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Spring Catalog Updates

Please note the following updates to the new Spring 2018 catalog. We apologize for any inconvenience.

- **Poetry as Story, Symbol and Song** has been cancelled.
- **Behavioral Finance: How Common Biases Lead to Bad Investment Decisions** is held on Thursdays, beginning February 15 through March 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- **If Walls Could Talk: Stone Walls of New York and New England** is a 3-week course but shows up as a One-Time Lecture when prioritizing your class selections.

Here’s an opportunity!

The Nominating Committee has been busy filling open positions for the next spring/fall term. We have a new opening. The Board of Directors is in need of a Board Secretary. The Secretary attends board meetings, takes notes and drafts up minutes for the president. The Secretary also sits on the Executive Committee and does minutes for them when and if such meetings are needed. Important: the Secretary is a voting member of the Board of Directors. The Secretary's vote counts the same as the President’s. This position is a wonderful way to get involved in CWA, how we work, and what we do. If you can take down basic notes and turn them into a word document, you’re qualified. Interested? Please contact either the office (221-1506) or Bill Riffer, Chair of the Nominating Committee (645-4097 or wriffer@cox.net).

Closing for Christmas

The CWA office will be closed for the Christmas holiday starting December 21st until January 3, 2018. We hope you have a joyous holiday with family and friends.
If you need to request a refund of your membership fee, the request must be submitted in writing to chriswren@wm.edu before the first day of the semester, January 22, 2018.

Giving to CWA

As we approach the holiday season, please consider including CWA on your gift-giving list! It's easy to donate now – simply click the Give to CWA button at the end of this newsletter, and be confident that you have given a gift to sustain our mission of learning and enrichment. Thank you for your generosity!

Inclement Weather Policy

CWA cancels any classes, lectures, activities (including Town & Gown), and training if the Williamsburg/James City County (WJCC) schools close. (If there is only a delay, CWA continues as scheduled.) A weather cancellation message will be on the CWA office line (757-221-1506) and on the WJCC web site (https://wjccschools.org). Please note, you will not be personally contacted.

Cuba with Dr. Ann Marie Stock in 2018!

The William & Mary
Alumni Association offers an extensive travel program that is open to all alumni and friends of the College, including members of the Christopher Wren Association. Trips include luxury cruises, land journeys and educational programs, both in the U.S. and abroad. One of our trips in October 2018 will include Dr. Ann Marie Stock as the lecturer as we open the door to Cuba and the Caribbean. Our 2017 trip to Cuba with Dr. Stock sold out. Don’t miss your chance to travel to Cuba with her in 2018! We would love for you to join us! For more information, visit here and to see all our 2018 destinations, visit www.wmalumni.com/travel, or call Donna Coggins at 757.221.1176.

Hudson River Valley Trip

As lifelong learners and members of the CWA, this journey through the idyllic Hudson River Valley might be of special interest.

Accompanying us will be Dr. Jennifer Putzi, a scholar of American literature. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to facilitate our discussions, as we learn together in the actual locations where barriers were broken and history was made.

As a current professor at W&M, Dr. Putzi will reawaken your love of history and literature as we explore Steepletop, the home and gardens of Pulitzer prize-winning poet, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and trace with you the life and times of Sojourner Truth, escaped slave, abolitionist, and women’s rights.
advocate. We'll also visit Val-Kill, the private retreat of the pioneering First Lady, activist, writer, and diplomat, Eleanor Roosevelt. We will walk in the shoes of these brave women who challenged the prevailing narratives of their times and discover why their causes are especially relevant in our lives today.

These are just a few of the exceptional experiences that await us!

No less important are the opportunities to enjoy private visits only available to W&M travelers. Alan Hilliker, '80, will give us an exclusive tour of Hosack Farm, and we will visit Edgewater, the home of Dick Jenrette. We have also included stops at the not-to-be-missed sites of the Hudson River Valley such as Bellefield, Kykuit, Union Church, The Culinary Institute, Olana, West Point, as well as a private afternoon cruise on the Hudson River to view the magnificent scenery and estates by water.

Our base will be the beautiful Mohonk Mountain House, the most historic hotel in the Catskills. We'll indulge in local farm-to-table cuisine and plenty of wine and laughter.

As of writing this email this journey is already halfway full.

- Click here for more information about the tour's itinerary.
- Click here to hold your places for 7 days while you confirm your calendar and recruit friends.
- Click here to make a reservation.

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