

Smith Class of 1963 - Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE: REUNION WEEKEND 2013: MAY 24TH – 26TH

Dear '63 -

Pack your bags – the time is fast approaching. Our 50th Reunion will arrive in Northampton in three months and we hope you will too. The official reunion registration booklet with all the registration details will be mailed directly to you by the College at the end of this month. This newsletter includes some details about our Reunion schedule and updates about things to look for and do in the months between now and Reunion.

50th Reunion Yearbook: Thanks to the efforts of our amazing House Reps, 63% of our class submitted an essay, a survey or both. The resulting chronicle of the past 50 years reveals, once again, what an incredibly diverse group of women we continue to be. The book will be mailed to all classmates in April. If you haven't committed to attending our 50th Reunion by then, I hope this book will inspire you to return to Northampton to renew your friendships with the wonderful women behind the words.

Website: If you haven't done so already, please bookmark our website address (<http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/1963/>) and plan to visit it often between now and Reunion. In addition to information on the Reunion Weekend schedule and our class programs, there will be regular updates on who's planning to come to Reunion. There is also a page for "Notable Web Links". It is fun to see what classmates have been up to so if you have a web link (about books you have written, work you have done, interests you have pursued, blogs you have posted, music you have played or art you have created) that you want to share with classmates, please send your link to Rosalie.kerr@gmail.com.

Headquarters: Our class Reunion headquarters will be in Franklin King House. There will transportation throughout the weekend for those needing a lift around campus. We hope the spacious living room will be a gathering place where everyone can relax and enjoy some refreshments and quiet conversation. We will be displaying published works of classmates and there will be a Bose player for CD's. For all our authors, musicians and singers, we encourage you to bring copies of your books and CD's of your performances and recitals. Please label everything and plan to pick it up at the end of the weekend.

Housing: We will be housed in Franklin King, Laura Scales and, depending on our turnout, nearby Quad Houses. King and Scales have elevators and handicapped access. The College assigns housing so if you have special needs, please be sure to indicate this when you register for Reunion.

Some highlights of our 50th Reunion Schedule:

Thursday, May 23rd:

- Get a head start on Reunion by joining Ginny Pitkin Bride for a tour of the Mount, home of Edith Wharton, in Lenox MA. Ginny is a member of the Boston Committee for the restoration and preservation of the Mount. If there is enough interest, she will arrange for lunch followed by a private tour of the house and gardens for about \$50. Please email Ginny at virginia.bride@verizon.net for more details on timing, transportation etc.
- Houses will open late Thursday afternoon to accommodate classmates who want to arrive early to visit the Mount or who have a distance to travel and need to arrive on Thursday. Please check in at Alumnae House first.

Friday, May 24th:

- Registration for our Class opens at 10 a.m.
- Our Class programming kicks off at 3 p.m. with a reception in Jannotta Gallery, an attractive exhibition space in Hillyer Hall, where we will view a non-juried exhibit of works by classmates. More than 30 classmates have submitted works to be shown in this outstanding show, organized by Susan Lampman Hill.
- President Christ will host the Class of '63 at her home for our social hour.
- Our Friday dinner at the Conference Center will be preceded by a Remembrance led by our Memorial Chair, Diana Walcott Phillips.
- Following dinner, there will be a discussion, "Expecting the Unexpected" facilitated by Abigail Bayles Wiebenson and Marilyn Miller Crocker. For more details on this program, please check our website, <http://Alumnae.Smith.edu/smithcms/1963/>.

Saturday, May 25th:

- After the traditional Alumnae Parade and Alumnae Association Annual meeting, '63 will pick up lunch and gather in Wright Hall auditorium for our Class Meeting followed by our afternoon program, "Three Score and Ten – Together Again". Organized by Julie Mendlow Conger and Beverly Blachman Huckman, the facilitators for the group sessions will include Julia Falvy Preiswerk, Elizabeth Robbins Rosenthal, Rosalie Oster Kerr, Sally Quinn, Gillian Martin Sorensen and Susan Gilbert Tileston. Our website

(<http://Alumnae.Smith.edu/smithcms/1963>) has descriptions of the various sessions. Check it out so you'll have time to think about which one you want to attend.

- During dinner, Susan August Rubinstein, author of our Class Questionnaire, will present an analysis of the responses received.

Sunday, May 26th:

- Reunion wraps up with a delicious brunch before we say adieu, until 2018, and head home after a memorable 50th Reunion.

This month marks the 50th Anniversary of the publication of The Feminine Mystique, a book that changed the world we live in and continues to affect the way we think about the lives we lead. The last 50 years have been a time of tremendous change, a time that each of us has dealt with in her own unique way. Our 50th Reunion is an opportunity to share with each other all the joys, sorrows, victories and defeats of these tumultuous years. Please join us as we gather to celebrate the wonderful women of the Class of '63.

All best wishes,

Barbara Dodd Massey
President

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