



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

We are moving forward with our Welcome Back/80th Year Celebration on October 21 at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church at 11:00. I realize that not everyone may be ready to come inside but we will practice social distancing, open windows, and wear masks when not eating. The refreshments will be catered. Of course, we will expect everyone who attends to be vaccinated. I will ask for a count closer to the date of those who will be attending.

Coming Attractions

We will be having our traditional meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 11:00. I wanted to entice you with a preview of the programs.

- October 21** Welcome Back and Celebrate our 80 Year as the Mattapoissett Woman's Club.
- November 18** Presentation regarding the relief work of All Hands and Hearts
- December** TBD for a Holiday Celebration
- January 20** Performance by Sheryl Faye as Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- February 17** TBD
- March 17** Presentation on the Mattapoissett Bike Path by our member Robin Lepo
- April 21** Annual Meeting

Carole Clifford
President, MWC



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President, MWC



Once again our MWC Garden Group has provided our Post Office customers a visual delight! A huge thank you to all the ladies for all their hard work!

Mark your calendars!

Literature Group

October 13
9:30am

Executive Board Meeting

October 14
10:00am

Garden Group Presentation of "Nature's Best Hope" by Douglas Tallamy

October 6
See page 9 for more information
10:15am

OFFICER'S CORNER: SUE MITCHELL

Celebrating what we have...

Carole has asked me to write this month's intro article. Welcome back as we begin our fall season! This has been a year like no other. I am continually impressed with our members' creative ideas. You have not only helped the Club succeed, but also thrive during this pandemic year and time of social distancing.

Out went the September potluck luncheon, Taste of the Town, Christmas Party, and Annual Meeting at the Inn. Instead, masked members gathered on the green for socials at Ned's Point. A walking group was formed and we re-discovered many tri-town nature trails. Knitters knitted together outside on a deck. Bridge players played on a porch. Wreath and tag sales were held out doors. The social/cocktail group gathered in a backyard. Our Taste of the Town had no tent. Pathways to Planting "Passports" were sold online. Notecards and daffodil bulbs were delivered curbside. Great Decisions met via Zoom. Personal Christmas cards were delivered and left in our doorways. One of the few activities that continued "almost normal" was the Garden Group. Members gardened alone or in small groups and tended plantings at the library, wharf logo, triangle, beach house, and Historical Museum. The Post Office window boxes displayed beautiful arrangements during all 4 seasons. Our biggest fundraiser, the "Glorious Gardens" tour, was a HUGE success earning over \$7,000 profit this year – the most ever! Ticket holders were able to enjoy a lovely event in a safe outdoor environment.

Yes, it's been an unusual year, but despite the lack of close contact and indoor activities, we were able to remain a vibrant club raising over \$13,000 this spring and summer.

Our scholarship fund currently stands at \$8,067.17 thanks to donations and fundraisers. This year we were able to award a total of \$5,000 to 3 area students.

I have no doubt 2021-2022 will be another successful year. We are hoping to meet INDOORS for the first time since February 2020 as we celebrate the Club's 80th Anniversary on October 21. (Fingers crossed!)

Let's celebrate what we have and not focus on what we missed out on during the past year and a half. We are a creative bunch with talent, good ideas, and the ability to make things happen.

Happy 80th Anniversary MWC - Well done!

Sue Mitchell
Treasurer



Exceptional Times

As I was organizing my past records and correspondence to store with the rest of our Club's historical files, it became obvious that these were not normal times.

Our Club's calendar year runs from our Welcome Back Pot-luck Luncheon in September and ends with our Annual Meeting and Luncheon in April. That changed in March of 2020 when our monthly meetings ended due to COVID-19, and face-to-face interactions became dangerous to our health.



Elaine Grant

Corresponding Secretary

My files chronicled the exceptional efforts to keep the Club engaged and meet our stated goals: Civic, Social, Educational and Philanthropic.

Led by our exceptional President, Carole Clifford, who arranged to have Zoom meetings during the entire calendar year with the Executive Board to figure out ways to meet our commitments to the community. Exceptional people stepped up with exceptional ideas which produced safe interactions for various socials and fundraisers which were successful and met the goals of our Club.

Exceptional!

