



# Tavern Club

May 2015

## CALENDAR

*Monday May 4*  
**Gallery Opening**  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Wednesday May 6*  
**Book Club**

*Monday May 11*  
**Annual Meeting and Dinner**

*Wednesday May 13*  
**Arts Round Table Lunch**

*Monday May 18*  
**Committee on Elections**  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Monday May 25*  
**Club Closed**  
**Memorial Day**

*Thursday May 28*  
**Inferno Night**

*Thursday, April 30*  
**Baroque Concert**

### **LONGER TERM:**

*June 3* Softball Game  
*June 4* Summer Shorts  
*July 16* Fête Champêtre

## **Regarding Emerson College**

### **From Ernst von Metzsch:**

Dear Taverners:

As you will have noticed, there is a fair amount of turmoil going on around the Tavern these days, with Boston Water and Sewer installing new pipes in Boylston Place as well as preparatory work starting for the Emerson College construction. We continue to have regular contact with Emerson, and they have shown sensitivity to our concerns about access and noise, and are proposing ways to minimize our unhappiness. Moreover, they have shown a willingness to support us financially with respect to improving our emergency egress. We are in the process of finalizing a document with them regarding these matters, and will report details to everyone when we have done so.

The construction is a two year project, and it is expected that the first six months will bring the most aggravation, but we hope that sometime this Fall we shall a) have gotten used to it, b) that the construction activity will be less noisy, and c) will be less on top of us.



## **Art Opening**

*Monday May 4 Cocktails 5:00 Guests Welcome*  
*(Dinner 7:00, Members only – See below)*

**Mary Rhinelander** will be showing a variety of representational prints, some older work and some hot off the presses. Included will be etchings, monoprints, block prints, collograph, and various combinations thereof. Mary will bring examples of the plates to the opening, in case anyone is curious about the process. Below: a 4 x 6" collograph entitled "Gaff Riggers."



## **Monday Night Dinner**

*May 4, Dinner 7:00*

We shall discuss among other things, and just after the Anniversary of Gallipoli, "Whither Turkey?" **Steve Clark**, who since his recent retirement has spent more time in that pivotal country than at home, will join us. Sign up now.

## **Book Club**

*Wednesday May 6, 12:00*

**Barclay Tittman**, who knows the Sonnets of Shakespeare backwards and forwards, has taught courses on them, will discuss the Sonnets and Neil Rudenstine's new book *Ideas of Order* which posits that the Sonnets, among the most beautiful love poems ever written, tell a personal story of Shakespeare's own experiences of Love in its many forms. Bring your own copy of the Sonnets so that we may read and discuss them together. Promises to be a memorable Lunch – Guests most welcome. Call Tony Fay 617 338 9682.

## 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

Do you have a candidate for membership?

<http://www.tavernclub.org/gallimaufry/proposing-a-candidate-for-membership>

## 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.

### Special Lunches:

Unless otherwise noted, foregather from Noon for Drinks, Lunch at 12:30.  
*CALL TO RESERVE!*

## Annual Meeting

May 11, 5:30 Dinner 7:00  
*Meeting continues after Dinner at 8:00*  
Members only, Medals and Black Tie  
- See attached Notice.

## Arts Round Table Lunch

*Wednesday May 13, Noon. Guests welcome*  
"Bernstein meets Broadway:  
Collaborative Art in a Time of War"  
Speaker: Carol J. Oja, Professor and Chair, Harvard Department of Music, and Leonard Bernstein Scholar in Residence with the New York Philharmonic.  
Carol's work has relevance at a transcendental level to our more modest endeavors on the stage, not least in her interest in broad currents that affect music making, cross-disciplinary creativity, and gender. Carol knows a lot but speaks plainly. This promises to be a glorious conversation, and as usual  
Guests are very welcome.

## Elections Committee

*Monday May 18, 5:30, Library*  
**Monday Night Dinner**  
*May 18, 7:00*

## History TONYPANDY Lunch *May 20, Noon*



NOT a farewell Lunch, at which **Stephen Clark**—and **Frinde Maher**-- who are NOT going anywhere, will lead a discussion in which we consider History that we all believe but which never happened.  
TONYPANDY is a Welsh village with a monument to rioting miners shot to death by soldiers on the orders of Winston Churchill. Only problem, the soldiers were unarmed and no one was shot.  
Columbus discovered America. NOT.  
The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox. NOT.  
Richard III killed the boy princes in the Tower. NOT.

## No Poetry Lunch

Monday May 25 being Memorial Day 2015, Poetry Lunch will lay off (and go a-Maying), having lately feasted off the rarities of Dante, Shakespeare and Homer at Tavern tables.

