

# NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB



## President's Letter

Greetings,

Winter isn't finished with us yet and there is still mud season to get through, at least at my house, but I'm pleased that the days have gotten longer. There will be lots to do in the Upper Valley this spring and the Norwich Women's Club helps lead the way.

By now, the Club is well known for helping usher in spring in Norwich with a **Spring Gala**. The Gala committee has worked hard to make sure the party next Friday night, March 17, is the best Gala ever. You can still buy tickets this week or just decide at the last minute and pay that night at the door, to share the fun and help honor Jay Van Arman. Can't make the Gala? You can still get into the spring spirit by bidding on-line for auction items at:

<https://www.32auctions.com/NWCSpringGala2017>.

Of course spring in Norwich wouldn't be complete without a **Nearly New**

arrives. The Sale offers a venue to consign clothing that isn't your taste or size anymore and make room for a few wonderful new items – of course purchased at the Nearly New Sale. I hope to see you as a volunteer and a shopper at the Sale.

The spring issue of the *Norwich Times* just hit the mailboxes with the NWC spring calendar well placed. As the season moves on, please check our website <http://www.norwichwomensclub.org/> to be sure you keep up with what's coming next on the NWC horizon.

Thank you for being a member of the Norwich Women's Club and enjoy the spring.

Sue Kaufman

## COMING SOON - 2017 SPRING GALA!



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### Looking Forward to Seeing You at our 6th FABULOUS NWC Spring Gala!

Our annual Spring Gala is scheduled for March 17 at 6 pm in Tracy Hall. It's a great night: exotic food, excellent bar service, outstanding auction items for both silent and live auctions, Norwichites dressed in their winter (or mud season!) finery. It all adds up to a hot time in the old town on the 17th! Don't

And if you can't attend the Gala (or just want to score some extra deals), think online auction! 130+ items, online and available for bidding until March 15th at 9 pm. It's easy! We've been emailing the Norwich listserv with instructions for bidding, and you can always contact me if you have questions! Go to [www.32auctions.com/NWCSpringGala2017](http://www.32auctions.com/NWCSpringGala2017) to bid!

As always, proceeds from the Gala go to the Norwich Women's Club's Community Projects Fund. Each year we award grants to organizations and individuals with great ideas for projects for Norwich. Last year our total grant amount to organizations over \$33,000! What an achievement for the Norwich Women's Club!

--Lily Trajman, Gala Chair

## **Bid Early, Bid Often!**

### **What You Can Buy At the Three Auctions**

On top of a great party and a fun evening, we have no doubt that this year's Gala Auction proceeds will top our fabulous results from last year. We are EXCITED because our generous members and local businesses have offered both old favorites and new items, all aimed to make it easy for you to support the Gala!

On the night of the Gala at Tracy Hall, our fun silent and live auctions will showcase a fantastic collection of jewelry, clothing, beauty treatments, vacations, wines, foods, local entertainments, restaurants and goodies for the kids.

Can't attend in person March 17? GO ONLINE NOW to bid on a wide array of equally wonderful offerings – look for the online auction catalog on our website, [norwichwomensclub.org](http://norwichwomensclub.org), and INVITE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS to join in as well. You don't have to be a member to participate!

Many items aren't available anywhere else. Want to ride the Norwich Fire Truck? Tour Dan and Whit's? Purchase a one of a kind Norwich brick doorstep? We are making it possible! Other tempting items include golf at the Quechee Club, a family membership to Storrs Pond, dinner at MANY local restaurants, tickets to the Dartmouth Film Society and Northern Stage, home made pies and gingerbread houses, massages, classes, etc. etc!

Remember, it all goes to a great cause and you might get a bargain as well. Happy Bidding!

--Linda Ely, Gala Auction Chair

## **THANK YOU to all of our GALA SUPPORTERS**

Our 6th Annual Spring Gala couldn't happen without all of our generous and important sponsors and contributors!

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The Auction Committee and the NWC also thank all of the Auction prize donors and bidders.

We Couldn't Do It Without All of You

### **PRE-PAY YOUR ENTRY TO THE SPRING GALA!**

Go to the NWC website and click on the drop-down menu and the "Buy Now" button below that, to purchase your tickets.

Payment guarantees you a warm welcome at the Gala, personalized name-tags (give us your guests' names too), generous hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary beverage, and the opportunity to bid in the auctions, silent and live. You won't be issued, and don't need, a physical ticket.

