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SENIOR ALUMNI NEWS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY

The Senior Alumni Association's **Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Day** will be held:

On: **Wednesday, May 5th, 2010** at **1:30** in the afternoon In: **Room #179** (Main Floor, West Wing)
University College, University of Toronto

- 1:30 Business Meeting
2:00 Guest Speaker: Prof. George Baird, former Dean of Architecture, Landscape & Design, U of T
 and presentation of Volunteer Recognition Pins
3:00 Reception (Croft Chapter House)

PROFESSOR GEORGE BAIRD

FORMER DEAN, JOHN H. DANIELS FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE & DESIGN

The SAA is pleased to announce that **Professor George Baird**, former Dean of the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design at the University of Toronto has agreed to be our guest speaker at our sixth spring lecture and Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 5th. Professor Baird will speak on the topic "some Innovative New Design Projects in Toronto", and he is fully and uniquely qualified to address this subject.

His first degree was from the University of Toronto, a BArch (Honours), which was followed by postgraduate research at University College, London, England. He holds an honorary AM degree from Harvard.

His academic career is distinguished as well. He was Associate Professor, then Professor of Architecture at U of T from 1968 to 1993. From 1993 to 1996 he was Professor of Architecture at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University and then he was G. Ware Travelstead Professor of Architecture, also at Harvard. He served here as Dean of the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design from 2004 to 2009.

In 1972, Professor Baird established his own practice, George Baird Architect and Associates in Toronto, where



he operated the firm as an important "teaching office", employing many of his U of T students, including Bruce Kuwabara, Martin Kohn, Donald Mackay, John van Nostrand and many others who have subsequently distinguished themselves as practitioners and/or educators. Baird's firm is known especially for intelligent urban analysis.

Professor Baird has received many awards, including the Toronto Arts Foundation's Architecture and Design Award (1992) and the da Vinci Medal of the Ontario Association of Architects. However, 2010 has brought him the highest honour the profession

in Canada can bestow - the RAIC Gold Medal, awarded by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. This honour recognizes an individual whose personal work has demonstrated exceptional excellence in the design and practice of architecture and/or whose work related to architecture has demonstrated exceptional excellence in research and education.

We are truly privileged to have Professor Baird as speaker at our Annual Meeting. Please join us on May 5th at 1:30.

Maureen Somerville, Chair of Events

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If you plan to attend the SAA Annual Meeting and Reception, please RSVP by calling the Senior Alumni Association office at: 416-978-0544, or email: senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

For information about the SAA Annual Meeting....Please call the Senior Alumni Association office at: 416-978-0544 or email: senior.alumni@utoronto.ca or check the Senior Alumni website at : <http://www.alumni.utoronto.ca/senior>

SENIOR ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

One of our objectives is “to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University.” We hope you will try one of these opportunities. If you require further information, please contact Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office: phone (416) 978-0544, or email us at senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

SOLDIERS’ TOWER

The Soldiers’ Tower Committee is looking for volunteers who have computer skills to help with scanning clippings and articles, and creating and maintaining a simple index for the electronic files. This job could be done independently at the volunteer’s home, or arrangement could be made to work together with others at a site on campus. If you are interested in helping out or want more information, please contact Kathy Parks by phone at (416) 978-0544 or email her at senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

ROBARTS LIBRARY TOURS

Robarts Library is looking for senior volunteers interested in becoming tour guides at Robarts Library which begin in September. Volunteers must be comfortable spending one or two hours walking through the library and speaking to groups of up to 20 students. Training is provided and a bonus is a complimentary U of T library card. Interested? Contact Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office as above or Wolf von Kalben at wolfvk@sympatico.ca or by phone at (905) 294-6211.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTRE

The Academic Resource Centre is looking for volunteers who value continuing connections with the University of Toronto to help in the reception area at the Centre so that it can be open for use from 9:00am to 5:00pm, five days a week (Monday to Friday). Volunteer responsibilities may include greeting visitors, answering questions, making coffee or tea and other related duties in support of the Centre. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office at the above phone number and/or email address.

EVENTS

U OF T 2010 REUNION

The 2010 University of Toronto Reunion festivities take place from Thursday, May 27th to Sunday, May 30th. This year, alumni who graduated in a year ending in ‘0’ or ‘5’ will be honoured by their colleges, faculties or departments as well as by the university as a whole. Check with your own alma mater to see what events are planned for you.

For those celebrating their 60th to 80th graduation anniversaries, the Chancellor’s Circle Medal Ceremony for the classes of 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945 and 1950 will take place on Friday, May 28th from 9:30-10:30am; and for those celebrating their 55th anniversary, the Chancellor’s Circle Medal Ceremony for the class of 1955 will be held on Friday, May 28th from 11:00am-12:00noon. Among the many events planned on Saturday, May 29th are the extremely popular Stress-Free Degree Lectures as well as hour-long Varsity Centre Tours. Register early!

