Dear OLLI friends,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. Thank you for attending our classes and also for your patience with our brief technical “bumps.” We’ll hope for the best in our upcoming sessions.

All of the books listed should be available at amazon.com and other online booksellers.

HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL
1. American Wilderness: The Story of the Hudson River School of Painting, by Barbara Babcock Millhouse
2. American Paradise: The World of the Hudson River School, may be purchased, and at no charge downloaded or read online at The Metropolitan Museum of Art website. My letter of two weeks ago provided a link.
metmuseum.org has an extensive online collection of materials including the Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History with its many descriptions and related essays. Curator Kevin J. Avery’s online biographical essays about Thomas Cole and Frederic Church are recommended.

THOMAS COLE
1. Thomas Cole, by Matthew Baigell
2. Thomas Cole Landscape into History, by William H. Truettner and Alan Wallach

ASHER B. DURAND
1. Kindred Spirits Asher B. Durand and the American Landscape, edited by Linda S. Ferber
2. The Life and Times of Asher B. Durand, by John Durand (artist’s son)

FREDERIC EDWIN CHURCH
1. In Search of the Promised Land: Paintings by Frederic Edwin Church, by Gerald L. Carr
2. Frederic Edwin Church, by Franklin Kelly and others (National Gallery of Art.) Includes The highly recommended essay Church, Humboldt, and Darwin: The Tension and Harmony of Art and Science which also appears in author Stephen Jay Gould’s book I Have Landed.
3. The Landscapes of Frederic Edwin Church, by David C. Huntington rescued Church from near-obscurity upon publication in 1966, and launched the successful Save Olana movement. This book is out-of-print but used copies are available online. A collector’s item.

ALEXANDER von HUMBOLDT
1. The Humboldt Current, by Aaron Sachs
2. The Invention of Nature, by Andrea Wulf
3. Humboldt and Jefferson, by Sandra Rebok

WRITERS
1. William Cullen Bryant’s poems: Thanatopsis and A Forest Hymn in several anthologies as well as the biographical collection William Cullen Bryant An American Voice, by Frank Gado

The young Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (opened 11/11/11) youtube.com for a clip by PBS Newshour, Crystal Bridges offers a world of art in Arkansas’ backyard (7:25.)

Previewing Tuesday’s class, you may be interested in Albert Bierstadt’s restored masterpiece: https://www.stjathenaeum.org/albert-bierstadt-the-domes-of-the-yosemite See you then.

Cordially,
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