*Submitted by Elaine Grant,
Corresponding Secretary*

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

"This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

C Swindoll



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 **JOIN NOW!**

MLT and MWC Connect with Center School Science Program

In early August, when Ben Squire, ORR Elementary Science Coordinator, requested 200 daffodil bulbs for Center School's third grade Life Science program, the Mattapoissett Land Trust Education Committee decided to partner with Mattapoissett Woman's Club Garden Group to make this happen.

Cindy Turse, Co-Chair of MWC Garden Group, said since 2019 the members have established planting areas around town for daffodils: the Police Station, the flag pole at the Library, the Welcome sign at the entrance to Industrial Park, the triangle east of Oxford Creamery and the Town Hall. "What started out to be a low-scale daffodil beautifying project morphed into a full-on fundraiser; and, high on the heels of success, the Garden Group's 2021 order was for 4,000 bulbs," said Turse, who also serves on the MLTED Committee.

So the Education Committee chose to partner with the MWC Garden Group and ordered 200 daffodil bulbs for the Center School Science program.

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, Cindy and Ellen P. Flynn, MLT Board Director and Chair of Education, arranged for pick-up and delivery to Ben Squire at Center School. Ben said the "project will start immediately examining the plant life cycle, plant structures of root, and, ultimately, stem and leaves after planting."

The Land Trust ED Committee has ordered the book, "*From Bulb to Daffodil*," by Ellen Weiss, from Scholastic News, and will create a Storywalk around the school.

Flynn said this collaboration brings two non-profit organizations together with the common goal of supporting science education and conserving lands for our future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Ellen Flynn

Past MWC President



Cindy Turse, Co-Chair of MWC Garden Group and Ben Squire, ORR Elementary Science Coordinator

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MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB

Daffodil Dreams

ANNUAL MWC DAFFODIL PLANTING PROJECT FUNDRAISER*

Be a part of this Annual Mattapoissett Woman's Club Project/Fundraiser by purchasing and planting these symbols of rebirth and hope that will brighten our town with their joyful yellow color next Spring!



\$10
20 BULBS

Packs of bulbs (20) will be for sale at the Mattapoissett Museum

Pop-Up Sale

5 Church Street Mattapoissett

October 2, 2021

11am - 4pm

To order your Daffodils please email info@mattapoissettwomensclub.org for more information



*DAFFODILS FOR YOUR GARDEN = DOLLARS FOR MWC SCHOLARSHIPS

For 80 years The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has been helping young people pursue their educational goals by awarding scholarships to high school seniors from Mattapoissett. MWC especially thanks the community for its continuing support of its biennial Garden Tour and all MWC activities during these Covid months. These fundraising activities make the scholarships possible.

Join today! Visit www.mattapoissettwomensclub.org

MWC News & Information

Recruitment and Retention committee host a Newcomers Coffee

The Recruitment and Retention committee hosted a Newcomers Coffee on September 27. There were a total of 13 new members who joined in 2020 and 2021 with whom there had been no in-person connection with Club members. This gathering, while small, was a good way to make the in-person contact that is important when joining a new club. And certainly it is the key to keep interest alive. There was good conversation and sharing of personal interests in the activities of the MWC. We look forward to welcoming them and all of our Club members to the October 21st general meeting.

Carole Clifford, President

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

The Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will have its first planning meeting on October 15. At that time, the schedule for newspaper articles, guidance counselor contact and the individual amount of awards will be determined. Currently, the Scholarship Fund has about \$7,000 to disperse. Given the COVID restraints, the fundraising efforts have been impressive and quite productive. Thank you to all who assisted in these efforts: tag sale, daffodils, cards and member donations.

Committee members include Linda Clifford, Roberta Oakley, and Bethany Couto

Sunshine Greetings

It is important to maintain contact with those members who are experiencing events in their lives and need to know others are thinking of them and offering support, be it a death, sickness or just the need for a smile. This reaching out with cards and words of encouragement is only possible if Club members make the information available to me...I love putting a small smile on a member's face...thanks for your anticipated assistance.

Linda Clifford





On September 19th the Social Cocktail Group had its first in-person gathering since the start of the pandemic. The weather and location were perfect as a group gathered at hostess, Blaise Simpson's home. Nearly twenty folks were able share conversations while eating delicious appetizers and drinking their favorite beverages. Blaise surprised all present with a pitcher of her homemade sangria.



GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Garden Group

The Garden Group began our Fall season with a hybrid meeting in September in the Library Conference Room. Many members were in person while others could be seen and heard using the Library's new software for Hybrid Zoom meeting. We will continue to do this option while COVID is still circulating. We want to keep all members safe and comfortable.

