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It has been an exciting time lately for the Explorers! We celebrated Sherlock Holmes in many ways through the end of 2011 and the beginning of this year. We had an enjoyable movie night last fall where we watched "A Study in Scarlet" with Peter Cushing and Nigel Stock in the BBC production. We had a new Downey/Law major studio movie to take in, as a group, on December 17th at the St. Anthony Main Theater, and the BBC's Sherlock series has three new episodes that will attract new Sherlockians to the fold. And, Larry Millett ("Sherlock Holmes in Minnesota") was our featured speaker at our Annual Dinner at the Minneapolis Golf Club in December.

We again paid tribute to Sherlock Holmes on his birthday (New York, London, and Minneapolis) in January. Our Baker Street West celebration was held on January 22nd at Dixie's on Grand, but some local (Minnesota) Explorers even became part of the New York festivities as well.

Garry Peterson and Michael Miller performed their quiz during the Gaslight Gala. At the William Gillette Memorial Luncheon, Karen Murdock, ASH, won the 2012 WHIMSEY award for the *Serpentine Muse's* most humorous article of 2011, titled "Do You Write Like Arthur Conan Doyle?" And, Phil Bergem received his investiture as "Birdy Edwards" into the Baker Street Irregulars—congratulations Phil Bergem, BSI!

Recently, we had a great afternoon with Bob and Lucy Brusica and the rest of the cast at the Pavek with another excellent performance of a radio play by the Red Throated League. (Look for a review in our next issue.)

The Study Group is still busy working its way through the Canon. We've also added a new leader with Mary Loving. And, we'll soon start the planning process for the 2013 Conference.

Hang on to your deerstalkers, it's going to be a fun 2012!

~Gary Thaden

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

After a minor hiatus, Explorations is back on track. It's been about six months since the previous issue but you should expect to receive three issues in 2012.

Explorer John Bergquist spoke about the life of Dr. Bryce Crawford, Jr., BSI, during our Annual Dinner in December. Dr. Crawford passed away in 2011 and was the last surviving founder of The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota. John modified his presentation into an essay for the readers of Explorations. (It is featured on pages two and three of this issue.)

Issue 65 also has reviews from many of our recent Explorer events. I appreciate all the hard work of our contributors who took time to jot notes and submit reviews for us all to enjoy.

And as always, submissions for *Explorations* are welcome. Email them directly to me in plain text or in Word format to: twinsfan1@earthlink.net

~Tim Reich

DR. BRYCE L. CRAWFORD, JR., BSI

Dr. Bryce Low Crawford, Jr., invested into the Baker Street Irregulars in 1985 as “The Solitary Cyclist,” died on September 16, 2011 at the age of 96. He was the last remaining member of the distinguished group of U. of M. professors (four of them, including Bryce, later to become deans) who co-founded The Norwegian Explorers in 1948.

Bryce was born in 1914 in New Orleans. Because his father worked for the railroad, the family moved often during his early years. Having skipped several grades, at the age of 15 the precocious youth graduated from high school, in El Paso, Texas, where he also first discovered the world of Sherlock Holmes in the public library. As the first-place winner in the National Edison chemistry essay contest, the 16-year-old future professor was flown to Menlo Park, New Jersey, where he was introduced to Henry Ford and Thomas Edison! His youth was not entirely taken up by cerebral matters, however; as a teenager he spent his summers working as a ranch hand in New Mexico. (Those of us who knew Dr. Crawford only as the distinguished gentleman of his later years have a hard time visualizing him driving cattle on horseback.)

Bryce’s academic vita reads almost like a parody – too good to be true. After needing to lie about his age to be admitted to Stanford at the age of 17, he earned his Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree and Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry at that august institution by the age of 22. He then did post-graduate work, first at Harvard and then at Yale. To our great benefit, in 1940, at the age of 25, he accepted a teaching position in the Chemistry Department at the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Ruth, put down roots in the Twin Cities and raised their three children here. Bryce remained with the U. of M. until his retirement in 1985, although he took sabbaticals in 1950 and ’51 to study at Cal Tech and Oxford as a Guggenheim Fellow and then again at Oxford as a Fulbright Fellow. (Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Oxford – how he avoided Cambridge is a mystery!) During his career at the U. of M. he held the titles of Chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Dean of the Graduate School, succeeding his fellow Norwegian Explorers

