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Dear %%FIRST\_NAME%% %%LAST\_NAME%%,

As the 2009 year comes to a close, The Smithsonian Associates (TSA) and the Young Benefactors Leadership Committee would like to thank you for your support this past year.

Kick off the holiday season with the Young Benefactors at the 20th Annual Jolly Holiday party on Friday, December 4 in the Smithsonian Castle! Enjoy an open bar with specialty cocktails, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts, music and dancing! Don't miss this year's [Jolly Holiday mystery box fundraiser](#) with lots of fantastic items, such as two coach airline tickets from AirTran Airways, an in-store wine tasting for twenty people at Best Cellars, two lower level Washington Wizard tickets, and much more!

Not sure what to give for the holidays? Consider giving a YB or RAP membership. It's the best kind of gift! Gift memberships may be purchased by calling 202-633-3030.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

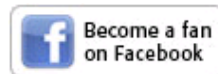
Sincerely,



Katherine G. Stilwill

The Young Benefactors are always seeking volunteers, if you would like to receive volunteer notices via email, please send us an email at [yb@si.edu](mailto:yb@si.edu) and include "Seeking Volunteer Opportunities" in the subject line. You may also find volunteer opportunities listed on the "Get Involved" page of the YB Website.

Be sure to become a fan of the Smithsonian Young Benefactors Facebook page! We will be posting events and updates to this page throughout the year.



## ***Voices to Access Volunteer Project***

**Saturday, December 19, 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)

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



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the packaging and mailing process, allowing the Smithsonian to offer the recordings free to those who need it. This 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 American History Museum has now re-opened, you many now enter the museum through the main Entrance. If you arrive before the Museum opens, please check in through the Staff Entrance in the parking tunnel. The new location is by the gift shop on the first floor, which is straight back from the Constitution Avenue entrance of the American History Museum. (Please note that there are two gift shops and we meet at the largest one on the first floor.)

For information or to sign up, e-mail [voicestoaccess@yahoo.com](mailto:voicestoaccess@yahoo.com).

***New Member Dinner***

**Monday, December 7, 6:45 to 9 p.m.**

**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](mailto: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.

***YB Second Saturday Tour***

**Saturday, December 12, 2009, 12:00 p.m.**

**Location:** [National Museum of the American Indian \(NMAI\)](#)  
The National Museum of the American Indian is located at: 4th St. at Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC.

**Metro:** The closest Metro station is L'Enfant Plaza Station (Use Maryland Ave./Smithsonian museums exit) (Blue, Green, Orange and Yellow lines).

**Members Only! FREE!**

### "Brian Jungen: Strange Comfort"

The National Museum of the American Indian is dedicated to showcasing the tribes and communities of Native American culture and art. It stands as one of the largest and most diverse collections in the world.

This December come out of the cold and into the museum to explore the iconic work of Brian Jungen. Known as the foremost Native artist of his generation, he combines familiar and commonplace items into unique works of art that mention cultural themes of globalization, pop culture, museums and the marketing of Indian images. First coming into prominence with Prototypes for New Understandings (1998-2005), which fashioned Nike footwear into masks that suggested Northwest Coast iconography; Jungen continues to take the ordinary and turn it into imaginary art.



Space is limited! Email [ybsecsat@yahoo.com](mailto:ybsecsat@yahoo.com) by December 9th to reserve your space. **Reservations will be taken by email at this address only and are required to attend.**

Please provide the following information in your email:

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

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## **YB Spotlight – Jolly Holiday Mystery Box Fundraiser**

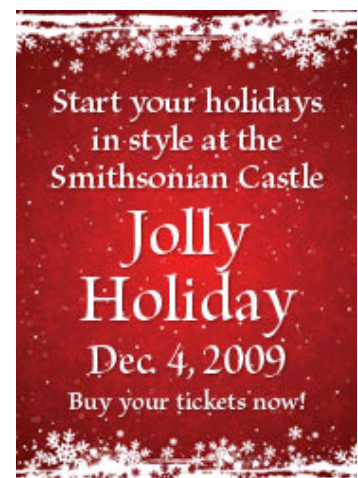
**Friday, December 4, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.**

**Location:** Smithsonian Castle  
1000 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC

**Metro:** Smithsonian Metro (Mall Exit, Blue and Orange lines)

Jolly Holiday is just around the corner, and this year's event provides members with an exciting way to raise money for The Smithsonian Associates and the YB Culture4Kids Fund. A limited number of mystery boxes will be available for sale for \$20 a piece as guests check in to the event. These mystery boxes will contain items and gift certificates with a minimum value of \$20. However, some boxes will be worth much more, such as two coach AirTran Airways tickets for travel in the continental US, two lower level Washington Wizards tickets, and a three month health membership at the Sports Club/LA, Washington, DC (please check the YB website for updates on mystery box donors)! So, buy your ticket to YB Jolly Holiday, take a chance on a mystery box, and help the Young Benefactors raise funds for the Smithsonian and local DC school children!

