



# LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

May you enjoy a happy and healthy new year!

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is 110 members strong! We have new members to welcome at every meeting, and I have enjoyed meeting them. They bring so many experiences, talents and knowledge to our group of wonderful women. Welcome, and thanks for joining us!

This surge in membership since the pandemic, and even during it, leads me to ask what does our group mean to our members, and what should we do in the future to keep them happy in their decision to join? I'm not a social scientist, but I have a few ideas that have come from members like you and, if I haven't mentioned why you joined the MWC, please call me to talk about what interests you in our Club.

Especially during the pandemic, I learned how much I am a social creature, and I think many others learned the same. The MWC started our Woman's Club Walks during a time when meetings were canceled, events were nonexistent and the walks were a saving grace for many of us. New members, who had never been to a meeting, walked and we got to know one another while social distancing and staying outdoors! **Social** is one of the tenets of the Woman's Club and, now that we are meeting again, it is so nice to socialize at our meetings and events and develop lasting friendships with women in our communities.

Our Club also gives members a sense of purpose. After all, our fundraising activities such as the wreath sale, Taste of the Town and Garden Tour, to name a few, allow us to donate money to the causes we choose to support, including scholarships, veterans' and women's support services, town beautification and even food donations this past year. These fulfill our missions of both **Civic** and **Philanthropic** responsibilities.

And to add to the benefits of membership, we learn from one another and from our monthly meeting speakers. Whether it's learning to be a better gardener, bridge player, knitter, pie baker, book connoisseur and more, the talents of our members are shared and appreciated by others in the Club. So the **Educational** components of our goals are met by our commitment to scholarships and our own members who learn by doing the projects and fun activities of the Club.

We welcome your feedback and always want to hear from you, so feel free to call me, or any of the board of directors or officers, with your thoughts and ideas. To conclude, best wishes for a great new year to every Club member and to the organization called the Mattapoissett Woman's Club.

Best wishes,  
Sandra Hering  
MWC President



**Sandra Hering**  
President, MWC

## Mark your calendars!

### Garden Group

Wednesday, January 4  
10:00am

### Literature Group

Wednesday, January 11  
9:30am

### Bridge Group

Tuesday, January 10 & 24  
1:00pm

## MWC News & Information

### JANUARY 19 MEETING

Our January meeting has very interesting speakers: Executive Director Clare Healy Foley and Diane LaFlamme will talk about the Association for the Relief of Aged Women, or ARAW. This local organization was founded in 1866 with the missions of providing assistance and friendship to promote the welfare and support of elderly women. [www.arawofnb.org](http://www.arawofnb.org)

Come to our meeting on January 19th to learn more and, as always, feel free to bring a friend to the luncheon who may be interested in joining.

This meeting will also feature a book exchange. Bring a book or two or three to swap. They can be books that you have enjoyed and realize you are not going to read again, or they could be a children's book that your grandchildren have outgrown and will no longer read.



### WINTER SOCIAL

On Saturday, January 21, from 5 - 7pm, join us for the Winter Social Gathering to be held at the home of Robin Lepore, 6 Seabreeze Lane, 617-584-2795, [thomaslepore@yahoo.com](mailto:thomaslepore@yahoo.com).

Spouses and partners welcome. Bring some munchies if you feel inspired and a beverage of your choice. Please RSVP directly to Robin (information above) so she can plan accordingly. After the hectic days of December, it is nice to kick back and enjoy these very pleasant gatherings.

Hope to see you there!!

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## Two ways to donate to the MWC Scholarship Fund.

[Click here to donate online](#) OR mail this form with your check

payable to MWC to: MWC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## MWC News & Information



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MWC TAG SALE**

And start gathering your gently used items for the second (not so annual) TAG SALE.

The sale will take place on Saturday, May 6 (Raindate: May 7) from 9 am - Noon and will be held in the parking lot next to YING Dynasty.

This event is facilitated by the Recruitment and Retention Committee and all proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund and other charitable organizations.

More specific information will be forthcoming at the January General Meeting and in the February Ladies Choice.

~ Linda Clifford

**Executive Board Meeting**  
at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 • 10:00AM**

### **GIFTS TO GIVE**

MWC member Mary O'Keefe volunteers regularly at Gifts to Give and tells us that the need for children's clothing is so acute that they are behind in putting orders together. Currently, they are over 200 orders behind! In fact, as she volunteered last week, there were NO clothing pieces at all in 3T sizes for the orders which she was trying to fill. When asked what any of us can do to help, she had great ideas.

