



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org December 2019



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

Breaking News

King's Singers—On October 28, over 90 Endacott members were guests of the Lied Center of Kansas for a concert by The King's Singers, a group with a great tradition of performing at the Lied. Members were also treated to an intermission reception. Sadly, Derek Kwan, di-rector of the Lied, had to announce the death that day of Endacott member Allen Wiech-ert, who has organized the Endacott at the Lied concerts for many years.



Endacott members enjoyed The King's Singers Concert and an Intermission Reception at the Lied Center on Oct. 28.

Halloween Party - A sizable crowd including many costumed members, attended the October 31 Potluck, Lecture and Halloween Party. The main event on this Halloween night was scary stories, dramatically read by Jim Carothers, Dean Bevan, Mike Shaw and Jim Woelfel. President Dave Mannering won Best Costume as a Mad Scientist. Visit endacottsociety.org/special-events/halloween-party/

and click on the video: **Halloween Party Video Highlights.**

Tai Chi—This gentle movement workshop is more popular than ever. We are pleased to announce that Tai Chi will now be held weekly. Come and try it if you wish. New members are always welcome.

Mid-Morning Meditation—Starting December 6, on every first and third Friday after Tai Chi, we are offering this new event from 10:30-11:15. This is a chance to learn basic meditation techniques and share relaxing silence with others. Sit in a chair or on a cushion on the floor, whatever is more comfortable for you. Brand new meditation cushions will be given free to the first twelve people who sign up at Wednesday Coffee. Judy Roitman and Stan Lombardo will facilitate.

Note to Activity Leaders—If your activity consists of topics that change during the year, please create a list of the topics and presenters if appropriate that you have had since January 1, 2019. We will format your list and post it to the history section of the web page for your activity. If you have a representative image of one or two of the activities we may be able to include those as well. Send the list to dmannering@yahoo.com by January 15.



Endacott Members enjoy our Halloween Potluck Dinner Party. Best Costume award went to President Dave Mannering as a Mad Scientist.

Scheduled Events

Cinema Studies

• Documentary Film

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Friday Dec 6–1:30

Considered the granddaddy of documentary films, Robert Flaherty's *Nanook of the North chronicles the life of the Inuit community in Canada, faithfully capturing the relationships within one family*. 1922, 78 minutes. Six decades later, Claude Massot revisits the same locations in *Nanook Revisited* to show how Inuit life has changed, and how Flaherty's film is being used to teach the Inuit their own heritage. 1988, 64 minutes. Sno Balls and light refreshments at 1:15, hardy Eskimos at 1:30.

• Domestic Film

Fred Madaus, fmadaus@ku.edu

Tuesday Dec 10–1:30

We will watch *The Savage Innocents*, starring Anthony Quinn, Peter O'Toole, and Anna May Wong. An Eskimo who has had little contact with white men goes to a trading post where he accidentally kills a missionary and finds himself being pursued by the police. 1960, 110 minutes. Coffee and cookies at 1:15, film at 1:30.

• Foreign Film

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Monday Dec 30–1:30

Ruben Östlund's *Force Majeure* is a wickedly funny movie about what happens when a model Swedish family on a skiing holiday in the French Alps has a near encounter with an avalanche, causing everyone to reexamine how men are supposed to behave "in harm's way." 2014, Swedish, with English subtitles, 120 minutes. Swedish meatballs and light refreshments at 1:15, winter wonderland at 1:30. **Note change of day and date for this month only.**

Computer and Technology Studies

Alan Swarts, aswarts25@gmail.com

Wednesdays–9:00

Dec 4–*Tot Toys, Bot Toys 2019*–

Dave Mannering &

THINK-A-TRON

Dec 11–*Technology as an Aid in*

Museum Displays–Ron Schorr

Dec 18–*Computing Humor*–

Videos selected by Dave Mannering



Drama Study

Omofolaba Ajayi-Soyinka, omofola@ku.edu

Betty Baron, baronbetty@yahoo.com

Tuesdays Dec 3, 17–1:30

Dec 3–*Chambers* by Paul Lim. In this play, Paul Lim gives a modern twist to the Arthurian legend. Arnold Weiss played the lead character in its Lawrence premiere.

Dec 17–*Finish Chambers*, followed by discussions.

Endacott Afternoon Speaker Series

• Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, Dec 12–1:30

Special presentation of Armchair Travel. Refreshments at 1:15, presentation at 1:30.

