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A New Online Auction!

New to A Royal Affair this year is an online auction. The auction, which will be activated the week of October 22, 2007, will have unique items available only for bidding online and not at the evening event. These items can be viewed through the Gustavus website, and bidding will close prior to *Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair*. Also, the online auction is open to everyone—parents, alumni, students, faculty, and friends of Gustavus—even those unable to attend *Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair*. Please share this information with your family and friends and then watch the Gustavus Library Associates website at gustavus.edu/gla for up-to-the-minute details on the online auction.

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A Royal Affair—The Secretary's Notes

by Elaine Brostrom

Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair, this year's edition of the biennial fundraiser for Gustavus Library Associates, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. But planning for the event began in the summer of 2006 when Susan Wilcox and Nacia Dahl agreed to be the co-chairs.

A January kick-off party unveiled the theme—"Razzle Dazzle," with a décor using black and white with splashes of red and gold—and the entertainment—the incomparable Steele Family with their repertoire of jazz and gospel.

Committee meetings—bi-monthly, at least—followed, and auction donors and items began to be identified. Suggestions for auction donations were plentiful, with lots of sharing of information and contacts. Meetings were held at The Site, a vacant office suite made available to us for use in meeting as well as cataloging and storing auction items. Nearly 250 items were catalogued by the first of September . . . just 400 to go!

Well, it's taken a year and a half to plan this party. Committees met in tasting sessions to finalize a menu for the evening, decorations were suggested, presented, and approved, the possibility of offering an online auction was examined and, with trepidation, agreed to. And through all of this activity, new friendships, a closer identification with the academic needs of Gustavus students, and a feeling of satisfaction at a job well done were the pleasant results of our work.

But the real fun comes on October 27 when you, our friends, gather for a great "Razzle Dazzle" party. See you there! 🍷



Throughout the evening, guests will stroll from room to room placing their bids on original masterpieces, sports tickets, vacation getaways, crystal glassware, and children's toys and books. We expect over 600 silent auction items to bid on. The silent auction proceeds are designated to the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library Endowment Fund.

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From Your President...

“Looking to the future” happens every fall as a new school year begins across the country, and students can’t help but wonder what the year will hold for them. It is a time of both excitement and uncertainty for students everywhere. As I write this letter, our daughter is starting her new journey as a freshman in college, and my thoughts go back to my years at Gustavus. Even though time has passed, the journey of college students is the same: It is a wonderful time of opportunity, a time to explore the unknown and to look to the future.

Gustavus Library Associates gives Gustavus students an extra-special advantage through its support of Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. Thanks to your memberships and fundraising efforts, many doors of learning opportunities have been opened for these Gusties—not only through the expanded and updated book collections, but also the incorporation of modern-day technology. Times have changed, but studying and learning are still done in the library, whether using books or laptops!

There is a growing energy this year within Gustavus Library Associates as we plan many different events. All members, friends, and friends of friends are encouraged to attend our Membership Tea on Monday, September 24, 2007, being hosted by Gustavus Adolphus College President Jim Peterson and his wife, Susan, in their lovely home on campus. This is our way of saying “thank you” for your continued support of our many programs such as Author Day, the Festival of St. Lucia, and the Easter Bunny Breakfast. Remember, we warmly welcome new members to this event and at any time during the year. (And just think what we could accomplish if each one of us brought in just one new member to our group this year!)

Our biennial fundraiser, *Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair*, will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007, at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. I invite you to join us for a special evening of fine dining, live and silent auctions, entertainment, and time shared with family and friends. Plus, GLA has added something new this time—an online auction! The online auction will happen just days prior to the evening event, so please check out the front-page newsletter article for all the details. (What a great opportunity for even more friends and family to support GLA!) Your participation is greatly appreciated as we invest in Gustavus students, the future leaders of our community. I look forward to seeing you that night as we celebrate the College and its many students.

I would be remiss if I didn’t thank you, the countless members and volunteers who contribute money, time, and talents to support Gustavus Library Associates. You are truly great friends of Gustavus. Also, special words of thanks go to Sandy Williamson, our past president, for her enthusiastic leadership; to the GLA Board of Directors for their commitment and dedication; and to the staff of Gustavus for their never-ending assistance.

It is both a privilege and an honor to serve as your new president of Gustavus Library Associates. I look forward to embracing the future yet appreciating the past 30 incredible years of this association. Please let me know where I can be of assistance, as this is your organization. My emphasis for GLA is to develop existing and new friendships within our Gustavus community. It will be my pleasure to work together with the board and every member as we move forward and continue to make good things happen!

As we all start new chapters in our lives, no matter what age we are, may your next page be a great one into your future.



