May Day Celebration

Slightly past the date but still full of holiday spirit, we gathered on May 2nd for our annual May Day celebration. After snacking on strawberries and cream and bottled and boiled water thanks to the water emergency declared the day before, we got to work decorating baskets and making cards for our alumnae aged 80 and above. Emily Bell ’98 brought a stash of her handmade papers, which inspired the group to new heights of card-making artistry. 50 baskets were delivered and an additional 31 cards were mailed to seniors further afield.

A brief sampling of some of the thank you notes we received from basket and card recipients:

"Thanks so much to you and the Bryn Mawr Club of Boston for the lovely pansy. It is now sitting on my study windowsill creating the illusion that I am looking out at a garden instead of a parking lot. It adds a welcome note of cheer as I cope with the damage our heavy rains did to the walls of my apartment.
P.S. My Radcliffe friends are jealous of what Bryn Mawr does for us.” Carol Cerf ’48

"Thank you so much for your May Day greetings. It does my heart good to think of Bryn Mawrters following in my footsteps.” Lois Earhart ’40

"Tracked down by an alumna who didn’t ring the doorbell and leave but came around to the back garden to find me on my knees planting. I was delighted to be remembered with such pretty little violets. Many thanks to you all – it really is a very touching tradition.” Myra Siegenthaler MA ’52

"Please thank the Bryn Mawr Club for the salutations and best wishes on May Day. Happily there was a celebration here; prance I did, with a weave and a bob! Then come lasses to the green...” ” Diana Goss Ward ’51

Hardworking owls included Cornelia Robart ’61, Barbara Powell ’62, Martha Levinson ’74, Wendy Jannett ’78, Sharon Walker ’86, Brenda Breed ’87 and daughter Sophia, Luann Abrahams ’87, Melanie Evans ’97, Emily Bell ’98, Anh Nguyen ’99, Rebecca Burstein ’01 and Elissa Klinger ’01. Special thanks to Sonia Amador, daughter of Rosi Amador ’81, who represented her mom and sister this year. Thanks also to Peggy Defenderfer MSS ’67, Jane Lifton ’76 and Margaret Hoag ’86 for delivering baskets.

- Luann Wilkins Abrahams ’87

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**2010 – 2011 Club Calendar**

- **Saturday, October 16, 2010**  11:00 a.m.  Nature Walk
  Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary in Belmont, a nature walk followed by lunch in the education center

- **Saturday, November 20, 2010**  9:30 a.m.  Exhibit
  Visit the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem to see “The Emperor’s Private Paradise: Treasures from the Forbidden City”, followed by lunch at Rockafellas

- **Friday, December 3, 2010**  7:00  Holiday Party
  Holiday Party at Vlora in Boston, sponsored by the Young Alums

- **Wednesday, January 5, 2011**  6:00  Career Networking
  BMC and HC alumnae/i are invited to a networking event

- **Sunday, January 23, 2011**  11:00 a.m.  Lizard Party
  Lizard making party at the home of Luann Abrahams ’87

- **Thursday, February 17, 2011**  5:00  Museum & Social
  Visit the ICA Museum (free on Thursday evenings), enjoy cocktails afterwards, sponsored by the Young Alums

- **Winter (TBA)**  5:00  Tour & Presentation
  Tour of the Longfellow House in Cambridge with former BMC President Nancy Vickers. Nancy will also share with us an update concerning her work on Dante.

- **Spring (TBA)**

- **Sunday, May 1, 2011**  11:00 a.m.  May Day Baskets
  Make and deliver May Day baskets at the home of Luann Abrahams ’87

- **Thursday, May 5, 2011**  (TBA)
  Event to benefit the March of Dimes, sponsored by the Young Alums

- **Saturday, May 21, 2011**  12:00  Annual Meeting
  All are welcome to the Annual Meeting, details TBA

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bostonclub@alumnae.brynmawr.edu
Send-off Party for First Years: "Fun and Informative"

