

THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB
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The Club will be closed on Monday, May 30th.

MAY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, May 3. Luncheon and Tour: Lunch at noon; Tour at 1:00. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is the nation's first Cathedral. It was built from 1806-1821. A major restoration completed in 2006 returned the church to its original design, as envisioned by America's first bishop, John Carroll, and as planned by renowned architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe. After lunch at the Club, we will walk to the Basilica for a 1 pm tour. LIMITED TO 20.

Thursday, May 5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. We welcome back **Vincent Lancisi and cast members from the Everyman Theatre**. As Everyman celebrates its 25th anniversary, Artistic Director Lancisi will reminisce about the highlights of the past decade and a half and tell us what's in store for our continuing theatrical enlightenment and pleasure. To close out this amazing season, two classic plays will run in repertory: Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Adding to our exciting program, two Everyman Resident Company actors (TBD) will share with us how performing in repertory has affected them as actors. **This just in! We are lucky to welcome two Everyman actors on May 5th: Beth Hylton, playing Blanch Dubois, and Megan Anderson, Stella, in *Streetcar Named Desire*. If you haven't signed up yet, hurry!**

Tuesday, May 10. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Late in the 20th century, the world's leading scientists reached consensus that climate change is a reality, induced largely by human activity that has resulted in an increase in greenhouse gases -- which if left unchecked, will seriously challenge the global community in the 21st century. The direct impact to residents of Maryland will be from sea level rise of several feet and storm surges (such as the Isabella and Superstorm Sandy events). Baltimore, Annapolis, the Chesapeake Bay, and our Atlantic coastline will be seriously affected. In December 2015, political leaders from 195 nations met in Paris and committed their governments and economies to specific, measurable efforts to arrest and reverse climate change. **Mr. Mike Pretl, Professor of Environmental Law at Salisbury University** and an attorney, will review both the scientific and geopolitical features of the "great transition" from fossil fuels to reliance on renewable energy sources to power world economies -- and the benefit that blossoming climate awareness will have on the daily lives of our children and grandchildren. Come with your questions about how we can support ways to arrest and reverse climate change.

Monday, May 16. 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, your sense of humor, and perhaps a guest or two.

Monday, May 16. 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.

Tuesday, May 17. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon; Discussion to follow. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. The end of WWII saw the devastating battle of St. Malo as the Nazis made a last attempt to dig in and the allied forces rained bombs over the previously unscathed ancient city. Holed up in this walled city is an extraordinary blind girl and her scientist uncle and the brave citizens who lived through the Nazi siege, before the final showdown. Among those Nazis is a young scientifically gifted German boy conscripted into the Army whose story the book follows. Reading about the French girl, Marie Laure, and Werner, the young German soldier, whose lives become intertwined, brings a special lens to the experience of war. Join **Nancy Cox** to discuss this gripping account and revisit the beauty of the novel's structure and language.

Thursday, May 19. Make plans now and sign up for the **Spring Cocktail Party, Thursday May 19, 6-8PM at 4 East Madison Street.** Our member host Betty Loafman owns the Inn on Madison and the brick patio alongside that mirrors the footprint of the 19th Century town house. Plantings are already being planned for this special event. The bar will be outside and a favorite caterer Carey Talucci will provide an ample buffet [available inside the Inn]. We are limited to 85 guests inside the Inn [if it rains] and 125 in the garden. Sign up in person at the Club, via the Club's website, or by phoning Dawn. Maps with marked parking locations are available at the Club or by email request. See you there!

Wednesday, May 25, Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Luncheon at 12:15. Our speaker is **Kristen Hileman, Senior Curator and Department Head of Contemporary Art at the Baltimore Museum of Art** and chief within its contemporary art department. Hileman previously was an associate curator at the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden. She has taught as an adjunct instructor at both the Corcoran College of Art and Design and George Washington University. She lectures frequently at metro-area galleries and organizations and has juried a number of exhibitions in the area. Her talk will provide an overview of what you can expect to see on view in the Baltimore Museum of Art's Contemporary Wing in the coming months. She will focus on a selection of recent acquisitions, perennial visitor favorites, and works that stretch the boundaries of art, discussing the different approaches today's artists take to making work and the BMA's collection strengths.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 1. Oval Table, Lunch at noon. Club member **Jacqueline Slavney** will discuss her exhibit of photographs, which is on permanent loan to the club. Originally from England, Jacqueline moved to the United States at the age of 24. She learned the basics of photography as an undergraduate at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore where she studied with Beverly Wilgus. Since then she has worked independently — originally in the darkroom and has now transitioned to digital photographic composition. She does her own printing using only the highest quality inks and finest papers. Her photographs have been shown in a number of galleries in the Baltimore area, including the Gomez Gallery, Galerie Francoise et ses Freres, Gallery G, the Barn Gallery at Ladew Gardens, and at the Maryland Federation of Art in Annapolis. Her photographs are in many private collections in the US and the UK.

