Tiffany Stained Glass Windows

Wednesday, November 14 • 10:30 am
67 Newbury Street

Join us at the Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury Street in Boston, for a vivid example of Louis Comfort Tiffany’s artistic vision.

This Gothic Revival church, erected in 1865-67 by the Central Congregational Church, was one of the first churches to relocate to the newly filled-in land of Boston’s Back Bay. During the 1890s, the Neo-Gothic sanctuary of dark walnut wood and pseudo-medieval stained glass was completely redecorated by the Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company under the supervision of J.A. Holzer of the Tiffany Company and the minister, Dr. Edward L. Clark. Among other renovations to the space, the sanctuary was transformed by a gigantic electrified lantern and 42 stained glass windows.

Tiffany’s technical contributions to the art of stained glass — his opalescence, drapery, twig, fabric, horizon, jewel and sunset glass — are all included in the 22 ornamental windows and 20 figure windows in the church. The windows were created by Tiffany’s finest designers: three by Edward P. Sperry, three by J.A. Holzer, and the rest by his most creative designer, Frederick Wilson. They were done in a variety of styles: a linear, Pre-Raphaelite mode with Sperry; a flat, mosaic mode with Holzer; and anything from classical to Art Nouveau with Wilson.

The Reverend Rob Mark will greet us at 11:00 am and League member Nancy Holloman will be our guide for this hour-long tour. Please meet us at the church between 10:30 am and 10:45 am, through the Newbury Street entrance. A suggested $5.00 fee goes towards the upkeep of the windows.

To reserve your place to see these beautiful windows and learn more about their creation, please contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or at wleague@mit.edu by Monday, November 9.

For those wishing to travel with the group from MIT, please meet at the Kendall MBTA Red line station on the inbound platform at 10:10 am. From there the group will change to the Green Line at Park Street, exit at the Arlington Street stop, walk to Newbury Street, and proceed to the Church on the corner of Berkeley and Newbury Streets. There are many restaurant options for lunch afterwards in Back Bay.

Dear League Members,

The more women learn of all the things the Women’s League is involved with here at MIT, the more they want to participate in its activities. In the months ahead, we’ve planned events and programs that we think will appeal to you — especially as we celebrate our 100th year at MIT in 2013!

We look forward to seeing you at one, two, or all of them.

Kim Watson
Chair
Holiday Wreath Making

Wednesday, November 28  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Student Center - Room 407 (W20-407)

It was during the years when Carl Taylor Compton and his wife Margaret lived at the President’s House (1930–1949) that the League’s began making the three evergreen wreaths to hang above the doors at the 77 Massachusetts Avenue entrance. This Holiday tradition continues.

This year wreath makers, both experienced and new, are needed to help with the greenery design and assembly of these wreaths. Our guide through the process of making these large wreaths on their 4-ft wooden frames is League member Brenda Blais, ably assisted by several seasoned volunteers. If you have never done something like this before, it’s a wonderful opportunity to learn and a fragrant way to begin the holiday season.

Please contact Brenda Blais at bmblais@mit.edu or 617.253.6852 to learn more and volunteer. Come and help for as long as your time permits.

Annual Holiday Outing • December 1

Tasting Tour at Hotel Chocolat & Kashmir Restaurant

Saturday, December 1 • 11:30 am  
141A Newbury Street, Boston

Hotel Chocolat is a British chocolatier with a twist! Since 2005, it has been growing rare chocolate on its 140 acre cocoa plantation in Saint Lucia, West Indies. The chocolate confections are manufactured in Cambridgeshire, England for worldwide distribution.

Opened in 2009, the Boston Hotel Chocolat was the first US location in its network of 70 worldwide chocolate “boutiques.”

We’ll gather in the Tasting Room at 11:30 am to sample several types of chocolate and learn the history of the company and its philosophy for creating the world’s finest chocolate candy. A gift bag of several chocolate candies will be given to each participant. After the tasting, there will be time to shop for edible holiday gifts!

The Boston Globe has described Hotel Chocolat as “Best of the New” and “not an ordinary chocolate shop” and its confections “appeal to the sophisticated sweet tooth.”

The cost for this delightful unique tour is $15 per person; limited to 20.

