



**From the communications team.....**

Dear members,

Our 34 th AGM has come and gone, leaving a new group of people to steer our MCG forward for another year.

Lets give Pam and her team our full support by all getting involved wherever we can, be it through Explorers, ENAK or a book group, attending a lecture, or maybe just to nudge our Events team towards a stimulating speaker you may know.

As said at the AGM, the MCG s a thriving organisation, lets all work together to keep it that way!

Margo Rosenberg and Iva Petkova

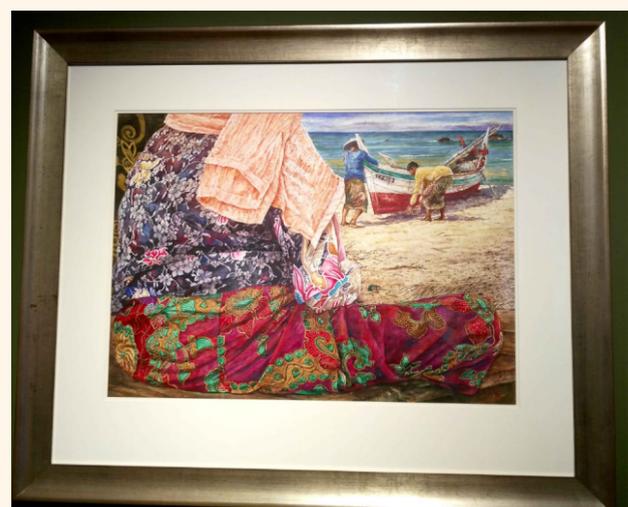
**Coming up...**

**Excursion: Half Day Workshop at FRIM, the Forestry Research Institute, Malaysia**  
 May 11 ~ 8.45 am for 9.00 am start,  
 please note the earlier than usual start time  
 Licuala Meeting Room, Auditorium (Building E1), FRIM  
 To reserve a space [click here](#)

**Lecture: Dining with Dragons**  
 May 18 ~ 10.00 am for 10.30 am start  
 Meritz Condominium, Jalan Mayang, K.L.C.C.  
 To reserve a space [click here](#)

**Reviews...**

**Lectures - AGM Lecture, 'The future of collecting art in Malaysia' and Bank Negara gallery tour**  
 Chrissie Kemp



**Excursions - Guided Tour of the National Museum**  
 Leslie Muri



**Explorers - Ampang Shopping centre**  
 Margo Rosenberg



**Book - The Housekeeper and the Professor**  
 Alejandra Barbosa

**President's Message**



Dear MCG members,

As the new President of the MCG I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to 'give back.' I have been fortunate to have lived in Malaysia now for a decade. The MCG has made the experience fascinating and enjoyable for me. I have seen extra-ordinary places, met many interesting people and tried a variety of delicious foods. I have enjoyed many, many memorable experiences.

Thanks to Mary Ann Diakow, Henry Gan, Terry Piech and Marianne Khor for volunteering for the next year. With your help we will try to keep our organization going from strength to strength. As Terry and Henry volunteered after the AGM we will be having a very quick EGM before the May 18th event to officially have them accept their positions as Secretary and Treasurer for the Registrar of Societies requirements. You will be receiving your Anyvite soon. Please do attend our lecture and the EGM and make our full Committee for 2016-17 official!

I would like to also use this opportunity to thank all the out-going Committee members for their time and effort over the last year or more – with a special shout out to Alexius Collette, Nancy Ruiter, and Amita Shah. To those who are moving on we say Terimah Kasih and Selamat Jalan.

As I write this the Committee still has a few positions to fill such as Explorers and Communications. If you would like to learn some new skills and work with a great group of people, please get in contact with us and we can answer any questions you may have.

The MCG is a group that is run by our members, for our members. Please continue to give us your feed back, suggestions and ideas about how the MCG can be the best it can be.

See you at the next event!

**Pam Currie**

**Come and use your library!**

Did you know that MCG has a library in the Meritz condo? It is on Floor 7, down the stairs from the meeting room on 7M where the lectures are held. It is open before and after MCG events at the Meritz. Books can be returned to the front desk in the entrance of the Meritz at any time.

If you are an MCG member then you are a member of the library and can borrow books. We can offer you novels and travel writing, as well as books on history, politics, arts and religion.

Do come and explore what there is for you in the library! If you have any questions please have a look on the website ([http://www.mcgkl.org/Library\\_27\\_1.htm](http://www.mcgkl.org/Library_27_1.htm)) or email me at: [librarian@mcgkl.org](mailto:librarian@mcgkl.org)

Alison Harrison

**Meet a MCG member...**



**Marianne Khor**

**What brought you to Malaysia and how has KL changed since you first arrived here?**

It was love that brought me all the way from Germany to Malaysia 41 years ago.

In the 1970s life for a foreign wife was not easy. There were no support groups or relocation agencies to help you. Your friends were your support. Although life was challenging I feel very privileged to have been able to experience Malaysia during that time. People were genuinely warm and welcoming, includ-

ing my Malaysian husband's family. There was no talk of racism and people had time for each other.

After working a few years in various institutions of higher learning we decided to start a family and I became a full time mother of two beautiful girls. With the children and a string of pets my days were filled.

Then the girls flew the nest and the pets died of old age.

Suddenly I had a lot of time on my hands.

**Joining the MCG**

When a friend suggested that I should join the Malaysian Culture Group I agreed, although I thought: what can they possibly show me that I don't already know after all this time here in Malaysia? I was so wrong! There were so many things I had never known of, so many things I had not seen! Soon I became a member of the Events Planning Team. Being part of the EPT has given me the opportunity to meet many interesting people, speakers who we invited to the lectures at MCG, who I would have never met otherwise. Although a lot of work goes into the preparation

of every lecture, it is always interesting and the result is immensely rewarding.

**Events, at the heart of the MCG**

The MCG has just formed a new committee, and there were many vacancies. I decided to volunteer for the position of convener for the Events Planning Team.

The events are an important part of the MCG. They are what attracts so many members and guests every month. And while we always need people on the team, what we need most are ideas! They are at the start of every lecture or event.

And this is how everyone can get involved without having to sacrifice any of their time:

If you meet someone with an interesting story or if you hear about an unusual event or anything else that you think would be of interest to the Group, please let us know and we will take it from there and turn it into an event or lecture.

You will feel a sense of belonging and pride to see your idea come to life.

The events are the heart of the MCG and you can help to keep it beating!

The MCG Committee remains steadfastly committed to ensuring that the MCG meets the needs of our members. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members by email. Yours in service of Malaysian culture!