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A Note From the President

The summer solstice is barely behind us and we've already been treated to several very interesting presentations and special events. But while many Questers are traveling to some exotic (and not so exotic) places or relaxing at their vacation homes, many more of us are taking advantage of all NYC has to offer, including a great Summer Encores program. And this year, many members are engaging their right brain in new ways to bring us some very creative extras.

Three quick examples:

- **Frank Montaturo** has been working to brighten the corridor outside the seventh-floor auditorium with photos taken by our members. He received and has mounted thirty photos, and, with CWE's help, all are scheduled to be hung and ready for

viewing by the time you receive this issue of *QNews*. And our friends at CWE are so impressed, they've asked us to keep them up into the fall semester, which is great news for anyone unable to be on site these hot Summer days.

- Our annual TAFFNY (The Americas Film Festival of New York) private screening was a very thought-provoking movie from Spain, *Bajo Terapia* (Under Therapy).

There was an audible gasp when a very unexpected twist was revealed toward the end of the 93-minute film. More than a dozen members and a few guests agreed that the acting was excellent and the story riveting. CWE's dean, Juan Mercado, is the founder of the annual event for which Quest provides an annual contribution.

- And mark your calendars for July 11:

Mary Ann Donnelly and **Tamara Weinberg** have an abundance of submissions for Creativity Day, which will be a true celebration of the diversity of creativity at Quest.

On another note, you should have received a list of our 18 Standing Committees, which includes a description and chair of each. We do this each June because our bylaws require that all 18 Standing Committees appoint members between June 1 and the start of the fall semester, which is the day after Labor Day. If you're interested in joining a committee, contact the appropriate chair to determine if it's the right option for both you and the committee.

So, while we all try to stay cool, it is another busy summer at Quest.

Donna Ramer

Membership Renewal Reminder

The annual cost remains **\$550**, which covers the fall 2024 semester as well as the spring and summer 2025 semesters. *It's one of the best bargains in New York!*

We've made it easier than ever to renew your membership with three options:

- **By check:** You can pay by either a personal or a bank check payable to **Quest Lifelong Learning**.
- **In person:** Drop off a personal check in the Membership mailbox in the office.
- **By mail:** Send a personal or bank check to Quest Lifelong Learning at 25 Broadway, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

And you can also avoid writing a check by paying via Zelle, an electronic payment service. Just direct your Zelle payment to this email address: q25broadway@gmail.com (Note that Quest has

changed its Zelle email address but the old address still works.). Most major banks and financial institutions offer Zelle and it's easy to use.

The deadline is **August 19**, but we would appreciate your payments as soon as possible to help us estimate our fall membership level and to determine if we need to place any prospective members on a waiting list.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Treasurer, **Peter Fleischman** at peter.fleischman@gmail.com or me at wcotter999@gmail.com

Also, if you plan not to renew, please let me know. Thanks for your cooperation.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Wayne Cotter, Chair, Membership Committee

Creative Corner

ART APPRECIATION®

by Betty Farber

On a trip to the Barnes Collection
I gaze at curvaceous Renoirs.

When I visit the Met Museum
I admire the Sargent portraits.

On a tour with friends to MOMA
Picasso's sculptures amaze.

Long lines at the Neue Galerie
To enjoy Klimt's "Woman in Gold."

On the bus trip returning home
Those paintings fit in my purse.

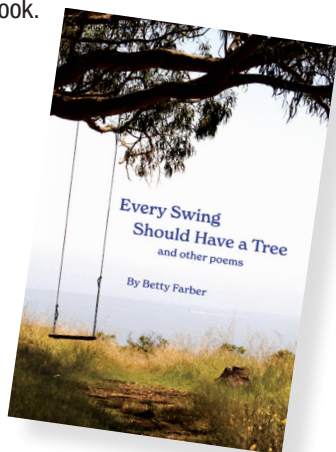
Magnets keep all those favorites
Safe on my refrigerator door.

Every Swing

Betty Farber, whose poetry has appeared in Quest publications over the years, has published a new collection of her uplifting poetry. The book is entitled *Every Swing Should Have a Tree* and *Other Poems*.

To order your copy, visit www.Amazon.com or www.HoutsandHome.com

Betty's daughters Nancy Browning and Amy Houts helped to edit and publish her book.



