

## Spring 2024 Update - Retiree Chapter Cultural and Educational Program

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### IN-PERSON TRIPS

#### MET Museum

Join us as we visit New York City's most visited museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art. You will have a guided tour of a current exhibition followed by lunch in their café. You will also be able to visit other exhibitions with your day pass.

CSA Leader: Barbetta Krinsky

Metropolitan Museum of Art 1000 Fifth Avenue between 82<sup>nd</sup> & 83<sup>rd</sup>

Exhibits Inclusive:

Spirit Pueblo Pottery

Art of Native America

Frank Lloyd Wright's House

Location: 1000 Fifth Avenue

Day/Date: Tues. 3/5

Time: 11:00 am – 2 pm

Fee: \$35 members; \$40 non-members

Limit: 15 participants

Optional: Lunch must be reserved prior to tour.

### **Women's Work & Women's Voices**

What is "women's work?" How have broad trends in American economic, legal, and political history encouraged women to take certain jobs and restricted them from "men's work?" How have race, ethnicity, social class, legal status, sexual orientation, and gender presentation impacted these distinctions? The exhibition seeks to demonstrate that women's work has been essential to American society and is inherently political:

Women's work is everywhere. Admission ticket allows you to an all-day pass.

New-York Historical Society 170 Central Park West, 77<sup>th</sup> St

Leader: Patricia Mack

Day/Date: Tues., 3/12

Time: 11:15 am – 12:15

Fee: \$22.00 members

\$27.00 non-members

Separate fee; Prix-fixe lunch at Nice Matin Restaurant.

### **The White House Experience**

White House Replica is the only one in the Northeast. (1 of 4). There will be a life size replica of the White House with an Oval Office, Situation Room, and Press Briefing Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) and Residence (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). Visitors can play the role of U.S. President, White House Cabinet, Press Reporters as they navigate a "crisis".

C.W. Post Campus, The Roosevelt School

Leader: Kathy Murphy

Day/Date: Tues., 3/26

Time: 10:30 am

Fee: \$45.00 members; \$50.00 non-members

Catered hot lunch is included.

### **Tour of Temple Emanu-EL**

Emanu-El is one of the largest and most ornate Reform (“classical reform”) synagogues in the United States. We will tour this magnificent edifice and see closeup the beautiful mosaics and artwork. The tour of the main sanctuary and the museum will take about 45 minutes.

1 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC 10065

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Date: Tues. 4/ 9

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00

Limit: 15 people

### **Museum of the City of New York Exhibit: “This is New York - 100 Years of the City in Art and Pop Culture”**

The exhibit explores the many ways that the city has inspired storytelling across artforms. The different galleries feature “Tempo of the City”, “Songs of New York”, “At Home in New York,” and “Destination NYC,” “You Are Here,” and “Scenes from the City.”

Location: 1220 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (102 St. & 103 St.)

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Wed. 4/30

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Fee: TBD

Limit: 10 people

### **Jewish Harlem Trip**

Part 1: Virtual; (Zoom) & Part 2: Guided in-person tour.

One of our favorite guides, Justin Ferate will present an online foundation and background of Jewish Harlem. That will be one virtual presentation (5/6). The following week, we will tour Harlem and visit sites he has discussed. Included in the tour will be a visit to an old synagogue. For those who would like to remain with us for lunch, we will convene at Amy Ruth Restaurant.

Guide: Justin Ferate

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Tues. 5/14

Part 1: Virtual 5/6 at 10:30 am Fee: \$15 for those only doing the virtual

Part 2: – 5/14 at 10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$75 (includes Part 1 -Zoom, in-person trip) and lunch at Amy Ruth's

Limit: 15 participants

### **Sunday Brunch Cruise**

Got a case of the Sunday blues? Banish them with brunch on the water. Join the Retiree Chapter and their family and friends as they glide past some of New York's iconic sights. Adults will be served unlimited Mimosas, Champagne, and mineral water along with brunch and dessert.

Leader: Miriam Diaz

Day/Date: Sun. 5/19

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$125 members

\$130 non-members

### **Grounds for Sculpture & Hindu Temple**

We will visit artist Seward Johnson's beautiful Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ the home of over 200 sculptures. These sculptures are life size recreations of great pieces of art. Walking through the grounds is like walking through a botanical garden laid out to show off each piece of art. Our other stop for the day will be at the largest Hindu Temple in the United States. People who have visited there say that the Taj Mahal pales in comparison with its beauty. You will learn how the temple was constructed and tour the inside. We will also have a wonderful Italian lunch at Villa Barone, separate fee.

