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## Welcome Betty Neal Crutcher, The Council's New VMFA Board of Trustees Liaison!



Dr. Crutcher, originally from Tuskegee, Alabama, received her BS in Sociology from Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University), her Master's in Public Health Administration from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and her doctorate in Educational Administration with its focus on Cross-Cultural Mentoring from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Crutcher has held many posts in higher education administration and student affairs, at University of Texas-Austin, Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Guilford College.

Betty served as Presidential Spouse and Mentor at the University of Richmond with her husband Ron from 2014-2021. She is a national member of Links, Inc., serving as Relationship Manager of the Boston Links Chapter in Boston, Massachusetts.

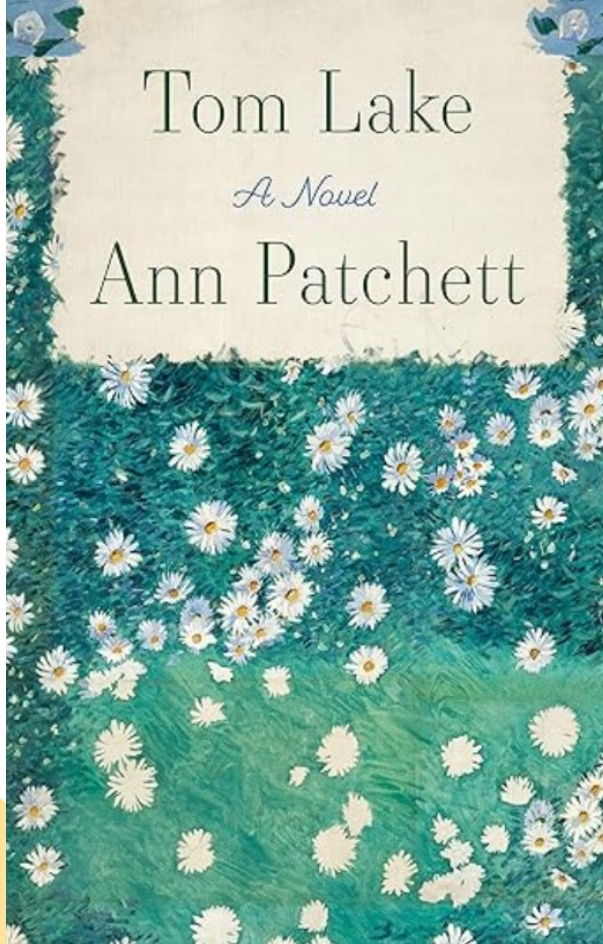
Betty savors the opportunity to expand her love of art from the familiar classics to new delights found among world culture.

We are thrilled to welcome Betty Neal Crutcher to The Council. According to The Council's Articles of Association, Article VII, Section 1 and 2, Betty will be invited to join us in our Executive Committee and Board of Governors meetings.

*Nan Boyd, Council President*

# Book Club

## Tom Lake by Ann Patchett April 29, 2024



This novel is a “Best in Fiction Book for 2023” and a #1 New York Times Bestseller.

*In the spring of 2020, Lara’s daughters return to the family’s orchard in Northern Michigan. The girls beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born.*

The play *Our Town* is referred to frequently in the novel. You might find it interesting to re-read the play or watch a performance. Click [here](#) to view the recommended production from Lincoln Center filmed in 1989.

The post-chat docent tour will include VMFA pieces from various galleries. Come and join us as we explore the ideas of families and relationships.

Registration opens on March 4, 2024. Books are available for purchase in the VMFA Shop.

- Suzanne Bristow -

## ***March 21 Wine Dinner - Council only exclusive event for \$132 per person***

The first VMFA Wine Dinner of 2024 has been announced as a Truffle Wine Dinner for \$225 per person. You can come to the Council French Inspired Menu Wine Dinner on March 21 for a very similar experience for \$132 per person. Please sign up by March 11.

Register [here](#).

- MaryMoss Walker -



## A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT DUES RENEWAL

Please be on the lookout for the dues renewal notices that will be sent out on April 1. Dues for Active members are \$75 and for Associate members \$100. You can easily renew online (there will be a link in the notice) or, if you prefer, you can renew by mail. Checks should be made out to The Council and mailed to:

The Council of the VMFA  
200 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd.  
Richmond, VA 23220

Please include "dues renewal" in the memo section on the check.

Complete instructions will also be in the renewal notice. Contact Deanna Maneker ([deannamaneker@gmail.com](mailto:deannamaneker@gmail.com)) if you wish to change your membership status or if you have any other questions about your renewal. Thanks so much for renewing promptly.

- Deanna Maneker -

## NOTES

- Many thanks to Troy Wilkinson who was the VMFA Staff Photographer during the lecture prior to the luncheon on February 5, 2024.
- The minutes of the January BOG meeting are now on the Council website. Click [here](#) for quick access.
- Please log in to Vogistics [here](#) and enter your hours today! Thank you!



If you have an article to include in the next regular issue of VMFA Council Connections,

please contact

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Diane Barbour ([dbarb9214@aol.com](mailto:dbarb9214@aol.com))

by noon on

Wednesday, March 27.