1. Donate clothing in any children's sizes, which many of us have done. There is a box for your donations at each of our monthly meetings.
2. Here's a new idea: Come to Gifts to Give and take a tour of the facility to see if you might wish to spend several hours volunteering. They can accommodate tours almost anytime, (see hours listed below), but Tuesday at 10 AM is especially a good time for a tour. Maybe you have a friend who would like to come with you, or come by yourself, but Mary wants everyone to know that there are two flights of stairs to climb up to get to the volunteer areas.

If you have questions, Mary is happy to take your calls to answer them. The volunteer activities might be selecting orders as she does, sorting clothing, or cleaning toys and dolls, to name a few. If you have a few hours to spare it is a worthwhile cause that helps many families in our towns.

Gifts to Give hours of operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday and Saturday 9am - 2pm

Closed Sunday





# Annual Holiday Luncheon

Nearly half of our club members attended our annual luncheon at the Wamsutta Club on December 15th. It was fun to chat and celebrate being with each other during the holiday season. We were pleased that long term member and Past President, Lee Yeaton was able to join us with her daughter, Sandy, as Lee has moved from Mattapoisett to be closer to her family. President Sandy recognized the hard work that Sharon Doyon, Susan Perkins, Cindy Turse, Sherry Hoines, Roberta Oakley and Sue Mitchell did with the very successful wreath and greens sale. We had record sales and happy returning customers with our third sale. We concluded our luncheon with a challenging game of Mattapoisett Trivia that the hostess committee put together. Many thanks to Roxanne for the leading us though it and knowing all the answers. Next year we need to study!





# Marion Museum of Natural History Upcoming Programs

Marion Museum of Natural History is offering interesting, thought-provoking, educational programs this winter.

8 Spring Street, Marion, MA

508-748-2098

[info@marionmuseum.org](mailto:info@marionmuseum.org)

Hours:

Wednesday 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday 12:00 - 2:00 pm

## Popular birding apps basics

January 11, 2023

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: Marion Natural History Museum

Justin Barrett, museum board member and president of the Nasketucket Bird Club, will show the basics of the most popular birding apps. The Great Backyard Bird Count is coming up and these apps will be extremely useful when identifying birds in the field. <https://marionmuseum.org/event/birding-apps-for-beginners>

## Looking for winter ducks at Silvershell beach

February 1, 2023

8:00 am - 9:30 am

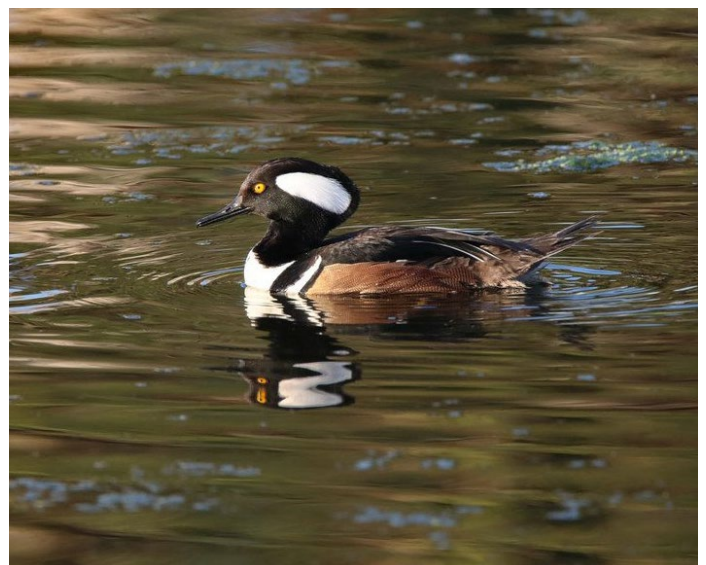
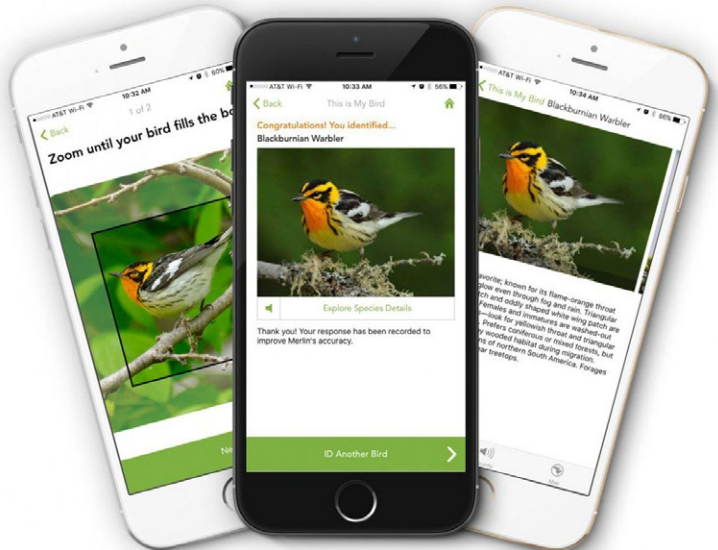
Location: Silvershell Beach

