Holiday Events at Penn

WOCAP Arts & Crafts Fair
The Women of Color at Penn is sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Fair on Wednesday, December 5, in the Reading Room (first floor), Houston Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will sell holiday gifts for families, friends, and others. For more information call (215) 898-0104.

Holiday Dinner at the University Club
Enjoy the annual holiday dinner buffet at the University Club at Penn on Thursday, December 6 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For reservations call (215) 898-4618 or universityclub@pobox.upenn.edu.

Kwanzaa Celebration Dinner
Have you ever participated in a Kwanzaa Celebration? Celebrate Penn’s 15th annual Kwanzaa event on Thursday, December 6, with an evening of fellowship, food and fun. Enjoy the sounds of steel drums, good food and company. All are welcome! The event will take place in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall, 6-8 p.m.

Holiday Party at International House
Participate in a holiday party with international flair on Friday, December 14 at 6 p.m. Enjoy seasona! music from the Curtis Institute of Music’s Brass Trio and share traditions from around the world. There will be holiday treats, music, and gingerbread house decorating with students from The Restaurant School. Tickets: $5/members, students and seniors; $7/general admission. See www.ihousephilly.org.

Morriss Arboretum Holiday Classes
Register at www.morrissarboretum.org.

Holiday Wreath Making: This workshop is designed for those who want to make their wreath from fresh loose boughs of greens. You’ll work with a wire ring and spool wire to construct your wreath. There will be a selection of ribbons and decorations to make it festive. All supplies will be provided. Bring a pair of garden gloves and pruners. Section A: Thursday, December 6, 1-3 p.m.; Section B: Thursday, December 6, 6:45-9 p.m.; Section C: Saturday, December 8, 1-3 p.m.

Boxwood Holiday Tree with Lights—Saturday, December 15, 1-3 p.m.: You will create a special centerpiece that is sure to put you in the holiday spirit. Design your own tree from long lasting greens, choose your colors for bows and glass balls with fresh flowers to decorate this spectacular holiday tree. (22”-24” tall) Lights are added to make the tree really festive. Your tree arrangement will last for four to five weeks. Members: $44, Non-members: $48.

Kids’ Holiday Arrangement—December 6, 1-3 p.m.: Design your own festive, fragrant centerpiece to use on your family’s holiday table or to give as a gift. Working with evergreens is fun and you can add a candle, pine cones, ribbons, and flowers to make it extra special. Your finished arrangement will last for a minimum of two weeks. This educational workshop is for kids ages 5 to 12. Members: $28, Non-Members: $31.

Holiday Centerpiece—December 16, 1-3 p.m.: Design your own festive, fragrant arrangement to enjoy in your home or to give as a gift. In this workshop you will learn professional tricks of the trade to create a beautiful display of assorted evergreens. There will be a selection of candles, flowers, fruit and accessories for you to customize your centerpiece. Bring clippers and a box to take your centerpiece home. All other materials will be provided. Members: $42, Non-Members: $45.

New Year’s Eve at World Cafe Live
Allô Brasil—December 31: Consisting of twelve Philadelphia musicians spanning three generations, the band’s music is influenced by African rhythms and different regions of Brazil. Tickets: $60; Showtime: 7:30 p.m.

Slo-Mo featuring M i c W r e c k a —D ecember 31; Philadelphia steel guitarist Mike “Slo-Mo” Brenner fuses different genres to create a unique sound. Tickets: $18; Showtime: 10:30 p.m.

Enjoy the twinkling lights and holiday decor that adorns the Garden Railway during this festive season. The railway is on display at the Morris Arboretum from November 23 through December 31.

Palestra Documentary DVD
Now available as a Special Collector’s Edition DVD is “The Palestra: Cathedral of Basketball,” a historic documentary written, directed and produced by Mikaelyn Austin C ’04. This documentary traces the evolution of college basketball through the rise of one of the most storied arenas in the country. Purchase at www.pennathletics.com for $24.99. A discussion and showing of excerpts will take place on Friday, November 23, 4 p.m., at the Penn Bookstore.

Penn Groups’ CDs
Some of Penn’s performing arts groups have new CDs out this year, including Off the Beat and Penny Loafers, available online. Some CDs by other Penn groups are available at the Penn Bookstore.

Co-ed modern rock a cappella group, Off the Beat, who was recently featured on Per- e zhliton.com, has just released their 117th studio album, The Empty Set. It features songs by Christina Aguilera, 30 Seconds to Mars, AFI, John Mayer and many more. The album can be downloaded for $15 or ordered in hard copy. For both, check out the group’s website http://offthebeat.net.

Penny Loafers, a coed a cappella group that focuses on current pop and rock music has released their latest studio recording, Prophets and Pawns. It will be available Saturday, December 1 for $12 to download or $15 for a hard copy plus shipping and handling; To order see www. thepennyloafers.com/albums.html.

Holiday Shopping and Events at the Penn Museum
The Penn Museum offers international celebrations, music, shopping and family fun to bring everyone, of every culture, into the season Thursday, November 29 through Sunday, December 2.

