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The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

What a glorious celebration we enjoyed on the 21st of October... 80 years and still going strong!! (See photos on page 4) Everyone was just so pleased to see each other and converse. The refreshments from *On The Go* were a hit especially that strawberry salad and those desserts. Mattapoissett Trivia (see below for some questions) was our entertainment thanks to Kathy McAuliffe and Barbara Van Inwegen. Pictures from the last 80 years were displayed along with our Club's yearbook thanks to Kathy McAuliffe and Jan Hubley. The centerpieces on each table were spectacular thanks to the talented Susan Perkins and Sharon Doyon. Thanks, too, to the Tea Committee for their able services.



Carole Clifford
President, MWC

I personally give my heartfelt thanks to each and every member for the support over the past year that made my job so easy. I am overwhelmed with gratitude and proud of the solid foundation of strong women who made this organization so successful this past year. So now we are looking forward to 21/22 and eager to continue to grow in all our objectives of Educational, Philanthropic, Civic and Social.

Carole Clifford
President, MWC

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, December 9, 2021
(please note the date)
 Social time 11:30am
 Luncheon served at noon
Holiday Luncheon
 at the Inn on Shipyard Park
*Please watch your email
 for details on the
 Luncheon menu and price.*

Mattapoissett Trivia
Can you answer all of them? Answers on page 13.

1. How many cemeteries are there in Mattapoissett?
2. Name at least 3 past names of the Mattapoissett Academy?
3. What two streets does this building (Mattapoissett Academy) sit on?
4. How many of the previous shipyards (during the whaling era) can you name? There are several.
5. In 1806, the salt industry was big business in Mattapoissett. How did the salt industry get its salt? Where was the largest location of this industry?

Mark your calendars!

Literature Group
November 10
9:30am

Executive Board Meeting
November 11
10:00am

MWC Luncheon with guest speaker Rachel Deery of All Hands and Hearts

November 18
See page 2 for more information
11:00am

OFFICER'S CORNER: LOIS K. ENNIS

I'm Lois K. Ennis and am your Assistant Treasurer. As this I am responsible for receiving reservations and money when the Club has an event that requires such. I also receive and record membership dues along with each member's information in a database. From this, I create the yearly members Blue Book. As you know I refer to the Blue Book as our Bible as it also includes numerous information about the Club and it's activities. This book is usually published for the Club's September meeting and any updates I deliver to the membership by email. Typically I create the sign up sheets that you see at each meeting which allow these groups to be aware of members who would like to join their activities.



When the Treasurer is not available, I assume her duties so the Club always has a responsible financial officer in charge. Any monies I collect are recorded in a Spreadsheet and delivered to the Treasurer for deposit. In her absence I make the deposit.

In addition to these duties I have Chaired "The Taste of Mattapoissett" for 16 years. I'm looking forward to doing the same this coming Summer.

MWC News & Information

MATTAPOISETT TOWN ALERTS

Did you get a phone call/email/text alert for the "Boil Water" event? If not, you may want to sign up for alerts from the town. The system works!

The Town of Mattapoissett, MA uses CivicReady® to send emergency alerts and other notifications. Subscribers can register to receive emergency alerts and other notifications via phone call, text message, and/or email. CivicReady® alerts include:

- Emergency Alerts
- COVID-19 Information

To sign up, go to this link online - <https://www.mattapoissett.net/home/pages/emergency-alerts>

Select how you want to receive the alerts and what alerts you want to see.

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: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

MWC News & Information

MWC NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

November 18, 2021 11:00am

Congregational Church, Reynard Hall

Gathering for our November 18th luncheon will start at 11 a.m. at the Congregational Church's Reynard Hall.

The Tea Committee, headed by Betty Parker, are Esther Callum, Linda Clifford, Doris Gray, Myra Hart, Patricia King, Anne Layton, Eileen Marum, Alice Openshaw, Barbara Poznysz and Kathleen Flaherty Sykes. Please refer to page 44-46 of your Blue Book for duties.

Our speaker will be Rachel Deery of All Hands and Hearts, a local organization of dedicated volunteers who respond to all types of disasters. Don't miss this interesting presentation.

SOCIAL COCKTAIL GROUP: HOSTESS NEEDED!

In pre-pandemic years the group has gathered twice in the fall /winter and twice in the winter/spring of our membership year. Our first in-person cocktail gathering was hosted by Blaise Simpson in September. Now we are looking for someone to host a gathering in early December. Please contact Cindy if you are willing and able – mahina@turse.org

Hostessing involves providing a place and choosing a date on a Saturday or Sunday, (often 5:00-7:00 PM). Guests each bring an appetizer and their beverage of choice.

