

## CWC Tidbits October 2021

### **Dates to Remember**

- October 14      General Meeting – in person at the Page- Walker Arts & History Center  
                         9:30- 10:00- Social.    10:00 – Meeting Speaker: Roger Montague Topic: Bees
- October 21      Board Meeting
- Nov. 1            Tidbit submissions due to Merc Cooley

### **It's PECAN Time!!**

Our Pecan fundraising sale is starting and we are hoping to sell more pecans this year. Please note that the prices have increased. The Order Form will be attached. Please make copies and give to potential customers. **All checks and orders need to be received by Friday, Oct 15, 2021.** Send order forms and checks to Mercedes Cooley. Our general meeting is on Oct 14 so members can also bring checks and forms to the meeting. We have a quick turnaround so don't delay!!

### **From the President, Karen Fiumara**

#### **General Meeting on October 14**

Great news! The Board voted unanimously to **meet in person** at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center on October 14.

Rest assured, we will follow the Town of Cary COVID rules. **Masks will be required indoors**, and social distancing will be encouraged.

For this first meeting, we will provide bottled water. **Members may bring other beverages or snacks for personal consumption.** If the weather is favorable, we will hold our social half-hour in the courtyard or on the front porch to avoid congregating in the hallways.

Thanks to Brenda who arranged a guest speaker from NCSU to speak about beekeeping. This presentation will be held indoors in our usual meeting room, followed by our business meeting.

After the meeting, **if you would like to stay for lunch, please bring a bag lunch** (and maybe a chair) and we will use the picnic tables (or even the parking lot) outside rather than going to a restaurant.

Don't forget that some club members may need a ride; reach out to members to make sure we can all get to the meeting.

Unfortunately, Page-Walker does not have the Wi-Fi capability to have a hybrid meeting (meaning some members on ZOOM), but we will do everything in our power to make our members in attendance feel safe and comfortable. We look forward to the time when we can all be together again!

**The Social time is 9:30 to 10:00 AM with the meeting beginning at 10 AM.**

All members should have received a copy of the GFWC-NC October magazine by email. Please notify Karen if you have not received a copy.

## Member Information

Welcome back to our returning members:

- Shirley Barnes
- Barbara Sawyer
- JoAnn Minor

We are also pleased to welcome our new member:

- Susan Smith

For all addresses for our new and returning members, please check your new Membership Directory, recently e-mailed to us by our Yearbook chair, **Diane Andersen**. **Many thanks, Diane, for all your efforts!** Diane has also included a page of up-coming events for both our club and the district's activities that you might find especially helpful.

We also have several members recovering at home from surgeries or illnesses, so please be sure to let them know that you are thinking of them:

**Marci Thomas**, our Membership Chair, who recently had a (very unexpected) heart attack. For now, she cannot drive, and is recovering at home. Lois is planning to organize a "Meal Train" for Marci.

**Dorothy Schmelzeis** is continuing her recovery at home from back surgery. She also cannot drive, so will need some support in getting to and from meetings. Dorothy was touched by all the help she has received, especially from the "Meal Train" organized by Lois Nixon. So "in honor of the women who have so generously supported" her she donated \$500 to our Woman's Club Scholarships. Thank you, Dorothy, for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

We also received a thank-you note from **Carol French**, who continues to heal from a recent surgery. She said, "your card brought a smile to my face and a joy to my heart!" Thank you to Lisa Butcher who writes these very thoughtful notes.

We are also glad to hear that **Joan Hall** has recovered from her fall this summer. We hope to see you soon, Joan!

Congratulations to **Mary Grayson Hart** who was recently elected as the **District VI President-Elect** for 2022-2024. We are so proud of your boundless energy- and willingness- to serve the Federation in such a key role.

## Civic Engagement/Domestic Violence. Elzbieta Hibbs & Priscilla Keating

Priscilla and I would like to invite anyone interested in the Civic Engagement/Domestic Violence committee to **join us at a planning meeting on Tuesday, October 5th at 1:30 pm**. We will meet at Priscilla's in Apex. We will be able to socially distance outside by the pool if the weather is good. If it's raining, there is plenty of room in her screened porch.

Please let us know if you would like to be on our committee and if you are able to attend the meeting.

## **CWC Education and Libraries – MaryAnne Olsen**

### ***November's Speaker***

The Education and Libraries CSP will have a guest speaker from the new Cary Library. We hope you will be able to join us at the November meeting to learn more about library activities and book clubs.

### **Wake County Public Libraries to Give New Life to Your Kids' Books**

Kids' bookshelves bursting at the seams? You're in luck. Wake County Public Libraries is holding its inaugural book drive, and those books that still look like new could go a long way toward helping another child succeed.

"We want to make sure that all Wake County children have the tools they need for a bright future," said Wake County Board of Commissioners Vice Chair Vickie Adamson. "This is a great way for families to pay it forward and help other kids gain literacy skills that will help them in school and beyond."

The book drive will benefit WCPL's partner, WAKE Up and Read. WAKE Up and Read is a community coalition made up of more than 30 committed organizations working together toward one common goal – improving childhood literacy.

**From Monday, Sept. 13, to Friday, Oct. 22, bring new or gently used children's books to any Wake County Public Libraries [location](#) during regular business hours.** Librarians will sort and attractively bundle your donations for easy distribution through WAKE Up and Read.

This partnership is part of WCPL's Every Family Ready to Achieve initiative, which helps Wake County families achieve personal success through library programs and services.

### **CWC Book Club**

At our September meeting we shared our summer readings with each other and made book selections for the next four months. Below is a chart with dates, locations and book selections for the next four months. Book club is open to all members and you are welcome to attend one meeting or all meetings, whatever fits your schedule.

<b>DATE</b>		<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Oct	28th	4th Thur	The Night Watchman	Louise Erdrich	Gleason's Home
Nov	17th	3rd Wed	A Fall of Marigolds	Susan Meissner	Olsen's Home
Dec	15th	3rd Wed	Ordinary Grace	William Kent Krueger	Suppa's Home
Jan	27th	4th Thur	The Four Winds	Kristin Hannah	Fiumara's Home

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Old North State Storytelling Festival will be in-person (!) at The Cary Theater and virtually online.** Acclaimed national and regional storytellers present hours of storytelling fun. Our own member, Willa Brigham is one of the featured storytellers!! Come and support Willa and all the other storytellers.

## November 5 & 6, 2021 – Saturday and Sunday

Tickets can be purchased through the website.

<https://www.oldnorthstatestorytellingfestival.com>

### Environmental CSP. Brenda St.Laurent, Karen Russell, CSP Co-Chairs

#### Pollinator Garden:

October's general meeting will have a special guest speaker to discuss Bees and pollinator gardens.

Roger Montague is a native of Wake County and graduated from NCSU. He's retired from USDA and lives in Cary where his almost full time hobby is maintaining a small apiary and planting for pollinators.

The general meeting will have a Bring Your Own Lunch outside in the garden/park area after the meeting. We will be having an Environment meeting during that lunch and anyone interested in being part of our group is welcome to join in.

### The Edenton Woman's Club Pilgrimage Tour of Private Homes and Sites

On October 8 and 9, 2021, the **Edenton Woman's Club** is sponsoring this fundraising event. Tickets are available online at [edentonpilgrimage.org](http://edentonpilgrimage.org).

#### ***Member Information***

***Happy Birthday*** to our members with ***October*** birthdays:

Marci Thomas	Oct. 1
Dorothy Schmelzeis	Oct 13