



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

APRIL 2011

WWC APRIL CALENDAR

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24	25 <i>Comm.Svcs 9:30 Bridge 10:30am</i>	26 <i>Play Reading Group 10:30 am</i>	27 <i>Antiques 10am Mah Jong 1-4pm RSVP 1:00pm</i>	28 <i>Zumba 11:30 Book Club 1:00pm- Necessities Bags 7:00 pm</i>	29 <i>Necessities Bags 9:30 am</i>	30

Officers *President* Mary Vickery; *1st Vice President (Special Interests)* Leah Scherzer; *2nd Vice President (Finance)* Wynne Abrams; *3rd Vice President (Ways & Means)* Susan Cugliari; *Secretary* Pat Voris; *Treasurer* Anne Hunt **Directors** *Communications* Denise Kuendig; *Community Service* Jo Fuchs Luscombe; *Grounds* Brenda Sciarra; *House* Ruthann Carroll/Conchita Cassell; *Membership* Clare Clark; *Parliamentary Advisor* Joyce Netherton; *Program* Kathy Groener, Mitzi Lyman, Barbara Levy; *Rentals* Rose Jordan *Curio Cottage* Carol Goetz, *Yankee Doodle Fair* Dorothy Curran

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12:00-1:00 Closed for Lunch
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Dear Fellow Members,

I want to extend a big thank-you to Karen Eickhoff and her Curio Cottage Committee and helpers for a very successful Tag Sale. The Curio Cottage is one of our major ongoing fundraisers, and the Tag Sale is a huge undertaking each year. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the weekend's success. This year's Tag Sale raised over \$6000.00.

I also want to thank this year's Nominating Committee for all the hours and effort they put into compiling this year's slate of Officers and Directors. The 2010-2011 Nominating Committee was co-chaired by Audrey Rabinowitz and Josephine Laska. The other members of the Committee were Rose Jordan, Dorothy Packer and Barbara Raffel. Please be sure to take a look at the Committee's slate included in this issue of the Bulletin. The new Board will be voted on at our May 2 Club Day meeting.

I hope many of you will make an effort to be part of the second Necessities Bags assembly this month. If you aren't a sewer or can't be there to help assemble the bags, you can still participate in this wonderful project by donating cash to purchase the requested t-shirts and wipes. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Audrey Rabinowitz.

If you haven't already done so, I want to encourage you to make your reservations for the Wednesday, April 13, luncheon and Fashion Show. Jo Fuchs Luscombe and her Committee have planned a delicious menu and a fun fundraising event with door prizes, and more. Please reserve your seat and invite your friends.

Finally, I am happy to announce the second Waiting in the Wings Cabaret, to be held on June 25 and featuring a "Mid-Summer Night's Dreamin" theme. Like the first event, this cabaret promises to be another enjoyable evening of live music and entertainment at a very reasonable price. Remember that all proceeds from this, the Fashion show, the Curio Cottage, the Yankee Doodle Fair and all other Ways & Means Club fundraisers go directly back into the community via scholarships, grants or food gift cards. Obviously, the more we raise, the more we will have to give away!

Wishing you all a warm and sunny spring,
Mary

CLUB DAY

Our next Club Day is April 4th co-hosted by Antiques, chaired by Audrey Rabinowitz and, Social Bridge, chaired by Tommie Ross. Please check your new directory and handbook for all the important information regarding lunch and Club Day. Thank you.

Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President

PROGRAMS

Our April guest speaker is British import and New York Times best selling author Jane Green. Jane has written twelve novels dealing with real women, real life, and all the things life throws at them, with her trademark wisdom, wit and warmth. She is also a foodie and passionate cook. Green filled her latest book, *Promises to Keep*, with recipes culled from her own collection. She says she only cooks food that is "incredibly easy, but has to look as if you have slaved over a hot stove for hours."

Jane will be staying after the program to sign books. We will have *Promises to Keep* available for sale, a lovely present for your special friend. This is a program you won't want to miss!

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

All hands on deck!
Volunteers needed to help us with our largest annual FUNdraiser!
Next Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
10:00am, in the living room

AGENDA: Countdown to June 16th...Signage, Banners, Sponsors, Publicity, Tickets, Video Promotion, Raffle, Lucky Prize Drawing, Ancillary Revenue...and MORE!

