Annual Business Meeting

Monday, April 14th, 2014

UW Club

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Please join us for this important meeting for our Club. A quorum is required, as we elect our new officers for the 2014/2015 year and that will have a direct outcome on the smooth running of our UW Faculty Auxiliary.

If you are planning to come, please think of a friend to bring along. We’d love to see you all there. We also have a terrific program for you. Check it out!

Program Speaker

Amy Rubin,

“Women Composers: Their Music and Their Stories”

Join composer/pianist Rubin and her keyboard in a conversation about an eclectic group of women composers from different time periods and musical worlds, including Hildegard von Bingen and Clara Schumann (of the classical music tradition), Mary Lou Williams (jazz), Eloisa de Silva (tango), and Seattle’s Robin Holcomb (new music with folk influences). What were their inspirations and challenges? Who were their mentors? How did they each balance societal expectations for women with the demands of being a creative artist? Through a unique combination of live piano performance, musical analysis, film clips and storytelling, Amy Rubin will create vibrant portraits of these amazing women, whose works are still often unknown treasures and whose stories of perseverance still hold the power to inspire. We will conclude with a dialogue about the opportunities available to women composers today.

Amy Rubin has been presenting concerts and lectures throughout the United States, Europe, Ghana and the Dominican Republic for more than 25 years in venues as diverse as Benaroya Hall, New York’s Lincoln Center and the American Embassy in Ghana. She has been a full-time professor at a number of colleges, including the Cornish College of the Arts. As a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Ghana, she researched rhythmic systems and produced the country’s first Festival of Ghanaian Music. At Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey, she created a festival called Close Encounters With Music Around the World. Amy Rubin is also a member of the UW Faculty Auxiliary and hikes with the Tuesday Trekkers.

This talk is sponsored by Humanities Washington, the state’s flagship non-profit for promoting and providing programs based in the humanities. As Washington State’s affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Washington supports and partners with a wide network of communities, organizations, and individuals offering a variety of programs and events.

Save the Date: May 21st

Our Spring Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 21st at the Seattle Yacht Club. Our guest speaker John Delaney, Professor of Oceanography, will talk about “Understanding the Planetary Life Support System: Next Generation Science in the Ocean Bio Basins”. Please mark your calendars for this popular event.
Dinner/Lecture
Wednesday, March 12th, 2014
UW Club
5:45 pm Dinner - 7:15 pm Program

“Bones Beneath our Feet: The Puget Sound Indian Wars of 1855-56” by Michael Schein

Led by author Michael Schein, this conversation explores the period from the first European-American settlement in Puget Sound to the execution of Chief Leschi, leader of the Native Americans in the Indian War of 1855-56. This is a story of extremes: great courage, cultural misunderstanding, interracial love, heroism, and cruelty. The discussion will cover the trial of Leschi, and the limits of constitutional protections in the face of hysteria and fear (with marked parallels to the War on Terror).

Michael Schein is the author of two historical novels, including Bones Beneath Our Feet, which was set around Puget Sound and was nominated for a Washington State Book Award. He has written a play and many poems and has been twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize. Schein taught American legal history for 15 years at the University of Puget Sound and Seattle University.

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Did You Know

⇒ The UW launched Whole U – a new employee engagement program that brings together campus resources in a holistic way to help faculty and staff make the most of all that the UW community offers.

⇒ The inaugural event on January 24th was an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest kettle bell workout session. Approximately 976 participated in the workout at Dempsey Indoor Center, and UW expects to hear from Guinness soon about the record.

⇒ Certified kettle bell instructor Marti Young led the workout, with help on the stage from President Young (picture), Jacquelyn Jaech, Don Barnard, and Neal Dempsey, namesake of the Center.

⇒ Visit www.washington.edu/wholeu/ to find out about programming and events that encourage healthy lifestyles, personal growth, and engagement utilizing the many great resources found within the UW community.

