

Bits & Pieces

Princeton Symphony Concert

Sunday, March 4, 4:30 p.m.
Wolfensohn Hall
Tickets are free but should be requested in advance. To reserve up to four tickets per household, please visit <http://web.ias.edu/events/psa-mar2012>.

Lectures & Talks

Wednesday, March 7, 4:30 p.m.
Wolfensohn Hall

Jonathan Israel, Professor in the School of Historical Studies, will present a public lecture on the “British Club” in Paris, 1789–93, and the relationship between the French Revolution and modernity.

Friday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.
Dilworth Room

George Dyson, author of *Turing’s Cathedral* and a former Director’s Visitor, will give a talk on Alan Turing, John von Neumann, and the origins of the digital universe at the IAS. The talk will be preceded by a reception at **5:30 p.m.**

Fun Fridays

IAS children are invited to the Activities Center at **4:00 p.m.** on **March 9** to create a St. Patrick’s Day-themed craft. All materials will be provided. There is no fee for this activity and no reservation is necessary.



After Hours Conversations take place on Mondays and Thursdays during the term. For more information, visit www.ias.edu/after-hours-conversations.

Daylight Saving Time

The United States changes to Daylight Saving Time on **Sunday, March 11, at 2:00 a.m.** Don’t forget to set your clocks and watches forward one hour.

AMIAS Trip to Hudson Valley

In April, AMIAS will sponsor a trip to New York’s Hudson Valley region to visit Dia:Beacon, an old Nabisco factory turned art museum, which houses a collection of art from the 1960s to the present and Storm King, a five-hundred-acre park that is the setting for a collection of more than a hundred sculptures. Please look for the flyers that will be posted soon.

Tennis Lessons

For five weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays starting **March 26**, IAS tennis lessons will be taught by instructor Kevin Cooper. Beginners and Advanced Beginners meet on Mondays, while Intermediate and Advanced players meet on Wednesdays at the IAS tennis courts from **5:30–7:30 p.m.** Reservations for the class are requested and may be made through the AMIAS website: www.ias.edu/people/amias/activities. For further information, please contact Linda Cooper at ext. 8259 or llg@ias.edu.



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A Day Trip to Hyde Park

Marcia Moore writes:

Hyde Park, New York, is a bit more than two hours from Princeton, and well worth a day trip or weekend excursion. We recently spent a beautiful springtime Saturday there.

Travel: Mapquest.com puts the trip from Olden Lane to the border of Hyde Park at two hours and twenty-five minutes. We idiosyncratically prefer Great Road to 206 North (more scenic, fewer lights), but most of the trip is on Interstates 287 and 87, taking one north into the heart of New York’s beautiful Hudson River Valley. At journey’s end, the route ultimately crosses the Hudson River via the Poughkeepsie Bridge to Route 9 into the town of Hyde Park.



Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt’s retreat

Hike Across the Hudson

The Poughkeepsie Bridge—a suspension bridge designed for vehicles—is parallel to an engineering marvel: the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, now opened to the public and renamed the Walkway Over the Hudson. Extending for a mile and a quarter over the Hudson River, it is the long-

est elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. Because it is so high—212 feet in the air—and because of its cantilevered and truss-span construction, which leaves it open to the sky, walkers feel like they are floating in the clouds while enjoying magnificent views along the Hudson River. Parking for the hike is at 61 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

FDR National Historic Site

It is a mere four miles from the Railroad Bridge parking lot to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site. The site includes FDR’s Presidential Library and Museum, Roosevelt’s Estate Home, and the Henry Wallace Visitor’s Center. The tour of Roosevelt’s ancestral home, Springwood,

was memorable for its revealing glimpses of his personal life. Because the estate was given to the National Park Service at the time of FDR’s death in 1945, the house is

remarkably well-preserved and furnished precisely as it was during FDR’s presidency. The tour guides, who are park rangers, convey their enthusiasm for FDR’s history, and take obvious delight in pointing out historically significant memorabilia from visits by, among many others, Winston Churchill and the King of England. The



Walkway Over the Hudson

grounds are lovely, with the house set on a knoll overlooking the Hudson River, and with a rose garden where Franklin and Eleanor are buried.

