



The Y's Women

March 2020

The Y's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

Open to members and their guests

Place: Temple Israel, Westport
10:45 am Coffee and Conversation
11:30 am Meeting and Speaker

We must enter through the doors from the upper parking lot. There are a limited number of parking spaces in the upper lot; please leave them for those who have difficulty walking. Others please park in the lower lot and walk to the upper entrance.

March 9

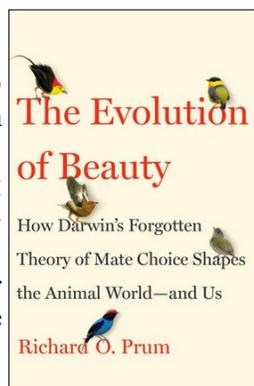
Richard O. Prum, PhD: *The Evolution of Beauty*



Richard Prum, PhD is the William Robertson Coe Professor of Ornithology at Yale University and head curator of Vertebrate Zoology at Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. A recipient of both MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships, he helped discover dinosaur feathers and

their colors. He is the author of *The Evolution of Beauty: How Darwin's Forgotten Theory of Mate Choice Shapes the Animal World – And Us*, which was selected by *The New York Times Book Review* as one of the Best Books of 2017.

Dr. Prum joins Y's Women to discuss this fascinating account of beauty and mate choice in birds and other animals – including humans! You'll be amazed by the things he's discovered that birds do to win mates, which resonate with humans as well. According to Dr. Prum, life isn't just a dreary slog of survival. It brims with exuberance – from extravagant plumage to courtship rituals. In other words, beauty is central to the history of life.



March 23

Jane Ferreira: The Mercy Learning Center



Jane Ferreira, President and CEO of Bridgeport's Mercy Learning Center – with 18 years on the job – will report to us on some of the organization's success stories. Its mission has always been to provide basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women. That program remains strong, with well over 12,000

women having been tutored in the organization's 33 years of operation.

Jane will share with Y's Women Mercy Learning Center's story, the positive and lasting impact they make on our local community, and new and exciting information about their future and ours.



The Mercy Learning Center provides basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women using a holistic approach within a compassionate and supportive environment.

Please continue to bring your gifts of non-perishable food to the first general meeting of each month. They are much appreciated by needy clients of the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. Questions? Contact Sarah Hock at 557-4249.

SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

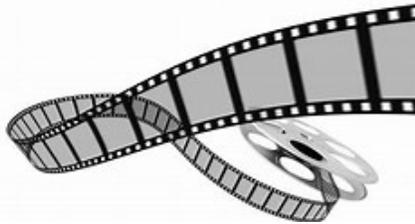
Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, March 5 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Panera Bread, located in Westport at 1860 Post Road East (next to Home Goods). The book to be discussed is *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones, and the discussion will be led by Sue Harris. Please contact Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net or 254-9096 for further information.



Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, March 13 at 10:30 am to discuss the bestselling novel *Where the Crawdads*

Sing by Delia Owens. We'll meet at Panera Bread in Westport. For more information or to RSVP, contact Doris Levinson at drjlevinson@gmail.com or 227-3371.

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at Panera Bread. We'll meet informally at 2:00 pm to give people a chance to socialize and/or eat lunch, and begin discussion at 2:30. Our two discussion movies for March, both of which received very positive reviews, are *The Irishman* and *The Assistant*.



“Robert De Niro, Al Pacino and Joe Pesci star in Martin Scorsese’s *The Irishman*, an epic saga of organized crime in post-war America told through the eyes of World War II veteran Frank Sheeran, a hustler and hitman who worked alongside some of the most notorious figures of the 20th Century.”

“*The Assistant* follows one day in the life of Jane [Julia Garner], a recent college graduate and aspiring film producer, who has recently landed her dream job as a junior assistant to a powerful entertainment mogul. As Jane follows her daily routine, she, and we, grow increasingly aware of the abuse that insidiously colors every aspect of her work day, an accumulation of degradations against which Jane decides to take a stand.”