The evening's activities include: an open bar sponsored in part by Cirrus Vodka, Domaine de Canton (French Ginger Liqueur), Heineken, and Ravenswood Winery, Shiseido sponsored lipstick touch-up and grooming stations and gift bags for all attendees, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts, music and dancing, and a visit from Santa Claus. Tickets are \$60 for members and \$85 for non-members.



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## Save the Date

### YB Happy Hour at Co Co. Sala and Washington Wizards game

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Join the YBs for a fun evening of libation and entertainment in Penn Quarter. Starting at 5:30pm, Co Co. Sala, DC's premier chocolate lounge and boutique, will host the YBs for a happy hour. After you have enjoyed a few cocktails at Co Co. Sala, join fellow YBs and friends and watch the Washington Wizards play the Dallas Mavericks. Tickets to the Wizards game are only \$20!

To purchase tickets to the Wizards game visit the link below. At check out, be sure to enter "Smithsonian" as the special offer code: <http://www.verizoncenter.com/wiz/smithsonian/>



**Co Co. Sala Happy Hour**—5:30pm-9pm

<http://www.cocosala.com/>

929 F St NW

Washington, DC 20004-1405

(202) 347-4265



**Washington Wizards vs. Dallas Mavericks**—7pm Verizon Center

<http://www.verizoncenter.com/>

601 F St NW

Washington, DC 20004

(202) 661-5000

## Smithsonian Spotlight

### Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest

#### [ZooLights at the National Zoo](#)

**Location:** Smithsonian National Zoological Park  
3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

**Metro:** Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan Metro or Cleveland Park Metro Station (Red line)



Don't miss the National Zoo's annual winter celebration. Come to the Smithsonian's National Zoo for the biggest and brightest event ever—ZooLights! Larger-than-life light displays will feature many of the Zoo's most popular animals. It's your chance to meander through the Zoo when it is covered with thousands of sparkling lights, attend special keeper talks, and enjoy live entertainment.

Every evening, representatives from Pepco will educate visitors about simple practices they can adopt in their households to save energy. Visitors will have the

chance to see lots of animals as The Small Mammal House, Great Ape House, Reptile Discovery Center, Think Tank, and Kids' Farm will be open every night.

For more information visit: <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ActivitiesAndEvents/Celebrations/ZooLights/default.cfm>

### [Holidays on Display](#) National Museum of American History

Remember when you went "downtown" to shop and see which department store created the most lavish display for the holidays? Holidays on Display examines the art, industry, and history of holiday display across the United States. Focusing on parading culture and department store retail display, primarily between the 1920s and 1960s, when holiday displays were considered commercial endeavors equally rewarding for the American public, the exhibition showcases numerous photographs, postcards and rendering illustration of parade floats and window displays—including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and Marshall Field & Company Christmas windows—as well as objects relating to the early creation of these displays.



For more information visit: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/exhibition.cfm?key=38&exkey=1404>

## 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](http://ResidentAssociates.org) or grab a copy of the monthly *Smithsonian Associate* catalog for a complete program listing and ticket information.



### **SAVE THE DATE** [Tracy Chevalier: Crafting Time and Place](#) Thurs., Jan. 14, 6:45 p.m.

Fossil hunting for ichthyosaurs on the Jurassic Coast of England? Weaving ornate tapestries as they would have in Medieval Brussels? Grinding paints as Vermeer would expect? It's all in a day's work for Tracy Chevalier.

One of the most successful and widely read historical fiction writers today, Chevalier stitches together exquisite stories from historical threads. In bringing history to life, Chevalier creates captivating characters and atmospheres, seamlessly combining actual figures and events with imagined details. We are transported to places in the past: Delft of the Baroque period, Brussels in the Middle Ages, and most recently, the beaches and cliffs of Lyme Regis in 19th-century England.

