



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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Trip to the Green Animals Topiary Garden is planned for October 2nd.

The Garden Group's October meeting is a trip to the Green Animals Topiary Gardens in Portsmouth, RI on Wednesday, October 2nd. Admission is \$13.00 for Seniors and \$16.00 for "non-Seniors." (Members of the Newport Preservation Society are admitted free.) Members will meet at the Park & Ride on North Street, Mattapoissett at 9:30am. Lunch will be afterwards at the Cove Restaurant in Fall River. Guests and Club members are welcome to attend.

Green Animals is the oldest and most northern topiary garden in the United States. Mr. Brayton's daughter Alice gave the estate its name because of the profusion of "green animals." She made the estate her permanent residence in 1939. Upon her death in 1972, at the age of 94, Miss Brayton left Green Animals to The Preservation Society of Newport County. Today, Green Animals remains as a rare example of a self-sufficient estate combining formal topiaries, vegetable and herb gardens, orchards and a Victorian house overlooking Narragansett Bay.

Please let [Karen Gardner](#) know if you want to go or are bringing guests so we have a correct headcount and please let Karen know if you need transportation or are willing to drive; Barbara Van Inwegen has kindly volunteered to bring some members.

[Click here for more information about Green Animals!](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

October Luncheon

October 17
11:00 am
Reynard Hall
Mattapoissett Congregational Church

11:30 am Meeting begins
11:45 am Luncheon
12:15 pm Dessert
1:00 pm Meeting resumes

Please note:

These times are general estimate.

Guest Speaker:

Susan Pizzolato, Library Director
Mattapoissett Free Public Library

"Steer Clear of Clickbait or How to Wade Through All The Information That's Thrown At You On A Daily Basis"

Hostess: Susan Perkins

Committee:	Susan Keir
Frances Cairns	Roberta Oakley
Elaine Grant	Anna Simon
Joan Heald	Dottie Swartz
Jan Hubley	Ruth Ann Walega

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 10
10am - 12pm
Mattapoissett Public
Library Meeting Room

Join our MWC FACEBOOK Group
to keep informed of all
MWC news & events!



JOIN NOW!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Club Members,

I am hoping that you all are enjoying this fantastic Indian summer weather that we have been graced with. September is one of the finest months here in Mattapoisett.

Wasn't our September Pot Luck Luncheon a delight? It is always a meeting that I anticipate because of the delightful assortment of dishes prepared by our Club members and the re-joining of friends after the summer months.

I would like to send a huge thank you to the Tea Committee and its chairman, Jackie Slade, for helping to make the luncheon special. Second of all, I would like to thank the Garden Group for the fall arrangements that graced our tables. Most of the flowers came from member's gardens and, once arranged, made the church hall very welcoming and festive. There were 42 ladies in attendance at the luncheon and we welcomed four new members to our Club. I would like to send my personal welcome to Betty Anne Cannell, Maureen Kelly, Connie McGarth and Christine Van der Kerckhoff and invite you to join us at any our various interest groups.

Our meeting was rather lengthy, having numerous items to address, since we had not gathered since April. We had discussion on an article which had been voted on by the Executive Board. The Club voted to pay Debra Nettles an annual fee of \$900.00 to publish our newsletter, Ladies Choice. I think you will all agree that Deb has brought our Club a step further into the 21st century with her expertise. She is also consulting with Sandy Hering and Marie Rottler with the work that they are doing on our website. Thank you ladies for the time you are volunteering to our Club.

Lois Ennis was presented a lovely bouquet of roses for here being nominated for the Wanderer's annual Keel Award. Again, congratulations Lois for the deserved award.

Mary O'Keefe has proposed that we join the [Heidrea 4 Heroes group](#), located in Plymouth, in their "SPECTACLE OF TREES" fundraiser in late November. Several ladies from our Club have stepped forward to decorate a tree and wreath, which will be sold by silent auction, with proceeds going to the Heidrea group. This is a non-profit group which helps returning veterans in several ways. As in the past two years, Mary is still working on the Bells of Remembrance which happens on November 11th @ 11:00 AM. The Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and several other organizations, have agreed to participate once again and will be ringing their church bells. Please support this effort in honoring all veterans who have sacrificed so that we can enjoy all of the freedoms that we have here in America.

