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Calendar of Events
See stories in this issue about these events!

Mar 12  6:45 WLPL Film
Mar 16  1:30 Spec Events Cmte
Mar 19  Spring Classes begin
Mar 20  Programming Cmte
Mar 20  One Great Read Cmte
Mar 20  Art pieces due for Art
        Exhibit at WLPL
Mar 22  20th Anniv Cmte
Mar 27  11:45 Luncheon spkr
Mar 28  12:00 Board Mtg
Apr  2  Art exhibit begins
Apr  4  11:45 Luncheon spkr
Apr  5  11:45 Brown bag lunch
Apr  9  6:45 WLPL Film
Apr 23  1:30 Curriculum Cmte
May  4  Annual Mtg &Kickoff
        for 20th Anniversary
        Celebration

New: You may check calendar
updates at wallaonline.org

20th Anniversary Anticipated
We hope that you will plan on joining us for our Annual Meeting
and the celebration luncheon, as we spring into our 20th year of
WALLA. There will be a pictorial history for your viewing, to help
you laugh and reminisce about the fun trips and classes, that
were shared by your WALLA friends.

We are honored to have, as our scheduled speaker,
Maj. Gen. Erika Steuterman, an Accomplished Old Master
at Purdue. She will delight us with stories
from her 34 years of adventures, while serving
our country. The reservation
form on the enclosed lime
green flyer and your check
should be mailed back to Gail
Beck before April 12.

Hopefully, we will see you there!

Fifth Annual WALLA Art Exhibit
The Fifth Annual WALLA Art Show will begin March 19 and
continue through the WALLA Spring classes session until Friday
April 13. All forms of original artwork, including painting,
photography, drawing, pottery, various textile and fabric art
forms, woodworking and other media, will be accepted for
display.

You may submit your artwork to Nancy Hartman for the WALLA Art
Exhibit which will be displayed at the West Lafayette Public
Library. She and library staff will accept your pieces between
March 15 and 16. Two-dimensional items must be ready to hang.
There will be a reception on Monday, April 9, at 6 p.m.
immediately before showing of the WALLA-Friends of the Library
documentary film: *Exit Through the Gift Shop*. Please share
your artwork and attend the showings and reception.
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WALLA-Friends of the Library Film Series

Since 2004, WALLA has donated over 100 interesting U.S., as well as international, films (DVDs) to the West Lafayette Public Library. WALLA and The Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library, a volunteer organization which supports the library in day-to-day operations and fund raising, sponsor one film performance on the second Monday of each month. Films begin at 6:45 p.m. with Elizabeth Cuddy acting as our host, providing relevant background information and conducting post-film discussion if the audience so desires. Bags of fresh popcorn will be available prior to each film. All films are shown upstairs in the Walnut Room free of charge to all. You are more than welcome to come and even bring a guest. See you at the movies!

Put the Film Dates on Your Calendar

WALLA will present Agora on Monday, March 12, at 6:45 p.m. in honor of Women’s History Month. Set in fourth century Roman Egypt, Agora (2009) examines the social unrest incited between religious and political factions as the city Alexandria teeters on the brink of violent revolution. Caught between these warring factions is the scientist-philosopher Hypatia (Academy Award Winner Rachel Weisz) who becomes increasingly isolated as she strives to save the library of Alexandria and preserve the knowledge of classical antiquity. (127 minutes; R)

WALLA will present Exit Through the Gift Shop on Monday, April 9, at 6:45 p.m. This 2010 Academy Award nominee is a documentary that offers audiences a rare look at the world of street art from the perspective of the two men who are amongst its most infamous and famous participants in this underground movement. (86 minutes; R)

WALLA will present Meek’s Cutoff on Monday, May 14, at 6:45 p.m. Three families struggle to traverse a risky shortcut when traveling in a wagon train through the Oregon desert in 1845. Meek’s Cutoff is an award-winning film directed by Kelly Reichardt. (104 minutes; PG)

Introducing Elizabeth Cuddy from WLPL

Originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Elizabeth Cuddy spent four years at the University of Minnesota Morris—the school she likes to call her “little college on the prairie”—to study British literature and European history.