Roosevelt was the first president to create a presidential library. Furthermore, his library is unique since he actually used it during his presidency. Today the library contains his desk from the Oval Office and the study where he broadcast many of his famous “fireside chats.” There is a network of trails behind the property, and we followed a well-marked path for approximately two miles through woods of spruce, pine, ash, and maples to the neighboring Vanderbilt estate.

Vanderbilt Mansion & Grounds

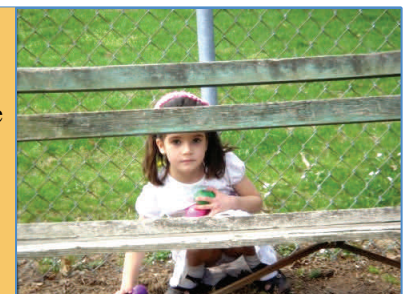
FDR was instrumental in persuading the Vanderbilt heirs to leave this neighboring mansion to the National Park Service. The mansion exemplifies the architectural excesses of the Gilded Age, and one can only gawk in wonder at the luxury of European treasures in the 50,000-square-foot man-

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AMIAS Egg Hunt



An annual IAS tradition continues on **Saturday, March 31**, when Institute children seven years of age and younger are invited to find the 700 eggs hidden in the Crossroads Nursery School playground. Children should be accompanied by an adult and each child should bring a basket or bag to collect the eggs. Any child of age eight or older who would like to assist the Institute bunny in hiding the eggs, should email Linda Cooper at llg@ias.edu. Hiding can be as much fun as finding. All parents and children may enjoy the juice and snacks provided following the hunt. Please meet at the Goldman Lane entrance to the playground. The hunt will begin promptly at **11:00 a.m.** There is no fee for this event and no reservation is necessary.



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sion. After the tour, we hiked down a trail adjacent to the parking lot marked “Bard’s Rock” to picnic by the banks of the Hudson River.

Val-Kill & Top Cottage

Our final sightseeing stop was my favorite: Val-Kill (“Kill” is Dutch for stream) is the modest retreat that Eleanor Roosevelt converted from a failed furniture workshop into her refuge. The small home is totally charming, and decorated as if a few guests are expected for tea. I had forgotten that Eleanor stayed politically active for nearly two decades after FDR’s death: the tour guides showed us the desk where Eleanor wrote nine books and composed a daily

newspaper column from 1945 until 1962. There is a portrait from John F. Kennedy’s visit to Val-Kill in 1959 where he sought Eleanor’s support for his presidential bid in exchange for a promise that, if elected, he would advocate more strongly for civil rights. After our tour of Val-Kill, we made a final, one-mile hike over a well-marked trail to the top of a neighboring hill where FDR’s own retreat, known as Top Cottage, is perched. This small stone home is memorable for its wide porch with comfortable rocking chairs and amazing views of the sunset. (Top Cottage can also be accessed by bus from the FDR Historic Site).

Dinner at the C.I.A.

Hyde Park is fortunate to be home to the C.I.A., or Culinary Institute of America, made famous in Anthony Bourdain’s *Kitchen Confidential* as one of the best culinary schools in the world. A visitor has five restaurants to choose from on the school campus: they range from the formal French fusion Escoffier restaurant (reservations recommended) to their casual Apple Pie Bakery cafe.

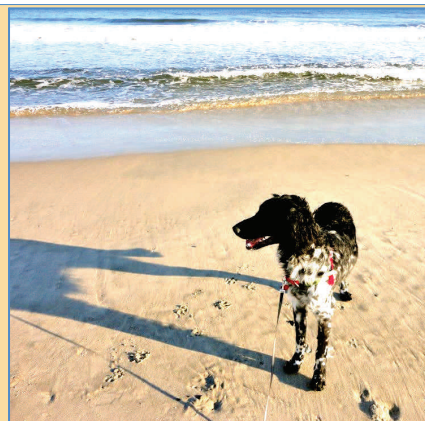
It was close to midnight by the time we turned onto Springdale Road, satisfied by a day well spent.

