UNIVERSITY LEAGUE FALL COFFEE
Amy Gilman - Director, Chazen Museum of Art
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 10:00 am.
Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 (Reservation form on page 9).
Cost: $20 per person.

Dr. Amy Gilman, director of the Chazen Museum of Art at UW-Madison, will discuss the role of university art museums, and how the Chazen adjusted its focus and operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gilman will also discuss ongoing changes in the museum field and the call for directors and their institutions to respond to pressing national issues.

Amy Gilman
Director of the Chazen Museum of Art

Dr. Amy Gilman joined the Chazen in September, 2017. As director of the Chazen, she oversees all administrative, financial, and curatorial duties for the museum. Since her arrival, Gilman has stewarded several major initiatives at the museum, including a new five-year strategic plan, the discontinuance of unpaid internships, and prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the dramatic expansion of the museum’s hours to be open 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. Gilman is a progressive leader in the field, and an advocate for the role of the university art museum on campus and in the community. During COVID, Gilman initiated the development of a unique program to create flexible, adaptable, and fully virtual curriculum modules connecting permanent collection objects with the themes of resilience and surviving trauma, and art and activism for faculty from across the university to incorporate into their teaching during the unusual academic year.

Prior to the Chazen, Gilman spent 12 years at the Toledo Museum of Art in Toledo, OH. During this time, she served as the associate curator of modern and contemporary art, the assistant director for collections and exhibitions and curator of modern and contemporary art, associate director, and deputy director.
During her time in Toledo, Gilman oversaw the development of an innovative artist in residency program, brought diverse and thought-provoking acquisitions and programming to the museum, and led a year-long process of developing a master plan for the museum’s 40-acre campus—the first comprehensive plan in the museum’s over 100-year history.

Gilman is an alumna of the Getty Leadership Institute. She earned her doctorate in art history at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; a Master of Fine Arts in photography from Columbia College in Chicago, and a Bachelor’s degree in performance studies from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

**Chazen Museum of Art**

The Chazen Museum of Art opened in 1970 as the Elvehjem Art Center to further the University of Wisconsin–Madison’s mission of education, research, and public service. In 1978, it became the Elvehjem Museum of Art, and in 2005, in honor of a lead gift toward expansion, was renamed the Chazen Museum of Art.

The expansion opened in October 2011, doubling the size of the museum. The new building is joined to the Conrad A. Elvehjem building by a dramatic and functional bridge gallery. The Elvehjem Building is dedicated to the memory of the president of the UW–Madison from 1958 to 1962.

The Chazen Museum of Art makes its home between two lakes on the beautiful campus of the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Within walking distance of the state capitol, it sits squarely in the heart of a vibrant college town. The Chazen’s expansive two-building site holds the second-largest collection of art in Wisconsin, and is the largest collecting museum in the Big 10. Within its 176,000 square feet of museum space is a collection of approximately 23,000 works of art covering diverse historical periods, cultures and geographic locations, from ancient Greece, Western Europe and the Soviet Empire to Moghul India, 18th-century Japan and modern Africa.

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The Chazen Museum of Art is open to campus and to the public. For the safety of all, visitors must wear masks at the museum.

**Hours are:**
* Tuesday–Wednesday, 12–5 p.m.
* Thursday–Friday 12–7 p.m.

The website is open 24/7. The first and second floors and parts of the third floor in the Chazen building are open. The Elvehjem building remains closed until further notice.

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**About the Event:** The Fall Coffee will feature a buffet brunch with assorted fresh baked pastries, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. Gluten-free baked items are available but must be requested beforehand. Please note any dietary restrictions on the reservation form.

**When:** September 22, 2021. Brunch buffet at 10:00 am; speaker presentation starts at 10:30 am.
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

A warm welcome to all as we start our 121 year of University League!

I hope that each of you is well and have had many long-awaited opportunities to enjoy being with family and friends in recent months. The entries for our 2021-2022 Yearbook membership directory are complete, and I want to thank each of you for continuing your membership or for joining University League as a new member. You are what make us thrive and are the strength of our scholarship, service, education, and friendship mission. Our Board of Directors and committees have been working diligently to prepare for this year’s Interest Group meetings, Programs, Volunteer Opportunities, and the Stay-at-Home Scholarship Benefit. Read on to find out what is in store for you.