Upon her acceptance to Purdue University’s English Graduate Program, Elizabeth began her coursework for her Master’s degree in Literary Studies and was introduced to the wonderful world of teaching Freshman Composition. Somehow, between writing papers, finishing her coursework for this degree, and coaxing her students to actually write (continued on following page)
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Introducing Elizabeth Cuddy (cont.)

multiple drafts of the same essay, she also began working as part-time staff at the West Lafayette Public Library. In 2010 she became a member of the WALLA programming committee and has, much to her delight, been running the film series for nearly two years.

Elizabeth is currently hard at work on her PhD in British literature, but when she's not researching or writing, you can usually find her working her way through a batch of potential films for the next WALLA series while attempting to complete her latest knitting project. She is thrilled to have met so many WALLA members through the film series and hopes to meet even more in the future.

One Great Read Selection Made

The One Great Read committee has reviewed many books and has decided that the 2012 choice will be: *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater* by Kurt Vonnegut, published in 1965. Vonnegut’s 90th birthday will be commemorated in November 2012.

WALLA’s One Great Read representative is Alice Anderson. She will be announcing One Great Read programs later this year. Many WALLA participants attend these events held in regional libraries and other venues. More information will be released in the May newsletter and in local news media.

Purdue University History Lectures

Purdue presents “Iraq, Nine Years Later: The Legacy of Invasion” in Krannert Hall on Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. The Department of History’s Stover Lecture Series presents Hadani Ditmars, journalist, author and photographer, who has reported for two decades from the Middle East. Her work has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, and on the BBC. As a former editor at *New Internationalist* magazine, she traveled to Baghdad to write and photograph a special issue on Iraq in 2010. *Dancing in the No Fly Zone* recounts her time in Iraq from 1997 until late 2003 and is one of the few books that covers pre- and post-invasion reality. Her next book, *Ancient Heart*, is a political travelogue through seven historical sites in the former cradle of civilization. Her presentation will examine the human costs of sectarian strife and celebrating cultural resistance to war, occupation, and embargo. There will be a book signing following the presentation.
Changes of Information

By now you are used to this notice, but it is important. If you are changing your address, phone, or email, please let the WALLA staff know by sending an email to the WALLA office address: walla222@frontier.com. Please put “address change” in the subject bar and clearly list your new information within the note. This would also be the procedure to use if you want to “unsubscribe.” Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Loss of a WALLA Friend

Wallace Ford McDufee who passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2012, was more familiarly known among WALLA participants as “Wally.” He was very active for many years attending classes, taking and developing numerous candid photographs of WALLA personalities, and being a strong spokesman for causes he believed in. Wally was honored several years ago as WALLA’s second “Volunteer of the Year.”

Wally was a full-day WALLA participant often bringing a brown bag lunch and working on the daily crossword puzzle or conversing with other brown-baggers in Room 209. His cheerful disposition and genuine friendliness will be missed by those of us who got to know him. WALLA will make a donation in his memory at a later date.
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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
To the 2012 ANNUAL MEETING
AND
CELEBRATION OF THE BEGINNING
Of Our
20th YEAR!

Date:  Friday, May 4, 2012
Location:  North Ballroom, Purdue Memorial Union
Time:  11:30 – 2:45
Cost:   $18.00 per attendee

Guest Speaker: Major General Erika C. Steuterman presenting
Growing Up in the Age of King Arthur: A Knave and Her Sword

RESERVATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 12, 2012.
Round trip shuttle bus provided from Morton Center, departing at
11:00 a.m.

Mail reservations to: Gail Beck
1010 North Grant Street,
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Return bottom portion only

Name of Attendee/s: ________________________     __________________________
Phone #   _______________________

Amount submitted __________(check payable to WALLA)

Yes, I/We plan to use the shuttle bus _____

Please select your choice of plated lunch
___Herb Roasted Chicken Breast
___Sirloin of Beef w/Mushroom Glace
___Vegetable Lasagna
WALLA Spring Trip: June 5-6-7, 2012
Louisville, Kentucky: Historic Neighborhoods, Iconic Sports Events, and a Magnificent River Setting

**Highlights of Louisville, Kentucky Trip**

**Tuesday June 5**
- Lunch stop at Ann’s-by-the River in Jeffersonville, Indiana
- Kentucky Show (multi-media) at Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts
- Historic tour of Locust Grove, home of George Rogers Clark and Museum
- Lodging at Fairfield Inn Downtown Louisville (June 5-7)
- Dinner at Lynn’s Paradise Café (widely acclaimed Louisville restaurant)

