

# In League...

MIT  
WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE

A quarterly newsletter

April – June 2012

## Hooper-Lee-Nichols House

**Wednesday, April 4 • 1:00 pm**  
**159 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA**

In 1684, Richard Hooper bought an eleven-acre farm and built a house for his family on what is now 'Tory Row' in Cambridge. Since then the house has had several owners and undergone several additions in various architectural styles. The last owners of the house were William and Frances Emerson. Emerson, an architect, was the Dean of MIT's School of Architecture from 1919-1939. Upon his wife's death in 1957, the house was left to the Cambridge Historical Society.

Come join us April 4th as we tour the Hooper-Lee-Nichols house of today — the current headquarters of the Cambridge Historical Society ([www.cambridgehistory.org](http://www.cambridgehistory.org)). Gavin Kleepsies, Executive Director of the CHS, will conduct our hour-long talk and tour of this historic Cambridge home.

The Hooper-Lee-Nichols House is located at 159 Brattle Street in Cambridge just beyond the Longfellow House and is easily accessible via the 'T' to Harvard Square and a short walk down Brattle Street. If driving, parking is possible along Brattle Street.

The tour will start at 1:00 pm and the cost is \$5.00 at the door. To reserve your place on the tour, contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or [wleague@mit.edu](mailto:wleague@mit.edu) by **April 2nd.**



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## Spring Choral Concert

**Sunday, May 6 • 3:00 pm**  
**41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA**

Under the direction of Kevin Galiè, and accompanied by Susanne Swalley, the chorale will perform what is almost certainly the American premier of a work written in 1905, the Second Mass in A flat by Charles-René. A contemporary of Debussy, Charles-René is perhaps best remembered as a teacher of Maurice Ravel, but he himself left behind some lovely and under-appreciated music.

To complement the Mass, the Chorale will perform works by two other French composers of the time, César Franck and Gabriel Fauré. Also on the program will be the "Bell Chorus" movement from Mahler's Third Symphony, performed with a children's chorus, as well as songs from China and Israel, and a new arrangement of the American spiritual, "Deep River."



This spring concert will be performed at the Dante Alighieri Society at 41 Hampshire Street in Cambridge. It is free and open to the public; donations will be appreciated.

For concert parking suggestions, and to learn more about the group and how to join, visit: [web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale](http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale).





## Come Explore MIT's Newest and Greenest Building

**Friday, May 4 • 11:30 am**  
**E52 Lobby**

Meet us under the portrait of Alfred P. Sloan in the lobby of Building E52, which is located at 50 Memorial Drive (corner of Wadsworth St.). From there, we'll walk through the short connector to E62 and explore the newest architecture on the MIT campus. With its energy-efficient design features, numerous gathering spaces, and classrooms equipped with sophisticated technology, E62 and the Joan and William A. Porter 1967 Center for Management Education — a masterful blend of utility and beauty — is the "greenest" building here at MIT. We'll learn about the green aspects that led to its LEED Gold certification.

The tour will focus on the first two floors of the new building and include the artwork in and outside the building, three of the four gardens, and the view from the faculty/staff lounge overlooking the Charles River.

Our 40-minute tour will end on the first floor at the Siteman Dining Room where the group may purchase lunch and enjoy the view outside — weather permitting!

Please contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or [wleague@mit.edu](mailto:wleague@mit.edu) to reserve your place on the tour.



## Slate of Officers Vote at Annual Meeting May 18

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of elective officers for the Women's League Board for 2012–2014:

### For two (2) years:

- Deborah Liverman**, Vice Chair for Service Projects;
- Diana Strange**, Treasurer;
- Suzanne Collins**, Nominating Chair

Continuing their unexpired terms for one (1) more year are Kim Watson, *Chair*; Mary Harmer, *Vice Chair for Programs*; and Ellen Stordy, *Vice Chair for Social Activities*.

Additional nominations for the above positions may be made by endorsement in writing by twenty-five (25) active members and filed with the Women's League office ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting on Friday, May 18.

New names may be added to the appointed Board and a complete list of all Board members will appear in the 2012 Annual Report presented at the Annual Meeting. For further information, please contact Women's League Staff Associate Sis de Bordenave in the League office at 617.253.3656 or [wleague@mit.edu](mailto:wleague@mit.edu).

— Suzanne Collins, *Nominating Chair*



## Women’s League Annual Meeting

### Maryanne Kirkbride, Guest Speaker

Friday, May 18 • 12:00 noon  
Emma Rogers Room (10-340)

You are cordially invited to join us at 12:00 noon in the Emma Rogers Room, 10-340, for our annual meeting. At this time a summary of the League’s activities and business of the past academic year is given. Also, new and returning returning Board Officers for the slate will be introduced and presented for election.

