



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

*T'was a month before Christmas, when a barn full of elves,
Took ribbons and balls to fill up the shelves.
Wreaths and swags were decorated and primed,
In hopes that they all would be finished in time.
The day of the sale is December the third,
And we all hope our efforts will sell out this year!*

As you read this, our Elves in the barn have been busy working on the Holiday Greens and Wreath Sale for more than five days already. Our two lead elves, Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins have done a fabulous job of procuring the wreaths and supplies to prepare for the rest of our elves, including me, to come to the barn to be mentored and helped by them, never scolded.

This being the third year of our Wreath and Greens Pop Up Event, I am going to write about some of the Elves of past years and what they did. Please forgive me for not mentioning you if I don't, for there have been so many helpers over the past two years that I can't possibly remember all of you. But if you are reading this early enough to put on your jacket with clippers in hand and help out, we're in the heated barn of Sherry and Carl Hoines, for which we are extremely grateful, through Friday, December 2nd.

So, to start, I remember Anne Kimball coming to the barn last year. As a new member who joined during the pandemic, I hadn't had the pleasure of meeting her as she was a new member who joined during the pandemic,

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Sandra Hering
President, MWC

DON'T MISS OUT!

**MWC
Annual Holiday
Luncheon**

**Thursday,
December 15, 2022
11:30am**

**Wamsutta Club
New Bedford**

*There's still time
to reserve a seat!*

See page 4 for details.

Mark your calendars!

Garden Group

Wednesday,
January 3
10:00am

Literature Group

Wednesday,
December 14
9:30am

Bridge Group

Tuesday, December 13
1:00pm

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so as we worked on our swags and wreaths, I got to know her, as well as enjoying seeing her decorations come to life. I remember Dottie Schwarz having a blast with glitter, Sue Mitchell and Erin Burlinson doing the hard work of collecting greens, and we never have had too many for these sales. Of course, Cindy Turse took loads of pictures, deleting the ones that we didn't look good in, and posted them on Facebook to tempt more folks to shop with us again. She's taken on the job of organizing the elves and materials for the day of the sale, which is Saturday December 3rd from 9 'til 1 or when we sell out. Of course, we have a rain date of Sunday which we really hope to not need, so fingers crossed for a pleasant Saturday. Husbands Jim Turse, Bob O'Keefe, Phil Jackson, Peter Burlinson and Jim Bungert have been so helpful over the years with the setup and transport, breakdown and more.

I can't forget to mention Christine Voss and Mary O'Keefe who volunteer regularly at Gifts to Give and select decorations for us to use from their inventory. Our club remembers to send a nice additional donation to Gifts to Give to thank them for their generosity.

Mary Jackson and Barbara Poznysz were the elves decorating boxwood trees, while Mary O'Keefe made arrangements that sold out every year. And on Friday, as we work to transport the finished goods to Erin Burlinson's barn, all of our remaining greens are bunched into bundles for our customers to buy and decorate their planters. Linda Clifford, Christine Voss with her husband Michael, and past President Carole Clifford helped finish this task last year with their efforts along with many other elves.

I can't forget our Santa of last year, Judy Sullivan who won't be able to be with us this year on the day of the sale. We are looking for a volunteer to do the jolly work of Santa.

The Woman's Club Elves do a great job each year, including all you that I haven't mentioned. So I'll close with a line that I've modified from the original, "Merry Christmas to all, hope we sell out this year!"

Best wishes,
Sandra Hering
MWC President

*See photos of our elves
at work on pages 7 and 8.*



HOW DID I GET TO THE MWC?

Hello. Since I am a relatively new member, I've been asked to write something about myself. My name is Caroline Percy Marcoux. Marrying Roge rather late in life, I still consider myself more of a Percy than a Marcoux. I grew up in Worcester, and then Northboro, MA. when it was still country. Dad rented our pasture to a man who owned cows, and some mornings I would awaken to see a newly born calf from my bedroom window, overlooking the white fence that bordered the first pasture.

I attended: William and Mary, Dean Jr. College, Ithaca College, the Gemological Institute of America, and Quinsigamond Community College, in that order. I studied: theater, English, gemology, goldsmithing, writing, and word processing, in that order.

