



Cinema at the Commons

A Preview: Our intent in the coming year will be to focus on films of unusual merit, not commonly viewed on TV. Given the catholic interests (ed. note: nothing to do with religion, but rather, meaning broad and diverse) of our classic film club members, we plan to include a wide variety of themes, and in the offerings themselves we will try to bring some balance between serious, sober films and ones of great humor. For now, we plan to stay with the one-film-a-month schedule, although from time to time, documentary films on topics of special interest may be presented. We are open to other ideas on this.

All these issues will come up at the time of the next meeting of the Advisory Council on Film Studies – 11:00 AM, Wednesday, September 22nd. And our next film showing will be “Lawrence of Arabia” on Sunday evening, September 26th.

Don Smith, Chair

Art Committee Doings

As mentioned in the last Common Times, we are planning to replace a number of the Palazzola paintings in the dining room with an exhibit of sixteen or so lithographs by the late Emil Weddige. The exhibit

will be mounted on October 19th.

The following day Kristine Chandler, who has made the majority of the Weddige works available to us, will present a Five o’Clock talk about them. We hasten to reassure Palazzola fans that several of the works we take from the recital hall will be installed in other places in Houghton Hall.

Many of Emil Weddige’s works will be available for purchase, with most of the proceeds going to EMU and UM student scholarships. Information about purchasing a lithograph will be available in Alisande’s office. We believe that prices will be discounted 10% for UC residents.

Leonore Gerstein, Chair

Local Flora

We are graced right now along the roadsides with goldenrod, (solidago). It is especially showy this year because of the cool and rainy summer. This is a native wildflower and there are eight species in Michigan. It gets blamed for hay fever symptoms but that is because ragweed is abloom at the



same time. (Pollen never leaves the sunflower plant.) Stop along the roadside and pick a stem and bring it in!

Betty Graham

Grounds and Gardens Chair

People in the News

Sitting in the dining room one evening with SALLY AND BOB FLEMING and their daughter Nancy and son-in-law Josh, who were relaxing from their teaching jobs in Tokyo, Japan, reminded me of how delightful it is not only to get to know fellow residents better (and enjoy good food at the same time) but also to know more about their families, many who live distances away. So, following this thought, I stalked University Commons people and asked who their visitors were this summer. I mention a few of the answers: TED and BEA McLOGAN: family from Melbourne, Australia; Salinas, California; Garden City, N. Y.; Grand Rapids, MI. GEORGE and MARGARET DeMUTH: family from Seattle, Washington. Cute towhead granddaughters Bailey and Caelan enjoyed feeding the fish in my aquarium. HARRIET GALES: son Joel and daughter-in-law Ana Marie from Alexandria, VA. TOM and LINDA MAST: family from Chattanooga, Tennessee; friends from the Lake of the

Ozarks, MO; friend from Elizabethtown PA, where Tom once taught finance, advertising and marketing at Elizabethtown College. RON and NANCY BISHOP: family from Philadelphia; granddaughter Erica, a graduate of U Penn, teaches 2nd grade in the inner city schools. IRENE OLENCKI: family from Navarre, Florida; Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio; Hickory, North Carolina. BOB and JEAN GREENFIELD; son Jonathan's psychiatry practice is in Newtown, Conn. BILL and MARY KINLEY had two bits of news: 1) at their traditional get-together on July 4th at their cottage on Lake Erie, 14 family members came from Evansville, Indiana; Nashville, TN; New Orleans, and close-by Saline. 2) Most of you know that their cat Lynx was lost for a few days. When it returned we all wondered where it had been, but Lynx was not talking. I tried to get an interview but the cat was disdainful of the offer, so it still remains a mystery.

News items: FRAN WEEKS's daughter Sara Weeks was again highlighted in the New York Times children's section for her new book "If I Were A Lion."

Also, brought to my attention by several residents, in the Spring/Summer issue of MEDICINE at MICHIGAN articles included the names of our own illustrious STEFAN FAJANS, as well as NORA HOWELL's son Joel, and someone else named

Morgenstern—see Brass Rail bulletin board.

Frieda H. Morgenstern



Music Review

Recently our University

Commons community had the wonderful opportunity of hosting two outstanding piano concerts. One, on July 26th, featured Hiroko Ohtani who presented a program of music by Mozart, Schumann, Debussy, Poulenc and Prokofiev. Ms. Ohtani, a physical chemist with Ford Motor Company, is a recent winner in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs. This contest is open only to pianists age 35 and older who do not derive their income from professional performance. We are indebted to Brad Bates, who arranged for Ms. Ohtani's appearance.

The second concert, performed by Milica Jelaca Jovanovic, took place on August 12th. Ms. Jovanovic has a wide background in music study and performance and holds a doctorate in piano performance from the University of Michigan. She won first prize at the 23rd Bartok-Kabalevsky-Prokofiev International Piano Competition in Virginia in 2003. Ms. Jovanovic played a program of music by Clementi, Beethoven, and Liszt.

The audiences responded enthusiastically to both performances

and enjoyed two wonderful evenings of beautiful music beautifully performed.

Bea Lawrence

NEW RESIDENTS SINCE JUNE

Pat Bean moved into #856 on Fourth of July! She is happy to say that she moved here from Florida.

Chris and Don Thompson (352) moved here from Jackson; Chris travels frequently to consult with state and local governments on mental health. They have the little Welch terrier.

Jan Schwertfeger (208) moved here with her black lab from across town in Ann Arbor.

John King took over the former Blue Hill office, #252, and Blue Hill has moved to 543 N. Main Street—same phone. John is a professor emeritus of nuclear engineering.

Dietrich Bergmann has purchased #868 (Lea's old place), but has not decided on a move-in date—it depends on the sale of his current house in St. Clair Shores.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We need a volunteer guest editor for the November issue. If interested, contact Leonore Gerstein at 930-1673.

