



MAY 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 1
5 p.m.

RSVP for the
Buffet

The 108th Annual Meeting

After the 5 p.m. meeting, a soul food buffet will be served at 6:30 p.m. \$30 per person, price includes tax and service charge. RSVP by Wednesday, April 25, 2007, to the Dining Room at (212) 477-2389. At 8 p.m. we will have a presentation on the facade restoration, followed by live music for your dancing pleasure.

Friday 4
8 p.m.

Unknown Soldier: Searching for a Father

Film

The Board of Governors presents. Join Reserve Aid for a private screening of HBO's award-winning documentary with creator, John Hulme. The film captures John's intimate journey to discover his father, Lieutenant Jack Hulme, USMC, who was killed in a Vietnam rocket attack while John's mother was pregnant with him. Reserve Aid is committed to providing financial support to the families of our Reserve Service Members in all five branches of the Armed Forces.

Monday 7
7:30 p.m.

Speaking of Shakespeare Presents Alden and Virginia Vaughan

Discussion & Booksigning

To mark the 400-year anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in North America, we welcome Alden T. and Virginia Mason Vaughan, scholars of *The Tempest*, from which the phrase "Brave New World" originates. The play appears to have been scripted in response to 1609 reports of a Bermuda hurricane that wrecked the ship carrying the new Governor of Jamestown. The Vaughans have published an authoritative history of Caliban, the deformed monster of *The Tempest*. They will sign copies of their new, illustrated survey, *Shakespeare in American Life*.

Tuesday 8
8 p.m.



The Literary Committee Presents Award-Winning Author of *Absurdistan*, Gary Shteyngart

Reading

Gary Shteyngart, author of the award-winning novel, *The Russian Debutant's Handbook*, winner of the Stephen Crane Award for First Fiction and Best Book of the Year by the *Washington Post*, has again written a winner, *Absurdistan*. Chosen by the *New York Times* as one of the Ten Best Books of 2006, *Entertainment Weekly* says, "by any standard he is sharp about love, wise about death and hilarious beyond belief." His fiction and essays have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Granta*, *GQ*, the *New York Times Magazine* and many others.

Wednesday 9
12 p.m.

RSVP to the
Browning
Society

New York Browning Society Luncheon with Richard Howard & Tammy Grimes

Luncheon

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Richard Howard is the featured speaker and Tony Award winning actress Tammy Grimes honored performer for the New York Browning Society's Centenary gala luncheon. Also appearing: Broadway cabaret star KT Sullivan, actors Matthew Cowles and Keith Merrill who will present poetry of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Student contest winners will also recite their poetry. The price is \$35 which includes tax and service. RSVP NYBS President Steve Downey at (917) 744-5107.

Wednesday 9
8 p.m.

Reader's Theatre Presents *Animal Farm*

Performance

The Reader's Theatre Workshop presents Jeffrey Stocker's adaptation of the George Orwell classic *Animal Farm*. Seven actors from Milford, Pennsylvania's American Readers Theatre Company will be reading along with NAC members Memory and David Contento and Greg Giblin. This successful production was recently read as a benefit to raise monies for the new Pike County Public Library.

Thursday 10
8 p.m.

RSVP

A Wine Tasting with the Culinary Arts Committee

The Culinary Arts Committee invites you to attend the latest in its series of wine-tastings. Topics and speakers vary, but this series consistently offers the best value in wine education to be found anywhere in New York. Look for details in the upcoming invitation and on the NAC website. RSVP early at (212) 475-3424 to avoid disappointment. \$25 per person.

Friday 11
Cocktails
6:30 p.m.
Dinner
7:30 p.m.
RSVP

The Medal of Honor presented to Rising Star Mark Webber

Medal of Honor

The Board of Governors honors rising star Mark Webber, who received a Philadelphia Film Festival Rising Star Award in April for his many films including *Broken Flowers*, *Storytelling* and *Hollywood Ending*. Mr. Webber was raised by his single mother in the North Philadelphia slums, where they spent a great deal of time homeless, living in cars and abandoned buildings, and struggling to survive during the harsh winters. Mark and his mother have been outspoken homeless advocates for many years and continue to be, walking in protests, helping to educate voters, and volunteering to help provide food and shelter to the urban poor in Philadelphia and elsewhere. \$85 per person, price includes tax and service charge. RSVP by 5/9 at (212) 475-3424.

Monday 14
8 p.m.

