Holiday Shopping and Events at the Penn Museum

December 1-4 the Penn Museum offers international celebration, music, shopping and family fun to bring everyone, of every culture, into the spirit of the holidays.

Thursday, December 1, 5-6 p.m. (Holiday Shopping) and 6 p.m. (Program)

Holiday Eveniing Program: Magnificent Objects

Since its founding in 1887, Penn Museum has explored sites the world over, assembling collections of objects that provide telling clues about past and present human cultures. Penn Museum curators and staff present their favorite objects, some of which have never been on display, from the Museum’s rich and varied collection. $10 non-members; $5 members; free for members at the Expedition Circle level and above. (Note: The Main Shop and Pyramid Shop are open from 5 to 6 p.m., with a 20% discount for Museum members and a 10% discount for the public.) This event will take place in the Lower Egypt Gallery. For registration and more information: (215) 898-4890.

Thursday through Sunday, December 1-4

Holiday Shopping Days: Express Yourself!

Penn Museum’s three shops—the Museum Shop, the Second Site shop and the Pyramid Shop for children—stocked for the holidays with a wide assortment of gift possibilities from around the world—offer four days of special discounts and special activities, with a focus on self-expression and body adornment. Each day, the shops host special artists, offering opportunities to experience mehndi (the art of body painting with henna) and learn about tattooing, watch a bead-making artist at work, and meet with jewelry vendors participating in a “trunk show” of their art. Distinctive face-painting is available for kids and the young-at-heart in the Pyramid Shop. A complete schedule of the special artists and activities is available online: www.museum.upenn.edu.

In addition to the extra fun, the shops offer a 10% holiday discount, December 1-4. Penn Museum members receive a 20% discount, and shop staff can sign up new members right at the register! A 15% discount will be offered to those with a PennCard, HUP or CHOP ID. For more information on Holiday Shopping Days, call the Museum Shop at (215) 898-4040, or the Pyramid Shop at (215) 898-2626.

Sunday, December 4, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

World Culture Family Afternoon: 10th Annual Peace Around the World

“Gratitude and Giving” is the theme of this year’s free annual holiday family celebration featuring international entertainment with a special focus on children at home and around the world. In many cultures, winter holidays usher in a time for gratitude and for generosity—and a time to remember those less fortunate. Craft workshops, storytelling, dancing and children’s choral music ring in the season. The Museum Shop and Pyramid Shop for children offer holiday discount specials.

Information: (215) 898-4890.

Penn Group’s CDs

Some of Penn’s performing arts groups have new CDs out this year, including Counterparts, Penny Loafers, and Full Measure, available online. The Penn Bookstore also carries CDs by the Glee Club and the Penn Band.

Penny Loafers, a coed a cappella group that focuses on current pop and rock music has released their latest studio recording, Side A for $12; To order e-mail slynn@sas.upenn.edu. See http://dolphins.upenn.edu/~loafers/ for more details about the item.

Available December 2 is Takeoff by Counterparts, the jazz and pop award-winning a cappella group. The price is $15 plus shipping and handling. To order see www.upenncounterparts.com.

One Way, by the Christian a cappella group Full Measure, features songs performed between 2002-04. It’s available for $12. Get a $2 discount off their other albums No Stopping Anytime or Testify when purchasing their new album.

WOCAP Arts & Crafts Fair

Women of Color At Penn is sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Fair on Friday, December 2, in Houston Hall’s Bodek Lounge from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors will be selling holiday gifts for family, friends, and others.

There will also be a Silent Auction in Houston Hall’s Reading Room. Merchandise will be on view from 11 a.m. to noon, with bidding from noon to 2 p.m. For more information contact Pat Briscoe, (215) 898-0809, or Lanese Rogers, (215) 898-3028, or Lanese Rogers, (215) 898-3028, 494-5930.


Enjoy a series of events December 12 through December 16 in University Square to celebrate the holiday season. Some of the events include: Monday and Tuesday—watch the transformation of the annual Ice Sculpture, created by Fearless Ice; Wednesday—Listen to the sounds of the Penn Jazz Band, inside the Penn Bookstore, 5-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday—Sale-a-bration at the Penn Bookstore—20% off all holiday merchandise, trade books, and Penn branded merchandise.

Holiday Events @ Penn

Holiday Dinner at the University Club

Enjoy the annual holiday dinner at the University Club at Penn on December 7 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For reservations call (215) 898-4618.

