

In League...

MIT
WOMEN'S
LEAGUE

April – May 2014

A quarterly newsletter

The Thread That Binds Us: Community Quilt Project

Wednesday, April 2 • 2:00 pm
MIT Museum, N51-2nd floor

The MIT Museum has worked with local artist Clara Wainwright to develop a quilt project to celebrate the MIT community. Called "The Thread that Binds Us," this project allowed museum visitors to piece together a patch that represented themselves as well as their relationship with MIT. However, due to time constraints, many of the pieces were merely pinned and need to be properly affixed. We are asking people to help assemble the final quilt to be displayed in the MIT Museum during the Cambridge Science Festival.

If you have time and would like to lend your stitchery skills to this project, the MIT Museum would be very grateful. To learn more, contact Brenda Blais at 617.253.6852.



Breakfast Series with Anna Frebel

Wednesday, April 9 • 8:00 am
Emma Rogers Room (10-340)

The Breakfast Series program was designed for women in the MIT community to come together to explore the role of women in the academy. At these twice-yearly, informal "breakfast talks," women faculty and administrators share personal accounts of their professional accomplishments with guests.

Dr. Anna Frebel, our Spring speaker, is the Assistant Professor of Astrophysics in the Physics Department, and has won numerous awards including the National Science Foundation Career Award, the Annie Jump Cannon Award, and the Ludwig-Biermann Young Astronomer Award. She has also authored several papers on dwarf galaxies, nuclear astrophysics, and the oldest stars in the galaxy. Dr. Frebel enjoys communicating



science to the general public through public lectures, magazine articles, interviews as well as her popular science book *In Search of the Oldest Stars*.

At the very young age of 14, Dr. Frebel knew that she wanted to study the stars.

And in 2007, her childhood passion was realized when she discovered the oldest known star in the galaxy, one that dates back 13.2 billion years. Described by some as the 'Indiana Jones of the cosmos,' Dr. Anna Frebel has insight into the most existential question of all time — Where do we come from?

Breakfast seating is limited. Tickets are available on a "first-come, first-served, basis" at a cost of \$12.00 and can be purchased from Sis de Bordenave in the League office, 10-342.

Breakfast is served promptly at 8:00 am.



A Visit to the WGBH Studios

Wednesday, April 9 • 3:00 pm
WGBH Studios
One Guest Street, Boston

How often have you enjoyed a program on WGBH? The WGBH studios have enriched countless people's lives since it first took to the radio airwaves in 1946 when the Lowell Institute formed a cooperative venture with local colleges and universities (MIT included) to broadcast a lecture series. Since then their programs and services have educated, inspired, and entertained while fostering citizenship and culture, the joy of learning, and the power of diverse perspectives.

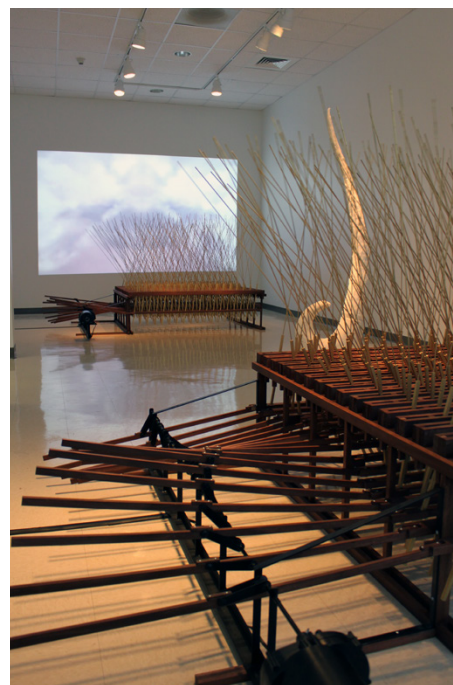
For years the WGBH studios were in our backyard, just across the river in Allston. With the relocation to their new all-digital studios in Brighton in 2007, they dramatically enlarged their working environment in their LEED-certified building. The new facility prompted the Boston Globe to say it's "a visual landmark to match the importance of WGBH as a cultural institution."

Join us for our behind-the-scenes visit and tour the TV and radio production facilities, performance spaces and more — those places where the TV, radio, web, and the community programs and services we have come to know are created. To reserve your place on this FREE tour and to let us know your travel plans (carpool, drive, or public transportation), contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or wleague@mit.edu by **Friday, April 4th**.

To carpool: Meet at MIT Lobby 13 at 2:15 pm.

To get there: Driving from the east or the west or via public transportation, visit the WGBH website for directions at www.wgbh.org/about/directions.cfm or contact the League office.

To park: Free parking is available at WGBH's Visitor Parking lot at One Guest Street, Boston.



MIT Museum Tour

Thursday, May 1 • 1:00 pm
Building N51
265 Massachusetts Avenue

You are invited to attend a private guided tour of the current exhibit **"5000 Moving Parts."** Melding art, science, history and technology, "5,000 Moving Parts" features sculptures by contemporary artists.

