



# LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

It has been quite a few years for me since September was exciting with school beginning again. However, I have something new to be excited about this September – the beginning of our Woman's Club activities for the year! As such, I am devoting this letter to outlining the Club's activities to all members, but especially to our newest members as several have asked me to clarify our Club and our practices.

When you pay the \$25 membership dues, you automatically become a member of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club, and you are welcomed at the monthly meetings held the third Thursday of each month (except under special circumstances). Meetings always include a luncheon—more on that later – and usually a program of interest to women.

With your membership, you are also invited to join any of our Interest Groups including one for gardeners, for readers, for walkers, for crafters, and for bridge players. What follows is a description of each.

The **GARDEN GROUP** meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., downstairs in the town's library meeting room. First meeting this year will be on September 7, and it will be led by **Cindy Turse**, the Group's Chairperson.

This is a very busy group! Each year, members design, plant, and maintain many of the municipal plantings you see around town; take enjoyable outings to notable or special gardens in the area; and run a number of fundraisers for the Club's Scholarship Fund including sales of daffodils, handmade Christmas wreaths, and a Planting Passport program for discounted plant sales.

The Group welcomes new members at any time during the year with each member paying an annual \$10 membership fee to cover the cost of refreshments during meetings.

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**Sandy Hering**  
*President, MWC*

### Woman's Club Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, September 15  
11:00am at Reynard Hall,  
Mattapoissett  
Congregational Church

### Pot Luck Luncheon returns!

Bring a light luncheon item, pasta, fruit or veggie salad, or a dessert to share and join us for our first meeting of our year.

*Our Tea Committee serves beverages for all.*

## Mark your calendars!

### Garden Group

Wednesday,  
September 7  
10:00am

### Literature Group

Wednesday,  
September 14  
9:30am

### Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, September 8  
10:00am

### Woman's Club Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, September 15  
11:00am

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The **LITERATURE GROUP** meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book-of-the-month at the home of a member who volunteers to host that month. Books for the year will be chosen by members under the leadership of **Peg Olney**, Chairperson of the Group, at the first meeting of the year on September 14. Check the Ladies' Choice for each upcoming month's new book and the location of that meeting.

If you're looking for a night out with your husband or partner, think of attending the Club's **SOCIAL COCKTAIL GROUP**. "Meetings" are held four times a year, hosted by a volunteer member of the MWC. Members bring their own drinks plus a shareable appetizer to each event. See more information on page 7.

The **WALKING GROUP** is a terrific way to really get to know other members! They choose locations in Mattapoissett, Marion, and Fairhaven – and sometimes even a bit further – to walk, talk, and enjoy the scenery each Friday at 10:00 a.m. for roughly an hour's time, which passes quite quickly we're told.

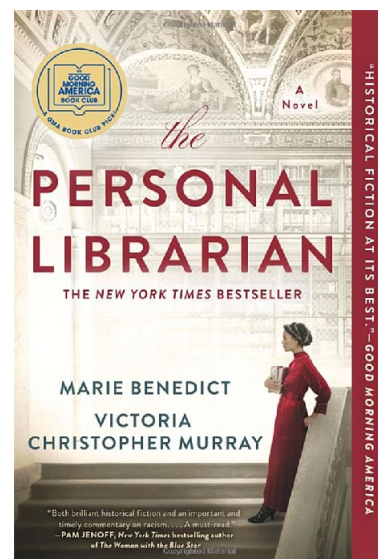
Friday morning walks will resume in September, and as the Group chooses the next week's walk location at the conclusion of that week's walk, it is advised that you keep an eye on the Club's Facebook page or the website at [www.mattapoissettwomensclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettwomensclub.org) and then get in touch with **Erin Burlinson**, our Friday walk leader, by phone or email no later than Thursday evening. (See your *Blue Book membership directory* for needed data.) Also get in touch with Sandy Hering to be added to the Group's mailing list.

This year **Bridge I and Bridge II** will evolve into one group, to be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12:30 p.m., starting in October. Two tables of Party Bridge will gather at players' homes on a revolving basis. The hostess will provide light refreshments. At the Club's September 15th luncheon meeting, there will be sign up sheets for those wishing to play.

Last, but not least, is the **Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint, and More Group**. The title is a bit long but we welcome all as we sit, chat, work on our projects, and share our best ideas about each other's questions. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in various members' homes, and since we decide on times and locations just before each meeting breaks up, we also advertise information about the upcoming month's meeting in the Ladies' Choice as well as on Facebook and on the Club's website.

