

Bits & Pieces

AMIAS Movie Monday

Monday, February 8

7:00 p.m., Dilworth Room

Movie Mondays feature classic American movies, complete with popcorn and drinks. *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* will be shown on **February 8**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Dilworth Room. Everyone is welcome and no reservation is needed.



Public Lecture

Wednesday, February 17

4:30 p.m., Wolfensohn Hall

Didier Fassin, James D. Wolfensohn Professor in the School of Social Science, will speak about humanitarianism, which can be defined as the introduction of moral sentiments into human affairs. Humanitarianism is a major component of contemporary politics – locally and globally – for the relief of poverty or the management of disasters, in times of peace as well as in times of war. But how different is the world and our understanding of it when we mobilize compassion rather than justice, call for emotions instead of rights, consider inequality in terms of suffering, and violence in terms of trauma? What is gained – and lost – in this translation?

Institute Midwinter Party

Saturday, February 27

7:00 p.m., Dining Hall

This is an evening when the entire Institute community comes together to enjoy great food, drink, live music, and dancing. This event **requires registration** and begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts until 12:00 a.m. The Dining Hall is dressed in its finest linens and table-



Dinner and dancing at last year's Midwinter Party

ware, which means you too are invited to don your party clothes and dancing shoes. Please **reply as per the invitation** that you should have received in the mail. For further information, please email eventsrsvp@ias.edu

Simulcast of the Metropolitan Opera Series

Two movie theaters, both approximately twenty minutes from the Institute, are showing simulcasts of live opera at the Metropolitan Opera in New York on Saturdays. You may purchase tickets online for the Hamilton 24 theater at www.amcenterertainment.com. You will need to enter the zip code 08690. For the Regal Commerce Center 18 in North Brunswick, go to www.fandango.com and enter zip code 08902. Please note that performances sell out, therefore, it is recommended to buy tickets in advance. More information is available on the Met website (www.metoperafamily.org/) Schedule: Simon Boccanegra, **February 6**; Hamlet, **March 27**; Armida, **May 1**; Fee: \$22 adult, \$20 seniors + \$2 to buy online.

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Upcoming March dates:

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
English Conversation - 10:00 a.m.
More Yoga - 12:00 p.m.
Fitness Center Training - 1:00 p.m.
March 1, 8, 15, 22
After Hours Conversations - 5:15 p.m.
March 2
Pottery - 9:30 a.m.
March 3
Coffee and Sippy Cups - 10:00 a.m.
Walking Group - 10:30 a.m.
Fitness Center Training - 4:00 p.m.
Film Series: The Great Match - 8:00 p.m.
March 4, 11, 18, 25
Clay Modeling - 9:30 a.m.
After Hours Conversation - 5:15 p.m.
March 5, 12, 29, 26
Hatha Yoga - 12:00 p.m.
March 6
AMIAS Trip - reservations required
March 8
Movie Monday - 7:00 p.m.
March 10
Faculty Lecture - Helmut Hofer - 4:30 p.m.
March 14, 22, 29
Tennis - Beginner/Advanced Beginner - 6:00 p.m.
March 17
Buffet Dinner - 6:00 p.m. - reservations required
March 18, 25
Tennis - Intermediate/Advanced - 6:00 p.m.
March 19, 20
Edward T. Cone Concert Series - 8:00 p.m. - tickets required
March 23
Fireside Playreading - 7:00 p.m.
March 26
Institute Film Series - 8:00 p.m.

Trip to the Camden Aquarium



Helen Goddard writes:

Our grandchildren, all under age five, visited us this year from England as they did two years ago and the Camden Aquarium was the main place that they remembered and wanted to revisit. It does seem to be an excellent aquarium although my knowledge of such places is limited. Allow several hours to look round as there is much to see and learn. There are informative talks, feeding of seals, touching small sharks in a shallow tank, the most beautiful floating jellyfish, hard-to-spot creatures hiding in crevices, interactive tasks, and some penguins.

Rather to our amusement it was deemed too cold on this recent December visit for the penguins to be outside and so we did not see them. Perhaps

these penguins do not come from Antarctica!