The picture I submitted is with my Newfoundland dog, Marijke, who passed away last December. I have always had Newfoundland dogs, and my name is on one breeder's list for her next litter of puppies.

Roge and I moved to his family beach house in Fairhaven on West Island in 2009 and we put the house on the market. Five years later, we moved to Fairhaven Center. I still work, mostly full time as a goldsmith, and the majority of my customers are from Mattapoisett; they are the best customers I have ever had.

I joined the Mattapoisett Woman's Club for a couple of reasons, the biggest is that I wanted to give something back to the town that has been so good to me. Secondly, raising money for scholarships is such a worthy cause, and now more than ever, students need help paying enormous amounts of money just to prepare for the working world. A third reason I joined is to get together with people who share similar interests with me; it's not easy making friends in a new area. I also like the fact that the club doesn't discriminate against women who don't live within the borders of Mattapoisett. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly.

~ *Caroline Percy Marcoux*



MWC News & Information

GIFTS TO GIVE NEW AMAZON WISH LIST TO HELP WITH MUCH NEEDED ITEMS!

Gifts to Give now has their wishlist on Amazon. You can see what is currently needed most by visiting the GtG website and selecting the [**Shop Now button on the Donate page!**](#)

Shop, pay and have everything shipped directly to GtG. If you don't shop on Amazon, you can shop and donate at the next luncheon.

Winter jackets and coats are needed. Details about the collection site and time are coming soon.

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WINTER SOCIAL

After conducting an entirely non-random poll at the last meeting, interest seems to favor having a social in January, rather than before the holidays. So, we'll miss the Snow Birds but we hardier types will have something to look forward to.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21, 2023, for our Winter Social Gathering from 5PM - 7PM at Robin Lepore's home. Spouses and partners welcome. Bring some munchies if you feel inspired and a beverage of your choice.



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

December 15 is our festive Holiday Luncheon at the Wamsutta Club at 11:30 a.m. \$30 per person.

Our Hostess Committee is headed by Bobbie Ketchell, assisted by Roxanne Bungert, Kathryn Dinneen, Lois Ennis and Debbie Ward.

There's still time to reserve a seat!

Contact Lois Ennis today!

Checks made payable to M.W.C. with your choice of Baked Cod, Chicken Marsala, Black Diamond Beef Tips or Pasta Primavera.

December 8th is the cutoff date.

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COMING IN JANUARY: MEMBER BOOK SWAP!

Have a favorite book that you have read and wish to bring to our January meeting to give to another club member? Save it for our January meeting where we invite all to bring up to 2 books and find up to 2 books to take home. More details to come.

Annual Holiday Luncheon

This luncheon is our opportunity to celebrate the Christmas spirit, it is also a chance to celebrate our friendships that we are forming as we work together on raising money for scholarships. Mattapoissett is special and so is this club. The bonds are strengthening and not only as we work but also as we share our friendships. I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon at the Wamsutta Club on Thursday, Dec. 15th.

~ Bobbie Ketchel



The Mattapoissett Woman's Club

3rd Annual Holiday Greens Sale

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 - 1:00 (rain date 12/4)



A Pop-Up Event

Featuring

Decorated Fresh Wreaths, Swags &

Centerpieces

Bundled Evergreens & Holly Branches

Ornaments & Notecards

20-22 County Road/Route 6

Parking lot between Ying Dynasty & Harriet's Catering

Cash, Checks, Credit Cards

3rd Annual Holiday Greens and Wreath Sale

Our 3rd Annual Holiday Greens and Wreath Sale, a pop-up event, will be December 3rd, from 9:00AM - 1:00PM, in the parking lot between Ying Dynasty and Harriet's Catering (rain date - December 4th). The sale will feature a variety of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, and holiday centerpieces, plus bunched greens. Our MWC limited edition ornaments, plus notecards and postcards featuring Mattapoissett scenes, will also be available for purchase. Encourage your friends to be there at the opening bell. When everything is gone, the sale is over. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. All proceeds from the sale support the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund and other philanthropic projects in the community.

