



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org **November 2019**



Scheduled Events *All activities meet at the Adams Alumni Center unless otherwise noted.*

Breaking News

Endacott ReMemers Nov 4–1:30. Every year on the first Monday in November, we gather to remember Endacott members who are no longer with us. We write their names on the whiteboard, break bread and drink wine in their memory, then watch a movie appropriate for the occasion. This year we will watch *Grave of the Fireflies*, a Japanese animated feature about a young boy and his little sister struggling to survive in Hiroshima after American firebombing separates them from their parents. Winner of many international



awards, *Grave of the Fireflies* was a great favorite of Endacott member **Bob Procter**, who requested many times that we show it. *1988, 90 minutes.*

Wednesday Coffee Events. Some Wednesday Coffees have special guests or events. Many are set up after the newsletter deadline, so are not listed in the newsletter. Our website, though, has up-to-date information. It will indicate a special Coffee event with a + **after** the Coffee's date. Click on that link for additional information.

Membership Fee Changes. The Endacott Society membership fee has changed. Check out new fee options at www.kualumni.org/join.

Cinema Studies

• Documentary Film

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Friday Nov 1–1:30

While the Statue of Liberty stands as a beacon of hope for many in search of freedom and the promise of a better life, America has not always welcomed with open arms all who seek refuge in its shores. *The Chinese Exclusion Act* shows how the Chinese were shipped in to build America's railroads, and what happened to them afterwards when many decided to stay. *2017, 160 minutes, English SDH.* Fortune & almond cookies and light refreshments at 1:15, racial divide at 1:30.

• Domestic Film

Fred Madaus, fmadaus@ku.edu

Tuesday Nov 12–1:30

In Shanghai Express, starring Marlene Dietrich, Dietrich brings a hint of scandal to a three-day train ride through war-torn China. On board she is surrounded by a motley crew of foreigners and low life, including a fallen woman, an old flame and a rebel leader wanted by authorities. Tension soon comes to a boil. *1932, 107 minutes.*

• Foreign Film

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Tuesday Nov 26–1:30

Two silent movies on early perceptions of the Chinese in the West—in D.W. Griffith's *Broken Blossoms*, Lillian Gish is a street urchin who finds refuge in the shop of a Chinese merchant (Richard Barthelmess) after she has been cruelly abused by her father (Donald Crisp) *1919, 90 minutes.* And in Chester Franklin's *The Toll of the Sea*, we get a retelling of the Madame Butterfly story, this time set in China, with the beautiful Anna May Wong seduced and abandoned by an American who was shipwrecked near her home. *1922, 54 minutes.*

Chinese mooncakes at 1:15, interracial romance at 1:30. Brief intermission between films.

Computer and Technology Studies

Wednesdays–9:00

Nov 6–Excel at Sudoku (part 2)

Nov 13–Excel at Sudoku (part 3)

Nov 20–TBA*

**Check the Endacott Society Website for topics and speakers nearer the dates.*

Scheduled Events

Drama Study

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Betty Baron, baronbetty@yahoo.com

Tuesdays Nov 5, 19–1:30

Nov 5—We will finish reading Shakespeare's *Othello*. Scripts are available.

Nov 19—We will watch a film of *Othello*.

Endacott Afternoon Speaker Series

• Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com

No program this month.

Future Event—Save the date! January 9, 2020–1:30.

• Arts & Sciences

Mary Jane Dunlap, mjdunlap@ku.edu
Karen Heintzen, heintzen@ku.edu

Thursday Nov 14–1:30

Anne Patterson, *Drawing Helps You See Anew*

Anne Patterson, lecturer in KU's School of Architecture, whose teaching skills have received national and local recognition, will talk to us about how *Drawing Helps You See Anew*. Perhaps you saw her last year downtown wearing a reproduction of the Trinity Episcopal Church spire on her head and a tunic designed to replicate the steeple tower. She received the 2018 Bob and Kathie Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award honoring nontenured-track faculty. The 2017 America's Best Architecture & Design Schools survey named her one of the nation's 25 most admired educators and the 2019 Best of Lawrence survey, a Top 10 teacher. Some architecture alumni confide that they would return to KU just to take Patterson's class. Her website notes: "I love my job; opening minds and unlocking the creative potential of students."



