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AMERICAN WOMEN'S NETWORK OF ABU DHABI

*Connecting cultures through friendship*

## AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday,  
March 12, 26  
AWN Coffee & Speaker Series  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Radisson Blu Hotel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Tennis/Pool/Beach Fun and Lunch Supporting Make-a-Wish!  
10 a.m.  
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Dubai Adventure I

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Dubai Adventure II

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April 2  
Social Event  
2 - 4 p.m.  
Movie Matinee

Thursday,  
April 16  
Social Event  
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Welcome Spring High Tea

## WELCOME FROM AWN CO-PRESIDENTS

Wow, 2020 is flying by. It's March and we can now look forward to beautiful weather with warming spring temperatures. AWN is "springing" forward with lots of fun things to do this month. Check out our Explorers calendar of events as well as our exciting Speaker mornings. Our volunteers are always thinking about and arranging wonderful opportunities to enhance our expat experience here in the amazing UAE.

We have two new energetic volunteers to announce this month. **Anna Dolganow** hails from Canada and has volunteered to be our new Membership Chair. She has a strong background in accounting, event planning, and was on the Board of the American Women's Association of Singapore wearing many hats. She's a delightful gal, so we hope you all get a chance to welcome her in this new role.

Another fresh face to introduce to you is **Tari Carlson**. Tari is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the United States and has recently accepted the position of Activities Chair. Her background is in educational travel and floral design. She is an energetic go-getter and we welcome her as she will lead our awesome activities groups. You'll also see Tari helping out at the membership table, so please give her a big hello.

Sara and I, once again, invite you to immerse yourself in all of the fun activities that American Women's Network offers. We thoroughly enjoy seeing so many smiling faces at our monthly speaker coffees. We hope to see you too!

*- Sara Healey and Mimi Prendergast  
AWN Co-Presidents*

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## COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

AWN Coffee & Speaker Series are held twice a month on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - noon at the Radisson Blu on the Corniche. Please check our Newsletter e-mails for exact dates.

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### Natalie Banks - Azraq

AWN is excited to welcome Natalie Banks, founder of Azraq, a marine conservation organization in the

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UAE. Natalie will talk about the importance of the oceans and the impacts of marine debris and development, particularly in the UAE. Azraq, which means blue in Arabic, is also a scuba diving organization that not only teaches people the skills of diving but arranges trips around the world for people to explore the wonders of the underwater world. Come gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the marine life in the UAE and learn important tips on what we can all do to help minimize our own impact on the seas.

**MAR  
26**

### Caroline Leon - Gulf4Good

How would you like to combine adventure and philanthropy? Gulf for Good, a Dubai-based organization, can show you how through its international adventure challenges that encourage people to try new experiences and simultaneously raise much-needed funds to improve the lives of vulnerable children. Caroline Leon, a Director at Gulf for Good, will talk about this unique organization and share her own journey that began with her first Gulf for Good challenge in 2012 trekking Mount Kilimanjaro. You won't want to miss the rest of her amazing story or the opportunity to learn about this exciting group!

## SHUKRAN!

Shukran to **Lisa Ball-Lechgar, Deputy Director at Tashkeel Studio in Dubai**, who spoke to AWN on February 6th. Her talk brought to life so many aspects of life in the Emirates that are shaped by contemporary art and design, and was a wonderfully educational introduction to the offerings at Tashkeel. For more information, visit: <http://tashkeel.org>.



Thank you also to **Theresa Tsui, co-founder of Skills3**, for her presentation on February 20th. She highlighted many inspiring ideas - the importance of following one's passions, the soul-sustaining aspect of being productive and empowered with skills like sewing, the innate creativity in all of us, and the fulfillment that comes from helping others. We are so appreciative that she was able to take the time to share her story with us. To learn more about Skills3 and its many projects including several right here in Abu Dhabi, visit <http://Skills3.com>.



## SHUKRAN

AWN thanks the Radisson Blu for hosting our Thursday morning coffees. We greatly appreciate its welcoming atmosphere, and its dedication in meeting our needs and expectations.

There is a cost for valet parking at the Radisson Blu. However, there is a parking lot for guests behind the hotel that is free of charge. The parking lot entrance is off Al Ankhram, the street on the east side of the hotel.

Lunch will be available at La Terraza at noon, after our coffee mornings, for a very special rate of 59 AED per person for the full buffet. Please plan on joining us for lunch whenever you are able. We look forward to seeing you!!