While you are on the St. George campus, remember that Spring Reunion Headquarters are located at Alumni House at 21 Kings College Circle which is open on Saturday from 9:00am to 6:30pm. Consider it a rendezvous point and/or a pause in your busy day to rest, relax and fortify yourself with free refreshments available all day.

For further information:
call (416) 978-5881 or go to spring.reunion@utoronto.ca

UTAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year, the University of Toronto Alumni Association’s Annual General Meeting will be held during the Reunion Weekend on Saturday, May 29th, rather than in mid-June as has been the practice in past years - and the venue has been changed to Convocation Hall instead of Hart House.

However, you will be glad to hear, the traditional barbeque will still be part of the festivities - but will be held prior to the AGM instead of following the meeting. The barbeque begins on the front campus at 11:30am and will be open until the meeting begins at 2:00pm. President David Naylor will be the UTAA’s special guest and there will be entertainment during the barbeque.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in Convocation Hall at 2:00pm and the Keynote Speaker this year will be U of T’s Professor Janice Stein, Director of the School of Global Affairs at the Munk Centre, U of T. Professor Stein is a world-renowned political scientist and specialist in conflict negotiation and management, and is co-author of “*The Unexpected War: Canada In Kandahar*”. Professor Stein’s address should prove to be a stimulating presentation! The business meeting will be held prior to the Keynote Speaker’s address.

Space is limited so RSVP today at:
alumni.utoronto.ca/utaa or 1-888-738-8876

President's Corner



This is my last *President's Corner* greeting. After our sixth lecture and annual meeting in May we will say hello to a new president, Gerry Devlin. It has been an interesting two years. There is nothing like Senior Alumni and Canadian Perspectives to make life active and fun!

For the snowbirds left in Toronto this winter, the new Canadian Perspectives series ran in January

and February. There was the usual selection of excellent speakers and good questions. All occurred in the O.I.S.E. Auditorium so attendees could come directly by subway without encountering snow. Everyone hopes this series can take place again next winter. Kudos to Kristine Thompson, the energetic chair of Canadian Perspectives. The three Spring series start in April and run through to the first week of May. We still have room for new members in our larger rooms, so ask a friend to join you.

As part of our outreach policy, the Senior Alumni executive joined the U of T's *Dinner With Twelve Strangers* program. In this program, the alumni host invites a number of University of Toronto students for dinner. We decided eight to ten students would suit our downsized homes so on a Saturday evening in March, eight young student guests arrived and enjoyed dinner with six of our Executive. We had a wonderful time and the 'generation gap' was completely absent! U of T can be justly proud of its student representatives. Again in outreach, some of our Executive joined others at the Council of Presidents meeting in early February. This was an intimate round-table, discussion-type of meeting with practical suggestions and experiences shared.

As mentioned above, our free sixth spring lecture is on Wednesday, May 5th, 2010, with a short annual meeting prior to the guest speaker. The speakers over the past years have been most interesting, ranging from U of T Presidents and Chancellors to Senators and the well-known Wendy Cecil. This year's speaker is Dr. George Baird, the former Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design who will be speaking on innovative architectural design in Toronto. Do join us and enjoy the excellent reception afterwards in the elegant Croft Chapter House.

We wish to congratulate our Senior Alumni Events Chair, Maureen Somerville, on her re-election as an Alumni Governor to the U of T Governing Council. Maureen also hopes that many will join us on June 16th, 2010, for the Stratford trip to applaud Christopher Plummer.

I wish all of you a happy and invigorating spring and summer full of activities and relaxation.

Gloria Buckley

New SAA Executive



Mary Vohryzek is the newest member to the SAA Executive and has joined the Board as a Member-at-Large. A longtime member of the Woodsworth Alumni Association (AAWC), Mary expressed interest in the Senior Alumni Executive and was brought into our fold by Vice-President Wendy Talfourd-Jones.

A Woodsworth College graduate in 2000 with a Certificate in Teaching English As A Second Language,

Mary also has a M.Sc. (Applied) in Human Communication Disorders from McGill University and a BA in Anthropology from the University of California. Her career has been spent mostly in Medical Services support at hospitals and businesses, including the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario. For several years, Mary worked as an audiologist at the Canadian Hearing Society, Scarborough General Hospital and at Toronto General Hospital. She has not yet fully retired and still keeps busy with work amongst her many volunteer activities.

