

## CWC December 2020 Tidbits

### ***Dates to Remember for December and January***

December 10 General Meeting (chat at 9:30 am, meeting at 10 am)

January 14 General Meeting (chat at 9:30 am, meeting at 10 am)

January 21 CWC Board Meeting via Zoom at 9:30 am

### ***December Guest Speaker***

**Diane Andersen, Hospitality Chair**, is pleased to announce a **special Holiday meeting on December 10**. We will begin, as always, with a chance to chat at 9:30 AM. The formal meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Our guest will be the owner of **Daniel's Florist, Katie Whitlow**, and her staff, 2829 Jones Franklin Rd, Raleigh. The shop is located in the Swift Creek Shopping Center and is open Monday to Friday 9:30-5:30 PM. After a virtual tour of the shop, you will learn how to make two different flower arrangements. Questions and comments will be allowed. There will be a drawing at the end of the presentation, so be sure to attend to be eligible. Other fun and festive activities are planned, so feel free to invite guests! The pandemic will not get us down!

*Submitted by Karen Fiumara and Diane Andersen*

### **Fundraising: Pecan Sale: Marci Thomas, Merc Cooley, Lois Nixon, co-chairs.**

All of the pecan orders from our members and customers were delivered before Thanksgiving, and surely some were featured in Thanksgiving dinners. **We only have 4 pounds of halves and 4 pounds of Milk Chocolate covered pecans left to sell.**

If you want more pecans to give as Christmas gifts, or for your own holiday baking,

- **Text or call Lois first**, to make sure there are still pecans left.
- **Please fill out the order form and mail it with a check** (made out to CWC) to Merc Cooley, the address on the form.
- You can **pick them up from Lois in Farmington Woods, or one of us will deliver them to you.**

Thanks for your outstanding participation in this fundraiser for the club and our projects. We expect the profit to be between \$1800 - \$2000, depending on the cost of the transportation, when we get the invoice!

### ***Grants Committee***

**Mary-Mel Kroeger, Grants Committee** chair, recently held a Zoom meeting with her committee of **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 two requests, one from **Note in the Pocket** and another from **Dorcas**. 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*

## **Arts and Culture CSP – Susan Abbott**

### **Town of Cary Gifting Tree Project**

The design of the tree this year is a collaboration with Note in the Pocket. We're using paper pockets as ornaments with information on back explaining how to donate to this worthy cause of providing clothing to children who need something appropriate to wear to school. We have a dedicated link which will be put on our Cary Woman's Club website home page this week but if you want to donate to Note In The Pocket before that with our club getting credit, here is the link: <https://rb.gy/jtedqf>

**We're decorating the tree on Friday, December 4 from 11-12:30** and next week we should have a link to vote for the best tree on the Town of Cary's Website. Our tree will be located right around the fountain in town. **Hope everyone can get out sometime to see it!** There will be 60 decorated trees gracing the streets of Cary, so it should be quite festive!

Members might also go by the Page Walker Herb Garden and enjoy the garden and the Swag on the Smokehouse Door. No other décor at the Page-Walker this year, but the big cedar Christmas tree will be lit, as usual. Lois Nixon

### **Virtual Art Show for January Cary Woman's Club Meeting - Thursday, January 14**

If you have artwork, needlework, a craft, photography, culinary creations, home decoration or something else you would like to share for our local virtual art show, please send a picture of it to me via email. I will compile these and create a slide show for the January meeting which is Arts and Culture month. I will need to have your pictures in by Christmas in order to have time to put this together.

## **Civic Engagement and Domestic Violence – Elzbieta Hibbs**

### **CWC Suffragist, Voting Matters Signs – Lois Nixon**

For those who displayed the signs in your yards prior to the election, THANK YOU! I think the effort was well-received in the community. However, I still don't want to give up on the fantastic Suffragist Centennial Celebration we had planned for August 2020 in Cary, with a film, costumed mock picket line, selfie station, and reception at The Cary Theater. Perhaps we can revive it next summer and celebrate 101 years of Women's Right to Vote. Please save your signs, and we will use them in our "picket line" at that celebration, or drop them off at my house, and I'll save them.

### **Seasonal Giving**

Members agreed to give monetary donations to InterAct, Caring Place and Esteemed Coffee. Diane Anderson collected the checks and will send the funds to the non-profits.

## **Environment CSP- Co-Chairs Lois Nixon & Karen Russell**

### **Pollinator Garden Update**

Thanks to Karen Fiumara, Jane Suppa, Karen Russell, and Lois Nixon of CWC, and Jane Litton of the Cary Garden Club (15 total hours), we "put the garden to bed" on November 20. We thinned the yellow iris, and will pot some for sale at HerbFest in May. Also deadheaded and pulled weeds, and pulled out

plants that are finished for the year, and best of all, planted some cute little pansies to over-winter and brighten the garden in early spring! We did not finish—gardens are never finished. Lois and friend, Mickey Jo Sorrel (a Page descendant, and potential CWC member) worked 2 hours on Dec. 1, taking down the aster by the light pole and saving a seed “bouquet” for the birds to enjoy during the winter. Also thinned more of the iris—easier this time after the rains softened the soil! If anyone gets an urge to work in the garden in the next 3 month, call Lois and we will meet and work together!

*Lois Nixon and Karen Russell, Environment Co-Chairs*

### **Longleaf Planting at Cary Tree Archive**

CWC members were part of a larger group that planted 10 more Longleaf Pine grass-stage trees on November 14 at the Cary Tree Archive. That planting is about filled out. I do have several Longleaf trees still growing in 3 gallon pots. If anyone would like to plant one or two in your yard, or your community, please let me know. They are free to a good home! Cary was historically covered with a Longleaf Savannah, so we can honor that history by planting more Longleaf.

### **Shop Local**



Cary Downtown Farmers' Market, ***lots of holiday gifts available in December!***

Open every Sat. all winter 9-12 at 135 W. Chatham

### ***Member Information***

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

*Elizbieta Hibbs 12/2*

*Arlene Gleason 12/18*

*Gerry Ritter 12/31*

*Nell Meese 1/6*

*Jane Suppa 1/11*