



Tavern Club

February 2014

CALENDAR

Monday February 3

Monday Night Dinner

Thursday February 6

SPECIAL EVENT

The Parthenon Enigma

Monday February 10

Monday Night Dinner

Wednesday February 12

Arts Roundtable

Thursday February 13

MeistUrsingers

SPECIAL EVENT

Valentine Jazz Spectacular

Monday February 17

The Tavern Club will be closed for Presidents' Day

Thursday February 20

Art Gallery Opening

Monday February 24

Poetry Lunch

Monday Night Dinner

Thursday February 27

MeistUrsingers

Monday March 3

Elections Committee

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Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

Monday Night Dinner February 10

Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

Arts Roundtable

Taverner **Elliot Bostwick Davis**, Head of Art of the Americas at the MFA, will tell us about her upcoming exhibition, a retrospective of realist artist Jamie Wyeth - son of Andrew, grandson of N.C., and keeper of the Wyeth flame.

Wednesday, February 12 at 12:15.



MeistUrsingers

The MeistUrsingers will gather with

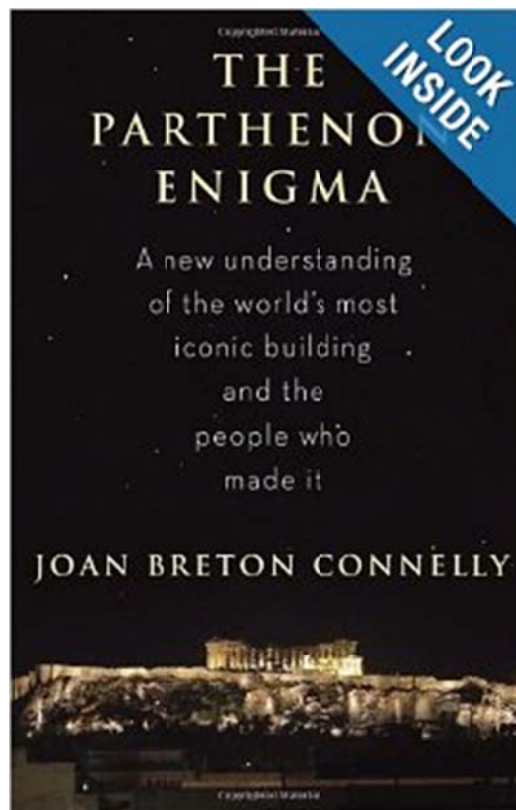
Tom Kelly at their new time - Thursdays at 11:45, on February 13 and February 27.

Please notify Tony Fay if you plan to stay for lunch.

SPECIAL EVENT

Thursday, February 6

Author, professor and MacArthur Fellowship winner Joan Connelly will speak on her latest book, *The Parthenon Enigma*: "In this revolutionary book, archeologist Joan Breton Connelly challenges our most basic assumptions about the Parthenon and the ancient Athenians ... Marshaling a breathtaking range of textual and visual evidence, full of fresh insights woven into a thrilling narrative that brings the distant past to life, *The Parthenon Enigma* is sure to become a landmark in our understanding of the civilization from which we claim cultural descent." Joan Connelly is a riveting, very entertaining speaker; she will speak in the theater at 6:30, and answer questions after dinner. Cocktails at 6:00.



SPECIAL EVENT

Thursday, February 13



Valentine Jazz Spectacular with Eli's All-Stars -- Bob Winter, Boston Pops pianist; Jimmy Mazzy, banjo; Jeff Guthery, drums; **Eli Newberger**, tuba; Bo Winiker, trumpet; and Ted Casher, clarinet and tenor sax -- will play their astonishing, virtuosic jazz and accompany our own divas and gentlemen songsters. Cocktails at 5.30 in the theater, concert before dinner - a world-class treat for Taverners and their guests.

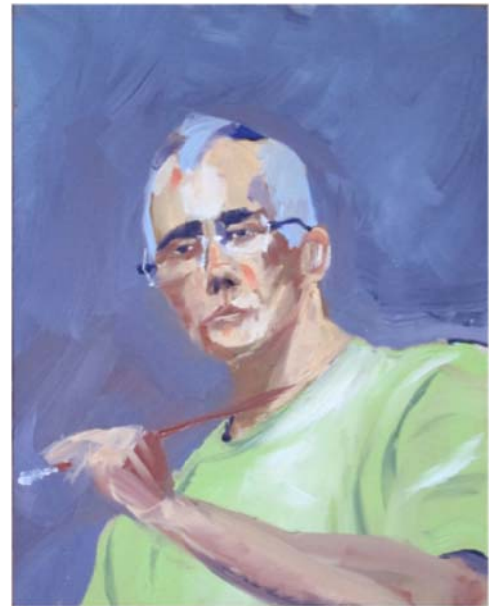


Art Gallery Opening

Thursday, February 20, 5-7

Oil paintings by **John Tittmann** with drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

John Tittmann's paintings are a work in progress. These studies are close observations of what the eye sees. The act of painting requires abstraction to represent and translate the visible world into two dimensions. Simplification and efficiency



create the tension between the image and the paint on the panel.