D-Day

by Ellie Schaffer



Eighty years ago, my father's ship was anchored on Omaha Beach, where his ship raised the flag that signaled that the D-Day invasion at Dog Green sector of the beach had begun. I finally visited and paid tribute to him and to all the other brave men who were there. This visit was the highlight of my traveling life. I also went to Utah Beach, Pointe du Hoc, and Arromanches where engineers built the harbor that made the invasion a success. God bless our troops *and* our engineers!

And then there was Paris. I spent six prior days on walking tours, visiting museums, and walking and eating all over the city. The tour about France during the occupation was informative and terrifying. Montmartre was lovely. And my visit to the Caveau de la Huchette in the Latin Quarter and hearing Bei Mir Bist Du Schön in French was an absolute joy. I'm going back!

Book Club

by Jan Goldstein

The Quest Book Club is looking forward to continuing in the fall semester. We meet once a month on the second Wednesday* of the month from 12:10–12:55 pm, in-person at 25 Broadway.

Here are the dates and reading selections for fall 2024:

Sept 11: *James* by Percival Everett; presented by **Joan Vreeland**

Oct 9: *Eastbound* by Maylis de Kerangal; presented by **Lois Klein**

Nov 6*: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler; presented by **Susannah Falk Lewis**
(*Note: this is the first Wednesday in November)

Dec 11: *Kunstlers in Paradise* by Cathleen Schine; presented by **Debbi Honorof**

Enjoy the summer; hope to see you in the fall!

Who's Doing What

Arlynn Greenbaum and boyfriend Bruce Rund in Paris on June 20 prior to sailing on a Viking River Cruise to Normandy. Beautiful, and nice relief from NYC heatwave.



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Barbara Gelber caught this view of D-Day on the Hudson

River just South of the George Washington Bridge (through a screened window).

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Ellen Rittberg visited the new Southampton (Long Island) African-American Museum. To celebrate Juneteenth, five wonderful musicians from

five West African countries led by master koura player Yacouba Sissoko enchanted the audience with music about friendship and love. They also described their respective instruments and even got some of the audience out of their seats dancing.

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Former Brooklyn Dodger fans **Mary Ann Donnelly** (far left)

and **Bob Reiss** (far right) joined (from l. to r.) **John Davis**, **Roy Clary**, and **Wayne Cotter** for a Mets-Dodgers afternoon game in late May. Highlights included a home run by Dodger superstar Shohei

Ohtani, and a disgusted Mets pitcher tossing his glove into the stands. The Dodgers won 10–3.

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Madeleine Brecher and **Arlynn Greenbaum**



enjoyed an exhibit of the sinuous, energetic, and humorous art work of Ernie Barnes at the Ortuzar Projects gallery in Tribeca on June 6.

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Friends of Cinema Quest: **Arlynn Greenbaum**, **Karen**

Levin, **Madeline Brecher**, and **Gale Spitalnik** joined **Howard Salik** to celebrate his June birthday.

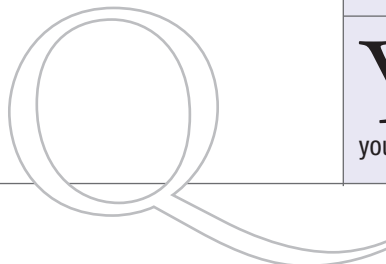
Encores

by *Gale Spitalnik*

Opening day of Quest Summer Encores was a huge success. Eighty Questers plus 10 summer members were in attendance. **Peter Dichter's** presentation on *Classical Music in Popular Culture* was enjoyed by all, followed by lunch provided by the Social Committee.

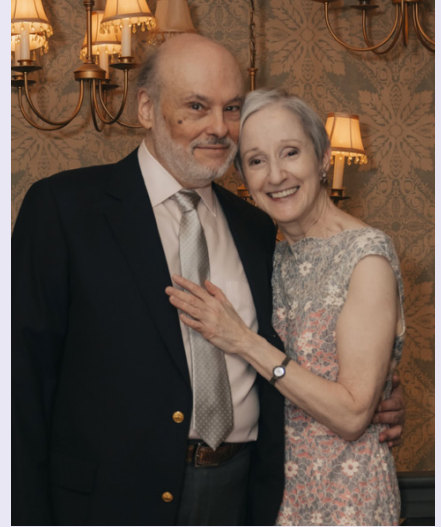
“What Dreadful Hot Weather We Have! It Keeps One In a Continual State of Inelegance.”

