September - October 2015

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Event headlines are linked to our website for more information and easy registration.

# HE Elena Poptodorova, Ambassador of Bulgaria, to address Harvard Club at the Embassy

HE Elena Poptodorova began her second stint as Bulgaria's Ambassador to the U.S in August of 2010. She also held this role from 2002 to 2008 when Bulgaria became a member of NATO and the EU.

Prior to her second appointment in DC, Ambassador Poptodorova was Director of the Security Policy Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has also served as served as Ambassador-at-Large for the Black Sea Region, Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director of the Human Rights and International Humanitarian Organizations Directorate.



\$45, members and guests (includes reception with authentic Bulgarian food)

When: Thursday, September 17th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria, 1621 22nd Street NW WDC 20008

## Dinner with Mark Plotkin of the Amazon Conservation Team

Mark Plotkin will speak about 'Searching for New Medicinal Plants while Saving the Last of Lost Tribes of the Amazon.'

Plotkin is an ethnobotanist and a plant explorer in the Neotropics, where he is an expert on rainforest ecosystems. Plotkin is an advocate for tropical rainforest conservation.

Members and their guests - \$40 Non-members - \$60

When: Tuesday, October 6th 6:30pm - 8:30pm Where: Hogan Lovells, 555 13th St. NW WDC 20004





Dear Harvard Club Members,

While summer gives way to autumn, some things abide: our Club will continue to host a variety of exciting activities for you and fellow alumni. Since 1883, the Harvard Club has offered unique and compelling opportunities for education and fellowship to members of our Harvard community here in Washington, DC. I hope you will avail yourself of events that include community service projects, embassy receptions, museum tours, career workshops, sports outings, and talks with luminaries from Cambridge, Washington, and the rest of the world.

In addition, I hope you will enjoy our opportunities for community service. Our Club is charged with supporting our Harvard and Washington, DC, communities in several, important ways. This fall and winter, 300 local alumni will interview over 1000 prospective members of the Harvard College Class of 2020. If you are a graduate of the College, please join us in serving as ambassadors for Harvard and assisting the admissions office. To learn how to become an interviewer, please see page 5.



This winter and next summer, our Club will again partner with Harvard's Center for Public Interest Careers (CPIC) to help Harvard undergraduates pursue internships and jobs in public service here in Washington, DC, during the winter and summer breaks. For more information on how you or your organization can help, please see the notice below.

All of these good works are made possible by your generosity as members. Our Club receives no funding from Harvard University and relies entirely on your membership dues and donations, which are fully tax-deductible and may be eligible for a matching contribution from your employer.

We very much appreciate your support.

Best wishes,

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President, Harvard Club of Washington, DC

### **Community Service Opportunities**

Winternship Program: Harvard's Center for Public Interest Careers (CPIC) works with DC-area nonprofit organizations to organize short-term unpaid internship experiences for Harvard students during winter recess. Winternships can range in length from one to four weeks and can be part or full-time. Examples of how interns can work for your organization include conducting research projects, designing websites, completing grant applications, working on social media projects, supporting direct service work, and job-shadowing. If your organization is looking for an intern to work for you between Dec. 22, '15 and Jan 25, '16, please contact Travis Lovett, Director of CPIC, at tlovett@fas.harvard.edu. Organizations generally post Winternship opportunities in October and November.

Community Service Events: The Community Service Committee is dedicated to serving the local DC community by expanding the involvement of the Club. The Committee plans regular volunteer events to engage with the local community. We welcome new participants and encourage you to come join us! To sign up for regular e-mail notices about events, go to <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/harvard-dc-community">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/harvard-dc-community</a> and click "Join this Group." For more information on community service events, please contact Myra M. Khan EdM '15 at <a href="mailto:community@harvard-dc.org">community@harvard-dc.org</a>.



## All Harvard Happy Hours at Paper Moon

Happy hour may be a state of mind, but it's also a great way to meet alums from all of Harvard's schools. All are welcome to attend. We ask that you purchase a drink at special happy-hour prices in consideration of Paper Moon's providing a free buffet of pasta and salad.

Where: Paper Moon, 1073 31st Street NW, Washington, DC 20007

#### September All Harvard Happy Hour

When: Tuesday, September 1 6:00pm - 8:00pm

#### October All Harvard Happy Hour

When: Monday, October 12 6:00pm - 8:00pm

# Tour of the Smithsonian Gardens with Horticulturist James Gagliardi

The tour will meet at the south tower of the Smithsonian Castle and take a quick stroll through the Enid A. Haupt Garden before continuing on to the Urban Bird Habitat and the Butterfly Garden at the National Museum of Natural History. James Gagliardi grew up gardening at his family's 1780's colonial home in Berlin, Connecticut. He studied horticulture at the University of Connecticut and went on to earn a master's degree from the Longwood Graduate Program in Public Horticulture at the University of Delaware.

