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Strong Sense of Place Marks GLA’s Spring Author Day Guest

Peter Geye brings the northern landscape to readers

MIM KAGOL, Author Day Chair

It is said that a good piece of literature—whether story, poem, or play—picks you up and sets you down somewhere else. That is certainly true of both of Peter Geye’s novels, *Safe from the Sea* and *The Lighthouse Road*.

Just a few pages into his stories, you will suddenly find yourself transported to Duluth, or farther up Highway 61 along the North Shore. You might be deep in the hazardous Northwoods in a rustic, ramshackle cabin, or in a rough-and-tumble 1894 lumber camp, or out on that great lake with the sea spray in your face, soaked to the skin, with the bitter chill of winter in your bones.

Geye has a wonderful eye for detail. His novels not only delineate his physical and emotional territory as a writer—that sense of place wherein a storyteller finds both his inspiration and his authentic voice—they also enchant by the wisdom with which he examines the human heart.

It is also often said that it’s women who do the reading and keep the book business

afloat; yet it was two different male readers who called my attention to his debut novel, *Safe from the Sea*. Both gentlemen alluded to the empathy they felt for a father and son who painfully but in good faith attempt to resolve the long-held resentments of their estrangement. Noah, the protagonist, returns to his boyhood home because his aged father, Olaf, is ill. A key element in both plot and characterization is Olaf’s recounting the horror of an ore boat shipwreck in a wintery gale many years before, in which most of the crew perished. The truth of that story that has been “rotting in me all this time,” never revealed in full until Noah comes home to be with Olaf as he is dying. The current tension in Noah’s marriage and the sudden arrival of his wife, Natalie, add another layer of complexity to our insight into his conflicts.

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From Your President . . .

*“Gustavus Library Associates
promotes learning, literature, and
the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library
at Gustavus Adolphus College.”*

The mission statement of Gustavus Library Associates lifts up learning, literature, and our beloved library on campus. No doubt, learning and literature play key roles in all of our lives, on a daily basis. We learn to be better global citizens by reading about the world. Literary history can inform our future. Learning and reading are gifts of life. Forgive me if I sound overly proud of our mission statement, but I think it hits the mark precisely on what we strive to do in GLA.

Let’s turn the hands of time back 1,000 years to the Temple of Literature in Hanoi, Vietnam. This temple for Confucius, built in 1070, was home to the Imperial Academy, Vietnam’s first national university. Our daughter recently returned from a fantastic Gustavus January Interim study experience in Cambodia and Vietnam. She showed us pictures of students dressed in graduation gowns, proudly taking pictures at this historical and highly revered destination. They stand by the Constellation of Literature pavilion, the significant architectural gate that has become the symbol of Hanoi. So honored, the Temple of Literature is illustrated on the back of the 100,000 Vietnamese dong (comparable to our \$5 bill).

In our homes, at the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, and across the world, learning and literature go hand and hand. They inspire each other. Our goal is to passionately value and promote them. And hopefully, we can always apply learning and literature to our own lives, in whatever ways are meaningful.

Find a cozy chair and enjoy reading all that this issue of *Ex Libris* has to offer. Know that you are very welcome to GLA events. Enjoy your continued connection with Gustavus. And if you are not a member of Gustavus Library Associates, we invite you to join us on our journey together to promote learning, literature, and the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Johnson, co-president

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Books Will Bloom Again at the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library

MARLYS JOHNSON, Books in Bloom Committee

Gustavus Library Associates (GLA), the friends-of-the-library volunteer organization will present its third annual *Books in Bloom* event May 3–5, 2013.

Attended by over 500 people in 2012, *Books in Bloom* offered a wide array of floral and plant arrangements matched with 30 different books, journals, films, and other holdings of Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. A short paragraph describing the “match” of blooms with the library selection accompanied each exhibit, allowing the viewer a special insight into why particular flowers were selected. (A slide show of last year’s event is available on the GLA page at www.gustavus.edu/gla.)

Books in Bloom 2013 will bring an insight into such books/films as the popular children’s tale *Because of Winn Dixie*; a story of the Periodic Table titled *Disappearing Spoon*; and the crown of PBS’s Masterpiece Theater, *Downton*

Abbey. History buffs will be interested in seeing the designer’s interpretation of *The Legacy of Conquest*. And a companion bloom for *Night Circus* will be unveiled.