All MWC members and their guests are welcome.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Mattpoisett Woman's Club will be collecting donations to a local food bank at the November and December meetings. Please look at the suggestions sent to us by member Kate Brown on what and what not to include.

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for rice a roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in the spring and summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
12. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
13. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
14. Butter or Margarine is nice too.
15. Eggs are a commodity.
16. Cake mix and frosting make it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
17. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
18. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
19. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

In all the years I have donated food at the holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted but never asked. I am glad I did. If you are helping a family this Christmas, maybe this can help you tailor it more.

80th Anniversary Luncheon

Happy faces (some masked) abounded at our first in-person meeting since February 2020. Gorgeous centerpieces created by Susan Perkins and Sharon Doyon came from their gardens and those of Barb, Sandy and Elaine B. The Tea Committee arranged and served our delicious luncheon. Lois Ennis distributed her work of art-the yearly Blue Book, full of up-to-date information we all rely on. A great start to our 80th year!



Running the Boston Marathon

On Monday October 11th, I ran my 14th consecutive Boston Marathon alongside my dear friend Betty, who was also running her 14th consecutive Boston Marathon. It was wonderful to have a sense of normalcy return, but also a stark reminder of how much things have changed. The last in-person Boston Marathon was in April of 2019, when I ran 6 months pregnant with Leo. It felt like no time had passed but there I was in October with my now 2 year old, in my old neighborhood in a city I was no longer a resident of, wearing a mask on my face and a bracelet that confirmed I was fully vaccinated. The Boston Athletic Association implemented many COVID precautions to make the race safe and successful, including a smaller field of runners and a rolling start in Hopkinton rather than a traditional mass start. Typically runners are shoulder to shoulder from the start in Hopkinton all the way to the finish in Copley Square. The rolling start spanned 2.5 hours and allowed runners to start when they were ready and be spread out along the course. Marathon Monday was a gorgeous day, great for running and spectating, although the spectator crowds were far less than a regular year. While Betty and I had run Boston many times, this was the first time for both of us running it as moms! Our finish time was 4:13:23, with very consistent miles, a strong finish and non-stop chatting and laughter along the way. It was so nice to spend time with a friend after a very long 19 months! Believe it or not, since Leo's birth, this was my first time being with a friend without also being on mom-duty! It's always an honor and privilege to be able to run the Boston Marathon but gaining entry every year is a moving target. Runners gain entry by meeting qualifying standards set forth by the Boston Athletic Association and must then re-qualify each year they wish to run. So next time you see me running around town you know why I'm out there and what I'm thinking about!

~ *Bethany Couto*



PLEASE NOTE:
Executive Board Meeting
In the Mattapoisett Free Public
Library Meeting Room
NOVEMBER 11 • 10:00AM

GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Garden Group Meeting

November 10, 2021

10:00am

Mattapoissett Free Public Library Community Room

The Garden Group is growing along with our membership. Welcome new members Luice Moncevitich, Caroline Marcoux, and Dottie Schwartz. Our group is open to all Mattapoissett Woman's Club members, including those who would rather talk about flowers than plant the flowers! If you would like to join the Garden Group, please contact Cindy Turse or Sandy Hering and we will add you to our email contact list. As always, you'll find information about our group, our activities, and our meeting times in your new blue book.



Sandy Hering
Garden Group Chair

On our regular meeting day, November 3rd, there are choices. You decide which activity gets your vote and participation.

First, there is a regular Garden Group meeting at 10 AM in the Mattapoissett Free Public Library Community Room featuring a workshop on bow-making techniques with Sharon Doyon. Here's your chance to receive skilled guidance for making special bows for your own wreaths or to use on the MWC wreaths we'll be selling in December. Last year we tried bow-making on Zoom, but there's nothing like in-person instruction. Sharon will also have some ideas for our Christmas Greens Sale and a sample of a 'kitchen herb wreath' that you can make on your own. These wreaths make great hostess gifts, especially for an eating holiday such as Thanksgiving.

Second, if you are up for a drive, Barb Van Inwegen recommends attending a special event sponsored by The Village Garden Club of Dennis also beginning at 10 AM on November 3rd. Floral Designer Anna Holmes will be presenting Home for the Holidays on Cape Cod and will demonstrate how to make four different holiday designs. Proof of vaccination and masks are required. The cost of the event is \$10. If you want to attend this event an RSVP is needed for planning purposes - villagegardenclubofdennis@gmail.com

Consult this link for more details - <https://www.villagegardenclubofdennis.org/events>.

