

# CLIR VOICE



November 2009

## President's Message

This month, Jean Wilcox, our beloved President, is taking a well deserved vacation and, as First Vice President, I get to tell you how lucky we are to have Jean leading us during these turbulent times.

There are many celebrations and activities in November. Look at the column next to this letter for a list. Special thanks go to Jean and other CLIR members living at the Sequoias for their generous hospitality in hosting the CLIR Art Show.

Look for the form in this issue to submit names of members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Please clip the form, fill in the names and get it to the CLIR office by Dec 1. E-mail recipients may download the form and return it by e-mail.

In June 2010, we will enter the third year of our Agreement with the University of California. The terms of the Agreement are being examined by the Task Force along with other considerations as directed by Council. The Task Force has now begun to meet and report monthly to Council and to the General Membership. Since some of you do not attend those meetings, I include some brief notes of these activities, so that you can be informed and involved in shaping our future.

Task force meets on Nov 12 and Dec 10 at 11:00 AM at 50 First Street.

Current tasks include the following objectives with a draft report to Council in December and Final Recommendations in March 2010.

- Consider renting classroom space in close proximity to our existing office or in other locations downtown.
- Continue meeting with SF OLLI and other similar groups to see if we can share programs and space without losing our unique identity.
- Explore opportunities to modify our Agreement with UCEX to achieve more favorable terms.
- Develop a long range future vision for CLIR under the direction of the Council Planning Committee.

You can contact me or the following members of the Task force for more information on these subtasks. Members are Jean Wilcox, Pat Tibbs, Bonnie Martz, Roz Goldstein, Dick Hewetson, Richard Magary, John Lavelle and Al Gertler.

**Sol Silver, First Vice President**

## A FEW DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 1**  
Daylight Savings Time  
ENDS
- Nov. 6**  
General Meeting  
& Social Hour
- Nov. 11**  
Veterans' Day,  
UCEX Closed
- Nov. 12**  
Task Force, 11:00am  
Club House
- Nov. 13**  
CLIRsights  
Leaping Lizards!
- Nov. 19-Dec. 10**  
Autumn Art Show
- Nov. 19**  
Artists' Reception  
All at The Sequoias
- Nov 26-27**  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
UCEX Closed
- Dec. 1**  
Deadline to return  
Nomination forms
- Dec. 4**  
Holiday Gala

## Class Updates

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

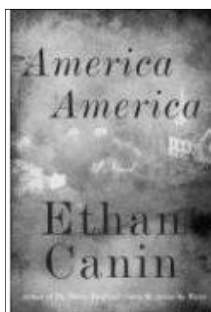
[Club Room]

Fourth Tuesday, 10:30am

Connie Einstadter

**November 24:** *America America*, by Ethan Canin. Led by George Lucas.

**December 22:** No meeting. "Happy Holidays."



Amazon Books

### WORKSHOP-DOWN MEMORY LANE

[425 Market St.]

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, Noon-1:30pm

Linda Howe-Steiger

Writing your memoirs may seem like an awesome task, but it offers the gift of self-knowledge and a legacy for future generations. This series of eight memoir workshops provides encouragement and will help you get started. Join at any time. Each session includes discussion of a memoir-writing issue chosen by our group, time to draft a few paragraphs in response to writing prompts, and a chance to share your story and hear fascinating tales from other CLIR members.

**November 4:** Significant Relationships

**November 18:** Remembering Home.

## Current Activities

### ART-ON-THE-GO

Lawrence Ferlinghetti Exhibit:

Evolution of a Painter

George Krevsky Gallery

77 Geary, 2nd floor

& CLIR Autumn Art Show

Thursday, November 19, 1:30pm

Fran Hasher

Lawrence Ferlinghetti is not only a master of words and metaphors, but also of color and visual symbolism. He has been painting and drawing for as long as he has been writing. This solo exhibition is the first to take a retrospective view, giving insight into Ferlinghetti's development as a visual artist over six decades.

Ferlinghetti's art is lyrical, political, passionate, opinionated, sometimes personal, and often controversial. It occupies a distinct place in the international dialog on culture and society.

