

The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

MAY 2011

WWC MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Club Day</i> Plant Sale	3 Garden 1:30pm Board	4 YDF 10:00am GNO 6:30pm Mah Jong 1-4pm	5 Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30	6 Canal Park Luncheon 12:00Noon	7 Post Office Food Drive 1:30-5:30
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

May is a very busy month for the Club and a time of transition. In keeping with the bylaws, the elections for new officers and directors will be held at the May 2 Club Day. I want to thank Nominating Committee Co-chairs Audrey Rabinowitz and Josephine Laska, along with their committee members Rose Jordan, Barbara Raffel and Dorothy Packer, for pulling together such an impressive ballot of nominees for next year's Board of Directors. Clearly, the Club will be in very good hands. There are a number of people who will be stepping down from the Board at the end of June and whom I would like to recognize for their exceptional dedication: Susan Cugliari (3rd V.P. for Ways & Means), Pat Voris (Secretary), Anne Hunt (Treasurer), Denise Kuendig (Communications), Carol Goetz (Curio Cottage), RuthAnn Carroll and Conchita Cassell (House), Joyce Netherton (Parliamentary Advisor), and Dorothy Curran (Yankee Doodle Fair). I want to thank these and all the other members of the Board for their hard work and commitment to the mission of the WWC. It has truly been a pleasure and an honor serving on the Board with each and every one of you. The newly elected Board will be inducted and take the oath of office at the June Club Day, so all members of the 2011-2012 Board should plan to attend and stay afterward for a group photograph.

All members should remember to bring their checkbooks or extra cash with you to the May Club Day to take advantage of the Garden Department's plant sale. Mary Lee Clayton and the Department have been working hard to pull together a very special collection of plants and gift items. Even, if you aren't planning to stay for lunch, you should definitely make an effort to come by to shop. This is an opportunity you will not want to miss. On the Ways and Means Front—a big thank you to Jo Fuchs Luscombe and her committee for the outstanding job they did coordinating the Brooks Brothers Fashion Show.

It was a great event, and the money earned will help fund this year's grants and scholarship programs. We are going into high gear for this year's Yankee Doodle Fair, the Club's largest and signature fundraiser. I hope every member will get involved by selling raffle tickets and volunteering in some other capacity to help make this year's Fair the biggest and best so far. Thanks to the efforts of Dorothy Curran and Mary Lee Clayton and their YDF Committee the plans for the Fair are coming together nicely, but it will take every member's participation to maximize our fund-raising potential. The more we raise, the more we will be able to give out in grants and scholarships next year.

Happy spring!

Mary Vickery

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

All Club Members invited:
YDF Meeting
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th
10:00am in the Living Room

Please come join us to help finalize plans for the June 16-19, 2011 Yankee Doodle Fair, our Club's largest annual fundraiser!

We have a FUN open volunteer slot: Sand Art Coordinator. You would order supplies (colored sand and jars), help with set-up (with our helpful set-up crew) and oversee volunteers. No bending or lifting required.

RAFFLE: Get ready to buy and sell these tickets. We have our usual great raffle prizes:

First prize: \$1000

Second prize: \$500 Gift Card, redeemable at Brooks Brothers.

Third prize: \$260 jewelry set and \$50.00 gift card redeemable at Lux, Bond & Green

Fourth Prize: \$150 pair of tickets to Westport Country Playhouse

We can't say this enough: Raffle is our hedge against 4 days of rain. The more we sell, the better prepared we are in case of a hurricane (and, yes, that did happen once!).

See you the 4th!

Mary Lee Clayton
Dorothy Curran
Your Friendly YDF Co-Chairs

CLUB DAY

Our next Club Day is May 2nd co-hosted by Clare Clark, New Members and the Board.

