



The Tricorn

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News From New England

On October 2nd the Fall One Day and Annual Meeting was held in Harvard MA and was followed by lunch and tours at the Fruitland Museums. The readings were about *The Nature of Nature*. During the annual meeting the following slate and council members were elected:

President—Richard Ffrench

Vice-President—Ann Killough

Treasurer—Dick White

Secretary—Bill Shea

Council Member—Marian Benima

Council Member—Ann DiSessa

Council Member—Marilyn Lynch

Council Member—Mary Sullivan

The council extends thanks to all who worked on the event and especially to Ruth Green for her leadership.

As you can see the Tricorn has a new format. We are still experimenting with this format which has the advantages of low cost both in dollars and in production time. We are hoping it will be adequate for bringing news and events to our members. If you have comments or suggestions, a list of contacts is given on the last page. We would also like to thank those of you who responded to our request for donations. We received close to \$700 which helped to offset the \$1800 cost of the last Tricorn.

In Memoriam

The New England Great Books Council and great bookers throughout the country have lost a

good friend in **Ginny Thurston**. Ginny was a talented, forthright and hard working leader in almost all the endeavors, which the Council has sponsored over the last twenty odd years. She and her husband, Bill, took responsibility for the organization of countless details in the smooth functioning of our Spring Institutes, Fall One Days, Theatre Parties, and other events. They also poured tremendous energy into the Great Books Week at Colby College. Ginny cared passionately that the Great Books movement should thrive and be accessible to all. An engineer by profession, she contributed the same energy and talent to the town affairs of Harvard, Massachusetts, to the local, state and national Garden Club movement as well as other issues of social justice. Her life was beautifully celebrated by her family and friends at a ceremony of remembrance held last summer at Ginny and Bill's beautiful estate in Harvard, MA. Succumbing finally to a long illness which she faced bravely, Ginny's words might well be those of the poet Edna St. Vincent Millay,

"I shall die, but that is all I shall do for death."

Word has just reached us of the passing of another patriarch of Great Books in New England, **Walter Levison**. Walter led many of the discussions both at Colby College and our Spring Weekends. Gentle in manner, self-deprecating, astute, he will be missed by many Great Book discussants throughout the country. Our sympathy goes to his brilliant and spirited wife Ann.

N.E. Spring Institute

At The Doubletree Islander Hotel,
Newport, RI
March 17-19, 2000

~Grace Under Pressure~

Readings Include:

God, A Biography, by Jack Miles
The Warden, by Anthony Trollope
A Man for All Seasons, by Robert Bolt

The DoubleTree Hotel is on Goat Island, just a few minutes walk from historic downtown Newport. The cost of the weekend is \$245 per person double occupancy and \$320 per person single occupancy. Prices include books, discussions, two nights' lodging, five meals, gratuities, and all social activities. Spa and exercise equipment are available for a separate charge from the hotel. Commuting is an option at \$80, which covers books, discussions, all social activities, Friday night post-discussion dessert, and Saturday lunch. Commuters may also sign up for other meals; a price list and signup sheet will be sent with commuters' books. A fund is available to pay part of the cost for those who would otherwise not be able to attend.

For more information write:
The Spring Institute Committee
P.O. Box 545

Harvard, MA 01451-0545

www.ultranet.com/~gr8books/SpringInstitute.htm
or call Ellie Mamber at 617-527-3803
(thru Feb 1st) or Mac Snodgrass at 401-683-5260 (after Feb 1st). Registration deadline is February 18, 2000.

Wachs Summer Institute

At Colby College
Waterville, Maine
August 6-12, 2000

~There's No Place Like Utopia~

We will be reading:

More-Utopia
Bellamy-Looking Backward
Hobbes-Leviathan (Parts I and II)
Diderot-Supplement to Bougainville's
"Voyage"

Capek-R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots)
Selections from Book of Revelation
Selected Poetry

The registration fee of \$450 covers dormitory room (single or double), meals, discussions, and books (shipped well in advance), as well as swimming, tennis, a film, group social activities, the warm hospitality of the Colby staff, and a real Maine lobster bake. Boating, golf, music, and summer theater are nearby. The cost for commuters (people who participate in group activities but live off-campus) is \$165, including six lunches and the lobster bake. We can accommodate children between the ages of 4 and 15 at a reduced fee.

Additional information is available from:

Colby Summer Institute
680 Elton Street
Riverhead, NY 11901-2585
or from Carol Beam (215) 836-1046
beadil@earthlink.net
www.dol.net/~greatbooks/colby.htm

L.I. Spring Institute

Bailey Arboretum
Locust Valley, NY
Early June 2000

~A Personal Religion~

Readings Include:

Selections from The Varieties of Religious
Experience by William James
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Registration fee of \$30 includes coffee at
registration, lunch, books for discussion,
and a farewell punch & cookies.

For additional information, or a flyer with
application form, contact:

Chuck or June Ferrara
14 Bay Second Street
Islip, NY 11751
631-581-5082

Delaware Summer Sessions

June 13 & 27
& July 11

For information contact:
Cyra Gross (302) 475-3914

Great Books Process

A Workshop
Philadelphia, PA
February 5, 2000
For information contact:
Sibyl Cohen (215) 568-9827
cohen@lasalle.edu
Cost \$50 (scholarships available)

Philadelphia Spring Institute

May 7, 2000

For information contact:
William Meiers (215) 853-0147

Great Books 2000 & National Advisory Board

Chicago, IL

April 27-30, 2000

For information contact:
The Foundation (800) 222-5870x327

Westchester Special Session On Jewish Literature

May 2000

For information contact:
Rosalie Rogers (914) 762-7468
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Poetry Corner

NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

Robert Frost

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GREAT BOOKS WINTER PLAY

Sponsored by the New England Great Books Council (NEGBC). "Great Books is an Oasis for the Mind."

Join us to enjoy **SHAKESPEARE'S**

12th NIGHT

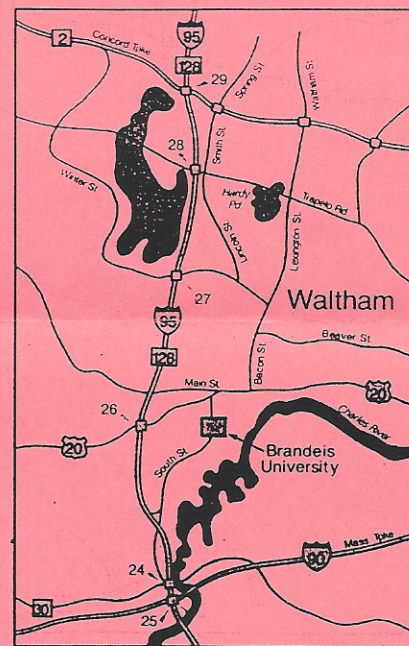
FEBRUARY 27, 2000

Sunday Matinee 2:00 p.m.

Meet at 1:30 in theater lobby to obtain tickets from NEGBC representative.

**Spingold Theater Center
Laurie Theater
Brandeis University
Waltham, MA.**

There is ample parking in the theater lot.
Spingold Theater is conveniently located a short distance
from the junction of the Mass Pike and Route 128.
For detailed directions call: (781) 736-4660



Cost per person for play and Council contribution is **\$14.50**.

Send in this registration form and check payable to NEGBC by **2/11/00**.

Mail to:

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55 Broadlawn Park, #18B
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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Amount enclosed: _____