Plan to meet at Silvershell Beach where Justin Barrett, museum board member and president of the Nasketucket Bird Club, will guide us through some areas at Silvershell Beach that commonly host our winged winter arrivals. Never been on a bird walk before? No problem! Justin is an excellent birding guide and welcomes questions from all including those with little to no experience. Bundle up warm, bring binoculars and expect to be standing still in some locations for a period of time to view these winter migrants.



# Marion Natural History Museum

—NATURALLY CURIOUS—



## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Literature Group

Wednesday, January 11 9:30 am

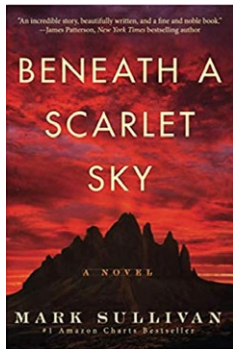
Our first meeting of 2023 will be on Wednesday, January 11, 9:30 am, at the home of Nancy Holland, 27 Pine Island Road. As usual, please contact Nancy (508-758-8018) if you will be coming so that she can have enough chairs available. We will be discussing “*Beneath a Scarlet Sky*” by Mark Sullivan. At the December meeting, the group voted to change the book chosen for March. We will now be reading “*Lessons in Chemistry*” by Bonnie Garmus. Hope to see everyone there

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  
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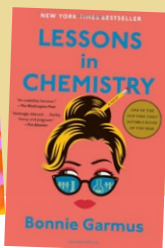
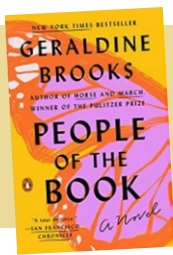


*Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior.*

*In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders.*

*Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.*

*Fans of All the Light We Cannot See, The Nightingale, and Unbroken will enjoy this riveting saga of history, suspense, and love.*



February	“People of the Book” by Geraldine Brooks
March	“Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus
April	“The Last White Man” by Mohsin Hamid

### Bridge Group Tuesday, January 10 & 24, 1:00pm

January's hostesses are Carolyn Price on January 10th and Jackie Slade on January 24th, both at 1 pm. At Aina Holden's December's meeting, we were treated to a varied and delicious assortment of homemade Swedish Christmas cookies from her mother's recipes.

We're sending get-well wishes to member Carol Atkinson, who is currently at Alden Court.

If you'd like to be a sub for the Bridge Group, please contact Elaine Grant.





## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Garden Group

Wednesday, January 4, 10am

#### Mattapoissett Public Library Community Room

Our first meeting of 2023 will be Wednesday, January 4th, at 10:00 AM in the Community Meeting Room of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. New members are always welcome!

Our program will feature Kathy McAuliffe and Mary O'Keefe who will share the details of creating and conducting a successful garden tour. The 2023 tour is scheduled for June 24th. Please come to the meeting and share your ideas for naming the tour and find out how you can participate.

The 3rd Annual Greens Sale is now history. Following an exhilarating ten days and change of venue, wreaths, swags, boxwood trees, centerpieces, logs, ornaments and cards produced a net profit of \$3,915 for the altruistic efforts of our Club. We had a large team of elves inspired by our lead designers, Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins. Kudos and thanks to all who contributed over the past few months.

Many thanks go out to businesses and individuals in the community whose donations and special kindnesses assisted in making the sale a success. Our spotlight shines on Kenny's Garden Center, Village Signs, Harriet's Catering, Ying Dynasty, Gifts to Give, the Mattapoissett Land Trust, the Boy Scouts of Mattapoissett, and employees of the Town of Mattapoissett.