Puma

Performance

The Theatre/Drama Committee and Pat Addiss present *Puma*, a new play about screen icon Marlene Dietrich and her obsessive relationship with Erich Maria Remarque, author of *All Quiet On The Western Front*. The antiwar book provoked the Germans to revoke his citizenship. He and Marlene fled to Hollywood. Paulette Goddard and Jimmy Stewart played important roles in their scandalous behavior. Written by Julie Gilbert and Frank Evans.

Tuesday 15
6 p.m.

The Appraisers Association of America presents Dr. Geza von Habsburg

Slide Lecture

RSVP to
the AAA

Our topic will be the historic and monetary significance of noble provenance and its significance for today's appraiser. Dr. von Habsburg has headed Christie's Europe and his own auction house in Geneva and New York. He is the world's leading authority on Carl Fabergé and his creations, workmen and imitators. RSVP to the AAA at (212) 889-5404, ext. 11. NAC Members free.

Tuesday 15
6:30 p.m.

Dr. Rosary Hartel O'Neill Reads Her Work

Reading

NAC member and playwright Dr. Rosary Hartel O'Neill will read from her plays *Solitaire*, *John Singer Sargent and Madame X*, and *Degas in New Orleans* plus read selections from her latest novel, *Sweet Opium*.

Tuesday 15

A Sneak-Preview of the Award-Winning Documentary, Toots

Buffet, Film & Discussion

Buffet
6 p.m.
RSVP
Film
7:45 p.m.

The Film Committee presents a provocative portrait of Toots Shor—legendary Manhattan saloonkeeper who became the unlikely den-mother to politicians and gangsters, sports heroes and movie stars—Sinatra, Gleason, DiMaggio, Costello, Eisenhower, Warren—on West 51st Street. From its post-WWII heyday to its devastating decline in the 1970s, this film reveals as much about New York as it does about a man and his legacy. Directed by Toots' granddaughter, Kristi Jacobson. The buffet prior is \$48 per person, including tax and service charge. RSVP for the buffet by 5/11 at (212) 477-2389.

Wednesday 16
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A Plein Air Painting Outing in Madison Square Park

Painting Day

The NAC Roundtable is sponsoring a day of outdoor painting (en plein air) for all members who wish to participate. Any artist, amateur or professional, is welcome to join us at Madison Square Park. Meet at the Southwest corner of the Park at 9 a.m. (23rd & 5th, across from the Flatiron Building). For all of our non-artist members who are art lovers, come by during the day to observe and chat. Please e-mail Brad Marshall at Bradmarshall@verizon.net or phone (718) 472-4055. Bring your paint gear, your love of art, and your love of the outdoors.

Wednesday 16
8 p.m.

A Performance by Rosa Antonelli

Performance

The Music and Roundtable Committees present world-renowned Steinway Artist, Rosa Antonelli who will perform pieces by Liszt, Chopin, Albeniz, & Piazzolla. Ms. Antonelli has extensively toured in some of the greatest halls in Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America and the United States. Critics hail her as a leading exponent of Spanish and Latin American music. "Her artistic insight and flawless technique combine to create an impressive musical vision." She has premiered the works of important Latin American composers such as Piazzolla and Ugarte around the world and introduced the "Piano Concerto Opus 20" by A. Scriabin to audiences throughout the Americas. www.rosantonelli.com

Thursday 17
6 p.m.

Le Cocktail Français Presents

See upcoming invitation and the NAC website for details.

Monday 21

Buffet

6 p.m.

RSVP

Film
7:45 p.m.

The Road to Guantanamo

Buffet, Film & Discussion

The Film Committee in association with Amnesty International, USA, local groups 280, 9 and 11, present the *The Road to Guantanamo*. Based on a true story, the film chronicles the misadventures of three British Muslim men caught in Afghanistan, accused of terrorism and shipped to Guantanamo. There they come face-to-face with the harsh reality of America's war on terror, until British intelligence makes a startling discovery. The introduction and discussion led by Jumana Musa, Advocacy Director for Domestic Human Rights and International Justice, Amnesty International. Best Director Award at the 2006 Berlin Film Festival. The buffet prior is \$48 per person, including tax and service charge. RSVP for the buffet by 4/18 at (212) 477-2389.

Tuesday 22

8 p.m.

The Literary Committee Presents a Celebration of Haiku & Baseball with Billy Collins

Reading & Booksigning

Former poet laureate of the United States and bestselling author Billy Collins will read from and talk about his recent book of haiku, *She Was Just Seventeen*. Former president of the Haiku Society of America, Cor van den Heuvel, will then read and discuss haiku from his new book *Baseball Haiku* (co-edited with Nanae Tamura), and three of the featured poets in the book—Alan Pizzarelli, Ed Markowski, and Brenda Gannam—will read their baseball haiku.

