Holiday Shopping and Events at the Penn Museum

The Penn Museum offers international celebration, music, shopping and family fun to bring everyone, of every culture, into the spirit of the season Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3.

Holiday Shopping Days: Year of Egypt
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 three days of special discounts and special activities with 15% discount for PennCard holders (Penn faculty, staff and students), HUPcard holders, and CHOP card holders. As always, shoppers will find a wealth of gift possibilities from around the world. The focus this year, in keeping with Penn Museum’s “Year of Egypt,” are items reflecting Egypt, new and old, including reproductions of artifacts from the collection and the new exhibition Amarna, Ancient Egypt’s Place in the Sun. A selection of new shop items can be viewed online at www.museum.upenn.edu/new/shop/yeye.shtml.

Sunday, December 3, 1:43 p.m.
11th Annual Peace Around the World

This is Penn Museum’s annual free holiday event, a family afternoon of fun featuring multicultural entertainment with a focus on children around the world. Visitors can enjoy choral music in the galleries, plus games, face-painting, holiday craft workshops, food for all ages, and international music. The Museum Shops will offer a 10% discount on all purchases over $5. (20% for Museum members)—just in time for the holiday shopping season! The Museum Shop and Pyramid Shop for children offer holiday discount specials. For more information—(215) 898-4890.

While at the Penn Museum, take advantage of their many exhibits including Trouble in Paradise: The Art of Polynesian Warfare, now through December 31 and Under European Eyes: Conquistadors and Artists of the New World, now through February 26, 2007. Also enjoy the Penn Museum’s diverse collection of permanent exhibits. For more information see www.museum.upenn.edu.

Holiday Dinner at the University Club

Enjoy the annual holiday dinner at the University Club at Penn on December 13 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For reservations call (215) 898-4618 or universityclub@pobox.upenn.edu.

Holiday Party at International House

Participate in a holiday party with international flair on December 15 at 6 p.m. Enjoy seasonal music from the Curtis Institute of Music’s Brass Trio and share traditions from around the world. There will be holiday treats, music, and maybe a special surprise or two! Tickets: $5 members, students and seniors; $7 general admission. See www.iousephilly.org.

Holiday Performances at Penn

As part of its 2006-07 Irish Culture Series, Penn Presents welcomes fiddler Eileen Ivers to the Annenberg Center in a special holiday performance, An Nollaig–An Irish Christmas, with her band Immigrant Soul. She will perform such favorites as “Do You Hear What I Hear” and Irish classics like “Miss Fogarty’s Christmas Cake.” The concert will take place on Sunday, December 3, in the Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center. Tickets: $46, $40, $36 and $22. Discounts are available 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. Also performing that same night is the Philadelphia Boys Choir in their holiday concert, ’Tis The Season. The Choir performs a diverse repertoire emphasizing the preservation and promotion of American music. The concert will take place on December 16 at 8 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium. Tickets: $25-40.

WOCAP Arts & Crafts Fair Women of Color at Penn is sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Fair on Friday, December 1, in Houston Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will be selling holiday gifts for family, friends, and others. For more information contact Valerie Dorsey Allen, (215) 898-0104.

WXPN Holiday Show Coming to World Cafe Live is the Tom Rush Holiday Show. Tom Rush merges 60’s folk-blues music with modern folk music. The show will take place December 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $30.

New Year’s Eve at World Cafe Live School of Rock All-Stars—December 31: The Paul Green School of Rock Music premier performance-based rock music program. Tickets: $18; Showtime: 1 p.m.

James Hunter New Year’s Eve Celebration—December 31: Singer/songwriter/guitarist James Hunter merges 60’s R&B and today’s R&B. He is known for his infectious vocal and guitar performances. Special guest is Melody Gardot, known for her soft vocals and insightful songs; doors open 7:30 p.m., show begins 9 p.m. Tickets: $150, $115, $85.