See you there!

Mary Lee Clayton
Dorothy E Curran
Co- Chairs,
Yankee Doodle Fair

COMMUNITY SERVICES

By the April meeting, we will have finalized reviewing all of the grant applications and will have submitted our recommendations to the Board. At the April meeting we will be planning our May Brunch. Join us. All members welcome.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe
Director, Community Service

SPRING INTO SUMMER LUNCHEON/ FASHION SHOW

Enjoy an afternoon of Fashions by Brooks Brothers of Westport, fine eating by Chris Negrin of 'In Good Taste' and music by Ted Simons.

You won't want to miss seeing our very own lovely members and their attractive, young escorts model the latest in fashion.

Feast your eyes on floral decorations by our Club's Garden Committee and enjoy a sit-down lunch served by a wait staff extraordinaire .

Sign up with Colleen and earn a gold star for helping to support our Club's philanthropic endeavors.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe

SUNSHINE GIRLS

APRIL: Lucille Kear 227-9263. Thank

LUCKY PRIZE DRAWING

Many prizes and gifts are needed to make the Lucky Prize Drawing successful. We have a list of stores and businesses for our members to visit to request these donations. Please contact Jane Potkin (227-6172) or Audrey Rabinowitz (227-6010) for suggestions and to receive a packet with a letter and donor form for each store. We appreciate your participation.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

“Sister Act”

A Divine Musical Comedy
Wednesday, May 25th

Oliver Award nominee, Patina Miller will reprise her critically acclaimed performance as Deloris Van Cartier, which she originated in the West End production of *Sister Act*.

As previously announced, Tony Award winner Victoria Clark will co-star as Mother Superior in this new Broadway musical.

Paul Callan of the Daily Express said *Sister Act* brings genuine rays of heavenly happiness to the stage. As the subtitle says, it is a ‘divine musical comedy.’” Fiona Mountford, the Evening Standard said “This Nun Fun is heavenly! A Habit forming triumph!” Tamara Gausi of the Time Out London said, “Only the most pious of musical theatre conservatives could avoid being swept along with this ludicrously enjoyable show. ‘Sister Act’ is simply divine.”

Cost of this theatre trip is \$109.00 per person. As of this writing there are 10 unsold tickets available.

Wednesday June 1, 2011
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Brooklyn Museum
Lunch at Café Apertivio in Park Slope

We will have a 90 minute guided tour with docents at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in the morning. There are 52 acres of gardens and 11,000 plants from around the world as well as a conservatory and 3 glass pavilions at the BBG.

The Brooklyn Museum houses collections of Egyptian, African, Asian, Oceanic, Classical, New World and ancient and Middle Eastern Art, as well as American paintings and an outdoor sculpture garden. The museum also has decorative arts and period rooms and Feminist Art. We will have a one hour guided tour here with docents after lunch.

The cost of this trip with lunch is \$85.00 per person. See the May Bulletin for lunch selections.

PLAY READING GROUP

Tuesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. In the living room--join us--no experience necessary.

Marilyn Killough

MEMBERSHIP

Calling all new members to help host the May 2 Club Day. It is our turn to set up, serve and clean up and it takes a lot of hands to do it well. I guarantee we'll have some laughs and there is a job for everyone! Please email or call me with your availability. We need help starting on Sunday, May 1 for set up and then on Monday for the lunch itself.

I hope you all have had a chance to visit our new website...it looks great! The Members Only section has been a little challenging but should be back up now. Please email me or call me if you need a password reminder.

Please welcome these new members and add their info to your Directory:

Sandy Atwood

Linda Russell-Getz

Barbara Stephen

See you at the Club!
Clare Clark

CURIO COTTAGE

The Tag Sale was a wonderful success. The weather, customer turnout, and donations were fantastic. The Sale made over \$6,000, it really was a group effort and success. So many members came to work and all were needed. I would love to thank everyone, but that would fill this space. However, a few people worked almost every day, from start to finish, and I want to give an extra big Thanks---Dorothy Abrams, Thelma Allen, Carol Brezovec, Jackie Froelich, Carol Goetz, Vivian Rosenberg and Audrey Rabinowitz--A Huge Thank You! To Denise, for her wonderful publicity, to Colleen, for all of her help, to the people who came to help with the clean up, and to everyone else, again Thank You! Many hands made for a lot of fun and a lot of money. Hope to see you shopping in the Curio Cottage. Start saving for next year.

