



# LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

[www.MattapoissettWomansClub.org](http://www.MattapoissettWomansClub.org)

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

You may have noticed that I have changed things up a bit. Instead of a President's Letter, I have started an **Officers Column** (see page 2) so all the Executive Board people can introduce themselves. This is a perfect time, after the year and a half we have had, to learn about these people who are the backbone of this organization. So I asked **Marie Rottler** to be the first. She is "among many things" our chief guru of the Website and Ladies Choice.

My contribution at this point is a catch up to what is happening this month.

Due to the continuing Delta variant, it was decided not to have a full September meeting. BUT...we will have all of the following:

- An **Executive Board meeting** at the library on September 9 at 10am.
- A **Coffee Meeting with the new members** from the last two years on September 17 at 10am.
- **Literature Group** on September 8 at 10am at 24 Avenue A, Peases Point at Peg Olney's home. We will be choosing the books for the year and welcome any newcomers.
- **Garden Group** meeting on September 16th.
- **Social Cocktail Group** at Blaise Simpson's home at 6R North Street (directly behind 6 North Street) Sunday, September 19th from 5:00 - 7:00pm. Rain date - Friday, September 24th

More to come on all these activities and more, but please mark your calendar now.

Lastly, in October we plan to be back at the church for a **WELCOME BACK and HAPPY 80th ANNIVERSARY** catered luncheon.

Stay safe, all you wonderful women, and see you soon.

Carole Clifford  
President, MWC



**Carole Clifford**  
President, MWC



## Mark your calendars!

**Literature Group**

September 8  
10:00am

**Executive Board Meeting**

September 9  
10:00am

**Retention/Recruitment Meeting with new members**

September 17  
10:00am

## OFFICER'S CORNER

### Welcome to Autumn!

As I write this, we are home during the remnants of Hurricane Henri. As someone who evacuated for Hurricane Bob 30 years ago, I am happy that this storm has not been anywhere near as strong or as dangerous.

Our Club president, Carole Clifford (who has done a fabulous job of holding all of us together during Covid-19) has asked me to share with you some of what I do as a member of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club.

I started visiting Mattapoissett when I was 7 years old. My parents built the house we live in as a summer cottage. When my husband and I retired, we bought the cottage, turned it into a year-round home. We then became permanent Mattapoissett residents. When I first joined our Club, my goal was to learn about gardening, as I had been very impressed by the Garden Tours run by the Woman's Club to raise scholarship funds for students. But as I got more involved, I discovered that the Club was much more than Gardens and Scholarships. Also, at the time I joined, there was a large group of

ladies who were also joining. I find that this year reminds me of that time, as we have several ladies who have joined us recently. I am excited to be able to meet them when we are once again having our monthly meetings. It was at our monthly meetings I started to become more involved. I was asked to take charge of the name tags members would wear at the meetings. That was a great way to become familiar with all the ladies. A couple of years later, the club's recording secretary wanted to try something different, so we switched positions.

I found that there were many interest groups beyond Gardening. I also learned that anyone could suggest and start a new interest group. Since knitting is one of my hobbies, I was interested when I found another member, who was also a knitter, and we started a knitting group, which also welcomes members who do other handicrafts. One of our Past Presidents, Kathy McAuliffe worked with a website designer to create our Club's website. Currently, I work with the Designer (Deb Nettles) on website updates and the gathering of information for our monthly newsletter - Ladies Choice.

As we go back to in-person meetings, I encourage all members, old and new to think about ways that they can enhance their experiences in the club, by getting more involved. Everyone has different talents and sharing yours with your fellow members will enhance our Club, and your own relationship with our Club.

