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Dear Fellow Stevensians,

With summer now on the horizon, I wished to send you updates about recent work the Society has done, as well as some exciting events coming up in the Stevens world.

**Recent events:** The Wallace Stevens Society sponsored a panel at the 2024 Modern Language Association convention about Stevens's relationship to contemporary poetry. Alexandra Gold both organized the panel and served as chair. The participants were Jon Hoel, who gave a talk on Stevensian causality in Mary Ruefle and Jorie Graham; Michael Pontacoloni, who presented on Stevensian humor in Jay Hopler; and Ian Tan, who reflected on Stevens's afterlife in the work of A. R. Ammons and Charles Wright. The papers yielded a spirited discussion during the Q&A portion of the panel.

On February 17, 2024, Vijay Seshadri gave a lecture celebrating the 100th anniversary of *Harmonium* at the Salem Athenaeum in Salem, MA. The event was organized by the Athenaeum in conjunction with Salem State University. Further information can be found at <https://salemathenaeum.net/event/vijay-seshadri-discusses-harmonium/> and a video of the talk is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KreRDA34DWw>.

The Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash was held on November 4, 2023, at The Lyceum in Hartford, CT. The speaker, Anna Maria Hong, gave a talk titled "How to Live. What to Do: An Episodic Primer." A video of the lecture is available both on the website for the Hartford Friends & Enemies of Wallace Stevens ([stevenspoetry.org](http://stevenspoetry.org)), who organized the event, and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCjdkq9Bwps>.

**Future Events:** *The Wallace Stevens Journal* plans to publish in its fall 2024 issue several short anecdotal tributes that address Marjorie Perloff's contributions to the journal and to Stevens studies. A member of the journal's editorial board from 1984 to 2010, she contributed four essays to its pages and was interviewed by Edward Ragg for the Yeats/Stevens/Eliot issue, *The Wallace Stevens Journal* 42.1 (Spring 2018). "In Memoriam" contributions of 300–1000 words may be submitted to Andrew Osborn ([aosborn@udallas.edu](mailto:aosborn@udallas.edu))

no later than Monday, July 15. Queries encouraged.

We hope that you will join us at the 2024 American Literature Association conference in Chicago on Friday, May 24. The Society will be sponsoring two panels on related themes. The first session, on Stevens and “the little magazine,” will feature presentations by Kathryn Mudgett, Karen Leick, and Clifford Wulfman. The second, immediately following the first, will be a roundtable discussion between Liesl Olson and Chicu Reddy about Stevens’s relationship with *Poetry* magazine. Andrew Osborn will serve as chair on both occasions.

**Publications:** *Perennial Earth: Poetry by Wallace Stevens and Paintings by Alexis Serio*, edited by John N. Serio, received the 2023 PEN/Oakland Josephine Miles Award in Excellence. Congratulations to John for this achievement! If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please go to <https://alexisserioart.com/home.html>.

**Announcements:** We would also like to inform you that our Secretary, Christopher Spaide, has created an email account for general inquiries to the Society: [wallacestevenssociety@gmail.com](mailto:wallacestevenssociety@gmail.com). We are glad to now have a centralized point of contact for readers and scholars interested in Stevens and the Society’s work.

**Donations:** The Wallace Stevens Society welcomes donations in support of its work. Please contact George Burns, the Society’s Treasurer ([gburns6126@gmail.com](mailto:gburns6126@gmail.com)), if you wish to make a donation.

**Call for Help:** As you can see, the Stevens world continues to be so active that we may have overlooked some relevant news items. In the future, if you know of any events or publications that might escape our attention, please alert our Secretary, Christopher Spaide, at [christopher.spaide@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.spaide@gmail.com). We appreciate your help.

In closing, the Officers of the Wallace Stevens Society would like to thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [gargaillof@apsu.edu](mailto:gargaillof@apsu.edu) with ideas, responses, and reflections.

Best wishes,  
Florian Gargaillo  
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