

Bits & Pieces



AMIAS Movie Monday
Monday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.,
 Dilworth Room

Maltese Falcon (1941), a film noir classic starring Humphrey Bogart in his first significant role as a leading man.

Concert Series

Composer Steven Mackey will speak with Artist-in-Residence Jon Magnussen at **4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16**, in the Dilworth Room.

Two concerts performed by the New York New Music Ensemble will take place at **8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16**, and **Saturday, February 17**, in Wolfensohn Hall. A pre-concert talk between the New York New Music Ensemble and Jon Magnussen will take place on **Saturday, February 17**, at **6:30 p.m.** in Wolfensohn Hall. Tickets are free and open to the public but must be requested in advance by calling (609) 742-8228 or via email at air@ias.edu.

Playreading

Thursday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., Marquand House
Lend Me a Tenor by Ken Ludwig. This madcap farce mixes celebrity worship,



backstage maneuverings, and mistaken identities when a Cleveland opera house somehow manages to get a world-renowned tenor to sing "Othello" with their company, only to panic at having to find a last-minute replacement when he winds up dead. Contact Donne Petito at (609) 734-8250 or donne@ias.edu for more information.

Art History Lecture

Tuesday, February 27, 5:00 p.m.,
 Wolfensohn Hall
 Natalie Kampen, Chair of the Department

of Women's Studies at Barnard College and Professor in the Department of Art History and Archeology at Columbia University, will present the lecture "Family Tragedy on the Walls of Pompeii," one in a series of art history lectures to be presented through April under the theme of *The Sensuous in Art*. The lectures, which are organized by Yve-Alain Bois, Professor in the School of Historical Studies, in collaboration with Princeton University, are made possible with support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. They are free and open to the public; no reservations are required.



IAS Children having fun with the butterfly exhibition at the recent trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

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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.

Local Walks and Woods

Helen Goddard writes:

If you are looking for solitude, for wildlife, for exercise, for history or for adventure you need look no further than the local Institute Woods. There are many different walks you can take but the Woods are not so extensive that you are likely to get lost, bounded as they are by the canal to the south, West Drive to the east and the open cornfields to the west. For an input of history, try a simple walk along the old Trolley Track starting from the Founders' Rock (located just down from Fuld Hall), passing Clarke House and the Battle Field and ending at the Quaker burial ground where Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is buried.



The Quaker settlement meeting house and cemetery with Richard Stockton's grave in the distance, by the gap in the wall.

A map of the Woods can be found at www.njtrails.org/trailmap.php?TrailID=7.

If you walk from the Founders' Rock down to the swinging bridge, be sure to spot the trees by the water's edge that have been gnawed by beavers (see *TatI*, March 2006). However, the footpath access to the canal, beyond the bridge, is now strictly for the adventurous

(see *TatI*, February 2005). The stepping stones that used to lead you across that final stretch of water before the canal embankment have been lost under water and a fallen tree trunk. Only the athletic or foolhardy will risk trying to cross, balanced on said trunk!

If you stroll just ten minutes from Von Neumann Drive, down the continuation of Springdale Road, you will find the bird viewing platform which overlooks a reed-edged pond, just outside the Institute Woods. Take your binoculars as this must be spectacular in the migration and nesting seasons. To get there go past the posts in the road which block vehicular traffic, and where you see the sign "The Charles H Rogers Wildlife Refuge" turn right. According to the website www.princetonwtp.org (click on Parks), 20-25 different kinds of warblers may be seen in one day during the May migration. This is a managed marsh, kept wet even in times of drought and it apparently has several paths around it.

For a drier walk and one with a playground and large sandpit for children, try Marquand Park where many specimen trees, all carefully labeled and mapped, have been planted over the years. This park is off Lover's Lane, a continuation of Olden Lane, so not too far to walk to from housing. A booklet listing all of the trees and giving a



The bird watching platform in the Charles H Rogers Wildlife Refuge, West Drive.

map of the park may be purchased from the Historical Society's Bainbridge House at 158 Nassau Street.

And don't forget the walks along the canal, in either direction, accessed by walking along West Drive as far as Alexander Road and turning right. These walks have been described in previous issues. (Watch out for the binder we are putting together for the laundry room that will contain past *TatI* articles.) Of course, if you have a car, you can join the canal at any point you like or visit other local woods and parks. We'd very much like to hear from our readers which places they like to go to and why.

When, or perhaps this year if, we get snow, then the Institute Woods also make a wonderful environment for cross-country skiing.



Cross-country skiing is very pleasant - if there is snow, of course.



Brig Gebert writes:

"Love is in the Air." When you have school age children attending Princeton schools, you might want to take the time and find out what is required of you and/or your child on the 14th of February, also known as Valentine's Day (for more information about the holiday, see *TatI*, February 2006). It's a fun day and you don't want to miss it. There are also events in the wider Princeton community on and around that day where you can share your love of arts, music and merchandise. Look out for the free local newspaper *Town Topics* in the laundry room or check out www.towntopics.com.

Spotting Constellations

If you're inclined to look up at the night sky whenever you walk on the Institute grounds, then AMIAS invites you to join Lor Gehret for an informal astronomy evening.

If you would like to learn how to find your way around the sky, or simply enjoy an evening of company and cocoa, keep an eye out for a notice posted in the laundry room with a date, time and location. We will do our best to choose a clear evening starting in early February, at a time after supper but before bedtime for children. Lor's star maps and charts will be available for you to use, and she will be happy to talk with you about her favorite books and telescopes for beginners and experienced amateur observers.

