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**Winter Break:** The Club will re-open January 5 from Winter Break.

Lunch will be available to our members on Tuesdays at noon who would like to attend the ART SEMINAR LECTURE SERIES, scheduled for 1:30 in the auditorium at the Walters Art Museum, Tuesdays on January 20 and 27 and February 3 and 17. We hope you will take advantage of a delicious luncheon at Hamilton Street, followed by Aneta Shine's outstanding lectures for the Art Seminar Group. **Note: If your luncheon party is larger than two people, please make a reservation in advance.** You are encouraged to bring guests! *(If you have never attended ASG lectures, their guest fee for the art lectures is \$10 at their door.)* Adjunct professor Aneta Georgievsko-Shine, Art History Department at UMCP, will lecture on **Self Portraits: Truth and Fiction** series. The old saying, attributed to Leonardo, that every painter paints himself, addresses a fundamental aspect of any creation in the visual arts, literature, or music: beyond all cultural and social contexts, works of art express an individual sensibility. This idea gains particular significance in analyzing different ways in which artists have portrayed themselves throughout history: as humble craftsmen or as men of genius (often misunderstood by their contemporaries), as members of an elite or as social outcasts, or as philosophers or as jesters. In these lectures, we explore critical aspects of self-portraiture.

### **JANUARY PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday, January 6. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.**  
**Dr. Holly Taylor – Ebola and the Ethical Issues Raised in Treatment and Research** It seems that the more Ebola is in the headlines, the more confusion is generated. A shifting response from government and health officials and successes and failures in American medicine's treatment procedures and protocols have raised both scientific disagreements and questions about the ethics of treatment and research efforts. Dr. Holly A. Taylor, PhD and MPH, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Core Faculty member of the JH Berman Institute of Bioethics. With her primary interests in research ethics, local implementation of Federal policy relevant to human subject research, HIV/AIDS policy, and qualitative research methods, she is eminently qualified to speak with us about the ethical issues raised in research and treatment of this dreaded and often-misunderstood disease.

**Wednesday, January 7. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.** Join us for a 30 minute documentary, *The Building of a Sanctuary*, about the institutional history of our own Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital. The film was a major impetus to founding a museum at the hospital, as well as a self guided walking tour of the grounds. **Bonnie Katz**, Vice President, Business Development and Support Operations, will describe the changes at Sheppard and update us on its health system.

**Thursday, January 15. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.** Our new and updated club website will be premiering soon! Join us for a walk through the new website and learn how to navigate the pages and make reservations with our webmaster, Julia Cole of JETWeb Studio. Bring your laptop, tablets, or other devices with you for an interactive event, and Julia will answer your questions. If time allows she will also discuss social media and their differences.

**Thursday, January 22, Luncheon with Guest Speaker, Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15.** If you're tired of shielding your eyes from beat-up old North Avenue, help is on the way! **The Station North Arts District** (named for North Avenue and Penn Station) is gaining traction and is about to become an important part of Baltimore. Our guest speaker is **Charlie Duff, President of Jubilee Baltimore** (a non profit development and neighborhood revitalization organization). Charlie and Jubilee Baltimore are developing some of Station North's biggest and most interesting projects, so Charlie is in a good position to let us know what's happening, why it's happening, what's next, and what it all adds up to.

**Monday, January 26. Current Events Discussion: Lunch and Discussion at noon.** Please join us as we contemplate and try to understand the issues of the day with the help of articles by respected thinkers. Come and bring your informed views and your sense of humor.

**Monday, January 26. French Table: 12:00-1:00.** Join other Club members for an hour of conversation and lunch, *en français* with a little English, but mostly French. You don't have to be fluent to enjoy the hour -- come listen and speak when you wish. Please sign up in advance.

