



ELMIRA COLLEGE CENTER
FOR MARK TWAIN STUDIES
AT QUARRY FARM

PRESENTS

SIX SPRING EVENTS



Wednesday, March 22, 1989
8:00 p.m. at Quarry Farm

Herbert A. Wisbey, Jr., Professor Emeritus of History at Elmira College, will speak on Mark Twain's father-in-law, "**Jervis Langdon, Christian Businessman.**" Professor Wisbey was Director of the Center from its inception in 1983 until his retirement in June of 1986. He has authored three books and numerous articles and reviews, as well as co-editing, with Robert Jerome, Mark Twain and Elmira. Since 1978, Dr. Wisbey has been the mainstay of the Mark Twain Society Bulletin, first as co-editor and then as editor. In addition to editing the Bulletin, Professor Wisbey continues to serve as College Archivist and Center Curator and is an active Quarry Farm researcher. His talk will focus on the place of Jervis Langdon in the history of Elmira and the region.

Wednesday, April 5, 1989
8:00 p.m. in the Langdon/Crane Library at Quarry Farm

Clare Reidy gives a dramatized, Irish servant's eye view of the Clemenses' family life in Hartford and Elmira in "**Sweet Love Remembered: Katy Leary and the Clemens Family.**" Ms. Reidy, who portrays Katy Leary in the Mark Twain Musical Drama, has long been active as a director and actress in local and regional theater.

Wednesday, April 26, 1989
8:00 p.m. at Quarry Farm

Thomas J. Reigstad teaches writing and Mark Twain at the State University College at Buffalo. On sabbatical leave this spring, he is a Quarry Farm Research Fellow-in-Residence here at the Center working on a book length study of Twain's Buffalo times. He will talk about "**Mark Twain in Buffalo: The Making of a Gentleman Journalist.**"

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Wednesday, May 3, 1989
8:00 p.m. at Quarry Farm

Jeffrey Steinbrink teaches English at Franklin and Marshall College and is an active and valued member of the Center's distinguished national Committee of Academic Advisors. He has conducted extensive research at the Mark Twain Project as a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow and recently completed a book length study of Clemens that bears the provisional title of "Getting to Be Mark Twain." Professor Steinbrink will focus on the relationship between Samuel Clemens and Jervis Langdon in a talk titled: "**Rappaccini's Daughter and Jervis Langdon's Son-in-Law: A Contrast of Fathers.**"

Wednesday, May 17, 1989
8:00 p.m. at Quarry Farm

Edgar M. Branch is Research Professor Emeritus of English at Miami University and this spring's Distinguished Academic Visitor. He has authored three books and many articles on Twain and is co-editor of many of the volumes in The Works of Mark Twain prepared by the Mark Twain Project in Berkeley for publication by the University of California Press. Professor Branch is a member of the Project's Board of Directors and is currently editing Roughing It for the Project's definitive multi-volume collection of Twain's work. He will share with us a talk he gave December last in New Orleans as the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Mark Twain Circle of America: "**Old Times on the Mississippi: Biography into Art.**"

Wednesday, May 31, 1989
8:00 p.m. at Quarry Farm

Laura E. Scandera teaches English at the University of Southern California where she is a Finkelstein Fellow and Ph.D. candidate. She is a Quarry Farm Research Fellow-in-Residence here at the Center where she is continuing work on her Twain dissertation. The title of her talk, "**Letters from Hollywood,**" refers to the one hundred letters by S.L. Clemens discovered by a Southern California stamp collector in 1985. Ms. Scandera is the only Twain scholar to date who has had the opportunity to closely examine the collection including seven letters to family members which had not been previously transcribed.

Unless otherwise stated, all Quarry Farm events are held in the Gannett Educational Center (former woodshed, laundry and servants cottage) behind the main house. Parking is provided by the mowed portion of the field opposite the barn. Quarry Farm is located on Crane Road and can be reached from East Avenue or Lattabrook Road.

Space is limited and interest is high. To reserve your seat, call: 734-3911, extension 233.

Doors open one hour before the trouble begins.