Guide: A&S Zuckerman

Leader: Ana Maldonado

Day/Date: Wed. 5/22

Time: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$110 members; \$115 non-members.

Van trip – limit 12

### **Picnic on Little Island**

The CSARC is planning a picnic at **Little Island**, a new, free public park pier within the larger Hudson River Park in New York City. Little Island was funded primarily through Barry Diller and the Diller-Von Furstenberg Family Foundation. It hosts programming to foster and support New York City-based artists. All events are free, no reservations or tickets required. There are performances and educational programming five days a week, with offerings from music, dance, comedy and more. The pier is open daily, and its hours are currently from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm on NYC Pier 55, Hudson River Park, West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC. Leader: Ana Maldonado Day/Date: Tues. 5/28

Time: 11a.m.- 3 p.m.

Fee: Free

### **Day at the Belmont Races at Aqueduct Raceway**

A CSA retiree member was able to arrange for us a day at the Belmont Raceway. We will seat overlooking the finish line to watch the race. Lunch will be served before post time at 1 p.m. There will be a visit to the paddock to watch horses being saddled for the races. The race will be named for CSA and the group will be taking a picture with the winning jockey.

Aqueduct Raceway

Host: Richard Morell

Leader: Lucie Elio

TBD – May, Friday

Time: 11 am – 4 pm

Fee: TBD It includes admission and lunch

Limit: 15 participants.

Dress code: Business attire.

### **Hudson River Train Expansion**

Your day out on the rails begins at Pennsylvania Station's Moynihan Train Hall, where you will have a unique access to Amtrak's brand new "Metropolitan Lounge". From there you will step back in time as you step aboard one of the historic cars – The Tavern-Lounge No. 43. On the journey between New York and Albany, lunch and drinks will be served while you enjoy the one-of-a-kind view of the passing Hudson River. After an intermission at Albany-Rensselaer, our train will skate along the Hudson with the setting sun. Our historic rail cars, traveling on the tail end of Amtrak's Empire Service, will traverse the very tracks that the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Limited did from 1902 to 1967.

Leader: Ana Maldonado

Day/Date: Thurs.in May

Time: 10 am – 7:05 p.m.

Fee: TBD

### **Tour of Oheka Castle**

Huntington, New York

Oheka Castle is a French-Style chateau. It's the second largest private residence ever built in America. The castle is now a hotel, and it is a popular wedding venue for socialites, celebrities, and dignitaries, as well as the backdrop to many photo shoots, television series and films. We will tour the mansion, the estate, and the gardens.

Leader: Kathy Murphy

Day/Date: Tues. 5/29

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$45 members

\$50 non-members

Lunch is a separate fee.

### **Tour of Gracie Mansion Conservancy**

Built in 1799, this has been the NYC mayoral residence since 1942. It is one of the oldest surviving wood structures in Manhattan. We will tour the mansion and gardens.

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Wed. June 5

Time: 12:00 a.m.

Fee: \$10.00

### **Wine Seminar**

Once again Ron Attivissimo will introduce, discuss, and have us taste summer wines (whites and roses); part 2 would be a "thank you" tasting of wines (mostly reds) from his cellar collection.

Presenter: Ron Attivissimo

Coordinator: Lucie Elio

Day/Date: Friday, 6/7

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Fee: \$55 members

\$60 non-members

## **VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **Caring for Aging Eyes**

As we journey through the golden years, our eyesight can undergo significant changes making it crucial to prioritize eye care. Join us for an enlightening talk on “Caring for Aging Eyes”. Discover the mysteries behind cataracts and glaucoma, exploring their signs and symptoms, and gain insights into the debilitating condition of macular degeneration. Learn how to protect and preserve your vision for a brighter, clearer future. Don't miss this opportunity to safeguard your sight and embark on a path to healthier aging with informed eye care.

Presenter: Dr. Brian Krawitz, Eye Surgeon at Montifiore Hospital

Leader: Ana Maldonado

Day/Date: Mon. 1/29

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **History of Movie Musicals**

As soon as movies could talk, they began to sing and dance, and musicals quickly became among the most popular film genres. Prof Brian Rose will guide us through this fascinating history and include more than thirty excerpts featuring actors like Fred Astair, Judy Garland, Gene Kelly and the Beatles.