This year we welcome Maryanne Kirkbride as our guest speaker. Maryanne joined the MIT community in 2002 with a focus on strengthening MIT Medical’s relationship with students in the newly developed position of Clinical Director for Campus Life. Heading up what is now Community Wellness at MIT Medical, her portfolio has grown over the years to include programs that serve all members of the MIT community — regardless of affiliation.

Maryanne’s unique community health perspective has been a great fit for MIT. A passionate collaborator, with an entrepreneurial style, she has brought together people from many parts of campus to support healthy living. On her watch the MIT-EMS student run ambulance was started as well as programs and services as diverse as “How to Cheat Sleep” (because that’s what our students want to know), health coaching, public access defibrillation, tobacco treatment, the violence prevention and response program, and a worksite biometric screening pilot for employees.

She holds bachelor’s degrees in mechanical engineering and nursing from Boston University and a joint Masters degree in Nursing and Business Administration from Northeastern. She came to MIT from Codman Square Health Center where as Director of Community Health she grew a department eventually supporting a staff of 25 with an annual budget of \$4 million. She has received awards in business planning and nursing excellence. In 2006 she (and MIT-EMS) received the HeartSafe Community Award from the Metro Boston Emergency Services Council.

Maryanne has always been a friend of the Women’s League. She sang with the Chorale for two years and was honored with the Laya Wiesner Community Award in 2003. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet her!

Following her talk, enjoy a delicious lunch and the company of women with various affiliations with the MIT community. To reserve your place at this luncheon meeting, please contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or [wleague@mit.edu](mailto:wleague@mit.edu). The cost for the lunch is \$15.00.



## Spring Cleaning?

### Find New Homes For Clean, Gently Used ...

- **Winter Clothes**  
Coats, Jackets, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, Snow Boots (like new)
- **Interview Clothes**  
Women’s and Men’s Suits, Blouses, Shirts, Ties
- **Formal Wear**  
Dresses, Gowns, Tuxedos, Accessories

For over sixteen years, the Clothing Service Program of the MIT Women’s League has held an annual event each autumn to supply **free** clothing to our international undergraduate students whose budgets are constantly stretched.

- Donations are welcome all year.
- Your donation is tax deductible and we supply a receipt for income tax purposes.
- Clothing items may be brought to the Women’s League Office.

Please contact Sis de Bordenave before you bring your donation: 617.253.3656 or [wleague@mit.edu](mailto:wleague@mit.edu).

## Connections

### April 12 • May 10

Each month during the academic year, the Women’s League hosts Connections in the Emma Rogers Room (10-340) from 4:00 pm to

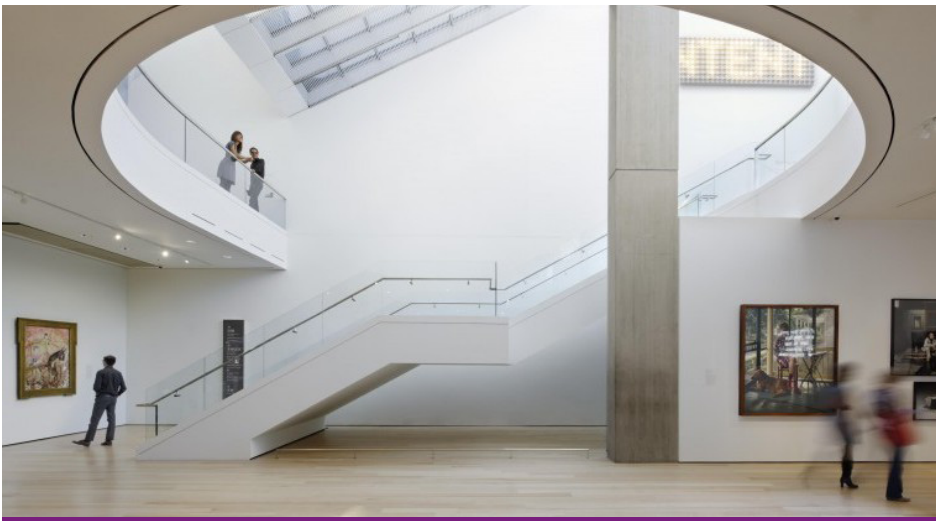
6:00 pm. These informal monthly open houses with coffee, tea and sweets began in 2001 and continue to provide ways for the League to meet and welcome women new to MIT and to

the League as well as stay in touch with its members.

We hope you can join us and encourage you to bring a newcomer, a colleague, or a friend along with you.

Come when you can and stay for as long as you wish.

We look forward to seeing you!



## The MFA Gateway to the Art of Our Time

**Tuesday, May 22 • 1:00 pm**  
**465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA**

Save the date for a tour of the latest renovation at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston!