– Jane Austen



Wedding Bells

Jan Goldstein got married on May 5th. Her husband, Daniel Guma, is a multi-lingual bibliophile. Originally from Argentina [and a dual citizen], he retired from a career as a translator at the United Nations. They met on Match.com about three years ago and had an instant connection.



“Democracy is Not a State. It is An Act.”

– John R. Lewis (1940 –2020)



Alligator

Crocodile

Science Tip

You can differentiate between an alligator and a crocodile by paying close attention to whether he sees you later or in a while.

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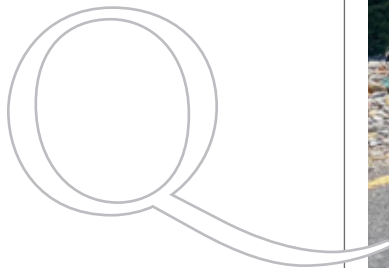
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of the publication's contents.



**“You Only Live Once,
But If You Do It Right,
Once Is Enough.”**

– Mae West

**“Being Able to Grow Old
Is a Fortunate Thing.”**

Red Bank *by Sandy Gordon*

On Saturday, June 15th, 20 Questers, motivated by **Sandy Gordon**, made their way, by car and New Jersey Transit, to Red Bank, NJ for lunch and an outstanding performance of August Wilson’s final play, *Gem of the Ocean*, at the lovely Two River Theater.

For those who braved Penn Station, it was an adventure, indeed. “Capt.” Michael met the members to board the 9:55 AM train but, when disembarking in Red Bank, one member missed exiting with the group, remaining on the train. Being a Quester, she immediately boarded a return train and just made it in time to have her lunch packaged! Since the show had a 1:00 curtain, there was significant preplanning. However, one cannot control the “glitches,” and after a hurried but delicious lunch, we miraculously were all seated at curtain’s rise to watch this outstanding production, with superb acting, in a completely sold out performance! This play had not had a “local” production since its original Broadway production, so this was a unique experience.

Now experienced, we are already contemplating our next Red Bank theater adventure in the Garden State.



City Ramblings

by Frank Montaturo

July 2024
New York City

Chelsea... recently... I would be hard pressed to choose... Perhaps as interesting as the galleries... perhaps even more interesting than what's on the walls or snaking along the floors... is what awaits one on the street. The dress, I would venture to say, is not chosen without intention. And we are all the more fortunate for that... for if the "art" bores, the dress scores.



The First Quest Photo Show

Frank Montaturo would like to thank all those (listed below) who participated in The First Quest Photo Show. It was exciting to see the range of interests represented. The exhibit will be up for an extended period of time... into September and beyond...

Please think of joining us in the fall for an informal special interest group in photography.

Sandra Abramson
Paul Adler
Maureen Berman
Ze'eva Cohen
Toni Dickenson
Susan Diehl
Nina Dioletis
Richard Elrauch
Lenard A. Estacio
Hilda Feinstein
Lynnel Garabedian
Judy Hampson
Sheryl Harowitz
Robert Hartmann
Debbi Honorof

Andrea Irvine
Shoshi Kagan
Rita Lavitt
Frieda Lipp
Frank Montaturo
Felix Pina
Ellen Rittberg
Michael Russo
Marion Schultheis
Larry Shapiro
Mort Sheinman
Ruth Ward
Lorraine Weberg
Tamara Weinberg
Pete Weis

Grandma and Grandgirls

by Sandy Gordon

When your 20+ grandgirls approach you with, "Grandma, we want to go on a vacation with you; how about Mexico City," first surprise, then joy!

What a phenomenal time. I couldn't imagine better trip mates... and they are mine to keep! We had so much fun and sharing!

Danielle, the eldest, does Amazon marketing, making sure that her clients are entertained, so we had the best organizer. She had everything planned to the minute, and we were on the move from morning to night: eating in great restaurants, having a superb guide, with degrees in philosophy and history, on Friday for the Museum of Anthropology; then, the Tamayo Museum and the Soumaya Museum, independently. Wine accompanied dinners, the Modelo-Negro Beer was superb, and we sampled the latest cocktail, Carajillo! It was a coffee flavored sensation!

Saturday was devoted to Frida Kahlo and lunch at the Angel Inn. Cannot believe we did so much in two days! But, all good things must end, and on Sunday we were ready for home.



**"Most People
Don't Think I Am as Old as I Am
Until They Hear Me Stand Up"**

**"For Every Minute You Are Angry,
You Lose Sixty Seconds Of Happiness."**

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