I’ll start with Interest Groups. They offer a wide array of choices, with activities you’ll be sure to enjoy and learn from, in addition to meeting people who are welcoming and who become friends. Whether you have an interest in travelogues about faraway lands, bird study in nearby locales, reading books, speaking foreign languages, exploring your ancestry, wining, dining, or acquiring new technology skills, University League’s Interest Groups offer you all of that and more. See pages 8-9 for Interest Group news and an article about the Artiques’ fall schedule and their June visit to Attica, WI—a tucked-away hamlet reminiscent of a bygone era. Consider joining Artiques and any of our other Interest Groups. Discoveries and camaraderie await you!

There are four remaining Programs for you to enjoy this year. Our July program was a virtual tour of Old World Wisconsin with its Director, Dan Freas, as tour guide. Dan’s presentation reminded me of what a gem this outdoor museum is, and it’s only a short hop down the interstate from Madison. The next two programs will also feature gems in our midst: the UW’s Chazen Art Museum will be the topic of the Fall Coffee (see pages 1-2), and the Madison Savoyards will perform livestream at the Candlelight Concert in December. In March, our Spring Luncheon speaker will explore the mystery surrounding the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1975. The May Annual Meeting program focuses on climate change and its far-reaching effects.

Some Volunteer Opportunities are gradually opening up, mainly those where volunteers can work outdoors. We are working with volunteer contacts to prepare for when more opportunities do become available. Please visit our website for the current status of each volunteer opportunity. We hope that, at some point this year, you can resume volunteering at some, if not all, of your favorite sites.

Providing scholarships for UW students is one of the League’s fundamental goals. Please see Judy Stang’s article, “Scholarship Update” on page 5 to see how your generous donations to general and endowed scholarships last year made such a difference in students’ lives. In the coming months, you’ll find out more about our scholarship efforts and hear from some of the student recipients themselves. Because of you, our members, University League scholarship giving each year is gratefully recognized by all twelve UW schools and colleges as an important and ongoing (for 105 years!) source of student support.

For now, we still live in a hybrid world, meeting virtually for some activities and in-person for others. Always refer to our website for the most current information as events remain subject to change. With luck and healthy practices, we will eventually shed our masks and put the pandemic behind us!

Joan Leffler
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
By Cindy May, Membership Chair

The Membership Development Committee works hard to keep membership numbers at a level sufficient to sustain the League's expenses. Every year there are members who choose not to renew, often due to age, disability, or relocation. The Committee is always looking for new ideas for increasing membership.

Recently, a veteran University League member forwarded an article to me. The article focused on ways to emphasize member benefits as a means of increasing membership. One of those ways was to provide an "elevator speech" for members to use when talking to friends and family about the University League. Lo and behold, we already have one! Please make a copy to keep in your wallet, so it will be there to refresh your memory when opportunities to use it arise. Here is the text:

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**Elevator Speech**

The University League is a nonprofit membership organization open to all. The purpose of the League is to raise funds for UW-Madison student scholarships and to offer volunteer services, educational programs, and social activities for its members. Twenty Interest Groups and fourteen Volunteer Opportunities offer a wide variety of options for participation, enjoyment, and fellowship.

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**Seeking Video Experience**

Another possibility the article endorsed was making a video highlighting the League's benefits. The video could include footage of members enjoying League events, connecting through Interest Groups, and doing volunteer work. With the addition of music and narrative, it could be shared at the University League's annual meeting, on the League's website, and even on social media. If you or someone you know has experience creating videos, please contact me to discuss the possibilities: Cindy May, clmay@wisc.edu, 608-848-9291. Thank you!

**New Member Receptions Are Back!**

On May 20, 2021, the University League's Membership Committee hosted its first New Member Reception since Fall 2019, and it was glorious, thanks to Barbara Rogers' generous offer of her patio and flower-filled backyard. It was the perfect setting for our inaugural post-quarantine gathering. Even Mother Nature smiled on us, and kept those "scattered showers" at bay.

