DATES TO REMEMBER

Nearly New Sale April 29th to May 3rd

Summer MeetingJune 10th

SPRING/SUMMER NEARLY NEW SALE STYLE AND SELECTION

Elaine Waterman & Cheryl Lindberg, Co-Chairs

Springtime is ushered in by Floribunda and gets us thinking about the **NEARLY NEW SALE** and sprucing up our personal wardrobe as well as that of family and extended family. The reputation of this twice-yearly Women's Club event is enviable.

Style, designer labels and selection are promised and our many consignors deliver the goods. Save time and pre-consign. Call Priscilla Vincent (649-1807) to arrange for a pre-consignment packet; there is a 100-item pre-consignment limit. **Pre-consignment inspection is on Wednesday, April 29 at Tracy Hall from 9 am to 8pm.**

The prom gown boutique will again be upstairs in a specially defined and designed area complete with its own fitting room, making it possible for this "specialty shoppe" to be available on Friday for both the Workers' Sale and the Grand Opening. Do let the teens in your life know that they'll find one-of-akind gowns at the sale.

The success of this sale depends not only on the quality of clothing for consignment, but also on the many **VOLUNTEERS** who work the various shifts from set-up on Wednesday, April 29 thru clean-up on Sunday, May 3. **THE SALE NEEDS YOU** - so if you missed your opportunity to volunteer during e-mail recruitment or missed the phone call, please contact Sophia Crawford at 649-2662 or by e-mail (sophiajcrawford@hotmail.com).

See you during the sale!

**** MENS CLOTHING WANTED FOR THE SPRING SALE ****

<u>CLEAN</u> bags needed for Spring Sale Bring with you to your shift.

JOIN THE BOARD

Do you like to laugh? Do you wish you could visit with your friends regularly? Do you enjoy a night out every so often? Have we got an opportunity for you!

Join the Norwich Women's Club's Board! If you're new in town, you get to meet some terrific gals, make new friends and show Norwich what a can-do person you are. If you've been here a while, you'll get to really know some of your terrific neighbors. And if you're someone who cares, who just wants to do your bit for your community, you can make a difference with the NWC Board.

We would love to see some new faces on our Board. There are several jobs available, all eminently doable, and none overwhelming. Please contact me at SusanPitiger@comcast.net or 649-1684 and let's talk about how you can help.

Sue Pitiger, Nominating Chair



Newsletter

April 2009

President's Message

The economy may have faltered but not so our dedicated Floribunda volunteers and vendors. Thanks so much to Carol Loveland and Joanne Kent for putting on another successful show. With gratitude to Victoria Lubin for again organizing the Floribunda Cafe and to Onita Connington and Nancy Golder for managing the first Women's Club booth in over 20 years. I'm sure the founders of the event would have been proud of our 25th anniversary celebration.

No one said that spelling "booboisie" would be easy and had it been any other word, I'm sure our courageous NWC spelling bee team would have made it to the finals. Nonetheless, Deb Hall, Ellen McKinnon and Alison May did a great job! It was a very entertaining evening and the MCS PTO are to be commended for organizing a wonderful and fun community program. We are also very grateful that they have chosen to donate half the proceeds to the NWC Scholarship Program.

The hectic pace continues with Mary Otto and the scholarship committee working hard to meet an early deadline, while Mindy Penny starts the process of soliciting requests for Community Project Grants.

And while spring brings flowers and an unseemly amount of mud, it also means that the Spring Nearly New Sale is just around the corner. Elaine Waterman and Cheryl Lindberg are once again doing their best to see that this event continues to be successful. Requests for scholarships will surely rise this year and any way you can aid this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you at the Nearly New Sale,

Karen Ward

Town Telephone Directory

If you haven't yet bought your new (bright pink) 2009 town-wide telephone directory, it is still available at the Norwich Bookstore, Diane's Casual Cuts, Dan & Whit's, and Tracy Hall at the Town Clerk's Office. A bargain at only \$5, so buy one for the house and one for the car!

Remember, all the profits from this directory go to the Norwich Women's Club Community Projects Fund.