Make this a "double header" art day by joining us for a tour of the Ferlinghetti show, led by a member of the gallery staff, and then going on to the CLIR Art Show. **Transportation** to the Krevsky Gallery: Convenient to BART/Muni Metro Montgomery St. station, to the #38 Geary bus and to many other bus lines.

### VICARIOUS TRAVELER – Birgit Chase

Travel to Southeastern Japan

[425 Market Street]

Friday, November 13, Noon

Nick Maffei

Birgit traveled to the Island of Kyushu to visit several cities, including Kyoto, Kanazawa and Takayama, in the autumn of 2008. Come and enjoy pictures from her adventure. The trip was partly trekking with *Walk-Japan Trek* on the Kunisaki Peninsula and partly sightseeing.

Starting in Fukuoka on Kyushu, we will see the Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park in Nagasaki and Kumamoto Castle, and several sights in Kyoto and Kanazawa. There will also be scenes of Takayama, located in the Japan Alps. The *Walk-Japan Trek* was organized by the Orinda Hiking Club. Thirteen of its members experienced a very strenuous, interesting and fun trekking trip.

***Vicarious Traveler is free and open to the public, so enjoy the program with a friend or relative.***

**See details of the tutorial Nick offers in December titled *How to Prepare a Travel Presentation.***

### WALK: STERN GROVE

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 11:00am

Bill Zinn

We will stroll through Stern Grove this month. For more details, call Bill Zinn after October 20.



**Current Rosters  
Now available in the  
—Club Room—  
(50-1st St. #300, at the CLIR office)**

## Coming Attractions

### WORKSHOP—HOW TO CREATE A TRAVEL PRESENTATION—Nick Maffei

[415 Market Street]

Friday, December 11, Noon

Nick Maffei will illustrate more than thirty presentation tips and techniques. In addition, he will explain and demonstrate how to do the following tasks using either free or fee-based software:

1. Create digital images from your old 35mm slides.
2. Use a photo editor to edit, crop and enhance your photos.
3. Incorporate your photos into a slide presentation software program.
4. Supplement your photos with Internet images, maps, charts and videos.

**Coming Attractions continued on Page 5**



# CLIR Calendar: November 2009

415 543-3965

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Art Workshop (425 Market) 11:30 AM Play Reading (Club Room*) 1:00 PM Current Affairs (425 Market)	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM Spanish Conversation (Club Room*) 12:30 PM Improv Theater (Club Room*)	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM Memory Lane (425 Market)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> All Mtgs Today 425 Market 12:00 PM CLIRsights, Walks, Tours Com. Mtgs. 1:15 PM GENERAL MEETING and SOCIAL HOUR
<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Art Workshop (425 Market) 11:30 AM Play Reading (Club Room*) 1:00 PM Current Affairs (425 Market) 1:00 PM French Conversation (Club Room*)	<b>10</b> 11:00 AM Walk 12:30 PM Improv Theater (Club Room*)	<b>11</b> UCEX CLOSED VETERANS DAY	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM Task Force Com.Mtg.(Club Room*)	<b>13</b> 12:00 PM Vicarious Traveler (425 Market) 1:15 PM CLIRsights (425 Market) <b>VOICE DEADLINE</b>
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<b>23</b> 10:30 AM Art Workshop (425 Market) 1:00 PM Current Affairs (425 Market) 1:00 PM French Conversation (Club Room*)	<b>24</b> 10:30 AM Book Discussion Group (Club Room*) 1:00 PM Movie Club (Club Room*)	<b>25</b>	<b>UCEX CLOSED -- Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
<b>30</b> 10:30 AM Art Workshop (425 Market) 1:00 PM Current Affairs (425 Market)			* <b>Find our CLUB ROOM at 50 – First Street, Suite 300</b>	

# Welcome New Members

**Dorothy Butler** is a returning member. Welcome back! Dorothy has enjoyed Bridge and The American Musical peer classes. Another one of interest to her is the Movie Club.

**William Gregory** is also a returning member. Welcome back! He is a speech and hearing therapist. He likes bridge, movies and the theater. Peer classes that interest him are Book Discussion, Movie Club, Play Reading and Spanish Conversation. He may join Committees for Finance, Hospitality, Tours, Walks and the Annual Luncheon.