New members Gabriela Cergheidian, Barbara Drake, Larry Hubbard, Kathleen Kelleher, Agnes and Jim Radek, Sandy Wurdeman, and Sarah Zutz were welcomed to League. They come to us from an incredible range of backgrounds and careers.

League President Joan Leffler, Volunteer Coordinator Priscilla Thain, and upcoming Interest Groups Chair Mary Jo Willis all gave short talks on their roles in the organization, and encouraged attendees to get the most out of their memberships by participating and taking advantage of all that the University League has to offer.

Barbara's home-made Sangria and flan were supplemented with an assortment of yummy refreshments contributed by both the speakers and the Membership Committee, and lively conversations filled the air.

If you're a new member who missed all the fun, and haven't already asked me to add your name to our list of invitees for the next New Member Reception this fall, please be sure to let me know by either email or phone.

Cindy May, Membership Chair
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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE
By Judy Stang

University League members are amazing! In a year with little social contact with each other, you did not forget our UW students and the challenges they were facing to get an education in the most unorthodox of circumstances. Donations to the Scholarship Benefit, “Beckoning” totaled $17,430 from 39% of our membership! Together with General Scholarship donations, we were able to give a total of $31,950 to the 12 UW-Madison schools and colleges.

In addition, The Named Endowed Scholarships’ spendable income totaled $106,968 awarded to the school, college or department as specified by the donor. The University League Centennial Endowment received $3,415 in donations this year and as specified, awarded $1,282 to The Office of Student Financial Aid.

Thank you notes are now arriving from students, grateful for your generous support as they face a new year of academics. Many remark that the scholarship allows more time for study while easing financial concerns.

What Is an Endowed Scholarship?
A permanent legacy to the UW-Madison can be established with a personal endowment. A fully funded endowment requires an investment of $25,000 which can be paid in increments over a period of 5 years beginning with an initial investment of $5,000. Endowments are established and managed by the University of Wisconsin Foundation. When fully funded, the foundation will send the spendable income accrued by the endowment to the school, college or department of your choice along with any special requirements for the recipient you may have. These contributions will continue in your name in perpetuity! By establishing your endowment through University League, the legacy of student financial assistance from league is also carried on.

If you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, establishing an endowment is an excellent way to make a tax-free charitable donation without adding the distribution to your income! Some people opt to set up an endowment through a Will which is also a good idea but by setting up your endowment now, you will have the opportunity to meet the students who are recipients of your generosity as well as enjoy a nice tax deduction. For more information or assistance in creating a permanent scholarship in your name, please contact Mary Jane Getlinger 608-274-0661. getlinger2@gmail.com
Jeanne Rowley Burull, 2009-2010 University League President, died peacefully at home Tuesday morning, Feb. 9, 2021. Bob Burull, himself a League member, followed her in death on March 8. True to their shared experiences as communications entrepreneurs, Jeanne and Bob worked together in academic, media, and business settings. As League President, Jeanne was also chair of the Long-Range Policy and Planning Committee, while Bob was chair of the Endowed Scholarship Committee that year. Jeanne and Bob gave all their energy to whatever they did. She was an avid poetry and literature buff, writer and artist, genealogist and naturalist. Jeanne and Bob moved to the small town of Chaseburg, Wisconsin, the year after her presidency, but she left the League with the legacy of a better understanding of its financial standing and structure. Bob, after a lifetime in the field of communications in many roles including university professor, writer, producer and director, created “The Ol’ Bob Show” in Chaseburg after moving there.

Evelyn Miller, pictured riding her beach buggy with the Pacific Ocean in the background, died recently in a Monterey, CA hospital of complications from the Coronavirus. Evelyn served on the League Board and was a long-time member of the Book Critics and French Reading Interest Groups. She taught French at LaFollette High for a number of years. Her late husband Arnold Miller was a professor of French at the UW-Madison for his entire career after his PhD from Columbia University. In addition to her many activities in the League, she volunteered with the Alliance Francaise of Monterey, and League of Women Voters. She was a fantastic cook who spent a year preparing meals from the recipes of Julia Child's premier cookbook. During the summer she was a regular at the Shorewood Water Exercise classes. Her League friends and colleagues are very saddened to hear of her passing.