Tuesday, June 7. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **George L. Scheper**, Senior Lecturer of Advanced Academic Programs at The Johns Hopkins University, will discuss how *fin-de-siècle* Vienna experienced an explosion of creativity in music, art, literature, philosophy, and science. Dramatic transformations from traditional to avant-garde forms of expression played out in coffee houses, salons, galleries and concert halls. This cultural paradigm shift to modernism that elsewhere took place over hundreds of years, happened in Vienna within the space of just a couple of generations, making Vienna 1900 a veritable laboratory of modernism. We'll

explore the remaking of the old Hapsburg capital into a city of bourgeois high culture with the creation of the *Ringstrasse* and the innovations of Secessionist art and architecture.

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World War II: The Rescue of Europe's Plundered Wealth. The movie "The Monuments Men" told only part of a much larger story. In 2013, at the urging of a historian, Baltimore resident **Susan Fisher Sullam** uncovered hundreds of pages of top secret and classified files that had belonged to her late father detailing the final, harrowing months of World War II. As a member of General Eisenhower's staff, Joel Fisher had kept the memos and papers detailing how Americans located and secured billions of dollars' worth of gold, silver and currency plundered by the Nazis from the treasuries of occupied Europe. Her father never discussed it with her, but she was able to piece the story together, which was published in June 2014 in the *Washington Post Magazine*. WAIT LIST ONLY.

Monday, June 20. Current Events Discussion: Lunch and Discussion at noon. Please

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Wednesday, June 22. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.

Marlene Trestman, Baltimore attorney and Goucher graduate, will speak about her new book, "Fair Labor Lawyer: The Remarkable Life of New Deal Attorney and Supreme Court Advocate Bessie Margolin." Ms Margolin had a unique career as a lawyer with the U.S. Department of Labor when New Deal labor protective laws were being challenged in the courts. She argued 24 cases before the Supreme Court and dozens in federal circuit courts around the country in the 30's, 40's, and 50's, and was one of the founders of the National Organization for Women (NOW). As former Maryland Attorney General Steve Sachs said in his recent Op Ed, "Ms. Trestman has produced an account of Margolin's professional and personal life that is prodigiously researched, well-crafted, and highly-readable...It fulfills her determination to see Bessie Margolin written back into history." Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Monday, June 27. 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, July 7. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Back

by popular demand, **Professor Joel Grossman, an authority on constitutional law and the Supreme Court** will discuss the **Court's 2015-2016 decisions**. Professor Grossman is Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, and Academy Professor at Johns Hopkins University and an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Law School. He was chair of the political science departments at both Hopkins and the University of Wisconsin, Editor of *Law & Society Review*, and Chair of the Wisconsin Judicial Commission. He won campus teaching awards at both Hopkins and Wisconsin, and in 2005 won the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association.

Monday, July 18. Current Events Discussion: Lunch and Discussion at noon. Please join

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Wednesday, July 27. Luncheon and Tour: Lunch at noon, Tour at 1:00. After lunch at the Club, we will take a tour of the Garrett Jacobs Mansion. The creation of the mansion and the story of those who occupied it for six decades—64 years, from 1872 to 1939--exemplify the Gilded Age in the United States. The Garrett Jacobs Mansion was created by a woman of unlimited means and opulent tastes—Mary Sloan Frick Garrett Jacobs. She hired two of the nation's most renowned architects—first Stanford White and 20 years later John Russell Pope-- to create a setting for entertaining leaders of industry, culture, and society in a manner that rivaled the wealthy of New York society and eclipsed any in Baltimore; this was one of the eight homes and estates owned by the Garrett family. This is her story, the story of the times in which she lived and how her family shaped our nation's history. LIMITED TO 20.

AROUND THE CLUB

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Margaret Duncan Alexander Farthing: Margaret is an attorney with Farthing and Farthing, P.C. Attorneys at Law, specializing in elder law. She is interested in art (as evidenced by her service as a Docent at the Baltimore Museum of Art), music, history, and travel. Thanks to her sponsors for membership, Nancy Cox and Ellen O'Brien.

A gentle reminder . . .

If you sign up for an event or program and find you are unable to join the fun, the House Rules ask that you cancel your reservation 24 hours prior to avoid being billed. Your courtesy will allow those on a waiting list to participate AND it will save you money.

Are you interested in learning and playing **Mah Jongg**? There is a new group at the Club designed to help you become acquainted with this Chinese game of wits, strategy, and luck. For more information, contact Jane Meyer at janemeyer@me.com.

New books in the upstairs lending library

- Balzac's Omelette, Anka Muhlstein, A tour of French food and culture with Honoré de Balzac
- Iron & Silk, Mark Salzman, A charming, unpretentious experience which penetrates a China inaccessible to other foreigners
- Galileo's Daughter, Dava Sobel, A historical memoir of science, faith, and love
- An Enduring Love, Farah Pahlavi, Her perspective on Iran's turbulent recent history
- The Wives of Henry VIII, Antonia Fraser, Meticulous scholarship that illuminates the high level of strength and intelligence displayed by these six women at a time when their sex traditionally possessed little of either