

The New York Classical Club

March 30, 2010

Dear NYCC Member,

Professor Joy Connolly (NYU) will be speaking about “Two Romes, Two Americas: Consensus and Conflict in Republican Politics” at our final event of the year, the annual spring lecture, which will take place at the Hewitt School (45 E. 75th St.) on Saturday, May 1, at 4pm. We will be announcing the winners of our scholarships and contests then, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Please note our remaining contests and events:

I. Oral Reading of Greek and Latin: Saturday, April 10th, 2:30pm, Columbia University, Dept. of Classics, 602 Hamilton Hall. Prizes will be awarded in both Latin & Greek (1st: \$300; 2nd: \$200; 3rd: \$100). The contest format is as follows:

1. One set passage for all contestants:
 - a) Greek: *Iliad*, Book 2, lines 243-269
 - b) Latin: *Aeneid*, Book 4, lines 60-89
2. One passage chosen by the individual contestant (poetry or prose, ca. 30 lines) to be supplied in *three* photocopies for the judges.

Contact: Contestants **must** e-mail Prof. Katharina Volk (kv2018@columbia.edu) by Sun., **April 4th**.

II. High School Latin Sight Translations: Thursday, April 15th, 4pm, Regis High School, 55 E. 84th St., New York, NY (please gather in the 2nd fl. Conference Room between 3:30-4pm). For details and information on the five levels of exams—Caesar, Cicero, Ovid, Horace, Vergil—contact Donald Connor (donald.connor@trinityschoolnyc.org).

III. College Greek and Latin Sight Translations: Friday, April 16th, 1:30-5pm, at NYU, Dept. of Classics, Silver Center, 100 Washington Sq. East, Rm. 503. The Greek exam will be held from 1:30-3:00; the Latin from 3:15-4:45. Cash prizes of \$250, \$150, \$75 for the winners in each exam. Requirements: Only *bona fide* full-time students with a minimum of 2 years of college Greek and/or Latin or the equivalent. Contestants must be nominated by their professors, who are asked to send a brief letter of nomination via email to Prof. David Sider (david.sider@nyu.edu).

IV. NY CITY DIONYSIA, a theater contest for high school students. Format: take Sophocles' *Oedipus Tyrannus* and adapt the complete work or a portion of it to a 15-20 minute performance. Objective: to entertain and instruct. The contest will take place on Friday, May 7th, 4-7pm, at Fordham University's Pope Auditorium (W. 60th St. & Columbus Ave.). Team-Registration deadline: Friday, April 30th. For details contact mamegowan@fordham.edu / 718-817-3031.

I'm also happy to announce another iteration of the *Iter Botanicum*, a classicist's tour of the NY Botanical Garden on Friday, April 23rd, 4-6pm. This year's visit includes an overview of the history of botany from Theophrastus to Linnaeus, Latin readings from Cicero, Vergil, and Pliny, as well as discussion with contemporary botanists and a visit to the NYBG's fabulous rare book room. This FREE event begins at the Conservatory Gate at 4pm. Space is limited, so please RSVP to mamegowan@fordham.edu. For directions to the NYBG see: http://www.nybg.org/visit_the_garden/directions.php

If you would prefer to have NYCC mailings delivered electronically, please send me (mamegowan@fordham.edu) your email address. For more information on the NYCC, membership (\$10 regular, \$5 student, \$100 life), or upcoming events check <http://www.nyclassicalclub.org/>.

Curate fruamini vos vere et valeatis,
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