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SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
6:00 PM**

**All members are urged to attend
this ALL IMPORTANT meeting
to discuss the future of the New York Branch.
Please try to be there.
Call the office (212 879-8200) to let us know.**

(Reception will follow.)

MAY 2011

THURSDAY, MAY 12

5:00 PM

Awards Reception for Hostos College Winners

Reception to follow. All members are welcome.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

11:45 PM

THE JEWISH MUSEUM
FIFTH AVENUE AND 92ND STREET

Collecting Matisse and Modern Masters: The Cone Sisters of Baltimore

LUNCH AT 1:15 PM

LE PARIS

1312 MADISON AVENUE (93RD ST.)

The exhibition features extraordinary works by Matisse, Picasso, van Gogh, Gauguin, Renoir, Courbet and others from this renowned collection assembled by two fascinating women. After enjoying the art, we'll take the short walk to this delightful French bistro.

\$70 per person.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:15 PM

Following the Members Meeting, all those interested in attending Poetry at the ESU:

Celebrating William Wordsworth

4th floor at 7:15 PM

Bring your favorite Wordsworth poems to share. We will also have poems available.

The second part of the evening will be devoted to any poem you wish to read.

Your own poems are always welcome and are considered a special treat.

Refreshments will be served.

Louise Muse is bringing woodruff from her garden to make May wine.



MONDAY, MAY 23

8:00 PM

NATIONAL ARTS CLUB
15 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH

Speaking Of Shakespeare

—ARTHUR PHILLIPS

Award-winning author, Arthur Phillips' fifth novel, *The Tragedy of Arthur*, was featured on the cover of *The New York Times Book Review* on May 1 and praised in many other reviews.

This clever literary romp deals with the discovery of a long lost Shakespeare play. Mr. Phillips, a five time *Jeopardy!* champion, has read all of Shakespeare—out loud.

The conversation with the Shakespeare Guild's John Andrews should be most entertaining.

Members: \$25; non-members \$30.

— REMINDER —

As a member of the English-Speaking Union of New York, you may use the dining room of the National Arts Club. You can pay with a check or cash. It is a lovely place to dine.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Tea and Looking for "La Vie en Rose":

Edith Piaf and Marlene Dietrich

A presentation by British singer and actress Sylla Haskell about how this familiar song affected the lives of these two legendary women.

Members: \$25; non-members: \$40

TUESDAY, MAY 24

6:30 PM

4TH FLOOR

Oliver Goldsmith's hilarious comedy, *She Stoops to Conquer*, will be performed by the ESU Players.

Refreshments will be served. Although there is no charge, please send or telephone your reservation

JUNE 2011

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

12 NOON

The Park Avenue Armory

643 PARK AVENUE (67TH ST.)

GUIDED TOUR

LUNCH:

1:15 PM

Bistro Chat Noir

22 EAST 66TH STREET



The Armory is one of America's finest landmarks, combining a rich social and military history with an extraordinary ensemble of 19th-century period rooms. The New

York City Landmarks Commission has described its magnificent interiors, designed by leaders of the American Aesthetic Movement, as the single most important collection of 19th-century interiors to survive intact in one building, while the expansive drill hall is considered an important structure in the history of American engineering.

Built between 1877 and 1881, the Armory served as a military, cultural and social center for the Regiment and for the New York society of the Gilded Age. Today, the not-for-profit Park Avenue Armory is dedicated to celebrating the unique qualities of its landmark building, from the soaring 55,000 square foot, un-columned Drill Hall to the extraordinary interiors by Louis Comfort Tiffany, Stanford White, Candace Wheeler, Herter Brothers and others.

Future programming will be dedicated to work that requires the freedom of the building's vast drill hall and its constellation of magnificent period rooms. Once restored, the historically important period rooms will be opened to the public for recitals and chamber music,

lectures, receptions, exhibits and interpretive programs.

This tour will explore the first floor period rooms and peek into some of the second floor areas not normally on view to the public.

It is just one and a half blocks over to lunch after the tour to the lovely town-house and delicious food of Bistro Chat Noir. \$65 per person.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

6:30 PM

British Mystery Book Club

The book for discussion is Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes story *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. All members in good standing are welcome.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Tea and On the Riviera by Elizabeth Sharland

Our old friend, author and actress Elizabeth Sharland, will be talking about her latest novel, *On the Riviera*. We'll be transported to Cannes and the terrace of the Carlton Hotel as we follow the story of a mature British actress, based loosely on someone rather like Judy Dench, who decides to retire from show business and become a writer in the enchanting south of France.

Members: \$25; non-members; \$40

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

6:30 PM

4TH FLOOR

Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

The ESU Players will present an abridged version of this wonderful comedy to celebrate the eve of summer. Come and



join Titania and Oberon, Helena and Hermia, Bottom and Puck and all your other favorite characters from this much loved play.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

NOON

The High Line

14TH STREET AND 10TH AVENUE

LUNCH AT DEL POSTO

85 10TH AVENUE (BETWEEN 15TH AND 16TH STREETS.) 1:15 PM

One of the city's most popular new attractions is the High Line, the park built on an elevated 1930's freight rail structure overlooking the Hudson River.

