



5CLIR REPORTER

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CALENDAR...

October 2007

Thursday, October 4, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Viewpoints Discussion Group
Highland Valley Elder Services,
320 Riverside Drive, Florence
(contact Hy Edelstein @ 584-3060)

Thursdays, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Spanish conversation with Marianne Jakus
2nd floor (Amherst Room), Jones Library, Amherst
(contact Marianne @ 575-2449 on weekends
or 9-10 p.m. weekdays or email her at
mariannejakus@hotmail.com)

Thursday, October 4, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Curriculum Committee meeting
Five Colleges HQ, Amherst

Friday, October 5, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
First Aid II & More
with Doris Holden & Cooley Dickinson nurse
Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton
(see inside or contact Doris at 253-5993 or
drh@external.umass.edu)
(see page 3 inside for more details)

Fridays, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:30-3:30
French conversation with Judith Pool
Greenleaves Community Room, Hadley
(contact: Judith @ 586-2190)

Fridays, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Bridge with Leo Sartori
Rockridge Retirement Community
25 Coles Meadow Road, Northampton
(contact Leo at 467-3626)

...save the dates...

Thursday, October 11 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Council meeting
Five Colleges HQ, Amherst

Thursday, October 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Travel Interest Group
Travel to China with Marybeth Bridegam:
Dragon Boat Races, Guilin, & the Li River
Highland Valley Elder Services,
(contact Syma or Philippe Meyer at
549-6507 or baboum1@aol.com)

Friday, October 19, 10 a.m.-noon
British Comedy Film Series:
Sir Alec Guinness in The Lavender Hill Mob
Keefe Campus Center, Amherst College
(contact: Eleanor Shattuck @ 585-8006
or eleanors@charter.net)
(details on page 2 inside for optional lunch!)

Thursday, October 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Arts Interest Group:
Loiuse Nevelson by Naomi Yanis &
Jean Dubuffet by Gillian Morbey
Room 114, UMass Continuing Ed Bldg, Hadley
(contact: Betsy Van Dyke @ 549-0975)
(see page 3 inside for more details)

Fridays, October 26; Nov 2, 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Opera Prep Workshop with Peg Bedell
Mt Tom Room, Easthampton Lathrop
(for those who have already signed up!)
(contact Peg Bedell on 586-8661 or
peggotty25@aol.com)

Friday, October 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Book Club: contact Ruth Wade 256-8876 or
rkwade@comcast.net

Fridays, Oct 26 & Nov 2, 10:00-noon
Long-Range Planning meetings
(see page 4 inside for details)

Bits and Pieces

Dragon Boat Races, Guilin, & the Li River of South China an afternoon journey with Marybeth Bridegam

What: Travel Interest Group presentation by Marybeth Bridegam

When: Thursday, October 18th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Highland Valley Elder Services, 320 Riverside Drive, Florence

Contact: Syma or Philippe Meyer @ 549-6507 or baboum1@aol.com

All welcome -- no need to register!

Movie and Munch

The *Lavender Hill Mob*, the second of our three Alec Guinness films (part of Special Program's British Comedy Film Series), will be shown in Keefe Auditorium of the Amherst College Campus Center on Friday, October 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

If you are planning to attend and would like to join me at the Amherst College dining facility in Valentine Hall afterwards, let me know and I will make reservations for a table there.

Eleanor Shattuck

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Accolades for 5CLIR Members...

Paul Berman, who joined LIR this spring, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and also made a member of the admissions committee.

...but no points for Crocker.com

Monika Vizedom kindly wrote in to tell me the following bit of unwelcome news:

"Crocker's new junk mail sorter is classifying your communications as junk. They're giving everyone a chance to correct it or any other erroneous entries, but those who don't bother are out of luck."

So, don't be out of luck...if you have a Crocker email address, check your Crocker junk mail and put 5CLIR in your address book. Please enter both addresses: ckorszak@email.smith.edu and the more generic 5clir@email.smith.edu.

Thanks,
Callie

Arts Interest Group

The first three programs this fall deal with the amazingly rich period of American art done from the end of WWII to the end of the 20th century. In late September, Betsy Van Dyke gave an overview of the period to introduce the program, accompanying her lecture with many slides to illustrate her talk.

For those who'd like a bit more detail about upcoming sessions: in October, Naomi Yanis will talk about Louise Nevelson, American sculptor (1899–1988). Born in Russia, from age 6 Louise lived in Rockland, Maine, where her father owned a lumber yard. She began her art career as a painter and assisted Diego Rivera on his Rockefeller Center mural. She turned to sculpture in her mid-thirties, working with wood for 25

years. She became well known for her original, painted wood boxed forms. At age 60 she began working with steel and plexiglass.

