

WOMEN'S FORUM

Sharing Wisdom

October 2025

Dear Ladies,

Remember when you were growing up that at the park or the post office, maybe the library or even your school, in some prominent setting there would be a statue commemorating an historic event or person? Most of these artworks became a part of the "scenery", a place to meet - some providing a seating area to gather with friends. And while their purpose was to honor history and beautify our environment, they mostly went unnoticed and uncelebrated. Lately, it's been the tearing down and destruction of some of those memorials, for a number of reasons (important statements to some, causes of anguish to others) that has brought attention to their existence. And even more glossed over are the names and stories of brilliant artists whose great works elevate our government buildings, towns, and cities from the banal to the more culturally and historically appointed.

One of the highlights of the Women's Forum program has been our focus on great artists throughout history, their life stories and their work. Starting with the painters, we have

attended museums and special exhibits dedicated to these creators and have marveled at their talent and the wonder of their creations. Now our journey of discovery leads us to the sculptors, those brilliant artists who brought forth *miracles* from a hunk of marble or granite, bronze, copper, woods, clays, plasters, concrete, gold and silver and more!

First off, at our October luncheon, we'll study the French sculptor Auguste Rodin, with a documentary about his life, his passions and his work. We'll learn how the complexities of this extraordinarily talented man inspired some of his most dramatic sculptures.

RODIN LUNCHEON: Thursday, October 9 at noon.
Dillon Library, Bedminster NJ. Admission 20. To register see below.*



We are fortunate to have a museum dedicated to Rodin within striking distance of our Bedminster NJ location. The Rodin Museum - a branch of the Philadelphia Museum of Art – PMA, (one admission ticket counts for both) is a beautiful "boutique" of a museum located close to the PMA. However, it is not large enough for a whole day's visit and does not offer a dining facility. Since we can never really count on the weather, we can't really count on

a 13-minute walk there to be a good idea.

Our bus will take us to the main museum (PMA) where you can visit the current exhibits, have lunch, browse the lovely gift shop and at 1:00 pm our bus will take us over to the Rodin, just a few minutes away. At the end of the day, at 3pm. we will be picked up there at the Rodin Museum for the return trip home.

TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART/RODIN MUSEUM: **Monday** October 20. Bus leaves Dillon Library, Bedminster NJ at 9am. Return pick-up 3pm at the RODIN MUSEUM. Admission 45. (Does not include entry to the museums.) To register, see below.*

Upcoming dates for WF events: November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18.

*To register for our programs please contact us at womensforumusa@gmail.com or at the Dillon Library (908) 234-2325.

Wishing you a cool and soft start to Autumn.

My best,

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