Karen Eickhoff
and Cottage committee

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

We always need substitutes. If you are interested in joining us and/or being on the substitute list, please

SOCIAL BRIDGE

Please call me if you are interested in signing up to “SUB”.

Tommie Ross

Sarajane Lynch would like Club members who have been corresponding and praying for her to know how deeply touched and grateful she is. She's been saving every card. Special thanks to Kathy Groener and the Garden Department for the exquisite floral arrangement sent recently (and to Mary Lee Clayton and Elfriede Lafferty)."

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING:
Tuesday, April 5th, 1:30pm

GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday April 12th, 1:30pm

GUEST SPEAKER: Colleen Plimpton
Now a popular garden author, lecturer, instructor and coach. Colleen is a member of Garden Writers Association, the Federated Garden Clubs of America, Tri-State Hosta Society, Mad Gardeners, The Nature Conservancy, The Garden Conservancy, Highstead Arboretum, the Connecticut Horticultural Society, the New York Botanical Garden, and many other groups. Her award-winning one-acre ornamental garden has been on numerous tours, and serves as a living classroom laboratory where she teaches composting, composition, color and many additional how-to's of gardening. She runs a garden coaching business, and teaches gardening at the New York Botanical Garden. She lends her time and expertise to the local garden club as well as to other non-profit groups. A recent project was the planning, implementation and maintenance of the garden at the local Methodist Church in her quaint New England town.

Her essays, memoir pieces and feature articles have appeared in publications such as People, Places and Plants, Fine Gardening, GreenPrints, The Litchfield Review, Connecticut Gardener and Toastmaster. Her most recent book is a gardening memoir, *Mentors in the Garden of Life*.

This promises to be a great afternoon. Hope to see you there.

Mary Lee Clayton
Garden Department Chair

GOURMET

Our sit-down luncheon at the clubhouse will be Wednesday April 20th. Anne Hunt is coordinating this month's event. We meet in the auditorium at the clubhouse at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served at noon. We welcome guests. The guest fee for the luncheon is \$15.00. If you wish to attend the April lunch as a guest, call Elfriede at home 203-227-9407 or cell 203-505-1463, or email her at jlaffe1057@aol.com. Gourmet members will be contacted individually.

April 30 is the cut off date to join with Gourmet members on a tour of Kykuit, the former Rockefeller estate.

On Thursday, May 19, at 10:15 AM, the two hour and fifteen minute tour leaves with a shuttle bus from the Kykuit tour center located at 200 Lake Road Tarrytown, New York 10591. Following the tour, the participants will travel a two mile short distance to enjoy lunch at the Castle on the Hudson. This first class restaurant is also located in Tarrytown at 400 Benedict Avenue.

The cost of the tour is \$21.00 and the three course meal cost is \$33.00, plus tip and tax. The tour money needs to be collected by April 30. The menu choice needs to be made seventy-two hours before May 19. Members of Gourmet will receive a copy of the menu via e-mail or a hard copy at one of our meetings. All others contact Elfriede at the above listed e-mail address or telephone.

Anne Hunt
Elfriede Lafferty

ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you.
Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P. at

ANTIQUES

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 27th. The speaker will be Charlotte Mecozzi, the owner of Next Step Antiques, specializing in Swedish furniture and accessories. She grew up in Sweden, came to the U.S. when 19 years old, and has owned the shop for 10 years. She frequently returns to Sweden, where she still has family, to import items, getting containers for her shop in Ridgefield.

Refreshments are served at 10 a.m., followed by a short business meeting and our speaker. All members are welcome. This is our last regular meeting of the year. In May, there will be a pot luck lunch at Bobbie Herman's home.