Importantly, at this meeting, Cindy Turse agreed to be a Co-Chair with me for the Garden Group. I'm happy to have her. New members from the Woman's Club who wish to join the Garden Group are always welcome! Please reach out to Cindy or me to add you to our email list for all the news in between Ladies Choice publications. Our group likes to have fun in addition to our work - doing a fantastic job planting and maintaining numerous plantings around our town. Once again, we've decided to forego dues this year as we have enough in our account for our refreshments and other current needs. I also want to thank Erin Burlinson for volunteering to assist with the refreshments at our meetings. This allows me time to work on the technology for our Zoom meetings.

In other news, it has been decided that our enormously successful Christmas Greens and Wreath Sale will continue this year! The date is set for December 4th. We will have more news about the details, but at this point in time the one thing that all Club members can do to help is to collect natural items for our use - pine cones, pods from plants, acorns, dried grasses, seeds, nuts, twigs, bark and twigs with lichen. As you do your fall yard cleanup, capture the BIG acorns with caps before the squirrels hide them. Please store them in a squirrel-free spot until we need them. We'll have lots of opportunities for all Club members to participate as we approach the sale date. If you have low bowl-like containers to donate we can use them to make centerpieces. They must be waterproof, as we use floral foam to keep the arrangements fresh for Christmas. Larger containers for front steps and side porches are also welcome.

There will be tasks you can complete at home or join us in person as we begin the group work. You don't have to be a designer, just a volunteer.



Sandy Hering
Garden Group Chair



By the time you receive this Ladies Choice, you should see that the Post Office window boxes will have been magically transformed to showcase fall. The library will follow soon. Thank you, Sharon Doyon, Susan Perkins, Mary O'Keefe, and Marie Rottler, for your work. As often happens, a couple of the husbands helped too, so thanks Colby and Bill!

Barb Van Inwegen announced that she

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Garden Group

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is working with the Town of Mattapoisett to develop a new location for Community Gardens. The Town proposed location is a property near the Police and Fire Stations, so please contact her if you are interested in working with her on this project. The gardens will likely be raised beds which are great for those of us not wanting to bend down to plant and harvest. Fewer weeds as well!! Barb has another good tip for all of us: she found a great free app called Seek by Inaturalist for identifying plants and insects. I have tried it and it has worked well for me.



Douglas Tallamy, author of the New York Times bestseller, Nature's Best Hope

October 6th from 10:15 to Noon is our next meeting. After our social time, and a few business details, we will be viewing an excellent talk by Douglas Tallamy, author of the New York Times bestseller, Nature's Best Hope. His presentation discusses how each one of us can do easy and good things in our own yards to help the pollinators, birds, and insects survive in a world that has "Paved Paradise" (Joni Mitchell song). He's an interesting speaker and while I encourage you to read his book; you can glean a lot by watching and listening to his talk.

Sandy Hering,
Co-Garden Group Chair



**RSVP for talk by Douglas Tallamy,
author of the New York Times bestseller, Nature's Best Hope.
In-person attendance or Zoom link**

Please contact Cindy mahina@turse.org and/or Sandy hering.sandra@gmail.com to let them know if you are joining them on Zoom or in person. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before the meeting.

GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Literature Group

Wednesday, October 13, 9:30 am

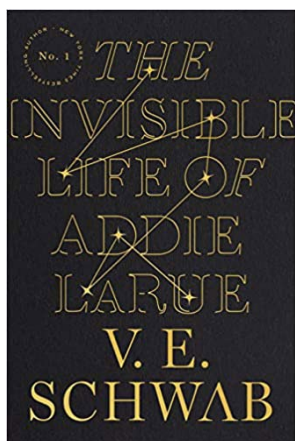
The Literature Group will meet on Wednesday, October 13 at the home of Marianne Hickey, 52 County Rd., Unit 2, at 9:30 am. We will be discussing *"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue"* by V. E. Schwab. The group always welcomes new members so please join us. The reading list for 2021-2022 is below.

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**



Peg Olney

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



France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets.

Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world.

