

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

MAY 2016

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Dear Ladies,

We've had such a wonderful April and have so many exciting things happening in May, I hardly know where to begin.

Before I do, here are **3 things to mark NOW on your calendar**:

1) WWC ART SHOW dedicated to the memory of artist Howard & his wife, a very active member, Gerry Munce, (**Sat. April 30** free Opening Reception, 5-8, and **Sun. May 1st**, 12-4pm). Curator Miggs Burroughs has assembled work of 15 local artists!

2) RSVP by Wed. 4/27 for May 2 CLUB DAY and start looking for the festive (Kentucky Derby?) HAT you plan to wear to this annual TEA LUNCHEON. (There will be PRIZES!)

- HOT TIP: I saw in today's *Town Crier* that The Fairfield Women's Exchange in Southport is selling Kentucky Derby Hats...

3) May 2nd CLUB DAY! Wear that festive hat to Tea Luncheon! Plus, enjoy the **ART SHOW (chaired by Jo Luscombe)**, strolling in **Janette Duchnicki's** gardens, listening to our favorite classical pianist, **Arlene Thrope**, and electing the 2015-16 WWC

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Board!

Back to business...

FIRST, many THANKS to all who made the **April 16th 150th Birthday Bash for Bedford Hall such a success**: Carol Mata, Rose Jordan, Janette Duchnicki, Jo Luscombe, Mira Auxier, Ana Hitri, Sarah Menchaca, Beverly Ellsley, Vesna Juresko Herman, Mary Lee Clayton, Jerilyn Deveau, Robin Clark, Susan Hricik, Anne Hunt, Barbara Stemmer, Tammy Pincavage, Wynne Abrams Virginia Ferrari, Barbara Raffel, Tricia Kalinowski, Deb Fratino, Trudy DuJardin, Linda Amos, Sandy Kent, the Curio Cottage, Board and Past Presidents. Your contributions, large and small, produced an elegant, successful event, conveyed our public gratitude to the Bedford Family (and the Y and the Saugatuck Congregational Church) and opened the eyes of a new generation of Westporters to the WWC's record in landmark building preservation and long, proud and influential history in town. **Free copies of the B-Bash's 44-page keepsake Program, detailing Bedford Hall's remarkable history, will be given to members at Club Day.**

SECOND, remember that May is a BIG month for Community Services!

This month, the WWC will award \$70,000 in Community Services grants, need-based Scholarships and our Ruegg Grant. Those funds do not include the value of our Bedford Hall Grants, our Food Closet provisions and gift certificates, our subsidized rent to CT Braille or our volunteer service at events like the Blues, Views and BBQ Festival. See more under "Community Services." Are we AMAZING or WHAT? And don't forget that **May 14th** is our **USPS/WWC Food Drive!**

THIRD--especially if you are a new member--check out the social opportunities this month under Book Review, Bridge, Bunco, BYOB Friday, Cultural Affairs, Garden, Gourmet, Ladies Who Lunch and WWC Knitters.

FOURTH, time to commit to YOUR role(s) in our SIGNATURE WWC FUNDRAISER, Westport's favorite and oldest continuous fair, **YANKEE DOODLE FAIR!** May is the month to:

Nominating Slate

Sunshine Girls

MAY

Sunshine Girl:

Pat Vezendy ,203-229-9869

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Thank you to Carol Burgess, Sunshine Girl for April.

Dorothy Packer, 1st VP,dmpacker@aol.com,
227-7769

Office Hours

Mon. -Fri.

9:00 am-4:00 pm

12:00-1:00 Lunch

- buy/sell your first batch of **YDF Raffle Tickets** and return the stubs and cash to Colleen.
- tell Gourmet's Lisa Allison/Barbara Gladnick what you plan to bake for the **YDF BAKE SALE** (or give them a check for the value of what you WOULD have baked, if you had time)
- attend the **next 2 YDF meetings:** Wed. May 4, 10 am; Fri. May 20, 2 pm
- sign up to **borrow a blue apron and sell Raffle Tickets** and/or **march/ride (white slacks with red/navy jackets) with the WWC and the YDF BANNER** in the **Mon. May 30th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!**
- sign up for 2 or more shifts for the June 16-19 Fair
- look forward to the YDF WRAP-UP PARTY for all who volunteer (date and time TBD)!

THANK YOU, Ladies for ALL that you DO!