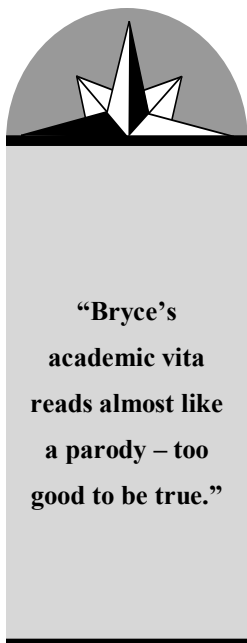


Dr. Bryce L. Crawford, Jr., BSI

founder Theodore C. Blegen in that post. He was home secretary of the National Academy of Sciences for many years and was awarded the Priestly Medal for distinguished service in the field of chemistry by the American Chemical Society in 1982.

Although Bryce contributed writings to the Norwegian Explorers’ publication *Exploring Sherlock Holmes*, co-edited *Cultivating Sherlock Holmes*, and was instrumental in helping establish what is now The Sherlock Holmes Collections at the U. of M. Library, he probably is most celebrated in the Sherlockian world for having penned the inscription on the plaque placed at Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland in 1957 by the Norwegian Explorers and the Sherlock Holmes Society of London. The inscription reads, “Across this ‘dreadful cauldron’ occurred the culminating event in the career of Sherlock Holmes, the

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world's greatest detective, when on May 4, 1891, he vanquished Prof. Moriarty, the Napoleon of Crime." Bryce had undertaken a reconnaissance mission to Switzerland, following up on an earlier mission by Dr. Philip Hench, to determine the exact spot of the encounter and, thus, where the plaque should be placed. Upon his return, he submitted an expense report to the Sigerson requesting reimbursement for the approximately 32 cents U.S. he had paid for a funicular ride to the top of the Falls. His request was denied because of lack of sufficient documentation, which became a continual source of amusement. To his delight, finally in 1998, the Norwegian Explorers board belatedly presented him his 32 cents in a nicely matted frame.

Many of us recall Bryce's last appearance at a Norwegian Explorers event, when he was a guest of honor at our annual dinner some ten or twelve years ago at the Radisson hotel on the

U. campus. After being introduced at the head table and receiving a hearty round of applause, he stood, braced by his cane, and delivered a characteristically eloquent off-the-cuff brief talk about what Sherlock Holmes and the Norwegian Explorers had meant to him. He said that he was extremely gratified to have helped start an organization all those years ago that was still thriving under the guidance of a new generation, specifically citing our conferences and publications. It was quite a compliment to our group, coming from a person of Bryce's accomplishments.

Now that Bryce has joined his illustrious colleagues, perhaps somewhere beyond the Reichenbach they still gather to debate the finer points of a Holmes adventure. I would like to think so.

~John Bergquist, BSI, 2s



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HOLMES SIGHTINGS

An Anatomy of Addiction

In *An Anatomy of Addiction*, Howard Markel writes about Sigmund Freud, William Halstead, and cocaine, the miracle drug. Despite addictions to cocaine, both Freud and Halstead made great contributions to science. The book has a good brief history of cocaine and how it affects the brain. From 1863 into the 1900s, Angelo Mariani, a French chemist, sold Vin Mariani, a coca-laced Bordeaux wine. The beverage gained a large following and received endorsements from “Thomas A. Edison, Auguste Rodin, Jules Verne, Arthur Conan Doyle,” and others. Halstead, a surgeon, successfully used cocaine as an

anesthetic. About the same time, Doyle was writing *A Study in Scarlet*, with Sherlock Holmes enjoying a 7 percent solution of cocaine. Markel reports that Freud was “one of Conan Doyle’s most avid readers.” Markel also notes that with the publication of *Sign of the Four*, “Conan Doyle’s precise description of Holmes’s cocaine self-administration in this novel could just as easily be applied to Halstead’s technique and mottled arm.”

~Mike Eckman



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HOLMES MOVIE NIGHT

On Tuesday, October 5, the Norwegian Explorers enjoyed another movie night in the Andersen library at the University of Minnesota. This year John Bergquist selected an adaptation of “A Study in Scarlet” from the 1968 BBC TV series, *Sherlock Holmes*, starring Nigel Stock as Doctor Watson, with Peter Cushing taking over from Douglas Wilmer as Sherlock Holmes. Cushing had previously starred as Holmes in the 1959 Hammer Films production of “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” and so when Wilmer declined to participate in additional episodes of the well-regarded series, Cushing was considered a fit replacement.