~ Marie Rottler

*Knitting Chair, Website*



*Marie & Colby Rottler*

# Mattapoissett Woman's Club Executive Board Meeting: Summer 2021 on Zoom

## Recording Secretary Meeting Summary

- Our first meeting of the year will be a lalapalooza - "Welcome Back and Happy 80th Anniversary" meeting on October 21, at the Congregational Church. Stay tuned for further information.
- The Recruitment/Retention Committee is hosting a September coffee at the home of Linda Clifford for new members of the Club.
- Club President, Carole Clifford, will be coordinating with the Mattapoissett Library the selection of books donated in memory of Frances Cairns, Alice Williams, and Lois Fountain.
- Sandy Hering reported that there was a discussion to run a small Garden Tour next year to bring us back to "even" numbered years. The Garden Group is also planning for a Wreath Sale on December 4th (Raindate: December 5th)
- The Daffodil fundraiser will start as soon as bulbs are delivered. There will be 4000 bulbs to package and sell.
- The remaining stock of notecards and postcards will result in pure profit for the scholarship fund - approximately \$3,000.
- Board positions to be filled: President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

Elaine Grant for Sherry Hoines  
*Recording Secretary*

### PLEASE NOTE:

Executive Board Meeting  
*In the Mattapoissett Free Public  
Library Meeting Room*

**SEPTEMBER 9 • 10:00AM**

## Ready, Set, Go! – or maybe that should be Package, Sell, Plant!

It's time for the second annual Daffodil Fundraiser Sale and more beautiful spring daffodils in 2022. The 4,000 King Alfred bulbs on order will be available in October for porch drop-off or for pick-up in designated locations around town. Volunteers will be needed to assist with packaging and delivery once the bulbs are here. Please check your inbox.

If you wish to pre-order, \$10/20 bulbs

Send an email to [info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org](mailto:info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org)



# Mattapoisett Woman's Club Executive Board Meeting: Summer 2021

## Corresponding Secretary Report

A thank you letter was sent to Susan Ford of Marion for her very generous donation to our Scholarship Fund.

A thank you letter was sent to Fr. John Ozug of St. Anthony's Church for including the Garden Tour poster in the church Sunday bulletin.

A letter was sent to Club member Ruth Souza, past Treasurer, granting her Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Received a request from the Veterans Transition House for Hope for Heroes appeal.

A thank you was sent to Connie McGrath for her donation to the Scholarship Fund.

\$40 donation was sent to Mattapoisett Library in memory of Club member Alice Williams.

Scholarship awards were sent to: Kara LeBlanc, \$2,000; Emma Williams, \$2,000; and Serena Jaskolka, \$1,000.

A thank you was sent to TomCat Lily Farm for their July participation in the Garden Tour.

A thank you was sent to Oxford Creamery for their \$500 Taste of the Town donation.

New membership applications were received from Gail Mackler and Caroline Percy Marcoux.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Grant  
*Corresponding Secretary*



**Elaine Grant**

*Corresponding Secretary*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We have 7 new members that have joined us during this past year of 2020-21.

**Lois Gallant**

20 Oliver Lane

**Candee Seely**

32 Pine Island Rd

**Debbie Kettner**

15 Pine Ridge Drive

**Judy Sullivan**

24 Parlowtown Rd, Marion

**Melissa Soule**

9 Centre Drive

**Gail Mackler**

12 Brandt Beach Ave

**Caroline Marcoux**

118 Laurel Street, Fairhaven

They are joining the 13 new members we have welcomed since 2019. Our Club continues to grow even during these tough years. Looking forward for everyone to meet in person.

The Recruitment and Retention committee is welcoming the newest members to a "get together" this month for a chance to meet in person. We will be able to share with them all the opportunities our Club offers.

~ Carole Clifford

# MWC Upcoming Events

*Mark your calendars for these events!*

## SEPTEMBER

### Recruitment and Retention Committee

We are busy planning a welcome coffee, to be held in mid September, for those members who joined us in 2020 and '21.

Because of the restrictions imposed due to COVID 19, many of them have had little human interaction with members of the Club. We look forward to meeting, greeting and introducing them to the many opportunities available. And we hope that members will seek them out at our first meeting in October.

If you have anyone who is interested in joining, please let one of us know and we can send a brochure or make a phone call if that is appropriate.

Carole Clifford  
Linda Clifford  
Marianne Hickey  
Mary O'Keefe  
Christine Voss



### Social Cocktail Group

Sunday, September 19th

5:00 - 7:00 PM

We will gather in person on Sunday, September 19th, 5:00-7:00 PM, at Blaise Simpson's home, 6R North Street. How wonderful to be in person since cocktails on Zoom wasn't a real hit!