## SPECIAL EVENT: INFERNO NIGHT *Thursday May 28, Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00*

Taverners! Prepare for an upcoming literary evening on Thursday, May 28, that will feature a descent over dinner into Dante's Inferno. Book your reservations now for this tour. Tickets are going fast. Guests are welcome! You can expect the same rare adventure and drama you may have enjoyed at other annual literary dinners, Odyssey night, Ulysses night, Moby Dick night and others. Reading from a script adapted from Robert Pinsky's translation, seasoned Tavern performers will guide you on an unforgettable journey to the very lowest circle of Dante's hell - and back. And, if you happen to have a painting or drawing inspired by an earlier visit, do bring it to the Tavern by May 20th to exhibit.

## In Case You Missed It ...

On April 2 the Tavern was treated to "Andy Warhol: The Musical" by **Belinda Rathbone** (book) and **Bob Linderman** (music and lyrics) . Directed with great skill by **John Tittmann**, this sensational play was a testament to the Tavern's spirit of creativity and experiment.

The casting alone was a marvel, with **Andy Doherty** in the lead role as Andy Warhol and **Bob Osteen** playing his mother, Julia. The terrific supporting cast, most playing more than one role, made up the mixed bag parade of Warhol's groupies, supporters, friends and enemies: **Eleanor Andrews, Elliot Davis, Sam Dennis, Nick Clark, John Finley, George Meszoly, Joan Yogg, Vivian Spiro, Bobo Devens and Peter Randolph**.

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## 2015 Photo Directory

Thanks to Keeper of the Rolls **Jim Terry** the new iteration of the Tavern **Photo Directory** is now available. Thanks to the 50 or so members who sent updates – your old copy is obsolete.

If you need an updated copy of the Photo Directory, apply to Tony Fay.

## Access to the Tavern Club website:

Go to <http://www.tavernclub.org>

If you haven't yet registered, click on "Register" and make up a user name and password.

If already registered, **click on Register but then scroll to the very bottom of the Register page and click on Log in.**

(Continued) Songwriter, coach, and piano accompanist Bob Linderman assembled additional talent to deliver his beautiful score and a touch of the Velvet Underground for period effect: **David Chanler, Hal Churchill, Neal Attenborough, Andy Calkins and Chris Whitlock.** Backstage was masterfully supported by **David Lawrence** on lighting, **Polly Drinkwater** with costumes, **Mac Dewart** set design and **Nancy Maul** stage managing. And our permanent reminder of the event – the striking poster by **Brigid Williams.**

On April 16 the **MeistUrsingers** gave their **Annual Concert.** Twenty-three singers, conducted by **Tom Kelly,** sang a Spring Concert with works of Morley, Purcell and Schubert; a round by past-Taverners Randall Thompson and Philip Rhineland; the barbershop piece "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"; J.K Paine's "Radway's Ready Relief", and of course the Tavern Hymn, often sung by MeistUrsingers at Tavern Memorial services.

A loyal and enthusiastic audience supported the Singers, and then all joined after Dinner in a Gershwin Singalong, accompanied by **Mike Scott** on piano and NEC student Mike Avitabile on piccolo.

## LONG TERM

### SOFTBALL GAME

On the afternoon of Wednesday June 3 the Tavern Bears will seek to extend the Longest Winning Streak in Sports History by defeating once more the ever-hopeful and gallant St. Botolph Club Softball Team. The Field of Honor will be the Esplanade. Potential Players as well as Coaching staff and other needed supporters (human that is) should contact General Manager and Coach **Ed Tarlov** in order that he may begin to consider the starting line up and pitching roster. He will also suggest training regimens and provide details of times and location, as well as the Practice session the prior afternoon, June 2. The St. Botolph Club will host the post game Dinner .

## SUMMER SHORTS

*Thursday June 4*

For their twelfth year, Summer Shorts presents three short plays, with themes irreverently classical and Biblical.



*Wednesday June 17 – History Lunch*

The Design of Church buildings, the first 2000 years - **Brett Donham** will give a talk and slide show, accompanied by his own soft shoe routine.

*Monday June 25 - Return of the Poetry Lunch,* in which we visit Lucretius, a philosophical poet, and lay emphasis on the latter term (as did Santayana in setting him aside Dante and Goethe in Three Philosophical Poets). We shall go around the table with a few Latin hexameters, and later visitations (Dryden, Tennyson or BYO) as time permits.

**Albert LaFarge** is Host as usual.

## LONGER TERM

**Thursday, July 16 - Fête Champêtre**  
At the Newport home of **Ron Fleming.**



**Christopher Smallhorn**  
Secretary