

NWC April 2016 Newsletter

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NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB



President's Letter Sue Kaufman

The sun is shining right now but we've definitely seen April ups and downs in our local weather. I believe that spring has finally, almost certainly, arrived so let's look ahead ...

As you drive through downtown Norwich, the first hints are there to tell us that soon we will be enjoying another season of the beautiful Norwich Women's Club Triangle Garden. Our garden thrives each summer thanks to Mary Ann Holbrook and her great crew of devoted helpers.

Another sure sign of the season in the Upper Valley is the upcoming Spring Nearly New Sale from April 29 - May 1. I hope many of you have volunteered to work a shift or several. Elaine Waterman ably heads up the NNS, but the sales can only work with the help of many volunteers. And, this is an

opportunity to clean out your closets to find gently used (just not right for you now) warm weather clothing to consign to the sale. The Nearly New Sales provide a great resource for shoppers and consignors alike. For me, it feels good to have fewer items I'm not wearing in my closet, which in turn makes room for new treasures. And the whole process allows the NWC to raise important funds for scholarships. It's a win-win-win.

If you are thinking that planting flowers or cleaning closets doesn't sound like enough fun for you, how about coming on the NWC Museum trip on May 10th to the Institute of Contemporary Art In Boston. Past museum trips have been completely enjoyable, ask those who have participated. If you haven't already, I encourage you to sign up for this year's museum trip.

Check the Women's Club website www.norwichwomensclub.org and Facebook page to find out about what else the NWC is planning and see pictures from some of the recent events (Book and Author Luncheon and Gala). Thank you for being a member of the Norwich Women's Club and supporting the mission and work of the Club. Of course, we are always looking for new members so think about inviting a friend or neighbor to come with you to the May Coffee at the Norwich Inn on May 4, the Annual meeting in June or a summer concert.

Happy spring 2016!

Sue



Is it Spring Yet? Waiting and

LOOK AHEAD FOR...

- ...fabulous photos on the NWC Website of the March **Gala**, thanks to Sandie Anderson and Steve Lajoie.
- ...**Coffee and Conversation**—last one of the year—on Monday, May 2, 10:00 - 11:00 at the Norwich Inn
- ...your email invitation to the

Watching!
Mary Ann Holbrook is ready to get
to work in the Norwich Women's
Club Triangle Garden.

NWC Annual Meeting—a salad
luncheon at the home of Arline
Rotman on Tuesday, June 7,
from 11 – 1.

NEARLY NEW - NEWS

Going Digital -- Update

Eight NWC Board members have been exploring, helping create, and field-testing a digital pre-consignment program for the past many weeks with the assistance Andrea Granger, Richmond Middle School Technology Specialist, who designed the program based on our input.

There has been a lot of fine-tuning along the way, but we have all successfully pre-consigned, printed tags and tagged our 400 plus items. The tag shape is different from the ones we have been using, so when you see a tag looking much like those in retail stores, you'll know the item was digitally pre-consigned.

All those on the exploration team found digital pre-consigning to be convenient and easy. The program numbers the item and formats the tags which are printed on a perforated card stock which each consignor had to separate, match to the garments, and attach with a tagging gun.

The ultimate test will take place during the coming NNS window from inspection to closing, including the accounting piece. There will definitely be some follow-up tech meetings after the sale closes and the checks are mailed out (4-6 weeks after May 1) to work out any problems.

Though we won't be going public with the digital option for the fall sale, we have decided to increase the number of digital pre-consignors to 25 people for the fall sale, more than doubling the field test number.

On a personal note, though I can be easily frustrated by technology, I found

this experience to be really simple and pre-consigning much less time consuming.

Many thanks to the other field testers for their time and input as the Nearly New Sale moves forward into 21st century: Sue Kaufman, Debby Hall, Annette Brown, Carol Loveland, Debbie Carter, Lily Trajman, and Jaci Allen.

-- Elaine Waterman, NNS Chair

Nearly New Sale Schedule SPRING 2016

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Activity</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| March 30 – April 20 | 8 am to 8 pm | Pre-consignment packets available |
| Wed., 4/27 | Noon –8 pm | Pre-consignment Inspections ** |
| Thurs. - 4/28 | 9am to 8pm | Consignment ** |
| Fri., 4/29 | 9am to 2pm | Consignment ** |
| | 4 to 6pm | Workers Sale – Workers Only |
| | 7 to 9pm | GRAND OPENING |
| Sat., 4/30 | 9am to 4pm | Sale Continues |
| Sun., 5/1 | 10am to 1pm | Half-Price Sale |
| | 1:30 to 3pm | Bag Sale (\$10 bag per person entering the sale) |

** Donations accepted subject to inspection

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**CLEAN
SHOPPING BAGS
NEEDED**

**Bring with you when you
volunteer for
NEARLY NEW SALE**

COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANTS

The Finance Committee will be meeting in early May to review the 2016/2017 grant applications. Now is the time for Norwich community organizations to submit their requests. If you know of an organization that would qualify for a grant, advise them to go to www.norwichwomensclub.org website and download the Community Projects Grant application and follow guidelines included on the form.

The Grant requests **MUST** be completed and received by May 1, 2016.

There are currently funds that have not been requested for payment from the 2015/2016 Grants. If you are aware of an organization that received a Grant but has not submitted a request for payment, the deadline for that is also is May 1st. Funds that are not spent are added to the 2016/2017 dollar amount for distribution and cannot be held over.

--Carol Loveland



INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Tickets: \$70 for members; \$75 for non-members

Have you meant to sign up for the fabulous trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art? Have you checked your calendar to clear the date?

This is a trip we know you won't want to miss!

Here are the details:

--Leave by luxurious bus with bathroom from Huntley Meadow at 7:15 AM. You will get a homemade muffin to munch on as we go.

--Enjoy a 90-minute interactive docent-led tour of the collection with time for questions and comments, to gain a better understanding of contemporary art.

--Lunch on your own, either at the museum or at a neighborhood restaurant. Menus will be provided to help you choose. You can check the ICA website at www.icaboston.org.

Return by bus to Huntley Meadow around 6:00 PM, traffic permitting. En route home, you will be treated to our premier service of wine, savories, and sweets.

To save your place, mail your check payable to the Norwich Women's Club to Isabel McCarth, 12 Linden Drive, West Lebanon, N.H. 03784

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