Ten admitted first years and their parents came to a Send-off Party on June 20, 2010 at Barbara Powell’s house in Cambridge. Four current students and four members of the Executive Board of the Bryn Mawr Club of Boston regaled the group with stories of what surprised them most about their experience at Bryn Mawr and then answered questions from the diverse group of young women from the Boston area about to embark on their Bryn Mawr journey. As Ashleigh Davila ’14 later commented, “I had a lot of fun talking to graduates, current students, and girls who are entering Bryn Mawr. It definitely helped to calm some of my fears of leaving in the fall. I am so excited and can’t wait to get to Bryn Mawr and experience what everyone has enjoyed so much. If you ever need someone to be on a panel as a new student,” she offered, “I’d love to help out.” Sophie Mankins ’14 who found the event “fun and informative” said she was “even more excited to be a part of the Bryn Mawr community.” The Send-off party was beautifully orchestrated by Kyoko Yamamoto ’01.

Freshwomen attendees included Grace Barlow, Sarah Borjas, Ashleigh Davila, Lucy Gleysteen, Rachel Kahelin, Lina Li, Sophie Mankins, Ilana Mittleman, Eliza Perocchi, and Martha Wechsler. Current students who spoke at the event included Leah Boylan ’11, Anna Perocchi ’12, Molly Seavy-Nesper ’12, and Elena Swartz ’12. Alumnae attending the event were Margaret Hoag ’86, Jane Lifton ’76, Barbara Powell ’62, and Kyoko Yamamoto ’01.

- Barbara Powell ’62

Book Group

The Book Group meets once a month, all are welcome to come. Please contact Cornelia Robart ’61 if you would like to attend at Cornelia1@rcn.com.

Visit the Club’s Web Site at:
http://bmcboston.blogs.brynmawr.edu/

2010 – 2011 Board Meetings

Sunday, December 5, 2010
Sunday, February 27, 2011
Sunday, April 10, 2011

All will be held at the home of Barbara Powell’62
18 Scott Street
Cambridge, MA
3:00-5:00

Welcome to the City!

Boston joined New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Princeton, Southern California and San Francisco in a simultaneous gathering to welcome recent graduates to the city. There were 14 attendees from ’07, ’09, and ’10 at the Boston event. They had a great time talking about secrets they had learned about the Boston area, including the beauty of Boston Public Library’s main branch, a random after hour dance party in a Brookline restaurant, a Chinatown restaurant where if you ask for cold tea after midnight they bring you a teapot full of spirits, and a Dorchester church where “coffee” after service is practically a 7 course meal. Not to mention their favorite restaurants and cafes in the Boston and Cambridge area and other places they have found and love so far. They also talked about the best dorms at Bryn Mawr, and the ins and outs of graduate school and unemployment.

Attendees included Amanda Cegielski ’09, Gayatr Deodhar ’07, Yang Gao ’10, Kali Graham ’10, Annum Hussain ’10, Laura C. Kramer ’07, Georgia Lawrence ’09, Amanda Preston ’09, Mithila Rajagopal ’10, Menghan Shen ’10, Nora Sidoti ’07, and Katharine Sloss-Hartman ’10, and organizer Faith Wallace-Gadsden ’05.

- Faith Wallace-Gadsden ’05

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www.brynmawrbookstore.com
Seeking Nominations for Club's Executive Board

The Nominating Committee of the Executive Board of the Bryn Mawr Club of Boston is seeking nominations for representatives for Membership, Admissions and Newsletter.

- **The Membership Rep** updates and sends out the Club’s annual Membership Card, and mails paper versions of the Club’s electronic mailings to Club members who request it.

- **The Admissions Rep** organizes a Winter Tea in January for prospective students, and a Send-off Party in June for freshwomen. These events do not need to be hosted at your home.

- **The Newsletter Editor** sends out a monthly E-Letter, a Spring E-Newsletter and a Fall paper Newsletter. We are looking for a self-motivated alum who is eager to take on the job of soliciting articles, editing articles, and formatting the newsletters and E-Letters. An ability to meet deadlines is important!

Please send nominations of yourself or others to Barbara Powell at bspowell@comcast.net  All Board members are asked to attend four Board meetings a year.

- *Barbara Schieffelin Powell ’62*