

69 We're temporarily low on news, but our annual News and Dues letter will be arriving in your mailboxes in just a few weeks and we hope we'll hear from you. Send in the hard copy news form in the envelope provided or e-mail your correspondent at the address below. Don't want to wait? Check out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. And remember, it's not just the major life events that are interesting, but the fabric of daily life as well. Tell us how you spend your weekends. ☑
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70 In just three short months, Class of '70 classmates and friends will be gathering in Ithaca for our fabulous 45th Reunion, from noon Thursday, June 4, through Sunday, June 7, after our Farewell Brunch (at '70 reunion headquarters in Carl Becker House on West Campus). Reunion 2015 Weekend will include many Sesquicentennial events presented by the university, and we'll have our Class Forum on Friday morning. It will be a "RED Talk" featuring three of our classmates discussing technology, entertainment, and design.

Our first speaker will be our own **Robert Langer**, who is a professor at MIT, among numerous other achievements. It has also recently been announced that Bob was selected as the 2015 Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year and will be honored at the annual Entrepreneurship Summit on November 6, 2015 in NYC. To learn more about Bob, check out this link: <http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2014/12/robert-langer-named-cornell-entrepreneur-year-2015>. Our other '70 RED Talk speakers will be **Ed Zuckerman**, a busy TV writer and producer, and **Phyllis Corcoran Wood**, a costume designer in various venues in Hollywood.

We will be enjoying our Friday lunch next to the Johnson Museum, followed by an exclusive tour of the "70 Art Collection" at the museum. Our Saturday reception and dinner will be a spectacular affair at Lynah Rink, with many special folks attending. Please plan to join us in Ithaca for a special and fun-filled Reunion Weekend, June 4-7! And be sure to check out these three Class of '70 online sites for 45th Reunion info and more: the class website (cornell70.org); Facebook (www.facebook.com/Cornell70); and Twitter (www.twitter.com/CornellClass70).

Sadly, I share news of the death of our illustrious classmate Prof. **Carole Ayres Bisogni**, PhD '76, on November 15, 2015. When Carole came to Cornell as a freshman at age 16, she was beginning a lifelong engagement with the university and the greater Ithaca community. She was a long-time member of the Cornell faculty in the College of Human Ecology in the Division of Nutritional Sciences. One of her more important and influential roles at Cornell and in HumEc was being a strong and devoted advocate for the students she encountered in all her leadership, teaching, and research positions. In 1976, Carole earned her doctorate in Food, Nutrition, and Microbiology and joined the faculty as well. She also served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the college starting in 2007. Carole loved nature and the Finger Lakes region. In addition to family, her interests included gardening, quilting, and kayaking. She is survived by her husband, **James**, PhD '73, and sons **Adam '08** and **Jared**, as well as her daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, and two sisters. For additional info about Carole, go to this

link: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theithacajournal/obituary.aspx?pid=173196066>.

Beth Galston wrote that three of her sculptures were included in the exhibition "Branching Out: Trees as Art," that opened last September at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA. "Branching Out" will be on view through September 20, 2015. Check out this link for more info: http://pem.org/press/press_release/279-pems_art_nature_center_presents_new_exhibition_inspired_by_the_forest. Two of our Class of '70 authors continue to write and publish. **Merry Bloch** Jones tells us that she has two new mysteries in publication. *Elective Procedures* came out in late summer 2014. It is a murder mystery based in Mexico and the next in the Ellie Harrison series. (The first book in the series is *The Trouble with Charlie*.) Merry's new Harper Jennings mystery is *In the Woods* and will be available in the US in February 2015. You can visit Merry and read about all of her books at her website, MerryJones.com. Merry lives with her family in Gladwyne, PA, outside of Philadelphia.

Andrea Strongwater (NYC; astrongwater@nyc.rr.com) is still an artist. She continues her important work on recreating, in paintings and through narrative, synagogues across Europe destroyed during the Third Reich. In addition, she is lecturing on her synagogue project. Andrea is also involved with a variety of freelance assignments, including a modern take on the Stations of the Cross for a church in England. She says, "Hurray for the Internet, where you can find jobs all over the world." When asked if last winter (2014) reminded her of her time at Cornell, Andrea replied, "I have always argued with people who say, 'Who wants to come to Cornell? The weather is so bad.' Finally, during that winter in NYC, I realized that I LOVE snow and how much I missed that icy beauty, clear crystal skies, and blizzards where it's fun to hole up and just read. I say Cornell weather is great . . . except for March, which is neither here nor there." Going forward, Andrea hopes to fund the rest of her synagogue project and get it all into print. Her initial volume is an overview of the destroyed synagogues all over Europe and is written for young people. ☑ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 The Class of 1971 keeps rolling along, and many of our classmates are busier than ever with second careers, new business ventures, travel, education, children and grandchildren, and community service.

Nancy Kiesendahl Bloch (NancyBloch@aol.com) has sold the house where she lived for 20 years and moved back to her hometown of Hawley, PA. The Kiesendahl family still operates their family-oriented Woodloch Pines Resort and the Lodge at Woodloch, which is a destination spa resort. Nancy says she is "semi-retired," but she is still working with her longtime partner, **Laurie Milnor '75**, in their company, ShopTalk 20/20. She is also the director of business development at Woodloch. This is semi-retired? Nancy's son is getting married, and her daughter already has one son and was expecting a new baby in 2014.

Martha Coultrap is still a partner with Sullivan & Worcester in New York City. She serves as head of their private investment funds practice group. She traveled to London on business several times this past year. Daughter Emma (Dartmouth 2008) married **Jon Guarino '06** in 2013, and the couple had a daughter, Eleanor, in 2014. Martie has embraced her new grandmother role with great

enthusiasm (and I predict that she is already strategizing a way to convince young Eleanor to be a member of Cornell's Class of 2036!). **Tom Ragonetti**, MRP '73, was recently selected as "Lawyer of the Year" for Land Use and Zoning Law in the Denver, CO, area. Only one lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area receives this distinction from *US News & World Report*.

Bill Grauer, JD '74, was named the Securities Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" for the San Diego area. Bill has argued cases in the US Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court, and numerous federal Courts of Appeals. Bill reported that he attended his Law School 40th Reunion in 2014. He said, "I was very sad to note the passing of two of my law school classmates and friends, **Bob Valkovich** and **Dennis Cleary**, both JD '74." Bill has two daughters: Kristen, who graduated from Harvard Law and is practicing in NYC, and Kimberly, who has a degree from Oxford and is working on another degree from the London School of Economics. Bill's wife, Lana, is a retired biochemist who has become a noted artist (pastel landscapes).

Susan Phipps-Yonas (spyonas@yahoo.com) is still working as a forensic psychologist when she is not traveling. Susan's husband, **Albert Yonas**, PhD '69, will retire in about three years, and they plan to move from Minneapolis to a more hospitable climate, close to grandchildren. It sounds like they have some great potential locations to choose from: their daughter Rachel (who has a 3-year-old boy) is a sex crimes prosecutor in Phoenix; son Ben (who has a 2-year-old daughter) is an assistant professor in music at the U. of Memphis; daughter Hannah, who has a PhD in viral immunology from Mt. Sinai, was expecting a baby last November; and their oldest, **Aaron '92**, BA

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Saturday Gala in Lynah!

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Reunion registration
mailing in March

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