However, the hippos made up for it. These huge creatures (they have two, Button and Genny) can be seen swimming under water where they are extraordinarily graceful and you feel that you can almost touch them though the glass. In the same tank there are sting rays, shark rays, and many hundreds of other fish. Their male shark ray (actually a type of guitar fish) is called Einstein.

The aquarium has an excellent website, www.adventureaquarium.com, which is worth a visit on its own. Try reading about the Giant Pacific octopus (Jules Verne Gallery) and you will see

what I mean. And here you will learn that the penguins are the African Black-Footed variety, which are accustomed to a temperate climate.

The aquarium is suitable for all ages, from around two years old upwards, but it does make for an expensive day



A giant turtle gracefully swimming behind glass

out and it is an hour's drive away. It is possible to get there without a car. From Trenton (accessible by train from Princeton) or from Bordentown (free parking), there is the River Line, an attractive but local train with large scenic windows. It is very *in*expensive to ride, and it stops right in the car park for the aquarium. It is slow, taking an hour from Trenton, but this could all be part of the day out.

Allowing for three to four hours at the Aquarium, it would be hard to combine with another activity even though Philadelphia is tantalizingly close, just across the Delaware River from Camden.

If you visit, do please report back to us at *Tati*. We like to hear from our readers!



How about petting a shark?

Getting to Philadelphia...on your own

Linda Geraci writes:

Philadelphia is about one hour away by car, but it may also be reached by train. NJ Transit from Princeton Junction will allow you to transfer to the Septa R7 line at Trenton. Exiting the train at the Market Street Station will allow you a short walk to the historic sites of Philadelphia, a like the Liberty Bell, National Constitution Center, and Independence Hall. However, if you get out at Suburban Station, one stop before Market Street, you can see one of Philadelphia's newest tourist attractions – a 25-foot tall, 2,000 square-foot LED screen “projecting computer-generated images so realistic, you'll think

they're jumping out of the wall.” The video wall is located in the lobby of the Comcast Center, the tallest building in Philadelphia.

The River Line will transport you to Camden, NJ, for \$1.35 one way per adult and 65 cents for children (www.riverline.com). The Freedom Ferry, which runs daily June through August, is a

twelve-minute ferry ride between Camden and Penn's Landing, providing a scenic view of the Philadelphia skyline as you sail across the Delaware River to the Philadelphia waterfront where there is a variety of fine restaurants and attractions; see their website at www.riverlinkferry.org.



Philadelphia skyline from Camden Aquarium

A Day trip...maybe even on Valentine's Day?

Brig Gebert writes:

My husband doesn't like Valentine's Day. He claims, as a native from Germany, he doesn't have to be romantic. No matter what country you might be from, there is always room for traveling, sight-seeing, and pure enjoyment. The following suggestions will take you to the Brandywine Valley, <http://thebrandywine.com>, in Pennsylvania. They are doable as a daytrip or expandable to a romantic weekend, perhaps even on or around Valentine's Day?

By car it takes a little more than an hour to drive to Brandywine. Unique wineries, antique shops, and some interesting estates and museums are all relatively close together.



Two orchids side by side at Longwood Gardens

We started our day at **Longwood Gardens**, www.longwoodgardens.org. The name implies that they are mainly known for expansive outdoor gardens, therefore

you might not think of it as an attractive destination in February. But with beautiful sculpture gardens that look spectacular even in the snow and well-kept greenhouses, you can still be cozy on a chilly day. We especially liked the indoor waterfalls and the orchid exhibition.

For lunch we drove a short distance to **Simon Pearce**, www.simonpearce.com, a company known for its artful pottery and glassware. You might have noticed their store here in town on Palmer Square. The restaurant is above a glassblowing studio, where they show off their craft. Your lunch will be served on pottery, flatware, and glassware all made by Simon Pearce.

We browsed through some antique shops along the road and moved on to visit one of the many wineries. At Chaddsford, www.chaddsford.com, with a little tasting area and some interesting, local wines we felt almost transported to our European roots. Now could be a good time to get a coffee before you head back home to New Jersey.

However, we ended the day at an amazing (but very expensive) restaurant: **Krazy Kat's**, <http://krazykatsrestaurant.com>, which sits in the middle of a little "town" that is now a historic inn, www.montchanin.com.

