

The Museum of Modern Art

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The International Council of The Museum of Modern Art, now holding its annual Fall meeting in New York City (November 9-10-11), is a membership organization of approximately 140 community leaders and art patrons from the United States and abroad. It was formed in 1953 to help create good will and understanding among the world's peoples by encouraging the exchange of art exhibitions. Since 1957, the Council has sponsored the Museum's international exchange program of the visual arts, the largest in America.

Walter Dowling, former United States Ambassador to Bonn, now living in Paris, is Chairman of the Council. The newly-elected President of the Council is Mrs. Donald B. Straus of New York City, a Trustee of the Museum since 1959. Honorary members include Mrs. John F. Kennedy, The Honorable C. Douglas Dillon, Senator William Fulbright, André Malraux and Sir Herbert Read.

Since 1953 the Museum has sent abroad more than 80 exhibitions, which have been seen in more than 60 countries. Among those exhibitions currently traveling under the auspices of The International Council is THE NEW JAPANESE PAINTING AND SCULPTURE, which opened at the San Francisco Museum of Art last Spring and will tour seven museums in the United States, including The Museum of Modern Art, during the next two years. Other shows include: an American watercolor exhibition and bronze sketches by Jacques Lipchitz now touring Australia; MODERN SCULPTURE: U.S.A. on view in Germany; DRAWINGS BY ARSHILE GORKY on exhibition in Portugal; LETTERING BY MODERN ARTISTS and ROADS both circulating throughout South America; and STEICHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHER in Italy.

The International Council is also responsible for sending 24 collections of works of art -- borrowed from museums, galleries and private individuals -- to United States embassies in Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa. Such collections now enhance the United States embassies in Ethiopia, Iceland, France, Cameroon, Nigeria, Italy, Germany, India, Mexico and Finland.

The Council has its headquarters at The Museum of Modern Art in New York where the Department of Circulating Exhibitions organizes the exhibitions sponsored by the Council. Its twice a year membership meetings have been held in recent years in Washington, Houston, Detroit, Cleveland and, last Spring, in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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Program for the Ninth Annual Meeting of The International Council of

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Tuesday, November 9

5:00-7:00 p.m. Reception for Council Members given by Mrs. John Barry Ryan, 450 East 52 Street.

Wednesday, November 10

10:00 a.m.-noon Annual Meeting, Trustee Room of the Museum, 6th floor.

noon-2:00 p.m. Lunch in Founders' Room of the Museum, 6th floor.

3:00-5:00 p.m. Visit to private collection of Mr. and Mrs. William A. M. Burden, 820 Fifth Avenue.

Dinner parties given by:

- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Angell
- The Honorable and Mrs. C. Douglas Dillon
- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Fuller
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Wolcott Hooker
- Mrs. Gertrud A. Mellon
- Mrs. P. Shephard Norris
- Mrs. Bliss Parkinson
- Mrs. Bertram Smith
- Mrs. Emily B. Staempfli
- Mrs. Burton G. Tremaine

10:00 p.m.-midnight Reception given by Ambassador and Mrs. Arthur Goldberg in honor of The International Council of The Museum of Modern Art and its guests (husbands and wives) at the Waldorf Towers Residence.

Thursday, November 11

11:30 a.m. Visit to the private collection of Mr. and Mrs. James Thrall Soby, Brushy Ridge Road, New Canaan, Connecticut.

12:30 p.m. Lunch at the house of Philip Johnson, Ponus Street, New Canaan.

3:00-4:00 p.m. Visit to the sculpture garden of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hirshhorn, John Street, Greenwich, Connecticut.

4:00 p.m. Visit to the private collection of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zadok, Sterling Road, Greenwich.

Trustee and Corporation Meeting, The Museum of Modern Art, attended by Council representatives.