Audrey Rabinowitz

BOOK CLUB

Please join us for the April 28 meeting of the Book Club, when we will discuss Frank Conroy's *Body and Soul*, the story of a young neglected musical prodigy who is taken in by a music store owner. The story of his journey to becoming a professional musician makes this book a wonderful read. Anita Lopker will lead us in the discussion at 1pm in the living room.

Barbara Raffel

RSVP KNITTING

All levels of knitters are welcome, and we are happy to teach beginners. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, or mmiller@optonline.net.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 1 PM in the Conference Room

NECESSITIES BAGS

Please sign up to help assemble the Necessities Bags on Friday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. The pre-assembly will be held the evening before – Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. These tote bags are given to breast cancer surgery patients.

We also need packages of men's white tank shirts (size L and XL) and flushable wipes. A collection box is set up outside the office for these items. If you are unable to get to a store to purchase them, cash donations are also welcome and appreciated – we will purchase the items with the money. Please bring the items at the April Club Day.

Please contact Audrey Rabinowitz (227-6010 or bxiteb4@aol.com) with any questions or if you would like to participate.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

Well...we did it! 28 members had a great evening on March 2 at the first GNO. A big round of applause for Debbie August and Julie Shapiro who hosted this first one and had us talking, mingling and playing musical chairs! As you have all read by now, GNO is an evening social to provide an opportunity at a convenient time for our members who work during the day, as well as any members who want to connect with others, to mingle socially while enjoying some food and wine.

Our next one is Wednesday April 6 at 6:30....our hosts will be Martha Eidman and Denise Kuendig. Put May 4 on your calendar too!

Each attendee pays \$10.00, cash only please, to attend each evening. PLEASE RSVP via email to either Clare or Betty -- emails below or use the sign up board so we know how much food to purchase.

Hope to see you on April 6!

Betty Brower eab@bertralaw.com
Clare Clark clarec@optonline.net

WAYS AND MEANS

April 13 - Fashion Show Most of us are anticipating warm sunshine, spring flowers --- and a wardrobe change! So check out this year's latest fashions at the April 13 Fashion Show. Look for the details in this newsletter!

June 16-19 - Yankee Doodle Fair

June 25 - Midsummer Night's Dreamin' Cabaret

IN DEVELOPMENT:

Waiting In The Wings Cabaret Series
We received such a strong response to the February 12 cabaret "pilot," that we've scheduled a follow up show for June 25 -- the weekend following Yankee Doodle Fair. "Midsummer Night's Dreamin'" is the theme, with 5:00 and 8:30pm performances. We will continue to retain our young, NYC-based production agent, who will vet emerging young performers from New York City. Mark your calendars now, and contact co-chairs Martha Eidman, Karen McCormick or Mary Vickery if you have interest in helping with this event. If the June show continues to show success, we intend to host a series of 4 cabarets next year, starting with October 15.

Bridal Boutique Leah Scherzer is heading up an exploratory for an annual Bridal Boutique Show, tentatively scheduled for 1st quarter 2012. Over the last several months, WWC volunteers have gathered input from various bridal shows/events and vendors, regarding the makings of a successful show. We have several "big" ideas for this event that we are continuing to explore, and have plenty of room for your ideas and involvement. Contact Leah now, if you are interested in helping with this one.

Martha Eidman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the proposed slate for the WWC Board of Directors for the 2011–2012 year. Voting will take place at the May Club Day General Meeting.

Officers:

President	Mary Lee Clayton
First Vice President, Special Interests	Leah Scherzer
Second Vice President, Finance	Wynne Abrams
Third Vice President, Ways and Means	Martha Eidman
Secretary	Susan Fox
Treasurer	Barbara Szefer

Directors:

Communications	Penny Pearlman
Community Services	Jo Fuchs Luscombe
Curio Cottage	RuthAnn Carroll
Grounds	Brenda Sciarra
House	Clare Clark
Membership	Bobbie Herman
Parliamentary Advisor	Arlene Wolfe
Program	Kathy Groener and Mitzi Lyman
Rentals	Shirlee Gordon
Yankee Doodle Fair	to be announced

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Josephine Laska & Audrey Rabinowitz, Co-Chairs
Rose Jordan
Dorothy Packer
Barbara Raffel

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