



JUNE 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 1
8 p.m.

Formerly Known as Sarah

Performance

The Theatre/Drama Committee presents actress Joyce Griffen, recipient of an Arthur Miller Fellowship, for this play about the daughter of former slaves orphaned at age seven, who transformed herself from an uneducated field hand into the early 20th century's most successful female entrepreneur. Like many celebrities her rags to riches story begins with a name change—from Sarah to Madam C.J. Walker. The saga of her victory over the extreme racism and sexism of her day as she pockets the American dream is glorious and unforgettable.

Tuesday 2
7 p.m.

"Creatures in Clay" with Letitia Roberts

Illustrated Lecture

The Decorative Arts Committee presents. In the world of endangered species, perhaps none are as vulnerable as those creatures made of pottery and porcelain. Letitia Roberts will give an illustrated lecture on "Creatures in Clay", the history of animals in ceramics as a subtle evocation of the human condition and the spirit of their age. Ms. Roberts is the former Senior Vice President and Senior International Specialist, and Director of the Department of European Ceramics and Chinese Export Porcelain at Sotheby's.

Tuesday 2
8 p.m.

The Literary Committee presents Lewis Lapham

Reading & Booksigning

The New York Times has likened Lewis Lapham to H.L. Mencken, *Vanity Fair* has suggested a strong resemblance to Mark Twain, and Tom Wolfe compared him to Montaigne. Join us as our celebrated speaker surprises and enlightens us with provocative insights into the changing world of media. Lapham has authored numerous books, including *Money and Class in America*, *The Wish for Kings*, *Theater of War* and *Pretensions to Empire*. He is editor of *Lapham's Quarterly*; and editor emeritus and national correspondent for *Harper's Magazine*. He hosts Bloomberg Radio's weekly program, *The World in Time*.

Monday 8
8 p.m.

Speaking of Shakespeare

Discussion

Born and trained in England, Tina Packer established Shakespeare & Company in 1978, seeking to create an ensemble that would perform "as the Elizabethans did." For years they occupied novelist Edith Wharton's turn-of-the-century estate in the Berkshires. They are now in new quarters in Lenox, Massachusetts, where they're building a replica of the stage on which Shakespeare's earliest plays were first presented. An acclaimed educator as well as a gifted actress and director, Ms. Packer is the co-author of *Power Plays*, a book about the playwright's insights on leadership.

Tuesday 9
8 p.m.

An Evening with Marc Mellon

Illustrated Lecture

The Exhibiting Artists Gathering of the Visual Arts Program and The NAC Roundtable present. Marc Mellon is one of America's foremost representational sculptors, well known for his portrait busts, commemorative statues, bas reliefs, medals, and other works in bronze exploring the world of dance, sport, and family life. Marc will present an illustrated talk on his 35 year career, with a focus on the 2009 Official Barack Obama Presidential Inaugural Medal. The Medal, with an artist signed Certificate of Authenticity, will be available for purchase on the day of the program. He has been an active Exhibiting Artist Member of the NAC since 1980.

Tuesday 9
8 p.m.

The Music Committee presents Stevie Holland: The Music of Cole Porter



Performance

USA Today's respected music and theater critic Elysa Gardner chose Stevie Holland's most recent CD *Before Love Has Gone* as among her five favorite CDs of 2008, writing, "Stevie Holland straddles jazz and pop with effortless elegance and warmth." Tonight's program is a special preview performance of Ms. Holland's upcoming vehicle *Love, Linda: The Life of Mrs. Cole Porter*. This new, original show celebrates the life and love of Linda and Cole, through Linda's eyes and Cole Porter's music, with arrangements by award-winning theater composer Gary William Friedman. Learn more at www.StevieHolland.com. Limited Seating Capacity, early arrival recommended.

Wednesday 10
8 p.m.

Women In Photography, New York City 2009 Grant Award Winner

Reception & Awards Presentation

The Photography Committee hosts the launch of Women in Photography's first Individual Project Grant Award Ceremony, including a reception for the winner and a slide show of their work. WIP was launched in 2008 as an outlet for women photographers to exhibit work outside of the traditional commercial art world.

Thursday 11
8 p.m.