In Memoriam

Marjorie Call Kimbrough, longtime UWFA member and faithful member of the Tuesday Trekker Group, died on December 25, 2013, courageously choosing Death with Dignity. She was 90 years old. Following her mother's death she was raised by her father, a minister in the Unitarian Church. A lifelong Unitarian herself, she once said that Unitarianism was "my guiding star throughout my life." She married James Irving Kimbrough and they had a marriage of 69 years and were always together. After some years on the east coast she moved to Washington State where she lived with her family for the rest of her life. Throughout her life she was deeply involved in organizations and movements to change the world for the better such as Turn Toward Peace, The Crisis Clinic, Planned Parenthood and Habitat For Humanity. She was a lifelong humanist who believed in the human potential and worked throughout her life to help achieve that potential.
Dinner/Lecture

Wednesday, April 9th, 2014
UW Club
5:45 pm Dinner - 7:15 pm Program

Maria Coryell-Martin “Expeditionary Art”

There is a rich history of artists accompanying explorers to document the natural and unfamiliar world. Join expeditionary artist Maria Coryell-Martin as she shares her experiences continuing this tradition by painting polar and glaciated regions on modern expeditions with scientists.

Maria Coryell-Martin combines field work with studio work. She majored in studio art at Carleton College and was awarded a Thomas J Watson Fellowship to travel around the world for a year to pursue her project “Ties to the Land, Exploring Remote Regions through Art.” Since then she has worked with scientists, local communities and travelers in Alaska, Canada, Greenland and the Antarctic Peninsula. Last spring she did a month of fieldwork in NE Greenland with UW biologist Dr. Kristin Laidre for the project “Imaging the Arctic”, which communicates climate science through art. Her work is currently on display in the group exhibit “Vanishing Ice” at the Whatcom Museum in Bellingham.

Learn more at www.expedionaryart.com.

Travelogue

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014
At UW Club
Dinner at 5:45 pm - Program 7:15 pm

Bill and Audrey Weitkamp present

Cambodia and Vietnam

Join the Weitkamps on their Road Scholar Trip that combined the mysterious temples of Angkor Wat and the other jungle temples of Cambodia’s Khmer Empire, with a trip down the Mekong River on a 20 passenger river boat. In Cambodia they visited a floating village, where even the stores were accessed by boat and in the Mekong Delta they watched customers buy produce from boats anchored midstream and finishing with a visit to Ho Chi Min City, formerly known as Saigon.

Enigmatic Towers in Angkor Wat

Travelogue

Wednesday, April 16, 2014
At UW Club
Dinner at 5:45 pm - Program 7:15 pm

Daniel and Charlotte Waugh present

In the Realms of Tibetan Culture

Dan and Charlotte Waugh feel privileged to have traveled on several occasions in Tibet and adjoining areas of Asia which share Tibetan culture.

This travelogue will explore Tibet itself and illustrate more widely the cultural heritage of Tibetan Buddhism. Experience the monasteries in Sichuan, Tibet itself, and Ladakh; participate in the pilgrimage around the holy Mt. Kailash; and visit remote Mustang in Nepal. As in the previous travelogues the Waughs have done, the talk will be illustrated with professional-quality photographs.

Stupas, with North Face of Mt. Kailash

Tuesday Trekkers at Basecamp, Mazama

When the couples group went to Mazama in January there was little to no snow, but the February ladies group found a totally different situation. 20+ inches of the best powder snow made for excellent cross-country skiing and snow shoeing. But best of all, after a day of great outdoor activities, was the Happy Hour with wine and delicious snacks, Apres Ski style. That’s how the ladies like it, yeah!
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Left: Gallery Goers were at the Glass exhibit at the Nordic Heritage Museum on February 26th under the oh so delightful leadership of Mimi Wagar.

Right: Seattle, on board the Coast Guard Polar Icebreaker Healy on February 19th under the incomparable leadership of Barbara Archbold. (Photo courtesy Anni Fuller)

Below, right and left: Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Another wonderful learning experience with stimulating conversation all in German. Lisbeth Pisk, chairperson, is absolutely wunderbar and the treats by hostess Magdalena Tobe were fit for the finest Kaffeeklatsch in town. The topic was flowers and the Garten….., jawohl!