

Cary Woman's Club



Member of the General Federation of Women's Club



Serving Our Community



Sharing Our Time and Talents

President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart

Fall is definitely in the air! November makes me think of Thanksgiving, which will be here before you know it. We have so much to be thankful for, don't we? We live in a wonderful community, Cary! It has so much to offer, doesn't it? I'm grateful for all of wonderful people who have crossed my path, since I moved to this area. I'm incredibly grateful to know all of the wonderful women I've met in the Cary Woman's Club. Our members moved here from far and wide, and yet we're all connected. We've joined together, not just for fellowship, but to support and volunteer in our community.

We're looking forward to the upcoming Holiday Craft Fair on November 4—and we're thankful for the enthusiasm we're seeing in our members as they work on crafts items.

Seeing everyone getting so involved has been wonderful! We are grateful for all of the support we've seen at the holiday workshops! Over the weekend, members met to pull up heritage daffodil bulbs, and a number of them gathered on a beautiful fall day to help sort and package the bulbs for the Holiday Fair. We're so thankful for those members who give generously of their time and talents, and proceeds from the Holiday Crafts Fair will benefit our community projects.

Many trees are starting to change their colors. I just love looking at the maple tree in my front yard (although I don't like all the raking). November is filled with so many opportunities to see the display of fall colors. The falling leaves remind me that another season is on its way. Take a moment to go outside and enjoy our beautiful fall weather. Be thankful!

MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor, Downtown Cary, 27513

2nd Thursday of each month 9:30 a.m. (Coffee & Social)
10:00 a.m. (Program & Business Meeting)



Federation News

GFWC-NC

Our president Mary Grayson Hart and 1st Vice President Lois Nixon attended the Corporate Champions for Women and Children event on Friday, October 27 in Raleigh. Four organizations were recognized and received awards for their community involvement and support of programs that benefit women and children. The Cary Woman's Club was also a sponsor of this event.



Mary Grayson Hart attended the GFWC-NC Fall Conference on Saturday, October 28, in Raleigh. During the meeting she was elected as GFWC-NC Trustee; her term of office will be 2024-2029. She will be installed at the Convention in April.

Education and Libraries CSP – November Program – Yates Mill Park

Our November Education and Libraries CSP Program will feature a presentation from Laura Ketcham, Assistant Park Manager - Education at Yates Mill Park. Laura will speak about the educational opportunities available at the park, the historical significance of the mill, and how we can become part of the legacy.

[Read More About Yates Mill Park](#)



All of our lovingly created art work will be for sale. This is a great venue; lots of people attend. Please support the club by attending, bring your friends and family, and most of all bring shoppers!



Packaging up Soaps – Marci, Arlene, and Jane



Membership

We are growing! Welcome to our newest members:

Karen Russell

Vanita Shehgal

Katrina Robinson

Irene Kuo

Jennifer Phelps

Amy Jones

Jeanene Martin

~ Marci Thomas, 2nd Vice President Membership



Hospitality



Holiday Luncheon

Our December Holiday meeting will be at the Prestonwood Country Club.

DATE: Thursday, December 14

LOCATION: Prestonwood Country Club, Salon E

300 Prestonwood Parkway

Cary NC

TIME: 11:00

The cost will be \$35 a person. Please bring your checks to our November Meeting so we can get a count of how many are attending. Guests are welcome, but they will need to pay for their lunch in advance.

The deadline to turn in your payment for the luncheon is Thursday, November 9th. Merc will be collecting your checks or cash.

The Hospitality committee is planning a few games for your enjoyment. And, Willa will be leading us in singing Holiday songs.

Thank you to Susan Abbot and Joan Hall for the refreshments and Halloween theme table decorations. The hostesses for November are Mary Mel Kroeger and Elaine James.

All members are invited to lunch after our November meeting. Judy will take a count as to how many will attend.

She has reserved a table at:

La Victoria Mexican Restaurant

2025 Renaissance Park Place. Cary.



~ Mercedes Cooley, Judy McDonal and Jane Sowards



NUTS NOTE!

Thank you all for selling our Pecans! At this point we have sold 770 pounds!

We will have some extras to sell as we purchase them by the case. We will also be taking orders at the Craft Fair at St. Andrew's Catholic Church on November 4th.

We expect the pecans to be delivered to Cary about mid-November, depending on the weather and when the pecans mature!

Once again, we appreciate the support of Terry's Floor Fashions in allowing us to have our pecans delivered to the dock at their warehouse. This saves us money and makes the truck driver happy! Please support Terry's Floor Fashion if you need any flooring.

We will spend a few hours at the warehouse putting the pecans in bags/boxes to match your orders. We will notify you how and where to pick up your orders. We count on each member to arrange delivery of pecans to your own customers.