Before we watched the program, Tim Reich requested submissions for this year’s Christmas Annual, while he endured some good-natured ribbing about his amusingly wide-collared, 1970s Hawai’ian-style Sherlock Holmes shirt. Tim Johnson then told us of the interest in the collections shown during a recent parents’ night on campus. Finally, John Bergquist introduced the program for the evening.

This was a fairly faithful adaptation of “A Study in Scarlet,” while trimming and modifying the story to fit into the hour running time. Most of the Utah elements were excised, leaving the action mostly focused on Holmes and Watson. This adaptation did not include the meeting of the pair, suggesting that they had been working together for some time; therefore, it was a bit surprising to see Watson caught unawares by Holmes’ skills. Cushing brought some nice, canonical mannerisms to his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, and comments afterwards compared him favorably to Jeremy Brett, with speculation that Brett may have taken some inspiration from Cushing’s interpretation. Those who thought Cushing seemed too old to play Holmes, however, should be reminded that sixteen years later he again reprised the role for the TV movie, “The Masks of Death.” Perhaps someone will be able to share that rarity with the group for a future movie night?

~Ray Riethmeier



SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE FINAL PROBLEM, A PLAY AT THE LYRIC ARTS THEATER



At the end of October, a few Norwegian Explorers visited the Halloween Capital of the World (Anoka, MN) to see the play “Sherlock Holmes: The Final Problem”, at the Lyric Arts Main Street Stage. The play, was a combination of the play “Sherlock Holmes”, The Adventure of the Final Problem and the Scandal of Bohemia. The result was an over-long play (2 1/2 hours) in two acts.

Early in the production the director had Sherlock Holmes playing of recording of Irene Adler as the King of Bohemia entered 221B. Nice touch. Unfortunately, Sherlock Holmes (Richard Brandt) had a number of long speeches in which he mumbled and dropped off the ends of words. Dr. Watson (Ron Tolliver) was by far the best actor of the night, along with Irene Adler (Beth King). I could see the King of Bohemia (Ralph Blanco) and, of course, Professor Moriarty (Adam King) at Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland (only 350 miles from Bohemia), but why did Sherlock Holmes wear a 1960’s hippie hat instead of a deerstalker?

An entertaining, but unsatisfying evening.

~Gary Thaden



SINS: A STUDY IN SCANDAL—TORONTO 2011

Several Explorers ventured north to Toronto in October to attend a stellar conference devoted to the often controversial life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Julie McKuras and her daughter Megan LePlavy, Gary & Andy Thaden, Mike Eckman, Paul and Carol Martin, Dick Sveum and Pj Doyle joined Sherlockians from around the globe at the Toronto Public Library for four days of vibrant discussion and Canadian hospitality.

Scandal and Doyle? This man whose headstone proclaims “Steel True, Blade Straight”? This champion of the falsely accused and chronicler of the master detective dedicated to justice? Our Canadian hosts met the challenge head on. The conference explored the culture of scandal endemic in the era as well as that included within the pages of the Adventures.

The weekend began away from the stacks and onto the streets of Toronto. Stephanie Thomas, led the group on a spooky march around Toronto’s darker haunts with special reference to Sherlockian and Doylean connections. The brisk outing was topped off by

a reception at the home of Bob Coghill, complete with a 37th Floor view of the city at night.

Barbara Rusch led the conference committee, which attended to myriad details of the weekend events. Papers were presented on several topics, highlighted by Chris Redmond’s quick review of the 49 mentions of scandal in the Canon. Victorian fascination with scandalous actions was evident in their day to day life – such as veiling the legs of pianos.

Conan Doyle’s own scandals were not overlooked. In particular, an interesting clip from a recent *Antiques Roadshow* episode, featured descendents of the perpetrators of the fairy snapshots – including the original photographs.

Gary and Julie joined in the banquet toasts, representing the Explorers in fine form with eloquence and humor.

The standard is high, so the 2013 Norwegian Explorers Conference Committee has work to do!

