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YIKES! IKE!

What a way to greet the new academic year and impress our new faculty! We hope that everyone survived this weather adventure, and our heartfelt condolences to those who suffered severe losses, especially those in the coastal communities who were so hard hit.

Caroline Buja, born September 2, will have a tale to tell her grandchildren. New granddaughter of Max and Donna Buja. Caroline survived an evacuation to Austin because of Ike and then came back to stay with her proud grandparents who had power (electric, that is). Caroline's parents are Jill and young Max Buja.

FWWF FALL GET-TOGETHER

Thank you, Regina, for opening up your beautiful new gallery, **Galeria Regina**, to UT faculty women and wives and to their friends and spouses for a delightful afternoon of friendship, food, and fabulous art. Sunday, September 28th was a beautiful day and this get-together offered a wonderful opportunity to return our lives to a bit of normalcy after 2 weeks of dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. If you were unable to attend, please try to visit Regina Verani's gallery at 1716 Richmond Ave and view her art, as well as the art of other artists. A big thank you, also, to Social Chairpersons Joyce Ericsson and Cathy Weisbrodt for all of their planning and for delivering the lovely food.

Look later in this newsletter for pictures taken on the festivities.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

WHAT: "Houston Collects: African American Art"

WHERE: Houston Museum of Fine Arts

WHEN: Saturday, October 18, 11:00 am

RSVP: Emily Steiner,
emilysteiner@sbcglobe.net
or 713-728-1368

Houston Collects: African American Art showcases the institutional and private efforts to collect, document, and preserve African American art in Houston during the 20th and 21st centuries. More than 250 works, many of which have never before been exhibited to the public, illustrate themes that encompass early crafts, self-taught artists, Southern academic circles (including the publication of *Black Art in Houston* by the McAshan Foundation), the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights movement, abstraction, photography, Houston masters, and the New School.

Emily has planned a docent-led tour for us. If you are a member of MFA please bring your membership card. This should help us to cover non-members' admissions. (The cost of admission, if necessary to pay, is \$7.00 and \$3.50 for 65 years and over.)

BOOK CLUB--OCTOBER

WHEN: Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 7:00 pm

WHERE: at the home of Judy Fred
9226 Marlive, 77025

RSVP: 713-661-9430

BOOK: *The Madonnas of Leningrad*, by Debra Dean

In her debut novel, Seattle writer Debra Dean, offers a sensitive portrayal of an aging Russian immigrant living in Seattle who loses her grip on the present and yields to the past,

specifically the most intense period of her life: the years of deprivation and fear known as the siege of Leningrad. The novel is based on actual events surrounding Russia's efforts to save the Hermitage and its artwork during the 900-day siege of Leningrad, which began in 1941. Memory and the imagination are the gifts that keep on giving in this exceptional novel.

BOOK CLUB--NOVEMBER

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

WHERE: at the home of Becky Hunter
4606 Willow, Bellaire, 77401

RSVP: 713-838-0137

BOOK: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, by Barbara Kingsolver

With characteristic poetry and pluck, Barbara Kingsolver and her family sweep readers along on their journey away from the industrial-food pipeline to a rural life in which they vow to buy only food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it. Their good-humored search yields surprising discoveries about turkey sex life and overly zealous zucchini plants, en route to a food culture that's better for the neighborhood and also better on the table. Part memoir, part journalistic investigation, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* makes a passionate case for putting the kitchen back at the center of family life and diversified farms at the center of the American diet.

Editor's note: This book makes you want to make home-made mozzarella! It only takes 30 minutes.

Just a reminder: This may be your last newsletter! Please join our FWWF group. Please send your name, address, (with zip code please), **email address**, your UT affiliation and your spouse's/partner's name and UT affiliation, if any, to our membership person, Gerlind Wolinsky, 3311 Rice Blvd, Houston 77005 with a check for our dues of \$35.00 (made out to FWWF).

The party at Regina Verani's **Galeria Regina**



Regina Verani, Charlie and Joyce Ericsson, Cathy Weisbrodt, Donna and Max Buja obscuring some of the fine art work.



Nancy Willerson, Pryia Weerasinghe Gerlind Wolinsky, Donna Buja and Carol Milam



Dana Davies, Becky Hunter, and Harriet Schultz



**John Tyson and
Jerry Wolinsky**



Gerlind Wolinsky with Irene and Larry Ross



**Becky Hunter with Elizabeth and Nina
Tatevian (new member) and Regina V.**