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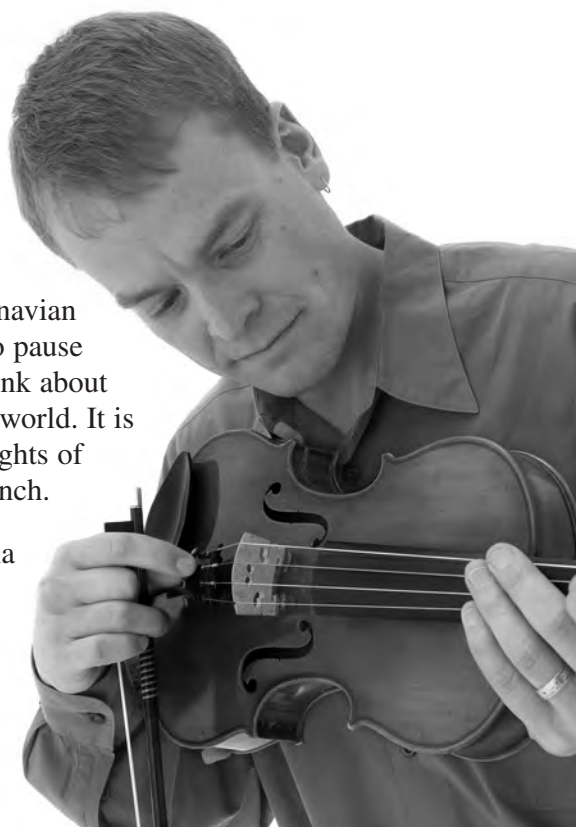
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Master Fiddler to Perform at 2007 Lucia Luncheon

The Festival of St. Lucia at Gustavus is a day of Scandinavian delight and legend, a time to pause in the busy Christmas season to think about those things that bring light to our world. It is also time to taste the delicious delights of a Scandinavian smörgåsbord for lunch.

This year, guests at GLA's St. Lucia Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 6, will be entertained by Minnesota native Brian Wicklund, a master fiddler, mandolin player, teacher, and 1987 graduate of Gustavus. He's played with bluegrass bands Stoney Lonesome, Kathy Kallick, Chris Stuart, and Kane's River. He currently plays with the band Brother Mule, whose latest recording, called *Big Twang*, was voted the best Americana CD of 2005 by Indiemusic.com. Brian will be performing a concert of American roots music.

The Festival of St. Lucia sells out early every year. Registration information will be mailed in October and you are encouraged to turn in your reservation promptly. 🍷



Gustavus Library Associates

COMING EVENTS FALL 2007

Monday, September 24
10–11:30 a.m. (note time change)
Fall Membership Tea
President's Home
Gustavus Adolphus College

Tuesday and Wednesday
October 2 and 3
9:30 a.m.
43rd Nobel Conference
"Heating Up: The Energy Debate"
Lund Center Arena,
Gustavus Adolphus College
(Call 507/933-7520 for reservations)

Saturday and Sunday
October 13 and 14
**Homecoming and Family
Weekend**
Gustavus Adolphus College

Saturday, October 27
5:30 p.m.
Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair
Sheraton Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota
(Call 507-933-7550 for invitation)

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
November 30, December 1 and 2
3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Christmas in Christ Chapel:
"The Word Becomes Flesh"
Christ Chapel
Gustavus Adolphus College
(Ticket order forms available)

Thursday, December 6
11 a.m.
St. Lucia Luncheon, featuring
Brian Wicklund '87, guest artist
Alumni Hall
Gustavus Adolphus College
(Invitation will be mailed in October)

Gustavus Library Associates

invites you to our

Membership Tea

Monday, September 24, 2007, 10–11:30 a.m.

Hosted by Jim and Susan Peterson
President's Home
Gustavus Adolphus College

All friends and friends of friends are welcome!



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No Rest for the Lund Music Library

July found the Lund Music Library opening its doors and extending its summer hours to high school musicians from various states for the Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival. These dedicated musicians utilized the library by browsing the available music scores, listening to CDs, and perhaps using a turntable for the first time! As the camp progressed, the students finalized their performance pieces by using sound recordings to assess their own performance.

Then, from August 6 through 10, the library hummed with the activity of 34 high school students participating in the inaugural Gustavus Summer Speech Institute. Led by Kris Kracht (communication studies), the students used the library to research and rehearse for informative, persuasive, and interpretive speeches. Students browsed, searched, and surfed their way through poetry, short stories, one-act plays, government statistics, encyclopedia entries, and journal articles. The informative topics ranged from Minnesota's graduated driver's license law to vaccinations against the two cancer-causing types of human papillomavirus. Students interested in interpreting literature also chose a wide range of genres and styles: performing works by Garrison Keillor, one of Stephen King's short stories, and poetry of human suffering.

Other staff members for the institute included members of the award-winning Gustavus forensics team and local high school and college speech coaches.

