



June 2026

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The Endacott Society Annual Business Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 24 in the Paul Adam Lounge at the Adams Alumni Center. We will meet following a shorter Ten O'clock Scholar's meeting. The meeting will review the 2025-2026 Annual Report and elect officers for next year. The Annual Report will be available on the Endacott Society website in advance of the meeting. We will also have paper copies available at the meeting. I would like to thank everyone for their support this past year.

It has been an eventful and fulfilling year serving as president. I would especially like to thank the other officers: Kevin Boatright as past-president, Gary Minden as president-elect, Linda Mullens as treasurer and Betty Bunce as secretary. Of course, Dave Mannering has been a great resource as well.

I am grateful to those who will take office next year:

President – Gary Minden

President-Elect – Pam Houston

Treasurer – Linda Mullens

Secretary – Betty Bunce

Thanks for taking on or continuing these roles.

May was a very busy month. We started the month with a wonderful Potluck dinner. Our speaker, Elspeth Healey, gave an interesting and informative talk on the "History of the Book" as represented in the Spencer Special Collections where she serves as one of two curators. That same day, Rex Buchanan, along with Joe Gatti, gave a talk on their trip to Easter Island

for our Armchair travel series. The following week (May 14) the Arts & Sciences lecture featured a visit to the Innovation Campus to learn about support for start-up and innovating companies on the KU Campus. Thanks to Kevin Boatright and Val Stella for coordinating that. The next day (May 15) a group of Endacott members traveled to tour the Steamboat Arabia in the City Market area of Kansas City. The Steamboat Arabia Museum is closing at that location in November 2026 after nearly 40 years. These were in addition to our usual Tech Studies, Garden Studies, movies, drama group, book club, old-time radio, games theory, etc. etc. I hope you took advantage of some of the many opportunities to engage with fellow Endacott members.

– Lindy Eakin

*Speaking for all the Endacott members, we sincerely appreciate your Presidential leadership, knowledge, time and humor. Thank YOU, Lindy! We welcome Gary Minden going forward. --Editor Laurie Doud

Summer humor:

When the box from her sister arrived, my friend Diane excitedly ripped it open. Inside, she found a colorful hat that was soft and fuzzy. She loved it and quickly tried it on, but it didn't fit. She turned it around, then tried it at a different angle. No matter how she wore it, it didn't look right. So, she called her sister Jane.

"I got the hat you sent me," Diane said, "but it doesn't fit,"

"A hat?! said Jane, guffawing. "I sent you a toilet seat cover!"

June Activities & Events

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No travel adventures scheduled for June.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No programs scheduled for the summer.

Cinema Studies

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, June 9th, 1:30 to 4:00pm
Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

If Beale Street Could Talk, 2018, (Kanopy) (Drama, Romance) 1hr 59min

Directed by Barry Jenkins, based on the novel by James Baldwin set in 1970s Harlem, the film follows Tish, a young woman who is newly pregnant and deeply in love with her fiancé, Fonny, an aspiring sculptor. Their plans for a life together are shattered when Fonny is falsely accused of a crime and jailed. As Tish and her family fight to prove his innocence, the movie explores love, family loyalty, racism, and the emotional cost of an unjust system.

The film is intimate, lyrical, and emotionally rich—less a courtroom thriller than a powerful love story about holding onto hope under impossible pressure. It stars KiKi Layne, Stephan James, and Regina King, whose performance won an Academy Award.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Wednesday, June 17th, 11:00am to 12:00pm (Note the location and time)
Adams Alumni Center-Paul Adam lounge

Once Upon a Time in Ukraine, 2024, (Kanopy) (Documentary) 32min

This is a short documentary directed by Betsy West with Ukrainian collaborators, focusing on the lives of children growing up during Russia's war in Ukraine. The documentary is emotional but deeply human, emphasizing not only the trauma of war but also the imagination, humor, and strength children use to endure it. The movie offers an intimate, personal perspective on the conflict and its lasting impact on a generation growing up inside Ukraine.

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FOREIGN MOVIE

Tuesday, June 23rd, 1:30 to 4:00pm
Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

Howard's End, 1992 (Kanopy) (Drama, Tragedy, Romance) 2hr 22min

Howards End is a period drama directed by James Ivory, based on the novel by E. M. Forster. Set in early-20th-century England, the story explores class divisions, money, social change, and the challenge of forming genuine human connections across social boundaries. Elegant, thoughtful, and emotionally layered, *Howards End* is less about plot twists than about character, values, and the clash between idealism and materialism. It stars Emma Thompson, Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Vanessa Redgrave. Emma Thompson won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance.