The exhibition looks at the wide range of kinetic art being made now: from work that's concerned entirely with motion and unpredictability, to sculptures that engage with contemporary political topics, to works that brings ancient myth into contemporary life. For more information go to: web.mit.edu/museum/exhibitions/5000.html.

Our guided tour will last about a half hour, after which you will be able to explore the other Museum exhibits as your time permits. The tour is limited to 25; **you must pre-register**. If there is sufficient interest, another guide may be added to accommodate a second group.

Strollers are allowed — encouraged, as there is a "No Touching" policy for this exhibit. Food and beverages are not permitted in the museum. There is no charge for the tour.

Please pre-register by **April 24**. Contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or wleague@mit.edu to ensure your place on the tour.

Stratton Lecture on Aging Successfully

**Wednesday
May 14, 2014
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**



All welcome

This program is free
and open to the public.

Wong Auditorium

The Tang Center
Building E51
70 Memorial Drive and
Wadsworth Street
Cambridge, MA



A source and resource for MIT women

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What's Best for You? Where, Why, What, When and Who?

Experts Discuss Factors to Consider that Will Support Aging Successfully



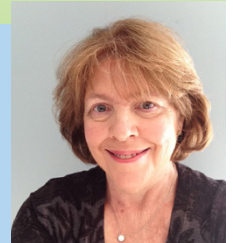
William M. Kettyle



John R. Anderson



Lisa A. D'Ambrosio



Susan Lewin

A collaborative project of MIT's Medical Department, Age Lab and Women's League, the 2014 Catherine N. Stratton Aging Successfully Lecture brings together a distinguished panel of specialists at the forefront of effective care, technology and advocacy for us as we age.

The WHAT for many will be focused on the venue — WHERE. Like planning a trip, a key factor is deciding where you want to go. Along the way multiple decisions will need to be made — When, How and with Whom. Using the vacation planning analogy: will it be a “Staycation” enhancing services and supports at home? Or, will it be an adventure taking us to a different place or places? Our panel of experts will help us consider the factors and issues involved in the process of finding what's best for us as we age.

Moderator

William M. Kettyle, MD, Director of MIT's Medical Department, Internist, Endocrinologist and Geriatrician, will present an overview of our topic and use his award-winning teaching skills to assure a lively discussion of the issues surrounding our elder years.

Panelists

John R. Anderson, MD, Chief of Geriatric Medicine at Mt. Auburn Hospital, Gerontologist, Internist, Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School, focuses his practice on the comprehensive care for the multifaceted needs of the elderly. He will share his perspectives on the important issues to consider when making choices about where to age.

Lisa A. D'Ambrosio, PhD, Age Lab at MIT Research Scientist, co-author with Dr. Joseph Coughlin of *Aging America and Transportation: Personal Choices and Public Policy*, will direct her remarks to the social and other factors that enhance and improve our quality of life and independence as we age.

Susan Lewin, MSW, LICSW, Geriatric Care Manager at Generations, All About Elders, will share her approach to the need for advocacy, safety and the delivery of effective coordinated care for both elders and their caregivers.

A question and answer period will follow the presentations.

What's Best for You? Where, Why, When, What, & Who? continues the Catherine N. Stratton Lectures on Aging Successfully to honor Kay Stratton whose energy, grace and intelligence have enriched the MIT community for more than seventy-five years. Kay is an active participant in the planning of these lectures that are designed to encourage attendees to become their own well-informed health advocates.



Chorale Spring Concert

Saturday, May 17 • 6:00 pm
Harvard-Epworth United
Methodist Church
1555 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge

This spring the Chorale will present an exciting program under the inspired guidance of our talented director Kevin Galiè, including several new pieces not previously performed in America. For the first time the Chorale will be performing at the Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Square, Cambridge.

The centerpiece of the concert will be the American premier of the *Stabat Mater* of Girolamo Abos performed with a string ensemble and organ as well as the modern premier of an *Ave Maria* by Gaetano Donizetti. The Chorale, made up of woman from all over the world, will be singing in Latin, Russian, Italian and English, performing works by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Arthur Bliss, as well as traditional Italian folk songs. The concert will also feature a duet from the musical *Little Women* and a piece for alto solo, viola and piano by Johannes Brahms.

The concert is free and will be followed by a reception. Directions and parking suggestions will be posted on the Chorale website: web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale/.

Ordering information for the Women's Chorale's first professionally-recorded CD can be found on its website: web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale/.



Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 20 • 12:00 pm
Emma Rogers Room, 10-340

In May the Women's League holds its annual meeting. At this time, a summary of the activities and business of the past academic year is given and new and returning Board Officers for the slate are introduced and presented for election. The meeting is also an occasion with a guest speaker.

This year we welcome Susan Murcott, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, as our guest speaker. Her research and action focus is on the global water crisis and innovative solutions for the 21st century.

