

THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB

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The Club will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Thursday, February 8. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. EVERGREEN: PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE. In this illustrated talk, Mr. Abbott will celebrate new scholarship in the history of Baltimore's iconic dream house, Evergreen - all of which comes from the newly published, multi-authored book, "EVERGREEN: The Garrett Family, Collectors and Connoisseurs." The museum's Philip Franklin Wagley Director and Curator will take club members on a lively tour of familiar and not so familiar rooms, showcasing some of their many treasures of fine, decorative, and literary arts. He will also talk about the Museum's commitment to the City of Baltimore and its upcoming projects and programs. **James Archer Abbott** has recently celebrated his tenth anniversary as head of Evergreen. He is a graduate of Vassar College and the State University of New York's Museum Studies Program through the Fashion Institute of Technology, and he has published on a variety of themes in the areas of decorative arts and design.

Monday, February 12. 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, February 13. Lunch by Chance: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:30. Invitations have gone out for **Lunch by Chance**, an occasional opportunity to join members you may not see regularly and their guests. Because we are a cohort of remarkable women, this is a wonderful chance to become better acquainted with members who are not always at the Club when we are. It's always encouraging to hear the responses of others who have attended in the past. Words like 'What fun' and 'Pleasantly surprising' and 'So glad I went!' are often the reactions. If you are not on the February list, sit tight -- your turn for a *chance meeting* is in the future. **All members are welcome to sign up after the February 1st deadline.**

Wednesday, February 14. Oval Table: Noon Lunch. Marsha Ramsay will give an illustrated talk about her trip to Norway last June. The trip focused on Oslo, with its vibrant city life and fabulous art; Bergen and its Hanseatic League architecture; boating along Norway's many fiords to above the Arctic Circle and the North Cape; visiting with the Sami (Laplanders) reindeer herders; watching the midnight sun. Please join us as we explore this Peninsula, warmed by the Gulf Stream.

WAIT LIST ONLY: Thursday, February 22. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Edward McCarthy, MD, professor of pathology and orthopedic surgery at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, will explore the connection between **Music & Medicine**. As a cellist and surgeon, Dr. McCarthy has been fascinated by the overlapping effect of music and medicine. In this lecture he will discuss the symbolic relationship between musical harmony and health, along with the idea of the human body as a musical instrument. In addition, Dr. McCarthy will discuss an unusual set of diseases peculiar to musicians, specifically looking at several great composers and how their illnesses affected their work.

Monday, February 26. Current Events Discussion: Lunch and Discussion at noon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 1. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15.

Charlie Duff, President of Jubilee Baltimore, has a long-standing interest in Baltimore's history and development. In 1998 he authored the Midtown Belvedere Community Plan, which called for a non-profit development organization to lead efforts to redevelop the area. Jubilee Baltimore has done just that—Jubilee has developed or assisted in the development of 380 projects, with a total investment of \$170 million. Now Duff has widened his interests, researching a soon-to-be published book about the cities of the US East Coast. He will focus on what he has learned about Baltimore's place in the collection of East Coast cities, and what its history portends for its future.

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Please join **Charlie Obrecht** for a discussion of **The Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies**. Founded in 1987 in Baltimore by an interfaith group of clergy and lay leaders (**Charlie is a co-founder**), the ICJS developed out of the conviction that centuries of religious ignorance, fear, and hostility could be disarmed through deliberate, interfaith study and conversation. The ICJS is one of the few free-standing interfaith organizations in the country that is not affiliated with a university or a specific religious denomination. Since its founding, the ICJS had developed and offered more than 85 distinctive educational programs for clergy, religious educators, college students, business and community leaders, and the general public.

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Phoebe Hayes, Director of Horseman Relations at Pimlico Race Course, will talk about the racing industry in Maryland, focusing on the Preakness Stakes. Since 1995 Hayes has worked at Pimlico, getting to know the owners, trainers, and horses that come there for the racing season. She knows the legendary trainers like Bob Baffert as well as the unheralded new-comers. The horsemen's relations department functions year-round, but its responsibilities multiply during the Preakness. Hayes will give us an overview of Maryland racing and may be induced to talk about possible entries in the Preakness and their prospects!

Tuesday, April 17. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15.

Kathleen Waters Sander, author of John W. Garrett and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, will discuss her research for the book, her insights into the character of John W. Garrett, and the way in which he remade Baltimore. During his 30-year tenure as President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Baltimore City grew from a small port city in the early 19th century to an economic powerhouse for the nation by his death in 1884.

Tuesday, May 8. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15.

Amy K. Kimball, curator of Special Collections, The Sheridan Libraries, Johns Hopkins University, will discuss Baltimore society architect Lawrence Hall Fowler and the homes he designed in the first half of the 20th century in Roland Park, Homeland and Guilford for Baltimore's. While in the first

quarter of the 21st century, when we think of “social networks” our minds turn to the internet – Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, and a whole host of other icons designed to connect us, keep us informed, and tell us what we ought to know. In the first quarter of the 20th century, social networking was not so different of a phenomenon; it just operated on a different platform built on the *Baltimore Society Visiting List*, or “Blue Book,” the Bachelor’s Cotillion, college friends, colleagues from professional circles, and the good word of people of influence. Fowler has been termed a society architect, but who exactly were his clients and his colleagues? How did he cultivate these relationships and to what result? This talk will explore Fowler in a social and architectural context, both in Baltimore and beyond.

Thursday, May 17. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Walter Schamu**, founder of SM+P Architects, is one of the deans of Baltimore Architecture. For 36 years he has provided architectural services to individuals, businesses and institutions in Baltimore. For years he has been promising to write the definitive book about the architectural firm of Palmer and Lambdin, architects for many of the mansions in Homeland, Roland Park and Guilford. He will discuss the work of these notable early 20th century architects and how their vision continues to shape Baltimore architecture today.

AROUND THE CLUB:

Please note: You must cancel by noon of the day prior to any event to avoid a house charge for the lunch.