Performances at Penn Presents

Cherish the Ladies Celtic Christmas–One of the premiere Celtic Music Troupes in the world returns, in a holiday-themed show guaranteed to lift the spirits and set the tone for the holidays! The concert will take place on Friday, December 16 at 8 p.m. in the Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center. Tickets: $49, $45, $39 and $28.

Dianne Reeves Holiday Concert–This amazing chanteuse will perform holiday standards from her smash release Christmas Time Is Here, entertaining the audience with her amazing take on Christmas classics! The multi-day award winner comes back to the Annenberg Center as part of the Penn Presents 2005-06 Jazz Series, performing in a very special holiday concert on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. in the Zellerbach Theatre. Tickets: $47, $42, $35 and $22.

There are discounts for seniors, students, groups and Penn alumni, as well as the university faculty/staff discount. For tickets or more information, call (215) 898-3900, or visit online at www.pennpresents.org.

New Year’s Eve at World Cafe Live

Peanut Butter & Jams with Iwo of a Kind–Saturday, December 31; A special New Year’s Eve Day Peanut Butter and Jams. Parents and kids are encouraged to dress up for what is bound to be the most happening daytime New Year’s Eve party for the K-5 crowd. This award-winning, nationally touring, husband-wife duo specializes in interactive musical programs for children and eclectic folk/acoustic/singer-songwriter material for adults. Tickets: $10; Showtime: 11:30 a.m.

Jonatha Brooke and Testify! – New Year’s Eve Celebration–Saturday, December 31; Singer/songwriter/guitarist Jonatha Brooke merges folk and pop. She is known for her intimate songs and energetic performances; 1st show: doors open 6 p.m., show 7:30 p.m.; $60; second show: doors open 10 p.m., show 10:30 p.m. Tickets $58, $56, $39.

Morris Arboretum Holiday Courses

Register at www.morrisarboretum.org

Holiday Workshop Wednesday–December 7; Add a personal touch to your front door this holiday season with a wreath that you make with a variety of fresh green supplied by the Arboretum. All materials are included; please bring your own clippers. The event is $75 and $60 for members and $40 and $37/members.

Holiday Tabletop Tree with Lights–Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m.–noon; Design your own tree from long lasting greens, choose your colors for bows and glass balls with fresh flowers to decorate this spectacular holiday centerpiece. $25–$24” tall Lights with Lights–$24 in the show as the tree really festive! $45, $42/members.

Holiday Wreath-Ring Centerpiece–Tuesday, December 13, 6:45–8:45 p.m.; Using an assortment of seasonal greens, berries, pine cones and accessories along with a reusable vine wreath ring, you’ll create a beautiful arrangement for your holiday table. Learn some tricks working with seasonal greens and how to make them last; $53, $48/members.

Kids Holiday Sleight Arrangement–Sunday, December 18, 1–3 p.m.; Load up a wicker and wrought iron sleigh with a wonderful assortment of fragrant greens, fruits and ribbon to create the accessories to fly straight to your or grandma’s holiday table. This workshop is especially designed for kids 5-12 years old; $31, $28/members.

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Winners Never Cheat: Everyday Values We Learned as Children (But May Have Forgotten); Trustee Jon M. Huntsman, W ’59. Self-made billionaire, presents the lessons of a lifetime: a passionate, inspiration-al manifesto for returning to the days when your word was your bond, a handshake was sacred, and swarms of lawyers weren’t needed to back it up. Wharton School Publishing. Cloth $19.95.

Top of the Class: How Asian Parents Raise High Achievers—And How You Can Too; Soo Kim Abboud, clinical assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology, and Jane Kim, CHOP. Two sisters—a doctor and a lawyer with South Korean parents, examine what Asian parents do to start their children on the road to academic excellence. They discuss what all parents can do to help their children ace tests and strive for high educational goals. Paper $13.

Exile and Return—Predicaments of Palestinians and Jews; Jan S. Lustick, Bess W. Heyman Professor of Political Science; Ann M. Lesch, American University in Cairo. A bold attempt to understand constructively and build upon the irony of two peoples, each with a searing memory of displacement and exile, struggling for a return to a land each remembers, each claims, and from which each has sought to exclude the other. Penn Press. Cloth $45.

Is Bill Cosby Right? Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?; Michael Eric Dyson, Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities. Michael Eric Dyson uses the Cosby brouhaha as a window on a growing cultural divide within the African-American community. Dr. Dyson challenges us all black and white—to confront the social problems that the civil rights movement failed to solve. Cloth $23.