\$45 per person

\$85 per couple

\$5 discount for NWC members



## Annual Book and Author Luncheon a Hit!

This year's Book and Author Lunch was worth waiting for. After being snowed out on February 13, a full house gathered at the Norwich Inn on February 27th to hear Dawn Tripp talk about her fascinating novel *Georgia*, based on the early life of Georgia O'Keefe and her relationship with Alfred Stieglitz. Everyone listened with rapt attention as Tripp explained how she came to write about O'Keefe and talked about the exhaustive research she did for the project. Tripp had just finished the book when, 25 years after O'Keefe's death, her frequent and intimate correspondence with Stieglitz was unsealed and available. Reading the letters led Tripp to a major re-write, although some of the letters were so intimate that they were cut out by her editor.

Although Dawn Tripp is definitely working on another historical novel, she refused to reveal the subject at this point in her writing process. Given the popularity of her talk, we're hoping we can entice her back when the new book debuts. As an aside, she has graciously donated an autographed hard cover copy of *Georgia* to the Gala auction.

The day was an unqualified success. The Inn provided a delightful lunch and everyone went away with an uplifted feeling. If you didn't make the Book and Author lunch this year, be sure to come next year for a bright and shining day in the middle of the winter.

A special thank you to Deb Hall, who made life so much easier by keeping track of everyone's menu choices as well as their payments. She makes the techie thing look so easy.

Isabel McCarthy and Arline Rotman, program co-chairs.

## NWC Community Projects: MAY 1st Deadline for Applications

We are counting on you, as members of the Norwich Women's Club, to spread the word to civic organizations and steer them to our website for a Community Projects Grant Application. Grant Applications need to be submitted by May 1, 2017.

Through the NWC, the community has the opportunity to support programs and projects that enhance educational, civic and cultural activities offered by local organizations and individuals, all of which benefit Norwich residents.

The Gala is the largest fundraising effort supporting the Community Projects Fund of the Norwich Women's Club.

--Carol Loveland, Community Projects Chair

**IMPORTANT -- NNS Changes for Spring Sale 2017**

The following changes are in place for the Spring 2017 Sale.

- SASE will no longer be accepted. A \$1 deduction will be made from each consignor consignment check for "postage and handling." This will streamline pre-consignment and accounting processes.
- The minimum selling price has been increased to \$5. Pricing guidelines have been adjusted.
- The Bag Sale price increased to \$15 per bag per person to enter.

### Pre-consigning on Line – update

On-line pre-consignment contact is Andrea Gaines: [NNS.fallspring@gmail.com](mailto:NNS.fallspring@gmail.com); on-line pre-consignment numbers are limited to 35 people. Once you have contacted Andrea during the pre-consignment window, she will assign you your consignment number and answer any questions you may have included in your contact e-mail.

On-line pre-consignment window is the same as traditional packet pre-consignment window - March 29 – April 24, however, the on-line pre-consignor MUST submit their spreadsheet by one of two deadline dates: April 15 or April 23 so tags can be printed. This schedule is firm.

On-line pre-consignors' tags and tagging gun will be available for pick-up in Elaine Waterman's entry – 63 Church St (Rt.5N), 8th house on left after white Congregational Church - on April 18 or April 26 depending on spreadsheet submission.

### Going Green Fall 2017

We will no longer be mailing hard copies of the Nearly New Sale announcement as of the Fall 2017 sale. If you or someone you know who has been receiving the hard copy, please sign up for the e-mail announcement by contacting: [info@NorwichWomensClub.org](mailto:info@NorwichWomensClub.org) to request digital version and submit you e-address.

The NWC website (Nearly New link) posts sale dates, schedule and information on consigning, volunteering, inspection info and pricing chart by March 15: [www.NorwichWomensClub.org](http://www.NorwichWomensClub.org)

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## NWC HEADED TO NORTHERN STAGE ON MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

The Program Committee is not finished for the season! We are sponsoring another visit to Northern Stage, this year to see *Mamma Mia*. Please **put the 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar** and **stay tuned for specifics including how to get your tickets, in an e-vite coming your way soon!**

*Mamma Mia*, as you may recall, features songs from the pop group ABBA. Included are such hits as "Super Trouper," "Lay All Your Love on Me," and "Dancing Queen."

Our day at Northern Stage will be Thursday, May 11, and we'll attend the 2:00

A wine reception at Northern Stage for just NWC members will follow the play. And then, if you choose, you can join us at Elixir, just down the street from the theater, for dinner, where you will receive a 10% discount on your food.

Sound like fun? We hope you can make it happen! We may even be able to help out with a list of babysitters.

## LOOKING AHEAD – NWC SPRING CALENDAR

- **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm** - Spring Gala
- **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10-11am** - Coffee and Conversation, Norwich Inn
- **Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Community Project applications due**  
**10-11 am** - Coffee and Conversation, Norwich Inn
- **Friday-Sunday, May 5-7<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Nearly New Sale
- **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm** - *Mamma Mia!* Northern Stage, and Elixir dinner



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