The event appeals to a wide range of readers as non-fiction, biographies, fiction, children’s, and classic literature will be represented with imagination and originality. Conversations at the event reflect shared passions and interests.

“The talent and creativity represented by artists saluting literature is so impressive,” reports Marisa Schloer ’09, this year’s Books in Bloom chair. “Our third-year event will be spectacular. Bring your friends and family, explore the nooks and crannies of the library, and we hope that you appreciate the beauty of the floral arrangements.”

Once again, a Gustavus student’s graphic design was chosen for the event’s poster

and publicity, to represent a unique interpretation of the poetic relationship between literature and art. “Given the creativity and talent of the 50 designs submitted, it was a difficult decision to choose just one,” says Schloer. Her committee finally selected a design by sophomore Jenny Marquette, a communication studies major from Princeton, Minn.

Books in Bloom 2013 is on Friday, May 3, from 3 to 5 p.m.; on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dana Lamb or Dean Wahlund ’72 in Marketing and Communication (507-933-7550 or marketing@gustavus.edu).

COMING EVENTS

SPRING AUTHOR DAY, featuring Minnesota author Peter Geye
Tuesday, April 16 | 9:30 a.m.
Edina Country Club
Invitation to follow

LINDAU SYMPOSIUM: “Government Policy and Economics”
Thursday, April 18 | 7 p.m.
Dr. Arthur Brooks, speaker
Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union, Gustavus Adolphus College
Open to the public without charge

THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: “The Importance of Authenticity”
Friday, April 19 | 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
American Swedish Institute
Order tickets at gustavustickets.com

MAYDAY! PEACE CONFERENCE: “Decision: Roe v. Wade”
Thursday, May 2 | opening 10 a.m.
Teach-in format with 21 speakers
Christ Chapel and other venues
Gustavus Adolphus College
Open to the public without charge

BOOKS IN BLOOM
Friday–Sunday, May 3–5
Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library
Gustavus Adolphus College
During Library hours; tours each day

GUSTIE BREAKFAST: featuring Bruce Gray ’61, author of *Black and Bold: A History of African American Students at Gustavus*
Wednesday, June 12 | 7:30 a.m.
St. Peter/Mankato Breakfast
St. Peter Room, Jackson Campus Center, Gustavus Adolphus College
Wednesday, June 19 | 7:30 a.m.
Twins City Breakfast
American Swedish Institute, Mpls.
Call Institutional Advancement at 507-933-7512 for reservations

“A ROYAL AFFAIR” GLA’s Gala Celebration
Saturday, November 16 | 6 p.m.
Radisson Blu, Bloomington
Details and invitation to follow

‘Non-consecutive Terms, but Not Exactly Grover Cleveland’

DAN MOLLNER, Head Librarian

This semester I began my second tour of duty as chair of the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, now having followed Barbara into the proverbial corner office for the second time. We’ve had a change in library administration that puts us in a fairly unique situation among college libraries, and one that I still believe serves Gustavus very well.

The Gustavus Library chair (director is the common term used elsewhere) serves a three-year term comparable to our faculty colleagues chairing other departments on campus. As chair, I have primary responsibility for addressing personnel issues, shepherding the budget, and working with campus administration and several faculty committees. However, neither my colleagues nor I are sentenced to having me serve in that capacity indefinitely! I hope I bring a fresh perspective with some experience mixed in, and take great comfort in knowing that Barbara is nearby, just a run down the steps to my old office in the basement, for consultation and a good laugh when something gets me down. She now plays the role I tried to play for her during the last five and a half years.

However, the real brilliance in our system is that it draws on the strengths of the entire department, not just mine as chair or Barbara’s as past chair, but also on the strengths of our library faculty colleagues and on the long experience of the entire staff. Because of their organizational structure, few institutions capitalize on this valuable asset the way we can and do. Too often the director calls the shots and the place sinks or swims. Too often a vacuum is created when a director steps down or retires, and an institution stumbles. Too often a director makes poor decisions, and the entire library suffers the consequences. At the Gustavus Library, I again have the responsibility of Library chair, but my success will never be all my own, and my failures will be tempered by my colleagues saying, “Hey, Dan, wait just a minute . . .”

