

NWC September Newsletter

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## **WELCOME, FALL! WELCOME, NEIGHBORS, OLD AND NEW!**

The Norwich Women's Club continues its long tradition of hospitality by inviting you all to its Fall Gathering on Thursday, October 6, at the home of Mary and David Otto at 261 Main Street.

We're looking forward to greeting you at Mary's home, the middle of the historic three brick houses at Norwich's entrance. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy

old friends, crisp fall weather and beauty all around us.

The gathering will be from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, and there's rumor of a "signature drink" being served, too. Bring a friend or new neighbor and join us!

By Sue Pitiger and Barbara Kenny, Hospitality Chairs



## President's Note Sue Kaufman

Here we are at the intersection of summer's end and the beginning of fall. The sedum in my garden are turning pink – what can that mean? I hope you enjoyed the summer and are ready to jump back into different activities, including those sponsored by NWC.

Before we finish with summer, though, let's note some of the highlights. Thanks to Lily Trajman for four great concerts on the Green. The music was good whether you were short and chasing balloons or a bit taller and relaxing with refreshments. And a very big thank you to Mary Ann Holbrook and her dedicated team of co-gardeners. The NWC garden continues to thrive and provide visual enjoyment for all who drive through the center of Norwich. Our special garden even got a thank you on the listserv this year.

The Norwich Women's Club is ready to help fill your fall calendar. We've already had the season's first **Coffee and Conversation** at the end of August. Thanks to Debbie Carter for hosting. Next will be the **annual Wine Tasting at the Norwich Inn on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Ticket sales as well as wine purchases from the event support NWC. Hope you will be there too.

But that's just the beginning – we'll have the Fall Gathering, a **deluxe bus trip to the**

included later in this newsletter.

I'm pleased to help kick off another year for the Norwich Women's Club. The Club is a group of interesting, wise, dedicated and FUN women who give time and talent to benefit the Norwich community and along the way make friends and good memories. Thank you all for being members of the NWC. Please spread the word about NWC – new members and new ideas are so welcome.

Please see our website (<http://www.norwichwomensclub.org>) for more information on upcoming events and the full list of the NWC Board members for 2016 - 2017.

Sue Kaufman

## **NWC COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Join your fellow Norwich Women's Club members and community members for Coffee and Conversation on Monday mornings! The next two of these events are scheduled at the Norwich Inn Living Room on Monday, September 26 and Monday, November 7. Bring a friend or neighbor with you. Everyone is welcome, and we gather from 10:00 till 11:00.

RSVP if you can, but come even if you forget to do so!

Debbie Carter, Coffee and Conversation organizer

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## **A WORK IN PROGRESS: 2017 NORWICH PHONE DIRECTORY**

The Norwich Women's Club publishes this town-wide directory every two years, with all proceeds from its sales going to the NWC Community Projects Fund. The next edition will be printed in time for the Town Meeting in March 2017. It will be sold there as well as at Dan & Whit's and the Town Clerk's office.

elsewhere which are owned by Norwich residents, together with their addresses, postboxes and phone numbers (unless anonymity is requested).

Do please let me know if you have moved, changed your name, opened a new business. We want to make the new directory as complete and accurate as possible.

This year we are offering a new feature: as well as landlines, we will list cell phone numbers if this is requested by their owners. Please note that I will not use your cell phone number from the NWC Membership database unless you write to me, confirming the number.

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## **ICA Trip to Boston is Rescheduled!**

The long-promised Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) trip is happening! We are definitely scheduled to travel to Boston on Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, leaving on our luxury coach (with bathroom) from Huntley Meadow at 7:15 AM. We always have treats on the way, but bring your own coffee. Arriving at 11 AM, we will enjoy a private, guided, interactive tour of the museum. For those of you who are reluctant because you don't really understand contemporary art, this is your chance for docent-led accessibility. You won't be sorry!

The building itself is contemporary and situated in the part of the Boston waterfront created by the big dig. The area around it has many boutique shops and restaurants.

make reservations for lunch so you can be assured of being seated. After lunch you are on your own until we board the bus at 3 PM.

By then you will be tired, and that luxury bus will be greatly appreciated. But wait. You MUST be rewarded for all your efforts to expand your knowledge of contemporary art. There will be a "party on the bus" including wine, or water if you prefer, and some delicious snacks to go with it. We arrive back at Huntley Meadow between 5:30 and 6, depending on traffic.

We always have a wonderful time and would love to have you join us. The fee for this carefree jaunt is \$70 for members and \$75 for non-members. It does not include lunch. But it does include the round-trip to Boston, the fee at the museum, and the party on the bus! To reserve a place, send your check made payable to the Norwich Women's Club to either Arline Rotman at PO Box 1235, 95 Douglas Rd. Norwich, Vt. 05055, or Isabel McCarthy at 12 Linden Dr., West Lebanon, NH, 03784.

Please come!