In its February/March edition, *The Discerning Traveler* writes: "This is one of the most interesting places to stay that we have come across in our travels. The historic village is comprised of eleven buildings



Hedge sculpture in the snow at Longwood Gardens

built between 1799 and 1910 and clustered on a steeply sloping hillside. The inn buildings once were homes built for the workers at the nearby DuPont powder mills and the blacksmith shop is now the inn's restaurant called **Krazy Kat's**. Ownership of the complex has stayed in the family, Missy and Dan Lickle, who have taken great care to preserve the architectural integrity of the village. The building interiors have been totally renovated into deluxe accommodations and the exterior is landscaped."

We took this trip last February and I never mentioned the word "Valentine," but it was the most romantic weekend trip we had taken in a long time and well worth the driving.

Valentine's Day

A somewhat peculiar but endearing custom in the United States is to celebrate Valentine's Day on **February 14**. If you have children, the tradition carries particular significance. Cards (homemade or store bought) are traded and sweet sentiments are exchanged. For a local perspective on the holiday, check out the card-making workshop offered by the Arts Council of Princeton on **Saturday, January 30**, with a special **25th Annual Valentine Workshop**. You can purchase tickets online (www.artscouncilofprinceton.org) or call 609-924-8777. For more information about the holiday, see *Tat*, February 2006.



AMIAS Trip

AMIAS Trip: Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris

Some two hundred paintings, sculptures, and works on paper are included in the special exhibition, "Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris," at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (www.philamuseum.org).

Our AMIAS trip on **Saturday, March 6**, will include admission to the Picasso exhibit, which "provides a



Philadelphia Museum of Art

unique opportunity to reconsider the cross-fertilization of ideas that took place in Paris during one of the most experimental and creative periods in Western art," 1905 to 1945. Reservations are required and may be made through the AMIAS website (www.ias.edu/people/amias/trips). The fee is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children.

The bus will depart from Fuld Hall at 9:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m.

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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><i>Reservations are required for dinners, concerts and trips. Thank you!</i></p> <p><i>Dates and times are current as of publication date.</i></p>	<p>1 </p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL More Yoga, 12:00 p.m., AC After Hours, 5:15 p.m., HB Ballroom Dancing, 7:30 p.m., CR </p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>3 </p> <p>Coffee and Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>After Hours, 5:15 p.m., HB</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>Reading Group, 10:00 a.m., AC Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR Dinner, DH</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL More Yoga, 12:00 p.m., AC After Hours, 5:15 p.m., HB Movie Monday, 7:00 p.m., AC Ballroom Dancing, 7:30 p.m., CR </p>	<p>9 </p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>Coffee and Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC Dinner, DH</p>	<p>11</p> <p>After Hours, 5:15 p.m., HB</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>Reading Group, 10:00 a.m., AC Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR Writers' Conversation, 5:30 p.m., DR Dinner, DH Film Series, 8:00 p.m., WH </p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day </p>	<p>15</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>Institute Offices and Dining Hall Closed</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC Playreading, 7:00 p.m., MH </p>	<p>17 </p> <p>Coffee and Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC Public Lecture, 4:30 p.m., WH Dinner, DH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>After Hours, 5:15 p.m., HB</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>Reading Group, 10:00 a.m., AC Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR Dinner, DH</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 </p> <p>PSO Concert Series, 4:30 p.m., WH</p>	<p>22 </p> <p>English Conversation, 10:00 a.m., OL More Yoga, 12:00 p.m., AC After Hours, 5:15 p.m., HB Ballroom Dancing, 7:30 p.m., CR </p>	<p>23 </p> <p>Pottery Class, 9:30 a.m., AC</p>	<p>24 </p> <p>Coffee and Sippy Cups, 10:00 a.m., AC Buffet Dinner</p>	<p>25</p> <p>After Hours, 5:15 p.m., HB</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>Reading Group, 10:00 a.m., AC Hatha Yoga, 12:00 p.m., DR No Dinner</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dining Hall Closed for Lunch Institute Midwinter Party, 7:00 p.m., DH</p>
<p>28</p>					<p><i>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.</i></p>	