

Bits & Pieces

Institute Merchandise Sale

Friday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Harry's Bar, Dining Hall.

Institute travel mugs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, vests and polo shirts for sale. Cash and checks accepted.

Artist-in-Residence Program

Friday, December 2, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., West Building Lecture Hall, *Recent Pasts 20/21 Conversation: Past, Present and Future*, with John Corigliano, composer, Michael Boriskin and Jon Magnussen.

Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, 8:00 p.m., Wolfensohn Hall. *Music Series Concert: Music from Copland House*. Music of John Corigliano, Aaron Copland and Igor Stravinsky. Tickets are free but reservations are required. Contact Margaret Sullivan, 609-951-4406 or msulliv@ias.edu.

Institute Holiday Activities

On **December 4, 13, 15 and 16**: See article on page 1.

Films

Film Series: Chi-hwa-seon (Painted Fire) (South Korea; Im Kwon Taek; 2002), **Friday, December 9, 8:00 p.m.**, Wolfensohn Hall.

AMIAS Movie Mondays: ET, Monday, December 12, 7:00 p.m., Activities Center.



From left: Linda Geraci, Brig Gebert, Kamala Brush, Pamela Hughes, Helen Goddard, and photographer Allison Bridge (not pictured) - Your Tat! team.

Children's Tree Decorating

Tuesday, December 13, 10 a.m., Children from Crossroads Nursery School will decorate a tree in Fuld Hall Common Room with ornaments they have made.

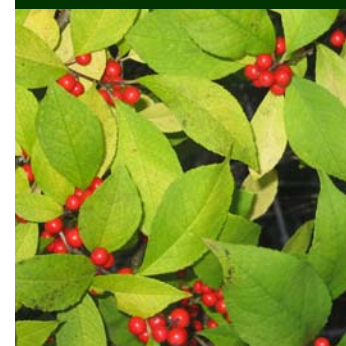
Upcoming in January

Institute Welcome Reception for Members, Visitors and their Spouses/Partners January 5, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Dining Hall, hosted by Helen and Peter Goddard. Look for your invitation early that week.

Also in January will be AMIAS Movie Mondays, Ballroom Dancing, the Institute Film Series, Playreading and more.

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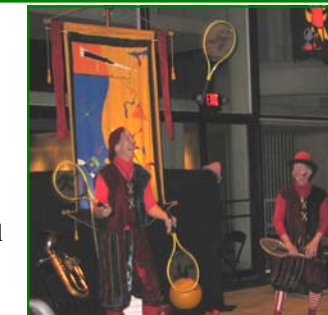


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Holiday Activities at the IAS

The Crossroads Nursery School and Infant Center,

located on the Institute campus at 225 Olden Lane, will hold a Craft Fair on **Sunday, December 4, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The goal is to raise funds for the scholarship program and all members of the Institute community are invited to attend. Many hand-made items will be for sale, including scarves, children's clothing, note cards and baked goods. A twin size quilt, Big and Little, designed and sewn by parents and staff, will be raffled at \$20 per ticket. There will be a silent auction with both items and services donated by local Princeton merchants. A tea room for adults and a children's activity room are planned.



The Institute's Children's Holiday Party is always a favorite with both children and adults. The Give and Take Jugglers entertain with an act that includes juggling, jokes and interactive play with the audience, after which children are encouraged to try juggling on their own. Each child receives a take-home bag of treats. The party, which takes place in the Dining Hall, will begin with snacks at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13**. All are encouraged to attend; no reservations are required.



Helen and Peter Goddard invite Members and their spouse or partner to join them on **Thursday, December 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for *Mulled Wine and Mince Pies* in the Fuld Hall Common Room. Helen describes the English tradition of mince pies below, and, as she reports, since today's version of mincemeat does not include meat, all can enjoy these tasty treats!

The *Institute's Holiday Buffet* will take place on **Friday, December 16**, with the bar opening at **6:30 p.m.** and the buffet beginning at **7:00 p.m.** There will be a variety of entrées, salads, side dishes and desserts. There will be music (piano and violin) as well. The Member price is \$39.00 per person. You are asked to make your required reservations early, since this event is very popular. Reservations may be made by calling 609-734-8168, or by speaking with a Dining Hall cashier. The Dining Hall website also allows for online reservations www.admin.ias.edu/dh/ias/buffet.

English mince pies

It's traditional in Britain to make and eat mince pies at Christmas time. They are small in size, about 2" in diameter, made of pastry and filled with mincemeat. But don't be fooled by the word mincemeat. These days this does not contain any meat, just raisins, apple and spices. Jars of English mincemeat can be bought in Bon Appetit at the Princeton Shopping Center. American mincemeat, which has a different texture and taste, can be found in any supermarket.



The pies are usually eaten slightly warm with brandy butter on top (this is optional) and often served with mulled wine. Delicious!