Slo-Mo New Year’s Eve Party—December 31: Mike Brenner’s Slo-Mo draws inspiration from hip hop, R&B, pop, techno and the steel guitar. Opening performance by Sue and Step from Stargazer Lily. Tickets: $15; Showtime: 10:30 p.m.

Morris Arboretum Holiday Classes

Register at www.morrisarboretum.org.

Kids’ Holiday Centerpiece—December 9; 10-11:30 a.m.; learn basic arranging as you design a centerpiece using evergreens, candles, pine cones, ribbons and flowers. For ages 5-12; $31, $28/members.

Festive Fragrant Holiday Wreath—add a personal touch to your front door. Choose your bow and accessories to customize a pre-made fresh evergreen wreath. Section A: December 2, 2-4 p.m. (off-campus); Section B: December 7, noon-2 p.m.; Section C: December 7, 6:45-8:45 p.m.; $45, $40/members.

Holiday Wreath Making—December 9; 12:30-3:30 p.m.; make a wreath from fresh loose boughs of greens and work with a wire ring and spool wire to construct it. A selection of ribbons and decorations will be provided. Bring a pair of garden gloves and pruners; $45, $40/members.

Tabletop Holiday Tree with Lights—design a tree from long-lasting greens, choose your colors for bows and glass balls with fresh flowers and add lights for a festive tree. Section A: December 12, 6:45-8:45 p.m.; Section B: December 17, 1-3 p.m.; $48, $43/members.

Holiday Table Centerpiece—December 19; learn professional tricks of the trade to create a beautiful display of seasonal flowers. There will be an assortment of candles, flowers, fruit and accessories for you to customize your centerpiece. Bring clippers and a box to take your centerpiece home. All other materials will be provided. Section A: 10 a.m.—noon; Section B: 6:45–8:45 p.m.; $45, $42/members.

Pen Groups’ CDs

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

Dischord, the co-ed community service group, also has a new release, Loving Every Minute; available for $12 plus $5 shipping and handling; receive an older Dischord CD for free with the purchase, while supplies last. The order form is available online at http://naib.dnsalias.org:8000/~dischord.

Kenophobia, 16th studio album released by the co-ed, modern rock a cappella group Off the Beat, features songs by System of a Down, Coldplay, Yelowcard, the Killers, Kelly Clarkson, and many more. The album can be downloaded using PayPal for $15 or an order form can be printed from the group’s website, www.offthebeat.net.

In their 20th year, Penny Loafers, a coed a cappella group that focuses on current pop and rock music has released their latest studio recording, Quicksand. It’s available for $15 plus shipping and handling; To order see http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~loafers/ordercds.html or e-mail Diana He at theloafers@gmail.com.
Fabulous Finds for Those Fond of Facts or Fiction

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—faculty, staff and alumni. Not only are there also books from Penn Press, but there are options from Penn Museum and 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.
The Heart of Haiti: Photographs by Andrea Baldeck; Portraits capture the hope, resignation, forbearance, pride, strength, and love of the inhabitants in the Artibonite Valley, who survive on subsistence farms and live with dignity in the face of deprivation and find solace in a spiritual synthesis of voudoun and Christianity. Penn Museum. Hardcover $49.95.

Marketing Metrics: 50+ Metrics Every Executive Should Master; David J. Reibstein, William Stewart Woodard Professor and Professor of Marketing at Wharton; with Paul W. Farris, University of Virginia; Neil T. Bendle, University of Minnesota; Phillip E. Pfeifer, University of Virginia. Wharton School Publishing. Hardcover $39.99.


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More Philadelphia Murals and the Stories They Tell; Jane Golden, adjunct professor in Penn Design; Robin Rice; with Natalie Pompilio; David Graham; and Jack Ramsdale. Celebrates the work of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program and its executive director, Jane Golden. This book chronicles her work with an inspirational new program. Hardcover $35.

London is the Best City in America: Laura Dave, C ’09. Author maps the struggles of two siblings over one wedding weekend as they try to come to terms with doubts about commitment, contemporary courtship and family tensions. Hardcover $24.95.

