

CWC Tidbits February 2022

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 10** **General Meeting on Zoom. Social chat at 9:30 and meeting at 10:00. See agenda for link.**
- Feb. 17** **Board Meeting at 1:30 on Zoom**
- Feb. 18** **Blankets for Myra's Angels and Books for women in Prison are due – contact Ezbieta.**
- Feb. 19** **Virtual District VI Arts Festival on Zoom 9:00-11:45**
- March 12** **GFWC-NC State Arts Festival at Mebane Arts Center**

From the President, Karen Fiumara **Meeting on February 10 via ZOOM**

We are continuing our **ZOOM** format for the February 10 meeting. Social chat begins at 9:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 10 am. The Zoom link is on top of the agenda. Priscilla Keating, vice-chair of the Civic Engagement and Domestic Violence Prevention CSP, procured our guest speaker, Debra Barkett, President and Founder of Hope Connection International, Inc. Hope Connection works with people suffering from addiction.

Reports and District VI Arts Festival

The Reports are DONE! Lois Nixon did the lion's share of the work – organizing a reporting workshop, editing reports, and writing several more. We are all so grateful to her! Also, big thanks to our CSP chairs/vice-chairs who really stepped up this year in authoring detailed reports that reflect all the work we do in the community (despite COVID). This year we were also required to send pictures of some of our projects for a slide show that will take place at the District VI Arts Festival. I was amazed (and grateful) for our well-organized photo display that Susan has compiled on our website. Check it out if you haven't already! This is an especially busy time for Susan who must do a seemingly endless amount of paperwork to prepare our entries for VIRTUAL judging at the District VI Arts Festival. Susan says it's much more complicated than the regular Arts Festival. Thanks to all of you who entered the Festival and especially to Susan for preparing the entries for submission.

If you would like to go to the VIRTUAL District VI Arts Festival on February 19, please let me know ASAP, but no later than February 6. There is no charge to attend, but they are collecting donations for the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Campaign. Susan's CSP will donate the money on behalf of the Cary Woman's Club. So, all you have to do is let me know you want to go and I will get you registered. They are also asking that you wear red that day so they can take a screen shot.

Schedule:

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| 8:30 -8:50 am | Board of Directors Meeting |
| 9:00 to 10:50 am | District VI Arts Festival Winners |
| 10:50-11:30 am | District VI Awards Presentation |
| 11:40-11:45 am | Closing Remarks |

Nominating Committee for the Executive Board Positions

We need three members to serve as the nominating committee for the open Executive Board positions.

Positions Open for 2022-2024: President, Third Vice-President (Ways & Means)

Think about it!!

1st Vice-President for Programs, Lois Nixon

Lois reports that "I'm up to my eyeballs in reports!!" Thanks to everyone for getting their reports and information turned in. Now the judging.... We all thank Lois for all the hard work she did to teach us how to show all we do through our reports!!

As the GFWC-NC Chair for Civic Engagement & Outreach, I receive reminders of celebrations and remembrances of special dates. A sobering one is that **Feb 1-7 is the fourth annual National Gun Violence Survivors Week**. The first week of February represents the approximate time that gun deaths in the United States surpass the number of gun deaths experienced by our peer countries in an entire calendar year. A recent headline: "High number of firearm recoveries underscores America's worsening gun violence epidemic." A search on this topic reveals lots of current statistics on the increase in firearm purchases, the fact that one third of homes in the U.S have a firearm, and on average, eight youth are killed by gun violence every day. Another 32 are shot and injured. Perhaps this is a subject our club would be interested in learning more about....

On a happier note... Explore the histories, voices, and contributions of Black women this **Black History Month!**

In 1970, Negro History Week became Black History Month. The National Women's History Museum invites you to join them in exploring the histories of Black women visionaries, builders, creators, thinkers, and more. Expand what you know about the past, and what you believe is possible. [Click here to download the 2022 Black History Month Resource Toolkit](#) .

Civic Engagement/Domestic Violence. Elzbieta Hibbs & Priscilla Keating

Anyone who has completed a "no sew "blanket for Myra's Angels, please contact Elzbieta to arrange a **pickup by 2/18**.

If you have any **books for donations to the Woman's Prison**, contact Elzbieta to arrange a **pickup by 2/18**.

The speaker for our February Zoom Meeting is Deborah Barrett, President of Hope Connection International. The organization is a multifaceted recovery and prevention center that connects with organizations worldwide to empower survivors of abuse and addiction by offering free support groups, education and sponsorships with tailored solutions, along with supportive, long-term housing.

ARTS & CULTURE CSP – Susan Abbot

District Arts Festival – via ZOOM on Saturday, February 19 (9:00 a.m.)

Note: Categories corrected after Tidbits was published

Although we didn't get to have our local arts festival this year, we are going to have solid representation for the Cary Woman's Club at the District 6 Arts Festival. We submitted 17 entries- 2 literature entries, 3 photographs (one in each of the 3 categories), 7 crafts, and 5 visual art pieces. We received more wonderful photos than we could send since we can only send in one entry for each category. Thanks to our members who help select the three photographs for contest entry. Votes were very close since all the photos were quite wonderful. Our entries include the following:

Short Story by Dorothy Schmelzeis "Quirks . . . a true story"

Essay by Lois Nixon - "Meeting the Suffragists"

Photography – Our World Up Close – Bluebird Nest – Lois Nixon

Photography – Natural Wonders – Sunrise – Dorothy Schmelzeis

Photography – Reflections – Blue Heron – Dorothy Schmelzeis
Machine Quilting (Small) – Kenta Boot – Willa Brigham
Basic Embroidery - Thread Art– Willa Brigham
Painting on Metal – Aurora Borealis - Barbara Sawyer
Paper Craft 3D luminaria – Lois Nixon
Fabric Craft (Lady Autumn) – Willa Brigham
Upcycling (Fidget mats) - Willa Brigham
Open Category Crafts – Sticky Paper Art – Willa Brigham
Acrylic Painting – Clock on old phonograph record – Barbara Sawyer
Pen and Ink – Zentangles – Barbara Sawyer
Watercolor – Purple Flower– Susan Abbott
Pencil Visual Arts - Landscape– Barbara Sawyer
Mixed Media - Butterfly – Barbara Sawyer

In support of our Cary Woman’s Club, hope you’ll consider joining in the Zoom meeting and wearing a red shirt for the District Arts Festival as requested. Registration is free but you need to let Karen Fiumara know you want to attend per information she is sending in this Tidbits.

CWC Education and Libraries – Maryanne Olsen

CWC Book Club

Book Club is open to all members and you are welcome to attend one meeting or all meetings, whatever fits your schedule. We encourage our members to read the selections but if time gets away from you and you haven’t quite made it to the end of the book – come anyway, we’ll tell you the ending.

We still have three more book club meetings this club year – February 24th, March 24th and April 28th. We will be taking a break during the spring/summer months when the club is not meeting and resume book club in September.

For our February 24th meeting we will be reading the mystery “When Ghosts Come Home” by North Carolina’s writer Wiley Cash. A decision about our meeting place will be made closer to February 24th and will depend on the prevalence of the covid virus. Whether the meeting is in person or Zoom we will start at 1pm and end the meeting at 2:30pm.

In case you are reading ahead the selections for future months are:

March – “A Woman is No Man” by Etan Rum
April – “Red at the Bone” by Jacqueline Woodson
September – “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles

We hope you’ll take some time for yourself this month, sit down with a good book and join us for book club.

For questions and information please contact Maryanne

Member Information

Happy Birthday to Willa– our only member with a ***February*** birthday!

February 21 **Willa Brigham**