The Library mission statement gives us an important charge, saying that the library “advances the teaching mission and intellectual life of the College by selecting and facilitating access to information and by instructing in its use, interpretation, and evaluation.” This is a tall order, but one that can be intellectually stimulating and awfully fun too. It is a privilege to work with curious students, creative and dedicated colleagues, and great friends and supporters like the members of GLA. Our library is a cooperative effort; I’m just lucky to play one role in a great ensemble piece.

A Royal Affair!

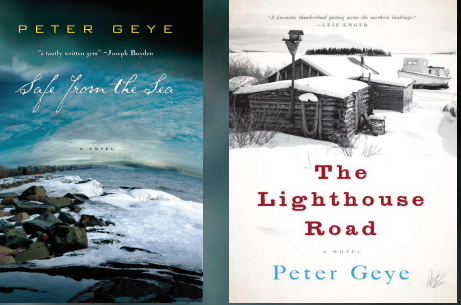
Save the date and get ready to celebrate!

Please mark your social calendar for the next **Royal Affair!** After a hiatus, we’ve scheduled our party for **Saturday, November 16, 2013**. We’re excited to announce that our gala will be held at the newly opened Radisson Blu, Mall of America. The hotel ramp will provide plenty of free parking, and we’re encouraging you to “make a night of it” by booking a guest room.

The evening will offer a fabulous dinner followed by the beautiful music of the Kim Marie Fragodt Quintet. Kim, a 1983 Gustavus graduate, will offer vocal music that is great for dancing or listening. Kim’s husband, the Rev. Brian Fragodt ’81, will serve as emcee for the evening. The gala includes an exciting auction of fun and hard-to-find items.



Minnesota Novelist
PETER GEYE



Spring Author Day with **Peter Geye**, author of *Safe from the Sea* and *The Lighthouse Road*.

Strong Sense of Place continued

Geye’s publisher calls the book “an archetypal story of father and son, and the tug and pull of family bonds, of Norwegian immigrant culture, of dramatic shipwrecks and the business and adventure of Great Lakes shipping in a setting that simply casts a spell. . . .”

Safe from the Sea moves along a linear timeline over the course of perhaps a week in Noah’s and Olaf’s lives. In *The Lighthouse Road*, which one reviewer has described as “a novel that charts the whole of the human heart,” Geye transports readers back and forth between the late 1890s and the 1920s, both in the little settlement of Gunflint on the North Shore and in the city of Duluth, showing the compelling life of protagonist Odd Einar Eide, from misbegotten newborn to adult, to father himself. These skillfully rendered characters, with all their glories and flaws, will live in your mind for days after you have finished the book. The author writes as convincingly about a conflicted mother breastfeeding her newborn and suffering postpartum depression as he does about fishermen in small boats plying their trade in the tempestuous waters and weather of Lake Superior. In each scene, he skillfully

“puts you there” with a voice calm and authoritative, and with sentences rhythmic and graceful. The man has clearly paid careful attention to people as well as to place.

Geye’s website tells us he was born in Minneapolis and educated at South High and the University of Minnesota, earned post-graduate degrees from the University of New Orleans and Western Michigan University, and has worked as bartender, bookseller, banker, copywriter, and cook. To the benefit of readers everywhere, he appears to have settled on writer as his occupation, and he is working on a third novel. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife and three children, a stay-at-home dad who manages to carve out time for his writing, often at night while the family sleeps.

Peter Geye is certain to be an engaging speaker at our Author Day brunch on April 16 at the Edina Country Club. My advice: Get hold of his books now and read them ahead of that day. Your pleasure in hearing him speak is certain to be enhanced by the pleasures you will already have found in the pages of his books.



TUESDAY, APRIL, 16
Edina Country Club
5100 Wooddale Avenue
Edina, Minn.

Cost \$25
RSVP by Wednesday, April 10
No refunds

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Country Club Brunch
10:30 a.m.	Presentation
11:30 a.m.	Book Signing

Reservations at gustavustickets.com

Celebrating Membership in GLA!