**Thursday, January 29. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.** **Dr. Ellen Silbergeld** holds a PhD in Environmental Engineering from John Hopkins University where she is a Professor in Epidemiology, Environmental Health Sciences and Health Policy and Management. Her research and professional activities bridge science and public policy and she is well known for her work on problems associated with the large chicken farms along the eastern shore of Maryland. She has received numerous awards, including a lifetime achievement award from the Society of Toxicology, the Barsky Award of the APHA, and a MacArthur "genius" award. She will talk to us about the connections between worker health and food safety that she addresses in her forthcoming book: *Aiming for the Heart – the connections between worker health and food safety*. In addition to talking about agriculture and food safety, she will share with us some surprising facts about Maryland history and the Chesapeake Bay.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, February 5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15.** Please join **Marian Feldman, Professor of Art and Near Eastern Studies at Johns Hopkins**, for a talk on *Cultural Heritage, Looting and Antiquities – A Discussion of the Current Situation in Iraq*. The protection and preservation of cultural heritage has always been a concern for archaeologists working in the Middle East, but with the breakdown of stable forms of government in many countries, the situation has become critical. In this presentation, she will review some of the recent events in Iraq, including the looting of the Iraq Museum in April, 2003, the subsequent systematic looting of archaeological sites, and the current iconoclastic actions of ISIS, and she will provide a big picture account of the role of cultural heritage in contemporary politics.

**Thursday, February 19. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.** **Digging up History in Patterson Park** - Patterson Park, known as Hampstead Hill in the early 1800s, was the site of Baltimore's major defensive position against a British land invasion in the War of 1812. With funding from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority and the National Park Service

American Battlefield Protection Program, Baltimore Heritage completed an archaeological investigation of Patterson Park in spring 2014. In just a few weeks of digging, the archeological team recovered a thousand artifacts from 1814-era musket balls to left-over animal bones, helping us learn more about the history of Patterson Park and the people of Baltimore. Baltimore Heritage also offered a unique hands-on learning opportunity to over 700 Baltimore City Public School students and over 500 visitors to Patterson Park who stopped by to learn more about the project. **Eli Pousson** is the Director of Preservation and Outreach for Baltimore Heritage and has worked with Baltimore Heritage since October, 2009. Baltimore Heritage is the city's historic preservation nonprofit with two staff and a community of volunteers working to preserve and promote Baltimore's historic buildings and neighborhoods. Prior to moving to Baltimore, Eli worked for the DC Office of Historic Preservation and completed graduate work in anthropology and historic preservation at the University of Maryland College Park. Eli continues to work with the Lakeland Community Heritage Project in Prince George's County and the Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks & Landscapes.

**Wednesday, March 4. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. Willa Banks**, Educational Programs Administrator at Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, will give an illustrated talk on the **Life and Times of Benjamin Banneker**, a free black man and native Marylander. His story begins in the late 1600s with the marriage of his grandmother, Molly Welch, an indentured English milk maiden, to his grandfather Bannaka, a Senegalese prince who had been enslaved prior to their marriage in Baltimore County. Their grandson, Benjamin Banneker, a third generation Bannaka, became one of the first African American men of science who made significant local and national achievements. Willa Banks will take us along his journey as she presents a virtual tour of his original farmstead, now a county park dedicated to his memory.

**Wednesday, March 11. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15. Kurt L. Schmoke** was appointed as the University of Baltimore's eighth president in July last year, bringing to the University a wealth of experience in public service, a lifelong concern for higher education, and a record of talented leadership. President Schmoke served as Baltimore's mayor from 1987-1999. After serving as dean of the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., (2003-2012) he was appointed general counsel for Howard and also served as the institution's interim provost. As Baltimore's mayor, Kurt Schmoke initiated innovative programs in housing, education, public health, and economic development, and in 1992, President George H. W. Bush awarded the National Literacy Award to President Schmoke for his efforts to promote adult literacy. A Yale graduate, a Rhodes Scholar, a public servant, and educational leader, Kurt Schmoke will talk with us about the goals, challenges, and opportunities he sees for the University of Baltimore.

### **AROUND THE CLUB**

**A gentle reminder, if you have not already done so** - the holiday season is upon us, a time we ask you to contribute to the holiday staff gift fund. Remember your meetings and lunches at the Club do not include gratuities for our staff. For those of you who have asked, the average contribution is \$75.00, but any amount is appreciated.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**Elinor Hirsch** joins us after a career in fundraising for independent schools and community involvement for the Community Chest in Englewood, New Jersey. She holds a B.A. from New York University and a M.A. in Liberal Arts from St. John's College in Annapolis. In addition to her interest in school issues, Elinor listed the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Walters Art Museum and the Baltimore Museum of Art.

**Susan Morseth** loves pursuing theatre, French, astronomy and travel ... when she is not working full-time for the American Civil Liberties Union.