Mince pies date back to the Middle Ages when they contained all manner of ingredients: rabbit, ox tongue, eggs and mushrooms as well as the dried fruit, sugar and spices. They were condemned for a time in the 17th century as an "indulgence" by the English Puritans. Not to worry, they were back in favor in Victorian England but reduced in size and without the meat and mushrooms. Charles Dickens refers to them with much relish in his A Christmas Carol. It is considered lucky by some to eat 12 different pies in 12 different houses during the 12 days following Christmas.

All the family would join in making the mincemeat and the traditional Christmas pudding, stirring the mixture with a wooden spoon and taking care to go in a clockwise direction.

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Founded in 1974, the Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Study (AMIAS) is the organization of scholars and researchers who are current or former Members of or Visitors to the Institute. Its central purpose is to support the mission of the Institute and to continue for future generations the opportunities for independent, undistracted scholarship which AMIAS members themselves have experienced.

English Conversation Group

Helen Goddard writes:

What exactly is the difference between hallucination and illusion?

How do you make, and eat, silver dollar pancakes?

Can one get to the canal by crossing over the swing bridge in the Institute woods?

We're going to Market Fair this afternoon. Does anyone want to come?

Why is Custard the Dragon in Ogden Nash's poem called Custard?

How can you solve an English cryptic crossword clue?

Have you seen this article in *The New York Times* this morning?

Where can I buy cotton thread to sew on a button?



At a recent gathering of the English conversation group.

Now here are just three answers:

- something to do with yellow.
- ask Dottie.
- yes please.

Which questions are they related to?

Our aim in this conversation group is to get everyone talking, and listening! But it is also to introduce people to others and to share ideas and interesting things to do. Anyone is welcome to come along, **10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Mondays** at Olden Farm, 97 Olden Lane. (Please check the calendar for any changes in the schedule.)

Holidays in the Princeton Area

The Arts Council of Princeton will present the Singers Forum Youth in a holiday recital on **December 10, at 4:00 p.m.** A reception follows this free program at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center, at the Princeton Shopping Center. Bring a lantern or flashlight and gather on the Green at Palmer Square for the Council's annual Christmas Eve Caroling on **December 24**, beginning at **5:15 p.m.** On **December 28, 3:00 p.m.**, at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center, the Council will show short 16 mm films on a big screen. Film historian and archivist Bruce Lawton will introduce and project the films and answer questions following this program for all ages. Admission, \$6.00; children under 5 free (popcorn included). For more information, call 609-924-8777 or email info@artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Drumthwacket is the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey. Located just a short distance from the Institute campus, the mansion is a nationally recognized house museum listed on the National Register of Historic Places. New Jersey garden clubs decorate the rooms for the popular December public open house days, which are scheduled this year on **December 7, 11 and 14**. Reservations are required. Call 609-683-0591; see www.drumthwacket.org for more information.

McCarter Theatre offers a number of opportunities to see *A Christmas Carol* in December. Call the box office at 609-258-2787 or see www.mccarter.org for performance schedule and information about this and other events.

There will be *Menorah Lighting* on **December 27, 5:00 p.m.** in Palmer Square. See www.palmersquare.com for details.

The Princeton Country Dancers hold regular Wednesday night dances (traditional dances of the U.S. and England) and occasional Saturday dances. Special December

dances are scheduled on **December 11** (a Winter Cotillion) and on **December 31** (a New Year's Eve English Country Dance). For more information, see their entry under Community at www.princetonol.com.

The Westminster Choir College of Rider University is a residential college of music in Princeton. There is an extensive program of December performances including: Cool Yule Jazz; Kindle the Tapers: A Concert for Chanukah; and Handbell Holiday Concert. For more information go to www.rider.edu or call 609-921-2663.



Drumthwacket, seen here in the fall, is decorated for the holidays by New Jersey garden clubs.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>AC: Activities Center; BH: Bloomberg Hall; CR: Common Room; DH: Dining Hall; DR: Dilworth Room; HB: Harry's Bar; HC: Housing Complex; MH: Marquand House; OL: 97 Olden Lane; TC: Tennis Courts; WH: Wolfensohn Hall; WLH: West Building Lecture Hall.</p>			Reservations are required for dinners, concerts and trips. Thank you!	1	2 IAS merchandise sale, 10 a.m., HB Yoga, 12 p.m., DR	3 Music series concert, 8 p.m., WH
4	5 English conversation, 10 a.m., OL	6	7 Buffet dinner, DH	8	9 Yoga, 12 p.m., DR Dinner, DH Film series, 8 p.m., WH	10 AMIAS Member trip
11	12 English conversation, 10 a.m., OL Movie Mondays, 7 p.m., DR	13 Children's tree decorating, 10 a.m., CR Children's Holiday Party, 5 p.m., DH	14 Dinner, DH	15 Mulled wine and mince pies, 5:30 p.m., CR	16 Yoga, 12 p.m., DR Holiday buffet dinner, DH (Last dinner of term)	17
18	19	20	21 Last lunch of term	22	23 Institute Offices and Dining Hall closed December 23 - January 1	24
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