Barb Van Inwegen is coordinating this activity for our group. In addition to your RSVP to the Village Club, please email Barb by Monday, November 1st with your interest - barbvani11@gmail.com . If you are willing to drive a small carpool, please let Barb know as well.

The Garden Group will be planting 100 King Alfred bulbs around town the first week in November, weather permitting. Currently, we are considering November 3rd, 4th, or 5th in the early afternoon - possibly 1:00 PM. If you'd like to help with this, please email Sandy with your preferred dates - hering.sandra@gmail.com. With 4-6 people planting, it shouldn't take long to get the bulbs in the ground.

Finally, as you clean up your gardens for the winter season, don't forget to look for pods, cones and, interesting bits from nature that we can use with our wreath-decorating project. More on page 7.

Sandy Hering and Cindy Turse

Garden Group Co-chairs

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Preparing for MWC Garden Group Christmas Greens Sale

It's nearly time for the second MWC Garden Group Christmas Greens Sale. The date is Saturday, December 4th (rain date December 5th). The G.G. will be selling wreaths, swags, table centerpieces, coffee cup arrangements, bunched greens, and ornaments. Prior to the sale, the elves will be assembling the goods in Sherry Hoines' heated barn -150 North Street.

Many hands make light work – we all heard that from our mothers and our Scout leaders. We need your help. You don't have to be a designer to participate. There will be tasks for everyone - cutting and bunching greens, making bows, pricing the completed designs, and selling the merchandise on the 4th or 5th. Sign-up sheets will be emailed in early November, but if you just can't wait for them, contact Sandy. We had a great time last year and we look forward to many members joining in this year.

Most importantly, to make all the swags, arrangements, and bunches of greens, WE NEED EVERGREENS!!! Branches of holly, pine, spruce, fir, cedar and others are appreciated, especially if they have little cones or berries on them. You can cut them yourself and deliver them to Sherry's barn, or you can contact us and a "crew member" will visit your property to do the pruning. We'll be gentle to your shrubs and trees. The gathering of greens will start on the weekend after Thanksgiving so that the greens are fresh. Designing and assembly will take place on several days between November 29th and December 3rd. Please contact Sue Mitchell -508.758.9464 or mitchellrus@yahoo.com - with availability of greens.

~ Sandy Hering & Cindy Turse



Photos from Christmas Greens Sale December 2020



Ornament Workshop

Creating for the Second Annual Greens Sale started at Sue Perkins' patio on a perfect fall weather day. Christmas tree ornaments were fashioned on wooden trees using moss, bark, and lichen. Barb Poznysz, Sue Perkins, Elaine Botelho, Sandy Hering, Cindy Turse, and Sharon Doyon designed the ornaments plus more holiday surprises.



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Literature Group

Wednesday, November 10, 9:30 am

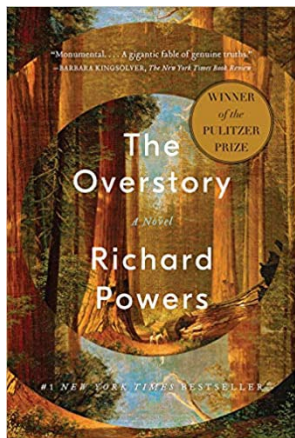
The Literature Group will meet on Wednesday, November 10 at the home of Nancy Holland, 27 Pine Island Road at 9:30 am. The discussion book for the meeting is *"The Overstory"* by Richard Powers. Hope to see everyone there. The reading list for 2021-2022 is below.

Watch your email for any updates about the meeting. **Questions? Contact Peg Olney at 508-758-3069 or pegolney@verizon.net**



Peg Olney

Literature Group Chair,
Ladies Choice Editor
1998 - 2018



The Overstory, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, Richard Powers’s twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe.

Literature Group Discussion Books

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 – Hostess: Linda Clifford,

February 9 *"The Warmth of Other Suns"* by Isabel Wilkerson – Hostess: Carole Clifford

March 9 *"The Searcher"* by Tana French – Hostess: Ruth Ann Walega

April TBD *"Shuggie Bain"* by Douglas Stuart – Hostess: Sherry Hoines

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

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Attention Knitters: Have you heard about Warming Stripes?