~Pj Doyle, ASH, BSI



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A DINNER WITH PETER BLAU, BSI AND FRIENDS

At the Market Bar-B-Que in Minneapolis on October 12, 2011, Peter Blau invited the Norwegian Explorers to join The Practical, But Limited, Geologists for dinner. The registration form proclaimed from Peter: "No scholarly papers, no slide shows, no quizzes...just toasts...I'll give the first toast, to Sherlock Holmes, by way of explaining to the locals why the geologists are there. Anyone is invited to give a toast (or more than one) proposed ad lib, and perhaps ad infinitum, by anyone who feels inspired."

Before the food was served, Pat Frovarp from Once Upon A Crime bookstore was on hand with author Susan Cummins Miller. Susan signed copies for us of her mystery series of books featuring geologist Frankie MacFarlane.

There was a nice mix of people at each table during the BBQ dinner. The conversation topics at my table ranged anywhere from the western North Dakota oil field drilling to the origins of our love for the Holmes stories. I think everyone learned something new.

Toasts were delivered by people from both groups of Peter's friends and people predominately spoke about Peter and a memories they have.

Before the evening concluded, Peter made is way around to speak with everyone at the dinner with sincere appreciation, a laugh, and/or a tale of his younger years. Nights such as this seem to make me realized that friendship is one of the most special things about being a Sherlockian.

~Tim Reich



"Anyone is invited to give a toast"

A photo of Julie McKuras, ASH, BSI, and Dick Sveum, BSI, delivering the most eccentric toast of the evening. (Thanks to Gary Thaden for the picture.) Dick admirably read aloud to us in Norwegian! The text of the toast is copied here. Enjoy...



Velkommen til svarte Peter og praktisk, men begrenset Geologer fra den norske oppdagere av Minnesota. Jeg hilser dere på norske siden Kongen og dronningen av Norge er også på besøk. Jeg inviterer dere alle til å komme tilbake i to tusen og tretten for vår neste konferanse ved universitetet av Minnesota Andersen bibliotek sponset av venner av Sherlock Holmes samlinger. Skål.

Julie assisted with this English translation:

Welcome to Black Peter and the Practical but Limited Geologists from the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota. I am greeting you in Norwegian since the King and Queen of Norway are also visiting. I invite you all to come back in 2013 for our next conference at the University of Minnesota Andersen library sponsored by the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections. Cheers.

NORWEGIAN EXPLORERS 2011 ANNUAL DINNER

We are blessed to have the opportunity to read about Sherlock Holmes's exploits in Minnesota with his contemporaries Dr. Watson and Shadwell Rafferty; and are even more blessed to have access to, and spend time with, the author of those stories, local historian and author, Larry Millett. Larry was our featured speaker during our Annual Dinner.

As with recent tradition, members and friends of the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota met at the Minneapolis Golf Club. On December 2, 2011 we gathered for dinner, toasts, awards, quizzes, limericks, drinks, food, presentations, and all the merriment we could fit into one evening.

After the pre-dinner cash bar and mingling we settled in our seats for dinner. Upon the completion of our welcoming prayer, led by Rev. Bob Brusica, we made our way to the buffet of British delights. The food was a customary selection of shepherd's pie, fish and chips, Yorkshire pudding, and berry trifle. The meal satisfied our hardy appetites, but a few of us wondered if we might be in the midst of a mystery that could have been titled, *The Case of the Frozen Peas*.

Following the dinner we honored four members of the Canon with toasts: The Woman (by Karen Ellery), the 2nd Mrs. Watson (by Karen Murdock, ASH), Dr. Watson (by Ray Riethmeier), and Sherlock Holmes (by Phil Bergem—soon to be BSI). The toasts are printed on page eight and nine of this issue.

Next, we elected board members for 2012, discussed the financials, and presented a donation check for \$2,000 from the Norwegian Explorers to the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collection at the U of M. Dick Sveum accepted the check on behalf of the Collections.

The Sigerson Awards were presented to all the contributors our 2011 Christmas Annual. The theme this year was *Treasures*. (There are still copies available of the 2011 Annual. The cost is \$8.00. Feel free to e-mail me at twinsfan1@earthlink.net if you are interested.)

