The Arabian Nights

Merv White-Spunner, chairperson of this year’s annual dinner, is arranging a spectacular evening that will dazzle the imagination. Following an hour of a silent auction of rare and collectible books and an evening-long open bar, there will be a fabulous plated dinner and the live entertainment. Come be a part of this night to fondly remember. Tickets are fifty dollars per person.

AGATHA CHRISTIE “DECODED”

On Wednesday, April 21st, Carron Fillingim, Community Relations Manager for Barnes and Noble (Springdale Mall), will present a topic that has fascinated her for a number of years, the importance of class and assumptions based on this in the writings of England’s much-loved novelist, Agatha Christie. No, this will not be a revisionist analysis of this author’s work, but will be an examination of England in the 1920s through the 1930s, an era of optimism at the end of what would be later recognized as the sunset of England’s Empire. The demise of Victorian and Edwardian culture and thinking at the end of the First World War forced the embracing of new perspectives and definitions. Amazingly, this was also a period that anticipated the vibrant culture and economy Great Britain of today. A selection of titles by Agatha Christie will be available for purchase before the presentation and later during the reception. A donation of five dollars is requested.

THE ETHICAL AUDIENCE:
Seven Unwritten Commandments of American Cinema

Tom Lakeman, Distinguished Writer in Residence at The University of the South (in Sewanee, Tennessee) will be the speaker at our second event. Movie viewers in this country unconsciously expect certain things in the theme or narrative of cinematic productions—like a happy ending, the guy gets the girl, good triumphs over evil, etc. Noting the adherence to the seven unwritten commandments says much about how we view ourselves and how we present ourselves to the world. Mr. Lakeman in his usual funny but profound manner will explore these near-articles of faith in the American cinema. His presentation will be on Monday, March 1st, 7:00 p.m., in the Gautrelet Room at the east end of the Administration Building. Copies of his most recent book, Broken Wing, will be available for sale and autographing during the reception that will follow the lecture. A donation of five dollars is requested.

ARTBRUTED REVISITED

Last November the friends sponsored the play-reading of selections of Artbruted, a comedy by Mobile’s Danielle Juzan about the vagaries of the art market and the supposed factors that determine “value.” We are pleased to announce the premiere of Artbruted, sponsored by the Centre for the Living Arts and performed in its Space 301 Alabama Power Foundation Auditorium, on May 7th and 8th, at 8:00 p.m., and May 9th at 200 p.m. Everyone enjoyed the reading of selections from this play and will surely be even more pleased by the production of it in its entirety. Call Cindy Phillips (208-5677) at CLA for information.

The Electronic Newsletter

In the last issue of Bookends we requested that as many members as possible send us their e-mail address to receive our newsletter. As of last May not only did postage rates go up, but more importantly, the complexity and expense of fulfilling Postal Service regulations for rates other than first class has exploded! Our goal is to help the College Library and to encourage literacy in the neighboring community, not to spend hard-earned monies on postage. Let us send you an electronic copy that you can print and read at your leisure. We will also be sending out electronic reminders of events. Should you not have computer capability or e-mail, we will photocopy the newsletter and mail the copies, but you will not receive any mailed reminders. Please contact Julie Kraft at jkraft@shc.edu to have your name and e-mail address added to our records.

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On the Move -with the Book Nook

Yes, it is happening again! The Friends’ retail outlet for slightly used books, The Book Nook, is temporarily closed and will be relocating from the back of Toolen Hall to the ground floor of Burke Memorial Library, adjacent to the Friends office. The project of moving this many books and getting them back in order is daunting and will take many hours of effort from the volunteers. It is anticipated that it will resume operation sometime in late February or early March. So, please call the main desk of the Library (380-3870) to find out when The Book Nook will reopen. We will do our best to get the word out to the media regarding this.

LIKE TREES WALKING

The first event of this season will be a presentation by Ravi Howard of his powerful debut novel, Like Trees Walking, on Thursday, February 25th, 7:00 p.m., at Stewartfield. This fictional narrative fleshes out a true event that haunts both Mobile and all of the South – the lynching of Michael Donald in 1981. Told from the point of view of two brothers who were friends of the dead man, the novel traces the lives of these three as well as others, black and white, who struggled with the aftermath of the crime. One reviewer has this to say about the book: “Like Trees Walking is a deeply humane, pitch-perfect story that exemplifies what fiction does best; it makes us care about one of the too easily abstracted tragedies of our culture.” Howard is a native of Alabama and presently lives and writes in Mobile and will be introduced by Dr. Margaret Davis of the English Department. His book will be available for purchase and autographing before his presentation and afterward during the reception. A donation of five dollars is requested.