Vizcaya: An American Villa and Its Makers; Witold Rybczynski, Martin and Margy Meyerson Professor of Urbanism, and Laurie Olin, Practice Professor of Landscape Architecture. Authors use a rich collection of illustrations, historic photographs, and narrative to document the creation of the Miami estate that represents an achievement of the Gilded Age. Penn Press. Cloth $34.95.

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The Whole Grain Diet Miracle; Hark, director of the Nutrition Education and Prevention Program and Darrow, Albert E. Einstein Professor of Medicine. Learn the benefits of whole grains and how to incorporate them into your diet. Hardcover $24.95.

The Bargaining Bride: How to Have the Wedding of Your Dreams Without the Bills of Your Nightmares; Shirrit Krohn, lecturer in the Wharton Communication Program. Proven strategies to save money on the important elements of a wedding without sacrificing the splendor of the event. Hardcover $12.99.

The University of Pennsylvania Band (Images of America series): University of Pennsylvania Band Archives; a photographic collection of one of the first collegiate marching bands that traces the changes that occurred within the student body over the decades, including times of war and social inequality. Paper $19.99.

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Metropolitan Philadelphia: Living with the Presence of the Past; Steven Conn, Gr ’94. Examine the shifting meaning of the region’s history, the utopian impulse behind its founding, the role of the region in creating the American middle class, the regional watershed, and the way art and cultural institutions have given shape to a resident identity. Penn Press. Paper $19.95.

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Gifts of Involvement

An array appropriate for ardent aficionados and advocates of anthropology/archaeology, art, arboretum, 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.

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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 Writers House Annual which is available on their website and in print. Membership fees: $40, $100, $250, $500, and William Carlos Williams Circle $1,000, Emily Dickinson Circle $2,500 or more. Information: (215) 573-WRIT, ask for Jessica Lowenthal, director, or www/english.upenn.edu/ICAphila.org/support.

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. . . What a Wonderful World: Internation 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. Membership: Academic/Alumni $35; Young Friend $40; Internationalist Individual $50. Household $90; Adventurer Individual $100, Household $175; Emmissary Member Individual $250, Household $400; Ambassador Member $500, Household $750; Global Leader Member $1,000. Information (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. Memberships: Student $35, Dual Student $50, Associate $45, Individual $50, Dual Individual $60, Household $75, Sustaining $125, Patron $250, Fellow $500, and Loren Eiseley Society $1,000. Information: (215) 898-5093 or www.museum.upenn.edu/new/members/membership/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.

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Arthur Ross Gallery 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 the exhibitions, lectures, and programs. New members who mention this Almanac listing can select a free catalogue from the already discounted public 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 Las, 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 and 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, 10% discount in the gift shop and on classes, the quarterly newsletter, plant sale benefits, Morris Arboretum automobile decal, access to the Reciprocal Admissions Program, and gift certificates for local garden centers and invitations to events and lectures. Membership fees are: Individual $50, Household $65, Beech $90, Chestnut $150, Holly $250, Oak $500, Laurel $1,000 and Katsura $2,500. 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 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 only $52.50/$60! Also available as gift certificates for the Harrison Room buffet lunch, only $9.50/$9.75 each. Or, for a stocking stuffer, consider a Club mug for $7.50. Information: (215) 898-4618 or e-mail univestycubl@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 $45 with a PennCard or $55 for the public. Why not stuff a stocking with skating lessons? Six weeks of group lessons, beginning the week of January 7, are available for ages 6 through adult in a variety of skill levels. The registration deadline is December 31. Cost $100. Information: (215) 898-1923.

Ley 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 2007. Information: (215) 898-4741.

The Department of Recreation offers gift certificates for Massage Therapy, The Sport Shop @ Penn, and The Energy Zone. Information: (215) 898-6100 or visit www.upenn.edu/recreation.

Support Penn Basketball with a $2,000 donation and become a member of ‘The Above the Rim Club.’ Members receive benefits that include preferred seating to home and away games, invitations to game receptions and a media guide. Information: (215) 898-4717.