The information below is from this website: <http://www.climate-lab-book.ac.uk/2018/warming-stripes>

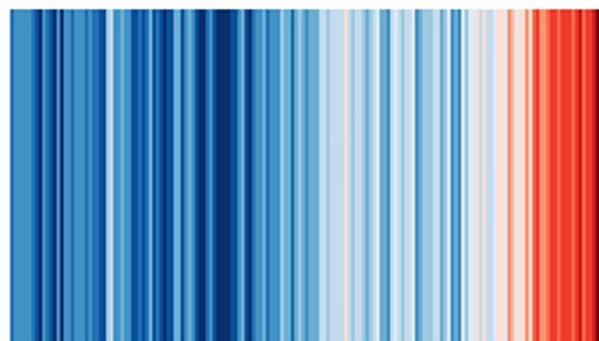
This could be a way to start a conversation about climate issues with people you meet. Or how about getting together to knit some warming stripe scarves? Give me a call if you're interested: Barb Van Inwegen 508 864-5213 or barbvani11@gmail.com.

Warming stripes

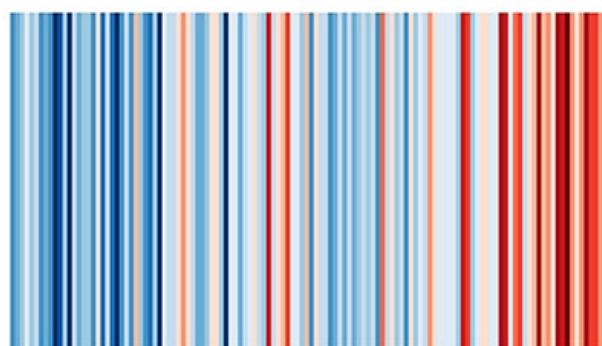
Climate change is a complex global issue, requiring simple communication about its effects at the local scale. This set of visualisations highlight how we have witnessed temperatures change across the globe over the past century or more. The colour of each stripe represents the temperature of a single year, ordered from the earliest available data at each location to now. All other superfluous information is removed so that the changes in temperature are seen simply and undeniably.

The colour scale represents the change in global temperatures covering 1.35°C [data]

Another website to check out is this one: <https://showyourstripes.info> On this website you can choose an area of the world to see how that region's temperature has fluctuated (generally from late 1800 to 2020).



Annual global temperatures from 1850-2017



Warming stripe from Boston from 1895 to 2020

Old Clothes, Old Linens, What to Do?

What a conundrum as I changed my seasonal wardrobe. There are so many clothes I'll never wear again. Some items are in good enough shape to donate or take to a consignment store, others are less serviceable. I also have linens and pillows and they aren't allowed in our trash or re-cycling bins. Naturally, I asked on Facebook and NextDoor, but received no actionable answers until a member of the Center School PTA posted an article about the Bay State Textiles School Recycling Boxes located at Old Rochester Junior High, Old Rochester High School, Center School, and Old Hammondtown School. The program generates income for the school communities. All donations MUST BE BAGGED. All you need to know about the program can be found on the website - <https://www.baystatetextiles.com/massachusetts-school-box-programs/>

Acceptable Items:

Clothing: Tops, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Dresses, Tank Tops, Blazers, Pants, Jeans, Sweatpants, Skirts, Shorts, Slacks, Undergarments, Socks, T-Shirts, Slips, Pajamas, Coats

Footwear: Shoes – all including Boots, Slippers, Cleats and Flipflops

Accessories: Hats, Pocketbooks, Belts, Gloves, Duffle Bags, Ties, Scarfs, Totes, Bathrobes

Linens: Sheets, Blankets, Draperies, Pillows, Towels, Table Linens, Comforters, Throw Rugs, Placemats, Stuffed Animals

Not Acceptable:

Mattresses, Mattress Pads, Foam Products, Couch Cushions, Lawn Furniture Cushions, Carpet Remnants, Rugs larger than 2'x4'

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

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 11

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Welcome

New Members

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Mattapoisett Trivia Answers *from page 1*

1. 7 cemeteries. Barlow, Hammond, Ellis, Cushing, Friends, Pine Island, St. Anthony

2. Third Meeting House, Mattapoisett Academy, Barstow High School Grange Hall and Condos

3. Main Street and Fairhaven

4. There are at least 9.

Stetson (the first), Cushing, Barstow, Studley, Cannon, Pease, Gifford, Moore, Hammond, Holmes, Meigs

5. Dehydration of salt water and the location... Goodspeed Island