Traudi Krausser and her husband John led a group of ten hardy hikers on a route of

about 150 km in lower Austria over nine days. The "Thayatalweg" followed trails, roads, footpaths, forest track, and lanes set up by the Austrian Ministry of Tourism through small villages and hamlets along the Thaya River and the Czech border. A local paper published an article on their trip.

Meanwhile in Seattle, the main contingent of TT continued to take advantage of warm, dry weather for local hikes.

New UWFA Honorary President



Dagmar Shannon and Nancy Kenagy met with Prof. Susan Joslyn, spouse of newly elected UW President Ana Marie Cauce, and are happy to announce that Prof. Joslyn agreed to be our new Honorary President. The spouse of the UW President is traditionally the Honorary President of UWFA.

Prof. Joslyn is an Associate Professor of Psychology and will be at our Annual Holiday Tea in December.

German Group

The first German Interest Group meeting was a splendid success with thirteen attending. The group welcomed two new members, Dotty Shireman and Carol Ingram, who were well-prepared when it came time to participate in this month's discussion topic. It was good to get off to a fine start.

The group met at the home of Lisbeth Pisk. The topic question was: if, as in WW II relocation camps or current Middle East and African flight situation, you had to evacuate on short notice and perhaps would never return, what one item would you take with you and why? This was an opportunity for some members to tell of personal wartime experiences and others of fire and earthquake scares. Many would take photo albums, jewelry to sell, passports.....

~Lisbeth Pisk

Travelogue

Mongolia and the Gobi Desert

By Paul Mongillo

Wednesday, 18 November

Paul spent six weeks traveling alone in NW Mongolia and the Gobi Desert during September and October of 2014 with no other plan but to see where his wanderings would take him. In the Mongolian countryside he found the nomadic/herder culture and the Kazakh tradition of eagle hunting to be thriving. He ate and stayed with families living in gers (yurts). He was met with smiles, curiosity and generosity. His was truly an amazing adventure in "The Land of the Eternal Blue Sky".

January 20, 2016

Wild Siberia: Kamchatka, Sea of Okhotsk, and Sakhalin Island

By Mary Johanson

In July 2014 Mary Johanson voyaged on the Sea of Okhotsk from the Kamchatka Peninsula on the east to the Kuril Islands on the southeast and along its western shores. The region is one of the planet's least explored regions and yet is a most remarkable destination with untouched forests, pristine tundra, and abundant wildlife.

Date	Event	Place	Time	Program
Tuesday November 10	Scholarship Dinner Chair: Diane Grabowski	UW Club	5:45 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	"Catherine the Great, Volga Germans and Alzheimer's Disease", by Dr. Thomas Bird. Meet the students who will be receiving the UWFA Scholarships.
Wednesday November 18	Travelogue Chair: Joan Bowers	UW Club	5:45 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	"Mongolia and the Gobi Desert" by Paul Mongillo
Tuesday December 8	Annual Holiday Tea	Waterfront Activities Center	1:30 to 3:30 pm	A new location for this favorite event. Meet the new UW President and her spouse.
Wednesday December 16	UW Club members' Holiday Dinner	UW Club	Please call the Club to reserve.	The Dickens Carolers
Wednesday January 13	Dinner and a Movie	UW Club	5:45 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	<i>Bringing Up Baby</i> (1938), Directed by Howard Hawks Starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant
Wednesday January 20	Travelogue	UW Club	5:45 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Program	Wild Siberia: Kamchatka, Sea of Okhotsk, and Sakhalin Island, by Mary Johanson

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Members of our Afternoon at the Movies group are showing off the 3-D glasses they wore to see the sci-fi blockbuster *The Martian*. A great booster for STEM studies, the movie is the story of an astronaut stranded on Mars with a meager supply of equipment and supplies, the Martian must use his wits to "science the sh-t" out of the situation to survive and be rescued.

Peter Schiess emerges from an abandoned mine he was exploring on a recent hike on the Olympic Peninsula with the Tuesday Trekkers.