Many have participated in preparations for the sale starting with an ornament workshop in Cindy's barn followed by our November meeting - more ornaments, gorgeous bows, and lots of small packaging. Activity ramped up in Sherry's barn with the delivery of greens from many members thanks to all who volunteered their trucks and time to gather much needed greenery. Thanks to everyone who provided containers and decorations, too! The first nine wreaths were finished and delivered to Erin's barn (cool storage) on Sunday afternoon before the rain started.

We owe thanks! - There are so many special people inside and outside of our Garden Group who have contributed to make the event a success this year. Some who are in the spotlight are - Patty, at Harriet's Catering who is donating cookies for our customers; Kenny's Garden Center for giving us a bargain price for the wreaths we decorate; and, Susan Paolini - the owner of the parking lot for allowing us to use the lot this year and the previous two years. During the past month we used other spaces that were critical to our efforts: three barns belonging to Erin and Peter Burlinson, Sherry & Carl Hoines, and Cindy and Jim Turse. Many members of the Garden Group contributed to team effort to make the sale a success, but special shout-out goes to Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins for making it all happen!!! *More pictures on page 8.*



3rd Annual Holiday Greens and Wreath Sale



GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Literature Group

Wednesday, December 14, 9:30 am

We have a location change for the December Book Group meeting on Wednesday December 14th. It will be at Robin Lepore's house, 6 Seabreeze Lane. Seabreeze heads directly south from Rt. 6 close to the Dentist's Office. Continue south on the shell road and then take the right turn for the green house up a slight hill. If you don't have any issues with stairs, please park densely up near the garage doors. Come in either up the back deck stairs or the front stairs.

Please reserve the two spaces on the north side of the driveway close to the front walkway for those who may have mobility concerns. The front path is part of a continuous ramp going along the side of the house by the golf course and leads to the kitchen door, so there are no stairs to climb. (Though it's longer.)



Peg Olney

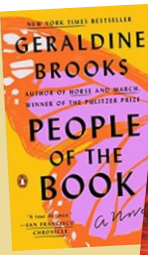
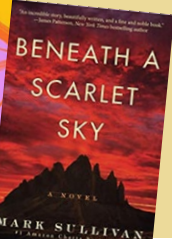
Literature Group Chair,
Ladies Choice Editor
1998 - 2018



The discussion book for December is "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous" by Ocean Vuong. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Questions? Contact **Peg Olney** for more information at pegolney@verizon.net or call 508-758-2531

Poet Ocean Vuong's debut novel is a shattering portrait of a family, a first love, and the redemptive power of storytelling

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born — a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam — and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous is as much about the power of telling one's own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard.

	January	"Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan
	February	"People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks
	March	"The Wedding Veil" by Kristy Woodson Harney
	April	"The Last White Man" by Mohsin Hamid

Bridge Group Tuesday, December 13, 1:00pm

Our bridge group had two fun-filled gatherings in November. The December 13th hostess is Aina Holden. We'll take a break for the Christmas holidays and resume in January. We rely on our subs, so consider signing up if you are interested.

All levels of bridge playing are welcome.

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



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Woman's Club Walks

Fridays 10:00 am

The three walks in the month of November offered fantastic variety and gorgeous weather. The walkers visited the Mattapoissett Land Trust Brandt Island Cove District, led by Kristin McCormack; Winnatuxett Beach and the Land Trust new property called Betsey's Meadow, led by Barb Van Inwegen; and Haskell Gardens in New Bedford, led by Erin Burlinson. Our walks will continue on December 9th on the Fairhaven Bike Path. Meet at the Fairhaven COA and recreation center at 1:30. We recommend that you let Erin Burlinson know if you are joining us.



GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Garden Group


Wednesday, January 3, 10am

Mattapoisett Public Library Community Room

During our January 4th, 2023, meeting Kathy McAuliffe and Mary O'Keefe will share all they know about how to create and manage a successful garden tour. Our 2021 tour was a huge success and we look forward to another one this year. Of course, there will be sign-ups and lots of opportunities for your involvement between now and June 24th.

