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Dear %%FIRST_NAME%% %%LAST_NAME%%,

Although the heat of summer is fading away, activities at the Smithsonian and on the National Mall are just heating up! Back for its second year on the National Mall on Saturday, September 6, the Smithsonian Young Benefactors Cup promises to be even better than before with professional polo players, an open bar, gourmet catering, and of course plenty of horses. If you have not purchased your tickets yet, this week is your last chance! Go to www.YoungBenefactors.org or call 202-633-3030 to buy yours today.



On September 27th, the highly-anticipated Sant Ocean Hall opens to the public at the National Museum of Natural History. And, less than two months later, the newly renovated National Museum of American History will open its doors to eager Washingtonians and the nation on November 21. With all of these grand openings, the Smithsonian is truly the place to be this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharine Reishman".

Katharine Reishman

Encourage your friends to join! Please forward this newsletter and bring a friend to our monthly Happy Hour events. For membership or event information, go to www.YoungBenefactors.org or email yb@si.edu.

Voices to Access Volunteer Project

Saturday, September 27, 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: [National Museum of American History](#)

14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
Metro: Federal Triangle or Smithsonian Metro (Blue and Orange lines)

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The Voices to Access Project provides cassette recordings of the *Smithsonian* magazine and other printed materials to more than 800 people monthly who are visually impaired. YB members volunteer in the packaging and mailing process, allowing the Smithsonian to offer the recordings free to those who need it. It is a wonderful way to give back to the Smithsonian while meeting other YB members in a small group setting. The group may go to lunch afterwards.

Since the museum is now closed for renovation until fall 2008, you will receive instructions on how to enter the museum upon signing up. The Voices to Access Project takes place in the Accessibility Office (Room 2100A) on the second floor. The office is situated near the end of the *Communities in a Changing Nation* exhibition.

For information or to sign up, e-mail voicestoaccess@yahoo.com.

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YB Second Saturday Tour

Saturday, September 13, 12 noon

Location: [United States Botanic Garden](#)

100 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC

Metro: Federal Center (Blue and Orange lines)

FREE for Members Only

“Botanic Garden Highlight Tour”

The United States Botanic Garden traces its beginning to 1816, when the constitution of the Columbian Institute for the Promotion of Arts and Sciences in Washington, DC proposed the creation of a botanic garden to collect, grow, and distribute plants of this and other countries that might contribute to the welfare of the American people.

During a special tour, the Young Benefactors will view the highlights of this living plant museum, including the newly renovated Conservatory, which features a wide variety of living exhibitions. Today, it holds approximately 4,000 plants on display. Members will also visit the National Garden and Bartholdi Park.

In the National Garden, YBs will view plants native to the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as a Butterfly Garden, Rose Garden, and First Ladies Water Garden. The building is surrounded by Bartholdi Park, an outdoor garden demonstration landscape which includes the historic Bartholdi Foundation. Bartholdi is the sculptor who designed the Statue of Liberty and created this revolutionary foundation representing light and water by fusing

modern gas-lighting and cast-iron technologies.

Space is limited! Email ybsecsat@yahoo.com by **September 9th** to reserve your space. **Reservations will be taken by email at this address only and are required to attend.** The Smithsonian Young Benefactors are planning to go to lunch following the event. Attendees will be responsible for their own lunch and any applicable gratuities. All are invited to attend.

Please provide the following information in your email:

- "September Tour Reservation Request" in the subject line
- Your name and your YB Member ID

YB New Member Dinners

Monday, September 8, 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

NEW Location: [The Melting Pot](#)

1220 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)



Calling All New Members!

The Young Benefactors Leadership Committee invites you to attend our New Member Dinners now at The Melting Pot. These dinners provide a perfect opportunity to meet other new Young Benefactors as well as current members and chairs of our committees. There is no charge to attend the dinner; however, attendees are responsible for their food and drink costs along with any applicable gratuities.

At The Melting Pot, the YBs will enjoy a prix fixe menu of a salad and two fondue courses for \$20 (plus tax and gratuity), wine specials, and use of a private room.

Reservation Policy: New Member dinners are designed to provide new members with an opportunity to meet each other and learn about the organization in a small group setting (15 to 30 people per dinner). Therefore, we require that all interested attendees RSVP. Seats for each dinner will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If the available seats have been filled for the dinner you request, your name will be placed on a waitlist, and you will be confirmed for a seat at a future dinner.

To RSVP: Send an email to ybnewmembers@yahoo.com with the following information: "New Member Dinner" (Subject Line), your name, email, phone, date of dinner you would like to attend, month/year you joined, and your YB member ID.

Happy Hour – Panache

Wednesday, September 17, 6 to 9 p.m.

Location: Panache

1725 DeSales Street, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Farragut North (Red line)



Nonmembers Welcome! \$5 Suggested Donation for the YB Culture4Kids Fund

This month, Panache – dubbed by the *Washington Post* as "...hands down the best Tapas restaurant in the

metropolitan area" – opens its doors to the Young Benefactors. Join your fellow members in an upscale atmosphere for small plates and specials on house wine, draft and bottled beer, and specialty martinis.

Be sure to bring your friends as our monthly happy hours provide nonmembers with a great venue for learning about our organization. And, as your mixing and mingling, don't forget to make a donation to the YB Culture4Kids Fund (suggested amount \$5), which provides local youth with access to the diverse, educational experiences offered by Smithsonian Summer Camp and Discovery Theater.

For more information, please contact yb@si.edu.



2nd Annual Smithsonian Young Benefactors Cup

Saturday, September 6, 12 to 6 p.m.