(Phyllis) Jean Brown Frank died on the evening of Monday, March 15, 2021, in Madison. Jean was born in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1934. She attended Iowa State College and the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism in 1956. She was a member of the Chi Omega sorority and Theta Sigma Phi national journalism honorary. While in Bowling Green, Jean met, dated, and married accounting professor Werner Frank. Jean and Werner moved to Madison in 1964. Jean became active in the University League and Commerce League. She worked at the Jane Haslem Art Gallery, Madison District Nurses' Association, Wisconsin Nurses' Association, and the University of Wisconsin School of Business during her career in publications. Jean enjoyed time spent with friends, groups, and family. She appreciated the visual and performing arts, and loved birdwatching, gardening, cooking, and traveling.
Microbiologist **Thomas Dale Brock**, husband of long-time League member, Kathie Brock, died on April at the age of 94 from a fall. He joined the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he would remain until his retirement in 1990. He was the recipient of many honors, and is especially noted for a bacterial discovery that led to the creation of a transformative technique for molecular biology. He served as the chairman of the department of bacteriology and was the E. B. Fred Professor of Natural Sciences Emeritus In his retirement, he and his wife, Kathie created the Pleasant Valley Conservancy State Natural Area on 140 acres in Wisconsin. In collaboration with his wife, he spent the last decades of his life developing strategies to restore oak savanna, prairie, and marshland ecology. Today, Pleasant Valley Conservancy State Natural Area contributes to our understanding of ecological restoration processes. In addition to preserving the area’s wilderness, Tom also wanted to use the site to better understand the decline of oak barrens throughout the Midwest.

**Lois C. Rossmiller** passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at the age of 94. Lois has been a member of University League for many years and, even as she aged, she kept her membership current. In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and the University League.

League Past President (2000-2001) **Norma Aileen Brooks**, age 93, passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Born on October 29, 1927, in northern Illinois, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a major in Home Economics (now Human Ecology) and taught junior and senior high school and at Madison Technical College. At the UW-Madison, she was very active in the University League, enjoying its many activities and events, particularly, its lively friendships and camaraderie. She was also a member of Daughters of Demeter as well as the Bascom Hill Society. Norma and her husband, Lynn, enjoyed travelling, and after Lynn retired, their vacations included Europe, Russia, China, Egypt, Turkey, Australia and Africa. She was a thoughtful, loving and caring person who will be greatly missed by family and friends.

**Boris Frank** passed away on Aug. 6, 2021, at the age of 89. According to his obituary in the WSJ, Boris had a feud with cancer, and cancer won. Although not a member of University League, he was a long time UL friend. He gave two lectures to the Board of Directors on managing the finances of non-profits and recruiting and keeping membership, and also gave the major workshop on this subject at the 13 Conference of Big Ten Women’s Organizations in Madison. We will miss him.
INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

Fall is here and many interest groups will be starting up in September. Barbara Drake, Assistant IG Chair and Mary Jo Willis, Chair, held “Orientation for Interest Group Leaders” on August at Oakwood Village West and discussed many topics including whether the groups want to meet in-person, meet by zoom or a hybrid of both.

At the August Board meeting, several Board members offered to provide their zoom account for any IG desiring this venue. Leaders can contact Joan Leffler to set the meeting link and contact Joan Leffler, Sally Lorenz, or Elaine Rosenblatt if questions about how to use Zoom.

Our total membership in the 21 Interest Groups is now at 485 as some members have joined several groups. This represents an increase of 33 members over all groups compared to last year. Most groups increased their membership, which is exciting. We are privileged to have great groups with dedicated leaders offering friendship, excellent programs, activities, exercise, learning, studies, foreign languages, dining, wine tasting, bridge, mah jongg, among others. Interest groups are the best way to increase membership. We encourage you to invite friends and family to our interest group meetings. Leaders will hand out the League Membership Trifold to attendees as requested.

