

CWC November Tidbits

Dates to Remember for November

November 9- GFWC-NC Zoom Presentations 7 pm **Arts and Culture**; 7:45 pm **Civic Engagement** and Outreach (with Lois Nixon). See email from Karen Fiumara or info below.

November 10 GFWC-NC Zoom Presentations 7 pm **Environment**; 7:45 **Membership**

November 12 CWC General Meeting via Zoom (9:30 for social/chat 10:00 meeting begins)

November 12 City Barbeque Fundraiser (11AM to 8:30 PM) 1305 Kildare Farm Rd., Cary; 919-439-5191 (citybbq.com/location/cary)

November 13 Annual Trustees meeting via Zoom

November 16 GFWC-NC Zoom Presentations 7pm **Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness**; 7:45 pm **Health and Wellness**

November 17 GFWC-NC Zoom Presentations 7 pm **Education and Libraries** and ESO

November 19 CWC Board Meeting via Zoom at 9:30 AM

November 26 Thanksgiving Day

November 30 GFWC-NC President's Special Project; 7:45 **Fundraising**

November Guest Speaker

We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker for the November 12 meeting is **Mrs. Sherry Schliesser, Principal of Kingswood Magnet Elementary School**. CWC (and especially the Education and Libraries CSP) has had a long and close relationship with Kingswood. Ms. Schliesser began her teaching career in the 1970's as an elementary school teacher. She has her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Radford University in VA and a Master's Degree in Public School Administration from North Carolina State University. She has been the principal at Kingswood for 14 years. Ms. Schliesser has two adult children, seven grandchildren and a puppy name Sunny. When she is not in school, the beach is her favorite place to be! Ms. Schliesser will update us on how the pandemic has affected the school and its students, what the future might hold, and how we can help. *Submitted by Karen Fiumara*

Grants Committee

Many thanks to **Mary-Mel Kroeger** who agreed to be **Chair of the Grants Committee**. We are pleased to have a complete committee with **Priscilla Keating, Marci Thomas, Carol French, and Arlene Gleason**. Under our newly revised policies and procedures (#10 Grants and Community Service Projects), grants will be awarded one time a year using the **February 1** deadline. At the present time, we have only one organization, **Note in the Pocket**, that has submitted an application. The next (and last) deadline for grants and/or CSP project submission is **February 1**, so please encourage any group that qualifies (they must be a 501©3, or a tax-exempt governmental program or organization) that is need of a grant to submit their applications. Applications are available on our website and can be mailed to our PO Box, Attention: Mary-Mel Kroeger, or better yet, since we are continuing to work remotely, emailed to Mary-Mel. *Submitted by Karen Fiumara*

Board of Trustees

Dorothy Schmelzeis, chair of the Trustees, will be contacting her board members this month to schedule their November meeting. The board of Trustees includes **Nell Meese, Gerry Ritter, Maryanne Olsen, and Karen Russell**. The treasurer (Diane) and the president (Karen) are also included in this meeting with Dan Thomasen, Investment Officer of First Citizen's Bank. Thank you, Trustees, for your willingness to serve on this important Board that keeps a watchful eye on our investments. *Submitted by Karen Fiumara*

Membership: Marci Thomas

Calling new members!! If anyone has a lead on a potential member, please send me their contact information and I will follow up with them to provide any additional information they might want about CWC. Thank you!

Education and Libraries CSP

A special thanks goes to **Maryanne Olsen** who will be completing Silvia Barba's term this club year as **Chair of the Education and Libraries CSP**. Maryanne will be responsible for the "Kingswood" side of the CSP, working with Ms. Schliesser, and her staff to assist them (remotely) as they recover from the 2020 pandemic. **Marci Thomas** will continue as **Vice-Chair** in charge of selecting our 2021 Scholarship winners. Please see Maryanne and/or Marci if you would like to work with them on the Education/Libraries CSP.

Note in the Pocket Drop off Boxes – Lois Nixon

As you know, the Pandemic required the removal of the Note in the Pocket drop-off boxes at the UPS Stores. These have now been reinstalled and are in operation at Parkside Commons UPS, (off Hwy. 55) 7151 O'Kelly Chapel Rd, Cary, 919-237-1529, and the UPS store at Park West, (off Cary Parkway) 1204 Village Market Pl., Morrisville, 919-378-9195. Please thank the UPS store owners when you drop off clothes!

We can drop off children's school clothes at those locations, and two fantastic volunteers will collect and deliver them to the Note in the Pocket warehouse in Raleigh. Our CWC Club member, Beth Firrincieli, will pick up clothing at the Park West store in Morrisville, and Deb Bishop (a friend of Deborah Lynch's) will pick up clothing at the Parkside store off Hwy. 55. Please also thank these volunteers when you see them. (I'm trying to recruit Deb Bishop to be a CWC member!)

Arts and Culture – Susan Abbott

The Cary Gifting Tree Project, where Christmas trees are decorated along the streets in town, is a "go" for this year and Cary Woman's Club is signed up to participate. The tree is decorated during the first week in December at pre-scheduled times to avoid unnecessary contact with others. In the meantime, I am asking for ideas and suggestions on how we can decorate the tree this year. The decorations we have are in the Page-Walker building and I am not sure we will be able or will want to retrieve them. If you'd like to be on this team, please email me. We can set up a Zoom meeting to discuss or you can just send me your suggestions.