Location: West Potomac Park Polo Field

Ohio Drive at 23rd Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC

Metro: Smithsonian Metro (Blue and Orange lines)

This is your last chance to purchase tickets for the 2nd Annual Smithsonian Young Benefactors Cup! Come watch celebrity host John Walsh and Argentinean professional polo player Nacho Figueras play with other local and national amateur and professional players in an afternoon of competitive polo on the National Mall.

All attendees will enjoy two exhibition matches and the Smithsonian Cup match, a catered buffet, and an open bar featuring wine, beer, and champagne. VIP ticket holders will also receive access to the VIP tent and admission to the VIP

After-Party at the Mandarin Oriental. General Admission and VIP tickets can be purchased online at www.YoungBenefactors.org or by calling 202-633-3030.

Public parking will be available in West Potomac Park lots A, B, and C, and a complimentary shuttle to and from the Smithsonian Ripley Center will run from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. with service to the Mandarin Oriental starting at 5:30 p.m. for the After-Party.

Proceeds from the event will benefit The Smithsonian Associates – the cultural and educational programming unit of the Smithsonian Institution – and the YB Culture4Kids Fund, which provides support for DC area schoolchildren to attend Smithsonian Summer Camp and Discovery Theater performances.

We are delighted to have the Embassy of Argentina as Honorary Patron, and greatly appreciate the support of our 2008 sponsors.

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YB Spotlight

Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest

[Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams: Natural Affinities](#)

Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams: Natural Affinities, which opens on September 26, celebrates the deep commitment to the American landscape by these two iconic artists. The exhibition explores how both artists intensely focused their attention on beauty in nature and transformed these elements with color and tone. Attendees will be able to view forty-three paintings from public and private collections and fifty-four photographs borrowed primarily from the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson, Arizona, which holds the largest single collection of Adams' work. [Click here](#) for additional information.

[The Sant Ocean Hall](#)

After much anticipation, the National Museum of Natural History will open *The Sant Ocean Hall* to the public on September 27. This one-of-a-kind interpretive exhibit, extraordinary in scale, will present the global ocean from a cross-disciplinary perspective, highlighting the biological, geological, and anthropological expertise and unparalleled scientific collections of the Museum, as well as ongoing research in marine science. The exhibit will demonstrate how the ocean is intrinsically connected to other global systems and to our daily lives. [Click here](#) for additional information.

[Flamenco Festivites in the Kogod Courtyard](#)

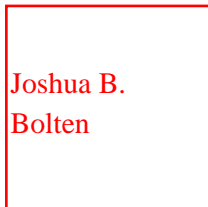
On Thursday, September 4 the Smithsonian American Art Museum sizzles into the night with flamenco dancing! Join Grabieliismo Productions for a dancing demonstration and dance lessons. Then practice your new moves to the flamenco and rumba beats of Ramin Rad and Jose Oretea. [Click here](#) for more information.

Recommended Resident Associate Events

As a Young Benefactors Member, you receive member discounts to the nearly 1,200 Resident Associate programs offered each year. Visit ResidentAssociates.org or grab a copy of the monthly *Smithsonian Associate* catalog for a complete program listing and ticket information.

[An Evening with Presidential Chiefs of Staff](#)

Monday, September 15, 7 p.m.



The White House chief of staff is one of the most powerful people in government. The "chief" not only controls access to the president but is also a senior adviser and confidant, one of the few individuals who witness and shape American history at the highest level.

Joshua B. Bolten (current chief of staff for President George W. Bush), Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty and Lean E. Panetta (President Bill Clinton), and Kenneth M. Duberstein (President Ronald Reagan) describe episodes from their careers in the White House and reveal how the real West Wing operates. Bolten also offers his perspective about his appointment in the current White House.

Moderator Kenneth T. Walsh is chief White House correspondent for U.S. News & World Report.

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[Introduction to Wood Carving for Frames](#)

Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, 10 a.m.



This two-day workshop introduces students to basic carving skills for use in frame-making and gilding. The workshop begins with a discussion of the safe handling and care of carving tools and a demonstration of sharpening. After an instructor demonstration, students work hands-on to learn how to carve beads and a continuous repetitive leaf pattern on a ½-inch round-shaped molding as well as two panel patterns, using incised carving techniques. Students then carve either beads or another repetitive pattern around a small, unfinished frame. The frame may be used in the Water Gilding or Toning workshops.

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[The Second City: Pratfall of Civilization](#)

Friday, September 26, 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Second City

Featuring some of the best sketches, songs, and improvisations from The Second City's 45-plus-year history, *Pratfall of Civilization* delivers arguably the best live sketch comedy and cutting-edge improvisation in the country. No topic or subject matter is off limits, and the possibilities are endless in an election year.

Sure to guide us through every political scandal, cultural milestone, and public disgrace, this musical and comedic adventure is a rip-roaring, up-to-the-minute satire.

Founded in Chicago in 1959, The Second City has become the premier training ground for the comedy world's best and brightest. Their alumni list includes: John and Jim Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Martin Short, Mike Myers, Tina Fey, Steve Carell, and Stephen Colbert.

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[Writing Feature Articles: From Concept to Completion](#)

Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Delve into the basics of writing feature stories for magazines and other publications with former *Washington Post* Style writer Peter Carlson and former *Washington Post Magazine* senior editor Bill O'Brian, who together have more than sixty years of journalistic experience. The day will be separated into specific lessons entitled: "The Writer Has His Say," "Now, A Few Words from the Editor," "The Writer and Editor Collaborate," and "Stories that Worked and Why."

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Please share your thoughts and/or questions. The YB Committees value your input and welcome all volunteers. Contact information and Committee descriptions are available at www.youngbenefactors.org/contact.shtm.

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