Members and their guests-\$5.00 Non-members-\$10.00 (all net proceeds will be donated to the garden preservation fund.)

When: Monday, Sept 7 9:30am - 11:00am Where: Smithsonian Castle South Side





## Harvard Club Family Picnic in Rock Creek Park

Enjoy an end-of-summer picnic, meet other Harvard families and revel in the beauty of Rock Creek Park. This family event is limited to HCW members and their guests.

For additional information: please contact HCW Board member Jeff Tignor at jeffrey.tignor96@gmail.com

As the HCW is renting a specific spot for the picnic there is a charge for each family attending the event.

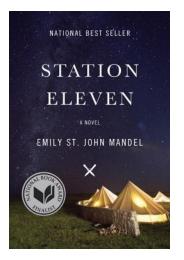
Members and their guests-\$5.00

When: Saturday, Sept 12 9:30am - 11:00am

Where: Site 13, Rock Creek Park Nature Center and Planetarium

5200 Glover Park NW, Washington DC 20015





# Book Club to Read and Discuss Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

National Book Award Finalist A PEN/Faulkner Award Finalist

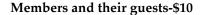
Kirsten Raymonde will never forget the night Arthur Leander, the famous Hollywood actor, had a heart attack on stage during a production of *King Lear*. That was the night when a devastating flu pandemic arrived in the city, and within weeks, civilization as we know it came to an end. Bring your own food and drink.

When: Wednesday, September 9 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Residence of a Reader, 1327-B 21st Street, NW Washington, DC

## Tour of the Gardens/Grounds at Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks was listed on the District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites in 1983, the National Register of Historic Places listings in western Washington, D.C. in 1986, and is a contributing property in the Cleveland Park Historic District. The estate was the residence of nine Republic of China ambassadors to the United States from 1937 until 1979, when the United States switched diplomatic recognition to the People's Republic of China.



When: Saturday, September 19, 10am to 11am

Where: 3225 Woodley Park Road NW, Washington. DC



## Circumnavigate the White House Tour w/Richard Hyde of Veritas Tours



Richard Allen Hyde's lectures and tours place monumental Washington in the context of American history and contemporary debates about personal freedom, national unity and the rule of law. He has given tours for the National Civic Art Society, the University of California Alumni Club, the board of directors of the Center for Public Justice and members of GraceDC Presbyterian Church.

The most important aspect of a walking tour is the total sensory world that opens when you step into the magnificent open space of the nation's capital.

#### \$10/Members and their guests

When: Saturday, September 26 9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Andrew Jackson Statue, Lafayette Square, Washington, DC



### Harvard Club of Washington, DC, Schools Committee



Join us for an exciting 2015-2016 season! The Schools Committee is the Club's largest volunteer committee. Each year, approximately 300 graduates of Harvard College interview candidates from the greater Washington area. The purpose of the Schools Committee is (1) to assist the Harvard College Admissions Office in its admissions decisions, and

(2) to be ambassadors for Harvard in the community. In addition to interviewing local candidates applying to Harvard, you can also get involved in outreach initiatives promoting college awareness.

We welcome new and returning Schools Committee volunteers to visit <a href="http://harvard.fmsinc.com/survey">http://harvard.fmsinc.com/survey</a> and register to interview for the upcoming 2015-2016 season. New interviewers are required to attend the 2015-2016 Harvard College interviewer orientation and training. We are happy that David L. Evans, Senior Admissions Officer from Harvard's Admissions Office, will be joining us.

When: Monday, September 21, 2015, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Covington & Burling, One CityCenter, 850 Tenth Street, NW Washington, DC 20001; Ruff Conference Room (use main entrance at One CityCenter Tower)

**RSVP** to Nadine Duplessy Kearns at nduplessy@post.harvard.edu or Jeff Tignor at jeffrey.tignor96@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Pizza and refreshments will be served!

## Tour of the American Collection at the NGA with Diane Arkin

Diane Arkin is a Lecturer and Manager of Adult Program Docents at National Gallery.