Dorothy

Dorothy E. Curran
President

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MAY CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>1</i> <i>Art Show</i> <i>Continues</i> <i>12-4 pm</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Club</i> <i>Day</i> <i>Tea</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>& Art</i> <i>Show</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>YDF</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>10:00 am</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Bridge</i> <i>10:30am</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Garden</i> <i>1:30 pm</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Bridge</i> <i>9:30am</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>USPS/WWC</i> <i>Food Drive</i> <i>2-5 pm</i>

15	16 <i>BOARD Meeting</i> 10:00 am <i>Bridge</i> 10:30am	17 <i>Gourmet</i> 11:30am @ Bobbie Herman's <i>Bunco</i> 7:00pm	18 <i>Cultural Affairs</i> 9:30 am-Bus Leaves to NYC	19 <i>C.S.Grants Breakfast</i> 8:00 am <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am	20 <i>YDF Meeting</i> 2:00 pm <i>B.Y.O.B.</i> 4:00-5:30 pm	21
22	23 <i>Bridge</i> 10:30am	24 <i>Ladies Who Lunch</i> 12:30pm	25 <i>WWC Knitters</i> 1:00 pm	26 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am <i>Book Review</i> 1:00pm	27 <i>C.S. Scholarship Awards Breakfast</i> 10:00 am	28
28	30 <i>Meet at Memorial Day Parade</i> 8:00 am Office Closed	31	<i>June 1 Reservations due for June Club Day</i>			

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Jeanne Harris on the death of her husband Holton.

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CLUB DAY

Join us **Monday, May 2** for Club Day, our Traditional May Tea, hosted by The Board. Please make sure you make a **reservation by 1 PM Wednesday before Club Day**. Arrive by **11:30** to enjoy The Pantry's....
Assorted Tea Sandwiches: Grilled chicken/roasted tomato/goat cheese; Egg salad on baby arugula; Shrimp salad & cucumber; Smoked Salmon with wasabi cream cheese. Assorted mini scones and mini muffins,
Fresh fruit salad. Mini nastries.

Lunch is **\$20.00**. If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please let me know. If you need to **cancel a reservation, please do so by 1 PM Wednesday before Club Day to avoid being charged**. Thanks.

Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769

PROGRAMS



So much to enjoy at May Club Day's Tea Luncheon when members are encouraged to wear festive hats (there will be prizes!), stroll through Janette Duchnicki's beautiful glorious gardens, shop the last day of the Art Show and revel in the elegant classical music of our very own Arlene Thrope who will be performing on our beautiful Steinway in our acoustical excellent Bedford Hall prior to lunch service. Arlene's musical

program includes:

<i>Premiere Arabesque</i>	Debussy (1862 - 1918)
<i>Mazurka, Op. 17, No. 4</i>	Chopin (1810 - 1849)
<i>Nocturne in C# minor</i> (Posthumous)	Chopin
<i>Nocturne Op. 72, No. 1</i>	Chopin
<i>French Suite VI</i> <i>Allemande</i>	J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)
<i>Intermezzo, Op. 76, Nos. 4 & 7</i>	Brahms (1833 - 1897)
<i>Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 1</i>	Chopin

Jerilyn Deveau, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com 203-372-2920

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our C.S. Grants Awards Breakfast is scheduled for **8:00 am, May 19th**, and our Scholarship Awards Breakfast, at **10:00 am on May 27th**. Thank you to all members of our Community Services and Scholarships Committees for assisting in this year's grants decisions. Due to the success of FY 2014-15 fundraising, our 2015-16 grants total \$30,000.00 to Community Service organizations and \$30,000 in need-based college scholarships to Staples High School Seniors. In addition, our Ruegg Grant Committee selected Project Return to receive this year's \$10,000 grant. This \$70,000 total does not include the dollar value of our Bedford Hall Grants, our subsidized rental to CT Braille nor our donations made to the community through our Food Closet and Holiday Meal programs. Thanks to all club members who make this philanthropy possible.

Mary Gladden and Carol Mata, Community Services Co-Chairs

The Scholarship Committee invites all members to attend our Awards Breakfast on **Friday, May 27th at 10:00.**

Many thanks to our committee members: Mary Attanasio, Sandy Atwood, Barbara Raffel, and Barbara Szefc for their hard work and dedication in selecting outstanding recipients.

Kudos to Wendy McKeon for chairing our Breakfast and Linda Amos for her beautiful calligraphy on our awards certificates.

Arlene Thrope
Scholarship Chairperson

CURIO COTTAGE



Think Cottage! Think Furniture!

We have many great pieces of furniture, both on the floor and in the basement. If you need extra items for your home, a vacation home, a student room, a rental home, or first apartment for a family member, take a look at what we have.

The condition is great; the prices, even better. And there is everything else you could need, to help decorate. Hope to see everyone, soon.

Curio Cottage Committee

BOOK REVIEW



Hi, Our book for **Thursday, May 19th** is *The Black House* by Peter May. The setting is Scotland on the outer Hebrides Islands. It is an exciting mystery plus a slice of history in an exciting setting. I loved this author. The library should have copies. Enjoy!

Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904

BUNCO



DATE: Tuesday, May 17th

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - "chat & chew" - **7:30 p.m.** - game begins

COST: \$5.00

HOSTESSES: Joan Bassett, Bev McArthur,
Sandy Atwood, Sue Fiore

SIGN-UP: On board in foyer

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Can you roll 3 dice? You got it! Come join us for some fun.
Just 2 months left to try to become "Bunco Queen 2016"!!
No skill involved in this crowning - just dumb LUCK!

Wendy McKeon, XWAMX50@aol.com, 203-222-0038

BYOB FRIDAY



Friday May 20th 4-5:30 pm.

You just NEVER know what's going to happen at BYOB Friday! At our April Gathering in the kitchen, after we admired the hot pink tablecloths and rearranged tables and chairs with Mira Auxier and her daughter for the Bedford Hall 150th Birthday Bash, Janette Duchnicki cornered Beverly Ellsley for inputs on where to hang the new Bedford portraits. Then, when Ana Hitri had finished setting up Silent Auction and started chatting with Vesna Juresko Herman, the two discovered that they both grew up in the same town--Zagreb, Croatia. (What are the odds of THAT?) Then, Broadway star Dodie Pettit dropped by to deliver her silent auction donations and agreed to sing *Amazing Grace* the next night at the B-Bash.

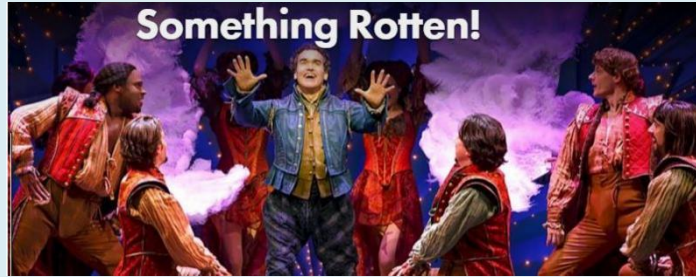
So...what will happen in May? You just NEVER know, **so stop by with a beverage and nibbles to share and find out!**

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CULTURAL AFFAIRS

WOW! What better way to celebrate the "Merry Month of May" than to book a trip to see ***Something Rotten***, a HOT Broadway COMEDY? (Lica Cole raves about it!) Plus--What a DEAL! Tell your friends, family and neighbors that--THIS TIME--THEY ALL can come, too! Even if you meet them in NYC, our ORCHESTRA tickets (including BUS) cost less than ones bought from the theatre.

Round-Trip Tickets to *Something Rotten*
Wed. May 18th Matinee
at the St. James Theatre, 246 W. 44th St., NY, NY 10036



- Book your prepaid reservations @\$120 for **Orchestra** seats and **round-trip bus** transport by calling or stopping by the WWC office with check, payable to the WWC, weekdays, 9-12, 1-4.
- Coach bus leaves promptly at **9:30 am on Wed. May 18** from the lower level parking lot at 44 Imperial Ave., Westport.
- Lunch is up to you, but we'll give you a list of nearby restaurants.
- **NOTE: This trip is a BARGAIN! Individual Orchestra seats for this performance--without transportation--now cost \$163 to \$189!**

Bobbie Herman, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

GARDEN DEPARTMENT



On **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.** the WWC Garden Department will welcome Bella Meyer, granddaughter of renowned Russian-French artist Marc Chagall. Bella Meyer, founder and Creative Director of Fleurs Bella, in Manhattan, was born in Paris and grew up immersed in art. Indeed, as the granddaughter of Marc Chagall, the whole focus at home was on art, beauty and his work. On the academic side of life, Bella attained a Ph.D. in Medieval Art History at the Sorbonne in Paris, continuing all the while to paint and draw. Bella has worked for the Visual Arts Cultural Services of the French Embassy. After moving to New York in her twenties, she found her bliss designing and building fantastical worlds of costumes, masks, and puppets for theatre, opera and dance. Flowers have always been close to Bella's heart. Their unique ability to inspire people to smile, or to bring a moment's peace, has always been a source of fascination for her. Over the years, Bella added flowers to her palette, focusing her talents on creating arrangements much in the way an artist paints. Please join us for a lovely program featuring art and flowers. All WWC members are invited to attend. **Reservations are required.**

Jerilyn Deveau, 203-372-2920, Jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com

GOURMET



Gourmet Group's next meeting is on **Tuesday May 17 at 11:30am**. This final meeting of the season will be a pot luck at Bobbie Herman's home in Fairfield. If you plan to attend, please email Lisa Allison, letting her know what you plan to contribute.

