1992 MEETING IN ST. LOUIS

The thirteenth annual meeting of the T.S. Eliot Society will take place September 25-27 in St. Louis. In addition to the presentation of papers by members of the Society, this year's meeting features a Memorial Lecture by Denis Donoghue, performances of "That Shakespearean Rag" and the recently composed "T.S. Eliot Rag," a slide presentation of places associated with Four Quartets, an opportunity to tour some major sites in and around St. Louis, and the annual Saturday night banquet. A complete program of events appears on page 2 of this issue.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Most of this year's proceedings will take place at Drury Inn at Union Station, originally a railroad YMCA that is now valued for its architectural interest and for its memorabilia of old St. Louis. For reservations call Drury Inn at 314-231-3900 or 800-325-8300, or address your written request to 201 S. 20 Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. Reservations must be made by September 11. The rates for Society members are $72 per night single, $82 double, which includes free breakfast buffet.

To register for the conference please complete the registration form on page 3 of this issue of News & Notes and send it to Linda Wyman, Treasurer, 613-5 Woodland, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Prior to September 16, the registration fee is $10 per person, $15 for two members of a single household, $5 for students and retirees. After September 16 these registration fees are doubled.

ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE

The T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecturer for 1992 is Denis Donoghue, author of many well-known studies of modern literature and literary criticism. Mr. Donoghue is currently Professor of Modern English and American Literature at University College, Dublin, and occupant of the Henry James Chair of Letters at New York University. His many publications include The Third Voice: Modern British and American Verse Drama (1959); Connoisseurs of Chaos: Ideas of Order in Modern American Poetry (1965); The Ordinary Universe: Soundings in Modern Literature (1968); William Butler Yeats (1971); Thieves of Fire (1973, in Faber & Faber's T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecture Series); The Sovereign Ghost: Studies in Imagination (1976); Ferocious Alphabets (1981); The Arts without Mystery (1983); We Irish: Essays on Irish Literature and Society (1986); Reading America: Essays on American Literature (1987); England, Their England: Commentaries on English Language and Literature (1988); and most recently the autobiographical Warrenpoint (1990).

THE ELIOT AND THE "SHAKESPEHERIAN" RAGS

Another notable guest at this year's meeting is the composer Trebor Jay Tichenor, of Washington University, who will give the premiere performance of "That Shakespearean Rag," a work commissioned by the Society. Mr. Tichenor will also perform "That Shakespearean Rag," the 1912 hit immortalized in Section II of The Waste Land.

BOOK DISPLAY

Once again Larry Melton has graciously volunteered to organize a book display for the annual meeting in St. Louis. Members with publications on Eliot are invited to bring copies of their work to the meeting, or to send them in advance to Mr. Melton at East Central College, P.O. Box 529, Union, MO 63084.

ST. LOUIS EXCURSIONS

On Saturday afternoon, September 26, participants in the annual meeting will have the opportunity to enjoy a tour of the famous Cohokia Mounds located 20 minutes outside of St. Louis. The Mounds are the site of what was the largest population center in North America one millennium ago. Our guide for this expedition will be Melanie Fathman, art historian at St. Louis University, President of the St. Louis branch of the National Trust for Historical Preservation, and longstanding member of the T.S. Eliot Society.

For those remaining in St. Louis on Sunday afternoon, September 27, the Board is in the process of arranging a trip to the Scott Joplin House, one of the few remaining local structures associated with the life of the composer, and a landmark now open to visitors.

ON DUES

The date for payment of your 1993 dues is November 1, 1992, though members may save the Society the cost of mailing them a reminder by renewing their membership in advance, either directly at the annual meeting or by sending a check to Linda Wyman, Treasurer, at 613-5 Woodland, Jefferson City, MO 65101. The scale of membership is as follows: Regular, $15-24; Supporting, $25-49; Sustaining, $50-99; Patron, $100 and above.
PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, September 25

7:15-7:45 p.m. REGISTRATION AND VOUCHER PICK-UP
Drury Inn
Mildred Boaz, Secretary
Linda Wyman, Treasurer

7:45 p.m. WELCOME
Virni Marie D'Ambrrosio, President

PANEL
Chaired by Virginia Phelan
Mark Jeffreys, “Parallel Syntax: Samuel Johnson’s Prose and T.S. Eliot’s”

8:45 p.m. OPEN FORUM OF SOCIETY MEMBERS
Discussion of the Society’s current activities and future direction
Refreshments

Saturday, September 26

9:00 a.m. GREETINGS
Virni Marie D’Ambrosio

PANEL
Chaired by Sanford Schwartz
Benjamin G. Lockerd, “Protozoic Slime: Eliot’s Attack on Darwinism”

10:00 a.m. ELIOT RAGS
Refreshments

11:00 a.m. THIRTEENTH ANNUAL T.S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE
Denis Donoghue, “The American T.S. Eliot”

12:00-1:30 p.m. BREAK

1:30 p.m. EXPEDITION TO CAHOKIA MOUNDS
Guided tour led by Melanie Fathman

6:00 p.m. RECEPTION
Drinks and hors d’oeuvres
4967 Pershing Place

6:45 p.m. PRESENTATION
David Huisman, “If You Came This Way.” Slides of places associated with Four Quartets
4967 Pershing Place

7:45 p.m. DINNER
4967 Pershing Place

Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m. ELIOT SOCIETY DIRECTORS’ MEETING
First Unitarian Church

9:30 a.m. ADDRESS
First Unitarian Church
Rev. Earl K. Holt III, Historian of the Society

11:00 a.m. FORUM
First Unitarian Church
Nancy Hargrove, “The Waste Land as a Surrealist Poem”

NEW BIBLIOGRAPHY


The Knowles and Leonard bibliography is the companion to National Poetry Foundation’s 1990 volume, T.S. Eliot: Man and Poet (Volume 1), a collection of twenty-two original essays edited by Laura Cowan and including a substantial number of contributions by members of the Society.

DISSETATIONS ON ELIOT

The following is a list of doctoral theses devoted partially or entirely to Eliot for the year 1991. The list was produced through a computerized search; any omissions are unintentional. Lists of dissertations published in other recent years, along with any additions to the 1991 list, will appear in subsequent issues of News & Notes.

Margaret Clare Rall, The Correspondence of Mary Hutchinson: A New Look at Bloomsbury, Eliot and Huxley (U. of Texas at Austin, 1991) DAI 52/11A, p. 3943.

THE 1993 ALA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

The 1992 annual conference of the American Literature Association took place in San Diego on May 28-31. The Eliot session was chaired by the president of the Society, Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, and the speakers included Ann P. Brady (Gustavus Adolphus College), "Evolution of the Dramatist"; Joan Hooker (New York University), "T.S. Eliot's A Song for Simeon: A Medley of French Translations"; and Sanford Schwartz (Penn State University), "Modernist Priest or Postmodern Prophet: The Recasting of T.S. Eliot." In 1993 the ALA conference will take place in Baltimore at the end of May, and once again the T.S. Eliot Society plans to sponsor an eighty-minute session. At this time the Board is issuing a first call for session topics or papers, the proposals for which should be sent by January 15 to Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, 11 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003. Papers should not have been published previously and should take no more than 20 minutes to read. Those who submit proposals will be contacted soon after the January 15 deadline. More specific information about the 1993 conference and the T.S. Eliot Society's session will appear in subsequent issues of News & Notes.

REGISTRATION FORM

THE 13TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE T.S. ELIOT SOCIETY
DRURY INN AT UNION STATION, ST. LOUIS
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1992

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