In October 2019, co-presenters Richard Kershenbaum and Jennifer Lattimore traveled to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, and eastern Germany. They visited: *Sarajevo*, the "Jerusalem of Europe" for its history of multi-culturalism, where tragedy struck during the 1992-95 Balkan War; *Trebinje, Bosnia-Herzegovina*, a beautiful and historic town in the Serb-dominated section of the country; Spectacular *Kotor, Montenegro* and surrounding towns on and near the Bay of Kotor, on the Adriatic Sea; Then, in former East Germany they visited both *Leipzig*, where J.S. Bach presided over the 18th Century music scene; and *Dresden*, former capital of the Kingdom of Saxony, that was rebuilt after devastating February 1945 bombings.

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

• Arts & Sciences

Mary Jane Dunlap, mjdunlap@ku.edu

Karen Heintzen, heintzen@ku.edu

No program this month.

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

• Public Affairs Forum

Tom Huber, lexington1@gmail.com

No program this month.

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

Special Holiday Event

Thursday Dec 12–1:30 This event is no longer scheduled.

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, email or phone by Wed Nov 27. Hope you can attend!

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

Games Theory

Esther Smith, esther@ku.edu

Thursday Dec 19–1:00

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 Dec 4, 11, 18–9:00

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

Great Books Study

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Ellen Reid Gold, e834@ku.edu

Wednesday Dec 11–1:30

The Great Books group will discuss Washington Irving's *Rip van Winkle* and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. These stories are available in many forms and online on the internet. We usually meet in the Library.



Lunch Bunch

Alan Swarts, aswarts25@gmail.com Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com Dick Schiefelbusch, rschief@ku.edu

Wednesdays Dec 4, 11, 18

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

Movement Workshop

• Mid-Morning Meditation–New!

Judy Roitman, jroitman@ku.edu

Stan Lombardo, lombardo@ku.edu

Fridays Dec 6, 20–10:30

Learn basic meditation techniques, and share relaxing silence with others. After Tai Chi on 1st and 3rd Fridays..



• Piccolo Bocce

Dave Mannering, dmannering@yahoo.com

Mondays Dec 2, 16–1:30

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

• Tai Chi for Beginners–Now Weekly!

Haskell Springer, springer@ku.edu

David Hann, akansaswriter@yahoo.com

Fridays Dec 6, 13, 20, 27–9:00

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 Dec 27–10:30

We can't let 2019 slip away without featuring Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1, *Winter Dreams*, in a live performance with Philippe Jordan conducting the Paris Opera Orchestra. 2017, 46 minutes. The Three Tenors in Vienna, singing eight all-time holiday favorites will follow. 1999, 28 minutes. Festive cookies at 10:15, cheery music at 10:30.

Old-Time Radio

John Nicholson, wryterjccc@gmail.com

No program this month. Join us next month for our program on everyone's favorite soap operas.

Future Event–Save the date! January 27, 2020–1:30

Opera Study

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Victor Wallace, wallace@ku.edu

Ted Johnson, jtj@ku.edu

Friday Dec 20–1:30

You've never seen anything like *Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo!* It's an ensemble of sinewy male ballerinos on pointe, in frilly tutus, outperforming their female counterparts in outrageously hilarious parodies of ballet classics like *Swan Lake* and *Les Sylphides*. 2 hours. Petit fours and light refreshments at 1:15, gender bender at 1:30. After the program, we are raffling off two tickets to a live performance of *Les Ballets Trockadero* at the Carlsen Center at JCCC Friday April 24, 2020.

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 Dec 13–10:30

We'll sing Frank Sinatra songs, some favorites by Barbra Streisand, and wrap up with holiday music. Please join us in the Music Room for singing and gingerbread treats! Jim Woelfel and Linda Mannering will lead from the piano.

Ten O'Clock Scholars, AKA Wednesday Coffee

Susan Levine, susanlevine785@gmail.com

MaryKay Mahoney, mahoneym@merrimack.edu

Birthdays: Sharon Brown

Wednesdays Dec 4, 11, 18–10:00

Conversation with coffee, tea, cookies, other treats, announcements and possibly special guests or programs. December birthdays will be celebrated on the third Wednesday, Dec.18.

At Recent Coffees

October 16, 2019–Paul Laird, Professor of Music History, is chair of the University Senate Committee on Retired Faculty Rights and Benefits. President-Elect Jo Cink is the Endacott representative on the Committee, and other members include Madi Vannaman, Human Resources and Chris Brown, Provost's Office. Paul spoke at our October 16 Coffee. He presented issues of interest to the Committee, such as Sprague Apartments and the need for more such housing; expanding Endacott membership among new retirees; and email issues, such as deleting unwanted retired faculty accounts.

KU First Impressions–The Alumni Association would very much like to hear from Endacott Society members on their first impressions of the KU campus. These experiences are very interesting to our Society, and also could be used in future KU ads. Jo Cink, our President-Elect, is coordinating this project. Please email your recollections to her at ccinkbird76@gmail.com by January 1. Thank you!



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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.