**Richard Ingraham** learned about CLIR from George Lucas and Tom Rothgiesser, and he, too, is a returning member. Welcome back! A retired professor of biology with emphasis on genetics, he is interested in Book Discussion, French Conversation and the Movie Club.

**William "Dub" Johnson** learned about CLIR from a friend. His profession is Accounting. His interests are in digital photography, computer hardware/software and gardening, and he would be willing to participate in teaching these subjects. He enjoys the arts and the symphony. Peer classes of interest to him are Art Workshop, China on the World Stage, Computer Workshops, Issues on Aging and Seeing as an Artist Sees. He would like to join an automotive classic class, if offered by CLIR. Committees he might consider are Art Show, Office Services, Shakespeare Santa Cruz and *Voice*.

**Irene Lalonde** lives in Walnut Creek and Barbara Farrenkopf told her about us. Irene, a Registered Nurse, worked at John Muir Hospital and in home health at a chemical company. She is interested in Current Affairs and Seeing as an Artist Sees. She might take part in Committees for the Annual Luncheon, Asilomar, Hospitality, Holiday Gala and Shakespeare Santa Cruz.

**Roslyn Rhodes** learned about CLIR from Phyllis Spandorf. Roslyn was formerly a legal secretary, working in large firms. Her special interests include dance aerobics, hiking, art museums, musical theater and exploring

sights in San Francisco and beyond. She volunteers once a week in a literacy development program at an elementary school. She is interested in Book Discussion, French Conversation, Movie Club, Play Reading and Seeing as an Artist Sees. Committees on which she might serve are Annual Luncheon, Annual Picnic, Tours and Walks.

**Bill Roten** is a returning member. Welcome back. Bill is a computer programmer. A volunteer at Marin Headlands, he enjoys opera and likes to travel. Peer classes of interest to him are China on the World Stage, Computer Workshop and Issues on Aging. He may serve on Office Services, Tours or Walks Committees.

**Sally Saunders** heard about CLIR from Anne Kimball. Sally is a widely published poet with over 350 poems in publications, including the New York Times. She runs poetry-writing workshops and would like to include our members. She enjoys travel and looks forward to CLIR trips. She is interested in Current Affairs and Issues on Aging peer classes.

**Phyllis Smith** learned about CLIR from an OLLI friend. She was a workplace designer and sole proprietor of Working Spaces, and author of *Creating Workplaces where People Can Think*. She is interested in Book Discussion, Computer Workshops, Current Affairs and Issues on Aging. In line with her concern in using our physical space(s) to support and enhance our lives, she would be willing to offer ideas about "change your space - change your life." She would like to take a course on World History at UC Extension.

**Sonnie Willis** read about CLIR in a flyer. She is a designer of clothing and jewelry, and is a retired merchant. She enjoys photography, the study of art, and is a volunteer at the Unitarian Universalist Church of San Francisco. She is interested in Current Affairs, Movie Club, Photography and Seeing as an Artist Sees. She may be interested, too, in serving on the following Committees: Annual Luncheon, Annual Picnic, Art Show, Asilomar, Holiday Gala, Office Services, Tours, Walks and *Voice*.

## Membership Alert!

**Now it is possible to join CLIR at any time of the year and get a full year of membership benefits instantly!**

**CLIR's Council adopted open enrollment at their September meeting and made it effective immediately.**

**No more waiting to join CLIR. No more half-year memberships. Your anniversary date is the month you join.**

**Our office staff is ready to send information to all inquirers.**

**So—tell your friends! Tell everyone you know!**

## Coming Attractions (Cont'd from page 2)

### "OH JERUSALEM, THE STONES CRY OUT"

[425 Market Street]

Starts Wednesday, January 6, 10:00am

6 WEEKLY SESSIONS, FEE CLASS— \$40

Instructor: Douglas Kenning

Tom Rothgiesser

Fran Abenheimer

"This is the heart of it all, the whirlpool of human hopes and follies, a cauldron of faith for almost half of humanity, the fault line where East and West wrestle in the dust. 'Oh Jerusalem' wept Jesus.

