



Walk in the Woods

The more than 500-acres of Institute Woods are a key ingredient in what one recent Member in the School of Historical Studies called the Institute's "superb natural surroundings." An extensive trail system offers birdwatchers, walkers, runners and cross-country skiers, from both the Institute community and the public, opportunities to enjoy the beauty of this nature reserve of mature woodlands and fields.

Walks in the Woods are enjoyable during all seasons of the year. Stony Brook flows through the Woods and is bordered by a broad flood plain which has abundant beds of

spring wildflowers such as yellow trout lilies, pink and white spring beauties and purple violets. The aspen, gray birch, beech, oak, hickory, dogwood, sweet gum and red maple trees, brilliant now in their fall colors, provide habitat for summer breeding and spring and fall migrating bird species. The Woods are an important stop-over point for migrating songbirds, particularly warblers.

Maps of the five miles of trails in the Woods are available at the Reception Desk in Fuld Hall. You are asked to observe a few guidelines and to take precautions against Lyme disease. (See notice board in laun-

dry room for information about this tick-borne illness.) The trails connect to the adjacent Princeton Battlefield State Park and the Charles H. Rogers Wildlife Refuge.



Suspension bridge in the Institute Woods. For more information, see www.princeton.twp.org/chrogers.html and www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/princeton.html

Looking to socialize?



Current members of the Olden Farm English conversation group enjoying a break and Dottie Bowman's pumpkin pie. The group is free of charge and held on Monday morning from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at 97 Olden Lane, offering an opportunity to meet others and practice English. People may join any week, so do come if you are interested.

You can join those you already know and meet other members of the Institute community at **Harry's Bar** and at the monthly **Wine Tastings** offered by the Dining Hall.



Harry's Bar
Wednesday & Friday
6:00-10:00 p.m.

One Member reported that last year "a number of Members of the School of Historical

Studies did make a habit of frequenting Harry's Bar on Friday evenings, once we discovered its existence." Harry's Bar (named after former Institute Director Harry Woolf) is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from **6:00 - 10:00 p.m.** during term, so you can socialize in the lounge and enjoy a drink at the bar, even if you are not staying for dinner.

The popular Wine Tastings are often sold out, so make your

reservations now for those scheduled for **November 18** (varietals) and **December 16** (champagne and sparkling wines). These tastings provide a chance to enhance one's appreciation of wine by learning, from a wine master, about the history of wine, the winemaking process, the art of identifying the types of grapes in each variety of wine and the culture and history of regions where the grapes are grown.

Uncorking is at **6:00 p.m.** in the Dining Hall and there is limited seating. The required reservations (cost \$5 per person) can be made by e-mail to dining@ias.edu, the reservation line 8168, or in person with one of the cashiers.



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.

New York—a different view

Helen Goddard writes:

Perhaps we did not do the usual things when I went with my brother to New York City recently. We saw the Empire State Building only from below and did not go up, nor did we go inside any museums. But we had a most exciting day. We took the subway, line C, from Times Square to "High Street" in Brooklyn in order to walk back over the Brooklyn Bridge.



The cables of Brooklyn Bridge

The views of Manhattan skyscrapers through the criss-cross pattern of cables were stunning. The supporting towers towered impressively and the walkway for pedestrians and cyclists felt safe and fun, above the noise and fumes of the traffic. Far to our left we saw the Statue of Liberty, boats passed way below us and the helicopters whirled above.

Once across it was an easy walk to Battery Park where we took the hour long

narrated harbor cruise. This brought us close to the Statue of Liberty and took us under the Brooklyn Bridge. Getting off the boat we bought ourselves a pretzel each and caught the bus back to mid-town using the same subway ticket. We got off at the Flatiron Building and were suitably amazed at how thin it was before walking back to Penn Station.

For lunch we ate in Brooklyn at a delightful Chinese restaurant (\$10.45 for the two of us together!) and morning coffee was sipped in Grand Central Station where we admired the ceiling. On arriving in New York we had bought a \$7 subway/bus ticket which lasted all day and allowed us to come and go as we pleased.

Even getting to New York City was trouble free. We walked to the Dinky station in Princeton, worked out how to use the ticket machine, then got on the Dinky to Princeton Junction where we made a good connection with the train to Penn Station in

New York. Coming home the train was packed. Although we had seats, several didn't. So, in peak times, get to the station at least 10 minutes before the train leaves if possible. For information about the New York Subway system, go to www.mta.info.



The thin Flatiron Building

The Institute website has up-to-date links to transportation services including: Airports and airport transportation; bus; Institute shuttle; rail (train); rental cars; taxi and zipcar (a car rental by-the-hour service). Go to the Institute's home page, then click on Campus Resources and then on Transportation Services. You can also find paper copies of a number of the schedules for trains, local bus lines, airport transportation and the local Institute shuttle in the basement of Fuld Hall, outside the copy center. Please note that schedules often change, so be aware of the date on the paper copy. Copies of the Institute shuttle schedule are also in a wall pocket outside the receptionist's office in Fuld Hall.