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## EXPLORERS

### AWN Explorers Group Tour Etiquette

The Explorers Team would like all AWN members to have a pleasant experience on our events, so we kindly ask you to follow the AWN Explorers Group Tour Etiquette:

- Notify us if you will not be able to attend the event
- Be on time
- Be respectful to the tour guide by refraining from:
  - Interrupting while she/he is speaking
  - Talking about personal issues
  - Asking questions during the tour (wait until after)
- Do not block the view of other participants during the event
- Follow the schedule and itinerary set up by the Explorers Team
- Be flexible and have a positive attitude

### Upcoming Events

#### Monday, March 9, 2020 – Blu Chocolate Visit at Nation Towers, Corniche

Time: 11 a.m. / Cost: Free

Do you love chocolate? This is the right outing for you! We have the chance to follow up Dr. Hany Harry's AWN presentation on January 23rd with a demonstration of the chocolate-making process from cocoa beans to gourmet chocolates.

This tour has only a few spaces left.

To reserve your place please email [explorersawn@gmail.com](mailto:explorersawn@gmail.com).



#### Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Dubai Adventure I: Private Tour of Tashkeel Art Centre and Dubai Opera (Combined Architecture and Back Stage Tour)

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. / Cost: 205 AED (includes transportation, tour fee, lunch is not included) / MAX. 20 people

Join us for a unique visit to Tashkeel, a centre that provides a nurturing environment for the growth of contemporary art and design practice rooted in the UAE. In the afternoon, we will tour the iconic dhow-shaped building of the Dubai Opera, designed as a tribute to the maritime history, the culture and the subsequent development of Dubai. Each and every architectural detail has a story behind it and on this tour, you will learn all about what inspired Danish architect, Janus Rostock, to come up with such a remarkable design. We will also explore the backstage life of Dubai Opera and discover the hidden world of a theatre! Areas covered by the tour include the auditorium, backstage areas, dressing rooms, piano and trap room, sound room and the rarely seen seat storage area when the auditorium transforms into flat floor mode.

This tour has only a few spaces left. Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until payment is made.

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## Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – Dubai Adventure II: Alserkal Art District and Art Dubai Visit (Ladies Day Preview)

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. / Cost: 80 AED (includes transportation, entrance to Art Dubai is free for ladies on March 25th) / MAX. 20 people

Join us, art lovers, for an exciting visit to Alserkal Avenue, a renowned cultural district of contemporary art galleries, non-profit organizations and homegrown businesses in the Al Quoz industrial area of Dubai. Afterwards, we will visit the international contemporary art fair that features galleries from around the world. It is an event not to be missed!

This event is currently fully booked but you can register on our waiting list. Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until payment is made.

To reserve your place please sign-up at the AWN coffee morning or email [explorersawn@gmail.com](mailto:explorersawn@gmail.com).



## Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – Nature Adventure: Jubail Mangrove Park, Jubail Island

Time: 4 pm / Cost: Free

Jubail Mangrove Park is the first self-contained educational, nature and leisure destination of its kind in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Here, you can visit and explore a haven for avian and marine species native to Abu Dhabi. A walk through this mangrove sanctuary will be a perfect way to be in contact with nature before summer arrives. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

To reserve your place please sign-up at the AWN coffee morning or email [explorersawn@gmail.com](mailto:explorersawn@gmail.com).



## Explorers Past Events



### Body Worlds Exhibition at Khalifa University – January 27, 2020

Explorers embarked on a great adventure to Body Worlds Exhibition at Khalifa University, the first in the Arab world. We had the privilege of having Dr. Dietrich Lorke, Professor & Chair of Anatomy and Cellular Biology and Aisha, Body Worlds Coordinator, take us on an exciting "Journey under the skin."

We observed real plastinated whole body human specimens. The incredible intricacies of the human body were presented to increase our understanding of the inner workings of the human body from head to toe. We were given a window into the cardiovascular, nervous, musculature, digestive and reproductive systems and how they integrate with each other. This opportunity provided wide-ranging insight into the anatomy and physiology of the human body. The Body Worlds exhibits have been displayed in over 140 cities across America, Africa, Asia and Europe. The Exhibit will be at Khalifa University's main campus until early March. If you missed it, we highly recommend a journey that you will never forget.

– Laurie De Mayo, Explorers Team Member

### Falcon Hospital Tour and Arabian Saluki Centre Visit – February 4, 2020

A group of curious AWN members took a trip to the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital on February 4th. Even waiting in the reception area was an experience, with "patients" waiting on the reception desk while their elegantly dressed owners checked them in.

