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SUMMER PROGRAMS 2011

QUABBIN FIELD TRIP

Monday, June 6, 2011

Rain date is Monday, June 13, 2011

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

HUDSON VALLEY TOUR

Wednesday & Thursday, June 15 & 16, 2011

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CHESTER THEATRE PRODUCTION OF *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE*

Thursday, July 14, 2011

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NEW CENTURY THEATRE PRODUCTION OF *SUPERIOR DONUTS*

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TOUR OF MEAD ART MUSEUM, AMHERST COLLEGE

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TANGLEWOOD TRIP

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TOUR OF FORD HALL, SMITH COLLEGE

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

ALL-5CLIR GET-REACQUAINTED POTLUCK LUNCH

Tuesday, September 13

Rain date, Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Please register on the sign-up form at the back of this booklet and return the registration form with your check, to arrive by May 14.

The sign-up form for the Hudson River Valley trip is on the back of the main sign-up sheet.

QUABBIN: WATER, FORESTS AND FORESTRY

Monday, June 6, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Rain date: Monday, June 13, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Quabbin Reservation (eastern side)

We will learn about the Quabbin Reservoir and the role of forests and forest management in maintaining the quality and quantity of the water supply for Boston and much of eastern Massachusetts. We'll begin at the Quabbin's Conference Center with the history of the reservoir and water distribution system, and a discussion by one of Quabbin's foresters of forest management practices within the context of and as a tool for watershed protection.

We will then travel in Quabbin's vans (driven by the highly knowledgeable Quabbin staff) to the eastern side of Quabbin to see the forest and some sites of forest management in the past few years. We'll eat lunch outdoors, so remember to pack a lunch that's easily eaten in the woods. And be sure to use insect repellent to ward off ticks and mosquitoes and to have with you any pertinent emergency medical equipment (e.g., Epipen for anyone allergic to stings).

Because we will be traveling by van, the size of the group is strictly limited; the vans can hold 13 people! Pre-registration is required; early registration is strongly suggested so you aren't left out.

- 10:00 a.m. Meet at Blue Meadow Road Conference Center (near the Quabbin Administration Building /Visitor's Center) off Route 9 in Belchertown for the presentation.
- 11:00 a.m. Leave by DCR vans for forestry field tour.
- 12:00 noon Lunch outdoors. Everyone brings own.
- 2:00 p.m. Return to Administration Building.

We will be walking short distances on uneven ground, then standing to look, listen, and talk. There are no steep hills. You will need to wear sturdy footwear, and bring sunscreen, tick and insect repellent, lunch, and water to drink.

Directions: Take Route 9 east in Belchertown to the main entrance to Quabbin (3 miles from the intersection of Routes 9 and 202). Turn left into the entrance road (there is a sign). Go 1/10th mile to Blue Meadow Road on left; go down Blue Meadow Road 1/10th mile to the Conference Center (the second building on the left). There is a sign facing the road and room to park along the driveway. (If you miss the turn and go to the Administration Building, the staff at the Visitor's Center can guide you to the Conference Center.) Please carpool if possible.

Contact person: Elisa Campbell

Please register on the registration form at the end of this catalog.

5CLIR Computer Workshops
Tuesday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. –12:00 noon
and
Tuesday, June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The 5CLIR Tech Committee will hold two computer workshops on Tuesday, June 7, in Room 203, Green Hall, Smith College.

1. 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon “Improving Your Word Document”

This is a repeat of a workshop offered in January that many could not attend because of bad weather. Among the topics that will be covered are:

- Creating and formatting tables
- Inserting and formatting pictures and clipart into a Word doc.
- Using Headers and Footers to display dates, page numbers, etc.

2. 1:00 –4:00 p.m. “Making Better Presentations using PowerPoint”

This is another “encore” of a very popular workshop we held last June. It will cover the basics of PowerPoint, but will also show non-technical suggestions for better presentations.

Since we are now being charged a small fee for use of the room, each participant will be asked for a “donation” of \$2 to cover the cost.

For more information, please contact Jim Harvey.

Please register on the registration form at the end of this catalog.

