



# Tavern Club

September 2014

## CALENDAR

*Tuesday, September 2*  
**Club Re-opens**

*Monday, September 8*  
**Art Gallery Opening**  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Wednesday, September 10*  
**Arts Round Table Lunch**

*Monday, September 15*  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Monday, September 22*  
**Elections Committee**  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Tuesday, September 23*  
**New Members' Lunch**

*Wednesday, September 24*  
**Book Club**

*Thursday, September 25*  
**MeistUrsingers**

*Monday September 29*  
**Monday Night Dinner**

## 2014 SILVER ANNIVERSARY

It is twenty-five years since Lady Members arrived at the Tavern Club, and on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> we shall celebrate the anniversary. Members are invited to don their finery and join in a Tavern Evening, which means songs, chatter, reminiscences and all the usual Tavern stuff; some will sing, some will toast, some will just chatter away, but ALL will participate, including some of those whose efforts made this possible. So, Taverners all, note this date: October 16, when we shall convene at 6:00, dine at 7:00. Send the Dinner Jackets and Dresses out, polish up medals and buttons, and call Tony Fay, etc. More will follow in good time.



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Art Gallery Opening

*Monday, September 8, 5:00-6:30*

Taverner **Wendy Shattuck's** daughter Sophie Plimpton's exhibit "Threading Chapters". Guests welcome



**Monday Night Dinner** *September 8*  
*Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00*

## Arts Round Table Lunch

*Wednesday, September 10, 12:15*

The Arts Round Table will welcome award-winning author Leo Damrosch who will talk about his most recent book, *Jonathan Swift: His Life and His World*, a biography of the great 18th century satirist and author of *Gulliver's Travels*. Leo Damrosch visited the Tavern Club four years ago when he addressed a Thursday night audience on his prior book *Toqueville and his World*. Guests welcome.

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*Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00*

## Elections Committee

*Monday, September 22, 5:30 Library*

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## New Members' Lunch

*Tuesday, September 23, 12:30*

A Lunch for new Taverners, those who joined the Club in this past 2013 to 2014 year. We shall meet at noon or thereabouts and sit down for Lunch at 12.30pm. Please try to come, and let Tony Fay know if you can. Purpose of the Lunch is just "to get to know each other" and some of the Club Officers will be present; this is helpful to new Members who then know to whom they may address any complaints. The Lunch will be for New Members only, though Members admitted in 2013 who did not manage to attend their new Members' Lunch will also be very welcome. Please join us.

## Book Club

*Wednesday, September 24, 12:00*

The Tavern Book Club will meet to discuss Judge **Hiller Zobel's** book, full of verve and wit - *The Boston Massacre* - a definitive account of possibly the most mis-named and distorted episode in American colonial history. Hiller is working on a new edition and will be fresh from his latest research. Guests welcome.

### Committee on Elections

Sandy Righter, Chair  
Abbie Trafford  
Watson Reid  
Joe Wheelwright  
William Thorndike, Jr.  
David Brooks  
Vivian Spiro  
Albert LaFarge  
John Tittmann  
Geoffrey Peters

### HOUSEKEEPING

#### 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](mailto:tavern.club@verizon.net)  
Tony Fay AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE to reserve for all lunches, dinners, special events.

#### 2014 Photo Directory

Keeper of the Rolls **Jim Terry** will be working on a new iteration of the Tavern Photo Directory. Members are requested to check their entries and email the Tavern if changes are needed. If you need a copy of the Photo Directory, apply to Tony Fay.

### MeistUrsingers

*Thursday, September 25, 12:20*

The MeistUrsingers gladly welcome newcomers who like to sing and do not mind our rigorous rehearsals(!), and newcomers means all and sundry Taverners, including those who have lately joined the Club. Call up, sign up, just come!

### Monday Night Dinner *September 29*

*Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00*

### Long Term ...

#### Halloween Plays

October 29, 30

Scripts were due on September 2, so a reminder to any who have forgotten to mail in their offerings to get it done *FAST!*

#### MeistUrsingers

October 9 and 23

November 6 and 20

December 4

#### Book Club

On the premise that to understand America one must understand our Civil War, the Book Club will meet on **Wednesday October 29** at noon when **Carol Bundy** will lead our discussion of her book *The Nature of Sacrifice*, an account of the brief intense life of Charles Russell Lowell, mortally wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek in 1864. This is a lively account of abolitionist Boston and Lowell's (and Carol's) remarkable family. We will meet at the Grand Army Museum at 58 Andrews Street in Lynn, the largest Grand Army post in America and a trove of Civil War materials.

Our **November 26** meeting, led by **David Scudder**, will focus on Thomas Piketty's *Capital in the 21st Century*, which treats the grand dynamics that drive the accumulation and distribution of capital and the long term evolution of inequality, a must read for those who would like to better understand the forces of economics. Being present at David's discussion is guaranteed to move us toward that valuable objective.

### Longer Term ...

#### Christmas Musical and Feast

December 10, 11

#### Holiday Singalong

December 15

#### In Case You Missed It:

#### Fête Champêtre

On Thursday July 17 **Dick** and Millie **Perkins** importuned their ancestors Helios and Dionysus, who visited their stately home in Topsfield, where a ruly crowd of Taverners, with spouses and companions, indulged themselves of the Gods' blessings. Our hosts (and the Gods) were ably supported by our own Tony Fay and his gracious crew, as well as Messrs. Woodmans of Essex, in a memorably convivial evening. Apollo too called with the stringed instruments of **Watson Reid**, **Chris Whitlock** and **Andy Calkins**. *La Marseillaise* was rendered with customary incoherence, and all agreed that was the only thing we needed to improve for next year.

#### Boylston Place Foundation

Taverners will have noticed in their mail, snail or e, a letter from the Chairman of the Boylston Place Foundation seeking your support to pay for some of the costs of preserving Tavern Club archives, paintings, posters and other records.

Your attention and continuing generosity is much appreciated.

**Christopher Smallhorn**  
Secretary