Arline Rotman and Isabel McCarthy



**HERE'S ELAINE--AND THE  
FALL NEARLY NEW SALE!**

**NEARLY NEW SALE UPDATES**

**Fall Sale 2016 - NEW SCHEDULE**

Wed., Oct. 12	Pre-Consignment Inspections	noon – 8 pm
<b>Thurs., Oct. 13</b>	<b>Pre-Consignment Inspections Consignment</b>	<b>9am – noon noon – 8 pm</b>
Fri., Oct. 14	Consignment	9 am – 2 pm

### **Pre-Consignment and Consignment CLOTHING LIMITS CUT 20%**

Due to the growing number of consignors and the total items consigned, we have outgrown available retail space at Tracy Hall; lower level of the building is not available for expansion. Each sale has seen an increase in the number of consignors; the number of consignors has doubled over the past two years. The 100/50 item limits were instituted long ago in the previous century! The new pre-consignment limit is 80 items per pre-consignment number and consignors now have a 40-item limit.

### **Clothing Donations**

We are no longer accepting donations at Tracy Hall. Priscilla Vincent, Annette Brown and Elaine Waterman will inspect donations **by appointment only** on the following dates prior the fall sale window: October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-5:30 pm and October 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6 pm. Donation inspection will take place at Elaine's house just down the street from Tracy Hall on Church Street; easy access and parking. Anyone wishing to donate clothing will need to call Elaine at (802) 649-1558 for an appointment. This will make donating clothing easier for the donor and those waiting in line with their inspection number as donation inspection has always taken priority. Donation certificates will be available.

### **Fall 2016 Digital Consignment Update**

The digital team feels we are not yet ready to go public for the fall sale. We are inviting 25 pre-consignors who regularly consign up to the maximum

consignors for the fall sale.

Our goal is to open up pre-consignment on line for the Spring 2017 Sale.

### **Inspection Area Upgrade**

We will be re-arranging the location of the inspection tables to make use of natural light and electric outlets for day-bright lighting. Many items have passed inspection that shouldn't have due to the poor lighting available in Tracy Hall.

For more information, please go to the Women's Club website at [www.norwichwomensclub](http://www.norwichwomensclub).

Elaine Waterman, Nearly New Sale Chair

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## **FROM THE HISTORIAN**

When we're in the midst of doing the work, we don't always recognize how much the women of Norwich accomplish, banded together as the Norwich Women's Club. In my role as historian, I gather annual statistics to document NWC activities. Stepping back from the numbers, all I can say is, "Whew!" This past year has been incredible.

With a working board of about 20 and a town-wide membership of over 260, the group touches lives and programs throughout the community. The club's mission has always been to "promote and support the cultural, educational, civic and charitable aspects of life in Norwich," and we love doing just that.

Last year alone, using funds raised by its annual Spring Gala, the NWC distributed over \$30,000 in support of community initiatives sponsored by Revels North, Aging in Place, Good Beginnings and including the Hanover High Graduation Party. In addition, the NWC has helped fund programs hosted by the Norwich Public Library, Marion Cross School, the Norwich Recreation Department, and the Family Place, to name a few.

Revenue from our two Nearly New Sales (which involve over 240 volunteers), combined with donations and dues, made it possible for the Club to contribute \$36,000 in local

We take our role as community educators seriously too. We produce the Norwich Town Phone Directory and a number of club newsletters, in addition to hosting various Voter Information Sessions for community members to meet candidates for local offices and make informed decisions.

But we're not just **fund**-raisers---we're **fun**-raisers too. Ask any one of the 200 people who attend our Spring Gala, or those who come to our Fall Gathering, enjoy our Holiday Party, or picnic on the Green while listening to our summer concerts. Talk to the hundred or so people who have taken advantage of our signature programs such as Coffee and Conversations or the Book and Author luncheons held at the Norwich Inn, or participated in trips to local and regional museums. Listen to the compliments that the Norwich Town Garden generates each year. The garden is maintained by Club members and was identified as one of our area's summer jewels by Terry Tempest Williams, a guest of the Norwich Bookstore this past summer.

Yes, we have had a busy and rewarding year, and it's easy to see why we draw our membership not just from Norwich but also from 14 surrounding towns. Since 1907 when the club was first created, the NWC has been a local treasure for the entire Norwich community, and the members today carry on its tradition of service with joy, pride and a healthy dose of laughter.

Holly Sateia, NWC Historian

### **THE NORWICH GARDEN – AS PROMISED!**

True to our spring warning about the bright, bold color design plans for the summer garden, the purples, reds, pinks, yellows and orange annuals put on a brilliant display in the front area of the Norwich Women's Club Garden all summer. Now, a huge, red hibiscus stands in the center checking out the other flowers!

In a few weeks, you will see us planting colorful fall mums and 100 tulip bulbs! The garden brightens up the community for three seasons, spring, summer and fall.

The Norwich Women's Club Garden is a project of love for all of the gardeners. They are wonderful women who work willingly whenever needed, in all conditions, dressed in glow green shirts! This exceptional year has been their reward.

Silberfarb, and garden friend, Ruth Jabbs.

Mary Ann Holbrook, Garden Coordinator

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*Mary Otto, Editor*

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