



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*I wander lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze*



Carole Clifford
President, MWC

Dear Club Members,

This is the first part of a poem by William Wordsworth Longfellow and it expresses what many of us are feeling. We are awaiting another winter storm tonight but also anticipating the arrival of our daffodils and spring. What a great idea for Daffodil Daze coming from the Garden Club. Please read about it in the following pages. There are more events to happen and anticipate in March.

- Our meeting on March 17th with Robin Lepore speaking about the bike path.
- Our meeting new members as our club grows in membership
- Walks are again possible
- Meetings in person are feeling safer
- Garden Group trip to Lyman Estate on March 2

Take care and I am planning on seeing more and more members in March.

Stay well and safe.

Carole Clifford
President, MWC

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Robin Lepore 3/17
Mattapoissett Bike Path

**Sheryl Faye Presents
Historical Woman 4/20**
Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Daffodil Daze 4/19

Tag Sale 4/30

Garden Tour 6/25

Taste of the Town 7/19

Mark your calendars!

Garden Group

Wednesday, March 2
Field Trip to the
Lyman Estate

Literature Group

Wednesday, March 9
9:30am

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, March 10
10:00am (ZOOM)

Woman's Club Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 17
11:00am

MEET THE BOARD

It Started with a Scholarship.

When I applied for the Mattapoissett Woman's Club nontraditional age scholarship, I was hopeful, but after learning that another applicant with deep family ties to the community had also applied, I had doubts. But I was the one selected, and the rest is history.

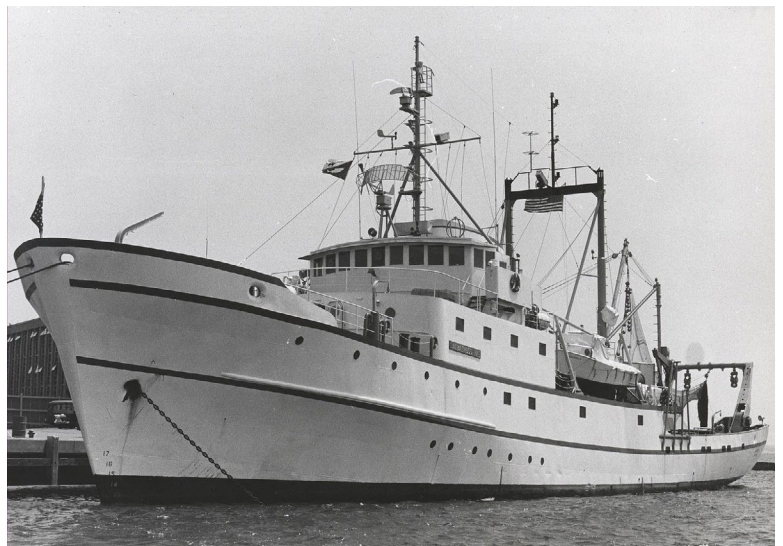
After graduating from Smith College in 2005 with an AB degree in Government and a concentration in science, I returned to Mattapoissett promising myself that I would give back and be supportive of the Club's four objectives: Educational, Civic and Social Engagement, and Philanthropy. And I have not looked back.

I jumped into the Club giving a program on life at Smith and the internships I pursued at the Northeast Regional Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Gloucester. While in Gloucester, I did research, worked with scientists in Alaska, Hawaii, and the lower 48 states, and reported the results in research papers and a presentation. I received a three-week appointment as a scientist aboard the RV Albatross IV two years in a row sailing out of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI). The focus was scallop surveys. We sailed to Georges Banks, then cruised south along the Continental Shelf to Cape Hatteras before heading north again along the eastern seaboard taking samples to determine the distribution and abundance of scallops. All data was transmitted to WHOI laboratories in real-time. Who knew a Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarship would unveil so many adventures.

As a member of this dynamic Club, I learned that it is the little things that make a big difference, and so, I feel privileged to be surrounded by, and work with so many kind, noble, gracious, and altruistic women. Over the years, the membership has entrusted me with the presidency, vice presidency, publicity chairmanship, corresponding secretary, and executive board positions—though not all at once—and for that I am grateful.

As program chair, it has been a pleasure inviting diverse speakers, who share enthusiastically their energetic experiences and avocations. I admit the past two years of upheaval, associated chronic stress, and pandemic burnout, though not a condition listed in Taber's Medical Dictionary, has been challenging, but together, we will overcome that sense of being thrown off course. So, let's move forward together and put into action our better impulses, hold a garden tour, showcase the Taste of the Town, and continue our regularly scheduled meetings, programs and volunteer activities.