Future Event—Save the date! February 13, 2020–1:30.

• Public Affairs Forum

Tom Huber, lexington1.com@gmail.com

No program this month.

Future Event—Save the date! March 12, 2020–1:30.

Special Holiday Event

Thursday Dec 12–1:30

Want to play White Elephant (aka Kris Kringle or Dirty Santa) with us at the Alumni Center? Save the date! Details to follow.

Evening Program and Potluck Dinner

Linda Mullens, lmullens@ku.edu

Thursday Dec 5–5:30

Howard Graham, Associate Director for Academic Programs in the Office of First Year Experience, will share his *research*

about the Memorial Stadium as the 100th anniversary of the building approaches. Appetizers at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, program at 6:45. Sign up during Wednesday coffees, or email or phone by Wed Nov 27. **The information needed is: # of guests, names,** and the potluck item—appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert you will bring. Meat is provided. Hope you can attend!

Future Events—Save the dates! Thursdays, March 26, 2020 and May 21, 2020.

Endacott ReMembers

Monday Nov 4–1:30

We annually honor members who are no longer with us. See details in Breaking News, and please join us if you can.

Games Theory

Esther Smith, esther@ku.edu

Thursday Nov 21–1:00

Bridge, Scrabble, mahjong, chess, dominoes and Chinese checkers. All sets are provided. Sign up for games at Wednesday Coffee; or just show up and PLAY!

Garden Seminar

Cal and Jo Cink, CalvinCink@fac.bakeru.edu

Dick Schiefelbusch, rschief@ku.edu

Wednesdays Nov 6, 13, 20–9:00

Roundtable discussion of flora and fauna, with frequent video material. Also, presentations about an interesting botanical garden.



Some members of the Garden Seminar group recently enjoyed a tour of mostly Kansas trees, shrubs, and flowering plants at the home of Master Gardener Susan Rendall (3rd from right) on the outskirts of Lawrence.

Great Books Study

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Ellen Reid Gold, e834@ku.edu

Wednesday Nov 13–1:30

The Great Books group will meet to discuss Henry David Thoreau's essay on *Civil Disobedience*. This text is available in many forms and online. We usually meet in the Library.

Lunch Bunch

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Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com

Dick Schiefelbusch, rschief@ku.edu

Wednesdays Nov 6, 13, 20

Following Wednesday Coffee, Endacott members can meet for lunch at a Lawrence dining spot announced each week.

Movement Workshop

• Piccolo Bocce

Dave Mannering, dmannering@yahoo.com

Monday Nov 18–1:30

We will have our normal *Piccolo Bocce* matches on two courts. Newcomers are welcome.

• Tai Chi for Beginners

Haskell Springer, springer@ku.edu

David Hann, akansaswriter@yahoo.com

Fridays Nov 8, 22–9:00

Tai Chi teaches better balance control. Wear loose clothing and soft shoes.

Music Appreciation

Susan Levine, susanlevine785@gmail.com

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Friday Nov 22–10:30

In this concert of Brahms's *German Requiem*, recorded at the magnificent Baroque Basilica of Saint Florian in Austria, conductor Franz Welser-Möst and soloists Hanna-Elisabeth Müller and Sir Simon Keenlyside create a wondrous meditation on life and death, hailed by critics as "an event of the first order." *German*, with English subtitles, 72 minutes. Monastery cookies made by Benedictine nuns and light refreshments at 1:15, heavenly music at 1:30.



Old-Time Radio

John Nicholson, wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday Nov 25–1:30

Join the OTR listening group as we kick off the Holiday season, with holiday-themed full shows and snippets, primarily about Christmas, from a variety of show types. We will not meet in December, so this is your opportunity to help us celebrate. We meet until 3:30, usually in the Music Room. Refreshments are provided. No reservations are required, so drop by and join us.