Mirror Me Merrily

Performance

The Music and Contemporary Arts Committees present Composer Felix Ventouras, who will lead the performance of a program titled *Mirror Me Merrily*, featuring clarinetist Meighan Stoops. Enjoy the sound of wind instruments, piano, and strings in what promises to be a continuous dramatic musical experience. The event features the world premiere of a wind quartet whose movements will progress as the evening unfolds, providing commentary and narration on the rest of the program. Also included are works for chamber ensemble and solo piano performed by NYC's own young seasoned professionals. Learn more about the Composer at www.FelixVentouras.com.

Friday 12
6 p.m.

The Creative Writing & Fashion Festival

Exhibition & Awards Presentation

The Education Committee invites you to the Annual Creative Writing Festival featuring a multimedia exhibition by fashion student authors from The High School of Fashion Industries (HSFI) in Manhattan. The *U.S. News and World Report* of America's Best High Schools featured HSFI in 2007 and 2008. This annual celebration salutes the creativity of young people and the dedication of NAC Creative Writing volunteers who work in collaboration with NYC teachers. Please join us in saluting our students, authors, teachers and volunteers!

Monday 15
8 p.m.

Wines of Argentina and Chile

Tasting

RSVP

The Culinary Arts Committee invites you to a tasting of wines from the fastest growing segment of the wine business in the US: South America. Argentina and Chile feature both familiar varietals (Malbec, Chardonnay, etc.) and some less familiar (Torrantes, Carmenere). The tasting, led by Jordan Lari, will feature a selection of fine wines from these two countries, highlighting both their take on classic wine styles and styles unique to South America. Seating will be limited, so reserve early to (212) 475-3424. \$30 per person.

Tuesday 16
8 p.m.

The Media: Journalism in Crisis, a Film by Neal Cortell

Film & Discussion

The Board of Governors presents Neal Cortell's independent documentary which examines the six giant corporations' control of an estimated 90% of the news media, along with addressing the future state of journalism and the internet. What impact has 25-years of deregulation had on news gathering as we know it today? Mr. Cortell brings a career of over 35-years in journalism and television mediums including Reuters, Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal/Dow Jones, Monitor, and ABC News.

Tuesday 16
8 p.m.

The King of Madison Avenue: David Ogilvy & the Making of Modern Advertising

Discussion & Booksigning

The Literary Committee presents author Kenneth Roman, former chairman and CEO of Ogilvy & Mather, who will paint a fascinating portrait of his former boss: one of advertising's most eccentric, beloved characters. Expelled from Oxford, David Ogilvy's career included gigs as a chef, door-to-door salesman and British secret service agent. "He made Schweppes into one of the most popular brands in America and turned Marlboro from a traditionally feminine item (red-tipped to avoid showing lipstick) into an icon of masculinity—and the world's best-selling cigarette. Roman brilliantly renders American culture through the eyes of an energetic transplant." —*Publisher's Weekly*, starred review.

Wednesday 17
Buffet
6 p.m.

The Film Committee presents *Heir to an Execution*

Buffet, Film, Discussion

RSVP

Film
7:45 p.m.

The film is the story of a family torn apart on June 19, 1953, when Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for "conspiracy to commit espionage." The young Jewish couple left behind two orphaned boys—Michael, 10 years old and Robert, 6. Director Ivy Meeropol, eldest granddaughter of the Rosenbergs, embarks on a remarkable journey that sheds new light on this iconic event. Both Michael and Ivy Meeropol will be with us. RSVP for the buffet by 6/15 at (212) 477-2389. Price for the buffet is \$48 per person. Price includes tax and service charge.

Wednesday 17
8 p.m.

The Jr. Committee Presents NAC Comedy Night

Performance

Ricky Butler hosts some of NYC's top established stand-up comedians.

Thursday 18
8 p.m.

Blended Nation: Portraits and Interviews of Mixed-Race America

Discussion & Booksigning

Member Catherine Johnson presents Mike Tauber and Pamela Singh, who will sign copies of their new photography book *Blended Nation: Portraits and Interviews of Mixed-Race America* which explores race in America through the personal experiences of mixed-race individuals. Ann Curry contributed the Foreword, Rebecca Walker wrote the Introduction and Alan Goodman Ph.D. contributed an essay on how society makes race a reality.