Saturday, December 1 • 1:00 pm  
279 Newbury Street, Boston

Following the Tasting Tour, we’ll walk a few short blocks to Kashmir, an Indian restaurant in Back Bay, www.oneworldcuisine.com, to continue our chocolate conversations over lunch!

A generous luncheon buffet is offered for $12.95 or lunch can be ordered from the menu. [Our CitySide Dining group enjoyed its visit here on one of its monthly restaurant outings.] And after a restorative lunch, you’re free to shop in the stores along Newbury Street!

Please contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or at wleague@mit.edu by November 28 to register for one or both events. These two venues can be reached by Bus #1 stop at Prudential or the Green Line stop at Copley.
MIT Women’s Chorale Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 1 • 6 pm
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Cambridge

The Chorale’s annual holiday concert will be held at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 838 Massachusetts Avenue (Central Square), Cambridge. The major work will be the *Litaniae Lauretanae* of Johann Adolph Hasse, a German composer who lived in Venice at the end of his life, and, like Verdi, wrote choral works for the young women of a Venetian institution for abandoned children. The Chorale will also perform works by Bach and Rossini, a lovely Chanukah piece, a lively Argentine song, and several contemporary pieces set to poems by American women. The concert is free and a reception will follow. Directions and parking will be posted on the Chorale website: http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale/

Announcing the MIT Women’s Chorale’s first professionally-recorded CD

In anticipation of its 80th anniversary as an interest group of the Women’s League, the Women’s Chorale is proud to announce the release of its first professionally produced recording, expected by the end of October, 2012. Inspired by our unearthing of a never-before-recorded mass for women’s voices, the *Second Mass in A Flat* by Charles-René, the Chorale recorded the mass, written in 1905, along with other pieces of that era: motets by César Franck and Gabriel Fauré, and two solo pieces for organ composed by Gabriel Pierné and played by Chorale conductor, Kevin Galiè. The recording features the fine acoustics of the United Parish Church, Brookline, and its excellent organ (formerly played by well-known Boston organist E. Power Biggs) as well as professional soloists.

The recording will be available for purchase both as CDs and digital downloads directly from the Chorale and from prominent on-line retailers, including CDbaby, Amazon, and iTunes. Please check the Chorale website for ordering information.

MIT Women’s League Community Craft Fair

Thursday & Friday, December 13 & 14
Lobby 10 • 9 am to 5 pm

Knitted scarves, hand-made cards, jewelry of all types, specialty gifts and more, may be found for sale at the annual Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by the MIT Women’s League Community Crafters. Come to browse. Come to shop. You may find the perfect gift for a relative or friend!

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 go to “Get Involved,” then to “Community Craft Fairs,” and then to “Application.” Under Community Craft Fairs, you will also find a link to the Community Craft Fairs Policy. All applications will be reviewed by the MIT Women’s League Craft Fair Committee, appointed by the MIT Women’s League Executive Board.
Explore the Evolution of Health Care and Medicine
Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)

Wednesday, January 16 • 11 am

First, we’ll tour the newest museum at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)—the Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation. Opened this past April, exhibits and programs allow the visitor to follow the history of research, patient care, and medical discovery across three centuries at Mass. General.

Designed by Leers Weinzapfel Associates, built and sustained through philanthropy, the museum is named in honor of Paul S. Russell, MD. Dr. Russell is a longtime MGH physician, a pioneer of transplant surgery, and chair of the MGH History Committee.

Next, we’ll explore the Ether Dome. Here, the first use of a surgical anesthetic (ether) was demonstrated. On October 16, 1846, after administration of ether by Dr. William T. G. Morton, MGH Chief of Surgery, John Collins Warren, painlessly removed a tumor from the neck of local printer Edward Gilbert Abbott. Skeptical Warren reportedly quipped, “Gentlemen, this is no humbug.” News of this “anesthesia” invention rapidly traveled within months around the world. Today, after 8,000 surgeries, the Ether Dome is a teaching amphitheater and historical landmark.

The museum tour starts at 11:00 am at 2 North Grove Street (corner of Cambridge Street), Boston. It is a half-block from Charles-MGH MBTA Red Line stop. Those interested can meet at the Kendall MBTA Red Line stop on the inbound platform at 10:30 am. Admission is free. For your reservation, please contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or wleague@mit.edu.