We remembered two Explorers during our "Stand with me here upon the terrace..." portion of our evening. John Bergquist honored the life of Dr. Bryce Crawford who was one of our founding members and passed away in 2011. John's talk is featured in this issue. Bob Brusica paid tribute to another long-

time Explorer, Wade Manthie. Wade passed away at age 66 and in recent years helped host of our Annual Dinner at the Minneapolis Club. Bob mentioned Wade's time with the Coast Guard and how his deep bass voice complimented his fellow cast-members of the Red Throated League during performances.

President Gary Thaden introduced our main speaker for the evening, Larry Millett. Larry's most recent mystery is titled, *The Magic Bullet: A Locked Room Mystery Featuring Shadwell Rafferty and Sherlock Holmes*. This is the latest in his series of mystery novels, of which, most of us in attendance have read them all.

It was a pleasure to hear Larry speak. He talked about the background for his stories and his desire to write a locked room mystery in fashion of John Dickson Carr. Larry also writes books about architecture and the historical highlights of the Twin Cities. In fact, 2011 is the second time in his career when he had both a non-fiction and fiction book published in the same year. Larry said, in his opinion, "the past is always strange," and he enjoys writing about it. At the end of his time he graciously answered the numerous questions we peppered him with.

Julie McKuras then led our group with a canonical quiz with a "Treasures" theme. Karen Murdock led the contest with 39 of a possible 42 points. We then read aloud the creative, and down right funny, quotes and limericks that we drafted based on pictures Bob Brusica provided.

The night came to a close as we concluded our evening with a reading of "When I Spend a Long Evening With Holmes," read by Tom Gottwalt.

~Tim Reich



Based on the clues that they saw
Holmes and Watson could not see a flaw
Until Peabody spoke
His canonical joke
And told them, "The game is a paw."

Ray Riethmeier's Limerick, based on the picture provided by Bob Brusica and read during the Annual Dinner. The drawing included Holmes, Watson, and a dog (Peabody?).



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2011 ANNUAL DINNER: THE TOASTS

A toast by Phil Bergem

We Explorers have gathered to meet
And as we sit down to eat
Let us toast to the Master
Who protects all from disaster
And solves the mystery *tout suite*

In that year that we all adore
Eighteen hundred and ninety four
In Victorian times
With Holmes solving crimes
While he gives the criminals "what for"

In the study at 221B
He said "Watson you see,
But do not observe"
And pointed out with great nerve
How flawed Watson could be

But with Watson and Holmes we're in awe
With emotions that run somewhat raw
We'll continue to read
About every small deed
Or watch, when it's Downey and Law

As we discuss the Canonical tomes
And listen to horrible poems
Let us join in a toast
To the one we love most
The detective, Sherlock Holmes

A toast by Karen Ellery

"TO SHERLOCK HOLMES she is always *the* woman." I've never liked the notion of a romance between Holmes & Adler. Watson says right up front: "It was not that he felt any emotion akin to love for Irene Adler. All emotions, and that one particularly, were abhorrent to his cold, precise but admirably balanced mind." But within what we know of Holmes' tastes & talents, Irene Norton, nee Adler, seems ideally suited to be his...well...*ideal*.

She was a musician, & one of the few personal things we know about Holmes was that he loved music & was a musician himself.

She was resourceful, observant, & intelligent. She successfully guarded her damaging photograph against waylaying, diversion, & burglary. She saw through Holmes' smoke-rocket ruse; if not in time to prevent her revealing her secret, in time to prevent Holmes from taking advantage of her lapse. Unlike the earlier-berated Watson, Adler both sees & observes.

And acts. She was proactive & resolute. To the end, she did not relinquish her prize; merely her wish to use it.

Finally, she had flair! Holmes must have recognized a fellow artist in the woman who could disguise herself sufficiently to fool his personal observation; follow him without his notice; & outwit him in the end with a graceful & gracious gesture.

So, when he refers to her as *the* woman, I believe Holmes is expressing not just his admiration, but his belief that she might be a model for all women, something to which we all might aspire. I know I do. From one actress to another, I give you the Artist, the Adventuress, *THE* Woman.

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2011 ANNUAL DINNER: THE TOASTS (Continued from page 8)

A toast by Ray Riethmeier

John H. Watson was a man of many talents. Doctor, soldier, ladies-man. It's clear that to reach his level of success in so many areas, he had to be a man with above-average intelligence. We often forget that. It's simply that... anyone would appear to be a simpleton next to the intellect of a *Sherlock Holmes*. But oddly enough, it was with Holmes that Watson found his greatest success.