Friday 19
Mix & Mingle
6 p.m.

The Gardens of Frank Lloyd Wright by Derek Bell

Illustrated Lecture

The Board of Governors presents Derek Fell, garden design consultant to the White House and author of *The Magic of Monet's Garden* and *Cezanne's Garden*. Mr. Bell will discuss *The Gardens of Frank Lloyd Wright* which explores Wright's home in Oak Park, Illinois, his 3,000-acre summer home in Wisconsin, and his 600-acre winter home in Arizona. He will also discuss the Japanese and Mayan landscapes that inspired Wright.

Program
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 23
8 p.m.

Margo Feiden Sets the Warhol Legend Straight

Illustrated Lecture

The Board of Governors presents the shocking true story of why Andy Warhol was really shot, as told by Margo Feiden first-hand. Author of the award-winning *The Calorie Factor* (now in its 5th printing)—Ms. Feiden is an avid aviatrix, camel racer, Mensa member, and Friar. She is currently mastering hieroglyphics.

Wednesday 24
2 p.m.

A Tour of Gracie Mansion

Tour

Join the Decorative Arts Committee for a special guided tour of Gracie Mansion. Built in 1799 by shipping magnet Archibald Gracie, the stately home is now the residence of the Mayor of New York. Limited to 30 guests. The \$7 fee (cash only) will be collected on the tour. RSVP by 6/3 to Mary Cava at (212) 932-1058 ext 1025.

Wednesday 24
Cocktails
6:30 p.m.

Le Cocktail Français & the Roundtable present Cabaret Français: Piaf and Brel

Performance

Two of France's most beloved musical legends will be alive and well and living on Gramercy Park, courtesy of actress, dancer, and chanteuse extraordinaire Gay Marshall. The bilingual program incorporates the original lyrics with her own translations, conveying the joy and heartbreak of these timeless tunes. Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7 p.m. and performance at 8 p.m. See invitation for complete details.

Dinner
7 p.m.
Performance
8 p.m.

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	Russian American Heritage Festival 6-8 p.m. (OR) Formerly Known... 8 p.m. (P)	<i>*French Class 6:30</i> Creatures in Clay 7 p.m. (IL) Lewis Lapham 8 p.m. (R/BK)			Jazz at Noon 12 p.m. (P/LU) Lake Champlain 6-8 p.m. (OR)	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Speaking of Shakespeare 8 p.m. (DI)	Marc Mellon 8 p.m. (IL) Stevie Holland 8 p.m. (P)	1100 Watercolorists 6-8 p.m. (OR) Women in Photography 8 p.m. (RE/AP)	<i>*French Class 6:30</i> <i>Mirror Me Merrily</i> 8 p.m. (P)	Jazz at Noon 12 p.m. (P/LU) Creative Writing and Fashion 6 p.m. (E/AP)	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Wines 8 p.m. (TA)	<i>*French Class 6:30</i> Journalism in Crisis 8 p.m. (F/DI) David Ogilvy 8 p.m. (R/BK)	<i>Heir to an Execution</i> 6/7:45 p.m. (BF/F/DI) RSVP (212) 477-2389 Comedy Night 8 p.m. (P)	Gloria Ruiz 6-8 p.m. (OR) <i>Blended Nation</i> 8 p.m. (DI/BK)	Jazz at Noon 12 p.m. (P/LU) Gardens of Frank Lloyd Wright 6:30 p.m. (IL/BK)	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Margo Feiden 8 p.m. (IL)	Gracie Mansion 2 p.m. (T) Layla Love 6-8 p.m. (OR) Cabaret Français 6:30 p.m. (RE/D/P)		Jazz at Noon 12 p.m. (P/LU)	
28	29	30				

AP = Award Presentation
BF = Buffet
BK = Book Signing
D = Dinner
DI = Discussion

E = Exhibition
F = Film
IL = Illustrated Lecture
L = Lecture
LU = Luncheon
MH = Medal of Honor

OR = Opening Reception
P = Performance
R = Reading
RE = Reception
T = Tour
TA = Tasting