Since its beginning in 1977, Gustavus Library Associates, a special friends-of-the-College organization, has promoted learning, literature, and the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. This preeminent academic library support group has built an endowment in excess of \$2.5 million dollars, providing nearly 25 percent of the library’s yearly acquisition budget.

The 2013 membership year is June 1, 2012, to May 31, 2013. To date, there are 244 active memberships in GLA. New members welcomed in the last two quarters of year 2013 include:

- Marilyn Wiklund Anderson ’60, Minnetonka, Minnesota
- Elaine Aune, St. Peter, Minnesota
- Elsa Cornell ’61, St. Peter, Minnesota
- Ruth ’60 and Charles Engdahl, Plymouth, Minnesota
- Cara Evanson ’09, Davidson, North Carolina
- Jill Hagen ’77, Minneapolis, Minnesota
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- George and Joyce Merino, St. Peter, Minnesota
- Jeannie Peterson, St. Peter, Minnesota
- Paul ’79 and Laurie ’79 Peterson, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
- Kernit ’62 and Janet Swanson, St. Peter, Minnesota
- JoNes VanHecke ’88, St. Peter, Minnesota

New and renewed 2012–13 memberships are welcomed until May 31, 2013. You are invited to join online by visiting gustavus.edu/gla. Please know that, whatever membership level you chose, the entire amount (100 percent) goes directly to purchasing books, technology, and other academic resources for Gustavus students and faculty.

And, did you know that a gift to GLA celebrating a friend’s birthday, an anniversary, books and libraries, or a memorial honoring a loved one will be recognized with a bookplate in a new acquisition at the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library? Go online at gustavus.edu/gla for more information about Gifts of Celebration!

Keeping Up

William Kent Krueger, Author Day guest in Fall 2010, returned to the bestseller lists in August 2012 with the publication of *Trickster’s Point*, his 12th novel featuring cop-turned-P.I. Cork O’Connor. His book *Ordinary Grace*, about a 13-year-old boy who is trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him, comes out in late March. O’Connor fans will have to wait until August 2013 for *Tamarack County*.

Jim Gilbert ’62, one of GLA’s early (Spring 1986) Author Day guests, has written a new book of Minnesota phenology titled *Minnesota’s Outdoor Wonders: Exploring the Wonders of Minnesota Month by Month*.

Bruce Gray ’61, former dean of students and advancement associate at Gustavus, has completed a memoir, *Black and Bold*, which is at once a history of black students at the College and also a chronicle of the College’s vision and plan for recruiting and retaining black students from small towns of the South and urban centers of the North.

Herb Chilstrom, former bishop of the ELCA, Gustavus board member, and interim director of Linnaeus Arboretum, is co-author, with his wife, Corinne, of *Every Morning New*, a book of devotions published in June 2012 by Huff Publishing Associates. It is available through the Gustavus Book Mark.

Sleep like a Tiger is the latest children’s book by **Mary Logue**, Author Day guest in Spring 2005. The book, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, tells the story of a little girl who refuses to sleep.

The winter 2012 issue of the literary magazine *Ploughshares* was devoted to nonfiction and was edited by **Patricia Hampl**, Author Day guest in Summer 2001.

Hallucinations, a new collection of medical narratives by neurologist **Oliver Sacks**, Nobel Conference participant and Fall 1994 Author Day guest, uncovers the mystery behind the things that people see, hear, and smell that aren’t there.

Becky Fremo, GLA Author Night writing workshop leader in Spring 2012, has had her first collection of poems published. It is titled *Chasing Northern Lights*.

Jared Diamond, 1993 Nobel Conference participant and Pulitzer Prize winner for his book *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, has released a new book. *The World until Yesterday* focuses on lessons that modern state societies might learn from old traditions and primitive cultures.

The Minnesota Crime Wave is back with *Fifteen Tales of Murder, Mayhem, and Malice from the Land of Minnesota Nice*, an anthology of short fiction. The book contains an introduction by **Pete Hautman**, GLA Author Day guest in Spring 2005.

Psychotherapist and author **Cynthia Blomquist Gustavson ’69**, has collaborated with her husband, Dr. Edward E. Gustavson, and her son, Kent Gustavson, Ph.D., to produce a book on bullying that can be used for both the bully and the bullied. *Bully! The Big Book about Bullies and the Bullied*, is appropriate for every classroom from elementary through high school, and for discussion groups everywhere.