Besides all of the Interest Groups comes another part of membership,

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i.e. some responsibilities, in which every member participates.

First is the **TEA COMMITTEE**.

During each summer, **Lois Ennis**, our Assistant Treasurer, assigns each member to a Tea Committee for one meeting of the upcoming year. These assignments are listed in the Blue Book. Be sure to check your assignment in September.

Each month finds an experienced member serving as the Hostess for the month. She will contact the members of that month's committee to see which food – tea sandwiches or a dessert – they will provide for the luncheon that month. Then, the committee serves the meal and cleans up the kitchen after it. The Tea Committee is a fun way to meet others in the Club as you work together that day to make it a tasty and enjoyable luncheon for all!

Lois works hard to understand how best to assign members to a month that they are in town, but things can change. So, if you find you have a problem with your assignment, perhaps you can trade with someone or talk to your Hostess to work out a solution.

Please be aware that luncheon parking is very limited and all should obey the Church's posted signs on the Mechanic Street side. The few unmarked spaces should be left for those who might be impaired.

And then, of course, there are the **FUND-RAISERS**, each of which is open to all members' participation. Among the fundraisers already scheduled for next year are the **Bulb Sale** (Fall), the **Wreath Sale** (December), the Passport Program and the **TAG SALE** (May), the **Garden Tour** (June), the **Taste of the Town** and the **Pie Sale** (July), and the year-round sales of **Postcards and Stationery**. All of these are part of our current line-up of fundraisers, and we continue to look for new ideas, including yours.

In conclusion, the Mattapoissett Woman's Club belongs to each of our members. As we begin our year in September, we continue to stand more than 100 members strong. We also continue to value your feedback, ideas, and especially your involvement. Feel free to reach out to me anytime. I hope to see all of you in September at our meeting at Reynard Hall on the 15th!

**Sandy Hering**  
President, MWC



## HOW DID I GET TO THE MWC?

In my former life, besides being a full-time, stay-at-home mother, I taught French, typed manuscripts, worked in business mostly on fund-raising and computer-related projects, did two Masters' degrees in Library and Information Science, worked for 20 years as a school librarian, and finally decided to retire. Enough was enough!

After I retired, I was looking for new friendships. My life experiences and my experience in the workplace had made me confident that I was a likeable, outgoing, and amiable enough a person to make new friends after a lifetime of having work friends. That was when God delivered me news of a group of women here in Mattapoisett whose activities sounded much like my own interests – fundraising, big and little projects, books, gardening even – and so I went to my first meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club in October 2021, ready for whatever the day brought me. And what it brought me was some of the most wonderful people I have met in years; so many ways to spend my time I have to decide which to do and which not do; and so many opportunities to smile that my cheeks have developed lines and I don't even care because they're good lines! If I can say anything to new members it would be to not stand around waiting for something good to happen just because you came to your first meeting. Be PRO-ACTIVE . . . REACH OUT TO SEE WHAT'S HERE THAT CAN INVOLVE YOU, YOUR INTERESTS, AND YOUR PASSIONS. If it's meeting other people, get involved in the fundraisers. If it's a special interest, look to the special Interest Groups – or start one! If it's seriously getting involved, develop a disease known as the "... but I can't keep my hand down" disease and volunteer any time you hear someone say, "Would anyone here be able to volunteer to/for... ?"

Then, get your smiling muscles ready because you'll need them when you find yourself joining a camaraderie of witty, bright, and passionate women who believe women CAN do whatever they set their minds to doing and who want the same things that likely you're looking for – a good group of friends with whom to share good times; new adventures in life; and pleasure in a day well spent getting to know each other even better. I'll be looking for you to say hello and get acquainted at the first meeting on September 15!

~ *Kate Brown*



**Kate Brown**  
*Vice-President, MWC*

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## Fundraiser Dinner to be Held on September 18th in support of Mattapoisett Boatyard Employees

The entire Town of Mattapoisett was shocked and dismayed when a massive fire destroyed the Mattapoisett Boatyard on the 19th of August. The MWC is pleased to be working with the Mattapoisett Lions Club and the American Legion to cosponsor a fundraiser for the employees of the Boatyard. A Pizza Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 18th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at Rustico Pizza. The event has been coordinated with the Kaiser Family, grateful of our efforts to help their staff during this difficult time. It has been noted that employees will need to replace all of their tools as they were all lost in the fire. Signup sheets and more details will be available at our meeting so for now, please add this to your calendar.