Provider of Last Resort: The Story of the Closure of the Philadelphia General Hospital; Donna Gentile O’Donnell, Ph.D. ’04. Philadelphia General Hospital, once known as “a small city unto itself” provided treatment to untold numbers of needy patients with nowhere else to go. In this book, Dr. O’Donnell dissects the forces that finally brought this venerable institution down. Cloth $25.

Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania; poetry by Penn faculty and alumni whose work draws imaginatively on the state’s history and culture. Common Wealth sings the essence of Pennsylvania through contemporary poetry. Paper $24.95.

Peasant Scenes and Landscapes—The Rise of Pictorial Genres in the Antwerp Art Market; Larry Silver, the Farquhar Professor of History of Art. Examines the emergence of pictorial kinds—scenes of taverns and markets, landscapes and peasants—and charts their evolution as genres from initial hybrids to more conventionalized artistic formulas. Penn Press. Cloth $59.95.

Everyday Life—A Poetics of Vernacular Practice; Roger D. Abrahams, Hum Rosen Professor of Humanities emeritus. The book explores the entire range of social gatherings, from chance encounters and casual conversations to well-rehearsed performances in theaters and stadiums. Cloth $47.50.

Want a special gift for the book-lovers on your gift list? Well, there are numerous books hot-off-the-press this year.

The Penn Bookstore has many to choose from—factual and fictional, personal and pictorial, historical and innovative. These are some of the many new books by Penn authors, alumni, faculty and staff. Not only are there books from the Penn Press, but there are also options from the Penn Museum, and the Wharton School Publishing.

For shoppers who want to preview the selection online, visit www.museum.upenn.edu for the Museum’s collection, www.upenn.edu/pennpress for the Penn Press possibilities, and www.whartonsp.com for Wharton School Publishing.
Nutrition for Life: The No-fad, No-nonsense Approach to Eating well and Reaching your Healthy Weight; Lisa Hark, Director of Nutrition Education and Prevention Program in the School of Medicine. Written and designed in a user-friendly split-page format where theory and practical application appear together. Explaining how to achieve a balanced diet, with recipes and sample menus throughout, this new home reference contains essential food facts, and focuses on good nutrition as a way of life. Cloth $30.

In the Shadow of the Law; Kermit Roosevelt, Penn Law Professor. In this complex first novel, Professor Roosevelt illustrates the subtle and stark effects of the law on the lives not only of a group of lawyers, but also on communities and private citizens. In the Shadow of the Law is a meditation about the life of the law, the organism that is a law firm, and its impact on those who come within its orbit. Cloth $24.

The Essence of Style: How the French Invented High Fashion, Fine Food, Chic Cafes, Style, Sophistication, and Glamour; Joan DeJean, Trustee Professor of French. One of the foremost authorities on 17th French culture, explains how, in one moment in history, the French—under Louis XIV—set the standards of sophistication, style, and glamour that still rule our lives today. Cloth $25.

Penn 101; Required reading for every future Quaker! From the legacy of College Hall to the amusements of Spring Fling, you’ll share all the memories and traditions with the next generation! Board book $11.95.
Gifts of Involvement

These are appropriate for ardent aficionados and advocates of anthropology/archaeology, art, arboreta, and academe.

... Stage Spectacular: Penn Presents will stage numerous shows including classical, gospel and jazz music; ballet, modern dance; and world discovery performances now through May. To subscribe, or for information: (215) 898-3900 or www.pennpresents.org.

... Sweet Sounds: WXPN 88.5 FM, Penn’s member-supported radio station offers several membership choices for those who enjoy discovering emerging artists and re-discovering some old favorites. For $60, the music-lover gets a XPN New Music Sampler Fall 2005. For $75, the recipient gets a choice of Live at the World Cafe CD, Volume 20, World Cafe Book or 2006 XPN Calendar. Information: www.wxpn.org.

World Cafe Live provides a year-round musical venue of live performances as well as a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. For information see www.worldcafelive.com.

... Literary Lovers: Friends of the Kelly Writers House help sustain seminars, readings and webcasts. Friends will be acknowledged in the Annual Report which is available on their website and in print. Membership fees: $40, $100, $250, $500, and William Carlos Williams Circle $1,000 or more. Information: (215) 573-WRTF, ask for Jennifer Sneed, director, or www.english.upenn.edu/~wh/support/becom.html.

