

About the French American Chamber of Commerce in Houston Joana Videgain, Executive Director



Joana Videgain, is Executive Director of the French American Chamber of Commerce in Houston. The Chamber is a non-profit, non-governmental, 100% independent, member-driven organization, made by companies for companies. Its mission is to foster the French-American business community, support businesses in their settlement and development in Houston, and build bridges for US companies with France. The FACCH Houston is a place to exchange, learn and network. An exciting array of events is coming up this month and a complete listing is available on the website.

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About the International Friends of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna

The **Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna** brings together one of the largest, most complex collections in the world, spanning over 5000 years. The collections reflect diverse global cultures and are housed in a palace of fine arts, which is an artwork in itself and in 2016 celebrated the 125th anniversary of its grand opening. The wide-ranging collections are the result of centuries of passionate collecting by a long succession of Habsburg family members and are open to all who wish to be inspired by and enhance their understanding of art.

The **International Friends of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna (IFKHM)** is a dynamic group of patrons, collectors, and connoisseurs, joined by their love of the museum's extraordinary imperial collection and masterpieces of European art, with a desire to see them properly cared for and passed on to future generations. www.khm.at

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About the Painting on the Front Cover (Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna)

Mindful of Hurricane Harvey, our featured painting is *Storm at Sea*, by the Flemish painter Jan Bruegel the Younger (1601-1678). Seascapes were a popular subject for Jan, evoking images from his youthful voyages to such far-flung locales as Sicily and Malta. For most of his artistic life he headed a workshop in Antwerp where he painted original works as well as copies of those by his famous father and grandfather, making attribution within the Bruegel clan a challenge. The Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna holds the world's largest collection of paintings by the renowned Pieter Bruegel, founder of the dynasty and grandfather of Jan the Younger. KHM will be commemorating the 450th anniversary of Pieter's death with an exhibition from October 2, 2018 to January 13, 2019. www.khm.at/bruegel2018

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About Ann Weisgarber



Ann is the author of three historical novels. Her first novel, *The Personal History of Rachel DuPree*, is set in the South Dakota Badlands in 1917. It was nominated for England's 2009 Orange Prize and for the 2009 Orange Award for New Writers. In the United States, *The Personal History of Rachel DuPree* won the Stephen Turner Award for New Fiction and the Langum Prize for American Historical Fiction. It was shortlisted for the Ohioana Book Award for Fiction and was a Barnes and Noble Discover New Writer.

JuVee Productions has optioned the film rights and Viola Davis will play Rachel DuPree. Filming is scheduled for 2018.

Ann's second novel, *The Promise*, takes place in 1900 on Galveston Island at the time of America's worst natural disaster. It was shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction, was the finalist for the Spur Award for Best Western Historical Fiction, and was a finalist for the Ohioana Book Award for Fiction.

The Glovemaker will be published in 2019. It is set in Utah's deep canyon country during the winter of 1888.

Ann was born and raised in Kettering, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. She graduated from Wright State University in Dayton with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and earned a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Houston. She has been a social worker in psychiatric and nursing home facilities and taught sociology at Wharton County Junior College in Texas.

In addition to Ohio and Texas, Ann has lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Des Moines, Iowa. She currently lives in Galveston, Texas. She and her husband, Rob, are fans of America's national parks and visit at least one park a year.

Next Time...

Our fourth quarter Art of Business luncheon will be on Nov. 28, featuring Winston Art Group and its Houston representative, Shanna Hennig. Winston Art Group serves the Houston community and the nation as a whole, providing services as diverse as appraising works of art, helping collectors prepare for donations to museums, arranging for sales at the world's leading auction houses, and authentication. Fields of expertise include: paintings, sculpture, photographs, books, decorative arts, arms and armor, jewelry, musical instruments, stamps, textiles, sports memorabilia, classic cars, cigars, and wines. Shanna will recount her intriguing experiences in the business of helping collectors preserve and plan for their precious possessions.

About *The Art of Business*

The Art of Business is a luncheon series featuring business people presenting a topic of interest highlighting how commercial enterprise spurred and funded artistic endeavors. Emphasis is on the history of Europe from Ancient Greece to the mid-20th century with topics at the crossroads of culture and commerce, such as --

- Looted, lost, and stolen art and legal steps to get it back
- Double-entry bookkeeping and its importance for the luxury goods market across Renaissance Europe
- International banking and credit facilities from the Knights Templar to the Bruges-Florence axis
- Works of art and design as valuable intangible property and protecting them from counterfeiters
- Commissioning new operas and attracting the businesses who sponsor them

Have an idea for a presentation?

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