Ms. Murcott began her career designing innovations for large urban sanitation systems, but soon realized that the greatest need for sanitation lay in rural, poor regions or urban slums where such systems were unaffordable. Today, her environmental engineering work is dedicated to raising awareness of and making a contribution towards global safe water — for drinking, for food, for life — especially focusing on “the bottom billion,” the 1/7th of humanity most in need.

Her 20+ years of practical, field-based experience on water, sanitation, and hygiene in developing countries (including treatment and safe storage of household drinking water) continue to inform her research and guide her work. That work, along with her engineering practice and policy/planning experience, she has undertaken on all continents (except Antarctica).

In addition to teaching (undergraduate and graduate level courses, MIT OpenCourseWare, Cambridge-MIT Institute), she and her students have won many prizes for their water technology innovations. Ms. Murcott is also the Director of Safe Water for 1 Billion People (H2O-1B) and the Founder of Pure Home Water (PHW), a registered non-profit organization in Ghana.

Please join us and meet this remarkable woman who has touched not only the lives of her students but also the lives of innumerable people around the world with her contributions towards safe water.

Following her talk, enjoy a delicious lunch in the company of women with various affiliations in the MIT community. To reserve your place at the annual meeting and luncheon, contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or wleague@mit.edu. The cost of the lunch is \$15.00. Seating is limited.

Notable

4/23

Book Discussion:
Player Piano
by Kurt Vonnegut

5/28

Book Discussion:
Margaret Fuller,
A New American Life
by Megan Marshall



Slate of Officers

Vote at Annual Meeting May 20

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of elective officers for the Women's League Board for 2014-2016:

For two (2) years:

Deborah Liverman, Vice Chair for Service Projects

Diana Strange, Treasurer

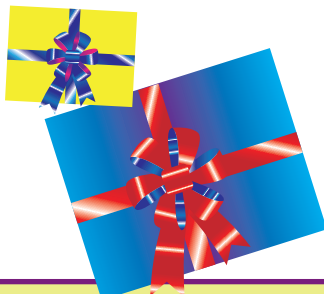
Suzanne Collins, Nominating Chair

Continuing their unexpired terms for one (1) more year are Ellen Stordy – Chair, Kim Watson – Vice Chair for Programs, and Srirupa Mitra – 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 Tuesday, May 20.

New names may be added to the appointed Board and a complete list of all Board members will appear in the 2014 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.

Suzanne Collins,
Nominating Chair



MIT Women's League Community Craft Fair

**May 22 and 23 • 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 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.

League Interest Groups and Classes

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Book Discussion

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EXPAND YOUR WORLD

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Women's League Community Craft Fairs

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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.

Connections

April 10 • May 8

Meets from 4 to 6 pm
on the second Thursday
of each month during
the Academic Year.

Each month during the academic year, the League hosts Connections in the Emma Rogers Room (10-340). These informal open houses with light refreshments offer opportunities for the League to meet and welcome newcomers and ways to stay in touch with members.

Join us for conversation and camaraderie! Bring a newcomer or colleague with you. Come when you can and stay for as long as you wish.



Joy of Cooking Classes

The Joy of Cooking Classes, an activity of the MIT Japanese Wives Group, began in 2004. Classes are held several times a year in the homes of Women's League members. The classes are fantastic! As students, we learn a lot and have fun as we come together to share the passion and joy of cooking under the guidance of our great teachers.

In February, our Joy of Cooking class took place at Mrs. Kate Baty's home in her beautiful kitchen. Everything she taught us was so helpful. We made New England fish chowder, mango and avocado salad, and a buttery plum tart for dessert — delicious tastes on a cold winter day.

We can't tell you too often how much we appreciated Mrs. Baty's wonderful cooking class. Waiting until the Fall for our next Joy of Cooking class will be very hard to do!

Kimie Shirasaki
MIT Japanese Wives Group

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.



Transition  House



Transition House A lifeline—the place where hope and healing begin

For nearly 40 years **Transition House**, Cambridge's sole domestic violence agency, 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 approximately 200 women and children every year.

Various stresses have fueled the rise of domestic violence across the state and the nation. At Transition House this rise has put extraordinary demands on its services — especially housing. This year, like the last, clients seem to struggle with homelessness much longer. They live in a limbo state, seeking stability and permanency in their lives. The traditional stay in Transition House's Emergency Shelter was 3-6 month and now it's 9 months and more.

Our support of the work of Transition House is extremely important. MIT family and friends have been a generous and continuous resource for Transition House:

They donate time

Volunteering to do office work, ESL instruction, computer instruction, babysitting, and translation

They donate goods

Providing urgently needed gift cards for Whole Foods and pre-paid Charlie Cards; and the always needed disposable diapers (in all sizes), full-size toiletries, and hypoallergenic sheets and towels

They donate funds

To learn more about the organization and its needs, visit the website at www.transitionhouse.org. Your donation may be left at the League office, Building 10-342. We will arrange to get it to Transition House.

General Information

The MIT Women's League newsletter is published four times during the academic year. The deadline for the September–October 2014 issue is August 4. 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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