HUDSON VALLEY TRIP

Wednesday and Thursday, June 15 and 16

5CLR art and food lovers should choose this two-day trip to the nearby Hudson River Valley to see the incredible art, both indoors and in the beautiful surrounding gardens of the Rockefeller Estate near Tarrytown, NY. We will also visit the small Union Church, with its stained glass windows by Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse, built by the younger Rockefellers to memorialize their parents. After an overnight stay near Newburgh, NY, we will spend most of the second day at the renowned Storm King Art Center, with its beautiful rolling lawns dotted with its distinguished collection of American and European modern sculpture. The trip ends with dinner at your choice of one of the three top restaurants at the mecca of cuisine, the CIA (Culinary Institute of America) in Hyde Park.

Bus trip from Northampton, departing at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, returning on Thursday, at around 11:00 p.m.

Cost: \$130 (See detailed itinerary for *additional* cost of overnight accommodations and our dinner at the CIA.) Itinerary available from the office on request.

Contact: Marybeth Bridegam

Please register on the registration form at the end of this catalog (on the back of the regular sign-up sheet).

Historic Bridge Street Cemetery
Tuesday, June 28, 10:00 A.M.
Rain date, Wednesday, June 29, 10:00 A.M.

Jane Slattery, of the Betty Allen Chapter DAR, will guide us on a tour of the final resting place of founding fathers and mothers, veterans, politicians, locally and nationally famous people, plus some iconography, a little love, a little tragedy, a little gossip, a little geology, a little religion, a little Smith College Faculty, and just visually interesting markers.

Parking can be at the Bridge Street School parking lot so as not to clog up access should a burial be taking place.

Rubbings can be destructive to old stones, so we ask that you not plan on doing any.

Those who are interested might like to get together for lunch at one of Northampton's many interesting eateries.

Contact person: Dorothy Gorra

Please register on the registration form at the end of this catalog.

Summer Theater Outings

Chester Theater Company, Chester, MA
Thursday, July 14, 2:00 p.m.

***Pride and Prejudice*, adapted from the Jane Austen novel by Daniel Kramer.**

Jane Austin's classic romance as you know and love it, but with bonus material – bloggers, commentators, scholars, even Jane Austen herself. With five actors playing over 30 roles, Kramer's deconstruction of one of the world's most popular love stories not only delivers all the delightful romantic twists and turns of the novel's plot, it also looks at our love affair with reading and, in particular, with this extraordinary book.

Tickets: \$23.00 per person (group rate).

Car pools can be arranged among those who register. The theater is on Route 20, about one hour from Northampton.

Contact: Ellen Peck

I will be there to distribute tickets at the door.

Please register on the form at the end of this catalog.

New Century Theater, Smith College
Sunday, July 31, 2:00 p.m.

***Superior Donuts* by Tracy Letts.**

Written by the Pulitzer prize-winning playwright of *August*, *Osage County*, *Superior Donuts* is the story of aging hippie Arthur Przybyszewski, the proprietor of a rundown donut shop that has been in his family for six decades. Into his isolated and sedentary world strolls Franco Wicks, a young charismatic dreamer who longs to be a writer. Franco becomes Arthur's sole employee and together, this unlikely duo, face the challenges of their respective pasts and discover the redemptive power of true friendship. Chris Jones of the Chicago Tribune calls *Superior Donuts* "A meditation on Chicago's old soul...A witty, seductive, live-wire and greatly entertaining dark comedy that you just don't want to end."

Tickets: \$23.00 per person (group rate).

Contact: Ellen Peck

Please register on the form at the end of this catalog.

A SUMMER DAY IN BOSTON

Thursday, July 21, 7:30 a.m.

Two unique experiences in Boston! Choose your destination: The New England Historic Genealogical Society for research on your ancestors, or visit the new American Wing at the Museum of Fine Arts. We will share a bus trip to the city on July 21, where you can do research or visit the Museum of Fine Arts and its newly installed American collection.

The first group will visit the eight-storey New England Historic Genealogical Society on Newbury Street. Founded in 1845, the NEHGS is one of the country's leading resources for family history research. The staff will provide an orientation tour especially for our group at the beginning of the day. In addition, 5CLIR members seeking guidance in preparing for their research may wish to attend a 2-hour session with the genealogy interest group on Thursday afternoon, June 16. Whether your family came to this country in the 17th century or the 20th century, NEHGS offers open-stack access to an incredible collection of primary materials and other resources that can make your research productive and rewarding. The over 200,000 books, 100,000 microfilms and more than 2 million manuscripts offer information in a wide variety of geographic and ethnic areas.