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During the first part of the tour we had a very informative and entertaining talk covering many aspects of falconry. For example, we discovered that there are three main falcons flown here in the UAE, the Saker, the Peregrine and the Gyr Falcon. The best falcons can cost as much as half a million dirhams. We also found out that each falcon has a passport so that he or she can be taken abroad during the hunting season or for competitions.



The female falcons are favored for hunting because they are bigger and faster. When they travel abroad the falcons fly in the cabin of the plane, just on a perch on the seat with their hood on. Perhaps take a closer look at your fellow passengers next time you are traveling!

The next part of the tour was behind the scenes in the hospital. On a busy day the hospital might see 100 "patients." Inside the treatment room the falcons wait with their hoods on, otherwise they'd be deciding which of the other patients to eat for lunch.

We were able to watch a procedure taking place in the treatment room. Who knew that falcons need talon trimming every few months and that if they lose a feather it can be replaced with an extension?

We were also given the opportunity to hold a bird, which was a wonderful thing to do and one of our brave members even volunteered to give one of the falcons her "lunch" of defrosted quail.

As part of our trip we also stopped at the Arabian Saluki Centre and were able to admire some of those very beautiful dogs, including a boisterous group of puppies.

It was a great trip, which really gave us the chance to learn a bit more about an important part of the Emirati culture.

- Jos Henton, AWN Membership Team Member

### NYUAD Art Gallery "The Sovereign Forest" – February 18, 2020

Eighteen members of the Explorers group attended the newest exhibit at NYUAD Art Gallery on February 18th. Our group was not sure what to expect on this private tour of the "The Sovereign Forest" exhibit. What we experienced was a very powerful, moving art project that raises awareness of the impact of indiscriminate industrialization on the environment and communities in developing countries.

The Sovereign Forest is an ongoing, evolving project by activist, artist & filmmaker Amar Kanwar. The art display tells the story of Odisha, a region in India where the government and foreign corporations have seized the land for mining and industrial development. During this process, the indigenous communities have been displaced and the local environment has been destroyed.

The exhibit is presented in different chapters, each displayed in a separate room. The first chapter "The Scene of the Crime" projects images of a beautiful and peaceful natural landscape and the traditional way of life prior to being erased by industrialization. In contrast, the final chapter "A Love Story" presents the aftermath of the process by showing the current state of the local environment and communities. This work evokes a sense of loss and grief by showing the destruction of nature, the loss of traditional customs and culture, and the separation of families as the local farmers are forced to become migrant laborers.



In-between, the other chapters tell the stories of local families and the workers resistance movement that has been violently repressed by the government. Our group was particularly touched by the children's drawings of their homes prior to being destroyed. We ended the gallery tour having a greater appreciation and understanding of this thought-provoking art installation.

- Vanessa Pino-Brown, AWN Member

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## MEMBERSHIP

It was great to welcome more new members in February. The membership team is looking forward to seeing you again in March. Please join us at AWN Coffee and Speaker Mornings and sign up for weekly events and activities. AWN is here for you whether you are new in town or have lived here for years. We have something for everyone. Become part of our community!

For those of you who would like to get more involved with AWN there will be a Friends of AWN coffee on March 19th. Further information will be available at the AWN coffee morning at the Radisson Blu Hotel on March 12th or please send us your enquiry to [membershipawn@gmail.com](mailto:membershipawn@gmail.com).

Also, we would like to remind you that we have a noticeboard where you can advertise items for sale. Those leaving Abu Dhabi often have things they don't want to take with them and newcomers may be searching for items for their new homes so this is a useful resource. Just bring along a photograph with details or printed advert to pin to the board.

## WELCOME SPRING HIGH TEA

Save the Date: Thursday, April 16th

WELCOME SPRING HIGH TEA

Time: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Price: 120 AED

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel, Al Maryah



## MOVIE MATINEE

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 2nd

MOVIE MATINEE: MAUDIE

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Price 50 AED

Venue: Four Seasons Residences, Al Maryah Island

## ART CLUB

The AWN Art Club is not a formal class, but a group of people who have a common interest in drawing and painting. We meet on a weekly basis to share our passion for art, regardless of skill level or ability. The aim of this group is to meet in a relaxed environment, developing our artistic talents through interaction and support from fellow members. If you are a beginner, and need guidance, please come along and ask questions, as other members will be able to offer advice on how to start. When membership reaches the maximum number (50), newcomers will automatically be placed on a waiting list.

