

Berkshire Institute for Lifetime Learning

### Winter 2006/2007

## A "Cool" Winter 2007 Semester Awaits You

From January 8 through February 16, BILL will again be offering a varied assortment of new and exciting courses for the Winter 2007 semester. Break the winter doldrums and indulge yourself—\$100 allows you to take as many courses as you like! For your convenience, classes will be held at the Lenox Library, Triplex Cinema, Norman Rockwell Museum and Simon's Rock College. See the catalog for complete details or visit our website at www.BerkshireBILL.org.

### JANUARY 8 – FEBRUARY 16

ARTS

The Illustration Arts: From Medieval Manuscripts to Modern Magazine Great Performers of Opera Tuesdays at the Movies



Henry James: Stories of Art and Artists Edith Wharton: Her Bohemian Lifestyle and Poetry Lives in Short: Listening to Short Stories

### SCIENCE =

*Science of Imaging: From Camera to Computer to Printer Earthquakes and Volcanoes Preparing for a Pandemic* 

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Today's Headlines Responses to Technology: Impact on the Berkshire Environment The Sports Pages Great Adventures Conversations With...

## **Dates to Save**

#### **CLARK ART SERIES**

Private Lives: A Look at the Life and Work of Some of the Most Famous Artists in History — Clark Art Institute, Williamstown

- March 8: Artists of the Renaissance
- March 15: Artists of the Seventeenth Century
- March 22: Artists of the Nineteenth Century
- March 29: Artists of the Twentieth Century



Matthew Tannenbaum, Moderator



Roselle Chartock, Lecturer



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# Winter Reminder

If you are leaving the Berkshires for the winter, please let the BILL office know your temporary forwarding address (with dates). Call the BILL office at **413.236.2190**, or send an e-mail to **BILL@berkshirecc.edu**.

# BILL Photo Contest



**PRIZE:** The winning photo will be on the cover of the Spring 2007 catalog, and the winner will receive a 1-year free membership to BILL.

**THEME:** Berkshire area spring scene

**SPECS:** Digital format (jpeg, tiff, bmp), 3.2 mega-pixels or greater

DEADLINE: January 5, 2007

SUBMIT: E-mail attach photos to Bob.Desrosiers@Gmail.com

Visit **www.BerkshireBILL.org** for further details.

## **President's Message**

Each semester brings with it new challenges and opportunities. The Curriculum Committee and its subcommittees offered us a very well received fall '06 semester, and I applaud their efforts. It is hard work to assemble and schedule 20 courses with some 40 instructors in 10 venues, prepare and publish a catalog, as well as manage classes and their support equipment. But the reward is great, especially when so many favorable comments are forthcoming.

The coming winter '07 semester is the most comprehensive and interesting winter program BILL has ever offered. The courses are presented to you in a catalog with a prize winning photo on the cover. This hauntingly beautiful scene is only the beginning. Open the catalog to view an exciting array of courses.

Have you noticed BILL's advertising campaign? Articles, advertisements and program announcements are appearing with increasing frequency in a variety of media, and this effort will continue. The effect of an advertising program is cumulative, and ours is gaining in momentum and support.

I am pleased to announce that Simon's Rock College of Bard has contributed \$3,000 to our grant program, and the efforts of the Development Committee is once again in high gear allowing us to continue our expanded program of information outreach.

As a convenience to our members, BILL has begun to accept registration and membership payments using credit cards. It has taken a long time to arrive at this capability, and I want to thank the Information Systems Committee and the Board of Directors for enabling the adoption of this user-friendly concept.

The FLEX registration program has been exceptionally well received and opened up enrollment for many members who might not have been able to register because of travel commitments during scheduled semesters. If you have not previously considered this enrollment option, you might want to give it some serious thought.

And so another beautiful Berkshire winter follows a colorful Berkshire fall. I hope all of you have a wonderful winter, enjoy the holidays and have a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Mona Sherman

### **BILL Now Accepts Credit Card Payments**

MasterCard and Visa credit card payments can be made through the BILL office by postal mail, e-mail or telephone. Registration and sign-up forms for membership dues, class registrations, special events/special projects and donations have been revised to include an option for payment by credit card. At this time, we cannot accept direct credit card payment via our website, **www.BerkshireBILL.org**, but appropriate registration forms may be downloaded and printed out from the website.

