



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF
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The Mission of the Smith College Club of Cleveland is to encourage a sense of connection and continuity with Smith past, present, and future, to promote an awareness of Smith in the Cleveland community, to encourage qualified students to apply to Smith, and to contribute to the college's scholarship fund.

March 2012

Dear Friends,

Spring is almost upon us, after (at the risk of tempting the fates) not much of a winter. Mary Herrick kindly hosted a typically large group at our **Annual Holiday Party** on December 4 in her lovely Shaker Heights home, halls beautifully decked for the occasion. Alumna **Luma Mufleh** gave an inspiring speech in Lakewood on December 6 for the Facing History, Facing Ourselves organization. On Sunday, January 8 we held our first annual **Prospective Candidates Tea Party** at my home. Shari Moore arranged to invite all the area high school senior women who had expressed an interest in the college in the past year. Young alums and current students baked and entertained and responded to the great questions posed by the five young prospectives and several of their mothers. All five subsequently applied, and one has already been accepted and has committed to enroll. We had a small Smith turnout at the second annual **scavenger hunt**, organized by the Harvard Club at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday evening, January 13. The hunt was more challenging than it was last year, and the evening was fun. We are in the middle of enjoying our **Decade Parties**, kindly coordinated by Mary Dunbar. Musette Vincent and Mittie Jordan hosted a delightful Saturday afternoon tea at Musette's home on February 11 for the '70's. We have some incredible bakers in this group! Bonnie Baker plans a pot-luck dinner at her home on March 11 for the '60's. The young "Aughties and Naughties" ('00 – '90's) group is having a brunch at Dara Steinberg's on March 25 at 11 A.M. Finally, see below for the Senior Smith group plans. On March 4 **Mary Dunbar '64** spoke at the Shaker Historical Society. If you missed this talk, you can catch it at the Senior Smith Luncheon on May 4.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 25 **Shaker Historical Society** **4 P.M.**

Dr. Virginia Dawson '65 will speak to the society on "The Collapse of the Van Sweringen Empire." Please come and support Ginnie as she again enlightens us about the fascinating history of Shaker Heights and its founders.

Wednesday, March 21 **Cleveland Museum of Natural History** **7 P.M.**

Dr. N'omi Greber '51, Curator of Archeology will lecture about "The Hopewell of Southern Ohio." According to the website, "About 2,000 years ago in Southern Ohio, the Hopewell people with no cities or sizable villages built enormous public monuments, crafted intricate images of mythic heroes and creatures, produced beautiful fabrics and costumes for pageantry, worked copper, cut mica and chipped obsidian—all acquired from far-away places. Dr. Greber will show examples of objects, buildings and earthworks and discuss the possible role of these within the daily lives and celebrations of Ohio's Hopewell people" (abridged quote).

Monday, April 16 **Suburban Temple, 22401 Chagrin Blvd.** **9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M.**

ACE Discussion Day this year features the introspective novel The Sense of an Ending by British author Julian Barnes. The speaker will be Dr. Merritt Moseley, Professor of Literature and Language at University of North Carolina at Asheville and author of Understanding Julian Barnes. The fees are \$25 for Non-ACE members, \$15 for members, including lunch. Call 216 368-2090 or e-mail Dasha at dzs3@case.edu for more information.

Friday, May 4 **Senior Smith Luncheon at Cleveland Skating Club** **12 Noon**

At this always well-attended event this year **Mary Dunbar '64**, Cleveland Heights Councilwoman, will speak about the Shaker Farm Historic District, a section of Cleveland Heights recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, largely thanks to Mary's efforts. All are welcome. Lunch for graduates after 1962 is \$15.

RSVP to Suzanne Stratton-Crooke 216 561-7500 or suzanne338@aol.com.

Wednesday, April 25 **Tour the Newly Renovated Allen Theater** **5:30 P.M.**

Go behind the scenes of one of Cleveland's newest cultural gems and tour the costume and wig shop for Playhouse Square! After the tour, stay for the play "In the Next Room" (at the discount rate of \$36) or join friends for dinner nearby. Look for the invitation.

Sunday, April 29

Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue

2:30 P.M.

Amy-Jill Levine '78 describes herself: a "Yankee-Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible belt. She is a Professor of New Testament Studies and of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and has published several books on Jewish-Christian relations. She is speaking on "The Legacy of Jesus for Jews and Christians."

