

THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB

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MARCH PROGRAMS

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00: Evening dinner with spring wine pairings at the Club! Join us for a festive break from winter's chill. Bob Schindler of Pinehurst Wine Shoppe will guide our journey with commentary about the six wines on offer. He is up to the task! The only 'California Wine Wizard' in Maryland, Bob has been the owner of Pinehurst for over 22 years.

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Prior to dinner, we will enjoy two types of champagne upstairs. *Charles de Fere Rose* is lively and fruity, elegant and well balanced with a solid finish. *Naveran 2012* is organically grown in clay and limestone soils. Notes of apple skin, crisp citrus (grapefruit) and fresh, lively effervescence are found in this light bodied, fresh, and interesting sparkler.

The fish course [or your choice of an alternate] is paired with two whites. *La Roche Saint Jean 2012* is very crisp and clean with an enjoyable finish. Lovely as an aperitif or with chicken, fish or pasta, it's 100% sauvignon blanc. *Mer Soleil Silver Unoaked Chardonnay 2012*. The grapes that produce this wine are grown in the Santa Lucia Highlands in California. This is a pure wine with all the vitality and mineral character of the earthy soil in which it is grown. Silver is the purist "unoaked" expression of the best chardonnay grapes and can be enjoyed with a wide array of foods.

Our meat course offering is beef [or your choice of an alternate]. Again, you have two wines as the final pairing. *Borsao Tres Picos 2012* is a deep ruby color, with loads of strawberry, black cherry fruit, and hints of lavender and crushed rocks. Sweet tannins and a broad, savory 'mouth feel' make this a crowd pleaser.

The second red wine choice is very popular. *Pinehurst Wine Cellars Cuvee 5 2008* is a perfect blend of all five Bordeaux grapes: 41% Cabernet Sauvignon; 18% Merlot; 17% Cabernet Franc; 15% Petite Verdot and 9% Malbec. It is medium bodied with a Bordeaux style blend. On the palate there

is an abundance of black fruit and undertones of cocoa and white pepper. Enjoy with hard cheeses, savory roasted meals or hearty pasta dishes.

We are limited to 40 members and guests at \$45 per person. Make your reservations early so you can enjoy this delicious and rare opportunity!

March 1- May 30, 2015 EXHIBIT A: Our next exhibiting artist is **John Dean**, owner of John Dean Photographer on Maryland Avenue in Baltimore. Dean is a freelance photographer and video producer with a wide range of experience in location and studio work. His specialties include people on location for corporate and editorial clients, studio portraiture and product art photography. For the past 15 years he has produced videos for museums and non-profit organizations. He has served as board president for Wide Angle Youth Media, a non-profit organization that provides Baltimore youth with media education to tell their own stories and become engaged with their communities.

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. **We are undersubscribed for this program. Please sign up if you can.**

Tuesday, March 10. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Baltimore author **Dan Fesperman's** travels as a writer have taken him to 30 counties and three war zones, beginning with the Persian Gulf War in 1991, as a journalist for the "Baltimore Sun". His understanding of the intricacies of the political situation of the Gulf War, his experiences in the Balkans during the years of the Yugoslav civil wars, and his stint in the Middle East after 9-11 imbue his political thrillers with authenticity. His 9 political thrillers, which draw upon his experiences as a journalist, have won numerous awards both here and abroad. His most recent, **Unmanned**, tells the story of a former F-16 fighter pilot who is haunted by what he saw as a drone pilot. "...It is a thrilling tale of redemption, revenge, greed, and unlawful behavior," writes the "Kirkus Review".

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.

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Wednesday, March 25. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15. Unearthing the Story of an Early Baltimore Feminist. When **Natalie Wexler** began researching the life of Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte, she stumbled upon Bonaparte's close friend Eliza Anderson and soon decided the unknown Anderson was the more intriguing figure. A Baltimore resident and the first woman to edit a magazine in the United States, Anderson disregarded early

19th-century convention in her pursuit of both ambition and love. Wexler will speak about the historical background for her recent novel, **The Observer**, which weaves fact and fiction in portraying one extraordinary year in Anderson's life and, more generally, the rough-and-tumble culture of what was then the nation's third largest city. Natalie Wexler is a journalist and historian, as well as the author of three novels, including the award-winning historical novel, **A More Obedient Wife**. She spent ten years as an editor of a documentary history of the early Supreme Court and has a BA from Harvard University, a master's degree in history from the University of Sussex, and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She grew up in Baltimore, where she attended the Bryn Mawr School, and currently lives in Washington, DC, where she writes about local education.

