"Big and Small, Books for All"

Date: March 13 (Tuesday) at 11 am
Free Library of Philadelphia - 3rd Floor - 1901 Vine Street

Come join us in the Rare Book Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia, where you will discover a world of books: big, small, round, long, clay, flat, wearable and more.

As you make your way through the exhibit, you will discover that looks can be deceiving. You may not be able to tell what is inside the book - or if it is even a book at all - without closer investigation. You can explore the meaning of a book as a physical object and that meaning's dependence on form and function.

Meet at the Rare Book Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia - 3rd Floor at 12:30 pm Lunch at Le Pain Quotidien (BYOB) 1937 Callowhill Street, behind the Free Library

Please RSVP to Annette by March 5 either by email: Annette.meertz@gmail.com or by cell phone 610-220-2663

IWCP Annual Business Luncheon

Save the Date: June 12, 2018
We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming

IWCP Annual Business Luncheon
at the White Dog Café in Haverford.
Look for more details in the mail and the next newsletter.
The Way Back: The Paintings of George A. Weymouth

April 24 (Tuesday)
10:45 am

Meet at the Brandywine River Museum of Art - Tour at 11 am
1 Hoffman’s Mill Road, off of Route 1 in Chadds Ford, PA
610-388-2700

Admission: $18 Adults, $15 Seniors

In addition to his roles as founder and board chairman of the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art, a philanthropist and a land and cultural conservationist, George A. "Frolic" Weymouth (1936-2016) was a highly talented artist. This landmark exhibition of approximately sixty-five of Weymouth’s best works of art in all media will reveal the breadth of his visual investigations. From the loose energetic style and monochromatic palette of Weymouth’s early oils in the 1950s, the mature artist, mentored by his close friend Andrew Wyeth, used the mediums of watercolor and egg tempera to create haunting, hushed landscapes and powerful portraits.

www.brandywine.org

12:45 pm Lunch at “Gables at Chadds Ford”
423 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317
610-388-7700
(1.4 miles from Museum)

Reservation under “Annette Meertz” – separate checks requested.

Please RSVP to Annette by April 16 and include a check, payable to “IWCP” for either $18 or $15, whichever age group you are in. Send to: Annette Meertz

Happy Birthday!

March
01 Lydia McAuliffe
03 Ursula Schaufler
07 Maria Sturm
13 Maria Traub
15 Nell Daniels
21 Frieda Lefeber,
Cornelia Vieira
22 Lucia Huegel
24 Andrea Biberger,
Patricia Fernandes
25 Carla Lombardi
26 Helen Phillips
28 Genevieve Biscardi

April
04 Catia Nadalutti,
Karin Volkwein-Caplan
09 Johanna Williams
11 Louise McCabe
13 Helma Godell
20 Lia Boldrini

May
08 Ingrid Brown
10 Wallis Urmenyhazi
13 Cindy Spurdle
16 Bodil Tuma
22 Anette Friedeborn
23 Christine Calbry,
Giuliana Pierson
25 Mary Treisbach
29 Barbara Almstead
30 Chris Jaskulski

Expat Potluck Dinner with or without a Friend

March 18 (Sunday) 6 pm
Erica Plotegher
215-760-2382
ericaplotegher1@gmail.com

April 29 (Sunday) 6 pm
Luciana Aspesi
484-716-2673
Luciasp312@gmail.com
(Max 20 people)

May 27 (Sunday) 6 pm
Genevieve Nicole Lewis
646-246-7351
gnicole1934@yahoo.com
(Max 16 people)

The club is always looking for hostesses for these very popular events. It is a potluck dinner, where everybody brings a dish to share with your fellow friends. At the evening events it is also recommended to bring a bottle of wine as well. You, as the host, can determine when and how many people you can accommodate and just coordinate this evening.

Please get in touch with Irene Boden to sign-up as a hostess anytime for the Expat Dinner and Potluck Luncheons.
Potluck Luncheons

March 20 (Tuesday) 12 pm (noon)
Anette Friedeborn
302-983-3154
afriedeborn@hotmail.com

Atsuko Keller has graciously agreed to demonstrate the Furoshiki and Origami techniques.