## **Photo Contest Winner!**

Betty Sartori of Cheshire, MA, a member of the Berkshire Museum Camera Club, submitted the winning photo entitled "Winter Fog" which appears on the cover of the Winter 2007 BILL catalog. The photo was taken with a Nikon D70 camera off of Stewart White Road in Cheshire on one of the first snowy days last winter.

## **BILL E-Mail Options**

There are two categories of e-mail distribution from the BILL office:

**Business Only** list receives e-mail that is directly related to BILL business. This includes class announcements, flyers for Special Events, Special Projects, and letters from the President.

Gets All list receives all BILL business e-mails and also receives press releases and announcements from our sponsoring colleges (Berkshire Community College, Williams College, Simon's Rock College of Bard) and the Clark Art Institute.

If you have not already made your choice or want to change it, please contact the BILL office at **413.236.2190** or e-mail us at **BILL@berkshirecc.edu** and let us know your preference.

### **Read** Ahead

Travel to the mythical town of Macondo by reading *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez in preparation for a Spring 2007 literature course taught by Professor Gene Bell-Villada of Williams College.

> — Judy Cromwell, Chair Literature Subcommittee

## Scandinavia – Here We Come!

Think spring and join our BILL contingent on a trip to Spectacular Scandinavia from May 17 to May 29. Visit Stockholm, Copenhagen, Oslo and the fjords. Pre- or post-trip extensions can be arranged. Please request a brochure and further information from the Extended Travel Committee by e-mail to **Grmy1@aol.com**.

— Enid Michelman

## The Finger Lakes Sampler

October 4 - 6, 2006



Above: Plane – Glenn Curtiss Museum



Above: Group in barrel room – Pleasant Valley Wine Company Right: Mastodon – Museum of the Earth



## FLEX or \$100? What's it all About?

**FLEX** registration is intended for those members who expect to be traveling or absent from the Berkshires during a portion of a semester. A \$40 FLEX registration allows the registrant access up to 6 classes from among any of the eligible courses (**excluding Canyon Ranch and seminar/limited enrollment courses**). For an additional \$40 you may add six more class sessions. You will be issued a FLEX registration card which must be presented to and signed by the facilitator of any of the classes you attend. You are not specifically registered for the course and your name does not appear on the class roster, therefore, you need to bring the FLEX registration card with you to the classes you attend. The FLEX option may not be used as a "bonus" course.

The **\$100** registration fee is designed for those members who want to take 4 or more courses. You must select the courses for which you intend to enroll on the course registration form provided in the catalog. The expectation is that you plan to attend all the class sessions of the courses. You will be listed on the class roster and signed in by the class facilitator. This option was not intended to serve as a "tasting menu." If you randomly sample courses, you prevent members who seriously want to participate in limited enrollment courses from being able to register.

If you have any questions about these options, please call the BILL office at 413.236.2190.

## Thank You, Lecturers

The success of BILL's courses is the result of a tremendous effort by many individuals who are willing to share their expertise. We want to specifically acknowledge the following lecturers, moderators and panelists, who are not BILL members, for their commitment and dedication for the academic year beginning fall 2005, winter 2006 and spring 2006. Many have led more than one course.

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Reservation deadline is January 1

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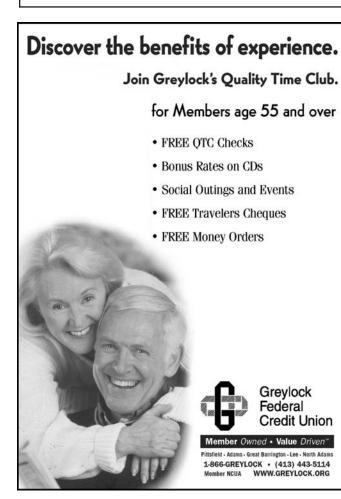
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