WOMEN'S FORUM

Sharing Wisdom

Dear Ladies,

Matisse was unstoppable. From a passionate commitment to creating new concepts in art all through his adulthood, the later years found him beset by serious illness. Yet he continued, often from bed.

Where from this drive? That wanderlust into discovery that fueled his spirit with such intensity that even physical impairment could not stop it.

(Think of Frida Kahlo, practically crippled and bedridden at so many stages of her life and pouring all her passions onto the canvas. And, Seraphine de Senlis, pulling from the depths of her mental illness to collect bits and pieces of earth and plants and candle wax from the local church and blood from the butcher shop to create her own paints and then transfer them onto the canvas in her vibrant and mystifying paintings!)

Some art historians credit Matisse's later years as being the time when he prodigious. If that be the case, what does it *say* about his years of maturity and creativity? Was it in part therapy? Or, in defiance of the ravages of

age? Was it comfort, a refuge? Or was it the life force that keeps the artist going - through illness, poverty, madness - at his most inspired - akin to breathing?

This June we dedicate the month to study and honor Matisse. At our luncheon event we'll start with a comprehensive documentary that takes us from his artistic beginnings, through all the phases of his creative journey, to his last and most precious work, the serenely beautiful chapel in the town of Vence, France.

MATISSE LUNCHEON - Thursday. June 6 at noon. Dillon Library. Admission 20.

To register see below.

Continuing our month of Matisse, on Thursday, June 27, we'll be heading to the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, home to an impressive collection of Matisses including the famous panels ~ *The Dance* ~ !! And, to our good fortune, along with all the breathtaking pieces hanging in the galleries, our visit coincides with a special exhibit of ~*Matisse and Renoir* ~!!

TRIP TO THE BARNES FOUNDATION Thursday, June 27, leaving the Dillon Library at 9am. Return trip at 3pm.

Admission 45. Does not include entry to the museum. FYI there is a cafe at the museum. To register see below.

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June, the beautiful early summer month of graduations and weddings, is also the month when we pay tribute to our Fathers. To the Wonderful Fathers who raised us, to our Husbands the Fathers of our children, to the adoptive Dads, to the Grandfathers, to our Sons and Sons-in-law, who are in the thick of it now, to the Step-Dads, the good Uncles, Cousins, Friends, Teachers, Coaches and Pet Dads, Women's Forum celebrates you and extends a loving and heartfelt *Thank You!!*

Happy Father's Day!!

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To register for our events contact:

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As always,

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