Library staff hospitality included issuing library courtesy cards so that items could be borrowed by the students attending as well as by the counselors. 📖

Summer on the Campus

The summer months of academic vacation time at Gustavus Adolphus College do not appear to be relaxing moments for the Summer Programs staff. In the summer of 2007, Gustavus hosted events which brought well over 13,000 people to campus.

The Lutheran Summer Music Camp was on campus for four weeks, with students coming from all over the world. For one week of this camp, the Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA) met for a program of planned lectures and tours. This group, along with interested members of the St. Peter community, enjoyed the many concerts and recitals presented by campers and their faculty.

Athletic camps were popular and covered almost every major sport—tennis, basketball, swimming, soccer, football, golf, volleyball, softball, gymnastics, nordic skiing, hockey, and track and field. Three church assemblies met during the summer and nearly 3,000 people participated in weddings and receptions—six in August alone.

Students came to the campus from 21 states as well as China, Spain, and Canada. Private college week and admission open houses hosted over 1,000 people, part of the decision-making process high school students and their families go through when choosing a college.

A busy summer on the campus! 📖

Nobel Conference Looks at Energy

The “energy debate” is a topic about which more and more of us have become increasingly aware and formed strong opinions. Does global warming really exist and, if so, who is to blame? Governments and businesses are poised to invest a lot of money in alternative energy sources, but . . . can we realistically expect ethanol to replace oil and coal? Didn’t we hear this before, in the 1960s, about deuterium from seawater and the possibility of controlled thermonuclear fusion providing most of our future energy?

This year’s Nobel Conference, “Heating Up: The Energy Debate,” to be held on October 2 and 3, 2007, in Lund Arena, will focus on the looming problems of declining fossil fuels and the global warming that results from burning them, and present a hardheaded examination of proposed alternative forms of energy and the likelihood that they will be effective and affordable.

Scheduled to present lectures are:

- **Steven Chu**, 1997 Nobel laureate in physics and director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California;
- **Kenneth S. Deffeyes**, professor emeritus of geosciences, Princeton University, New Jersey;
- **James E. Hansen**, lead climate scientist and director, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), New York;
- **Paul L. Joskow**, professor of economics and director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research Management;
- **Lee Rybeck Lynd**, professor of engineering at the Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire;
- **Joan M. Ogden**, professor of environmental science and policy and co-director of the Sustainable Transportation Energy Pathways Program at the Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Davis; and
- **Will Steger**, polar explorer, writer, educator, photographer, and lecturer and National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence.

The topics in the energy debate are familiar and well documented, and there is optimism about progress. A number of states, including Minnesota, have established legislation or assembled panels to find ways to reduce greenhouse gases. And business leaders are discovering what evolutionary biologists have long known—that in the event of a changing environment there will be winners and losers. Someone stands to profit. The fact is that some large companies are taking the lead in establishing green practices while the number of smaller energy entrepreneurs also appears to be growing.

Decisions we make *today* relative to global energy sources and how they are used will affect the world for decades of *tomorrows*. The conference audience should come away with better information about energy-related science and public policy and what role we must play in changing how we think about our energy future.

More information on the conference and ticket orders is available by phone at 507-933-7520 or through the College’s website, gustavus.edu/nobelconference. 📖

Keeping Up

James McPherson, 1990 Author Day guest and 1958 graduate of Gustavus, was recently named the first recipient of the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for lifetime achievement in military writing. The award of \$100,000 is to be presented to McPherson on Oct. 6 in Chicago. McPherson recently released a new collection of essays examining the Civil War, titled *This Mighty Scourge: Perspectives on the Civil War*.

Ann Patchett, featured speaker at GLA’s Author Day in 1998, will be the October guest of “Talking Volumes,” the regional book club jointly sponsored by MPR, the *Star Tribune*, and the Loft Literary Center, soon after her new book is released. Patchett will appear live on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Fitzgerald Theater. *Run*, her fifth book, tells the story of Tip and Teddy Boyle, adopted sons of Bernard Boyle, who has raised them since their mother’s death and has political ambitions for them. When an argument in a blinding New England snowstorm inadvertently causes an accident that involves a stranger and her child, all Bernard Doyle cares about is keeping his children—all his children—safe.

The Book Mark, the College’s bookstore, celebrated more than a dozen Gustavus authors last spring with an “authors’ tea” reception in the Courtyard Café. Honored for works published during the past year were former president **Frank Barth**, Chaplain **Brian Johnson**, and faculty members **Laura Behling** (English), **Jane Coleman** (nursing, emerita), **Casey Elledge** (religion), **Tom Emmert** (music), **David Fienen** (music), **Deborah Goodwin** (religion), **Max Hailperin** (math and computer science), **Gretchen Koehler** (health and exercise science, emerita), **John Lammert** (biology), **Karl Larson** (health and exercise science), **Carolyn O’Grady** (education), **Deb Pitton** (education), **Joyce Sutphen** (English), and **David Wolfe** (math and computer science).

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