



Endacott Society

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As we leave January behind us, we are encouraged by Phase I vaccinations going on in Lawrence and hopeful that the rollout in Phase 2 doses will include many of the rest of our Endacott Society members. The pandemic has been more trying and all consuming than most of us ever anticipated - almost a year ago now. We are thankful for all contacts we have with our friends through Zoom meetings of our interest groups and social distancing visits. We really appreciate the efforts of the leaders of our interest groups for coming up with such interesting topics for discussion.

On January 6 Wednesday coffee meeting Heath Peterson Alumni Association president, joined us for a visit on Zoom. He summarized the progress made on construction of the new student welcome center and remodel of the Alumni Center. He confirmed that funds are secured for the welcome center and ground-breaking will take place in late March. The remodel of the Alumni Center project fund is still short of its nine million dollar goal, but potential donors have been or will be approached. Heath is optimistic that the goal can be realized. The Endacott Society could be without its new home for a year after the welcome center is completed in fall 2022. He entertained a variety of questions from our members about the project. We still will have challenges to meet in person when its safe to do so, but with the help of our members we will identify meeting sites and continue to socialize and learn as we always have.

Happy Birthday to members of the Endacott Society who celebrate birthdays during February, and congratulations to those of you celebrating anniversaries during the month. ----
Jo Cink, President

There are a variety of interesting films, discussions, and topics scheduled for February in your Zoom Guide. Consult this resource for links to meetings of interest groups. Some additional details for a few are provided below.

Arts and Sciences- program_meets Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1:30 p.m. on ZOOM

From her home in New York City, Susan K. Harris will be interviewed informally by her KU colleague, Cheryl Lester, in Lawrence, about Susan's new book *Mark Twain, The World and Me: Following the Equator Then and Now*. Both are American literature scholars, retired -- Cheryl from the English and American Studies departments and Susan from the English department -- and both enjoy travel. In a series of essays about her journeys to revisit stops on Twain's last lecture tour through the British Empire, 1895-96, Susan reveals how the world we know, grew out of the colonial world Twain encountered. She reflects on the meaning of Twain's travels for her as a scholar, a white woman, a Jewish American, a wife and a mother.

Cinema Studies - It's February, and love (both requited and unrequited) is in the air. Paul Lim's descriptions follow throughout. Email plim@ku.edu for the Zoom links. All five are shown at 1:30pm.

Documentary Film-Fri--Feb 5--John Caird's *Twin Spirits* traces the romantic courtship but ultimately tragic marriage of composer Robert Schumann and pianist Clara Wieck, using their own words and music. Performers include Sting, Simon Keenlyside, Trudie Styler, Rebecca Evans and Derek Jacobi. (In English with cc, 91 minutes.)

Domestic Film- Tue--Feb 9--Han Suyin's autobiographical novel about her interracial romance with a Western journalist (William Holden) is beautifully captured in *Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing*, even though the Eurasian protagonist is played by Jennifer Jones. Filmed in Hong Kong and nominated for eight Oscars, it won three--Best Costume, Best Music and Best Original Song. (1955, in English with cc, 102 minutes.)

Foreign Film--Fri--Feb 12-- Wong Kar-Wai's *In the Mood for Love* is considered by many to be the most romantic Chinese movie ever made, although there are no love scenes between Maggie Cheung and Tony Leung, who are both married but not to each other. They never disrobe because it would never occur to them to get out of their beautiful costumes. The eclectic musical score is haunting, interspersed with many Nat "King" Cole songs. (2000, in Cantonese with English subtitles, 98 minutes.)

Pre-Valentine Special--Sat--Feb 13—What happens when your father forbids you to marry and threatens to kill your dog? Why, you pack up all your Victorian frocks, scoop up your dog Flush, and elope to Italy with a man six years younger than yourself, because he not only writes love poetry like yourself, but also happens to be Robert Browning. See it all in the

1957 film adaptation of Rudolf Besier's 1930 play *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*. (In English with cc, 105 minutes.)