Please check your new directory and handbook for all the important information regarding lunch and Club Day. **IMPORTANT REMINDER: IF YOU ARE ON THE PERMANENT LIST OR HAVE MADE A RESERVATION and CANNOT ATTEND, YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE BY 1:00PM THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO CLUB DAY. NOTE: ANYONE WHO DOES NOT CANCEL A PERMANENT OR MONTHLY LUNCH RESERVATION IS EXPECTED TO PAY FOR THE COST OF LUNCH SINCE WWC MUST PAY THE CATERER FOR LUNCHESES ORDER. THANK YOU.**

Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President

PROGRAMS

Natalie Ryshna Maynard, concert pianist and educator, will talk about the life of Olga Samaroff Stokowski, the "Eleanor Roosevelt of classical music in America." Ms. Maynard contributed to and performs in the recently released DVD "American Virtuoso" about Olga Samaroff Stokowski, who summered here in Westport in the 1940's and prepared her Juilliard students in a rehearsal barn on North Avenue. Olga Samaroff Stokowski became the most famous woman concert artist of her time. She actively promoted the career of her husband, conductor Leopold Stokowski, and was largely responsible for catapulting his conducting career to international acclaim.

Ms. Maynard attended the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, and won a seven year Fellowship at the Juilliard Graduate School of Music to study piano with Olga Samaroff Stokowski and Sascha Gorodnitzki. She will share some of her personal memories of Olga Samaroff Stokowski and the musical era she influenced.

Mitzi Lyman

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

“Sister Act”

Wednesday, May 25th

“Sister Act” is coming to Broadway after a record-breaking, award winning run on London’s West End!

“Glorious fun! A truly engaging musical comedy with terrific score by Alan Menkin. One leaves Sister Act feeling blessed!”

Charles Spencer, The daily telegraph.

All the tickets to “Sister At” have been sold, however, we need a await list as we have already started to receive cancellations. Remember, it costs nothing to be on the wait list. But we do need your check, it stays in the office until there is a cancellation. If and when there is a cancellation, you are called; if you are still able to make the trip, your check is then deposited in the bank.

Cost of this theater trip is \$109.00 per person. The bus leaves from the lower parking lot at 9:30 am Wednesday, May 25th. Your tickets will be ready for pick-up from the Woman’s Club office starting Thursday, May 19th.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Brooklyn Museum
Lunch at Café Apertivo
Wednesday June 1st

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden started as an ash dump in the late 1800’s. In 1897 New York State Legislation reserved 39 acres for a botanic garden and in 1910 the Garden was founded. Today there are 52 acres containing at least 12 specialty ‘gardens within the Garden.’ There is a Bonsai Museum, 3 climate- themed plant pavilions, a white cast-iron and glass aquatic plant house and an art gallery.

There are over 200 cherry trees of 42 Asian species in the Cherry Esplanade. The Cranford Rose Garden contains over 5,000 bushes of nearly 1400 kinds of roses and there is a Magnolia Plaza. See their website www.bbg.org

The Brooklyn Museum housed in a 560,000 square foot, Beaux-Arts building, is one of the oldest and largest art museums in the country . Its world renowned permanent collections range from ancient Egyptian master pieces to contemporary art, and represent a wide range of cultures.

We will have a guided tour with docents at both museums. Lunch will be in Park Slope at an Italian restaurant. Cost of this trip is \$85.00 per person. As of this writing there are 5 open spaces available. The bus will leave at 8:45am from the lower parking lot and return about 6:30pm

Marilyn Killough

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all the new members who signed up to work the May 2 Club Day. If you’re reading this prior to May 2 and are available...call me...we can always use more hands!

In anticipation of another Directory/ Handbook season I would welcome any additions/corrections that you have noted when using it over these months. Please send me an email or give me a call with your edits and/or suggestions.

Please welcome the following new members and I remind all of you that a current member is the best source for potential members. Invite a friend to Club Day, GNO, Bunco or to work a shift with you at the Curio Cottage or the Yankee Doodle Fair. The WWC has been a force in the community for over 100 years and remains vibrant and forward looking because of our diverse membership.