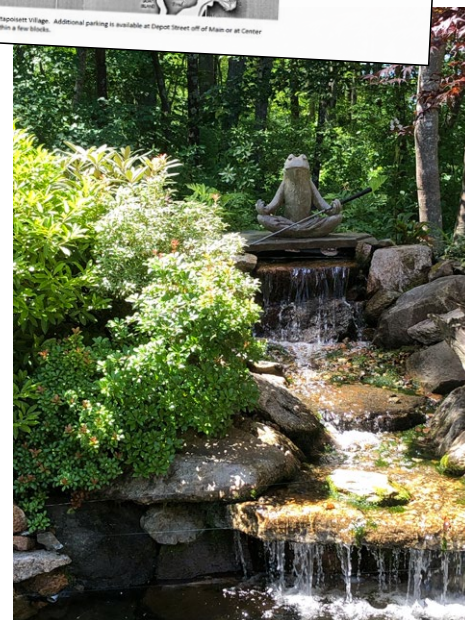
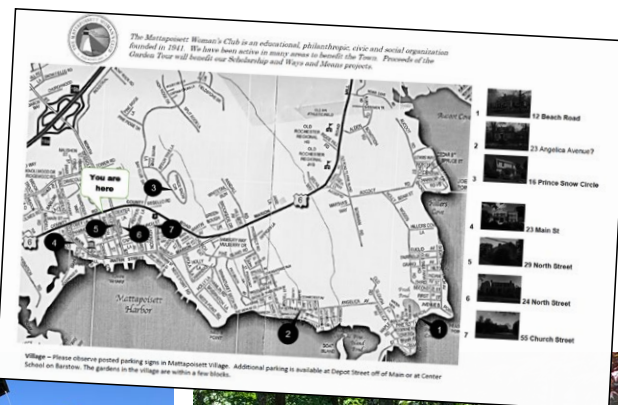
Our first task is to name the tour! You can share your ideas by emailing Cindy Turse at mahina@turse.org or by texting her at 808.343.4121 before January 3rd. All possibilities will be presented for a vote at our meeting. The meeting starts at 10 AM in the Community Room of the Mattapoisett Library.

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



Glorious Gardens

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Tour
June 26, 2021 from 10 to 4 (RAIN OR SHINE)
TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT
mattapoisettwomensclub.org



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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.

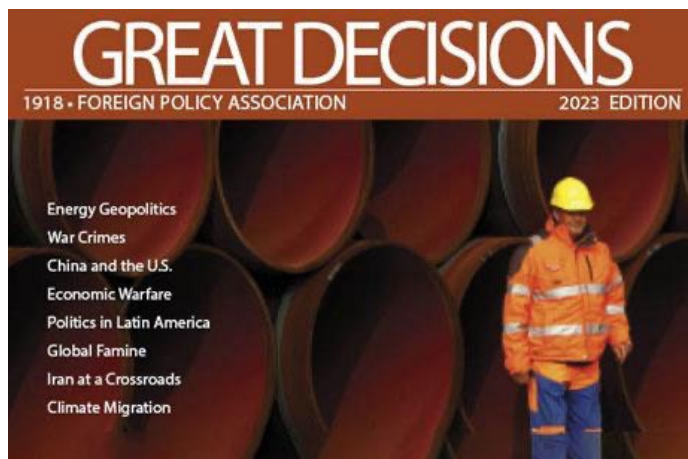
Great Decisions is "America's largest discussion group on world and domestic affairs."

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*



Town Holiday Plantings

The Garden Group Elves were quietly at work around town while the rest of us recovered from Thanksgiving feasts. Thank you, Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins. The post office window boxes and the library urns are especially festive this year. Check them out!



100+ Daffodils planted at Dunseith Park MWC Bulb Donation

It was a gorgeous November 4th when Sue Mitchell, Debbie Ward, Barb van Inwegen and Cindy Turse accepted Richard van Inwegen's offer to help them plant 114 bulbs at MLT's Dunseith Park. It took less than an hour to decide on the appropriate locations for the bulbs and complete the planting. Richard's drill and planting auger made a daunting task a simple pleasure!

This year's daffodil fundraiser netted a profit of \$805.40!



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