We meet at the Cultural Foundation Studio, on the second floor every Monday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There's a 20 AED fee every time you attend. This is a fee for the use of studio. Bring your own materials.

If you have questions, please contact us [artclubawn@gmail.com](mailto:artclubawn@gmail.com).

"It is not a good-bye" insists our founder Julia Kim, but it is time for her to reunite with her family back in Chicago. Art Club members were full of gratitude and appreciation for the contributions Julia made since she started the club three years ago. Also, Nicola Lambert, our club co-coordinator and editor has decided it was time to settle back at home in the UK. We wish both a beautiful new chapter and we hope to crossroads again in the near future.



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## BOOK CLUB



AWN's Book Club will meet Monday, March 16th from 2 - 4 p.m. This month's read is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. Meeting location details will be shared with members who reply to the email requesting RSVPs.

For more information, please email [bookclubawn@gmail.com](mailto:bookclubawn@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

Social Bridge is played every Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at The Meeting Room, The Club.

To sign up to play or for any queries, please email the Bridge Coordinators at [bridgeawn@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeawn@gmail.com).

## GOLF

The golf season is in full swing and this month we enjoyed a Valentine's event at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club. Fifteen couples signed up for one hour's clinic with the Golf coaches, Grant and Chris, followed by a light-hearted competition of a four ball scramble event on the garden course. Afterwards, we had a wonderful buffet meal and a small prize-giving ceremony. It was a very successful event and we would like to thank all those who attended.



### AWN Regular Golf Clinics

#### Mondays at Abu Dhabi City Golf Club (Shakhbout bin Sultan)

8:30 a.m. - Intermediate Clinic for one hour, followed by 9 holes of play \* 225 AED (VAT included)

8:30 a.m. - Beginner Clinic for one hour, equipment provided \*120 AED (VAT included)

#### Wednesdays at Abu Dhabi Golf Club (Sas Al Nakhl)

9:00 a.m. - Intermediate level: Clinic for one hour followed by 9 holes of Golf on the Garden Course, \*220 AED (VAT included) or 115 AED (VAT included) for ADGC/Saadiyat/Yas Links members

10:45 a.m. - Beginner level: One hour clinic, equipment provided, 115AED (VAT Included)

Please contact us at [awngolf@gmail.com](mailto:awngolf@gmail.com) for any inquiry or to sign up to our mailing list/clinics.

## KNITTING GROUP

Our meetings offer every knitter the chance to improve their knitting skills and learn new techniques. If you love to knit then come and join us to work on your latest project. Some of us are knitting for charity, others for fun. We're a very social group and all knitters will be made to feel very welcome. You can enjoy a tasty snack and refreshing drink while making new friends.

During March meetings will take place every Monday at Leto Caffe, level 1, The Galleria, Maryah Island, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend please send an email to [knitawn@gmail.com](mailto:knitawn@gmail.com).



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## MAHJONG



AWN's Mahjong is held every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Slipway Bar, The Club ([www.the-club.com](http://www.the-club.com)). The fee of 45 AED, payable to us (35 AED for Club members), covers your entrance to The Club, snacks, tea, coffee and water. Beginners are always welcome.

You can sign up at the regular AWN Coffee Mornings or by email at [mahjongawn@gmail.com](mailto:mahjongawn@gmail.com).

## TENNIS

The next tennis coaching session will commence on Sunday, March 8th / Tuesday, March 10th..

Each Session consists of 4 lessons (one lesson a week)

- Lessons are open to Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner Players.
- Lessons are women only.
- There are two sessions- Sunday and Tuesday
- The 45-minute lessons are held at the Beach Rotana (near Abu Dhabi Mall) and start promptly at 8:45 AM. Immediately following the lessons, players are welcome to one-hour of complimentary court time (pending availability) and the use of the Beach Rotana pool and locker facilities.
- The cost per Session is 340AED payable at first lesson of the session.
- Please note, because we pay the tennis pros to attend the entire session, there are no refunds for missed lessons.



For more information contact [tennisawn@gmail.com](mailto:tennisawn@gmail.com).