Don't miss Philadelphia

Brig Gebert writes:

Even though New York City is the big magnet while you are staying in Princeton, Philadelphia, with its historic downtown, beautiful art galleries and museums, is definitely worth the extra expense of a rental car or the challenge of getting there by public transportation. It certainly doesn't have to be an "either or" anyway. While you are exploring the cities around our little town, you just shouldn't shy away from Philadelphia.

In comparison to wherever you might come from, the big seller "America's oldest Zoo" might just make you laugh, because nothing is really "old" here in the States, but this Zoo is definitely worth the trip. At the Philadelphia Zoo, children of all ages and grown-ups are offered more learning possi-

bilities than you can accomplish in one day. The different, seasonally changing exhibitions make you want to come back. You can bring your own food or buy American fast food at different places in the Zoo. For the more adventurous visitors, there are a variety of animals you can ride on, too.



Take a cruise on the Zoo's lake

If you consider visiting the Zoo more than once, or if you are a larger family, the family membership admission is definitely worth the expense. You do the math! The following link will explain a visit in more detail, www.philadelphiazoo.org.

For really little explorers, "The Please Touch Museum" is recommended, www.pleasetouchmuseum.org. For several years that was the big hit in our family, and our children never grew tired of it.

For anyone older than six the Franklin Institute (www.sln.fi.edu) might be a better fit. See what Philadelphia has to offer by searching the web, www.philly.com is just one website to help you find tourist spots and events that might be of interest to you.

November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Reservations are required for dinners, trips and wine tasting. Thank you!</p>	<p>1 English conversation, 10 a.m., OL</p> <p>Movie Mondays  7 p.m., DR</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Faculty Lecture, 4:30 p.m., WH</p> <p>Dinner, DH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ballroom Dancing Lessons, 7:30 p.m., CR </p>	<p>5  Yoga, 12 p.m., DR</p> <p>Dinner, DH</p>	<p>6 AMIAS Trip departs 8:45 a.m.</p>
	<p>7</p>	<p>8 English conversation, 10 a.m., OL</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Play reading,  7:30 p.m., MH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Film Series,  8 p.m., WLH</p> <p>Buffet Dinner, DH</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ballroom Dancing Lessons, 7:30 p.m., CR </p>	<p>12  Yoga, 12 p.m., DR</p> <p>Dinner, DH</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 English conversation, 10 a.m., OL</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Dinner, DH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Wine tasting,  6:00 p.m., DH</p> <p>Ballroom Dancing Lessons, 7:30 p.m., CR </p>	<p>19  Yoga, 12 p.m., DR</p> <p>Dinner, DH</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 English conversation, 10 a.m., OL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Film Series,  8 p.m., WLH</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Dinner, DH</p>	<p>25  Thanksgiving Holiday Institute Offices closed</p>		<p>26</p> <p>Dining Hall closed</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 English conversation, 10 a.m., OL</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>AC: Activities Center; CR: Common Room; DH: Dining Hall; DR: Dilworth Room; FCR: Fuld Common Room; MH: Marquand House; OL: 97 Olden Lane; TC: Tennis Courts; WH: Wolfensohn Hall; WLH: West Building Lecture Hall.</p>		

Bits & Pieces



Ballroom Dancing Lessons

Join instructor Candace Woodward Clough for ballroom dancing lessons on the first three **Thursday** evenings in **November**. Singles and couples are welcome, so please come on your own or with a partner. The lessons are scheduled for **November 4, 11 and 18** in the Fuld Hall Common Room, from **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** The first hour is devoted to waltz, fox trot and swing, and the second to rumba, samba, salsa and cha cha.

Trips

Upcoming AMIAS trips include, on **November 6**, a behind-the-scenes tour of The New Jersey Performing Arts Center and a visit to The Newark Museum, known for its Tibetan collection. On **December 11**, there will be a trip to The Barnes Foundation. For further information and to make reservations, please contact Linda Geraci at 734-8259 or llg@ias.edu.

Common Room

The Common Room provides a place for

quiet, adult reading and you can find current issues of a number of American and international magazines and newspapers there.



Halloween fun at the Institute. For additional photos, see Activities page of AMIAS website.

Lecture

Professor Edward Witten, Charles Simonyi Professor in the School of Natural Science, will give a public lecture entitled *Cosmic Acceleration and Particle Physics* in Wolfensohn Hall on **Wednesday, November 3,**

at **4:30 p.m.** A reception will follow in the Fuld Hall Common Room.

November films and playreading

Movie Mondays: *Rear Window*, **Monday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.**, Dilworth Room. 



Playreading: *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, **Tuesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.**, Marquand House. Contact Donne Petito at 734-8250 for more information.

Film Series: *Anna Christie*, **Wednesday, November 10, 8:00 p.m.**, Wolfensohn Hall. 

Film Series: *The Silence*, **Tuesday, November 23, 8:00 p.m.**, Wolfensohn Hall.

Notice Boards

A notice board with postings about upcoming Institute and community events is located in Fuld Hall (turn left after the receptionist's desk and it is immediately to your right). There is a smaller notice board at the entrance to the Dining Hall, and one in the Member laundry facility as well.

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