The newly completed LINDE FAMILY WING FOR CONTEMPORARY ART (Edward Linde, MIT Class of '62) has transformed the west wing of the museum into seven galleries, a newly renovated gift and book shop, a new café with lounge, and new entrances. Spacious and multidimensional, this complex represents the first permanent home for the museum's contemporary art collection and an historic curatorial change.

These Linde galleries highlight a wide range of new media (from 1955 to the present) within broad concepts of what today's art is, and they suggest innovative ways to engage it. Works are arranged thematically to encourage questions and discussion. There are galleries that focus on materials and process within the media of craft and jewelry, photography and time-based media, installations, hybrid forms of painting and sculpture, new art that echoes or appropriates other art — all of which may stretch traditional boundaries or question them altogether. Another gallery features solo shows by internationally distinguished alums from the School of the MFA as well as community arts initiatives.

We are reminded that “all art has been contemporary at some time” when we discover how the newest-of-the-new still relates to what has come before, in every department of our museum, no matter how ancient or diverse. We will see how these creative presentations make contemporary art more relevant than just our visual note-taking, and how that approach differs from—and adds meaning to—the contemporary venues blossoming around us in the greater Boston area.

This one-hour tour will be given by League member Ann Allen, instructor for the League's 'Looking Together' series. The tour is limited to 15. Participants will meet Ann at the Sharf Information Center. Please RSVP by May 18th to the League office at 617.253.3656 or [wleague@mit.edu](mailto:wleague@mit.edu).



## Spring Craft Fair

**May 24 and 25 • 9 am to 5 pm**  
**Lobby 10**

Looking for a Mother's Day gift, birthday gift, hostess gift, graduation gift — or any other kind of gift? If so, look no further than the Craft Fair in Lobby 10. During this two-day sale, crafters will be selling beautiful handmade soaps and wooden puzzles. Jewelry in a wide range of styles and materials, scrapbooking supplies, pottery, hand-knit children's items and more will be on display. Don't hesitate to stop by, browse, and buy!

If you are a crafter and would like to sell your creations at the fair, log on to the Women's League website at [web.mit.edu/womensleague](http://web.mit.edu/womensleague) and click “Get Involved,” then “Community Craft Fairs,” and then “Application.” All applications will be reviewed by the MIT Women's League Craft Fair Committee, appointed by the MIT Women's League Executive Board.

## Notable

**4/25**  
 Book Discussion:  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
 by Maya Angelou

**5/23**  
 Book Discussion:  
*The Sense of an Ending*  
 by Julian Barnes



**Andrea Park 2013**



**Christine Rogers 2014**

## Meet Our Scholars

Established in 1960, the endowment now known as the MIT Women's League Scholarship Fund provides partial scholarship aid annually for women undergraduate students.

Contributions from the profits at the Furniture Exchange have increased this fund to the point where it now supports the financial needs of three young women. At present, our scholars represent the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Assigned as a sophomore, our scholar remains ours until she graduates.

Let us introduce:

**Jennifer Hope 2012.** Jennifer, a Chemistry major from Carriere, Mississippi, is taking pre-med courses in addition to her chemistry requirement and plans to enroll in an MD/PhD program. Upon completion, she would like to conduct research at an academic medical center, which would include teaching at the medical school. But this she says "is many, many years away!"

She says that her MIT experience is the foundation of her ambition. She's gained knowledge as well as confidence in her own abilities. She's excelled here and been able to conduct real research and now feels very able to pursue the career she wants.

**Andrea Park 2013.** Andrea is a Materials Science and Engineering major from Irvine California who plans to further her education at graduate school and then go on to pursue a career in the biotechnology industry, specifically medical research. During her years at MIT she plans to develop the knowledge and experience to pursue biomedical research and to expand upon her relationships with other students, faculty and staff. Happy to be part of MIT, Andrea has said that she "cannot imagine myself anywhere else."

**Christine Rogers 2014.** Christy is a Mathematics major from Bend, Oregon. Now in her second year, she says she's learned what studying actually is, learned to manage her time and her stress, and learned to relax. "Though it was as tough as I imagined (and then some!) I was able to keep up with the workload and still find time to succeed in the pool (varsity swimming) and have some fun."

As you can see, they are amazing young women and we are very pleased and very proud to have them as our scholars.

## League Interest Groups and Classes

### LEARNING MORE

#### Book Discussion

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#### Looking Together

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Japanese Tea Ceremony

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#### Middle Eastern Dance

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### WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS

#### Informal Needlework

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#### MIT Gardeners' Group

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#### Women's League Community Craft Fairs

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### NEW FRIENDS AND CONTACTS

#### CitySide Dining

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#### MIT Japanese Wives Group

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Groups meet weekly, bi-monthly or monthly. Contact the above women to learn more about their groups.