Continuing with the October program, Gillian Morbey will speak about and show slides of the work of Jean Dubuffet, renowned French painter/sculptor (1901–1985.) After working in his family's wine dealing business, he began his serious artistic career at age 42. Now free of the need to sell his paintings, he rejected his traditional art training, taking inspiration from the streets, from obscure people, the mentally ill and children, believing that the "ugly" can harbor "infinite wonders." In his later years he created large styrofoam sculptures.

Come and join us – plenty of free parking – and no need to register! If you have questions, please ring Betsy Van Dyke on 549-0975.

First Aid II and More

Susan Gaughan, Emergency Services Coordinator at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital, will continue discussions of a health care proxy, comfort care/do not resuscitate order, safety at home, safety and medications, and common emergencies.

She will give an overview of the new building at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, the new Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery Program, free and low-cost screenings, support groups, classes offered at Cooley Dickinson, and what to expect as we get older.

This is not a repeat of last year's program. It is a new program with new information. Bring your questions. Susan has or will get answers.

For information, please contact Doris Holden at 253-5993 or drh@external.umass.edu

When: Friday, October 5, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Where: Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Conference Room B (ask when you get inside the hospital!)

Valet parking: from Main Entrance, follow signs (free).

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**A chance for everyone to participate in the Long-Range Planning process
Please plan to attend one of the two listed forums**

5CLIR has periodically asked a committee to consider the questions of “who are we and who do we want to become?” (See the 2004 Strategic Plan on the website.) We, the present committee, see no need to revise our mission statement: “To enrich our lives by providing forums for sharing the pleasures of active learning,” or to reduce our commitment to peer-led seminars, but we do need to address certain issues that need consideration for the continued growth and vigor of the organization.

In the past, we have periodically tweaked the by-laws and created new policies. These are now quite confusing and sometimes inconsistent. This time we propose to try to include as many members as possible in the discussion of our future by inviting you to come to one of two forums to discuss the following issues :

- 1) How to pay for our existing programs and services (\$200 x 240 members barely covers at present and there are always new needs)**
- 2) How to continue to attract new and younger members**
- 3) Whether to increase the variety of our offerings through special programs, perhaps including short lecture/discussion series**
- 4) Whether to change our name to better reflect who we are**
- 5) Other ideas you might want us to consider.**

During the fall, we will distribute a questionnaire which we encourage all to complete, whether you attend a forum or not. Based on the discussions and the results of our questionnaire, the committee of 11, appointed by the President, will draft a proposal for streamlining the by-laws and fee structure of the organization which will then be discussed in the spring and voted on at the Annual Meeting in May 2008.

This is your chance to participate!

Please plan to come either:

Friday, October 26th, 10:00 – 12:00 at the Smith Field House OR

Friday, November 2nd, 10:00 – 12:00 at UMass Continuing Education, off North Maple Street in Hadley.

Feel free to talk to any of the committee before then:

Larry Ambs and Joan Hastings, Co-Chairs, Mary Franks, Arnold Friedmann, Leo Sartori, Serene Rubin, Kathy Coulombe, Sara Wright, Jim Harvey, Chuck Gillies, Eleanor Shattuck.

Larry Ambs & Joan Hastings, Co-Chairs

CC desperately seeking LTR with PMs!*

* Translation: Curriculum Committee seeking long-term relationship (well, at least one semester!) with potential moderators. We're not exactly desperate, but we have only two meetings left in which to assemble a full curriculum for the Spring 2008 semester.

Bring us your ideas . . . PLEASE and ASAP.

Proposal forms are online at www.5clir.org or from the LIR office or in the appendixes to the *Moderator's Manual*.

5CLIR Potluck Picnic Picture Gallery photos courtesy of Chuck Gillies



L to R: The Friedmanns enjoy a chat with Bert and Elsie Bandman before the lecture on the Barnes Aquifer.



LIR member Honoré David and her husband, Don.



Our speaker from the DEP, Catherine Chamberlain.



L to R: Shirley Tallent, Sheila Klem, Norm Winston, and Laura Cranshaw enjoy the talk.

If this were a CSI computer, I could zoom in on the corner of the nametag and tell you whom John Gaustad (*right*) is holding forth to...please let me know who you are in this picture!



Ruth Hooke and visitor.

The deadline for the November newsletter is Wednesday, 24th October! Please send an email attachment of material you would like to be included. Thanks.

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