## MWC News & Information

### Notecards, Postcards A Scholarship Fundraiser

Ladies, we are close to ending our sales of these wonderful cards. Most of the collections we published over the past couple of years have fewer than ten packages remaining. Please purchase them for your own use or for gifts. The remaining sales are all pure profit for the scholarship fund. \$10/4 notecards and \$10/6 postcards. Pen & Pendulum has our cards near their register and Cindy Turse has an inventory on hand for pick up.

Each pack has an assortment of images and the collections are: Notecards - Summer, Fall, Winter, Salty, Boats, and Flowers; Postcards - Fall & Winter.

The MWC will have a table at the Mattapoissett Museum Pop-Up to sell cards and daffodil bulbs on Saturday, October 1st, 11 AM - 3 PM. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts and there will be a sign-up sheet at our September luncheon.



### Greetings and Remembrances

This committee of one functions because of you, the members of MWC. Thank you for informing me of significant events in the lives of members. Sometimes it is that greeting or phone call that can make a day brighter.

~ Linda Clifford



### Mattapoissett Woman's Club Daffodil Project

Fall is nearly here and members can help support the scholarship program of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club (MWC) by purchasing/selling bags of King Alfred Daffodils — 18 bulbs for \$10. Help is needed for bagging bulbs at the end of September. Last year this was accomplished in under two hours at the Ned's Point pavilion.

Surprise, not all sold bulbs were planted in 2021. The Mattapoissett Land Trust purchased 200 bulbs for the science program at Center School - some of those bulbs were planted and others were dissected.

The bulbs make great gifts for family and friends, or perhaps there's a family cemetery plot where you'd like to add joy. Daffodils are maintenance free, gorgeous perennials.

A pre-sale for the daffodils will be available at the September luncheon. Purchase can also be made at the Mattapoissett Museum Pop-Up on October 1st and at Pen & Pendulum for as long as the supply lasts.

### Executive Board Meeting at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 10:00AM

## MWC SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is an active group of women. In addition to fundraisers and community activism the Club offers a diverse selection of groups.

Join our [Facebook page](#) or visit our website [www.mattapoisettwomensclub.org](http://www.mattapoisettwomensclub.org) to keep up-to-date with the many activities of our Club.

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### GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

#### Literature Group

**Wednesday, September 14, 9:30 am**

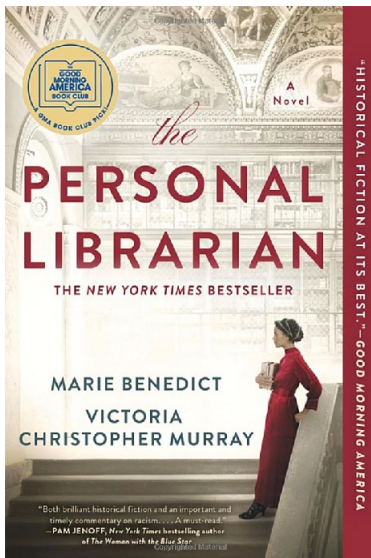
The first meeting in the Club year for the Literature Group will be on Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30 am. We will meet at the home of Peg Olney, 24 Avenue A, Peases Point. Our discussion book for the meeting is *"The Personal Librarian"* by Marie Benedict. There are also other items to decide: We will choose discussion books for future meetings, so bring your suggestions. Also, we will need volunteers to host future meetings. Another item is group dues. In the past we have collected dues at each meeting but we could decide to have one amount for the year. All of the dues collected are donated to the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library to help with library needs. New members are welcome.

Questions? Contact **Peg Olney** for more information at [pegolney@verizon.net](mailto:pegolney@verizon.net) or call 508-758-2531



**Peg Olney**

Literature Group Chair,  
Ladies Choice Editor  
1998 - 2018



*A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation, from New York Times bestselling authors Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.*

*In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection.*

*But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American.*

*The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.*



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### Woman's Club Walks

**Friday, September 9, 10:00 am**

Feel like getting a walk in, and talking with interesting women at the same time? We encourage you to put Fridays at 10 AM on your calendar. It's our Woman's Club Walking Group, led by Erin Burlinson. Each week she will send out an email with the location and you decide if you want to join the group that week. We also try to post on our website. Our first walk of the season is Friday, September 9th. Please call Erin at 508 758-4336 if you wish to join her on the 9th. She will make sure that you are on the email list for future walks. We will have a sign-up sheet at our September meeting as well.