Best regards to all,
Eileen J. Marum



Eileen served a three-week appointment as a scientist aboard the RV Albatross IV (pictured above) two years in a row sailing out of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI).

MWC News & Information

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We are in the waiting stage of the process. All applications are due on March 31 with a decision hopefully by the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, April 20. While reviewing the applications, we are always impressed with what some of these students have achieved and or what hardships may be present in their lives.

Of course, circumstances do make the selection process ever more challenging as we thoughtfully proceed. As you know, the commitment to this committee is 3 years. As I (Linda) transition off, Jan Hubley has graciously stepped forward to join the group for the upcoming years. Chair, Linda Clifford, Roberta Oakley and Bethany Coutu.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

And, yes, there will be a second annual Tag Sale. Last year was quite successful not only socially but financially beneficial for the Scholarship Committee. The date has been set for Saturday, April 30 (rain date 5/1). We have learned a few things from last year's sale and hope to make this one a much simpler venue. The Committee will meet on February 28 to plan for this fun event. Stay tuned for the particulars via email. Carole Clifford, Linda Clifford, Marianne Hickey, Mary O'Keefe and Christine Voss

GREETINGS AND REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to all for making me aware of members illnesses, significant deaths or just a good old fashioned "How are you" note/phone call. As we continue to struggle to return to some level of normalcy, maintaining the already established connections is important to the future of this wonderful Club.

~ Linda Clifford

SOCIAL COCKTAIL GROUP HOSTESSES NEEDED

In pre-pandemic years the Social Cocktail group has gathered four times during our membership year. 2022 might be our year to resume, but caution rules and the first two events will be outdoors. If you are willing to hostess a party in 2022, please select one of these options - April/May, September/October, or early December. Hostesses get to pick the dates and time - usually a weekend day, 5-7PM. Guests each bring an appetizer and their beverage/s of choice.

All MWC members and their guests are welcome. Please contact Cindy Turse if you can host a gathering in late April/early May or a September/October event. - mahina@turse.org

NEW MEMBERS

2021-2022 so far has been a banner year for our Club! We are very happy to welcome the following ladies who joined us and hope they will enjoy the many activities the Club offers.

Amanda Hasting

Luice Moncevitich

Kate Brown

Kristen McCormack

Anne Kimball

Aina Holden

Ann Tisdale

Joy Conwell

Executive Board Meeting (ZOOM)

MARCH 10 • 10:00AM

BACK TO “NORMAL”

We were happy to resume our monthly luncheon meetings at the Congregational Church’s Reynard Hall—the first since November 2021! Although masks and social distancing were observed, we enjoyed the delicious meal and our delightful speaker, Abigail Field.





February Program: Clothes From My Great-Grandmother's Closet by Abigail Field

Abigail Field presented an entertaining program demonstrating clothing from circa 1910.



Daffodil Daze: Family Daffodil Project for April

Recently Bethany and I met with library staff to coordinate the garden group's spring project which will take place during spring vacation week. The library will include our project in their newsletter that comes out the end of March (we're responsible for content) and will display a poster (or two) that we design.

Beginning Tuesday, April 19, families can pick up a map at the Children's library desk. The map will list pictures of daffodil groupings that have been planted around town by the garden group the last few years. At each location around town there will be a numbered sign in the shape of a daffodil flower head that is visible from a car or where possible, visible while walking (such as at the wharf). The goal will be to put the correct number next to the picture and location on the map.

When the map is complete, it can be turned in to the children's library staff for a "prize" (packaged make-at-home simple craft). That week there will be a table set aside in the Children's section where one or two daffodil projects can be done (glue, construction paper, crayons, etc.)

The library will also have a display of gardening/flower/daffodil books.

Fortunately, Bethany loves to create children's crafts. Here is one we hope to display around town in April to promote our Daffodil Daze.

In talking with the library staff, it was noted that the library does not have many gardening/flower/composting/environment books. Since the library is teaming up with us on this family activity, we would like to suggest that the Woman's Club and/or garden group and/or individuals can make a donation to the Library specifically so the library can purchase books on daffodils, etc.

You can help two ways: donate money or a book for Daffodil Daze, volunteer for an hour or two to oversee the craft table in the Children's area on Thursday, Friday or Saturday April 21-23.

For additional info or to share your ideas, please contact either Bethany Couto bethanycouto@gmail.com or Barb Van Inwegen barbvani11@gmail.com.