~ Mercedes Cooley and Lois Nixon



Arts and Culture

Cary Gifting Tree Project

This year, an organization must be selected from a lottery drawing to participate in the Town of Cary Gifting Tree Project. I have entered our club (only one entry per organization allowed) in hopes that we will be selected to get one of the 101 trees that will line the streets of Cary. If we are lucky enough to be selected to get a tree, we will partner with *Note in the Pocket* once again. I will not know if we are selected or not until

the first of November and will let everyone know at the next regular meeting.

Arts Festival

Just a reminder to keep our club's Art Festival at the regular meeting in January in mind as you produce your own arts, crafts, photos, and literature. It's not too early to start thinking about what you could enter from things you have made in calendar 2023. More information to come.

~ Susan Abbott, Arts & Culture CSP Chair



Civic Engagement and Outreach / Domestic Violence Awareness

- We will have clothing/accessory drive for the InterAct Thrift Store.
- Donate 3 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Hillcrest Cemetery on December 16, 2023, 12:00pm.
- Donate no-sew blankets to Myra's Angels. Blankets will be given out at our January 2024 meeting, completed blankets to be returned at the March meeting.
- Recognize first responders with a breakfast of bagels and fruit.
- Collect snacks for USO and/or The Center for Volunteer Caregiving.
- Possible topics for March or April speaker: Scams and/or human trafficking.

Elzbieta Hibbs and Priscilla Keating, Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP Co-Chairs



Newly Emerged Monarch Butterfly



Education & Libraries

Volunteering at Read and Feed October 19th

Arlene, Karen, Denise, Judy, Susan, Elzbieta, Marci, and Linda enjoyed an afternoon of pleasant conversation and fellowship, while exercising our artistic talents assembling snack bags for the students.



November Snack Drive for Read and Feed

Please bring a prepackaged snack to the November general meeting. Follow this link to the Read and Feed *Amazon Healthy Snack Wish list*.

Save the Date... Heritage Tour of Yates Mill Park, November 14th, 10 am.

Please submit your RSVP as soon as possible, so we can tell the staff at Yates Mill how many of us to expect.

"Wear gratitude like a cloak, and it will feed every corner of your life."

Rumi



CWC Book Club *(Coordinated by Maryanne Olsen)*

Hope you can make it to the November Book Club meeting when we discuss the book "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes.

A Love Story for this generation ... "Me Before You" brings to life two people who couldn't have less in common – a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks, what do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?

Meeting date and time are different this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will meet on Thursday, November 16th starting at 2pm. Our hostess this month is Marci Thomas, 2404 Gillingham Drive, Apex, (205)-613-8172.

<u>CWC Book Selections 23/24</u>			
<u>Month</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Hostess</u>
Nov 16 th , 2pm	Me Before You	Jojo Moyes	Marci Thomas
Dec 21 st , 1pm	The Last Dress from Paris	Jade Beer	Jane Suppa
Jan 25 th 1pm	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	TBD

~ *Linda D'Alto, Education and Libraries CSP Chair*



Environment

Thank you to all who made our October Program "Toward Zero Waste" presenters feel so welcome as we learned some ways to do our part to reduce waste!

Daffodil rescue from an old homestead South of Cary where I 540 passes by Holly Springs and Kildare Farm Roads is underway. Last Sunday, October 21, 2023, we worked to dig and harvest about 500 daffodil bulbs in an overgrown home site now in a construction zone. It was a joint effort with a few CWC and Cary Garden Club members, three students from Holly

Springs High School and the sponsor of the Cary High School Environmental Club. About 500 bulbs were dug that afternoon then cleaned and trimmed at the Page Walker, October 23, 2023, with the help of many additional hands. The bulbs are now drying to be bagged and sold at the upcoming Craft Fair, Nov 4, 2023, with profits to benefit our community programs. Many dozen were also replanted on Monday, October 22, 2023 at the Page Walker pollinator garden. At that time, we harvested Ginger Lily rhizomes that were bagged for sale too.

Here are a few pictures:



~ **Denise Tally**, *Environment CSP Chair* and **Lois Nixon**, *past chair of the Environment CSP*



Health and Wellness



We had a successful bingo at Total Life this month, and will be planning another one for November.

I plan on scheduling a CSP meeting for early November, where we will be planning for a future projects.

~ *Jane Suppa, Health and Wellness CSP Chair*

GFWC National Day of Service – Donation to Dorcas Food Pantry

Members, You've Made a Difference!

As Thanksgiving Day approaches,
Our blessings we recall;
The things we are most thankful for,
We recollect them all.
You are really special,
In all you say and do.
You've made a difference in so many lives;
We're thankful now for you.

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