Opera Study

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Victor Wallace, wallace@ku.edu

Ted Johnson, ttj@ku.edu

Friday Nov 15–1:30

Ariadne auf Naxos by Richard Strauss is about what goes on backstage when an amateur company is invited to perform a new opera based on the Greek story about Ariadne, a Cretan princess. Ariadne, after being betrayed by her husband Theseus, decides to swap him for Bacchus, the God of Wine. The amusing 2012 production from Baden-Baden features three leading Strauss interpreters—soprano Renee Fleming, mezzo-soprano Sophie Koch, and conductor Christian Thielemann. *German*, with English subtitles, 136 minutes. Greek pastries and light refreshments at 1:15, musical high jinks at 1:30.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum, judyniebaum@gmail.com

David Marden, mardendl@gmail.com

No program this month.

Singing for Fun

Linda Mannering, lmanneringne@yahoo.com

Jim Woelfel, jameswoelfel@yahoo.com

Friday Nov 8–10:30

Today we will sing Irish songs, led by guest musicians Chris and Kelly Bohling. Chris and Kelly have been performing Irish music for nearly a decade, both as a duo and as members of the trio Dorian's Wheel. Chris and Kelly both hold Master's degrees in music fields, and perform a wide range of music. Chris currently is the Operations Manager of the Thomas Gorton Music and Dance Library at KU. Kelly teaches violin and viola, and is an accomplished fiber artist. She raises Angora rabbits, and owns the business 'Three Rabbit Yarns.' Come meet Chris and Kelly! This is a sing-along not to be missed!

Ten O'Clock Scholars, AKA Wednesday Coffee

Susan Levine, susanlevine785@gmail.com

MaryKay Mahoney, mahoneym@merrimack.edu

Birthdays: Sharon Brown

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Conversation with coffee, tea, cookies, other treats, announcements and possibly special guests or programs. November Birthdays will be celebrated on the third Wednesday, November 20.

At Recent Coffees

Founders Quiz—Dave Mannering quizzed members on their knowledge of the early history of the KU Retirees Club (forerunner of the Endacott Society). Among the questions: Who was the first elected president of the KU Retirees Club? Answer: Ray Nichols, in 1983.

Defibrillator Demo—Deputy Chief James Anguiano from KU Public Safety gave an informative demo on how to use the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), located on the second floor of the Adams Alumni Center in the hallway near the Bruckmiller Room. He activated the demo AED which then proceeded to both audibly and visually tell him how and when to place the pads on the victims chest, and when (or whether to) administer a shock. He also briefly explained the CPR procedure. He noted that Alumni Center Staff are trained on using the AED, and would normally be the ones to use it until paramedics arrived.

Heath Peterson, Angie Storey and Tegan Thornberry—Angie Storey, KUAA Senior Vice President of Donor and Membership Services, presented the new Endacott annual membership fee options. Angie and Tegan, KUAA Director of Membership, handed out KUAA shopping bags. Heath Peterson, KUAA President, spoke about the new Visitor Center that will be just north of the Alumni Center. He said that while a lot of money still needs to be raised, they have crossed the threshold that makes it a certain project. He also mentioned the renovation of the Alumni Center which will involve elevator work and new carpets among other things. We will invite Heath back periodically to update us on the progress of the two projects.

October Birthdays—At the 3rd Wednesday birthday celebration on October 16, members with October birthdays were honored with cake and a cheese plate. Those present who were honored with a birthday card and a spirited rendition of Happy Birthday.



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Endacott Society Membership List and Online Services

Copies of the Endacott Society membership list may be obtained from Laurie Doud at the KU Alumni Association. Laurie should also be contacted to subscribe to the email list. For the *Endacott Society Newsletter* online: Check the web: endacottsociety.org and select the link to *Newsletter* or *Calendar*.

Dues

To be a member of the Endacott Society, one must have retired from KU or any accredited institution of higher learning. Sign up and remit dues as a member of the KU Alumni Association, designating a desire for Endacott Society membership. (Call 785 864-4760, asking for "records,"

or log in online at www.kualumni.org/join and click "Retired Faculty and Staff.") Retirees who want to join Endacott Society can do so at the cost of \$30. Spouses or partners can be added at no additional cost.

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of current or deceased persons should be

paid directly to the Endacott Society in care of the Adams Alumni Center. These funds will be deposited in the Expressions of Appreciation Fund and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society's various activities throughout the year.