Is Watson remembered for his surgical skills?


Is he remembered for his military endeavors?

No, Watson is remembered as an author, the man who chronicled the adventures of The Great Detective. For that, we and the world are forever in his debt.

Watson made an indelible mark on the world.

A toast to him tonight.

To John Watson, author!



“...we and the world are forever in his debt”

A toast by Karen Murdock, ASH

Some highly distinguished Sherlockians have conspired to provide Dr. John H. Watson with a number of wives to rival those of Henry VIII.

These distinguished Sherlockians include scholars such as Jay Finley Christ, June Thomson, William S. Baring-Gould, D. Martin Dakin, Ernest Zeisler, Gavin Brend and T. S. Blakeney.

These wife-providing Sherlockians are the band of diligent, if recondite, scholars known as chronologists, who try to date all the Sherlock Holmes tales and put them in order. As Watson often mentions in one tale or another that the events he writes of took place just before, or just after, he got married, it is a great convenience to those who attempt to date the tales to provide Watson with as many marriages as possible.

There is, we must remind ourselves, only one woman to whom John Watson positively states that he got married — Mary Morstan in “The Sign of the Four.” All other wives, though numerous, may be merely a matter of Canonical chronological convenience.

However, it is Sherlock Holmes, not one of his latter-day followers, who says, in a rather late story, “The Blanched Soldier” (one of only two tales from Holmes’s pen) that:

I find from my notebook that it was in January, 1903, just after the conclusion of the Boer War, that I had my visit from Mr. James M. Dodd, a big, fresh, sunburned, upstanding Briton. The good Watson had at that time deserted me for a wife, the only selfish action which I can recall in our association. I was alone.

Since “The Sign of the Four” takes place in 1887 or 1888 (depending on which of these distinguished chronologists one credits), it seems unlikely that, in 1903, Holmes would still be sore about Mary’s taking Watson away from him. Therefore, in “The Blanched Soldier,” Holmes is probably referring to another, un-named Mrs. Watson.

I shy away from using “the F word” (fiction) when discussing the Sherlock Holmes stories, since we know they are true historical records, more reliable than the Gospels in many ways — but it is possible that one or more of the wives posited by chronologists are, indeed, fictional or, at least, are long-term dalliances of Watson’s and not actual wives. Let us limit the wives to Mary and the second wife, name unknown.

So let us raise our glasses to the second and, we trust, the LAST Mrs. Watson:

To the Second Mrs. Watson!

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UPCOMING NORWEGIAN EXPLORER EVENTS:**May 19, 2012****The Norwegian Explorers Study Group: The Adventure of the Red Circle**

The Norwegian Explorers Study Group will be discussing “The Adventure of the Red Circle” on May 19th at 2 p.m. at the Oxboro Library, 8801 Portland Ave. S., Bloomington, (612.543.5775), Metro Transit #18.

June 16, 2012**The Norwegian Explorers Study Group: Arthur Conan Doyle and the Cottlingley Fairies**

Place TBD. Watch your email and Facebook (www.facebook.com/NEofMN) for an update soon.

Future Study Group Topics:

The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax
 The Dying Detective
 The Valley of Fear
 His Last Bow

UPCOMING SHERLOCKIAN EVENTS:**Sunday May 6, 13, & 20, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. Central Time****Season 2 of the BBC Series SHERLOCK on PBS Masterpiece Mystery**

Season 2 of this acclaimed series starts where Season 1 left off then quickly moves into a new interpretation of the familiar Canon story A Scandal in Bohemia, titled “A Scandal in Belgravia.” May 13 gives us “The Hounds of Baskerville” and on May 20 “The Reichenbach Fall.” Creators Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss (Mycroft) have stated that the themes for this season are “Love, fear and death.” Watch and see if you agree!

More here: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/sherlock/index.html>

There will also be a Twitter event taking place during the broadcast of the series with Masterpiece (@masterpiecepbs) and PBS (@pbs) insiders as well as the Baker Street Blog (@BakerStreetBlog), the Baker Street Babes (@BakerStBabes) and authors Lindsay Faye (@lindsayfaye) and Leslie Klinger (@lklinger). Tag your tweets with #SherlockPBS to join in! The Norwegian Explorers will be participating in this online from our own Twitter account (@NEofMN).