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News From New England

On October 21st the Fall One Day and Annual Meeting was held in Lowell MA and was followed by lunch and tours at the American Textile History Museums. The reading was *Silas Marner* by George Eliot. As a result of the annual meeting the following council members are in office.

President—Richard Ffrench
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Council Member—Paula Williams

The council extends thanks to all who worked on the event and especially to Nancy Reifenstein who suggested this outing. If you have comments or suggestions, a list of contacts is given on the last page. We would also like to thank those of you who responded to our request for donations.

Philadelphia GB Theater Party

April 22, 2001 at 2PM. Lantern Theater, 923 Ludlow St., Philadelphia

King Lear

\$19 includes post-discussion and refreshments. Contact: Olga Wallace, 9504 Milnor St., Philadelphia., PA 19114 (215-637-3238)

Long Island Spring Institute—2001

Bailey Arboretum Locust Valley, New York Sunday, June 3rd

CUSTOM AND CULTURE

Readings: THE ANALECTS OF CONFUCIUS (selections) WAITING by Ha Jin (Nat. Book Award Novel 1999)

Fee: \$32 includes books
coffee at registration, lunch,
and farewell punch and cookies.
For additional information or flyer with
application form contact:
 June Ferrara,
14 Bay Second Street,
Islip, New York, 11751
631-581-5082

N.E. Spring Institute

At The Hyatt Regency Hotel, Newport, RI March 9-11,2001

TRUE BELIEVERS

Readings Include: The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver Gorgias, Plato Saint Joan, George Bernard Shaw

The Hyatt Regency Newport is on Goat Island; just a few minutes walk from historic downtown Newport. There's plenty to do in Newport: visit the city's famous summer mansions and the nation's oldest synagogue; walk the beaches; enjoy fun and fellowship with old friends and new, who savor the joy of reading and discussing great books and great ideas.

The cost of the weekend is \$269 per person double occupancy and \$349 per person single occupancy. Prices include books, discussions, two nights' lodging, five meals, gratuities, and all social activities. Spa and exercise equipment are available for a separate charge from the hotel.

Commuting is an option at \$95 per person, which covers books, discussions, all social activities, Friday night post-discussion dessert, and Saturday lunch. Commuters may also sign up for other meals; a price list and signup sheet will be sent with commuters' books.

A fund is available to pay part of the cost for those who would otherwise not be able to attend.

For information, write the Spring Institute Committee at the address below, or call Mac Snodgrass at 401-683-5260 or call Ellie Mamber at 617-527-3803.

The Spring Institute Committee P.O. Box 545 Harvard, MA 01451-0545

Don't delay, act now! Enrollment is limited to 153 participants and registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Deposits are refundable, less the cost of books and handling, if we are notified by February 20, 2000 of your request for cancellation.

Wachs Summer Institute

At Colby College Waterville, Maine August 5-11, 2001

~The Truth of Myth~

We will be reading:
Martin Buber Images of Good and Evil
Emerson Fate
Herman Melville Moby Dick
Baudelaire Flowers of Evil
(The Albatross, Man and the Sea,
The Voyage)
Shakespeare Coriolanus
Cicero Discussions at Tusculum

The registration fee of \$460 covers dormitory room (single or double), meals, discussions, and books (shipped well in advance), as well as swimming, tennis, a film, group social activities, the warm hospitality of the Colby staff, and a real Maine lobster bake. Boating, golf, music, and summer theater are nearby. The cost for commuters (people who participate in group activities but live off-campus) is \$165, including six lunches and the lobster bake. We can accommodate children between the ages of 4 and 15 at a reduced fee.

Additional information is available from: Colby Summer Institute

Riverhead, NY 11901-2585
or from Carol Beam (215) 836-1046
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www.dol.net/~greatbooks/colby.htm

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