

## Bits & Pieces

### Tennis Lessons

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,** Tennis Courts

Beginner and Advanced Beginner lessons will be held on Tuesdays: **October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.**

Intermediate and Advanced lessons will be held on Thursdays: **October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2.**

Tennis rackets will be provided.

### Faculty Lecture

**Wednesday, October 4, 4:30 p.m.,**

Wolfensohn Hall  
Nathan Seiberg, Professor in the School of Natural Sciences, will speak about the Large Hadron Collider. The particle accelerator is expected to be completed next year and will undoubtedly revolutionize our understanding of elementary particles and the forces acting between them. The lecture is free and open to the public; no reservations are required. For more information, call the event line at (609) 734-8175.

### Activities Group Speakers

**Wednesday, October 4 and October 11,**

**10:00 a.m.,** Activities Center

Helen Goddard will host the Activities

Group and introduce guest speakers from Princeton community organizations. Eileen K. Morales, Curator at the Historical Society of Princeton, will speak on **October 4.** Mike LaRiccia, Program Coordinator at the Arts Council of Princeton, will speak on **October 11.**

### Concert Series

Composer Somei Satoh will speak with artist-in-residence Jon Magnussen at **4:00 p.m. on October 20** in the Dilworth Room. Two concerts, performed by the Flux Quartet with Steven Gosling on piano, will take place at **8:00 p.m. on October 20 and October 21** in Wolfensohn Hall. Concert tickets are free but must be requested in advance by calling (609) 742-8228 or via email at [air@ias.edu](mailto:air@ias.edu).

### Art History Lecture

**Tuesday, October 24, 5:00 p.m.,** Wolfensohn Hall

Anne Wagner, Professor of Modern Art at the University of California, Berkeley, will present the first in a series of art history lectures, presented under the theme of *The Sensuous in Art* and organized by Yve-Alain Bois, Professor in the School of Historical Studies, in collaboration with Prince-



*Are you gearing up for fall? Members' children take a ride at Terhune Orchards.*

ton University. The lectures, which are funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and will be held at the Institute and Princeton campuses through April 2007, are free and open to the public; no reservations are required.

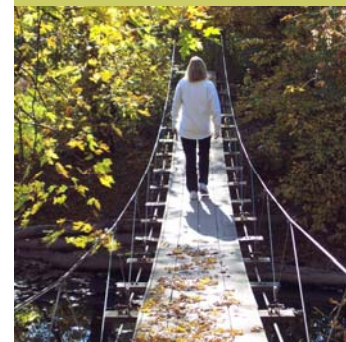
*Please see the Calendar on Page 3 for dates and times of Ballroom Dancing, Pottery, and Yoga sessions.*

### Book Swap

*Looking to borrow or pass on a good book . . . visit the Activities Center Book Swap Bookshelf. It is located along the wall in the TV area. Feel free at any time to add to or borrow from the collection.*

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## A Walk in the Institute Woods with Dr. Horn

*Now Autumn's fire burns slowly along the woods and day by day the dead leaves fall and melt.*

...from *Autumnal Sonnet* by William Allingham

*Linda Geraci writes:*

The Institute Woods, a permanently protected 589-acre woodland treasure right out our back door, will soon show the myriad of fall colors that draws hikers, birders and many others who just want to spend time

with nature. On **October 7**, the Institute community will be given the chance to see a section of the woods through the eyes of Princeton University Professor Henry Horn who has conducted detailed and extensive research on the woods for 40 years. As he states in his book *The Woods at the Institute for Advanced Study*, "The Institute Woods is justly one of the most renowned natural areas in central New Jersey...and has a remarkable diversity in a small

area." A faculty member in Princeton's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Dr. Horn will highlight the history of the woods and share his knowledge regarding its vegetation and birds.

So bring your binoculars and walking shoes and join us in the Fuld Hall Common Room at 10:00 a.m. for a short talk and walk through the Institute Woods.



## Halloween in Princeton

*Helen Goddard writes:*

Halloween!

It's that time of the year again when things go bump in the night, and the evening air is filled with ghostly figures. Children have been planning for Halloween (October 31) since Labor Day – which event will they take part in? What goodies will they get? And most important of all – what costume will they wear? For details of what to expect for those of you not familiar with this American extravaganza, see last year's article and picture by Brig Gebert (October 2005).

Most important is to get your pumpkin, carve it out and place it on your doorstep with a candle inside, and then wait for small (and not so small) children to come and knock at your door. "Trick or Treat?" they'll ask, expecting a handful of candy or cookies. Best to go for individually wrapped candies or candy bars, or boxes of raisins for the more health conscious among us.