No membership is required for this group. Guests should bring their beverage/s of choice and an appetizer to share. For MWC members who are new to this experience, this group meets four times during the membership year - twice in the fall/winter and twice in the winter/spring.

Parking for three vehicles is available in the driveway. Additional parking is on the street or at the Town Beach.

Rain date: Friday, September 24th

**Please RSVP to Blaise.**

**Call 508.758.8465**

**Call or Text 415.367.5362**

## IN MEMORIAM

We lost three ladies this year.

**Frances Cairns**

**Alice Williams**

**Lois Fountain**

*(Past President)*

The club is in the process of purchasing books in their names for the library and we will publish that list in the next Ladies Choice.

## Notecards, Postcards: A Scholarship Fundraiser

Ladies, we are close to ending our sales of these wonderful cards. Currently there are cards from each collection we published over the last twelve months and there are no plans to publish more. Now is your chance to purchase for yourself, for gifts, or sell them to your friends. The remaining cards are all pure profit for the scholarship fund. At \$10/4 notecards and \$10/6 postcards, they make terrific gifts for friends and family who love Mattapoisett.

Each pack is an assortment of images and the collections are: Summer, Fall, Winter, Salty, Ned's

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Point, Boats, and Flowers.

The three businesses in town with cards in stock are Pen & Pendulum, Isabelle's, and Blossoms Florist (flower cards only). Cindy Turse has an inventory on hand and you can pick up at her house or she'll deliver.

## Mattapoisett Museum Pop-Up sale!

Club members accepted an invitation from the Mattapoisett Museum to participate in their Harbor Days pop-up shops. On July 17th and 18th, volunteers sold notecards and postcards to enrich our scholarship fund. Sunday's entertainment included many talented musicians during the Old Fashioned Fiddle Session. The Museum was a place to retreat from the heat and humidity of the outdoor activities, shop in several different pop-ups, view the museum collection, and meet interesting people.



Top: Blaise Simpson and Alice Openshaw  
Left: Judy Sullivan and Bobbie Oakley



# Executive Board Cottage Luncheon

Photos from our Executive Board cottage luncheon at Carole's on August 26th. Lovely day, delicious food, beach walks, lively conversations, and a perfect change of pace. Many thanks to our wonderful hostess and Club President!



[Join our FACEBOOK Group to keep informed of all MWC news & events!](#)

 **JOIN NOW!**

# Summer Garden Tea Party

Barb van Inwegen invited us to indulge our garden tea party fantasies on June 17th. Ladies in hats, trays of delicious foods, and lively conversation were the order of the day as a large group gathered to enjoy Barb's hospitality and gardens.







## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Garden Group

The Town of Mattapoisett is a prettier place each year because of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Group and it's many volunteers. Each of the four seasons brings new window boxes at the Post Office and Library, while summertime decorates the Beach House, Town Wharf, Museum, Town Hall and the gardens at Center School and on Route 6. And we can't forget the springtime daffodils that the Woman's Club has planted and maintained throughout the town for the last several years and hopefully into perpetuity. Our volunteers put in hours each year, planning, purchasing, pruning, primping and importantly, watering our plantings.

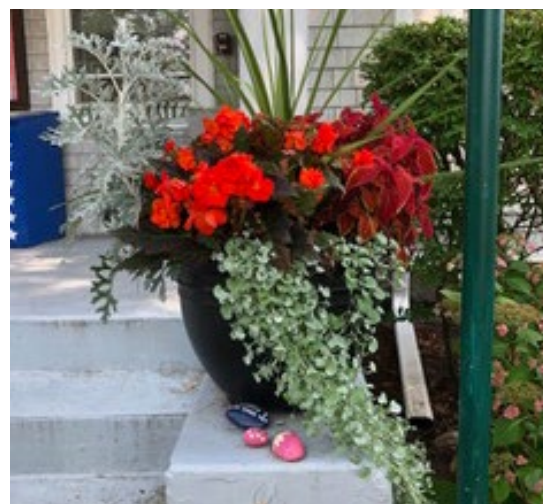
As a volunteer, I have heard thanks from many towns-folks as they see me tending the plants, and as the Chair of the Garden Group, I am dedicating this Ladies Choice to our many members who have dragged the hoses, pruned the plants, offered their time an energy to purchase and plant our many locations and planters.