Poetry Lunch

Monday, February 24, 12.30pm

At the Poetry Lunch, we will return to the work of Seamus Heaney. Discussion was so lively at our first lunch about his poems in October that we read only his earliest work. The February lunch, moderated by **Owen Andrews**, will focus on Heaney's later work

Monday Night Dinner February 24

Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee will hold its February meeting on Monday, March 3 at 5:30 in the Library. If members have candidates already in the process and whom they would like to bring to dinner that night, please contact Sandy Righter, Elections Chair, and clear with David Amory, Secretary.

Committee on Elections

- Sandy Righter, Chair
- David Chanler
- John Finley IV
- Abbie Trafford
- Watson Reid
- Joe Wheelwright
- Ed Tarlov
- William Thorndike, Jr.
- David Brooks
- Vivian Spiro

HOUSEKEEPING

Tavern Website

www.tavernclub.org

Select "Register". On the registration page enter your:

- a. Desired username
- b. Email address
- c. First Name
- d. Last Name
- e. Desired password

Click on Register. Email anneaitken4@gmail.com for help.

Guests

Guests are warmly welcomed at lunches and special events, and Monday Night dinners with Secretary's permission.

Spouses

Spouses of Taverners (and their guests) are welcome for lunch at the Club on any day with or without member spouse.

Reservations

Call 617.338.9682 or email tavern.club@verizon.net Tony Fay AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE to reserve for all lunches, dinners, special events.

Contact Tony Fay for ties, vests, membership directories, and history books on the Tavern Club.

2014 Photo Directory

The first printing should be available the first week of February. Editions earlier than 2013 are substantially out-of-date and members are encouraged to trade them in to Tony Fay for the newest model.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

At the **Mid-Winter Feast** on January 9 a full hall of Taverners, guests and members of the Lodge family honored our beloved former president, **Harry Lodge**, with heartfelt toasts, amusing reminiscences, clever songs and an abundance of laughter and good cheer. The capstone of this quintessentially Tavern event was Harry's unique a cappella rendition of his signature song, *Necking*. Thanks to Chris Smallhorn for organizing this wonderful evening complete with a remarkably tasty French cuisine.

BOYLSTON PLACE FOUNDATION

The Boylston Place Foundation Fund continues to grow and \$118,708 has been raised to date; two bequests have been promised, lately a second one from a distinguished Taverner and his wife. Outlays to support our mission continue, and we are meeting with the Director of Collections at the Massachusetts Historical Society to define the relationship between the Club and the Society, and to explore further collaborations in archival research and custody. As we attempt to expand on the solitary diligent labor of Jim Terry to create digital as well as conventional filing systems for Club artifacts and records, we need VOLUNTEERS among Club members to assist in some of these efforts. There are a number of categories for which permanent files are needed and many files to be examined and culled, and while the work is relatively mundane it must be done; for example it might involve extracting materials from existing files to establish new ones, taking Tavern Memorials from Annual Meeting files to create a new file. Anyone willing to take on some of these tasks will be very welcome, and the idea is that after some brief training, the work can be done independently and whenever the individual has the time. Potential volunteers should call or email Chris Smallhorn, who with Jim Terry will establish rigorous criteria in selecting the chosen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Musical Retrospective

Thursday, March 6

Linc Boyden and **Jim Crissman** have written the music for 9 Tavern Musicals each, Linc since 1992 and Jim since 1997. They have been combing through their work to pick about 15 songs (30 minutes) each for their joint Retrospective. A preliminary list shows as many as 60 different Taverners originally sang in one or more of them. Should bring memories to many and a lively time to many more.

The Great Debate

On Wednesday evening, March 19 a Great Debate is planned. Two four-person teams of passionate advocates have been assembled. Moderators well seasoned in the arts of persuasion will be on hand. A cosmic subject for debate, selected by the Debate Committee, and the identities of the debaters will soon be revealed. The format will be along the lines of the Oxford Union Debates, with the audience voting at the conclusion. This promises to be a most entertaining display of the interplay of Tavern Wits - so please mark your calendars.

UPCOMING:

Musical Retrospective - Mar 6

Great Debate - Mar 19

Narrenabend - Apr 3

MeistUrsingers - Apr 24

Annual Meeting - May 12

Summer Shorts - June 12

David Amory
Secretary