IMPORTANT-for Returning & New YDF Bakers! Yankee Doodle Fair Bake Sale

To issue a Bake Sale Permit for the Yankee Doodle Fair, the Westport-Weston Health District requires us to submit a list of bakers and what they will bake.

2015 Bakers: we will assume that all 2015 bakers are returning and will bake the same recipes.

HOWEVER, If you baked in 2015 and:

- will not be baking for 2016,
- do not want your name included for some other reason, or
- intend to bake DIFFERENT items for 2016

Please contact Lisa Allison so that the list can be amended.

NEW BAKERS: Any members who **WILL** bake in 2016 but did **NOT** bake in 2015 also should contact Lisa Allison so that your name and baked goods may be added to the list.

For your information, the **Bake Sale** will run throughout the Yankee Doodle Fair **June 16-19**. We need a lot of baked goods to meet the demand of YDF customers so please support us!

Lisa Allison, liallison@optonline.net, 203-227-9563
Barbara Gladnick, bagladnick@optonline.net,
203-854-0424

LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we will visit the brand-new **Pearl at Longshore**.

Date: Tuesday, May 24, at 12:30 PM

Location: 260 Compo Road South, Westport. If the weather permits, we will dine on their patio.

They offer a variety of seafood, salads, small plates, pastas, pizzas and sandwiches.

You may read about them on their website, which can be found at www.pearlatlongshore.com.

Please let me know if you'll be joining us by **Friday, May 20**, so I can let them know how many to expect. And, as always, I ask that you call or email me, as I may not remember if you tell me in person.

Bobbie Herman, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

MEMBERSHIP

Our New and Prospective Member "After Five" evening was filled with smiles, chatter and friendship.

Great to see the new members and board members gather, just for fun!
Thank you for bringing in some new ladies Wednesday evening.

We do welcome the following new member to WWC and look forward to seeing her at future events:

Carol Cheswick, 203-247-3358, cacheswick@icloud.com.

See you all at the Art Show **April 30-May 1** and our Club Day Luncheon **May 2**.

Susan Hricik, Membership, 203-226-1372

WAYS AND MEANS

Thank for your support of the Bedford Hall Birthday Bash and the Nina McLemore Trunk Show!

Save the dates: April 30, May 1 and May 2, Art Show.

June 13th, YDF set-up. June 16-19, Yankee Doodle Fair.

Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP Ways & Means

WWC KNITTERS



Westport Woman's Club members have been knitting since 1991 for a variety of local organizations. We make hats, scarves, mittens and other items for children in Norwalk and Bridgeport. All levels of knitters are welcome. We are happy to teach beginners. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 25th , at 1:00 pm**, in the dining room.

Joan Miller, mmiller@optonline.net, 203-226-7036

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR



Calling all Raffle Ticket sellers!! This is the month we need to sell all our tickets. Remember, it's rain insurance in case any of our days get rained out! Our top prize is 2 round-trip airfares **anywhere** JetBlue flies (Seattle is on the Raffle ticket per "raffle rules": that require us to list the farthest/most expensive flight destination)

***June 4th at Stop & Shop 10-2 pm** both doors, please see me or Kim Reichert if you would like to sell raffle tickets there for one hour or two or the whole slot!!

***Take A Chance** and Suzan Murphy need donations. Please visit your favorite spots around town and ask for gift certificates etc...Check first with Suzan to be sure that the merchant has not been approached already so that we don't have multiple people asking the same places.

***Please sign up for 2 or more shifts to work at the fair.** I've sent out the first mailing of *Sign-Up Genius*. I will be sending out a reminder soon.

***Lastly,** please join us at our meetings this month on **Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00 am and Friday, May 20th 2:00 pm.** We could use the help!

Christina McVaney, 203-292-8138,

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Kim Reichert, 227-4590, kreichert@kewforest.org

Please Note Changes

[Nominating Slate 2016-2017](#)

[Board of Officers & Directors](#)

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate to the Board...Officers and Directors::

President...Dorothy Packer
*First Vice President...Jeannette Tewey
Second Vice President...Barbara Stemmer
Third Vice President...Suzan Murphy
Secretary...Wynne Abrams
Treasurer...Robin Clark

Communications...Anne Hunt and a co-Chair TBD
Community Services...Sarah Menchaca
Curio Cottage Advisor...Susan Loselle
Grounds...Nancy Hallas
House...TBD
Membership...Joan Likely-Cosenza
Parliamentary Advisor...Heike Martin
Rentals...Mira Auxier
*Programs...Ana Hitri
YDF...Christina McVaney and Kim Reichert
Immediate past President...Dorothy Curran

Anyone wishing to serve in the positions TBD, please contact us.

Mary Lee Clayton
Janette Duchnicki
Kaye Leong
Bernadette Stiskal
Jo Fuchs-Luscombe, Chairman