The second group will visit the newly completed American Wing at the Museum of Fine Arts, designed by Foster Partners of London, which dramatically improves the museum's ability to exhibit and interpret more than 5,000 works of art from the United States, Central and South America. Special exhibits include: "Dale Chihuly: Through the Looking Glass," an examination of the magical material of glass in a display which represents the breadth and scope of the artist's work. Also: "Embroidery of Colonial Boston: pictorial embroideries of colonial Boston" by girls and women, whose charm and craftsmanship have made these textiles highly sought after by collectors. There will be ample opportunity to visit the rest of the museum as well.

Cost: \$45.00 per person includes bus, driver's tip, and admission to either NEHGS or MFA. Bring your lunch or dine at a close-by restaurant on Newbury Street or at the MFA. Each 5CLIR member signing up for the trip may bring one non-member as a guest.

Itinerary:

- 7:30 a.m. Leave Northampton (Sheldon Field) at 7:30 a.m.
- c. 9:30 a.m. Drop off at NEHGS
- c. 10:00 a.m. Drop off at MFA
- 3:30 p.m. Pick up at MFA
- c. 4:00 p.m. Pick up at NEHGS
- c. 6:00 p.m. Arrive Sheldon Field, Northampton

For further information: on NEHGS: call Barbara Reitt.
on MFA: call Honoré David.

Deadline for reservation or cancellation: July 6, 2011

Please register on the form at the end of this catalog.

MEAD ART MUSEUM
AMHERST COLLEGE

Tuesday, August 2, 10:00 a.m.

The Mead's collection of American art is considered one of the finest and most varied in an academic institution, ranging from Homer and portraits by Copley to Hudson River landscapes and modern works by Henri, Bellows and Stella.

European art includes major paintings by Rubens, Reynolds and Monet.

All this and more: Russian modern art and West African sculpture; Japanese woodblock prints.

We'll have a guided Highlights Tour of these treasures.

The tour is limited to 24.

Contact person: Dorothy Gorra

Please register on the form at the end of this catalog.

BUS TRIP TO TANGLEWOOD

Saturday, August 13, 7:45 a.m.

5CLIR will again offer its traditionally popular outing to a Tanglewood rehearsal. This year's program features famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma, with Christoph von Dohnányi conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Schumann's *Cello Concerto*, Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony* (No. 1), and the Brahms *Symphony No. 1*. The pre-rehearsal talk begins at 9:30 a.m. and the open rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. Tanglewood has changed its ticketing approach and pricing for rehearsals, replacing the open seating used in past years with assigned seats. To obtain seats reasonably near the front of the Shed, we have had to pay substantially more for tickets.

Date: Saturday, August 13

Time: The bus will depart from the commuter lot at Sheldon Field at 7:45 a.m. SHARP; the lot is on Bridge Street (Route 9) near the Three-County Fairgrounds. We expect to return to the lot at about 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$52.00 per person for transportation, driver's gratuity, and admission.

Lunch: You're welcome to bring a brown bag lunch or to purchase lunch at Tanglewood's outdoor lunchroom. Some may want to picnic on the lawn after the rehearsal if weather permits. In case of rain, shelter may be found in the cafeteria tent.

Registration: Please register on the form at the end of this catalog. This event is open to 5CLIR members plus one guest per member on a "First come, first served" basis. *NOTE:* No refunds on cancellations made after June 22, 2011, because of 5CLIR's obligation to Tanglewood.

Contact Person: Carol Jolly

Please register on the form at the end of this catalog.

FORD HALL TOUR

Tuesday, August 16, 11:00 A.M.

Meeting place: foyer of Ford Hall on Green Street, Northampton

Smith College has quite literally broken new ground in building Ford Hall, the first engineering and molecular sciences building ever built for women. Dr. Thomas Litwin, Professor of Biological Sciences, has kindly agreed to arrange a tour of this remarkable building on Tuesday, August 16. We offered this tour over a year ago, but those who couldn't attend requested that we plan it again. Ford Hall is truly state-of-the-art in both infrastructure and scientific equipment. It is impressive as a piece of architecture. Valley history is reflected in details, such as mill-style windows. Energy efficiency and sustainability are stressed throughout, with a roof garden that gathers "gray water" for use in the building. There are wet labs, and dry labs, and gathering and meeting spaces everywhere. The whole feel of the building is openness, fostering collaboration, which is essential to good science and good research. The tour is limited to 15.

