Important Information

BUS REQUIREMENT:
Please note that bus transportation does not allow for social distancing, and participants wear face mask at their own discretion while on the bus. Food and drink are prohibited on the bus. However, we recognize passengers with medical conditions may require a snack with water. Passengers will be permitted to have bottled water.

COST:
The price for each tour covers transportation, gratuities, admission fees, refreshments (where indicated), printing and mailing expenses.

RESERVATIONS:
All reservations must be made by mail and will be filled on a first come, first served bases. Please complete and return the reservation form, with a separate check and self-addressed, stamped envelope for each tour requested. Your check will be deposited by the museum after the selected Day Art Tour has occurred.

WAITING LIST:
If your chosen tour is full, you will be notified that you are on a waiting list. Your check(s) will be held until the tour date and then either returned or destroyed, according to your wishes.

CANCELLATIONS:
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LIABILITY:
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BUS DEPARTURE SCHEDULES:
All departure times are exact and noted in the tour descriptions. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to bus departure time.

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QUESTIONS:
For further information please contact: Mary King at (860)-649-5715; Kate Deasy at (860)-207-6238, kwd29@sonet.net

Due to traffic and unforeseeable events, the arrival time back to your departure point may be unpredictable. Please plan accordingly.

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Registration Form

NAME

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

TELEPHONE (home cell)

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SHARED BY ANYONE

I/We will board the Bus in: ☐ Manchester ☐ New Britain

Make check payable to: The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

Mail to: Mary King, 102 Adelaide Rd, Manchester, CT 06040

Indicate the tour(s) for which you are enclosing a reservation. Please send a separate check for each tour and identity the tour on each check’s memo line. A separate check and self-addressed, stamped envelope is required for each reservation. We will mail a confirmation card to you, and collect the card at the bus.

April 4, 2024 Metropolitan Museum of Art

RSVP: 3/26/24

May 21, 2024 Norman Rockwell Museum + Berkshire Botanical Garden

RSVP: 4/30/24

June 4, 2024 William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation + Lexington Square Café

RSVP: 5/14/24

June 21, 2024 Rough Point Museum + Newport Flower Show

RSVP: 5/31/24

Dietary Restrictions:

Boxed Lunch information to follow when menu is made available.

Rough Point & Newport Flower Show / June 21

Newport, RI / Rough Point & Newport Flower Show / June 21

Stockbridge, MA / Norman Rockwell Museum + Berkshire Botanical Garden / May 21

Mt. Kisco, NY / The William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation + Lexington Square Café / June 4

New York, NY / Metropolitan Museum of Art / April 4
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Metropolitan Museum of Art

Join us this spring as we visit the beautiful and inspiring attractions offered by The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

First, you will have the opportunity to see the highly anticipated exhibition The Harlem Renaissance and Transatlantic Modernism which will explore the ways in which Black artists depicted modern life in the new cities that took shape in Harlem and nationwide in the 1920s-40s. 160 works of painting, sculpture, photography and film will comprise this major survey dedicated to one of the most influential early 20th century artistic movements originating in the US and central to the development of transatlantic modern art. View works by William H. Johnson, James Van der Zee, Augusta Savage, Archibald J. Motley Jr., Samuel Joseph Brown Jr. and many others. Another wonderful experience is in store with the reinstallation of the Metropolitan’s core collection Look Again: European Painting 1300-1800 which has been called a “blockbuster” and a “triumph”. Over 700 works across 45 galleries, beautifully presented, dispense with the traditional presentation of artworks by school or nationality and instead present diverse (though still chronological) approaches to similar subjects emanating from artists in different countries. While reveling in creations by such favorites as Giotto, El Greco, Caravaggio, Velázquez, Rembrandt, Vermeer, van Ruysdael, Gainsborough, David, Vige Le Brun, and Goya (to name just a few), the viewer is also presented with occasional modern and contemporary works by artists such as Picasso, Cézanne, Soutine, and Bacon, illustrating fascinating lines of artistic influence.

One hour docent-led tours of the European Painting collection described above are in the process of being arranged. Lunch will be on your own at one of the four museum cafés.

$143; $133 members; includes transportation, admission, one docent-led tour, and gratuities.

BUS TIMES
7:15am Departs New Britain
7:45am Departs New Britain
3:45pm Departs New York

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024
STOCKBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Norman Rockwell Museum + Berkshire Botanical Garden

Springtime in the Berkshires will be a panorama of beautiful mountains and lush forests as we make our way to the Norman Rockwell Museum and Berkshire Botanical Garden.

Our first stop will be the Norman Rockwell Museum, known for American Illustration and the world’s largest and most significant collection of Rockwell’s work. Rockwell celebrated American life in our nation’s magazines, most notably The Saturday Evening Post. On view is the exhibition Mystery and Wonder: Highlights From The Illustration Collection, featuring highlights from Norman Rockwell’s Permanent Collection which now holds 25,000 illustrations by prominent artists. On display are reveals art for award-winning-winning novels and mysteries, children’s book illustrations inspired by classic tales, fantastical anthropomorphic drawings and editorial illustrations. We will step back in time for a guided tour of Rockwell’s Studio and anthropomorphic drawings and editorial illustrations.