## YOGA

It's lovely to see many of you signing up for classes; I hope you are enjoying them. So you can plan for your week ahead, I send out a schedule on a Thursday or Friday for the following seven days. You can expect that it will look something like the schedule below:



<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Hip Openers Yoga	6:30 p.m. - Intermediate Swing Yoga (1 spot)	6:30 p.m. - Mat Pilates (Beginner)
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Vinyasa 6:30 p.m. - Sculpt Mat Pilates 6:30 p.m. - Studio Total Barre (1 spot)	<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Flow 6:00 p.m. - Vinyasa Swing (1 spot)	<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Yoga 4:30 p.m. - Swing Yoga (1 spot)
	<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Flow	<b>Saturdays</b> 6:00 p.m. - Anti-Gravity Fitness (1 spot)

**Where:** All classes are held at The Studio on Corniche! Parking is easy - just opposite (Mawaqif).

**Cost:** The special AWN Member fee is 50 AED for regular Yoga and Pilates classes and AED 75 for Swing Yoga, Anti Gravity Fitness and Studio Total Barre, payable to The Studio upon arrival.

**To RSVP:** If you are interested in participating in one (or more than one!) of the classes next week, please email [yogaawn@gmail.com](mailto:yogaawn@gmail.com) at least one day before the class to reserve your spot.

**FYI:** Classes are suitable for all levels! Yoga mats, blocks, and towels are provided at The Studio.

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## SEWcial

Crafty? Following up on one of the initiatives created by our most recent speaker, Theresa Tsui of Skills3 Enterprise, a SEWcial will be offered on Saturday, March 14th at the Third Place Cafe, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is ample space available on a long table upstairs for women to sew, craft and have a chat. Bring your projects or just come along to be in the company of fellow crafters. Free to attend but encouraged to buy breakfast at this community space.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/120523389393756/>.

## AWN Tennis and Pool/Beachside Fun and Lunch in Support of Make-a-Wish!

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** for a fun morning of tennis and/or enjoying the wonderful pool and beachside at the beautiful Beach Rotana Hotel. We will be organizing a friendly round-robin tennis morning (partners randomly assigned on the day) for a maximum of 32 players. Alternatively, the Beach Rotana has graciously invited all others to enjoy their beautiful pool and beach area and join in for a wonderful buffet lunch. All participants, whether for pool/beach or tennis, will be charged 60 AED. We further strongly encourage members to support Make-A-Wish who will be there to accept voluntary donations. Sign up by contacting [outreachawn@gmail.com](mailto:outreachawn@gmail.com) or sign up at one of the upcoming coffee mornings (the 60 AED is required to be collected in advance).

## Operation Smile Book Sale

Operation Smile is hosting another big book sale at Al Wahda Mall from March 26-28, 2020 and they would love AWN's support. Duties would include assisting visitors, organizing tables and replenishing books, etc. If we get at least 10 ladies, we can take a 4-hour time slot together on one of the days. Otherwise those interested can contact Operation Smile directly and be placed in an appropriate time slot. Please contact [outreachawn@gmail.com](mailto:outreachawn@gmail.com) or [volunteer@operationsmileuae.ae](mailto:volunteer@operationsmileuae.ae).

## 2020 ACS Gala

The 2020 ACS Gala is in need of 4-5 energetic volunteers for the Gala on March 27, 2020 at the Jumeirah Etihad Towers Grand Ballroom from 5:30 - 11:30 p.m. A ride back home will be provided along with dinner for the volunteers. Please come dressed in smart business attire with black slacks or skirt and a white top, or you may dress up in cocktail dress. The volunteers would be aiding with the checking-in of the guests, as well as the checking out of the auction winners and giving them their auction items. During the Gala, we will have volunteers aid with the rotation of auction items in the ballroom as they are auctioned; and retrieving, wrapping and labeling the auction items to prepare for pick-up at the end of the evening.

If interested, please contact: **Linda Bukowski-Wilson, [l.bukowskiwilson@gmail.com](mailto:l.bukowskiwilson@gmail.com), +971544748985**

The American Women's Network has been given an opportunity by Radisson Blu to join their Rewards Program free of charge. There are many benefits available that are outlined on their website. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next coffee speaker morning in March for those ladies who are interested in receiving the Rewards Card. Take advantage of this wonderful free opportunity!

[https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/rewards?facilitatorId=GOOGLECCAMERICAS&cid=a:ps+b:gsl+c:e:mea+e:rw+f:en-us+g:cl+i:gsl&gclid=CjwKCAiAhc7yBRAdEiwApIGxXx-Az5kf5iEkh4F5ezUPDFBuak9F98-AUZ1X1FT47c3RSnEQ025UxoC0loQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/rewards?facilitatorId=GOOGLECCAMERICAS&cid=a:ps+b:gsl+c:e:mea+e:rw+f:en-us+g:cl+i:gsl&gclid=CjwKCAiAhc7yBRAdEiwApIGxXx-Az5kf5iEkh4F5ezUPDFBuak9F98-AUZ1X1FT47c3RSnEQ025UxoC0loQAvD_BwE)

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## HAPPENINGS IN ABU DHABI

### AMCHAM ABU DHABI

#### ★ TAX SEMINAR FOR AMERICANS LIVING ABROAD

March 10 | 6-8 p.m.

