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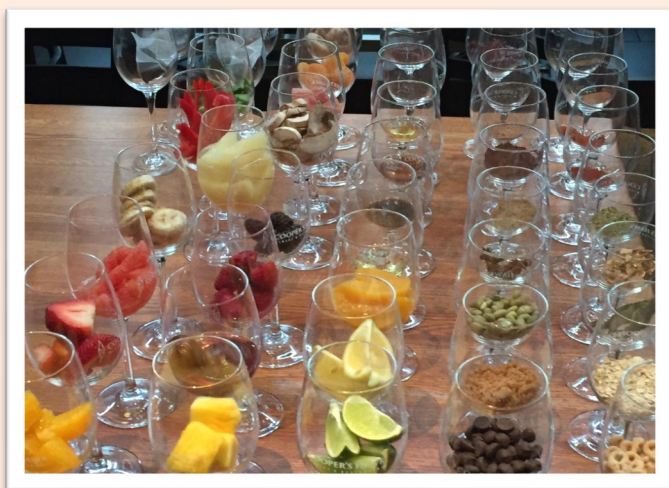
UPCOMING MEP EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEP EVENTS

LAST CALL!

Spaces are still available for the following events:

Charlottesville Trip - Registration closes Monday, October 16.
Click [here](#) to register.



Thursday, October 26 session of the **Wine Tasting**

Registration closes on Wednesday, October 18.
Click [here](#) to register.

Save the Date - Council Member Holiday Luncheon - Thursday, December 14.
Registration opens Tuesday, November 7.

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB ADDS AN EVENING SESSION

The novel, ***A Gathering of Old Men*** by Ernest J. Gaines is the book selected for the next book chats. The post-chat docent tours will include parts of the Dawoud Bey: Elegy exhibit and pieces from the VMFA collection.

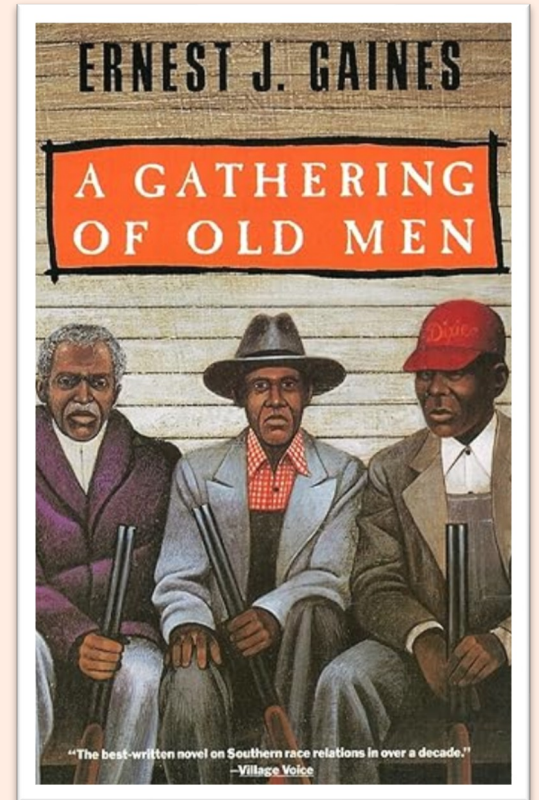
The first book chat will take place on **Monday, November 27 at noon** in the Founder's Room across from Cheek Theater.

We are pleased to offer an evening session **Thursday, November 30 at 5:30 pm** in the Founder's Room across from the Cheek Theater. *(Registration of at least 10 people needed to hold this session at the new evening time.)* Copies of the novel are already available in the VMFA Shop.

The novel begins on a Louisiana sugarcane plantation in the 1970's with the death of a Cajun farmer. The novel is told in succeeding chapters in the different voices of the old men and others in the community.

"Early in this eloquent novel . . . a sheriff is summoned to a sugarcane plantation, where he finds one young white woman, about eighteen old black men, and one dead Cajun farmer. The sheriff is sure he knows who killed the Cajun—although each of the men is toting a shotgun only one of them could hit a barn door—but threats and slaps fail to change their stories. Each one claims guilt, and all but one promise to provoke a riot at the courthouse if the sheriff tries to make an arrest. In the meantime, they wait for a lynch mob that the dead man's father—like the son, a notorious brute—is sure to launch. . . . Before it is over, everyone involved has been surprised by something; the old black men, not least of all, by their first taste of power and pride." - *The New Yorker*

- Suzanne Bristow -



COUNCIL ONLY PREVIEW EVENT!

VMFA Tea Room in the Pauley Parlor

Monday, November 13, Noon to 3 pm



Join your fellow Council Members for an exclusive sneak peek of VMFA's newest dining concept. This tearoom will focus on the global aspects of tea, cuisine and service. You will be enjoying the beautifully redesigned parlor, completed by designer Marie Fedowitz and her studio Abode. We will be serving a selection of curated teas and our globally inspired menu crafted by Chef Chainey Kuykendall. We will also be hosting a Q&A with the chef team and Culinary Director Cody Dickey for anyone interested in learning more about the newest venue.

Katie Carr, VMFA Shop Manager will be providing a Pop Up Shop in the Pauley Foyer during this event which will include Caspari items, tea paraphernalia and items from local artists. In addition for those attending, we will include a 20% off voucher for the VMFA Shop to be used one time only either on the day of the event or in the near future, respective of the expiration date.

Registration opens Tuesday October 17 and closes Monday November 6.

Cost \$62.00 Limited to 40 Registrants

- MaryMoss Walker -

Please log in to Volgistics [here](#) and enter your volunteer hours today!

Thank you!

If you have an article to include in the next issue of [VMFA Council Connections](#), please contact Linda Gill (lagill@verizon.net) or Diane Barbour (dbarb9214@aol.com) by noon on Thursday, November 2, 2023.



Sculpture Garden Volunteer, Evans Dowdy