

# ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas [groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety](http://groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety) Sept. 2013

**SCHEDULED EVENTS** *All activities meet at the Adams Alumni Center unless otherwise noted.*

## Afternoon Lecture Series

Sharon and Bob Brown (842-2079) are in charge of Birthday preparations. Loraine Lindenbaum ([lhindenbaum@sunflower.com](mailto:lhindenbaum@sunflower.com), 843-4308) and Lee Ketzel ([leeketznel@yahoo.com](mailto:leeketznel@yahoo.com), 843-4834) are in charge of programs.

**September 12**—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of September birthdays, a team from Bert Nash will highlight services offered by the Bert Nash Mental Health Center.

## Armchair Travel

Stitt Robinson ([wsrobin@ku.edu](mailto:wsrobin@ku.edu), 843-1499)

**September 26**—Program at 2:30, coffee and tea at 2:00. A program on France, with special interest in canals, will be presented by James and Thelma Taylor.

## Card and Game Theory

Edna Galle ([galle@ku.edu](mailto:galle@ku.edu), 843-2950)

**September 19**—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

## Cinema Studies

Fred Madaus ([fmadaus@ku.edu](mailto:fmadaus@ku.edu), 841-4939), Audrey Kamb-Studdard ([audkamb@ku.edu](mailto:audkamb@ku.edu), 843-4166), and Bruce Linton ([balinton@ku.edu](mailto:balinton@ku.edu), 843-6796).

**September 17**—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. The September film will be *Harvey*, starring James Stewart and Josephine Hall. In this 1950 production, the main character is a middle aged man whose best friend is an invisible 6' 3.5" rabbit named Harvey. Josephine Hall won an Oscar for Best Actress in a Supporting role and James Stewart was nominated for Best Actor.

The film running time is 105 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a Movie.

## Computer Study

Jerry Niebaum ([jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com](mailto:jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com), 842-3127)

All meetings at 9:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge. Programs for the month follow:

**September 4**—To be announced (Richard Kershenbaum).

**September 11**—To be announced (Ron Schorr).

**September 18**—"Networking in Lawrence" (Joshua Montgomery).

**September 25**—"Helpful Applications (Apple and Android) for Seniors" (Alan Swarts).

## Drama Study

Arnold Weiss ([ahweiss@ku.edu](mailto:ahweiss@ku.edu), 842-5502), and Bob Procter ([robert@procter.com](mailto:robert@procter.com), 221-2100)

**September 13**—1:30. Discussion will center on G.B. Shaw's *Man and Superman*, precise topic to be announced at Wednesday Coffee.

## Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner)

Linda Mullens ([lmullens@ku.edu](mailto:lmullens@ku.edu)) (841-0958)

**September 19**—5:30 wine and cheese, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program. After dinner our speaker will be Dr. Dennis Domer, currently New Cities Project Director at KU. He will speak about intergenerational communities. The title of his talk will be "Bending the Arc of Aging."

Please sign up for this event by September 11, and indicate what you will bring. You can use the signup sheet which is available during Wednesday Coffee or by calling Linda Mullens.

## Gardening

Allen Wiechert ([wiechert@ku.edu](mailto:wiechert@ku.edu), 842-5467) and Dick Schiefelbusch (843-5869)

**September 4, 11, 18, 25**—9:00 in the Music Room.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

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### Great Books Study

*Ellen Gold (843-6933) and Don Chambers (843-5805)*

**September 11**— 1:30 in the McGinnis Library.

The Great Books Group will discuss *Lava Cameo* by Eavan Boland. Alan Black will moderate the discussion. All are welcome.

### Music

*Roberta Spires (rspires@ku.edu, 842-6820)*

**September 4, 11, 18, 25**— Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

### Opera Study

*Al Sellen (jnalsellen@aol.com, 841-7432) and Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu, 842-7930)*

**September 27**— 1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge.

The operas to be presented this year will all represent popular operas which were the unique efforts of their composers. For September, we will present Ludvig van Beethoven's *Fidelio*. The opera, which was first produced in 1805, tells how Leonore, disguised as a prison guard named "Fidelio," rescues her husband Florestan from death in a political prison. It was revised many times by the composer, and the opera as we know it was completed in 1814. (In the process

several versions of the overture were produced and, under the name *Leonora Overtures* are regularly played, separately, in concerts.)

Our DVD recording, remastered from a 2003 performance, features James Levine as conductor, Karita Mattila as Leonora, an even younger-looking Ben Heppner as Florestan, and René Pape as the jailer.

The opera lasts about two hours. At the intermission there will be coffee, tea, cookies, and conversation.

### Singing for Fun

*Roberta Spires (rspires@ku.edu, 842-6820)*

**September 5**— 2:00 in the Music Room. Winnie Gallup will accompany us with the able help of Pat Kelly and Al Gallup. Please come and sing some familiar old and good songs!

### Ten O'clock Scholars, AKA "Wednesday Coffee"

*Esther Smith (842-1660)*

**September 4, 11, 18, 25**— 10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### A Conversation With ...

*Jerry Niebaum (jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com, 842-3127)*

**October 1**— A new study group, *A Conversation With ...*, will begin on October 1 at 2:30 pm in the Music Room at the Alumni Center. Jerry Niebaum will interview Grant Goodman in an oral history style. The group will meet monthly the first Tuesday of the month through May of next year. Our second meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5 when Jerry will interview Ellen Reid Gold. At that meeting we will try to create a list of our next interviewees and interviewers.

### Autumnal Starlight Walking Tour

*Ted Johnson (jtj@ku.edu, 842-5328)*

**September 20**— 5:00 am. Ted Johnson will conduct the traditional autumnal equinox starlight walking tour of Mount Oread on Friday, September 20, beginning at 5:00 am and ending with the sunrise just after 7 a.m. Meet at the intersection of 14th Street and Jayhawk Boulevard at 5 a.m. For a full prospectus of the tour, please contact him at jtj@ku.edu.

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the same day, Ted will be available to discuss the rich iconography dealing with astronomy and many other subjects sculpted on the eastern façade of the Natural History Museum and how this building, as well as others on the eastern brow of Mount Oread, relate to the equinoxes. The autumnal equinox this year occurs on Sunday, September 22.