Saturday, June 2 or 9

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

12 Noon

Clara Rankin '38 and Susan LaPine '68 will present to us the story of Hopewell Farms, the therapeutic community on a 300 acre farm in Mesopotamia, Ohio. The facility, founded by Clara Rankin, provides innovative, extensive treatment lasting six to nine months for adults with mood or thought disorders. Please join us to learn more about the origins, function and methods of this fascinating program. The luncheon is complimentary to all paying members of the club; a small charge is asked of other guests. Exact time and place are to be determined; if you have a place to offer, please contact GiGi Benjamin at ybenjamin@calfee.com. The new Club Directories will be available at the meeting for free to all dues-paying members.

The Candidates Committee: Shari Moore '08 continues to be in contact with this year's applicants to maintain their interest and also with the college Office of Admissions to coordinate information sessions. There have been eight applicants so far. Two have been accepted early; one has committed and the other has withdrawn because of a better financial aid package offered by Case. We have presented a yellow rose to each of the applicants who was accepted. Cynthia Carroll is working on recruiting schools to select deserving juniors to receive our Book Awards in the spring. We are planning to vary the gifts this year, matching the book to the interest of the recipient. We need volunteers to present the awards in the spring. Please contact Cynthia, and let her know if there is a particular school at which you would like to present. Her e-mail address is cynthiacarroll@roadrunner.com.

The Summer on the Cuyahoga fund-raising committee is delighted to announce that our goal of \$10,000 was met and exceeded last month! We are so very grateful to the generous donors listed below. Special thanks also to Elizabeth Chandler and Suzanne Stratton-Crooke, who did a fabulous job on the campaign. We will be able to fund the fun and informative all-about-Cleveland programming for ten Smith women who are offered paid internships as they are housed at Cleveland State's newly renovated Fenn Tower. We already have one young woman on board. Time is running short, but it is not too late for employers to become involved by offering an internship. If you know anyone who may be interested, have the employer contact Bernie Gosky at bgosky@summeroncuyahoga.com.

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| Pat Ashton | Katie Collin | Annette Himes | Judith McMillan | Dara Steinberg |
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| GiGi Benjamin | Ginnie Dawson | Evelyn Krent | Jan Mottinger | Suzanne Stratton-Crooke |
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| Elaine Brophy | John Gardner | Kitty Makley | Clara Rankin | Nancy West |
| Margy Carpenter | Eileen Gold | Ann McConnell | Marjorie Roth | Kathleen Wildman |
| Elizabeth Chandler | Lynn-Ann Gries | Eleanor McCoy | Betsy Sampliner | Margot Youngs |

Smith china for sale: Madeleine Hoch Deter '51 has a complete set (12 settings plus extras) of the Wedgewood Pink Smith College china pattern, with a different Smith building on each piece. For pictures and an idea on pricing google "replacement china." Contact Madeleine at 440 930-5236 or RMDETER@mailstation.com

Our Board is fun and enthusiastic, and our monthly meetings are productive, enjoyable and efficient. Over half of us work full-time. We love adding new energy and ideas, so if you have any interest in joining us, please contact Jan Mottinger, our Nominating Committee Chair, at janmottinger@gmail.com.

Condolences: I am sorry to announce the deaths of two distinguished Smith alumnae this winter. Anne Murphy Halle Little '35, a daughter of the department store founders, became an architect after Smith. She collaborated with her husband for fifty years in the field throughout the U.S.A. while living in Cleveland.

Priscilla Johnson Ide '40 returned to Cleveland with her husband after college and became a lifelong member and supporter of several Cleveland cultural institutions including the Garden Club, the Art Museum and the Symphony.

The Book Club continues to thrive, and remaining selections for this year are listed below. If you would like to be on the e-mailing list for the Book Club, contact Kathy Abramczyk at kmabramczyk@gmail.com or 216 375-5123. Don't forget to submit your suggestions for next year's roster to Kathy over the summer. In August we vote on the selections for the coming school year.

Date	Title	Author	Host
March 21, 2012	Vaclav and Lena	Haley Tanner	Evelyn Krent
April 18, 2012	Caleb's Crossing	Geraldine Brooks	Susan LaPine
May 16, 2012	A Visit from the Goon Squad	Jennifer Egan	Jan Mottinger
June 20, 2012	History: A Novel	Elsa Morante	Suzanne Mars

Young Alums Committee continues to be active and creative in their programming. They assembled and sent exam care-packages, containing snacks, teas, DVD's, worry-dolls and nail polish to each of our area's current students at Smith. The programs planned for this spring include an Indian's game in April, a coffee at Pheonix Café on Lee Rd. in May and a picnic in July. The newest, very exciting project is to develop a career guidance-mentoring-networking program to help the new graduates returning to the Cleveland area. Contact them at smithclubclevelandyoungalums@gmail.com. Also, join them on the "Facebook" page.

I hope to see you soon,
Nancy Duff-Boehm '73, President