We will attempt a short history of 3000 years of the pain and struggle of a place we cannot escape."

This six-week course will be taught by Douglas Kenning, who, last year, gave this well-received series at OLLI.

The syllabus will consist of:

1. The Land made Holy Egypt to Abraham to Moses to Samson to Samuel to Saul to David;
2. The Judean Monarchy, the Babylonian captivity;
3. The Roman Empire;
4. Mohammed's Night Journey . . . and the Crusades;
5. Rediscovery by Europeans on the Grand Tour;
6. WW2, The State of Israel; Israeli-Arab Wars; recent developments.



The classes will use many photos of artworks, historical sites and people, with maps to carry the story. Sign up and pay soon, as this could become a very popular series.

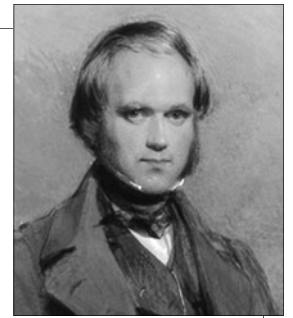
## CLIRsights—

**Dr. Terrence Gosliner,**

**California Academy of Science**  
**Leaping Lizards!**

**Friday, November 13, 1:15pm**

Dr. Gosliner, who is Senior Curator, Department of Invertebrate Zoology and Geology is our guest speaker.



Charles Darwin

Popular mythology has it that when Darwin arrived in the Galapagos he already understood how evolution occurred, having spent three years exploring the coast of South America. Dr. Gosliner will talk about the fact and fiction of what Darwin learned and when he learned it, and how his view of the world changed in the Galapagos.



Dr. Gosliner  
Academy of Science image

Dr. Gosliner has conducted research at the Academy since 1982, focusing on the classification, evolution and conservation of marine mammals in the tropical Indian and Pacific Oceans.

**Remember, you may invite guests to any CLIRsights lecture. These lectures are free of charge to everyone.**

## A History of the English Language

[425 Market Street]

Starts Friday, January 15, 10:00am

**Carlyn Halde**

This class will meet twice each month; future dates and times to be announced. Carlyn will present a Teaching Company video with discussion. We will trace the development of the English language. We will learn how words denote social rank, how and why dialects arise and interact, and how the Anglo Saxons, the Norman invasion, and British colonization each left their marks on the words we use today.

## Candidates for Nominating Committee

Each year you are asked to propose members best qualified to serve on the Nominating Committee. This important seven-member group acts as a "Search Committee" for CLIR Council candidates. Their job is to research and propose a slate of candidates for each office and Council seat. Please clip this form and return to the CLIR Office by the end of November (or bring to the General Meeting).

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List up to seven CLIR members you consider qualified to serve on the Nominating Committee.  
Due in the CLIR office by December 1.

# Holiday Gala

December 4, 1:00

\$20

Look forward to wines and other beverages, good food and plenty of party spirit.

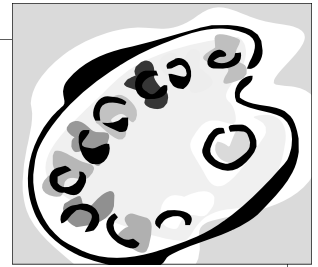
You're invited to help by bringing your favorite treat to share. Hors d'oeuvres, casseroles, entrees, salads, deserts—all are welcome. You will be reimbursed for your expenses.

Entertainment will feature the very popular Joe Marchi, expert on the American Musical Theater, host of the TV show *Regards to Broadway* and widely-known lecturer.

**Sign up NOW!**

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# Autumn Art Show At



**The Sequoias**  
1400 Geary Blvd—San Francisco.

**Artists' Reception**  
Nov 19 3:30-5:00pm

**Visit the show from**  
Nov. 19—Dec. 10

**CLIR's artists have many talents.**  
**This is your chance to view and appreciate them.**

*(Artists—please deliver your work to The Sequoias on Nov. 18 between 1:00-3:00pm. Pick up your work on Dec. 11 before 5:00pm.)*

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