Here is a very simple ghostly decoration to make with your children. It just requires paper tissues, string or cotton thread and a felt tip pen. Crumple one tissue into a ball, place the other tissue over it, tie to make a head and cloak, and then draw on eyes, nose and mouth. Several can be strung together as in the accompanying photo.



*Ghosts at Halloween—an easy homemade decoration.*

There are many Halloween-related events in which you can participate. Your child's school and Coffee and Sippy Cups will have Halloween activities. Terhune Orchards also makes for a great outing if you have a car; every October weekend is full of things to do (pony rides, a corn maze, apple picking, pumpkin-related activities, food to buy).

Do look at their website at [www.terhuneorchards.com](http://www.terhuneorchards.com).

On **Saturday, October 28**, there are fun things to do at the Princeton Shopping Center from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., including a costume parade and contest, and the making of masks and scarecrows.

You may also attend the Arts Council of Princeton's Annual Hometown Halloween Parade on **Monday, October 30**. Participants of all ages are invited to meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Witherspoon Plaza (next to the Princeton Public Library) and then march in a parade, led

by the Princeton University Band, to the Green in front of the historic Nassau Inn. The festivities will include games, treats and the telling of scary ghost stories. Don't forget to wear a costume!

### A Brief Halloween History

*Halloween is believed to have been brought to the USA by Irish immigrants back in the 1840s. Its origins are lost in the mists of time but are linked to both pagan festivities and Christian ones. Halloween precedes All Hallows Day in the Catholic Church and means the evening prior to that day.*

*Some people believed that the spirits of the dead were free to wander on that evening looking for a new body to inhabit, hence the donning of ghostly and evil costumes to warn them off. But it also marked the end of summer and the start of the Celtic New Year in Ireland of the fifth century BC.*

*The Romans mixed these old traditions in with their day to honor Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees whose symbol is the apple. Apple dunking is a common party game for Halloween.*

*Today, it is primarily a commercial holiday but also fun, so join in and enjoy yourselves.*



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Founded in 1974, the Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Study (AMIAS) is the organization of scholars and researchers who are current or former Members of or Visitors to the Institute. Its central purpose is to support the mission of the Institute and to continue for future generations the opportunities for independent, undistracted scholarship which AMIAS members themselves have experienced.

## Getting to Know . . . Andy Compton, Housing Supervisor

To help you become acquainted with your new home, Brig Gebert, spouse of Reinhold Gebert, a former Member in the School of Natural Sciences, recently spoke with Andy Compton, who has overseen the housing complex for the last 12 years.



Member housing at the Institute.

Brig writes:

Whether you are a short-time Visitor or a long-term Member, chances are you will need to contact Andy Compton eventually with any problem you might have with your apartment. A licensed plumber before joining the Institute staff, Andy has lived in this area all his life. He calls a small farm in the Lambertville area his home, which he shares with his wife and two daughters.

While he may not be the first employee you meet here, he is the person to contact if there are things you don't understand about your new living quarters. For Andy, taking care of Member housing is about having fun and getting things done. "There is something different every day," he says. He always understands eventually what the problem is, even if he has learned at least 20 different words for the refrigerator by now. So if something is broken or troublesome, please let him know. What he doesn't know, he can't fix!

Based on previous Member housing mishaps, Andy provided a few pointers about the proper and not so proper ways to care for some potentially confounding household appliances:

- If you dispose of the ashes from your fireplace before they've cooled completely, you will have a fire in your trash bin and the fire truck will come;
- If you use your central vacuum for anything but your floors indoors (for example, to remove snow on your car outside), your vacuum won't work any more and that is the best possible outcome (the worst is up to the reader's imagination);

- If you roast a whole chicken in your oven, be sure to use a pan to catch the drippings! The rack in the oven is not an outdoor grill; plus, who wants to scrape half an inch of grease off the oven floor?!
- If you turn on your central vacuum around Halloween, beware of the location of costumes. Around this time of year, the vacuum has been known to try to participate in the festivities. It once sucked up Superman's cape; fortunately, superman Andy was able to retrieve it!

To avoid your own equally creative housing mishaps, don't be afraid to ask how to use something. Andy can be reached by phone at (609) 734-8230 or by email at [acompton@ias.edu](mailto:acompton@ias.edu).