Elayne Prince
92 Bayberry Lane
Westport

Marilyn Bakker
9 Drumlin Road
Westport

Sandra Lutzker
7 Sycamore Drive
Westport

Clare Clark

Condolences

Our Sympathies to the family of our member Sarajane Lynch.

CURIO COTTAGE

We have TWO big needs for the cottage. Since our Tag Sale was so successful we are a bit low on merchandise, so please bring your spring cleaning items and also share info about the Cottage with friends or neighbors who are having tag sales. Donations needed!

The other great need is for more volunteers. We are sadly saying Good Bye to Dorothy Abrams as she moves to be closer to her son, and wishing Rosalie Puglia continued improvement as she heals. These two spots need to be filled and we have a few other permanent workers who are preparing to move. So, either as a permanent worker, or as a sub, please let me, Jackie Froelich, or Colleen know if you can be a volunteer. We promise you a lot of fun, and new friends.

Karen Eickhoff and Curio Cottage Committee

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

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

SOCIAL BRIDGE

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

Tommie Ross

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, May 3, 1:30pm

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday May 10, 1:30pm

A WALK IN THE WOODS

Woods to be determined! We are going to walk through one of the Aspetauk Land Trust properties with a guide to enjoy the beautiful scenery and to relax (and celebrate) after our first May plant sale.

I will email the details closer to the date of the walk.

MAY SALE

Monday, May 2 (Club Day)
10:00am – 3:00pm
On the Patio

SET – UP: 9:00am Monday

There may be some set-up and planting on Sunday. Will let you know via email or phone.

Mary Lee Clayton
Chair, Garden

SUNSHINE GIRLS

May: Elfriede Lafferty,
Thank you.

GOURMET

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.

If there are more than 23 people who want to take the tour (the shuttle bus holds 23 people) the 10:30 AM shuttle will take the overflow. Following the tour, the participants will travel a two mile short distance to enjoy lunch at the Castle on the Hudson located in Tarrytown at 400 Benedict Avenue.

The cost of the tour is \$21.00;cost of lunch is \$33.00, plus tip and tax. For additional information contact Elfriede Lafferty 203-227-9407, cell 203-505-1463, or jlaaffe1057@aol.com.

Decisions have to be made as to the number of cooking groups that we can form based on paid membership for the 2011-2012 year. Current Gourmet members are asked to mail the membership fee of \$45.00 to our secretary, Cheryl Stoebe, 14 Prospect Road, Westport.

Contact either Anne Hunt at 203-226-3840 e-mail rahuntclub@sbcglobal.net, or, Elfriede, if you have any questions regarding membership.

Anne Hunt
Elfriede Lafferty

MAH JONGG

We play every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) from 1:00- 4:00PM. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. Please call Diana Zaslou, if you are interested.

ANTIQUES

The Antiques Group will not be meeting in May. Thank you to Bobbie Herman who will again host our end-of-year Spring Luncheon at her home on Thursday, June 2nd at 11:30am. As it is a pot luck lunch, please contact me to tell me if you will attend and what you will bring. Some suggestions are wine, hors d'oeuvres, salad, sandwiches, main course, desserts.

Audrey Rabinowitz
Antique Chair
227-6010, bxiteb4@aol.com

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 leah-sart@aol.com.

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club on Thursday, May 26 at 1:00pm for a discussion of "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman. This is a true story, as powerful as "Schindler's List," in which the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo save hundreds of people from Nazi hands after the bombing of Warsaw. Marion Mahone will lead our discussion.

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, May 25th at 1 PM in the Conference Room

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee has completed its work. Thank you to all who faithfully attended meetings and contributed to the process. On Thursday, May 12th the Committee will host the annual Grant Award Presentation Breakfast at the Clubhouse at 8:30 a.m.