Our second stop, Berkshire Botanical Garden, referred to as a “museum of living things,” is a showcase of horticulture and garden design. We will have a guided tour featuring May’s spring array of blooming perennials and assortment of annual plants. Established in 1934 as the “Berkshire Garden Center,” this is one of the oldest public display gardens in the Northeast. Berkshire Botanical Garden’s 24 acres features dozens of display areas that are both educational and ornamental, with plant collections emphasizing plants that are native to the Northeast. While we are visiting the Garden, the on-site Leonhardt Galleries will also be featuring our current environmental crises with New York based artist Ellen Driscoll’s exhibition Re-Rooted. Driscoll takes her inspiration from the quiet works plants do to survive, adapt and heal our planet. She seeks to inspire the viewer to reflect on the botanical alchemy that exists around us in the hope that we humans can also adapt and reroute the destructive environmental path we are on.

$146; $156 members; includes transportation, admission, guided tours, lunch, and gratuities.

BUS TIMES
7:00am Departs Newport, RI
7:30am Departs New Britain
8:00am Departs Manchester
4:00pm Departs Massachusetts

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
MT KISCO, NEW YORK

The William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation + Lexington Square Café

The William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation art collection is housed in a 16,000 sq. ft. museum-quality viewing and storage space showcasing over 3,000 works of art by more than 200 self-taught, contemporary and emerging artists. This is the collection of William Louis-Dreyfus, father of Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who famously played Elaine Benes on the hit series “Seinfeld” and was the star of HBO series, “Veep”, as the feisty Vice President, Selena Meyer. Julia’s father, William, a lawyer, art aficionado, published poet and philanthropist, believed in supporting artists such as James Castle, Red Grooms, Bill Traylor, Purvis Young, Claes Oldenburg, Stone Roberts, Raymond Mason, Judith Scott, John Newman and many others with an outward looking sensibility represented in works produced in the 20th and 21st centuries. His personal vision and eclectc aesthetic are witnessed in the style, variations and materials used by exhibiting artists. Our docent-led tour will cover a dozen galleries filled with art. Paintings and drawings hang in clusters on every wall. Sculptures are everywhere on pedestals, walls and floors, alongside bookcases, sliding panels and yes – the grounds and even the parking lot!

A fun day and an artistic treat will be followed by a delightful three course luncheon at the Lexington Square Café in the village of Mt. Kisco the heart of clusters in every wall. Our lunch will be at the iconic Chinese Tea House, located at beautiful Rosecliff Mansion. The theme of this year’s flower show will be “At Home” but further details were not available at the time of writing. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy judged horticultural specimens and floral designs, special garden exhibitions, free lectures and demonstrations, and wonderful shopping experiences at the Oceanside Boutiques and Gardeners’ Marketplace where fine vendors will offer a wide array of garden accessories, clothing, jewelry, gifts and decorative items for your home. $187; $177 members; includes transportation, admission, lunch, and gratuities.

BUS TIMES
7:15am Departs Manchester
7:45am Departs New Britain
3:30pm Departs Mt Kisco, NY

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Rough Point + Newport Flower Show

What better way to start your summer than to spend the 8th Annual Solstice in Newport, Rhode Island! Our first stop will be Rough Point, the Newport home of heiress, collector and philanthropist, Doris Duke. The original house was completed in 1892 for Frederick William Vanderbilt with the original gardens designed by Frederick Law Olmstead’s firm. In 1922, James Buchanan Duke, the benefactor of Duke University, purchased the house and added two new wings. Upon Mr. Duke’s death in 1925 the house was turned over to 12-year-old Doris Duke, who for American Illustration and the world’s largest and most significant collection of Rockwell’s work. Rockwell celebrated American life in our nation’s magazines, most notably The Saturday Evening Post. On view is the exhibition Mystery and Wonder: Highlights From The Illustration Collection, featuring highlights from Norman Rockwell’s Permanent Collection which now holds 25,000 illustrations by prominent artists. On display are reveals art for award-winning-winning novels and mysteries, children’s book illustrations inspired by classic tales, fantastical anthropomorphic drawings and editorial illustrations. We will step back in time for a guided tour of Rockwell’s Studio and anthropomorphic drawings and editorial illustrations. Our second stop, Berkshire Botanical Garden, referred to as a “museum of living things,” is a showcase of horticulture and garden design. We will have a guided tour featuring May’s spring array of blooming perennials and assortment of annual plants. Established in 1934 as the “Berkshire Garden Center,” this is one of the oldest public display gardens in the Northeast. Berkshire Botanical Garden’s 24 acres features dozens of display areas that are both educational and ornamental, with plant collections emphasizing plants that are native to the Northeast. While we are visiting the Garden, the on-site Leonhardt Galleries will also be featuring our current environmental crises with New York based artist Ellen Driscoll’s exhibition Re-Rooted. Driscoll takes her inspiration from the quiet works plants do to survive, adapt and heal our planet. She seeks to inspire the viewer to reflect on the botanical alchemy that exists around us in the hope that we humans can also adapt and reroute the destructive environmental path we are on.

Our lunch will be at the iconic Chinese Tea House, located on the grounds of Marble House above the historic Cliff Walk overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Your lunch choices will include a Kale Caesar with grilled chicken, Seasonal Vegetable Quiche with market greens, a Stoneacre BLT or a Croque Monsieur with Ham, Gruyere and Parmesan. The sandwiches are served with a small green salad and all lunch choices will include a non-alcoholic beverage and a small dessert. You can make your lunch choice upon arrival but please notify us in advance of any dietary restrictions.

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