



News & Events

February 2012

Guided Visit to the *Indios no Brasil* Exhibition



Join the ACB on Saturday morning, February 4, for a guided visit in English to the exhibition *Indians in Brazil* at the Royal Museums of Art and History in Cinquantenaire Park. The multifaceted exhibition brings together archeological and contemporary artifacts from Brazil's diverse indigenous cultures. Many of these works have never before been shown in Europe.

The 290 objects on display come from leading Brazilian anthropological museums, and were chosen to introduce the visitor to the fascinating tribes of Amazonian Indians – to learn how the different tribes live, what they eat, what they wear, and their relationships with the forest and the world of spirits.

Magnificent feather crowns, woven baskets, ceramic funeral urns, masks, toys, musical instruments, everyday tools and weapons, as well as beautifully crafted sacred and ritual objects reveal the rich variety of cultures and artistic traditions of Brazil's native peoples. In addition, the exhibition presents contextual photographs and video clips of religious ceremonies, coming of age rituals, and burial rites made by both Indians and ethnographers.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, February 4

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire, Parc du Cinquantenaire 10, 1000 Brussels

Price: €20 for ACB and AWCB members; €30 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, February 1 by email

(info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to

the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Indios" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, February 1. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Note: This event is limited to 15 participants. Don't miss out. Sign up today!

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, February 24
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Renaissance Brussels Hotel
(ground floor behind the restaurant)
Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
(walking distance from Place du Luxembourg)

Cash bar open to all. Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome.

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

Dates to Remember

- Friday, February 3: Young Members club night @ Mr. Wong
 - Saturday, February 4: Guided visit to *Indios no Brasil* exhibit
 - Thursday, February 16: Dine-Out
 - Friday, February 24: Final Friday cocktails
 - Wednesday, February 29: Deloitte Tax Seminar
 - Friday, March 30: Final Friday cocktails
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Young Members Club Night @ Mr. Wong



This month, the American Club of Brussels' Young Members group will take over Chinatown by hosting our monthly meet-up at Mr. Wong.

"Of unknown age and origin, Mr. Wong recently arrived in Brussels. His parties are powerful, wild, glamorous, and funky. Their reputation has been whispered among men across centuries and continents... welcome to his bar. The bar where everything is... almost possible."

So if you are a young (under 35) American living/working/studying in Brussels, or just have an interest in the U.S.A. and want to hang out, join us at Mr. Wong disco-bar. All nationalities are welcome. Hope to see you there.

The ACB will pick up the tab for the first few bottles, but our space is limited, so please email Christopher Ballard (ctballard@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

Event Details

Date: Friday, February 3

Time: 11:00 p.m. until ???

Place: Mr. Wong, Rue de la Vierge Noire, 10-12-14, 1000 Brussels

Price: €5 cover at the door

Contact: If you have any questions, can't find the group, or would like to know more about the American Club of Brussels, contact Christopher Ballard at ctballard@gmail.com or call 475/32.20.94.

Check us out on Facebook: American Club of Brussels – Young Members

2012 Membership Renewals

ACB membership fees for the 2012 Club year are now due.

Membership Categories and Rates

- Regular individual: €140
- Retiree (over 65): €70

- Corporate: €550
- SME corporate: €275
- Young (under 35): €70
- Student: €40
- Students at Boston University or Fulbright scholars: €30
- Non-resident: €35

Please make your payment to ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB). Note that the spouse/partner of a paid-up member enjoys equal and full membership rights – except voting rights – without paying a second membership fee.

By popular demand, spouses/partners can now have their own email address and contact data registered in the Club database. Send an email to info@americanclubbrussels.org with the following information: your family name, first name, date of birth, email address, and the family name and first name of your spouse/partner.

A Reminder: Membership Benefits

A number of special benefits are available to all ACB members. They are:

- A three-issue free trial to *The Bulletin* magazine;
- A free bank account for one year at the KBC;
- A free, one-hour consultation on U.S. tax matters with Deloitte;
- The ISB Advantage Card that provides discounts or special offers at shops, restaurants, and services in the Brussels area. Visit www.isb.be/advantage for more information about the card.

If you are interested in any or all of these benefits, please send an email to the ACB Office Manager (info@americanclubbrussels.org) indicating which ones you would like to receive. In the email, please give us your postal address, since the ISB Advantage Card can only be sent by regular mail, not email.

Deloitte Tax Seminar

As a U.S. citizen, you know it is your obligation to file a tax return on your worldwide income every year. But perhaps the U.S. Tax Code isn't clear enough when it comes to your situation? Or you're just plain confused by the new tax changes? So what do you do? Come along to Deloitte's tax seminar, and ask the questions and get the answers to all your U.S. tax needs. A team of Deloitte experts is prepared to give you an update on the latest U.S. tax changes and planning strategies, and set you on the right path.