Former Gustavus president **Dennis Johnson** has completed a book on another College leader, longtime psychology professor and president John S. Kendall. Titled *On His Watch: John S. Kendall at Gustavus*, the book describes how Kendall took on the challenges of his presidency (1981–1991), met them with humor, and persevered to advance the college he loved.

Lorna Landvik, an Author Day guest in the Fall of 2002, has self-published her latest book, *The Mayor of the Universe*, and is making it available through the website bookbaby.com. Landvik is just one of a number of established authors who are experimenting with alternative forms of publishing. Loyal readers need not fear: Lorna is also working on two books for her longtime publisher, Ballantine Books.

A Love Affair with Birds: The Life of Thomas Sadler Roberts, by Gustavus alumna and Spring 2010 Author Day guest **Sue Leaf**, will be published in May 2013 by the University of Minnesota Press. It’s the first biography of Roberts (1858–1946), a dapper professor at the University of Minnesota who was also a physician for three decades, a bird-lover virtually from birth, and the father of Minnesota ornithology.



Nearly 350 members and friends of Gustavus Library Associates sampled a traditional Swedish smörgåsbord at the **Festival of St. Lucia luncheon** last December in Alumni Hall on campus. The women’s quintet Flickorna Fem performed many beloved Swedish songs and favorites from the Swedish-American immigrants’ musical tradition.



Several hundred guests gathered in Larson Hall at the American Swedish Institute on October 10, 2012, for a **public forum hosted by GLA and featuring three noted women crime writers from Scandinavia**. Pictured from left are author Helene Tursten, Gustavus librarian and moderator Barbara Fister, and authors Agnete Friis and Lene Kaaberbøl.

‘Happy Birthday, GLA!’
MIM KAGOL, GLA Past President

“Let’s have a party!” we said. So on a warm August evening at the gracious Edina home of board member Susie Bjorling Heim and husband, Steve, we gathered to celebrate Gustavus Library Associates. Board members, their significant others, and honored guests came together to recognize GLA’s 35 years as a friends-of-the-college organization.

Begun in 1977, the inspiration of then-First Lady Patty Lindell to create a support group that would eventually help Gustavus Adolphus College earn Phi Beta Kappa status, GLA has in the ensuing years raised nearly \$3 million for the endowment of the College and continues, through annual membership gifts, to provide more than 20 percent of the Library’s annual acquisition budget. Indeed, worth celebrating!

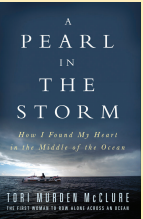
And celebrate we did, with speeches, reminiscences, stories, a smörgåsbord of potluck specialties, birthday cake, and floral tributes for those founders and past presidents who were able to attend. Patty, speaking as the organizing spirit and first chairman of the Board of GLA, said she is “so honored to have been a part of this wonderful organization”—a sentiment shared by those who have kept her passionate commitment going.

Underlying the festivities was a deep gratitude for GLA’s strong membership and the promise that this very special organization will continue to grow—in members, in earnings, in support for Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, and in its commitment to helping educate Gustie students for lives of leadership and service.

Happy Birthday, GLA—and many more!

GLA—35 years young, vibrant and successful, continuing to provide great resources for students and lifelong friendships for its members. ~ Patty Lindell

Reading in Common
Committee Announces
2013 book



The Student Activities Office at Gustavus has announced that *A Pearl in the Storm*, by Tori Murden McClure, has been selected as the College’s 2013 Reading in Common book.

A Pearl in the Storm is a book about failure and recovery, about storms that twist our lives and shatter our dreams, and about the pearls—the guides, the guardians, and the mentors—that lift us up after we fall. Author McClure is best known as the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean and the first woman to travel overland to the geographic South Pole, skiing 750 miles from the ice shelf to the pole. An avid mountaineer, she has also served as president of Spalding University in Louisville, Ky., since 2010. McClure is excited about the opportunity to come to Gustavus next September for a lecture and class visits.

If you are interested in learning more about the book or the author, please visit apearlinthestorm.com.