Holiday Shopping Savings Days:
“Beads Go Global”
Penn Museum’s three shops—the Museum Shop, the Second Site shop, and the Pyramid Shop for children—deck out for the holidays, with holiday-oriented merchandise like international ornaments and cards, as well as a rich assortment of international arts, crafts and jewelry. Specials this season: new gold-plated jewelry inspired by the Precolumbian artifacts from Penn Museum’s “River of Gold” exhibition, and handcrafted beads and beaded jewelry inspired by diverse cultures. Over the weekend, local bead makers and bead collectors visit the shops to make and sell their original jewelry creations. Visitors during the holiday shopping days enjoy these discounts: 10% off all purchases (general public); 15% off all purchases (University of Pennsylvania, HUP and CHOP employees, with I.D.) and 20% off all purchases (Museum Members with I.D.). For updated information on Holiday Shopping Days check the Museum website at www.museum.upenn.edu, or call the Museum Shop at (215) 898-4040, or the Pyramid Shop for children at (215) 898-4022.

Sunday, December 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
12th Annual Piece Around The World: Passport to Culture
Penn Museum continues its tradition of offering the community its free holiday time program—and wish for world peace—at this 12th annual family-oriented event. This year’s theme is a “Holiday Passport to Cultures.” Visitors receive Museum “passports” and itineraries. They’ll meet up with Penn Museum International Classroom teachers to learn about holiday traditions in countries around the world. International holiday crafts, regional children’s choirs, games, face painting, and holiday discounts in the Museum shops—even free treats for children—are part of the afternoon. For more info: (215) 898-4850.

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tions at the Royal Tombs of Ur (in modern day Iraq). Beads will be the focus of the Shop’s “Beads are Global” celebration.

A glittering selection of Museum shop beaded jewelry, inspired by 2600 B.C.E. jewelry discovered at Penn Museum’s excavations at the Royal Tombs of Ur (in modern day Iraq). Beads will be the focus of the Shop’s “Beads are Global” celebration.

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Want a special gift for the book-lovers on your gift list? Well, there are numerous books hot-off-the-press this year.

The Penn Bookstore has many to choose from—factual and fictional, personal and pictorial, historical and innovative. These are some of the many new books by Penn authors—faculty, staff and alumni. Not only are there books from Penn Press, but there are options from Penn Museum and Wharton School Publishing as well.

For shoppers who want to preview the selection online, visit www.museum.upenn.edu for the Museum’s collection, www.upenn.edu/pennpress for the Penn Press possibilities, and www.whartonsp.com for Wharton School Publishing.

The University and Urban Revival: Out of the Ivory Tower and into the Streets; Judith Rodin, president emerita. A narration of the challenges, frustrations, and successes of Penn’s urban revolution, and its prospects for long-term change. Penn Press. Cloth $34.95.

Aboriginal Paintings of the Wolfe Creek Crater; Peggy R. Sanday, professor emerita of anthropology. Told in Aboriginal art and narrative, the Dreamtime story of the creation and meaning of the Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater in Australia’s Western Desert. Penn Museum. Hardcover $39.95.

Culture Front: Representing Jews in Eastern Europe; edited by Benjamin Nathans, Ronald S. Lauder Endowed Term Associate Professor of History; with Gabriella Safran. Contributions by both historians and literary scholars take readers on a journey across the cultural history of East European Jewry from the mid-17th century to the present. Penn Press. Cloth $65.

The Plants of Pennsylvania: An Illustrated Manual (Second Edition); Ann Fowler Rhoads, Timothy A. Block and illustrator Anna Anisko, all from Morris Arboretum. The authoritative guide to Pennsylvania’s plant life, this new edition identifies the nearly 3,400 species of plants native to or naturalized in the Commonwealth. Penn Press. Cloth $69.95.

VACCINATED: One Man’s Quest to Defeat the World’s Deadliest Diseases; Paul A. Offit, professor of pediatrics, Penn Med. Dr. Offit presents two hundred years of vaccine history with a focus on the work of Dr. Maurice Hilleman, a microbiologist who developed more than 40 vaccines. Hardcover $26.95.

Feeling Backward: Loss and the Politics of Queer History; Heather Love, M. Mark and Esther K. Watkins Assistant Professor in the Humanities. Author weighs the costs of the contemporary move to the mainstream in lesbian and gay culture. Hardcover $39.95.

Archaeology and History in Sardinia from the Stone Age to the Middle Ages; Stephen L. Dyson and Robert J. Rowland, Jr. This first accessible reconstruction of island archaeology provides a balanced picture of the sweep of Sardinia’s history. Penn Museum. Hardcover $49.95.


The Soul of a Corporation: How to Manage the Identity of Your Company; Hamid Bouchnak, John Kimberly, Henry Bower Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies; professor of management, health care systems, and sociology; executive director, Wharton/INSEAD Alliance. This book will help you clearly understand your company’s identity, and then take control of it and leverage it for long-term adaptation and success. Hardcover $29.99.