Thank You!!!

Sandy Hering,  
*Garden Group Chair*



**Sandy Hering**  
*Garden Group Chair*



*The Mattapoisett Town Hall and Post Office planters last year during Covid were beautiful as ever and much appreciated by many during a difficult year. The following page shows some of our volunteers in action and a few more special planters created by our Garden Group.*



# Glorious Gardens

What a day we had for our Glorious Gardens tour, no rain and plenty of guests! The hard work of our committee members paid off with a well-coordinated tour that yielded more than \$7600 for our coffers. Kathy McAuliffe and Carole Clifford are to be commended for their diligent work in negotiating with Emily Field, the Mattapoisett Town Public Health Nurse. Thank you to all who worked to make this a success and to all who bought tickets and toured.



**Glorious Gardens**  
Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Tour  
June 26, 2021 from 10 to 4 (RAIN OR SHINE)  
TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT  
[mattapoisettwomensclub.org](http://mattapoisettwomensclub.org)



## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

Thursday, September 23, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Knitting Group's meeting for September will be on the 23rd from 2 to 4. **Anyone planning to attend should contact Marie Rottler 508-828-8091 to**



*A sample of Sequence Knitting by Marie.*

**let her know you plan to attend.** Depending on the weather or Covid restrictions at that point, the meeting will either be in person or via Zoom.

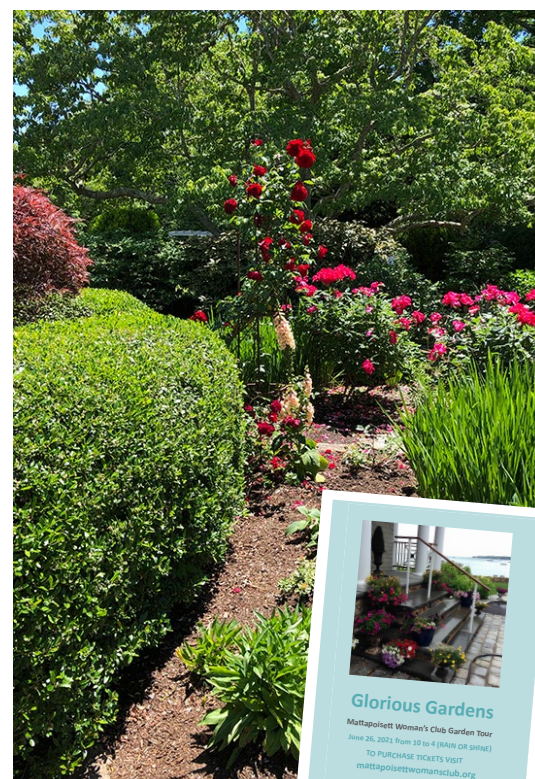
The picture is one of my latest projects. I have discovered a new type of knitting called Sequence Knitting.

The reference book I purchased defines it as simple methods for creating complex fabrics. The scarf in the picture is done in this method and both sides of the scarf are identical - there is no wrong or right side.

I found the pattern easy to do and loved the results.



**Marie Rottler**  
*Knitting Chair, Website*

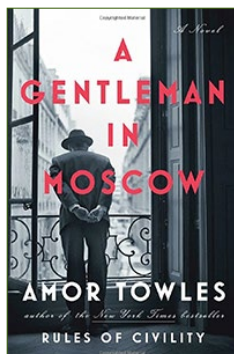


## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Literature Group

Wednesday, September 8, 10:00 am

The September meeting of the Literature Group will be on Wednesday, September 8, 10:00 am at the home of Peg Olney, 24 Avenue A, Peases Point.