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesdays, June 2nd & 16th at 1:30pm
ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

We will explore racism, antisemitism and "the quality of mercy" in Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. Please join us.

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

Tuesday, June 16th at 1:30pm-3:00pm
Senior Resource Center Garden room

In June we will play a **Mind Reading Game**, which is a fun and interactive group activity where players team up to try to "read" each other's minds—often through clever guessing, empathy, or shared thinking patterns. Try to guess what another player is thinking or match answers with them using clues, intuition, or shared experiences. Please join us.

Garden Seminar

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

No meetings are scheduled in June for Garden Seminar (nor for July or August). Our regular schedule of the second and fourth Wednesday meetings in the month will resume in September. Happy Summer Travels!

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, June 10th at 1:30 pm.

For June we'll read and discuss E. M. Forster's novel *Where Angels Fear to Tread* (1905), which tells a story about English people in Italy. Forster's story represents a long tradition of what might be called the English "love affair" with Italy dating back at least as far as the early 19th century. It's a relationship that lends itself to comedy—for example with the contrasts of weather, class, culture, disposition, and lifestyle—and Forster's other novel about the English in Italy, *A Room with a View* (1908), is a comic novel about negotiating the differences in manners and

mores. While there are comic elements throughout *Where Angels Fear to Tread*, at bottom it's a tragic love story.

Edward Morgan Forster (1879-1970) was one of the leading British writers of the first half of the 20th century, and his reputation has endured. Perhaps best known for his novels *A Passage to India* (1924) and *Howards' End* (1910), he depicted the life of the English middle classes during the first decades of the 20th century—a time of important changes in British society, politics, industry, literature, and mores, with the Great War of 1914-18 as a major watershed.

Lunch Bunch

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:45 am.

An email will be sent each week as to where the lunch bunch group will meet.

Movement Workshop

Haskell springer@ku.edu

Fridays-June 5, 12, 19, 26 at 9am

Senior Resource Center

Tai Chi will meet every Friday in June.

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Old -Time Radio zoom sessions are currently on hold.

.Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

No out-of-town travel for June through August.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu

No potlucks are scheduled for the summer.

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, June 3 9:00-am-Adams Alumni Center

--*AI and/or Humanity* - A lightly curated collection of TED talks.

Wednesday, June 17 9:00 am Adams Alumni Center

--*Will AI soon make software development jobs obsolete?* - Jack Horner

Wednesday Coffee

Lindy Eakin wlineak@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

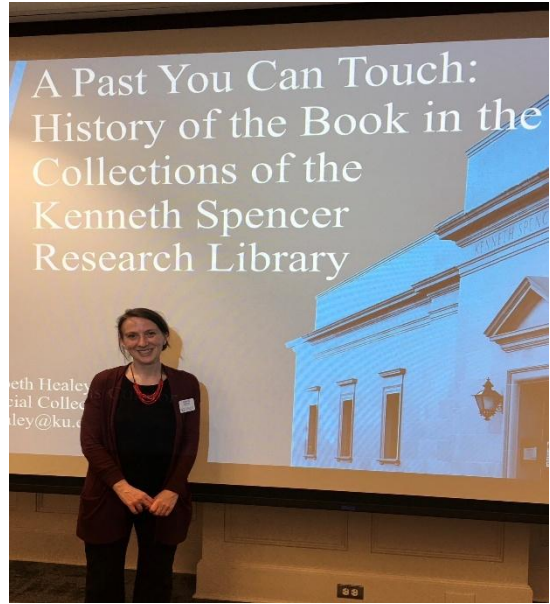
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.—**Birthday cake**

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.



Rex Buchanan & Joe Gatti sharing their Easter Island vacation escapades at Armchair Travel.



Elspeth Healey gave a presentation on "The History of the Book" at Potluck.



Endacott retirees touring the Steamboat Arabia museum via Out-of-town-travel.
Photo courtesy of Kevin Boatright.



Adam Courtney (left) leading a tour of future lab and office space at KU Innovation Park. Val Stella (right) and Chris Rehkamp also spoke.
Photo courtesy of Kevin Boatright.