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So I Will Till the Ground; Gregory Djanikian, C’71, director of the Creative Writing Program. A collection of poetry by the author. Paper $14.95.

Baboon Metaphysics: The Evolution of a Social Mind; Dorothy Cheney, professor of biology; Robert Seyfarth, professor of psychology. Authors demonstrate the importance of the social behavior of the chacma baboons, which is comprised of complicated relationships. Hardcover $27.50.

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The Cursed (A Vampire Huntress Legend); Leslie Esdaile Banks, W’80; The ninth book in the projected 12 Vampire Huntress Legend books series, continues the examination of good versus evil through multicultural mythology. Paper $14.95.
Gifts of Involvement

Stage Spectacular: Penn Presents will stage numerous shows including classical, gospel and jazz music; ballet, modern dance; and world discovery performances now through May. To subscribe, or for information: (215) 898-3900 or www.pennpresents.org.

Sweet Sounds: WXPN 88.5 FM, Penn’s member-supported radio station offers several membership choices for those who enjoy discovering emerging artists and re-discovering some old favorites. For $60, the music-lover gets the XPN fall 2007 New Music Sampler. For $100+ you get a choice of Live at the World Cafe CD, Volume 24, the featured album of the week or many other choices. Information: www.wxpn.org.

World Cafe Live provides a year-round musical venue of live performances as well as a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. Gift certificates are available for purchase. For information see www.worldcafelive.com.

Literary Lovers: Friends of the Kelly Writers House help sustain seminars, readings and webcasts. Friends will be acknowledged in the Writers House Annual which is available on their web site and in print. Membership fees: $40, $100, $250, $500, and $1,000. Information: (215) 898-3358, ask for Jessica Lowenthal, director, or www.english.upenn.edu/~wh/support/become.html.

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What a Wonderful World: Membership at International House Philadelphia supports programming that promotes cross-cultural awareness and diversity. Members receive reduced prices off select events and invitations to members-only events. Members also receive announcements for advance screenings of major motion pictures, program guides and Mosaic by mail. Memberships: Academic/Alumni $35; Young Friend $40; Internationalist Individual $50, Household $90; Adventurer Individual $100, Household $175; Emissary Member Individual $250, Household $400; Ambassador Member $500, Household $750; Global Leader Member $1,000. Information: (215) 895-6553.

Marvelous Museum: Those who treasure the past will be delighted with a full year’s membership to the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Members enjoy free admission, Museum Shop discounts, invitations to openings and other members-only events, and a subscription to members-only newsletter. Ec3; and they will be kept up-to-date about the latest discoveries from the Museum’s worldwide fieldwork and research. In addition, members are entitled to $8 off per ticket to select Penn Presents’ events at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. The gift membership will be mailed. Memberships: Student $40, Dual Student $55, Associate $50, Individual $55, Dual Individual $65, Household $80, Sustaining $150, Patron $250, Fellow $500, and Loren Eiseley Society $1,500+. Information: (215) 898-5093 or www.museum.upenn.edu/new/members/index.php.

Alluring Art: Members of the Institute of Contemporary Art receive free admission to the exhibitions, lectures and programs, invitations to preview openings and the annual benefit, subscription to tri-annual newsletter, monthly e-mail with the curator’s top picks, discounts on ICA catalogues, use of the ICA library, discounts on selected Penn Presents programs, and special discounts at area businesses. Join now at the Family level and receive a DVD of “Factory Girl” by Genius Products (while supplies last). Memberships: Individual $40; Family $100; Contributor $250; Participant $500; Benefactor $1,000; Director’s Circle $2,500; with additional membership bonuses for each. Information: (215) 898-7108 or www.ICAphila.org/support.

Arthur Ross Gallery offers those who contribute $50 or more, invitations to preview opening receptions and the annual benefit, subscription to tri-annual newsletter, monthly e-mail with the curator’s top picks, discounts on ICA catalogues, use of the ICA library, discounts on selected Penn Presents programs, and special discounts at area businesses. Join now at the Family level and receive a DVD of “Factory Girl” by Genius Products (while supplies last). Memberships: Individual $40; Family $100; Contributor $250; Participant $500; Benefactor $1,000; Director’s Circle $2,500; with additional membership bonuses for each. Information: (215) 898-7108 or www.ICAphila.org/support.

Feeling Fit: The Class of 1923 Arena offers a discount book of 10 admission passes to any public skating session for $45 with a PennCard or $55 for the public. Why not stuff a stocking with skating lessons? Five weeks of group lessons, beginning the week of January 7, are available for ages 6 through adult in a variety of skill levels. The deadline for registering for lessons is 1 week before the first session. Cost $100. Information: (215) 898-1923 or www.business-services.upenn.edu/icerink/.

The Department of Recreation offers gift certificates for Massage Therapy and Energy Zone. Information: (215) 898-6100 or visit www.upenn.edu/recreation.