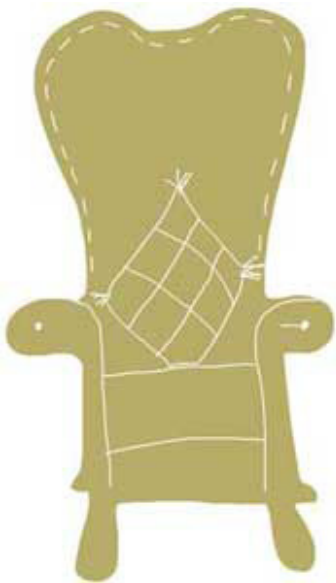


## Furniture Exchange

### Who We Serve

Recognizing that university students needed to furnish their living spaces on a minimal budget, the MIT Student Furniture Exchange (the FX) began in 1958 to address this basic necessity. Located at 350 Brookline Street (WW15) in Cambridge, the FX sells used furniture and housewares at bargain prices and is open to the communities of MIT, Harvard University, Boston University, and Suffolk University.

*Customers must show a valid university ID from the previously named universities in order to make a purchase.*



### How You Can Help

#### • Donate

As winter moves into spring, donations to our inventory are needed to help this growing MIT service effort. Good, usable furniture, including sofas, chairs, tables, bookcases, desks, bed frames, futon frames, dressers, and cabinets, as well as lamps, rugs, small appliances, cooking utensils, dishes, children's items, and bikes are heartily welcomed. If you are moving and can't take everything with you, or if you are just in the mood to update some of your household furnishings, we will happily accept donations in good condition. All donations are tax-deductible and arrangements can be made for the pick-up of large items or a substantial donation.

*Unfortunately, we are unable to accept used mattresses, box springs, drop-side cribs, used stuffed animals, and older style televisions.*

#### • Volunteer

With each passing year our customers increase. Our helpers lend their hands to unpacking and pricing incoming goods, arranging these goods in an attractive and tempting manner, helping customers with their decorating choices, and assisting with the sales process. In doing so, they meet most interesting people — from area university communities and from around the world. Our international volunteers find working here a comfortable way to improve their English language skills in an informal setting and often find themselves assisting fellow countrymen!

**All proceeds benefit the MIT Women's League Scholarship Fund, a growing endowment that provides annual financial support to undergraduate women at MIT.**

#### Find Out More

Contact the Furniture Exchange at 617.253.4293, email [fx@mit.edu](mailto:fx@mit.edu), visit the FX on a Tuesday or Thursday anytime between 10 am and 4 pm or on the first Saturday of the month from 10 am to 1 pm, or go to our website at [web.mit.edu/womensleague/fx/](http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/fx/) to learn more about this amazing organization.

## Looking Ahead

September 11, 2012

**English Conversation Classes Registration**

September 13, 2012

**First Day of English Classes**

Check the League calendar at [web.mit.edu/womensleague/](http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/) to learn about upcoming programs.



# Transition House



## Ending domestic violence. Creating hope.

**Transition House** is Cambridge's sole domestic violence agency. For almost 40 years, it has offered a full circle of care and support for adults and children overcoming the trauma of family and partner violence. Coming to the aid of over 150 women and children every year, Transition House is looking for assistance to help these victims make a break away from violence.

This year, our affiliation and support of Transition House is more important than ever. It is receiving unprecedented demand for its services — especially for housing, as the recession stresses have fueled the rise of domestic violence across the state and the nation.

One of the ways we can help is by giving monthly contributions of specified items to the shelter and their housing programs. MIT family and friends are a continuous means of resources, as each month community members bring in either the specified items or something members would like to give.

Requests for the following months:

**April:** New lightweight blankets and Charlie Cards with added value

**May:** Walgreen gift cards and Charlie Cards with added value

**Always needed:** Gift cards to Market Basket and CVS

Although we have not specified items for the summer months, items are still needed and monetary donations are always welcome.

During the summer, if your workload is lighter or you find that you have a little more leisure time, Transition House can always use volunteers. Foreign language interpreters in Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, and other languages are needed to provide document translation services and there is always a need for baby-sitting services. To learn more about the organization, visit its website at [www.transitionhouse.org/](http://www.transitionhouse.org/).

### General Information

The MIT Women's League newsletter is published four times during the academic year. The deadline for the September–October issue is August 1. All items should be sent to the Women's League office.

Please call the League office for a hard copy of the newsletter and for answers to questions you may have. The office can also arrange for your membership.

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### Email update

If you have become an email user and would like to receive our notes and reminders or if your email address has changed, please advise the League office at [wleague@mit.edu](mailto:wleague@mit.edu).



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