When: Tuesday, August 16, at 11:00 A.M.

Where: Ford Hall, Green Street, Northampton (Accessible)

Contact person: Anne Lombard

Please register on the registration form at the end of this catalog.

All-LIR Get-Reacquainted Potluck Picnic Lunch

Tuesday, September 13, at noon

Rain date, September 14

At the Gaustads, 20 Ward Avenue, Northampton

At the end of the summer it's time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Potluck: A – L bring main dish, bread, salad, vegetable, or hors d'oeuvres
M – Z bring dessert or fruit

Utensils and beverages will be provided.

Bringing your own cup or mug will cut down on paper waste.

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 13, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Rain date, September 14, same time

Place: The back yard of John and Gail Gaustad's house
20 Ward Avenue, Northampton

Contact persons: Gail Gaustad or
Anne Lombard

If in doubt about the weather, call Gail or Anne or check your email.

Please register on the registration form at the end of this catalog.

Summer Programs Registration Form
This form must be received in the office by May 14th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

Quabbin Field Trip (June 6)

_____ people coming

Technology Workshop (June 7)

_____ people coming a.m. @ \$2.00 per person \$ _____

_____ people coming p.m. @ \$2.00 per person \$ _____

Hudson Valley Trip (June 15–16)

See reverse side of this form

Bridge Street Cemetery Tour (June 28)

_____ people coming

Chester Theatre production of *Pride and Prejudice* (July 14)

_____ people coming at \$23 each \$ _____

Summer Day in Boston (July 21)

_____ people coming at \$45 each \$ _____

NCT production of *Superior Donuts* (July 31)

_____ tickets at \$23 each \$ _____

Mead Art Museum, Amherst College (August 2)

_____ people coming

Bus trip to Tanglewood (August 13)

_____ people coming at \$52 each \$ _____

Tour of Ford Hall (August 16)

_____ people coming

All-5CLIR potluck luncheon (September 13; rain date is Sept 14)

_____ people coming

Grand total \$ _____

Make your check out to Five Colleges, Inc.

Mail to reach the office by May 14 to:

5CLIR, 9 Mason Hall, Smith College,

Northampton, MA 01063

Sign-up for Hudson Valley trip – must arrive in office by May 14

If you are mailing this near the deadline, please let the office know.

*****Registration – and checklist for your own aide-mémoire:**

Name _____

Reservation for _____ persons @ \$130 per person \$_____

Check for \$130 per person must be sent to 5CLIR office by May 14
(this covers bus hire, driver's gratuity, and all admissions and tours)

_____ Room reservation made & paid for at Hampton Inn. *See below for details.*
Note: cost is for the room – 1 or 2 people, & includes dinner and breakfast.
I reserved a room with _____ King-size bed or _____ two double beds
_____ I am a single and would like to share a room.

_____ Received confirmation number from Hampton Inn (at time of reservation)

Confirmation # _____

*****Choice of Restaurant at the Culinary Institute of America:**

My first choice of restaurant is:

Escoffier _____ or

American Bounty _____ or

Ristorante Caterina de'Medici _____

Number of people in my reservation _____

My second choice of restaurant _____

(in case too late to get first choice)

*****To make your room reservation at the Hampton Inn:**

1. Call the Hampton Inn, Newburgh, NY: 1-845-567-9100 *or* 1-800-426-7866.
2. Tell the hotel receptionist that you are calling as a member of the Five College Learning in Retirement Group, and that the rooms are reserved for the night of Wednesday, June 15th, 2011.
3. Tell the receptionist the type of room you require from the choices they are reserving for our group, that is, a room with king-size bed or room with two double beds.
4. Give the receptionist your credit card number to which she will charge the room price of \$129 + tax = \$145.93. NOTE: this includes the cost of the room for up to two people, dinner at the hotel, and your cooked breakfast on Thursday, June 16.
5. Get a confirmation number from the receptionist **and bring the number with you on the trip!**