But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

Literature Group Discussion Books

October 13 *"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue"* by V.E. Schwab - Hostess: Marianne Hickey

November 10 *"The Overstory"* by Richard Powers - Hostess: Nancy Holland

December 8 *"The Vanishing Half"* by Brit Bennett – Hostess: Myra Hart

January 12 *"The Paris Library"* by Janet Skeslein Charles

February 9 *"The Warmth of Other Suns"* by Isabel Wilkerson

March 9 *"The Searcher"* by Tana French

April TBD *"Shuggie Bain"* by Douglas Stuart

May TBD *"Born a Crime"* by Trevor Noah – Hostess: Cindy Turse

GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

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

There were six of us enjoying an afternoon of Knitting/Hand Work on Marie Rottler's deck Thursday, September 23rd. The weather was perfect and we were all enjoying being together. We shared stories of our summer adventures, as well as talked about the projects we were working on. It is so nice that we are now able to connect in person and feel safe doing so.

Present at the meeting were, Sandy Hering, Alice Openshaw, Roxanne Bungert, Roberta Oakley, and Caroline Marcoux. Caroline is one of our new members and joined us for the first time. Caroline is not a knitter, she is a jewelry designer. It was so interesting to see her practice her craft on her mother's antique sewing table. Our group has always welcomed anyone who does hand crafts, and would love to see others join us. Since Marie will be away in October, Roberta Oakley will be hosting the group. October will be the last meeting of 2021, due to the November and December Holidays. Please check your Blue Book for Roberta's contact information if you would like to attend the October meeting.



Marie Rottler
Knitting Chair, Website



Roberta Oakley



Sandy Hering & Roxanne Bungert



Caroline Marcoux



Alice Openshaw



Marie Rottler

“Pistil Packin’ Mommas”

The “Pistil Packin’ Mommas”^{*} converged at the Ned’s Point pavilion on September 22nd to pack daffodil bulbs. We counted - just 20 bulbs to a bag - packed, and talked. What an amazing group! It was an assembly line job that could have taken longer, but with a team of early birds, the job was completed by 11:22 AM. Elaine Grant noted that her time card only showed 30 minutes of packing time and Elaine/Lainie Botelho admitted that she didn’t get to count even one bulb.

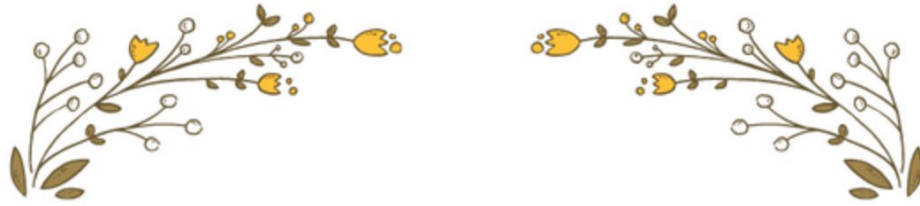
~Cindy Turse

^{*} Thanks to Elaine Grant for the group moniker.



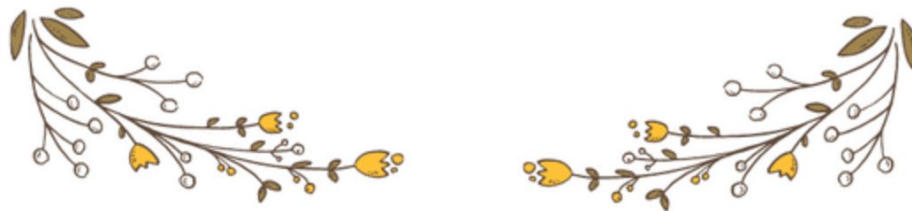
Top: Barb Van Inwegen. Middle: Left, Marianne Hickey and Elaine Grant. Right: Erin Burlinson, Barbara Poznysz, Maureen Kelly and Alice Openshaw. Bottom: Bulbs bagged and ready!





MATTAPOISETT MUSEUM

Pop-Up Shop



October 2nd, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
5 Church St, Mattapoissett, MA 02739

Join us on October 2nd for our biggest pop-up shop yet!

The following vendors will be selling their handcrafted items :

Grow Away Girl • Mattapoissett Sea Hag Etched Glass

Avo Maria • My Oily Madness

CeCe & D • Artist David Walega

Tinkhamtown Gifts • Lux Picnix by C&G

Mattapoissett Women's Club

The museum will be open with no admission during the pop-up shop.
Come see everything the museum has to offer and become a member today!

1941: This year marks our Club's 80th anniversary!