It has been beautifully landscaped with an outstanding selection of flowers and trees, making it a must see for visitors to New York, but somehow the majority of us long time residents never find a time to get there. Well, we are offering an early summer adventure to go down to the much talked about Meatpacking District and join the fun.

We will meet at the 14th Street and 10th Avenue access to the park, where there is elevator service, and begin the stroll there, probably going up to 20th Street. (Wear comfortable walking shoes.)

Following our time in the park, getting views that we've probably never seen, we'll leave at 16th Street (also elevator service) and head over to Del Posto for a wonderful lunch.

It is one of the most talked about restaurants in the city and its setting and food will not soon be forgotten.

\$75 per person.

The British Schools and Universities Club of New York invites the members of the ESU of New York to come to a reception to celebrate the Commonwealth on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM at India House, One Hanover Square overlooking the British Garden. \$58 per person. For reservations call (212) 5713.

NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

This annual event was held on May 2 at the Vivien Beaumont Theater and included 57 winners of Branch competitions nationwide. Our New York winner, Dani Goff-

stein of Yeshiva University High School for Boys placed as one of the top ten in the finals.

The winner was Connor Lawhorn of Hawaii, who is, incidentally, a student at the prep school that President Obama attended.

— RESCHEDULED —

**Christopher Plummer
at the New York Philharmonic
Saturday, September 17, 2011**

Above is the new date for the program originally scheduled for April.

Christopher Plummer will narrate **Henry V: A Shakespeare Scenario** with music from Sir William Walton's score for the Laurence Olivier film of *Henry V*, conducted by Music Director Alan Gilbert, joined by the Manhattan School of Music Chorus, Kent Trittle, director.

Choice Orchestra Seats: \$115 or \$85. Call the office (212 879-8200) or e-mail: esuofny@aol.com for more information and to reserve.

The Subject is English

We are offering a variety of books on English history and royalty for sale.

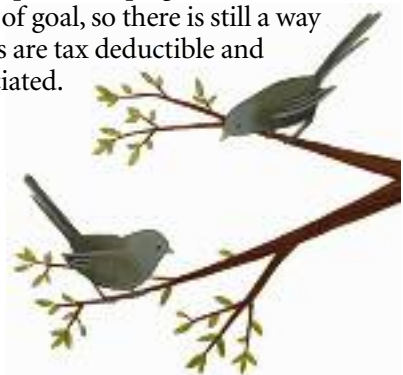
Please call the office for an appointment to look over the collection.

(212) 879-8200



T H A N K Y O U

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 6:00 TO 8:00 PM THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



Come and enjoy the good food, open bar, music, and entertainment at our traditional celebration. This year we will have a DVD of the royal wedding running and expect that the hats here on 65th Street will compare well with those we saw in Westminster Abby.

To keep up with the fashion, a prize for the most attractive "fascinator" will



be added to the hat list which includes: The Kew Gardens Award for the best floral display, The Drury Lane Award for the most theatrical, The Ascot Award for the most spectacular, The Royal Navy Award for the most nautical, The Turner Award for the most artistic and The Henry Higgins Award for the most professional.

BRING FRIENDS TO JOIN IN THE CHAMPAGNE TOAST AND THE FUN AT THIS SPECIAL PARTY.
SUBSCRIBER: \$85; PATRON: \$100.

Raffle books will be mailed to you in a few days and the drawing will take place at the party. The prize selection is very good and it is only \$5 a chance or 6 for \$25. Get your name in the mix. The odds are excellent.



R E S E R V A T I O N F O R M

DATE	E-SU EVENT	COST	# OF RES.	AMOUNT
MAY 17	MATISSE/JEWISH MUSEUM AND LUNCH AT LE PARIS	\$70 PER PERSON	_____	_____
MAY 23	NATIONAL ARTS CLUB ARTHUR PHILLIPS	MEMBERS: \$25 NON-MEMBERS: \$30	_____	_____
MAY 24	TEA AND LOOKING FOR LA VIE EN ROSE SYLLA HASKELL	MEMBERS: \$25 NON-MEMBERS: \$40	_____	_____
MAY 24	SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER	NO CHARGE		
JUNE 7	ARMORY TOUR AND LUNCH AT BISTRO CHAT NOIR	\$60 PER PERSON	_____	_____
JUNE 15	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY	SUBSCRIBERS: \$85 PATRONS: \$100	_____	_____
JUNE 21	TEA AND ON THE RIVIERA ELIZABETH SHARLAND	MEMBERS: \$25 NON-MEMBERS: \$40	_____	_____
JUNE 21	MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM	NO CHARGE		
JUNE 28	HIGH LINE AND LUNCH AT DEL POSTO	\$75 PER PERSON	_____	_____
		TOTAL		_____

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