We will meet outdoors on the back deck. If the weather does not cooperate for an outdoor meeting, it will be a Zoom meeting. The discussion book for the meeting is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. We will plan for our meetings for the year so will need volunteers to host. Please bring your suggestions for discussion books for the meetings. New members are always welcome so please come. Watch your email for any updates about the meeting. **Questions? Contact Peg Olney at 508-758-2531 or**

[pegolney@verizon.net](mailto:pegolney@verizon.net)

*In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.*

*Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.*



**Peg Olney**

*Literature Group Chair,  
Ladies Choice Editor  
1998 - 2018*

## Happy Birthday Wishes

The Woman's Club is happy to send along this picture of Leo Couto having a Happy Birthday! As many of us know he loves baseball. He and his mother (Bethany) have been mailing messages to the club members all year. So when Leo's birthday came along he received 13 cards from Woman's Club members that made him very excited. He LOVES to receive mail.



# Woman's Club Walks

Are you interested in walking in a small group again? If so, please email Sandy Hering [hering.sandra@gmail.com](mailto:hering.sandra@gmail.com) to let me know of your interest and your preferred time and day of the week.

We will operate as we did in the past, no commitment needed, but it will help if I understand what date and time works for the majority.



## Officers

### President

Carole Clifford

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Linda Clifford

### Recording Secretary

Sherry Hoines

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Elaine Grant

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Suzanne Mitchell

### Assistant Treasurer Membership, Dues

Lois K. Ennis

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2021 Kathy McAuliffe  
2022 Judy Livolsi  
2023 Roxanne Bungert

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Cindy Turse

### Website\*

Marie Rottler

### Facebook\*

Cindy Turse

### Ladies' Choice Editor

Debra Nettles

### Hospitality\*

Erin Burlinson

### Program Director\*

Eileen Marum

### Historian\*

Jan Hubley

### Garden Group\*

Sandy Hering

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### Great Decisions

Ellen Flynn

### Remembrances & Sunshine

Linda Clifford

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2021/2022 Linda Clifford  
2022/2023 Roberta Oakley  
2023/2024 Bethany Couto

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2022 Tina Binette  
2023 Cindy Turse

### Recruitment & Retention

Carole Clifford  
Linda Clifford  
Mary O'Keefe  
Marianne Hickey  
Christine Voss

## Social Activities

### Bridge 1

Betty Parker

### Bridge 2

Jackie Slade

### Knitting

Marie Rottler

### Literature Group

Peg Olney

### Social Cocktail Group

Cindy Turse

### Welcome

**New Members**  
Marianne Hickey

# GTG Current Immediate Needed Items

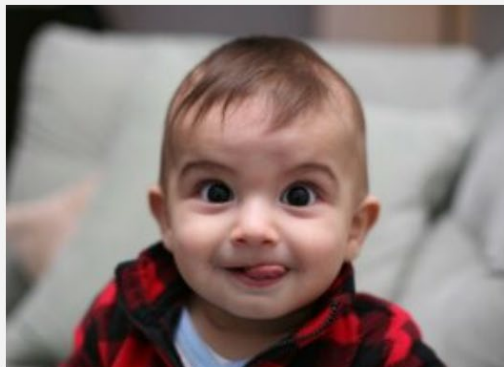
Our friends at Gifts to Give desperately need the items listed below. Gifts to Give has been a great supporter of the MWC. **So let's please help!** If you have any items that you cannot drop off directly please contact **Carole Clifford** at **moosie999@comcast.net**



**Weekly  
Wishlist  
Update**

Gifts To Give .org

Icons: Backpack, Socks, Shorts, T-shirt, Bottle, Pants, Puzzle pieces.



*Our children are messages we send into a future we will not see.*

**SNEAKERS** (all sizes, both genders) • **Arts and Crafts Supplies** • **Teen Hygiene Supplies** • **Toddler Crayons (Jumbo)** • **BABY SUPPLIES:** Receiving blankets • Burp Diapers • Safety-Gates • Wipes • Baby Towels • Wash Clothes • Board books • High Chairs • Burp Diapers • Swaddles • Tub toys • Rattles •

For donating items, it is really simple, it's as easy as "dropping-off", 24/7. We have a well-lit, surveilled, covered deck at the back of our building for drop-off. If you require a donation receipt, or help unloading, we are staffed Monday-Saturday from 9-noon.

**Our public entrance is located on thebayside/riverside of the building. We are on the second floor.**

## **The GiftsToGive Philanthropy Factory**

1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet, MA 02743

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