Venue: AmCham Abu Dhabi

Cost: FREE for AmCham Abu Dhabi Members and Non-Members

The AmCham Abu Dhabi's Legal Affairs Committee cordially invites you to join us for a Tax Seminar, presented by SGP Capital Holding.

Discussion topics:

- Tax filing requirements for Americans working abroad
- Most common expatriate tax mistakes
- Foreign earned income and foreign housing exclusions
- Foreign financial assets (FBAR & FATCA) reporting requirements
- State taxes
- Gift and inheritance tax

Speaker: Neal J. Bach, CPA, President, BJM (Bach, James, Mansour and Company)

RSVP: No later than 5:00 pm on Monday, March 9, 2020

### CINEMASPACE

#### ★ FILM: PICTURE CHARACTER

Monday, March 9 | 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Presented in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi and American Film Showcase

Free Film Screening (Filmmaker Martha Shane in person!)

In Arabic, English, Japanese, Spanish with English Subtitles

RATING: ( G ) - General Audiences (all ages admitted)

Synopsis: The rapid rise of emoji (Japanese for "picture character") is a global phenomenon without precedent. Their widespread use and ability to convey complex messages have not only cemented emoji's place as an emerging digital language, but prompted difficult questions about the creation of a language and digital communication's fraught ties to identity and inclusion. In PICTURE CHARACTER, Directors Martha Shane and Ian Cheney lead viewers on a deep dive into the ever evolving world of picture characters, from their humble beginnings in Japan to mobile keyboards the world over, and shed fresh light on the private consortium that approves new emoji offerings and the individuals fighting to make the language more representative of its billions of users.

RSVP: <https://cs-picturecharacter.splashthat.com/>

### NYU ABU DHABI

#### ★ ACTIVITY: TURTLE PATROL TRAINING

March 2 | 5:30 p.m.

Venue: NYUAD: West Administration Building) (A3), Room 01

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Did you know that critically endangered Hawksbill turtles lay their eggs on Saadiyat's beaches in the spring and summer? NYU Abu Dhabi is proud to partner with the Saadiyat turtle conservation program led by Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island Resort.

Learn how you can get involved in local wildlife conservation by joining early morning beach patrols from April-July. Volunteers will commit to walking along a portion of the Saadiyat beach looking for turtle activity. Learn what to do if you do come across turtle tracks, as all activity and nests need to be recorded, protected, and occasionally relocated. Join this Informational Training Session to become a part of the Turtle Patrol.

Volunteer Criteria:

Volunteers must be 18+ years of age.

Minors can join the patrol but only accompanied by a supervising trained adult at all times.

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### WAREHOUSE 421

#### ★ EXHIBITION: THE CUP AND THE SAUCER

March 7 - May 17 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The Cup and The Saucer is the first major solo exhibition for Hashel Al Lamki. This exhibition explores the breadth of the notions of unity, separation, and individualism. The show seeks to discuss the metaphoric and momentary divorce that takes place when a cup parts from its saucer; and, how within that moment, and that movement of estrangement, a single item breaks into two. A once whole object becomes two separate individuals.

Throughout the exhibition, individualism is highlighted through the deep inquisitions of the understanding of the self as a single entity and its role and responsibility as a part of a larger whole or a unit. From that, an anthropological sketch of the behavioural environment is loosely tied to our understanding of the cultural landscape of the United Arab Emirates. The notion of a social structure, in the context of the cultural landscape, cannot be reconfigured for the individual unless looked at in isolation, and transformation cannot exist within the paradigms of something that is fixed. The understanding of spectrums and opposite extremes is carried out throughout the exhibition in order to soothe the anxieties that surface in this navigation of extreme contraries. Duality becomes understood as a pacifier of these anxieties. In this back and forth, between that which is fluid (the self) and that which is fixed (structure), a tension arises that seeks belonging. Isolation becomes the solace of the actual authorship of the self before it can be placed back into the larger unit of community and the preset structures of tradition and time.

Curated by: Munira Al Sayegh

<https://www.warehouse421.ae/en/whats-on/the-cup-and-the-saucer/>

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