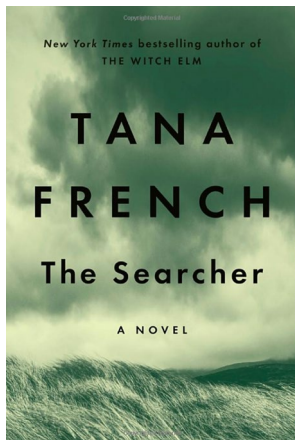
GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Literature Group

Wednesday, March 9, 9:30 am

The Literature Group will gather on Wednesday, March 9, 9:30 am, at the home of Bobbie Ketchel, 18 Marion Rd. We will discuss "The Searcher" by Tana French. For April we will be reading "Shuggie Bain" by Douglas Stuart and will meet at the home of Sherry Hoines. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Questions? Contact Peg Olney at 508-758-3069 or pegolney@verizon.net



Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape. After twenty-five years in the Chicago police force and a bruising divorce, he just wants to build a new life in a pretty spot with a good pub where nothing much happens. But when a local kid whose brother has gone missing arm-twists him into investigating, Cal uncovers layers of darkness beneath his picturesque retreat, and starts to realize that even small towns shelter dangerous secrets.

"One of the greatest crime novelists writing today" (Vox) weaves a masterful, atmospheric tale of suspense, asking how to tell right from wrong in a world where neither is simple, and what we stake on that decision.



Peg Olney

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

Literature Group Discussion Books

April 13 "Shuggie Bain" by Douglas Stuart – Hostess: Sherry Hoines

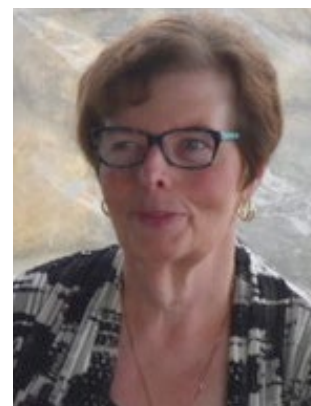
May 11 "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah – Hostess: Cindy Turse

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Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

Thursday, March 24, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thanks to Alice Openshaw for hosting the February knitting group. I was unable to attend, but have heard that everyone had a lovely time. The next meeting will be on March 24th from 2 - 4 my home at 23 Channel Street. If you wish to join the group, please either call 508-828-8091 or send an email mjrottler@comcast.net to be added to the email list.



Marie Rottler

Knitting Chair, Website

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Garden Group

Wednesday, March 2

Several of the Garden Group members will be going to the Lyman Estate in Waltham, MA in lieu of a March meeting. The Camellias are in bloom and we are in need of seeing flowers. Camellias signify love and passion, according to member Ellen Flynn, and are wonderfully fragrant, so call Sandy 508-340-9540 if you wish to add your name to the attendees right away, as the trip is March 2nd.

Exciting news from the Garden Group for the Town of Mattapoisett: A small group of Bethany Couto and Barb VanInwegen are working on a Community Scavenger Hunt for kids of all ages to participate in during April school vacation week. It will highlight many of the daffodils and their locations that the Woman's Club has planted over the last few years and Deb Nettles has also volunteered to help with creating the map. It will be a collaborative effort with the Children's librarians of our wonderful Public Library, with books added to their collection and educational activities for the kids. If you are interested in working on the project, please contact Bethany Couto bethanycouto@gmail.com or Barb Van Inwegen barbvani11@gmail.com.

The April meeting will take place in the meeting room of the library on April 6, at 10 AM. We will add a Zoom link depending on the need for it. All members of the Woman's Club are welcome to attend, just come to the library at 10 and enjoy the company of a lovely group of women who do so much for the beautification of this town. No gardening experience is needed.

Woman's Club Walks:

We have started walking again!!! After a spell of tough weather in January and most of February, the walk on February 18th was brisk but so was our walking speed! It was good to begin again. Our walks are now posted in the calendar section of the MWC website, noting the location and the leader of the walk and are also on our Facebook page. Monday walks are at 1 PM, Friday's we depart at 1:30. Please call the leader to let her know you will be joining the group in case of a last minute cancellation due to weather. Our walks usually last about 1 hour, and are in locations appropriate for the seasonal weather. They aren't really that brisk, everyone walks at their own speed and we welcome all club members to join in the exercise and fun.