Little did our founders realize that this year also marks the day that will live in infamy: December 7th. No doubt many of the ladies had family members who would serve our country and, perhaps, give their lives. But the Club grew and accomplished many of their stated goals.

Fun facts of 1941:

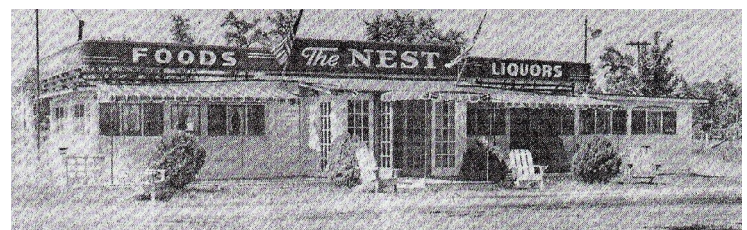
Ladies' wardrobes included knee-length A-line dresses, often belted, with padded shoulders, hats, gloves, girdles, seamed stockings and sensible shoes. However, the 2-piece bikini debuted.

Women entered the workforce due to the War and saw the \$4.22 minimum wage decrease. Rationing was rampant. Eggs were 40 cents a dozen, gas 19 cents a gallon. Chrysler's Town & Country Wagon at \$800 was the precursor to the ubiquitous mini vans of today. Car manufacturing gave way to defense needs.

M&Ms were invented and sold to service men; Cheerios also came into being. Movies were 25cents and included a cartoon, a newsreel, a continuing adventure serial, a B movie, then the featured film. These were continuous meaning they were shown all day/night long and you could sit through them again and again. Bob Hope and Bing Crosby's Road Trip movies were very popular diversions.

Actress Hedy Lamarr was not only a pretty face, but invented the basis for today's WIFI and Bluetooth!

President Roosevelt was Time's Man of the Year.



FROM CINDY'S KITCHEN:

Sausage Flowers Appetizer

Prep time - 45 minutes

Cook Time - 10-12 minutes

Pans - 3 miniature size muffin tin

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. ground Italian sausage

1 C shredded Mexican style four cheeses

1 C salsa (mild, medium, hot - your choice)

36 wonton wrappers - Nasoya or similar - 3.5" squares
- Market Basket was the source

12 oz. sour cream

1 bunch green onions - chopped

DIRECTIONS

- Allow wonton wrappers to come to room temperature for easier handling
- Preheat oven to 350°
- Brown sausage in deep skillet over medium heat until evenly brown. Remove from heat. Drain.
- Stir cheese into meat until blended
- Stir in salsa
- Gently press wonton wrappers into the muffin tins with edges extending up. (I folded them softly like a flower bud, because they are fragile and can break. If you aren't using a non-stick pan, you may need to grease the cups.)
- Bake 10-12 minutes - check at the ten minute mark
- Transfer to a serving platter. Add a dollop of sour cream and sprinkle with green onions
- Serve warm or at room temperature

Note: The original recipe called for 24 wontons, but I found that a pound of sausage easily made 36.

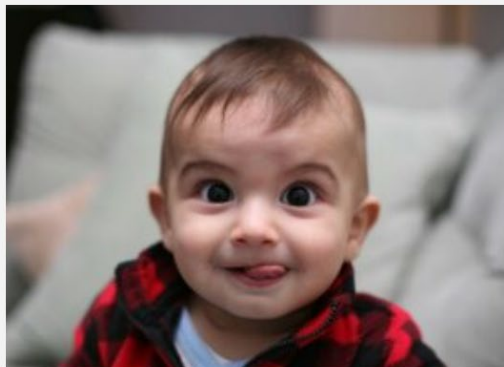


*Where there is a will,
there is a way!*

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



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

508-717-8715 contactus@giftstogive.org



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THERE IS A
SUPERHERO
INSIDE ALL OF US

We hope everyone who is able will consider volunteering for Gifts to Give.

Members who are volunteers find it very rewarding. In addition, at each meeting, we will have a container for members to collect donations including the ones listed on the Wanted List published here in Ladies Choice on page 16

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Cindy Turse

Welcome

New Members

Marianne Hickey

PLEASE HELP! Donate to the Scholarship Fund today.

For over 75 years MWC has been helping young people pursue their educational goals by awarding scholarships to high school seniors from the community.

Please help keep this community tradition alive.

Any amount is greatly appreciated.

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

Mail this form with your check payable to MWC to:
MWC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739