Valentine Day Special - Sun--Feb 14--Claude Lelouch's *A Man and a Woman* is considered by many to be the most romantic French movie ever made and, being Gallic, the beautiful widow (Anouk Aimee) and the handsome widower (Jean-Louis Trintignant) eventually disrobe and make love, but they are filled with angst afterwards. Winner of two Academy Awards, for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Original Screenplay, the film is also famous for its eclectic musical score. (1966, in French with English subtitles, 102 minutes.)

Drama Study- Tue—Feb 2 and 16, at 1:30, the group will be reading David Henry Hwang's "*M. Butterfly*." The winner of the 1988 Tony award for best drama, "M. Butterfly" is a radical rethinking of Puccini's opera, "Madam Butterfly." Mr. Hwang re-structures this story, by replacing the man with a naive French diplomat and the woman with a Chinese opera singer who is in fact a man. Sexual dynamics are turned upside down, and western misapprehensions about the Chinese and about Asia in general are blown up in what Frank Rich calls "a brilliant play of ideas." After finishing the play on February 16, Paul Lim will show excerpts from a film of the play.

Old Time Radio- Mon-Feb 22. The theme is Unusual Detectives. We'll listen to *Your's Truly, Johnny Dollar*, who is billed as the insurance investigator with the action-packed expense account. Also listen to *Nero Wolfe*, the obese "world's greatest detective" who never leaves his comfy armchair. The third unusual detective is *Let George Do It*, who, at least in the first season, is unable to solve a crime or problem unless the answer jumps in his lap.

Great Books-Wed-Feb 10-1:30PM. Coordinating with Paul Lim's theme of "love" in the film and

opera series, we will be reading and discussing Virginia Woolf's biographical novel *Flush*, about Elizabeth Barrett Browning's cocker spaniel Flush, and also Barrett Browning's two poems to Flush and a few of her many love poems. Flush characterizes the dog's role in and observations of Elizabeth Barrett's sheltered life in the family home on Wimpole Street in London, presided over by her tyrannical father, her furtive romance with Robert Browning, and their elopement, secret wedding, and "escape" to Florence.

Flush is available in paperback and online in pdf, as are EBB's poems. As an added treat, on Saturday, February 13 at 1:30 pm Paul Lim will be screening the 1957 film adaptation of Rudolf Besier's 1930 play *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, starring Jennifer Jones, John Gielgud, and a canine actor as Flush.

Answers to last month's Lawrence-KU trivia quiz, Part 2

1. Centennial High School was at 14th and Mass
2. 1886, EHS Bailey ,Rah, Rah Jayhawk; then Rock Chalk
3. Eldon Tefft 4. 9th St and Emery Road 5. Al Oerter
6. Peter Fillerup appropriately for building made possible by Phillips 66 7. Alpha Chi Omega 8. Allen Fieldhouse
9. Prairie Acre is south of Watson Library NE corner of Sunnyside and Sunflower 10. Mandy Patinkin 11. Oils and landscapes 12. Mt Oread was originally Hogback Ridge
13. Tepee Junction 14. Paul Lim 15. James Naismith

Fill in the Letters Challenge-

Fill in the blank spaces with letters to make common English words (no proper nouns allowed). For example, ___at yields twelve answers: bat, cat, eat, fat, hat, mat, oat, pat, rat, sat, tat (Note: The number in parentheses indicates how many common English words can be made.).

1. j ___ ___ (16)

2. ___c ___ (5)

3. ___oi ___ (13)

4. s ___ ___ n (15)

One of Esther Smith's recipes that is a favorite of her dinner guests: **Artichoke Chicken**

Ingredients: 1 (15 ounce) can of artichoke hearts, ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese, ¾ cup mayonnaise, 1 pinch garlic pepper, 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Directions: 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
 2. In a medium bowl, mix together the artichoke hearts, Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, and garlic powder. Place chicken in a greased baking dish, and cover evenly with artichoke mixture.
 3. Bake, uncovered for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until chicken is no longer pink in the center and juices run clear.