Currently Oakwood Village University Woods (West) is available for meetings as are the Madison City libraries with the caveat that meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about this, please contact mjwillis@wisc.edu, Oakwood Village (230-4302) or your favorite library.

“ARTIQUES” SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER, 2021:

“Autumnal Greetings” from the Artiques Group! We are happy to be back - to see one another again and to enjoy a bevy of continued excellent programs. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 21, when we will explore Edgerton. We plan to visit the restored home (handicapped accessible) of author, STERLING NORTH (1906-1974). North is the author of Rascal, A Memoir of a Better Era, an autobiographical story about raising his pet raccoon, Rascal, a book which sold more than 2.5 million copies and was translated into 18 languages. This charming book is one of approximately 30 books penned by Mr. North during his lifetime. North’s 1894 home, built by his grandfather, has been restored to a 1917 vintage appearance and also transformed into a museum. “Even if you have never heard of Sterling North, you’ll love visiting his home.” Please join us!

Artiques’ October 19 gathering will be an outing to the Abel Gallery (not handicapped accessible) in historic Stoughton. In addition to enjoying the variety of art works displayed, the owner will talk about the building and its role in the early local tobacco industry. The Mandt Lodge Sons of Norway will serve us a lunch, provided there are twenty of us. Bring a friend, a relative, a former /present colleague, maybe even someone who just has an interest in his/her Norwegian heritage!! The afternoon will be spent at The Livsreise Norwegian Heritage Center, a treat for all the senses no matter how many times visited. Both ART and ANTIQUES are prominent throughout the day.

November 16 the Artiques group will meet at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Madison. Greek immigrants first arrived in Wisconsin during the early part of the 20th century. In 1951 the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church was organized and housed in Grace Episcopal Church and later in the Bashford Methodist Church on north 7th and East Washington. David Giffey was the resident iconographer when renovation of the church began. His interest and love of Iconography led him to Greece to learn techniques involved in this holy artistic tradition. We are fortunate to have this experienced 80-year-old man as our tour guide! Join us for this treasured city gem!
The Artiques committee members, along with UL president, Joan Leffler, enjoyed an early June luncheon at this unique historic shop/restaurant in Attica, WI. Although, now closed, due to the owner’s retirement, it was interesting to learn that the building was a restored mid 1800’s blacksmith shop.

We felt fortunate to experience this lovely treasure that featured many special antiques and gifts, along with amazing cuisine made on-site. A specialty of theirs was a “High Tea”. This simple pleasure was a brief encounter, but a well-remembered one.

Artiques Committee Meeting June 2, at Franklin Grove etc., in Attica, WI.
Left to Right: Diane Smidt, Kathy Knox, Helen Read, Barbara Pillinger, Joan Leffler, Aleta Murray

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Reservations @ $20.00 each (includes continental breakfast and presentation): $ _________

Optional Donations:
- General Scholarship (IMO/IHO): _________
- Great Dane Readers (IMO/IHO): _________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ _________

(For donations “In Honor of” or “In Memory of”, please circle IMO or IHO and provide contact information.)

Dietary restrictions: _____________________________________________________________

Make checks payable to The University League Inc. Mail to: Betty Zeps, 1922 Adams St., Madison, WI 53711. We must have your check in hand by September 15 to guarantee your reservation.
Together at Last!

My, don’t these ladies look happy! They are members of the Long Range Planning and Policy (LRPP) Committee who just finished year 1 of overseeing the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and other policy initiatives. (The Strategic Plan is a set of guidelines for advancing our goals of student scholarships, service, educational programs, social activities, and promoting technology skills for members.)

The occasion was a celebration last April of the retirements of two LRPP veterans who have each served six years: Chair Mary Jo Willis, and Betty Zeps. You’ll note the champagne glasses.

There were toasts to Mary Jo and Betty, to being together for the first time in months, and a toast just because the occasion was so delightful. Cheers!

Pictured in the photo, left to right, are: Sandy Nuernberg, Betty Zeps, Mary Jo Willis, Joan Leffler, and Barbara Rogers.