Monday, March 30. Kulture Klub: Lunch and Conversation at Noon. One of the joys of HSC membership is the lively table conversations we share. So much to share, so little time. Kulture Klub hopes to ameliorate this with an entire luncheon dedicated to conversation focused on all aspects of the arts. Creating, experiencing, exploring, responding, discovering. Downton will have concluded. What will the next season hold for us? Travelers will have returned with experiences worthy of sharing. Opinions about Baltimore's arts renaissance will be welcome. Something new, something old, something surprising. Bring your curiosity and wit to share and enjoy what we hope will become a monthly smorgasbord of conversational delights. **Jeannette Festa** will host the first session.

Monday, March 30. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 1. Oval Table; Lunch at noon. TRIBUTE TO THE KING(S). Upon the retirement of Dr. Gary Vikan from the Walters Art Museum, the docents decided to honor him with two of his favorite things...the Walters collection and Elvis! This somewhat irreverent presentation combines selected art works with appropriate Elvis recordings in homage to Gary's serious scholarship linking the devotion given an American idol (Elvis) and that given to Ancient and Medieval Saints. For the docents Gary made the profound personal and fun, so they decided to give him a dose of his own medicine. Join HSC member **Barbara Guarnieri** as she shares this lighthearted accolade with us. It's a great cure for a broken funny bone! **Gary Vikan will be our honored guest.**

Wednesday, April 8. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Peter Hinderberger, M.D., *TREATING BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT---ALL AT ONCE* Peter Hinderberger, MD, PhD,** was born, raised and educated in Switzerland. While still in medical school and working on his doctoral thesis, he came to believe that conventional medicine, based on physical science and statistical methodology, can only assess *physical* changes within a *group* of people. It does not take the *laws of life* and the *individual's* needs into consideration. Thus began a lifetime of study and practice of conventional and complementary medicine and how they address the needs of individual patients and promote optimal well-being by providing health care through an integrated approach. Dr. Hinderberger is co founder and medical director of the Ruscombe Community Health Center established in 1984. He is involved in a clinical trial at The Johns Hopkins Hospital after

successfully treating a patient with stage 4 colon cancer using mistletoe. Dr. Hinderberger will describe his mission, the wide field of complementary therapies available today and how they work with conventional medicine to support patient well-being and outcomes.

Thursday, April 16. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. If you have ever explored the Walters Art Museum's exhibition of medieval manuscripts, you know that it is one of the preeminent collections in the nation. With more than 900 illuminated manuscripts, 1,250 of the first printed books (ca. 1455-1500), and an important collection of post – 1500 deluxe editions, this extraordinary collection chronicles the art of the book over more than 1,000 years. After lunch at the Club, **Martina Bagnoli**, the Andrew W. Mellon Curator in Charge of Medieval Art and Manuscripts at the Walters Art Museum, will take us on a tour through the manuscript room housing these treasures. As the space is small, the group will be limited to 12 persons, so sign up early!

Monday, April 20. 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.

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Tuesday, May 5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker. Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Johns Hopkins University Director of Program in Museums and Society, Elizabeth Rodini, PhD**, shares her extensive research about a small, truly elegant house museum in Paris, the **Musée Nissim de Camondo**, built in the early 1900s to accommodate a family and their important collection of 18th century furnishings and decorative arts. The museum, next to the Parc Monceau, exudes elegance and has a fascinating story. Moïse de Camondo, a banker, and his family spent three years building this home which was patterned after the Petit Trianon at Versailles. Tragedy eventually besieged this family as Moïse's son, Nissim, for whom the museum was named, was killed in World War I and a few years later his daughter and her family were deported to Auschwitz. The house is maintained as if it were still a private home and is preserved in its original condition. Join us to hear more of this remarkable story about this beautiful museum.

Thursday, June 4. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. We welcome back **Vincent Lancisi and cast members from the Everyman Theatre**. Artistic director Lancisi will give us an update on what's in store for Everyman Theatre as it continues to thrive and to help make Baltimore's theatre scene flourish. The rollicking fun of "Blithe Spirit" will be shared with members and guests as Everyman actors present some favorite parts of the play. This will certainly be a delightful afternoon at the Club!