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School is starting...and I don't have to prepare for classes!

Fall and the start of school always brought excitement for me— the excitement of meeting new students, of improving over last year, and of learning new ideas and relishing summer accomplishments. Each fall was a new beginning.

We can all reflect on our own first week at university. We were on our own, figuring out enrollment, buying textbooks, meeting old friends and new friends, and finding Blatson Hall, and who was Blatson anyway? It was also the last party of the summer before buckling down to academic work. For me, it was The Real Jayhawk Week. Yes, a whole week of celebration (well parties).

Let's go into this new school year with excitement of new beginnings!

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This year we're trying a new activity named "Fifth Wednesdays." The idea is to explore a topic not covered in our regular study groups for an hour. In July we talked about food, recipes, and

restaurants. We chatted about our encounters with food, a recipe, a special restaurant, a special dinner, and disasters.

In September (**September 30th**) we'll talk about "Serendipity: Stories of Opportunities Taken." Tell a story or two about an encounter that changed your life directions. The gathering starts at 9:00 AM just before our regular Coffee at 10:00 AM in the KU Alumni Center. Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday will be in December

--G. Minden



## **September Activities & Events**

### **Armchair Travel**

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

No travel adventures scheduled for September.

### **Arts & Sciences Lecture Program**

Kevin Boatright [kboatright@ku.edu](mailto:kboatright@ku.edu)

No programs are scheduled for September.

### **Cinema Studies**

J. Tom Adams [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com)

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*Continuation of Cinema Studies has not been determined.*

### **Drama Studies**

Michael Shaw [michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays September 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**

**ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.**

The Drama Group will be reading "The Great Celestial Cow" by Sue Townsend, a play both sad and comic about a family of immigrants from India in England. As always, we invite anyone interested to join us, either to participate or to listen.

### **Games Theory**

Steven Lee [swlee@ku.edu](mailto:swlee@ku.edu)

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm-3:00pm**

**Senior Resource Center Garden room**

We will be playing **Spoons**, which is a fast-paced, fun party game that combines speed, observation, and a bit of chaos! It's lots of fun for sure. As always, treats are provided.

### **Garden Seminar**

Cal & Jo Cink [ccinkbird76@gmail.com](mailto:ccinkbird76@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**, Adams Alumni Center, **Longwood Gardens.**

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am**, Adams Alumni Center, **Chanticlear** and **The Many Faces of Hibiscus**

### **Great Books (Zoom)**

Jim Woelfel [woelfel@ku.edu](mailto:woelfel@ku.edu)

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.**

Our reading will be Edith Wharton's novel *Ethan Frome* (1911). In 2020 and 2024 we read and discussed a few of Wharton's short stories. *Ethan Frome* is a short novel that remains one of her best known. Wharton (1862-1937) is one of America's major writers. While largely associated with stories of upper-class life in big cities, she sets *Ethan Frome* in a rural and

small-town area of hardscrabble farmers and modestly-situated townspeople in the hill country of western Massachusetts. (cont→)

At the center of the story are Ethan, a struggling farmer, his always-ailing wife Zenobia (Zeena), and her young cousin Mattie who has come to live with them. It's a version of the "love triangle" theme that fatefully unfolds to a dramatic crisis, fundamentally altering the lives of each of them. Their bleak lives play out against a landscape with long, hard winters.

There are several paperback editions of *Ethan Frome*, and it's also available as a pdf document. Among the paperback editions is a Dover Thrift Classic, but the print is quite small. A couple of the paperback editions with larger print are one published apparently by Amazon, which sells for only \$5.99, and another published in the Reader's Library Classics series for around \$10.

### **Lunch Bunch**

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 11:45 am.**

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

### **Movement Workshop**

Haskell [springer@ku.edu](mailto:springer@ku.edu)

**Fridays- at 9am**

**Senior Resource Center**

Tai Chi will meet every Friday at 9:00 in September at the Senior Resource Center.

### **Old-Time Radio (Zoom)**

John Nicholson [wryterjccc@gmail.com](mailto:wryterjccc@gmail.com)

Old-Time Radio will be on hiatus until further notice.

### **Out-of-Town Travel**

Judy Niebaum [jniebaum@sunflower.com](mailto:jniebaum@sunflower.com)

The Out-of-Town Travel Group will make an art appreciation trip to Kansas City **Saturday, September 26th**. We will leave Lawrence at about 10 a.m. to go to either the Nelson-Atkins Museum or the 95th annual Country Club Plaza Art Fair - or both for the ambitious art lovers. The two destinations are a short drive or a medium walk from each other. There is no admission fee for either destination. **(See location map of the art fair on page 4)**

The Nelson-Atkins accepts donations and does charge for special exhibits. The exhibits on Sept. 26 are described on the Museum website, [www.nelson-atkins.org/art/exhibitions](http://www.nelson-atkins.org/art/exhibitions). Parking in the Museum garage is \$10, free for members. We will have volunteer drivers.

Please contact Judy Niebaum at (360) 953-2240 if you are interested or let us know at the Wednesday coffee meeting.

### **Potluck Dinner & Lecture**

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

The next potluck will be **October** 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Technology Studies**

Dave Mannering [dmannering@yahoo.com](mailto:dmannering@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, September 2nd 9:00 am**, Adams Alumni Center  
--*What the Heck Is It?* - Our annual technology identification quiz

**Wednesday, September 16th 9:00 am**, Adams Alumni Center  
--*Cleopatra's Needles* - Something a little different

### **Wednesday Coffee**

Gary Minden [gminden@ku.edu](mailto:gminden@ku.edu)

**10 am-Adams Alumni Center**

Wednesday, September 2

Wednesday, September 9

Wednesday, September 16—**Birthday cake**

Wednesday, September 23

Wednesday, September **30 at 9am** for the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday topic of the month.

Map of the Country Club Plaza Art Fair