Virtual Arts Fair at the regular meeting in January (January 8) - If you have artwork, needlework, a craft, photography, culinary creations, home decoration or something else you would like to share, please send a picture of it to me via email. I will compile these over the next several months and create a slide show for the January meeting which is Arts & Culture month. I will need to have your pictures in by Christmas in order to have time to put this together.

NC Museum of Art is offering a subscription to a series of virtual exhibits for \$10 for non-members and \$8 for members. One of the exhibits is called Good as Gold: Fashioning Sengalese Women which goes through December. Thought you might like to see a video that shows the making of a gold-plated pendant from this exhibit. I think it's really cool!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XHNe6uB_eE&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=NC+Museum+of+Art+Email+List&utm_campaign=f59069bc3a-FullList_NCMARecommends20_10.9.20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b554281be5-f59069bc3a-62700465&mc_cid=f59069bc3a&mc_eid=44ebd1559a

For more information on this subscription, please see the NC Museum of art website.

Health and Wellness – Jane Suppa and Nell Meece

Health and Wellness CSP met outdoors observing distance, courtesy of Arlene, and discussed possible ideas for the year. We have a great committee and will continue to reach out where we can. The idea of contributing to an organization in lieu of our holiday luncheon fits in so well with our cause. The collections for Oxford House and Dorcas were a success and we thank you.

Civic Engagement and Domestic Violence – Elzbieta Hibbs

Instead of the Holiday Bazaar baskets we have donated in the past, InterAct is asking for donations of gift cards. At our November membership meeting we can determine the best way for us to gather any gift cards. I will drop them off in person to InterAct before December 2. We could consider InterAct as one of the organizations to donate gift cards instead of our holiday lunch.

Below is the information from InterAct:

There's still time to help InterAct brighten the holidays for families fleeing abuse!

We've got 150 families counting on us and [we are counting on YOU!](#)

Now through December 2nd, InterAct will be accepting gift cards from Walmart, Target, and Visa in increments of \$25 and \$50, and cash donations to provide Holiday Bazaar in a Box to each family.

[Help Give Hope Today!](#)

What's Holiday Bazaar in a Box?

It's a Special Delivery full of holiday cheer! Hot chocolate, a fun family game, a winter-themed book to read together, a gingerbread house kit, and candy canes, plus gift cards so that survivors can pick up a few gifts for their children.

Environment CSP- Co-Chairs Lois Nixon & Karen Russell

Putting the Pollinator Garden to Bed!

We will meet at the Page-Walker Pollinator Garden to "put it to bed for the winter" on **Friday, November 13 and Friday, November 20 at 9:30 a.m. each day**. We will work for no more than 2 hours each day. The Cary Garden Club members will also be helping. So please let me know which day you plan to help, because the town is limiting the number of volunteers who can be on-site at the same time. By having two dates, we hope to be able to get all the work done, and still socially distance while we are working. Please text Lois to RSVP for your **preferred date**.

Please wear a mask, and bring work gloves, trowel, and clippers if you have them. We will be cutting back dead plants, pruning, and planting pansies for spring color. We will also spread mulch on the path on the 20th. On both days, we will be thinning plants, so if you want to take some home, please bring your own pots. We will also be potting up some plants to sell at Herb Fest the first Sat. in May— hopefully, we will be back to a regular schedule by then. This plant sale helps to fund new plants for the garden in the spring.

Planting Longleaf Pine Tree Seedlings at the Cary Tree Archive

On Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 am, we will be working with Scenic NC and the Cary Garden Club on this project to add Longleaf Pine tree seedlings to the Cary Tree Archive. Since our members already planted trees there in the spring, we won't actually have to plant trees this time. But we do need two or three of our members to sell some Longleaf grass-stage tree seedlings to the public, which will help to fund the Cary Tree Archive. And you are welcome to come buy seedlings too for your own yard. The Cary Tree Archive is across Cary Parkway from the Taylor Family YMCA. Park at the Y. Both of these projects come under the Environment (formerly Conservation) CSP.

Cary Downtown Farmers Market—Buy Local

Just a reminder that the market is open all winter on Saturday mornings, 9 am to noon. There is always a good selection of fall-winter vegetables, as well as baked goods, hot cider, cooking demos, and music. And...holiday gifts. The market is on Chatham St. near Ashworth Drugs in front of the Ivey Ellington historic house. It is important to patronize this market in order to keep it open for our convenience year round. And when the Ivey Ellington House is moved in the next year (to the old library site???), we want the market to go with it! (So this is part Civic Engagement, as well as Environment focused.)

Fund Raising: Pecan Sale Update- Lois Nixon

38 cases of pecans have been ordered and should be delivered to us in mid-November, certainly before Thanksgiving. I talked to our contact there this last week, and she confirmed that the pecans are still on the trees, so they will be very fresh when we get them. Because we have to order full cases of each variety of pecans (thanks to your support!), we will have a few extras to sell if you know of others who are interested and missed the deadline, or if you think of someone who would enjoy having a pound or two as a Christmas gift! We will have the following extras:

- 30 lbs. plain halves
- 5 lbs. praline
- 14 lbs. milk chocolate
- 6 lbs. dark chocolate
- 2 lbs. sugar free chocolate
- 2 lbs. butter roasted

If you want to reserve any of these extras, **text Lois**. She will let you know if what you want is still available. If it is, please **fill out the attached Pecan order form** with your **check and mail** to Mercedes Cooley at the address on the form. We will let you know when they arrive. Thanks!

Member Information

Happy Birthday to our members with **November and December** birthdays:

Karen Fiumara 11/26

Elizbieta Hibbs 12/2

Arlene Gleason 12/18

Gerry Ritter 12/31