Presenter: Dr. Brian Rose

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Mon. 2/5

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

**Art: Claude Monet**



Claude Monet, a French painter developed his method of producing repeated studies of the same motif in series, changing canvases with the light or as his interest shifted. These series were frequently exhibited in groups. At his home in Giverny, Monet created the water-lily pond that served as inspiration for his last series of paintings. His popularity soared in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when his works traveled the world in museum exhibitions that attracted record-breaking crowds.

Presenter: Dr. Mary Dono

Leader: Ana Maldonado

Day/Date: Tues. 2/6

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Art: Pierre-Auguste Renoir**

Pierre-Auguste Renoir was a French Impressionist painter whose eyes for beauty made him one of the movement's most popular practitioners. He is best known for his paintings of bustling Parisian modernity and leisure in the last three decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Presenter: Dr. Mary Dono

Leader: Ana Maldonado

Day/Date: Tues. 2/13

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Acts of Faith: Religion and the American West**

This exhibition explores the interplay between religion and US expansion in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century West in order to illuminate how religion became such a vital and contested part of American life. The narrative highlights the experiences and traditions of people who, voluntarily or involuntarily, took part in this chaotic and transformative era. It includes diverse Native peoples, Protestant missionaries, Mormon settlers, Catholic communities, African American migrants, Jewish traders, and Chinese immigrant workers.

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Leader: Patricia Mack

Day/Date: Thurs. 2/15

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Hispanic Athletes**

Hispanic athletes dominate the sports scene globally in the 21st century. In America people like Tom Flores and Jim Plunkett are considered football pioneers. Soccer's best player according to soccer historians is Pele but Lionel Messi is considered the best player in the game in the 21st century. One of sports biggest social protests took place at the Mexico City Summer Olympics in 1968. Baseball pioneers include Roberto Clemente and Minnie Miñoso. A league in Mexico attempted to claim Major League status in 1946.

Presenter: Evan Weiner

Leader: Ana Maldonado

Day/Date: Mon. 2/26

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Madame C.J. Walker**

Madame Walker was an African American entrepreneur, philanthropist/ political/social activist and the first African American woman millionaire. She lived in a Harlem mansion that was the center of the Harlem Renaissance.

Presenter: Dr. Ron Brown

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Tuesday, 2/27

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Harriet Tubman & Harriet Beecher Stowe**

“So you’re the little lady who started this great war!” said President Abraham Lincoln in the fall of 1862 when he finally met Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of the blockbuster antislavery novel Uncle Tom’s Cabin. But Lincoln might just have well been talking to and about Harriet Tubman, the most famous conductor on America’s underground Railroad. Both women’s extraordinary activism advanced the fight against slavery and edged this country closer to Civil War.

Presenter: Prof. Richard Bell

Leader: Patricia Mack

Day/Date: Wed. 3/6

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Titanic: The Untold Stories**

The story of Joseph LaRoche and his wife and children is but one of many untold stories of minorities aboard the ill-fated ocean-liner. Learn more as we explore the Black, Chinese, Hispanic, and Japanese passengers aboard the Titanic.

Presenter: Sal St. George Leader: Ana Maldonado

Day/Date: Mon. 3/11

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **What Should You Know in 2024? - Financial Planning**

#### **Virtual & In-person at CSA**

Presenter: Susan B. Silberman, CRPS® at Morgan Stanley

Leader: Lucie Elio

Day/Date: Monday, 3/18

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Art: Creating My Path as a Self-Taught Artist**

Tiffany is a young self-taught artist who has had several art exhibits. She has been commissioned to paint murals in Brooklyn and is known for creative painted sneakers. Tiffany will show her accomplishments and tell us how she created her path as an artist.

Presenter: Tiffany B. Chanel

Leader: Lucie Elio

Day/Date: Mon. 3/25

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

### **Using a Password Manager**

So many passwords, how do we keep track of them all? In this class you will learn how to best manage your passwords using a password manager, as well as learn the best practices for keeping all your accounts secure from identity theft. No prerequisites. Please bring your questions.

Presenter: Sharper Training Solutions

Leader: Lucie Elio

Day/Date: Mon. 4/1

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

## **Supreme Court Decisions**

James Coll, a popular and frequent presenter for CSARC will talk about recent Supreme Court decisions, the background behind cases and the implications and impact.

Presenter: Prof. James Coll

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Mon. 4/8 – **New Date**

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

## **Jacob Schiff**

This Zoom presentation will be about Jacob Schiff by Justin Ferate. Jacob Schiff was once one of the most important Jews of his time, but now largely forgotten. His is a “nearly unbelievable history!”