A U of T Arbor Award recipient, Mary has been extremely busy and involved with the AAWC and its activities. She has helped with the AAWC booksales, sat on its AGM committee, and has helped plan and work on their events. Her other volunteer interests lie with the Friends of the Toronto Public Library and the Toronto Philharmonic. Mary practices Tai Chi and enjoys music, reading and especially traveling.

The SAA is really looking forward to Mary's energy, enthusiasm and creativity - as well as her administrative and "people-person" skills. Welcome to the fold, Mary!

2010 Fall Canadian Perspectives

Does time fly by! Kristine Thompson and her C.P. Chairs are already working hard planning and booking the guests for the 2010 Fall Lecture Series - and we are still in the middle of the Spring Lectures! If you have a favourite speaker you would like to suggest for the series, let your Chair know at one of the current lectures you are attending.

Registration forms and more information on the speakers and topics will be available before the end of the Spring Lecture Series. Despite rising costs, we have been able to keep the cost for the series the same as the previous few falls (\$70.00 for 9 lectures). At approximately \$7.80 per lecture, for interesting lectures by U of T professors and/or other experts in their fields, our Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series is quite a deal! Get a friend (or two) to sign up with you. We hope to see you in October.

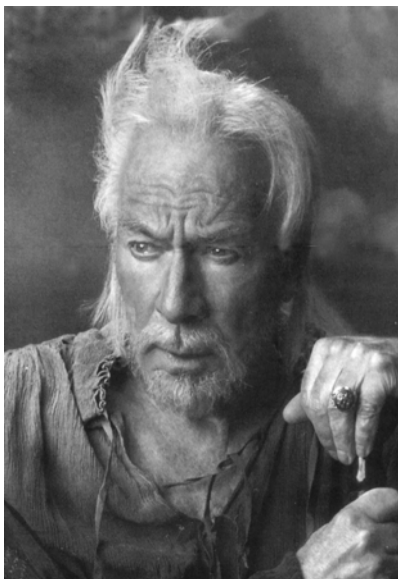
2010 SAA STRATFORD TRIP

“THE TEMPEST”

“Oh Brave New World...”

Just to keep you up to date, the full cast for “*The Tempest*” has now been published. *Ariel*, whose player I had wondered about, is to be played by **Julyana Soelistyo**, who has worked on Broadway in New York City, is new to the Festival. She is playing a role normally taken by a young, slightly-built male. *Miranda* is being portrayed by **Trish Linstrom**, familiar to those of us who attend the Shaw Festival or Tarragon Theatre.

The setting will be Jacobean, the era in which the play was written. Normally, Shakespeare’s plays were performed in his day using the clothing donated by nobles and royalty, so this is a return to a more traditional setting.



The “New World” was still a very exotic place for those of Shakespeare’s day, and it is often thought he was thinking of one of the Caribbean Islands for this play, probably the last drama he wrote. There are elements of comedy, but *Prospero*’s speeches may reflect Shakespeare’s musings toward the end of his own life.

Please join us to see **Christopher Plummer** in a role that has become a tour-de-force for mature actors. The date is Wednesday, June 16th, 2010. Pickup is at either the Coffee Time at the Days Hotel on Carlton Street or the Islington subway station. The application form is below. Please make sure you mail directly to Mary Morton Tours at the address indicated before May 14th, 2010.

Maureen Somerville, Chair of Events

SENIOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2010 STRATFORD TRIP

The SAA has organized an excursion to Stratford with Mary Morton Tours to see “*The Tempest*” starring the legendary **Christopher Plummer** as *Prospero* on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 2:00pm. Lunch will be at the Waterlot Restaurant in New Hamburg, with two choices for the main: Atlantic Salmon or Roast Pork (note on Registration Form). Departures are at 9:30am from the Coffee Zone at the Days Hotel, 30 Carlton Street or at 9:50am from Islington subway Station (n/e corner of Bloor Street/Islington Avenue). Return is estimated at 7:30pm. To register for this event, complete the registration form to the right and mail directly to MARY MORTON TOURS, at 11316 Petty Street, Ailsa Craig, Ontario, Canada N0M 1A0. [Phone: (416) 488-2674]. Your registration form and cheque must be received at Mary Morton Tours by Friday, May 14, 2010.

SAA STRATFORD THEATRE TRIP

“The Tempest” on Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Main Meal Choice: Atlantic Salmon ☐ Roast Pork ☐

Indicate any special dietary needs: ☐ _____

No. of Tickets: _____ A cheque for **\$158.50 per person** made out to MARY MORTON TOURS attached and mailed directly to the Tour Office for Friday, May 14, 2010.

For further information about the trip or if you require additional registration forms, please contact Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office by phone at (416) 978-0544 or by email at senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

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