#### Members and their guests-Free

When: Saturday, September 19 10am to noon

Where: National Gallery of Art





## Tour of Silver on Silver: William Spratling, an American in Taxco

Adventurer, writer, collector, illustrator, architect, designer, entrepreneur and businessman are just a few words that have been used to describe William Spratling, a person who undoubtedly had much to do with Taxco's transformation from small town to center of design.

#### Members and their guests-Free

When: Thursday, September 17 10am to 12pm

Where: National Gallery of Art

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### **Brass Trio in Concert at Anderson House**

The program showcases the dazzling and singing sounds of brass and piano from around the world, including a dance from the Iberian peninsula, a Danish romance, and favorites from Porgy and Bess.

When: Saturday, September 5

## Ruth Rose, Piano and Jason Rylander, Tenor in Concert

Tenor Jason Rylander and pianist Ruth Rose will perform a recital that includes rarely-heard Haydn songs as well as English and American repertoire.

When: Saturday, October 17

Where: Anderson House, Society of the Cincinnati, 2118 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC

All concerts begin at 1:30 PM and last approximately an hour. A reception with punch and cookies as well as tours of the historic house museum are offered following each concert.

The doors open at 1:00 and seating is on a first come, first served basis.



# Curator led Tour of How the Civil War Changed Washington

This exhibition examines the social and spatial impact of the Civil War on Washington, DC and the resulting dramatic changes in social mores, and in the size and ethnic composition of the city's population. The exhibition contextualizes these and other changes while telling the fascinating stories of individuals who came to Washington during the Civil War and who contributed to its shaping.

#### Members and their guests-Free

When: Saturday, October 3 11am to 12pm

Where: Anacostia Community Museum, 1901 Fort Place, SE, Washington, DC 20020



# 16th Annual Ball's Bluff Battlefield Tour Celebrating the Harvard Regiment

Join us for our 16th annual tour of the Ball's Bluff Battlefield in Leesburg, Virginia and celebrate the 154th anniversary of the Battle. Our tour guide, Bill Wilkin is Chairman of the Loudoun County Heritage Commission and past president of the Loudoun County Civil War Roundtable. The Jackson House will be a new part of our tour this year. See where The Harvard Regiment—the 20th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry—fought its first battle of the Civil War.

#### Members and their guests-\$5 Non-members-\$15

When: Saturday, October 10 1pm to 4pm

Where: Ball's Bluff Battlefield, Ball's Bluff Road, Leesburg, VA

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#### **Event Response Form**

Register online with a credit card at http://www.harvard-dc.org or mail this form with a check payable to Harvard Club of Washington, DC, 3220 N St NW, #295, Washington, DC 20007. You can contact Caren Pauley, Executive Director, at caren@harvard-dc.org or 202-337-1300.

Date	Event	Price
Tuesday, September 1	Happy Hour at Paper Moon	FREE, no need to register
Saturday, September 5	Brass Trio in Concert at Anderson House	FREE, no need to register
Monday, September 7	Tour of Smithsonian Garden with Horticulturist	\$5/members; \$10/non-members
Wednesday, September 9	Book Club: Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel	FREE, but you must register
Saturday, September 12	Family Picnic at Rock Creek Park	\$5/per family
Saturday, September 19	Docent led Tour of American Collection at NGA	FREE, but you must register
Thursday, September 17	Reception with the Ambassador of Bulgaria	\$45/members; \$65/non-members
Saturday, September 19	Tour of the Gardens/Grounds of Twin Oaks	\$10/members
Friday, September 25	Tour of Silver Exhibit at Mexican Cultural Institute	FREE, but you must register
Saturday, September 26	Circumnavigate the White House Tour	\$10/members
Saturday, October 3	Tour of Civil War Exhibit at Anacostia Museum	FREE, but you must register
Tuesday, October 6	Dinner with Mark Plotkin of Amazon Conservation Team	\$40/members; \$60/non-members
Saturday, October 10	16th Annual Ball's Bluff Battlefield Tour	\$5/members; \$15/non-members
Monday, October 12	Happy Hour at Paper Moon	FREE, no need to register
Saturday, October 17	Recital with Tenor and Pianist at Anderson House	FREE, no need to register
		TOTAL \$

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Refunds of any kind are no longer possible. If you find that you cannot attend an event, please find a substitute or consider all fees paid as a charitable donation to the Harvard Club of Washington, DC. Your cooperation in this regard would be appreciated. The Harvard Club of Washington, DC, is a 501(c)(3) organization and does not receive financial support from the University. Funds raised from these events will support the Harvard Club in its charitable mission, including the sponsorship of summer stipends for college students to work at other DC-area nonprofits.