If you wish to be added to the email list for future events, please contact Margaret Mitchell at 255-9094 or margaret06824@yahoo.com.

Solos will celebrate St Patrick’s Day on Saturday, March 14 at 5:00 pm with a traditional feast of corned beef and cabbage. Our event will again take place in the lovely community rooms of 597 Westport Ave, Norwalk, across the street from Whole Foods, with Agnes Flynn as our hostess. Please make your reservation by mailing a check for \$25 made out to Joan Weinstein – Solos to 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883. Come join us for a fun evening – and remember to wear GREEN.

Lunch and Trivia will meet on Thursday, March 26 at 12:15 pm at the VFW on Riverside Avenue. Please contact Ann Lloyd, 226-4145 or aslloyd@optonline.net, or Arlene Bloom, 254-9096 or bloomah@sbcglobal.net, if you plan to attend.

The **Memoir Group**, which meets monthly on Monday afternoons, has room for a couple of new members. For information, call Barbara Rogan at 226-0858.

Y's Care

If you know of someone in our organization who is sick or grieving and would appreciate a card, contact Cary Peterson at carypeterson3@gmail.com.



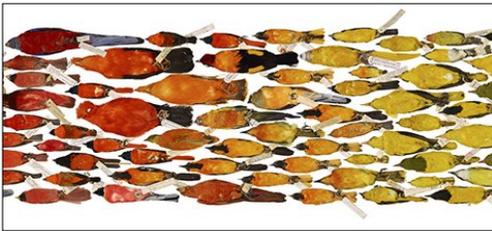
Lindsay Felderman (center), speaker at our January 27th meeting, enjoys lunch afterward with a group of Y's Women. We encourage members to join us for these lunches. If you're interested, please contact Barb Stephen at dynamicro@optonline.net.

CARPOOL AND GO



On Thursday, March 19, we will make a return trip to New Haven to visit both **Yale University Art Gallery** and **Yale Center for British Art**, as we did in November. We will start with the new show at the Center for British Art, **Victorian Radicals: From the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts and Crafts Movement**. This exhibit is comprised of work from those two groups as well as from William Morris and Associates, representing the spectrum of avant-garde practices of the Victorian period. Ford Maddox Brown, Edward Burne-Jones, William Holman Hunt, John Everett Millais, William Morris, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Elizabeth Siddall, and others are showcased.

We will then have a delicious lunch at the **Union League Café** at around 11:45 am, followed by our docent-led tour at 1:30 pm in the University Art Gallery. This will focus on the exhibition **James Prosek: Art, Artifact, Artifice**. Conceived by Prosek (artist, writer, and naturalist, and Yale's 2018 Artist-in-Residence), the exhibit shows his work in dialogue with objects from the Gallery, The Peabody Museum, and the Center for British Art – illustrating the fluid boundaries between art, artifact, and artifice. Prosek is an award-winning local artist whose work shows a deep connection to the natural world, particularly fish and birds, as well as a delightful whimsy in its presentation.



We will meet in the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:00 am for a 9:15 departure. There is no charge for the museum tours, but we recommend that you call or email Lydia Menendez at 319-1110 or lydiamnndz12@gmail.com to reserve your spot **ASAP**. The reimbursement for gas will be \$5, and there will be an additional cost for your share of the parking fee. **Please indicate if you can drive – drivers are always needed and appreciated.**

TRIPS

Monday, April 20 Tour of the United Nations Headquarters and Lunch in the UN Delegates Dining Room

Experience a behind-the-scenes tour of the United Nations Headquarters, where delegates from 193 Member States gather to discuss world issues. Afterwards you will dine in the Delegates Dining Room while enjoying a panoramic view of the East River.



The cost of this exciting day is \$148 all-inclusive. Our bus will depart at 7:00 am from the Stop and Shop at 200 East Main Street in Stratford and at 7:30 from the Westport Commuter Lot on Imperial Avenue.

Flyers are available at the General Meetings. For additional information or to sign up, contact Geri Hanslick at gerihanslick@yahoo.com or 646-789-3013.

