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Report on our February Programs

Docent Anna Steinberger, (and member of our FW&WF group), led a tour of the exhibit "Through the Eye of the Needle: Fabric Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz" at the Holocaust Museum on February 16. This beautiful and moving art consisting of 36 highly colored fabrics, depicting scenes as remembered from her childhood in Poland. Esther, trained as a dressmaker, untrained in art, began creating these pictures at age 50. Her words, stitched at the bottom, provide a narrative. Anna then led us on a tour of the rest of the museum, a very moving experience.

On February 20, Julie Hibbs, of "Squared Away" presented a "12-step approach" to reform cluttering addicts. The informative and humorous talk involved 12 gift-wrapped boxes each containing a tangle/jumble/pile of stuff with hilarious comments on why we should "just say NO" and throw the mess out. The bursts of laughter from the audience was partly because of the humor, and partly because we all recognized ourselves as being hoarders and clutterers. I think most of us went home and immediately started throwing away stuff that we have been saving with the idea that "it might be useful some day". Who needs a drawer full of defective pantyhose? Or a box of used/broken/unidentified cords to appliances we no longer have? Julie Hobbs' website is www.squaredaway.com.

See some pictures of the event later in the newsletter.

BOOK CLUB INFORMATION

March Book Club

WHEN: Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 7:00 pm

WHERE: At the home of Carol Murad
3324 Nottingham, 77005

RSVP: 713-664-3509

BOOK: *On Beauty*, by Zadie Smith

On Beauty is the witty and relentlessly funny story of an interracial family living in the university town of Wellington, Mass., whose misadventures in the culture wars—on both sides of the Atlantic—serve to skewer everything from family life to political correctness to the combustive collision between the personal and the political.

April Book Club

WHEN: Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 7:00 pm

WHERE: At the home of Judy Fred
9226 Marlive, 77035

RSVP: 713-661-9430

BOOK: *The Lay of the Land*, by Richard Ford

The Lay of the Land completes a trilogy that began with *The Sportswriter* and was followed by *Independence Day*. It returns Richard Ford after a decade to the voice of Frank Bascombe, a voice already among the indelible creations of contemporary fiction: rooted in New Jersey suburbia, shot through with quiet comedy and capable of sudden, wrenching pathos.

NOMINATING NEWS

The Nominating Committee, under the direction of Becky Hunter, is proposing the following slate of officers, to be voted on this spring and installed at our meeting in May.

President—Donna Buja

Vice President, Program Chairman—Vicky
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Secretary—Dana Davies

Treasurer—Sharon Faro

UPCOMING ART TOUR

WHAT: Craft in America: Expanding Traditions

WHERE: Houston Center for American Craft
4848 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002

WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 10:30-11:30am

RSVP: 713-728-1368 or emilysteiner@sbcglobal.net

Emily Steiner has organized this fascinating expedition. Please join us for a guided tour of *Craft in America: Expanding Traditions*, at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, an exhibition that showcases the best in American craft over 200 years. The docents are trained and they are also working craftsmen. In addition to the current show which surveys 200 years in American crafts over all mediums, there's an opportunity to visit the on-site studios of the craftspeople, and shop the beautiful retail store. There are ample possibilities for lunch in the Midtown area. Parking is available behind the museum but carpooling is always a good idea.

Save the Date!

The Spring Luncheon is set for Thursday, May 8, from 11:30-1:30, at Tony's. Dr. Peter Davies is our featured speaker. His topic will be

“When the Center of the Universe Shifts -
Biomedical Research in the 21st Century”.

Peter is the Executive Vice President for Research at UTHSC-H and a Professor of Integrative Biology and Pharmacology at UT Medical School. He is a physician-scientist. You will hear more information in the April Newsletter.

Introducing Faye Viola!

Faye has been working for the University of Texas Medical School for 32 years, first in the Dean's Office for 20 years, and then in the Office of Faculty Affairs for the last 12 years where she directs the many activities of that office, including working with Faculty Appointments, the Promotions and Tenure Committee, licensure, faculty reviews, faculty orientation, and advising faculty and departments in the School. She is an amazing resource as she has a sense of the history of the institution. Our Faculty Wives/Women Faculty group is indebted to Faye and her staff for providing us with the lists of current and new faculty which we use to send out invitations to our Fall Coffee, and she is always available to answer our many questions.

Faye has been married to Andy Viola, a realtor, for 25 years. They met at a Manhattan Transfer concert because they had seats next to each other, had their first real date the night after the concert, and married the following year. Their outside activities include traveling, gardening, and photography.



Faye Viola



Left to right: Julie Knobil, Gerlind Wolinsky, Susan Byrne, Julie Hibbs of "Squared Away" and Blanche Tyson, our host of the "decluttering" event. In the foreground is one of the boxes of "junk" which Julie Hibbs uses as props to illustrate how much useless junk we save!



Left to right: Blanche Tyson, Dana Davies, Gerlind Wolinsky, Andrea Walters, and Donna Buja at the "decluttering" event. Andrea's husband Terry was there as well, and could be caught laughing as he recognized himself as a saver of useless junk.