Alison May, Editor

Thank you all for "25 Blooming Years"

Joanne Kent & Carol Loveland, Co-chairs

F abulous Flowers

L uscious Food

O ver \$10,000 raised for **Community Projects**



R affle Prizes extraordinaire

I nformative Plant Doctors

B last from the past with 10 returning Vendors

U nbelievable Demonstrators

N ew faces with 10 new Vendors

D edicated Volunteers, 63 + 2 Youth In Action

A Committee with 16 fantastic, energetic women

Volunteers: Christine Bartlett, Tineke Breed, Thera Callahan, Mitzi Carleton, Debbie Carter, Joyce Childs, Fred Crawford, Becky Dabora, Joanne Davis, Nancy Dean, Justin Decoff, Gail Dolan, Martha Drake, Connie Emerson, Jenny Gelfan, Nik Gick, Janet Goldberger, Andrew Golder, Happy Griffiths, Liz Guest, Debby Hall, Stephanie Hart, Laura Hirschman, Mary Ann Holbrook, Dana Ireland, Sue Kaufman, Cheryl Lindberg, Mark Lindberg, George Loveland, Alison May, Lisa McCabe, Brooke Mohr, Judy Music, Candace Nattie, Nancy Osgood, Mary Otto, Sue Pitiger, Sarah Reeves, Edye Scheier, Anne Silberfarb, Nancy Snyder, Sonia Swierczynski, Eva Templeton, Michael Thadani, Vijay Thadani, Candace Vandouris, Emily Webster, Ree Webster, DC Whitfield, Mariah Whitfield, Karen Woodward.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR BAKERS, CAFÉ DONORS & RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS.

2009 Floribunda Committee: Lisa Cadow, Onita Connington, Sophia Crawford, Erica Fairhurst, Nancy Golder, Linda Hazard, Jaye Johnson, Deb Kaplan, Joanne Kent, Rita Lajoie, Carol Loveland, Victoria Lubin, Isabel McCarthy, Mindy Penny, Amelia Sereen, Karen Ward

NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB CONGRATULATES Raffle Prize Winners:

Ledyard Gold: Paula Schleicher (Norwich) Milne Travel Tours Boston Trip: Noelle Vitt (Nor.) Eating Well in Norwich: Elisabeth Russell (Nor.) Into the Garden: Liz Cole (Thetford) Pleasures & Pastimes: Tom Malanchuk (Randolph) <u>Door Prize Winner</u>: Anne Egner (Hanover, NH)

Community Projects Fund

The Community Projects Fund is again going to benefit from the success of this year's Floribunda. We do want to thank the Floribunda Committee and their many volunteers who worked tirelessly to raise the money that will be available to enhance educational, civic and cultural activities in Norwich. Last year monies were given to the Norwich Public Library, the Family Place, Marion Cross School for visiting authors, the Norwich Trails Committee and the Norwich Fire Company, to name just a few. The Club also supports the Holiday Baskets program, the Hanover High School's substance-free graduation party, and the triangle garden planting. To receive an application for a Community Project grant, please call Mindy Penny at 802-649-2169 or email dmpenny2@comcast.net. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2009. Awards will be made

after July 1, 2009. Thank you again to everyone for their continued

support of the Norwich Women's Club.

Mindy Penny, Finance Chair

Norwich Women's Club Town Garden

April showers bring May flowers! Our garden appears to have weathered the winter well, thanks to the town crew placing stakes to keep the snow plow from damaging it. Mid May is probably when we can start working in the garden. Hopefully, the dedicated, experienced, hard working garden crew from last year will return again this year. Anyone wishing to join us is most welcome. Call me at 802-295-4086. Our work schedule is flexible and relaxed. Usually, we work two or three mornings a week. Keep looking for the tulips and daffodils. Mary Ann Holbrook

> Save the Date!! **Norwich Women's Club Summer Meeting** Wednesday, June 10th, 11am-1pm Full details in our May Newsletter.

Welcome to Our New Members:

Becky Dabora, Erica Fairhurst, Marie McAndrew-Taylor.

We are always happy to see new faces. Please phone Nancy Golder, 802-295-7294, or e-mail Karen Woodward, woodword@sover.net, for more details.

The Norwich Women's Club is a non-profit organization established in 1907. Our purpose is to provide educational opportunities and promote civic and cultural projects for the Town of Norwich and its residents. Membership is open to all interested applicants.