Daffodil Days 2013

Since 1998, the Women’s League has organized the Daffodil Days campaign at MIT for the American Cancer Society and raised over $385,000. This past year MIT raised approximately $32,000 for cancer research, treatment, and education. Each year the project has expanded to reach more departments, labs, offices, and individuals on campus and we look forward to that phenomenon happening again!

In late January information packages will be mailed to the coordinators in the participating offices, labs and departments. Shortly thereafter, the new campaign will begin and you may place your order for Gifts of Hope, Bears and Bunches, and daffodil bouquets. All will be delivered in mid-March. If your work area is not currently participating in the campaign but would like to do so, please contact the League office at 617.253.3656 or wleague@mit.edu to make arrangements for a coordinator.

The Daffodil Days program is your chance to fight back against cancer by raising funds and awareness to help beat the disease. The American Cancer Society explains that “While the Daffodil Days program involves offering daffodils every spring to donors in appreciation for their contributions, it is about more than just giving beautiful flowers — it is everyone’s opportunity to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays, where cancer never steals another year from anyone’s life.”

Please help the MIT community support one of the American Cancer Society’s oldest and most beloved fundraising programs. Together we are helping people stay well and get well, finding cures, and fighting back against a disease that has taken too much.
The MIT Japanese Wives Group organizes the Friendship Partner Program, arranging introductory meetings for individuals or groups who want to share their language and culture with Japanese women.

Respect, curiosity, and delight in learning about other cultures are the foundation for this program. From informal meetings — whether for coffee or lunch, grocery shopping together, or other shared experiences — many friendships have been formed. And, when the Japanese women return to Japan, they usually stay in touch with their Friendship Partners.

If you wish to learn about Japan — the culture, traditions, family life — becoming a Friendship Partner with a visiting Japanese woman is a wonderful way to do it. To learn more about the program, please contact Kimie Shirasaki at mitjwg@yahoo.com.

Connections

November 8, December 13, January 10
Meet from 4 to 6 pm on the second Thursday of each month during the Academic Year.

Connections is an informal open house with conversation and light refreshments. Held monthly in the Emma Rogers Room (10-340), these occasions offer opportunities for the League to meet newcomers as well as stay in touch with members.

Join us and bring a newcomer or colleague with you for conversation and camaraderie.

You meet the nicest people! Come when you can and stay for as long as you wish.
Ending domestic violence. Creating hope.

Transition House, our Cambridge neighbor, provides emergency shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Under its protective wing, the women receive counseling and get training to prepare them to “transition” into permanent housing. These women work hard to rebuild their lives and regain their independence. Many have risked everything to find safety for themselves and their children.

To help them make this enormous change in their lives, the Women’s League collects donations from the MIT community each month to assist Transition House. Since women passing through this program arrive with only what they can carry with them, the Transition House needs are on-going for specific items.

The following items are requested for the next few months:

**November:** warm blankets/comforters (full and twin)

**December:** sheets (full and twin) and towels. Gift cards to Rite Aid, Market Basket, Trader Joe’s and Target help these women thrive and provide the bonus of allowing them to make purchases of their own choosing—an empowering and important part of the healing process.

**January:** sheets (full and twin) and towels.

T passes with added value are always welcome, as are disposable diapers in all sizes and full-size toiletries.

Your donation can be left at the Women’s League Office, Room 10-342.

---

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.

---

General Information

The MIT Women’s League newsletter is published four times during the academic year. The deadline for the February–March issue is January 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.

**Staff Associate**
Sis de Bordenave

**League Chair**
Kim Watson

**Honorary Chairs**
Priscilla Gray
Christine Reif

**Design**
Tim Blackburn Design

---

MIT spouses & partners is celebrating its 40th anniversary!

Since its beginning in 1972, its purpose has been to make the transition to life at MIT easier for spouses and partners by assisting and encouraging them to build both social and professional networks.

The MIT Women’s League congratulates MIT spouses & partners on reaching this milestone and applauds its work in support of and service to this vibrant community on campus.

---

MIT Women’s League
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Room 10-342
Cambridge, MA 02139-4307
web.mit.edu/womensleague

**Contact**
Sis de Bordenave
617.253.3656
wleague@mit.edu