April 18 (Wednesday) 12 pm (noon)
Ilse Farrell
215-885-2373
Ilsefarrell1@gmail.com

May 22 (Tuesday) 12 pm (noon)
Linda Borish
610-688-9129
linda158@aol.com

Welcome to our Newest Members

Dr. Mojdeh Keykhah, from Iran, keykham@gmail.com
Heather Saunders, from USA, hsaunders713@gmail.com
Martha Stang, from USA, marthastang1930@gmail.com
Dr. Karin Volkwein-Caplan, from Germany, kvolkwein1@gmail.com

Membership Chair: Christine Calbry, 267-324-3304
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Nemours Mansion and Gardens

May 29 (Tuesday)

11 am – Meet at Nemours Mansion and Gardens
850 Alapocas Drive
Wilmington, DE 19803
302-651-6913

Visits are self-paced and self-guided – maps of the Gardens available at the visitor center.

Owned and developed by the founder, Alfred I. du Pont (1864-1935), Nemours Estate comprises an exquisite, 77-room mansion, the largest formal French gardens in North America, a Chauffeur’s Garage housing a collection of vintage automobiles used on the Estate, and nearly 200 acres of scenic woodlands, meadows and lawns.

Cost: $17, $15 for Seniors

12:30 pm Noon – Lunch venue yet to be determined

More details to follow closer to the event.

Letter from the President

In the middle of this rainy erratic Winter, we are busy planning many Spring and Summer events and I truly wish Spring would already be here. I hope reading this newsletter inspires you to dream of the warm, beautiful, sunny days ahead.

As you might know our potlucks, luncheons and dinners, are very popular among our members. These are always wonderful occasions to mingle with fellow friends, meet new members and some of their partners. I would like to thank Irene Boden in doing such a wonderful job finding hosts for these venues. It’s not easy though! Often, she hears from attendees, who really enjoy going, that they personally can’t host, because they believe they don’t have space for a large crowd! BUT ...this should not hinder you! In Germany we have a saying "Platz ist in der kleinsten Hütte!" It doesn't always need to be a crowd, how about hosting a smaller, more intimate affair. You decide on the number of guests. I assure you, this can be a lot of fun too!

The cornerstone of this club is the participation of all its members. I encourage you to take the initiative and host your fellow members, especially if you never have done this before.

The board and myself are there to help you with inspirations and provide all the support you need. Don’t hesitate to reach out to one of us with your ideas and questions.

Have a lovely Spring. Hugs

Helga

New: Happy Hour in the City

5:00—7:00 pm

Every 2nd Thursday of each Month

March 8 April 12 May 10

The Sofitel Hotel
120 S. 17th Street
Philadelphia

Please contact:
Monika Panger:
215-584-7266 or mmpanger@1919ic.com
To all fellow IWCP book lovers, please come and join us for our book club in the suburbs with an international theme embracing the many nationalities and cultures of our members.

**Date:** April 19

**Book:** *Paris in the Present Tense: A Novel* by Mark Helprin

Mark Helprin’s powerful, rapturous new novel is set in a present-day Paris caught between violent unrest and its well-known, inescapable glories. Seventy-four-year-old Jules Lacour—a maître at Paris-Sorbonne, cellist, widower, veteran of the war in Algeria, and child of the Holocaust—must find a balance between his strong obligations to the past and the attractions and beauties of life and love in the present.

All meetings will take place on Thursdays at 1:00 pm

Please RSVP to: Susan Gatzert-Snyder 610-731-1760
sgatzertsnyder@gmail.com

**Book Club in the City**

**Date:** April 3 (Tuesday)
**Time:** 12:00 - 2:00 pm
**Venue:** Hampshire Condos

**Book:** *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

**Date:** June 6 (Wednesday)
(Time and location TBC)

**Book:** *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

A. J. Fikry’s life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over—and see everything anew.

**RSVP to Gilda** (GildaSchwalb@comcast.net) or **Kathryn** (kathrynbessemer@comcast.net)

Happy Reading!!!
Thanks to all who came to our Holiday Party at St. Davids Golf Club

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The objective of IWCP is to welcome women of all cultures to the Philadelphia area and to promote friendship, cooperation and understanding.