The GG is open to all Mattapoissett Woman's Club members. If you would like to join the Garden Group, please contact Cindy Turse or Karen Brackett. Dues are \$10/year.

Happy New Year to All!

## The 3rd Annual Wreath and Greens Sale *More pictures on page 8*





# The 3rd Annual Wreath and Greens Sale





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### Woman's Club Walks

**Fridays 1:30 pm**

It's winter jacket weather, but our lead Walker, Erin Burlinson is committed to continue walking when weather permits this January. The walks are on Friday at 1:30 in the afternoon, and Erin communicates via email to those who have requested to be on her list. If you're interested in joining the fun, please contact Erin to be added to



the list. Her number can be found in the Blue Book. Walks this winter may include a Bay Club walk, a Land Trust walk, and a Village walk of Marion, and we always love the bike path.

*(Pictured: Beth Inglis, Laura Von Zwek, Ann Kimball, Elaine Botelho, Kristin McCormack, and Erin Burlinson).*

*Photo by Sandy Hering.*

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### Knitting & Hand Crafts

**Thursday, January 26 2:00- 4:00 pm**

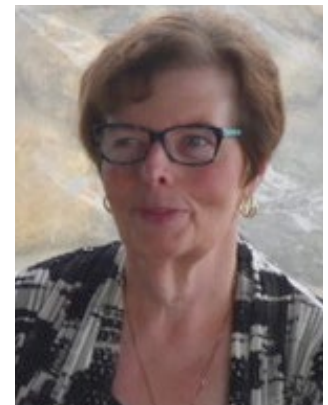
The Mattapoisett Woman's Club Knitting Group has expanded to include any sort of creative handcrafts. At past meetings we have seen crocheting, knitting embroidery and jewelry design.



We will have our first meeting of 2023 on January 26th. It will be held at my home on from 2PM - 4PM at 23 Channel Street, which is in the Crescent Beach area of Mattapoisett.

Since I live in a small house, I ask that you respond to let me know you plan to attend so I can set up seating for everyone.

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



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

## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Great Decisions

**Wednesdays beginning January 18, 2023 ending March 8, 2023 from 1:00PM-3:00PM.**

This year the Mattapoissett Woman's Club will again offer The Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Program in person at the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow Street, in the community room, and on Zoom.

The discussion group covers eight consecutive presentations on Wednesdays beginning January 18, 2023 ending March 8, 2023 from 1:00PM-3:00PM.

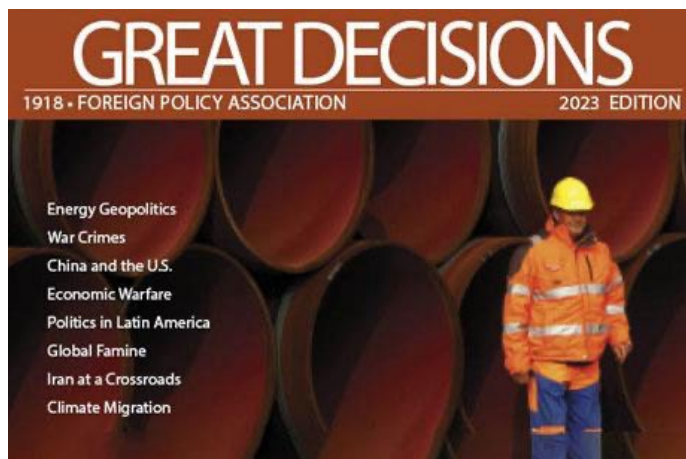
Great Decisions is "America's largest discussion group on world and domestic affairs."

Each year during our meetings we find the topics are meaningful, current, and offer us ways to research, give our opinions and seek out experts on each issue.

We often have invited guests who share with us their specialty in the area of the topic, and during our discussions we wish that there was more time to investigate and discover new ideas.

The topics for 2023 are the following:

Energy Geopolitics	Politics in Latin America
War Crimes	Global Famine
China and the U.S.	Iran at a Crossroads
Economic Warfare	Climate Migration



To register please send a check in the amount of \$35.00 to Mattapoissett Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoissett, MA, 02739. Please write Great Decisions in the memo.

Also on a separate paper please enclose in print, your name, address, phone number, plus cell number and your email address.

Thank you for your interest in our civic community outreach of our organization.

~ Ellen Flynn

*Chair of Great Decisions, Past MWC President,  
and Director & Chair of the Education Committee,  
Mattapoissett Land Trust*





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### Welcome

### New Members

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