From left: Sue Mitchell, Roxanne Bungert, Barb VanInwegen, Sharon Doyon, Erin Burlinson. Not in photo: Sandy Hering

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JOIN NOW!

March

by Elaine Grant

*March is very fickle,
March is very coy.
She changes on a whim;
We never know her ploy.
She loves to blow her wind,
She loves to swirl her snow.
She loves to warm us up,
Her whims we just don't know.
March foresees a breath of spring;
She revels in birds' song.
She knows that very soon
Lovely April will come along.*



The Promise of Spring



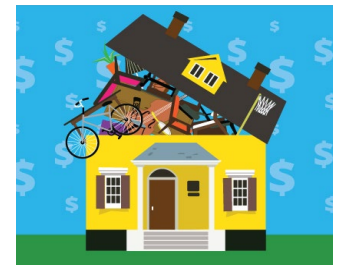
*Daffidols sprouting
at 1 Acushnet Road.
Photo by Peg Olney*

REMINDER: START YOUR SPRING CLEANING EARLY

This year's TAG SALE, facilitated by the Recruitment/Retention Committee, will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9 am to 12 pm. (rain date Sunday, May 1st) at the parking lot next to Ying Dynasty. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Items needed:

- Kitchen & housewares
- Outdoor camping and sports equipment
- Books
- Jewelry
- Collectibles
- Gardening tools, pots
- Tools
- Beach chairs & small rafts
- Framed art prints



All items should be clean, in good condition, and priced by you. MWC reserves the right to refuse unsuitable items. All unsold items, unless specified by you, will be donated.

More details to follow as we get closer to spring!

Common Courtesy

By Madisyn Taylor

We often feel that we don't have the time or energy to extend ourselves to others with the small gestures that compose what we call common courtesy. It sometimes seems that this kind of social awareness belongs to the past, to smaller towns and slower times. Yet, when someone extends this kind of courtesy to us, we always feel touched. Someone who lends a helping hand when we are struggling with our groceries makes an impression because many people just walk right by. Even someone who simply makes the effort to look us in the eye, smile, and greet us properly when entering a room stands out of the crowd. It seems these people carry with them the elegance and grace of another time, and we are always thankful for our contact with them.

Common courtesy is a small gesture that makes a big difference.

An essential component of common courtesy is awareness and common sense-looking outside yourself to see when someone needs help or acknowledgment. As a courteous person, you are aware that you are walking into a room full of people or that your waiter has arrived to take your order. Then, awareness leads to action. It is usually quite clear what needs to be done-open the door for the woman holding the baby, move your car up two feet so another person can park behind you, acknowledge your sister's shy boyfriend with a smile and some conversation, apologize if you bump into someone. A third component is to give courtesy freely, without expecting anything in return.

People may not even take notice, much less return the kindness, but you can take heart in the fact that you are creating the kind of world you want to live in with your actions.

When you are out in the world, remember to be aware of others, lend your hand when one is needed, and give this help without an ulterior motive. Through these small actions, you make this world a better place in which to live.



A Lacy Fundraiser

Lace, Justice, and Ruth - What do these all have in common?

They are memories of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, US Supreme Court Justice from 1993 to 2020.

To celebrate our upcoming performance by Sheryl Faye portraying Ruth Bader Ginsburg on April 20, we have ordered lace collars which we plan to sell for \$5.00 each.

Ginsburg (or "RBG" as she is well known) wore a lace collar as part of her judicial robe. She and Sandra Day O'Connor decided that if men could have an official wardrobe for the court such as a shirt and tie worn under their robes, then women should also have a look of their own. To feminize the robe, she chose a lace collar and was known for her various collars throughout her career.

If you would like to wear a lace collar as part of your "official attire" at the April performance, we will be selling them for 5\$ each. You can contact **Sue Mitchell at 508-758-6050** or email mitchellrus@yahoo.com if you would like to order one.





Today's message from Mary at "Gifts to Give"

A picture worth a thousand words



Our friends at Gifts to Give desperately need the items listed. 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

Very low stock of clothing:

Girls 2 to size 10
Boys 2 to size 8

Optional:

- Coloring books, crayons, Play-Doh
- Balls of all types
- Board-type Books for 0 to 2 age children
- Nail polish plus hygiene products for young ladies and gentlemen

The GiftsToGive Philanthropy Factory

1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet, MA 02743

508-717-8715 contactus@giftstogive.org

PLEASE NOTE:
Our public entrance is located on the bayside/riverside of the building.
We are on the second floor.

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Bridge 2

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