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... What a Wonderful World: Interna-tional House members receive $2 off all film screenings at I-House, additional discounts off programs and events, and e-mail announcements for advance screenings of major motion pictures, program guide and Mosaic by mail. Internationalist Individual $40, Household $70; Adventurer Individual $100, Household $175; Emissary Member Individual $250, Household $400; Ambassador Member $500, Household $750; Global Leader Member $1,000. Call (215) 895-6553.

... Marvelous Museum: Those who treasure the past will be delighted with a full-year’s membership to the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. They will enjoy free admission, Museum Shop discounts, invitations to openings and other members-only events, and Expedition Magazine; and they will be kept up-to-date about the latest discoveries from the Museum’s worldwide fieldwork and research. The gift membership will be mailed. Student membership $35, Dual Student memberships $50, Associate membership $45, Individual membership $50, dual membership $60, household $75, sustaining $125, patron $250, and fellows $500. Information: (215) 898-5093 or www.museum.upenn.edu/new/members/membership/membership.shtml.

... Alluring Art: Members of the Institute of Contemporary Art receive free admission to the exhibitions, lectures and programs, invitations to preview opening receptions and the annual benefit, a calendar listing lectures, programs, tours, and special events, 10% discounts on ICA catalogues, use of the ICA library, discounts on selected Penn Presents programs, and special discounts at area businesses. Individuals $40; family $100; contributor $250, participating $500; benefactor $1,000; with additional membership bonuses for each. Information: (215) 573-0217 or www.ICAphila.org/support.

Arthur Ross offers those who contribute $50 or more, invitations to preview opening receptions and special events and the schedule of upcoming exhibitions, in addition to the free admission to exhibitions, lectures, and programs. New members who mention this Almanac listing can select a free catalogue from the already discounted publications on sale in the Gallery. For more information: (215) 898-3617.

Generations of Tradition, a lithograph of the University campus by Jane Wooster Scott, is available at four different prices depending on the edition: $150, $200, $400, $1,000. Profits benefit the Shoemaker Fund for Women’s Athletics. Information: (215) 898-4717.

The Bridge: Cinema de Luxe, a 1,150-seat theatre, shows both major studio and high profile independent films. Gift Certificates are accepted toward all purchases, including 12 Lounge. Gift Certificates are available in single denominations in books of $25. Gift Certificates can be purchased online at www.thebridgecinema.com or at the Elite Services desk in the lobby.

... Botanical Beauty: Members of the Morris Arboretum, Pennsylvania’s official arboretum, receive free admission, free bonus plant, orientation tour and reception, 10% course discounts, the quarterly newsletter, plant sale benefits, access to the Research Program, gift shop discounts, and invitations to events and lectures. Membership fees are: Individual $50, Household $65, Beech $90, Chestnut $150, Holly $250, Oak $500, and Laurel $1,000. Membership form is online at www.business-services.upenn.edu/arboretum/member2.html. For your favorite gardener, the Arboretum Gift Shop has a full line of garden-inspired home items, toys and the latest horticulture publications for the professional and amateur. Call the Morris Arboretum Gift Shop: (215) 247-5777.

... Delectable Delights: Houston Market and Tony Luke’s gift certificates in the amount of $10 are available for purchase.

A gift of a University Club at Penn membership is something unique and useful, continuing to give all year. A gift certificate for annual membership is just $50! Also available are gift certificates for the Harrison Room buffet lunch, only $9.50 each. Or, for a stocking stuffer, consider a Club Shop gift certificate for $7.50. Information: (215) 898-4618 or e-mail universityclub@pobox.upenn.edu.

... Feeling Fit: The Class of 1923 Ice Rink offers a discount book of 10 admission passes to any public skating session for $40 with a PennCard or $50 for the public. Why not stuff a stocking with skating lessons? Six weeks of group lessons, beginning week of January 9, are available for ages 6 through adult in a variety of skill levels. The registration deadline is January 2. Cost $100. Information: (215) 898-1923.

Levy Tennis Pavilion memberships are $15 students and spouses, $35 faculty, staff and spouses, $55 alumni, $75 public, $40 senior citizens, $6 guest fee; valid through August 2006. Information: (215) 898-4741.

The Department of Recreation offers gift certificates for the Penn Ranier Store, and The Energy Zone. Information: (215) 898-6100 or visit www.upenn.edu/recreation.

The Men’s Basketball Club offers various gift levels from $25 to $1,500+ with benefits that increase with the level. Benefits include invitation to Club receptions, Hoopenings, media guide, and preferred seating. Information: (215) 898-4717.