As we look forward to October, remember that our daffodil planting will be held on Friday, October 25. We will also have individual bulbs for sale at our October meeting or by calling Barb Van Inwegen.

Our October 17th meeting will feature **Susan Pizzalato**, our Mattapoisett library director, speaking on "How to Wade Through All The Information That's Thrown At You On A Daily Basis".

Fondly,
Roxanne Bungert
President, MWC

"If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies in yourself."
~ Native American Proverb - Minquass tribe

Daffodil Planting Project scheduled for Friday, October 25th.

The Daffodil Project is scheduled for planting on Friday, October 25. We will meet behind the Post Office @ 10:00 AM. We have purchased 1000 King Alfred daffodil bulbs which will be planted in various locations around town. There were 19 women who signed up for planting at the last meeting. What an overwhelming response! Thank you, Ladies.

***Let's make Mattapoissett
glow next spring with bright
yellow daffodils blooming
all around town.***

Barry Denham, Highway Surveyor, has been contacted and is very supportive of our Project. He, and his crew, will be preparing the various sites we will choose for this year's planting. We are planning on limiting the sites and doing a mass planting rather than planting bulbs sparsely at several locations.

In our effort to encourage individuals to plant daffodil bulbs, we are purchasing 300 daffodil bulbs for Club members to purchase and will have them for sale at the October meeting at a cost of \$0.35/bulb. If you would like to purchase 25 bulbs it will cost you \$8.75 with no shipping or handling charge!

You may also call Barb Van Inwegen's at 508-864-5213 to place an order.

Look for publicity articles encouraging homeowners to join in our effort by planting their own daffodil bulbs in their yards. Tell your friends and neighbors about the MWC Daffodil Project and ask them to join us in our project.

Ideas, comments,
interested in helping?

**Please contact Roxanne Bungert at
508.758.6636**

Special Thanks

The Mattapoissett Lions Club has donated \$100.00 to the Mattapoissett Woman's Club to use toward the purchase the daffodils.

We thank them for their generosity and support.

Daffodil Bulb SALE

**.35/bulb or
25 bulbs for \$8.75**

*No shipping or handling charge!
Bring your own bag please!*

**Bulbs will be
for sale at our
October Meeting!**

**If you can't make
the meeting please
call Barbara Van Inwegen
at 508-864-5213
to place an order.**

GROUPS SCHEDULES

Garden Group

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at the Cove Restaurant in Fall River. Guests and
Club members are welcome to attend.
Please RSVP to [Karen Gardner](#)

Bridge I Group

First Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, October 3
12:30pm
Host: Betty Parker

Bridge II Group

Second Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, October 8
12:00pm - 4:00pm
Host: Carolyn Price

Fourth Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, October 22
12:00pm - 4:00pm
Host: Lou Reade

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlework & More Group

Thursday, October 24
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Host: Marie Rottler
23 Channel Street

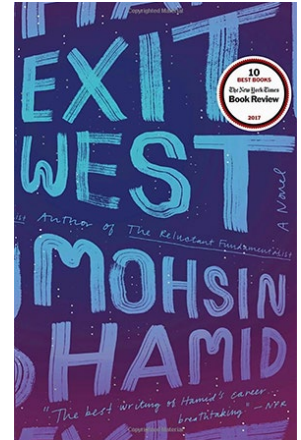
Great Decisions

8 weeks beginning in January 2020
More information coming soon!
Mattapoisett Public Library Meeting Room

Literature Group

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
9:30 am
Host: Linda Clifford
143 Brandt Island Road
The discussion book for September is
"Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid.
We welcome any new
members who would like
to join us. Please come
even if you haven't read
the book.

A New York Times best-
seller, the astonishingly
visionary love story that
imagines the forces that
drive ordinary people
from their homes into
the uncertain embrace of new lands.