**Wednesday June 6**
- Continental Breakfast at Hotel
- Kentucky Derby, “The Greatest Race” 90 minute tour, film, and museum
- Lunch on your own in Derby Café. (menus will be provided in trip packet)
- Walking and bus tour of Historic Old Louisville homes—“largest collection of Victorian Era Mansions” (maps will be provided in trip packet).
- Historic presentation by Jim Holmberg at the Filson Institute and tour.
- Brief return to hotel, then Dinner at Buckhead Mountain Grill (a local favorite)

**Thursday, June 7**
- Continental Breakfast at Hotel
- Tour of Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory
- Board steamboat *The Belle of Louisville* for trip on the Ohio River and a dinner buffet aboard boat.
- Board Purdue Motor Coach for return to Morton Community Center. (approx. 2 p.m.)

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Cost per person (double occupancy) is $345. Single supplement is $102.
Couples pay 2 x $345 = $690. Singles pay $447. Doubles shared will be $345 each.

Price includes: Purdue motor coach, 2 nights lodging and 2 continental breakfasts, 1 luncheon, 2 dinners, 1 buffet on boat and all admission fees. Price does NOT include Wednesday lunch at the Derby Café.

**Contact Information:** Joe Krause (765) 743-8853 and Tom Schott (765)538-3484.

Send Reservations (checks made out to WALLA-Louisville trip) to Joe Krause, 2202 Trace 22, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906 by May 1. No refunds after May 15.

Names:__________________________________________________________________________
Address__________________________________________Phone________________________
Couple _____$690. Single _____$447.
Sharing room with__________________________________________________________$345.
On Friday, January 27, nineteen WALLA participants visited four key communications and research facilities in West Lafayette. Led by Programming Committee chair Joe Krause and Purdue liaison Mary Gardner, we began at Indiana’s oldest radio station-WBAA. Station General Manager Tim Singleton conducted an extensive tour of the facilities explaining how WBAA AM-FM uses latest technology and extensive national resources. We were then privileged to be in a studio with Jan Simon, host and producer while she delivered a live FM broadcast of Morning Classics. Leaving the Edward C. Elliott Hall of Music, Mary Gardner arranged for an impromptu examination of the latest interactive scientific exhibits in the Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering. Then she narrated as our group traveled near the proposed building site of the Purdue Musical Organizations and Westwood, the home of the Purdue president. At 11 a.m. we arrived at C-Span Archives in the Purdue Research Park where Professor Robert Browning welcomed us, explained Purdue’s connection with C-Span and then showed an informative video explaining the origin, history, practices and procedures of the nationally recognized C-Span Archives. Browning and his staff then conducted a tour of the facilities. We were amazed at the most recent improvements in recording, cataloging, storage and retrieval of significant public events. Each participant was given a useful directory of state and national public office holders.

It was lunch time in the Purdue Research Park, so our next stop was the iconic Route 66 Diner where we enjoyed a Dutch treat lunch, spirited conversations, and typical WALLA fellowship. The Ehresmans and their staff operate a friendly, efficient, and colorful diner.

Our final stop was the Cook Biotech Institute (CBI) on Kent Avenue where Susan Erb, Outreach Coordinator provided an overview of the biomedical engineering research and production, conducted a question-and-answer session and then led us to observe the research and manufacturing areas. Cook Biotech Incorporated (CBI) was established in 1995 following a Purdue University biomedical engineering research team's discovery of the unique properties of porcine small intestinal submucosa. Since the company was founded, CBI has developed and currently manufactures advanced tissue repair products for worldwide distribution. Our group was very impressed with the far-reaching implications of the work being done at the Institute. WALLA should consider having a course based on what we learned that day.

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WALLA tour of Communications and Research Facilities
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Wally McDuffie donated several books to our Morton office. Kay Dickson brought a packet of free knitting patterns. They are free for those who knit and/or crochet. Mary Gardner contributed some bound copies of journals from two other ILRs (Institute for Learning in Retirement, and may be of interest to our aspiring writers. All can be found on the shelves under the southeast windows.