Wednesday 23

6-8 p.m.

Fresh Talent from the Lower East Side

Opening Reception

The Roundtable Committee presents the students of Marta Valle School. This annual showcase of tomorrow's artists is an excellent opportunity for the students, as well as collectors of both paintings and sculpture.

Wednesday 23

Cocktails
6:30 p.m.

Dinner
7:30 p.m.

RSVP

The Medal of Honor for Photography Presented to Bruce Davidson

Medal of Honor

While stationed in the army, Bruce Davidson met Henri Cartier-Bresson, a founder of the international photography agency, Magnum Photos. Mr. Davidson created such seminal bodies of work as "The Dwarf," "Brooklyn Gang," and the "Freedom Rides." In 1963 the Museum of Modern Art presented his early work in a solo show. He continues to produce new bodies of work. Among his many books are *Brooklyn Gang: 1959*, *Subway, East 100th Street*, and *Time of Change: Civil Rights Photographs 1961-1965*. Speakers will be Deborah Willis, Ph.D., Professor of Photography and Imaging at NYU; Melissa Harris, Educator and Editor-in-Chief at *Aperture* magazine, and Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, President of the Foundation for Landscape Studies. Black Tie. \$85 per person, price includes tax and service charge. RSVP by 5/20 at (212) 475-3424.

Thursday 24

Cocktails
6:30 p.m.

Dinner
7:30 p.m.

RSVP



The Medal of Honor for Scholarship Presented to Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Medal of Honor

The Board of Governors presents the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in African and African American Scholarship to Harvard professor Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Author, educator, and tireless advocate for social justice worldwide, Dr. Gates was listed by *Time* magazine among its "25 Most Influential Americans," he has written award-winning books, created comprehensive online resources, produced ground-breaking documentaries, and in such works as the recently-published *Finding Oprah's Roots*, blazed a new trail using genealogy and science to illuminate African and African American cultural history. Black Tie. \$85 per person, price includes tax and service charge. RSVP by 5/21 at (212) 475-3424.

Thursday 31

8 p.m.

Creativity and Copyright: Images, Objects & Music

Discussion

The Roundtable and Music Committee present. Artists, musicians, filmmakers, photographers and publishers take inspiration from the world around them. Amid accusations of plagiarism, generations of creative geniuses have riffed off one another, or simply swiped traditions ancient and modern. Join attorney Ray Dowd and musicologist Judith Finell for an evening of spirited debate as they explore how the legal system handles issues of creativity. How do we balance free expression with the need to compensate artists and investors in creative works?

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		The 108th Annual Meeting 5 p.m. RSVP for the buffet (212) 477-2389		Guan Weixing 6-8 p.m. (OR)	<i>Unknown Soldier</i> 8 p.m. (F)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Speaking of Shakespeare 7:30 p.m. (DI/BK)	Tony Floyd 6-8 p.m. (OR) Gary Shteyngart 8 p.m. (R)	Browning Society 12 p.m. (LU) RSVP (212) 477-2389 Animal Farm 8 p.m. (P)	Wine Tasting 8 p.m. (W)	MEDAL OF HONOR to Mark Webber 6:30 p.m. (MH) RSVP (212) 475-3424	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<i>Puma</i> 8 p.m. (P)	Geza Von Habsburg 6 p.m. (SL) RSVP to AAA Rosary O'Neill 6:30 p.m. (R) Toots 6/7:45 p.m. (BF/F/DI) RSVP (212) 477-2389	Plein Air Painting 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. (PD) Rosa Antonelli 8 p.m. (P)	Le Cocktail 6 p.m. (TBA)	Yuri Tchary 6-8 p.m. (OR)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>Road to Guantanamo</i> 6/7:45 p.m. (BF/F/DI) RSVP (212) 477-2389	Inspiration 6-8 p.m. (OR) Painted Journys 6-8 p.m. (OR) <i>Baseball Haiku</i> 8 p.m. (R)	Fresh Talent 6-8 p.m. (OR) MEDAL OF HONOR to Bruce Davidson 6:30 p.m. (MH) RSVP (212) 475-3424	MEDAL OF HONOR to Henry Louis Gates 6:30 p.m. (MH) RSVP (212) 475-3424		
27	28	29	30	31		
	MEMORIAL DAY CLUB CLOSED			Creativity & Copyright 8 p.m. (DI)	BF = Buffet BK = Book Signing DI = Discussion F = Film LU = Luncheon MH = Medal of Honor	OR = Opening Reception P = Performance PD = Painting Day R = Reading SL = Slide Lecture W = Wine Tasting