Social Cocktail Group

Friday, October 4
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Elaine & Mike Botelho will be hosting the first
social group event of the year.
Sign-up will be at the first MWC meeting
or RSVP to Elaine at
mbotelho9@comcast.net
Home: 508.758.1353 Cell: 508.742.8799

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For details on each MWC Group visit:
www.MattapoisettWomansClub.org

Pictures are worth a thousand words....

Help preserve our club's history!
A request from our Club Historian

We had many photographs to include in the MWC annual for 2018-19 thanks to Karen Gardner.

However Karen can't be everywhere and as we move forward in the current club year it would be wonderful to include photos from all the social group gatherings throughout the year.

If you could take a photo or two at your meetings to show the attendees (and perhaps your activities for that month's get together) simply email them to me at jhubx2@gmail.com and I'll take care of printing them to include in the 2019-20 club book.

Thank you.
Jan Hubley
MWC Historian

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November Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Reynard Hall, Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Guest Speaker: Mary Smoyer

Lighting the Way: Historic Women of SouthCoast

Lighting the Way: Historic Women of SouthCoast is unearthing remarkable stories of women's callings that required grit, tenacity, and enduring commitment to their families, careers and communities. LTW explores the historical impact of women from the region. As educators and philanthropists, abolitionists and crusaders for social justice, investors and confectioners, sister sailors and millworkers, women from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds have shaped their SouthCoast communities, the nation and the world.

LTW is amplifying history by revealing these previously untold stories of vision, determination, and perseverance, and by exploring connections between historical figures, while enhancing our understanding of history, and enriching the cultural life of the SouthCoast. Mary has been on the Steering Committee of LTW since the beginning and has worked on a similar project in Boston for decades. She lives in Marion in the summer, and her paternal ancestors are Howlands, all from New Bedford.

[Learn more](#)

Hostess: Betty Parker

Committee:

Binette, Tina
Callum, Esther
Clifford, Linda
Gray, Doris
Hart, Myra

King, Patricia
Layton, Anne
Marum, Eileen
Poznysz, Barbara
Sites, Kathleen Flahery

FUNDRAISER REMINDER:

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of
Women's Right to Vote and support MWC!



The latest fundraiser for the Club is a 100% organic cotton bag which introduces the theme of this year's programs. We will be celebrating women and the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote

throughout the year. The bag was introduced at the Taste of the Town and at our booth at Harbor Days. The cost of these bags is \$15.00 each and will be available for sale at our monthly meetings. Think of these bags as gifts for those on your gift list or for yourself to use as a reusable grocery bag to replace the single use plastic bag.

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Attention Members:

If you know of an upcoming event that might be of interest to Club Members please forward the information to

[Roxanne Bungert.](#)

Thank you!

Please note:

We will review for suitability for publication in our newsletter.

Haskell Public Gardens



Fall Plant and Bulb Sale Fundraiser October 19th, 2019

Happy Autumn! We are so excited for our annual Fall Plant and Bulb Fundraiser to be held on October 19th held 9am-1pm. In addition to our spring flower bulbs, we are trialing 23 different varieties of garlic with 7 varieties for sale.



Paladar Kitchen will host a garlic tasting and help us to distinguish the subtleties in flavor between the different garlic varieties.



Katherine Tracey of Avant Gardens will demo a pumpkin succulent arrangement and will be selling a variety of unusual succulents and fall blooming perennials and grasses.



Coastal Food Shed will be here with their mobile farmers market for all your autumn harvest needs.

Austin Pereira, aka Ace on Earth, will provide uplifting DJ-ing for the day.



Celebrating Fragrance in the Garden

Saturday, November 2, 12-1pm

Celebrating Fragrance in the Garden is a presentation about designing a garden to celebrate emotional connections and memories in a space through our sense of smell. Horticulturist Brandon George will highlight unique plants that allow for any garden to incorporate fragrance.

There's a limited number of spaces available.

Please sign up with Kristin to reserve your space.

kmccullin@thetrustees.org