The Beach in March

One of the best times to go to the beach is in the winter, especially if the weather is mild and you bring a four-legged friend. The beach is gorgeous without crowds of sunbathers!

Spring Lake (www.springlake.org) is a charming town along the Atlantic Ocean with two miles of beach, beautiful homes, and a village-like downtown. Tom Bailey’s Market, a deli where you can pick up lunch and some snacks, and the nearby Scone Pony, with scrumptious homemade scones and assorted sweets, are a few highlights. There are many restaurants if you are in the mood for a sit-down meal and cute boutiques for window-shopping or purchases! Spring Lake is within an hour’s drive from Princeton. Take I-295 South to I-195 East, and exit to Route 34 South. At the first traffic circle, take Route 524 East, following the signs to Spring Lake and the ocean.

If you are feeling adventurous, drive north along the shore (about thirty minutes) to Sandy Hook (www.sandy-hook.com), home of the oldest lighthouse in the United States.



Morven House: Puzzles of the Brain

Helen Goddard writes:



Current exhibition: *Puzzles of the Brain*

There is an interesting exhibition, “Puzzles of the Brain: An Artist’s Journey through Amnesia,” at Morven House until June 3. Located within a twenty-five-minute walk from housing, or five minutes in the car, the exhibition displays illustrations executed by Lonni Sue Johnson who illustrated children’s books and drew for the *New Yorker*, until she was struck with viral encephalitis in December 2007; she suffered severe damage to her brain, affecting both long-term and short-term

memory. Now, some four years later, she is getting back to painting. At first, she enjoyed word games and then moved on to composing them herself and illustrating them. Now she is back to drawing without the need to use words. The Brain Science Institute of Johns Hopkins University has been studying her progress as her case is very unusual and may shed some light on the workings of the brain. Observations from a fellow museum visitor: “It is fascinating to see because she has

been struggling with memory loss; in some way or another, her past and present drawings still keep the same pattern”; and “I like those puzzles with drawings, very original and full of color.”

Morven House was the official residence of the Governors of New Jersey, until 1982 when Drumthwacket took over that role. Morven was originally the home of Richard Stockton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Visits are by guided tour; see the website at <http://historicmorven.org>. There are some historic portraits, interesting tales from the past, and some furnishings, including an elegant dining room.

Morven is worth a visit: you might like to try their Tea & Tour on Wednesdays if you are going with friends; or you can wander around the restored garden as summer approaches. Their gift shop is quite charming.

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The elegant dining room in Morven House

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More information about the AMIAS activities listed in this calendar may be found at www.ias.edu/about/amias/activities.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Reservations are required for dinners, concerts, and trips. Thank you!</p> <p>Dates and times are current as of publication date</p>				<p>1</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 9:30 a.m., AC</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Princeton Symphony Concert, 4:30 p.m., WH</p>	<p>5</p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Public Lecture, 4:30 p.m., WH</p> <p>Dinner, SH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 9:30 a.m., AC</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p> <p>Late-Night Movies, 9:15 p.m., AC</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Beading Class, 9:00 a.m., AC</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR</p> <p>Fun Fridays, 4:00 p.m., AC</p> <p>Dinner, SH</p> <p>Film Series, 8:00 p.m., WH</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC</p> <p>Playreading, 7:00 p.m., MH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Buffet Dinner, SH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 9:30 a.m., AC</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR</p> <p>IAS Talk, 6:00 p.m., DR</p> <p>Dinner, SH</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Dinner, SH</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 9:30 a.m., AC</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p> <p>Late-Night Movies, 9:15 p.m., AC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR</p> <p>Dinner, SH</p> <p>AiR Concert, 8:00 p.m., WH</p>	<p>24</p> <p>AiR Concert, 8:00 p.m., WH</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p> <p>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Tennis Lessons, 5:30 p.m., TC</p> <p>Dinner, SH</p> <p>Film Series, 8:00 p.m., WH</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Clay Modeling, 9:30 a.m., AC</p> <p>After Hours, 5:00 p.m., HB</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR</p> <p>Dinner, SH</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Egg Hunt, 11:00 a.m., CNS</p> <p>Last Saturday Lunch until September</p>