In a lively interview, Chevalier talks about her inspirations, methods, and insights. Her new book, *Remarkable Creatures* (Dutton), is available for signing after the program.

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### [Adams Morgan Restaurants](#) Sat., Jan. 16, 2 p.m., also available on [Sat., Jan. 23, 2 p.m.](#) and [Sat., Jan. 30, 2 p.m.](#)

Specially prepared samples and appetizing anecdotes highlight the menu for these tasty tours of four Adams Morgan restaurants. Owners or chefs play host each time, with restaurants varying. Anthony Pitch, author and publisher of Washington guidebooks, maps, and history books, leads the tours.

Come hungry—food samples are generous. Beverages are available for purchase during each tour.

Restaurants are subject to change.

Restaurants are North Sea (Chinese), Sawah Diner (Mediterranean), Bardia's New Orleans Cafe (Cajun), and Las Canteras (Peruvian).

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### [The Hows and Wheys of Pairing Wine and Cheese](#)

**Tues., Jan. 26, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.**

The pairing of wine with cheese goes back to ancient Greece. Homer wrote about this delectable combination, which probably relied on regional pairings. However, there are many other ways to pair these delicacies and tonight wine educator and writer Kelly Magyarics shares some of her favorites. Learn about salty and sweet pairings, combinations based on acidity of wine and cheese, and pairings based on cheese rind, texture, and potency. Learn what goes well with tannic wines, sweet wines, and fruity or dry whites, or even a glass of the bubbly. Throughout the evening, enjoy a tasting of some delightful pairings to heighten your palate.

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### [The Art of Fragrance](#)

**Friday, February 5, 2010 at 6:45 p.m.**

Despite the millions of marketing dollars poured in, the beauty of a fragrance can't be predicted by cost, degree of nudity in ads, or appeal to nostalgia: It all still relies upon the perfumer's difficult art. The lecture, scented throughout with examples, delves into the enjoyment of fragrance, the chemical discoveries that made modern perfumery possible, and the enduring mystery of how our noses figure it all out.

**Luca Turin** is a biophysicist at MIT, author of *The Secret of Scent*, and chief technology officer for a fragrance molecule design company. Co-author **Tania Sanchez** is widely published on the topic of perfumes. Their book, *Perfumes: The Guide* (Penguin), will be available for signing.

Fragrance representatives from Bloomingdale's share perfume samples from the book and provide each participant with a special gift.

Enjoy a glass of bubbly following the program.

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### [Perfumes: An Exquisite Exploration](#)

**Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 10 a.m.**

This cultural and practical primer on fragrance allows participants to smell masterworks of the art of perfumery that have been unavailable for decades, as well as new scents. The rare collection comes from Versailles' Osmotheque, the International Conservatory of Perfumes, just for this event. It includes the great progenitors of today's scents, ranging from the *fougere* to oriental to floral to the chypres.

We follow a scent-infused history of perfume, accompanied by a sampling of natural and synthetic raw materials, to understand the intertwined stories of fragrance artistry and fragrance chemistry. We explore how perfumes evolve from top note to drydown after being applied, discuss the ways to judge a fragrance, and argue about how much skin chemistry matters.

**Patricia de Nicolaï** is the director of the Osmotheque, the International Conservatory of Perfumes, and founder of Parfums de Nicolai. **Tania Sanchez** is the author of articles on perfume published in *Allure*, *Fashion*, and the *Sunday Times Style* (UK). **Luca Turin**, a biophysicist at MIT and chief technology officer of Flexitral, writes about scent and science; his theory on how the sense of smell works was the subject of an award-winning BBC documentary.

Turin and Sanchez's book, *Perfumes: The Guide* (Penguin), is included with the purchase of a ticket to this event. It's a morning filled with French flavors and fragrances.

Each participant receives a special gift from Bloomingdale's.

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In order to purchase tickets online, you will need to login to our website. Only current Young Benefactors members are able to purchase tickets at the member rate for both Young Benefactors and Resident Associate programs/events.

**If you have not yet used your Temporary Login, which is linked to your Smithsonian account, please use the information that appears below:**

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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 <http://youngbenefactors.org/ticketing/contact.aspx>.

For more information on the Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian Institution, visit [www.YoungBenefactors.org](http://www.YoungBenefactors.org).

For more information on the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, visit [www.ResidentAssociates.org](http://www.ResidentAssociates.org).

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