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### Social Cocktail Group

**Friday, September 16, 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Blaise Simpson will be hosting a gathering at her home on Friday, September 16, 5:00-7:00 PM. Rain date, Saturday 17th. All are welcome. No membership is required for this group. Guests bring their beverage/s of choice and an appetizer to share. The gathering will be outside on the porch and in the yard.

Blaise's address is 6R North Street behind 6 North Street. Parking is available on the right side of North Street (please don't block driveways) or in the Town Beach lot. For folks with limited mobility, parking is also available for about six cars on the right side of Blaise's driveway and in her neighbor's driveway at 4 North (four cars only). To reach her house, walk the length of the driveway next to 6 North.

For this event, please RSVP directly to Blaise - [blaises@yahoo.com](mailto:blaises@yahoo.com) or 415.367.8465

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### Bridge Group

This year Bridge will evolve into one group, to be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12:30 p.m., starting in October.

Two tables of Party Bridge will gather at players' homes on a revolving basis. The hostess will provide light refreshments. At the Club's September 15th luncheon meeting, there will be sign up sheets for those wishing to play.

Questions? Contact **Jackie Slade** for more information.





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### Garden Group

Wednesday, September 7, 10am

Mattapoissett Public Library Community Room

Welcome back! This will be a fun-filled, garden-filled year. The MWC gardeners will be quite recognizable as they volunteer around town in their new hot pink vests.

Our first GG meeting is just after the Labor Day weekend - Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 10 am in the Mattapoissett Library Community Room. New members are welcome to join the group at that meeting or any other time. Refreshments and beverages will be provided. Dues for the Garden Group are \$10/year.

The agenda for the first meeting is focused on planning for the year ahead. High on the list will be planning for fall plantings around town, the annual Wreath & Greens Sale on December 3rd, and the June 24th Garden Tour of Mattapoissett gardens. The MWC will be selling daffodil bulbs in October and there may be some options for the Garden Group to plant a few bulbs around town.

Questions? Contact **Cindy Turse** for more information.

[mahina@turse.org](mailto:mahina@turse.org)





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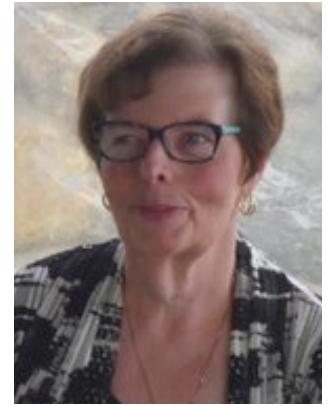
### Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

Thursday, September 22, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This summer has certainly been one where, without AC, I would not have lifted up my needles. But we have started to turn the corner to cooler days. I am looking forward to being together with friends, and knitting. As you all may recall, our group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 22nd at my home starting 2PM. Weather permitting, we will be sitting outside on the deck chatting and catching up as we knit away.

I have been wondering about perhaps broadening the group a bit. The last couple of times we met in person, Caroline Marcoux joined us. Caroline designs beautiful jewelry. It was so interesting watching her work at her craft. She fit right in with the knitters. I always find it interesting when others are using different crafts and creating works of art. There are many that I have tried, including needlepoint, cross stitch, and crocheting. So if you are someone who enjoys and appreciates hand crafts, you are welcome. Our first meeting is September 22 at 2PM. The location is 23 Channel Street in the Crescent Beach area of Mattapoisett. I can be reached for questions at 508-828-8091. If there is a lot of variety in what people decide to do, we might have to look for a more inclusive name for our group.

Questions? Contact **Marie Rottler** for more information about the group at [mjrottler@comcast.net](mailto:mjrottler@comcast.net) or call 508-828-8091



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

## PLEASE HELP! Donate to the Scholarship Fund today.

For over 80 years MWC has been helping young people pursue their educational goals by awarding scholarships to high school seniors from Mattapoisett.

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, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

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**

Packs of bulbs (18) will be for sale at the Mattapoissett Museum

Pop-Up Sale

5 Church Street Mattapoissett

October 1, 2022

11am - 3pm

To order Daffodils please email [info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org](mailto:info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org) for more information.

Bulb packs are also available at **Pen & Pendulum**, 67 County Road, Mattapoissett in October until sold out.



\*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.mattapoissettwomansclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org)



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### Program Director\*

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Linda Clifford

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