Topics to be covered during the seminar include:

- Income tax updates;
- Estate tax;
- New reporting requirements for foreign financial assets;
- Increased focus on Passive Foreign Investment Companies and Foreign Trusts.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, February 29

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., followed by Q&A and cocktails

Place: Deloitte, Berkenlaan 8A (Grand'Place Room), 1831 Diegem

Price: €10 for ACB and AWCB members; €15 for non-members

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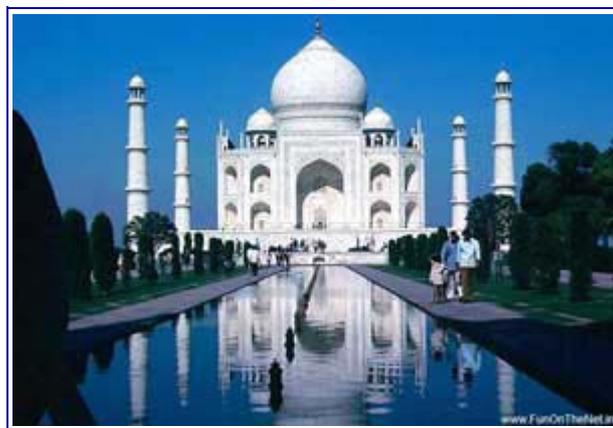
Community News

Canadian Pub Night / Soirée au Pub

Join members of the Canadian Club of Belgium on Friday, February 3, from 7:00 p.m. at Kitty O'Shea's [Boulevard de Charlemagne 42, 1040 Brussels (Etterbeek)] for friendly conversation and a few beers (www.kittyosheas.com/kitty_brussels.asp). No reservation is required. This is an open event and everyone is welcome.

Interested in Fine Arts and Architecture?

If your answer is yes, then BRIDFAS may be for you. The goal of the British Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Brussels (BRIDFAS) is to stimulate an understanding and enjoyment of the arts through illustrated lectures and visits to exhibitions. All talks are delivered in English by experts in their field.



The next lecture, *The Drama behind the Taj Mahal*, will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8 at the Maison Communale, Avenue Paul Hymans 2, 1200 Brussels (Woluwe St.-Lambert). Welcome drinks will be offered starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.bridfas.org.

The Brussels Bookswappers Club

Every fourth Wednesday of the month, booklovers get together to swap books that are gathering dust on their shelves. Come along with any number of books you wish to exchange for other titles left at the club by its members. Fiction as well as non-fiction is welcome, and there is a special section for children's books. You are encouraged to bring books in English as well as in other major languages.

A team of Meeters & Greeters will welcome you and explain how the system works. There is no membership fee. The venue is the brasserie Aux Enfants Terribles [Chaussée de la Hulpe 190, 1170 Brussels (Watermael-Boitsfort)], near the International School of Brussels. The next

meeting is on Wednesday, February 22 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If you wish to receive further information or to be put on the club's mailing list, contact Karen at abkginfo@skynet.be.

The Brussels American Community Chorus

The Brussels American Community Chorus invites adults and children over 12 to sing. All nationalities are welcome. Men are especially needed. There is no audition, and no experience is required. Rehearsals are every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Kraainem. The chorus sings to enjoy music and to support the community. It performs several times a year at American and Belgian events. For details, contact Lamdm@attglobal.net.

A Walk on the Wild Side



Join other English-speakers for a guided tour of the Scheutbos, a 50-hectare nature reserve west of Brussels on Sunday morning, March 25, starting at 10:00 a.m. Two guides (one native English speaker and a French-accented one) will explain the methods by which the broad and often unexpected biodiversity of this wonderful reserve is encouraged and maintained. There is no charge, since the only goal of the Friends of the Scheutbos is to educate people in how to preserve nature. The tour is two kilometers long. Children and dogs (please bring pooper-scooper bags) are welcome. Boots or good walking shoes are advised, since parts of the trail can get quite muddy, and there will be some stops for explanations, so warm clothing is recommended.

We will meet at the end of Scheutbosstraat (the rue, not the avenue), which starts on Boulevard Mettwie just opposite the end of Boulevard Machtens, close to the #49 bus "Machtens" stop and the terminus of the #86 bus from De Brouckère. Parking is available at the meeting point. For more information, contact Jean Leveque at 0496/53.07.68.

Event Details

Date: Sunday, March 25

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: Scheutbos, Scheutbosstraat, 1080 Brussels (Sint-Jans-Molenbeek)

Price: Free

Sign up: No reservation is needed

News from the American Women's Club of Brussels

Upcoming Trips



The American Women's Club of Brussels welcomes ACB members to join them on their guided visits this spring. For information on Discover Belgium walking tours, see [AWCB Guided walks and trips.pdf](#).

For information on the Loire Valley tour scheduled for May 26-28, see [AWCB Loire Valley trip.pdf](#).

And for information on the guided visit to the south of England on June 15-17, see [AWCB South England trip.pdf](#).

AWCB Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon

This year's breast cancer awareness fundraiser will take place on Thursday, February 16 from 11:00 a.m. at the AWCB clubhouse on Avenue des Erables 1, Rhode St.-Genèse. Tickets are €25 and include a three-course meal. The annual event is open to all. To reserve, call 02/358.47.53 or sign up at the reception desk. All proceeds will benefit the Jules Bordet Institute, the only independent hospital in Belgium totally dedicated to cancer.

Representatives from Think Pink, Pink Ribbon, and the Jules Bordet Institute will speak on the fight against breast cancer in Belgium, and an expert in brassieres will give some advice. A number of AWCB members will share their personal stories with us.

There will be two auctions – a silent auction and an auction during the event. The silent auction items will be on display and ready for bidding from February 14. A number system will be used to bid on items so no one will know who they are bidding against.

Email Melody at kathleen.kissoon@skynet.be or Petra at lumpfine26@yahoo.de if you have any questions.

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The American Club of Brussels is one of the oldest American clubs in Europe, founded in 1921 to foster Belgian-American relations. Although our members comprise more than 20 other nationalities from all walks of life, the ACB retains its American flavor. Some of us are long-time residents in Belgium. Many of us are newcomers. We all enjoy ourselves and the club's wide variety of social and cultural activities.

The ACB is a great way to expand your circle of friends and to discover more of the delights of Belgium. Try us.