She'll even show you how to use your hand to measure distances against the sky. Feel free to come for as little or as long as you like. Be sure to wear warm clothing; hats, gloves and warm socks and shoes are a must. If you have binoculars, bring them along. We also hope to have a small telescope set up for you to view some interesting star clusters and nebulae. For more information, please call Linda Geraci at (609) 734-8259.

Lor Gehret writes:

The February/March sky provides good views of some very distinctive constellations. In the early evening, Orion the hunter followed by his faithful dog dominates the

sky as he pursues Taurus the bull. The eye of the dog or Canis Major is Sirius, the brightest star in the sky. The eye of the bull is a red giant star called Aldebaran.

You can test your ability to see the different colors of stars by comparing Aldebaran with Rigel, the bright blue-white star in Orion's foot. Betelgeuse, the hunter's raised arm, is a reddish star which is possibly the largest star in our part of the Milky Way. The hunter's three-star belt and sword help find the Great Nebula in Orion, a stellar nursery catalogued as M42 by Charles Messier when he published his observations in the 1770's. The Trapezium is a fine multiple star group in this nebula to observe with telescope or binoculars. Astronomers study this area to observe stars as they are forming.

Two prominent star clusters are located in the Orion-Taurus area, the older Hyades and the younger Pleiades, sometime called the Seven Sisters. The white color of the stars in the Hyades makes a good contrast with the red Aldebaran, which is much closer to us.

Nearby is Gemini marked by the twin stars Castor, which is white, and Pollux, which is more yellowish. Castor is actually a sextuple star system, since each of its three component stars has been found to be a double, but we will only see it as a single



Lor Gehret and her telescope.

white star with the naked eye, and as a double star with a small telescope.

Lor Gehret worked as a researcher in the astronomy department at Yale University and was part of the NASA science team for the Viking Lander missions to Mars. She has taught astronomy in colleges and prep schools and enjoys sharing her love of the heavens with others.

A Musical Delivery

For the pianists among us who rely on the Institute piano for practice and enjoyment, we are pleased to announce the arrival of a new 48-inch Yamaha polished ebony acoustic upright piano located in the Activities Center's Piano Room. In order to gain access to the Piano Room, please visit the Reception desk located on the first floor of Fuld Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m.



and 5:00 p.m. The Receptionist will program your institute ID card to allow access. The use of the piano is on a first come, first

served basis but we ask that you try to limit your play to one hour per session. There is a humidifier in the room that is preset and should never be shut off or adjusted. We ask that the piano be treated with care, that children be supervised when using it and that no food is taken into the room. If you have any questions regarding the piano, please call Sharon Tozzi-Goff at (609) 734-8383.

Institute Midwinter Party

The Institute Midwinter Party, a great diversion from the winter blues, will be held on **Saturday, February 10**, in the Dining Hall beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Peter and Helen Goddard are pleased to host the Institute community for an evening of good company, great food and drink and live music by the band G Force. The night begins with an open bar

cocktail hour at **7:00 p.m.** with passed and stationary hors d'oeuvres and then a seated dinner at **8:00 p.m.** - music and dancing will continue until midnight. The entrée selections will include: Pan Seared Filet of Beef; Herb Roasted Chilean Sea Bass; Roasted Butternut Squash Ravioli; and Lemongrass and Curry Tofu, followed by a cheese and dessert buffet. Dressy attire is suggested. This evening is an Institute tradi-

tion, but space is limited; so please return your response card as soon as possible, but no later than February 2. There is no charge for the event, but reservations and tickets are required; no children please. For further information contact Susan Olson at (609) 951-4423 or by e-mail at solson@ias.edu.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Reservations are required for dinners, concerts and trips. Thank you! Dates and times current as of publication date.</i></p>				<p>1 Clay Modeling, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Computer Training, 10:00 a.m., WLR</p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Scrapbooking, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 noon, DR</p> <p>Film Series, 8:00 p.m., WH </p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>Pottery, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>Coffee & Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Computer Training, 10:00 a.m., WLR</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 10:00 a.m., AC</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>Scrapbooking, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 noon, DR</p> <p>Computer Training, 2:00 p.m., WLR</p> <p>No Dinner</p>	<p>10</p> <p>No Lunch </p> <p>Midwinter Party, 7:00 p.m., DH</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL</p> <p>Movie Mondays, 7:00 p.m., DR </p>	<p>13 </p> <p>Pottery, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>Coffee & Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Buffet Dinner, 6:00 p.m., DH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 10:00 a.m., AC</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>Scrapbooking, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 noon, DR</p> <p>Music Series Concert, 8:00 p.m., WH</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Music Series Concert, 8:00 p.m., WH </p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>President's Day</p> <p>Institute Offices and Dining Hall closed</p>	<p>20 </p> <p>Pottery, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>Coffee & Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Film Series, 8:00 p.m., WH </p>	<p>22</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Playreading, 7:30 p.m., MH </p>	<p>23 </p> <p>Scrapbooking, 10:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 noon, DR </p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL</p>	<p>27 </p> <p>Pottery, 9:30 a.m., AC</p> <p>Art History Lecture, 5:00 p.m., WH</p>	<p>28 </p> <p>Coffee & Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC</p>	<p>AC: Activities Center; BH: Bloomberg Hall; CNS: Crossroads Nursery School; 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; WLH: West Building Lecture Hall; WLR: White-Levy Room.</p>		