On Thursday, May 26th the Committee will meet for an end-of-year luncheon to celebrate another successful year.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe, Director
Community Service Committee

FOOD CLOSET

Post Office Food Drive Saturday, May 7th.

Help is needed between 1:30 and 5:30 pm to sort and date donated food. Any time you can give is appreciated.

WAYS AND MEANS

Waiting In The Wings Cabaret:
Our June 25th cabaret is themed "Midsummer Night's Dreamin'" and will feature NYC's emerging young talent. So far, our highly energized New York production agent has pooled the talents of a rising music theatre composer who is a 2011 Richard Rodgers Award finalist, and two singer/songwriters-- one of whom has already been on Broadway. Reserve the date. Performances are at 5pm and 8:30pm. More information coming soon!

Martha Eidman

Spring into Summer Luncheon/Fashion Show

Thank you to all who participated in our recent Luncheon/Fashion Show Fundraiser. A wine reception preceded a delicious lunch prepared by Chris Negrin of 'In Good Taste'. Music by Ted Simons set the stage for our lovely member models and the handsome young men who escorted them (sons of our members)...all attired in the very latest Brooks Brothers fashions. The floral arrangements provided by our very own Garden Club could not have been lovelier. Prizes, photo opportunities, and gay conversation made for a most pleasant afternoon. I could not have asked for a more hard-working and efficient committee, assisting every step of the way and insuring a successful day. Honorable mention to Paul Cohen (who produced the programs) and Vincent Debo and John Luscombe who dispensed wine which was generously donated by The Greens Farms Liquor Store.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe
Director, Community Service

Bridal Show Fundraiser 2012

Has someone in your family married recently; are you creative; or, would you like to get more involved? It's not too early to join our committee. We need your help to make this the next biggest fundraiser. Next meeting Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00. Please contact Leah Scherzer at leahsart@aol.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

This year the Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 30th. The parade starts at 9am. Please plan to participate as a walker, driver or rider. We always like to have many of our club members come out to celebrate our heroes. It's a day to be together. Details will follow. A sign up sheet will be outside the office. Thank you.
Leah Scherzer
1st Vice President

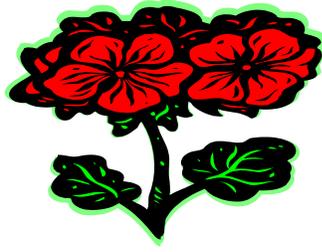
GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO May 4

We all did it again...a fun night on April 6 hosted by Martha Eidman and Denise Kuendig! Both long time and new members mixed and mingled and learned new interesting facts about each other. We even witnessed some gymnastics!!!

Join us on Wednesday, May 4 when Karen Harman and Penny Pearlman will be our hosts for what I am sure will again be a lot of fun, GNO style!

PLEASE RSVP by email to Clare or Betty, info below, or use the sign-up sheet at the WWC. We start at 6:30 and go till 8:30-9:00ish. Your \$10.00, in cash please, covers the food and wine. Hope to see you there!

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



NOT YOUR MOTHER'S GERANIUMS

The Garden Department cordially invites you to the first annual, MAY FLOWER SALE, for the Yankee Doodle Fair.

MONDAY, MAY 2nd
10:00 – 3:00p
ON THE PATIO

We will feature:

Unusual and beautiful flowering annuals for planters, window boxes and Mother's Day gifts;

The "hot" tropicals and lush hanging baskets;

Wrought iron garden stands to tuck in a country garden, accent a pool area or serve as cocktail tables on your deck;

Herb planters for your Bar B Que; your deck and Derby Day;

Gifts for Mother's Day;

AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN ONE OF OUR FABULOUS SPRING BASKETS
(On view in the office)

All of our products are well priced below nursery prices. And our experts will be there to answer all your gardening questions!

COME! BRING YOUR FRIENDS! YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS....And since it's a Garden Party and Derby week wear a great hat!

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