*This year approximately 150 Members and Visitors from all parts of the world will reside in the Institute's Member housing. While abandoned World War II military barracks initially housed Members, in the 1950s Director J. Robert Oppenheimer commissioned Marcel Breuer, the Bauhaus architect whose designs include the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, to conceive of the current buildings. The complex was expanded and renovated by architect Michael Landau at the turn of the century. (More information about the history of Member housing can be found in the January 2006 issue of Tatl.)*

## Things to do at the Institute

From films to live music to playreading, the Institute community is invited to participate in a variety of social activities throughout the year. All of the gatherings are free, with no reservations required.

soft drinks. Just in time for Halloween, AMIAS will show *Bride of Frankenstein* at 7:00 p.m. on **October 30** in the Dilworth Room.

More mature audiences may wish to attend the Institute's Film Series.

*Girl on the Bridge* (2000, French with English subtitles) will be shown on **Friday, October 13**, and *The Assignment* (1997) will be shown on **Wednesday, October 25**. The films will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Wolfensohn Hall.

### Scrapbooking

Bring your photos, poems, ticket stubs and any other memorabilia items that you would like to creatively preserve to our scrapbooking sessions on **October 5, November 2**, and **December 7** from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Activities Center. Instructor Teri Van Schoick will share her scrapbooking ideas and expertise to help you craft your keepsake. Classroom materials will be supplied.

### Bridge

This fall, beginners bridge is being offered for the first time at the Institute on **Wednesdays** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **October 4 through November 22**. The eight-week session is limited to the first eight people who register by contacting Linda Geraci at (609) 734-8259. Instructor Judy Miller will concentrate on analyzing bridge hands and teaching the technique of bidding and play.

### A Night at Harry's

On **Saturday, October 14**, Harry's Bar will present an evening of jazz with guitarist Bob Miles, host of the cable TV show "Miles of Music," and base player Bob Lewis. The bar is located on the upper floor of the Dining Hall, and the performance will take place from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. An Institute ID is required to purchase drinks.



# October 2006

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1  | 2  English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL                                     | 3  Computer Training, 10:00 a.m., WLR<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC   | 4  Groups *, 10:00 a.m., AC<br>Computer Training, 10:00 a.m., WLR<br>Faculty Lecture, 4:30 p.m., WH<br><br>Dinners Begin, DH<br>Bridge, 7:00 p.m., AC           | 5  Scrapbooking, 10:00 a.m., AC<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC           | 6  Hatha Yoga, 12:00 noon, DR<br><br>Dinner, DH  | 7 Institute Woods Tour, 10:00 a.m., CR<br><br>Saturday Lunches Begin, DH |
| 8  | 9  English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL                                     | 10<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC  | 11  Groups *, 10:00 a.m., AC<br>Computer Training, 10:00 a.m., WLR<br><br>Dinner, DH<br>Bridge, 7:00 p.m., AC   | 12<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC  | 13  Hatha Yoga, 12:00 noon, DR<br><br>Film Series, 8:00 p.m., WH   | 14<br><br>Music at Harry's Bar, 8:00 p.m., DH                            |
| 15   | 16  English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL                                    | 17  Pottery, 9:30 a.m., AC<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC  | 18  Coffee & Sippy Cups Group, 10:00 a.m., AC<br><br>Dinner, DH<br>Bridge, 7:00 p.m., AC  | 19<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC  | 20  Hatha Yoga, 12:00 noon, DR<br>Music Series Conversation, 4:00 p.m., DR, and Concert, 8:00 p.m., WH<br>Dinner, DH | 21  Music Series Concert, 8:00 p.m., WH                                  |
| 22   | 23  English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL                                    | 24 Pottery, 9:30 a.m., AC<br>Art History Lecture, 5:00 p.m., WH<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC<br><br>Playreading, 7:30 p.m., MH | 25  Coffee & Sippy Cups Group, 10:00 a.m., AC<br>Computer Training, 10:00 a.m., WLR<br>Buffet Dinner, DH<br>Bridge, 7:00 p.m., AC<br>Film Series, 8:00 p.m., WH | 26<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC<br><br>Ballroom Dancing, 7:30 p.m., CR | 27<br><br>No regular dinner  | 28<br><br>No regular lunch   |
| 29   | 30  English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL<br><br>Movie Monday, 7:00 p.m., DR | 31  Pottery, 9:30 a.m., AC<br><br>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC<br><b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>  | <b>Reservations are required for dinners, concerts and trips. Thank you!</b>  |  | * Groups: on the 4th and 11th the Activities Group meets with Coffee & Sippy Cups to hear guest speakers.            |  |
| AC: Activities Center; BH: Bloomberg Hall; CR: Common Room; DH: Dining Hall; DR: Dilworth Room; HC: Housing Complex; MH: Marquand House; OL: 97 Olden Lane; TC: Tennis Courts; WH: Wolfensohn Hall; WLR: West Building Lecture Hall; WLR: White-Levy Room. |   |  |   |  |  |  |