Deena Linett, local author, will be reading from her latest book *The Gate at Visby* at the downtown branch of the Tippecanoe County Public Library at 7 p.m. on April 5. Deena has been a presenter for a writing workshop for WALLA. The book was begun at the Baltic Centre for Writers and Translators, on Gotland, in the Baltic Sea. There will be copies of the book at the reading (at the Library) and at Von’s.

Book Notes

Trip pictures from WALLA’s January 27 trip

WALLA group in WBAA Studio

Tom and SuzAnn Schott at the Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering

Mary Gardner enjoying lunch at Route 66 Diner

AHHH! Nostalgia!
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Join Us for a Brown Bag Lunch

On April 5, during Spring Classes, we will have a day where you can bring your own brown bag lunch and eat with WALLA friends. During that time we will be discussing possible program ideas for the upcoming fall and spring class sessions. You need not have a class ready to teach or even have a class in mind. Come, listen, then brainstorm with us! This is how we get our best ideas: when someone says, “Have you ever thought of having a class about _____?” or “I know someone who might be interested in teaching a class about ______.”

Please do join us! You might just have that magical idea that we need!

More Special Events

The Special Events Committee wants to remind all WALLA members of the other “special events” they will be arranging for the Spring Session. The first two class days will feature Einstein Bagels, smears and the usual hot beverages. Then on Tuesday, March 27, Jane’s Deli Gourmet will provide delicious Box Lunches for the first Speaker Luncheon. The speaker will be Rhonda Jones, director of Development and Communications for Wabash Center. Jane’s will also provide the box lunches for our second Speaker Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4. Performers Denise Wilson and Michael Lewis, known as Traveler’s Dream, will entertain us.

Sounds great doesn’t it? See you at WALLA!

Pizza Party - It’s a Record

The largest crowd in recent WALLA memory came to celebrate the beginning of WALLA’s 2012 Spring Session. Yet another sunny pleasant winter day welcomed the large group to the WALLA Pizza Party. Members enjoyed Arni’s scrumptious pizza and junior salads while learning about Spring Session courses. The new presenters of the wide variety of 28 courses were introduced by members of Jacques Delleur’s Curriculum Committee, Joseph Krause and Russ Noble. Brochures were available to all attendees. If you were unable to attend, Mary Gardener has sent more through the mail. If none of that worked, brochures are available in the WALLA Office, Room 209 at Morton Center, as well.

Virginia Carter and Judy Wright and their Special Events committee were delighted with the attendance at WALLA’s Pizza Party.

Thanks to all for the planning and hard work!

Tom Schott introduces Ann Skadberg to the crowd at the Pizza Party.
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Cards for Caring

We want to improve our ability to “take care” of our WALLA friends. Do you know a WALLA member who needs a Get Well card or a Sympathy card from their friends at WALLA? Gloria Huffman has taken on this ministry as a WALLA Volunteer but she will need your help. If you know a member who needs a bit of cheer from WALLA, please call Gloria Huffman at 497-2052 and give her the needed information: name, address, and maybe a bit of information to help her write a personal note. Please contact Charlene Watson for more information, comments, and/or suggestions at cel.watson@comcast.net or 474-9101. These ladies have seen a need and have taken this upon themselves; they have some true WALLA spirit. Thank you both!

Perfect Winter Getaway

Sixty WALLA participants traveled to the Canyon Inn at McCormick’s Creek State Park near Spencer, Indiana, on Leap Day. This sixth annual WALLA Winter Getaway drew fifteen new registrants. The weather was perfect (until tornado Friday).

Hikes, good food, and fellowship were combined with viewing several Barbara Stanwyck film series. Blythe Lee was back to guide us through those films, giving us a lot of additional information—many fun facts! Thanks, Blythe!

Judging by the positive comments of the ‘first timers,’ it would be well to mark your calendar for the last of February 2013.

Dolls from Around the World

For anyone going to the WALLA office, there is a new display in the case. Louisa Nelson has an extensive collection of dolls from many parts of the world. Some of them are now on display in the WALLA office. They are made of many unusual materials and represent varied cultures. Please add any comments you may have about this collection in the notebook on top of the display case.

Louisa has also made a set of alphabet blocks; each one has a unique picture of a bird on it. We hope to have them on display during classes. They would tie in with the “Life of Birds” class.

We hope you enjoy these one of a kind exhibits. If you have items you would like to share or know of someone else who would, please contact Virginia Carter at 474-2042.