Presenter: Justin Ferate

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Mon. 4/15

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

## **Coney Island & Pre-mature Babies**

Baby incubators were invented in Europe in the late 19th century. Dr. Martin Couney bought them to the United States and set up shop on the boardwalk of Coney Island. There were no neonatal facilities in the city. So, mothers rushed their children from all over to be saved by Dr. Couney and his glass boxes. Dr. Couney's facilities were approved by the health department and lasted until 1940, when hospitals began to develop their own neonatal wards.

Presenter: Claire Prentiss

Leader: Ronnie Feder

Day/Date: Mon. 4/29

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00

## **CLASSES**

### **Acrylic Painting -Intermediate; Virtual**

Come join our class! No previous drawing or painting experience necessary. Our professional art teacher will instruct and guide you in creating your own original piece of art, in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Supplies are required for this class. The supply list will be emailed to you after registration. Grab a brush and paint and let the fun begin!

Instructor: Nancy Baldwin

Day/Dates: Thursdays

2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Fee: \$80 members

\$85 non-members

Limit: 10 participants

### **American Mah Jongg**

#### **In-person at CSA**

Come play Mah Jongg. For those in need of instruction, Beverly Hershkowitz will provide it. For those looking to just play, bring friends or make new ones. Beginners are invited and previous graduates are warmly welcomed!

Instructor: Beverly Hershkowitz

Day/Dates: Mondays - 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8

Time: 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Fee: \$75 members

\$80 non-members

Limit: 16 participants

### **Crochet – Virtual**

In this class you will learn new stitches and techniques and be given instructions as well as the link for further practice.

Instructor: Sharan Wilson

Thursdays: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11

Time: 10:30 pm – 12:00

Fee: \$60 members; \$65 non-members

Limited: 10 participants

### **Golf Lessons**

The instructors are golf professionals who work at the North Shore Towers Golf Club. The class will be following the theme of “Course Play” and all skills will be taught. With the small size of the group, Bob and Jeff will be able to personalize instruction, considering that everyone may not be at the same playing level. Please note, if we have sufficient numbers, we will run two sections. Section I will be filled first.

North Shore Towers Golf Club

Instructors: Bob Guido & Jeff Clarke

Coordinator: Lucie Elio

Day/Dates: Wednesdays

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

Time: 10:00 -11:30 am

Fee: \$190 members; \$195 non-members

Limit: 8 participants

## **CLUBS**

### **Book & Bagels – Virtual**

Participants will read the book before the virtual meeting and will exchange ideas. On occasion, authors will join the group and discuss the book that was read.

Facilitator: Beth Peller

Coordinator: Patricia Mack [pmack@csa-nyc.org](mailto:pmack@csa-nyc.org)

Day/Dates/Book Title:

Wednesdays

1/10 *Honor* by Thirty Umriger

2/7 *Banyan Moon* by Thai Thai

3/13 *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding

4/17 *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

5/29 *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

6/26? *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James  
McBride

7/24 *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20 for the semester for the CSA Scholarship Fund or \$5.00 per session.

### **Dining Club**

Two or three dining experiences will be offered per semester. Prices vary depending upon the restaurant. This club has been created to provide the membership with social



opportunities to explore their dining interest in a social group setting. Please note: The cost is inclusive of everything except any type of alcoholic beverage.

Coordinator: Connie Testa

Day/Date/Time/Fees: TBD

### **Film Club - Virtual**

The Film Club is for movie enthusiasts who appreciate the cinema. The group will meet once a month to discuss a chosen film. Movies will be viewed at home, at your convenience, and the discussion will take place via Zoom. You will not be asked to rent movies. They will be chosen from Amazon Prime, Netflix, Tubi (free) or YouTube (free).

Facilitator: Rhonda Morgan

Coordinator: Ana Maldonado

Day/Dates: Wednesdays,

1/10, 2/14, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40 for the semester or

\$10 per session

Limit: 12 participants

### **Theater Club**

#### **“Hell’s Kitchen”**

There’s a place where the rhythm of the city is music, where every corner has a story, and every window is a kaleidoscope. Where a girl can step out of her apartment and find a whole world of possibilities waiting. That’s Hell's Kitchen, a new musical created by 15-time Grammy Award winner Alicia Keys that’s about to make Broadway feel brand new.

You will be responsible for paying for the set of tickets you commit to when you register.

Coordinator: Paula Lombardo

[Plombardo@csa-nyc.org](mailto:Plombardo@csa-nyc.org)

Day/Date of the Play: Wednesday, 4/17

Time: matinee

Fees: \$149 for all seats