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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to Our Community Since 1910

This is the November 2023 newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

Read All About It

Be sure to read all the great news in this issue.

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President's Message





The WCA calendar is full of club events, programs and meetings related to our mission as a center where Capital District women can pool their time, expertise and energy in activities that support the well-being and cultural enrichment of women and children in the region, and to preserve the historic building that is our home.

In this second month of literacy themed programming, come work on your writing project at the WCA and attend a webinar to learn about publishing it. Support a school library through Good Books for Good Works. Read and discuss literature in the members book group.

November is a great month to try a committee meeting. Visit the website to check the [calendar](#) and contact the [committee chairs](#) for meeting agendas and Zoom links. Many new members attended the New Member Mixer last month (see photos below), and I am so pleased to see them connecting with new friends through committee engagement.

As the holiday season approaches, why not register today to treat yourself to a lovely afternoon in our beautifully decorated house at the Holiday Tea on December 2. And if you're starting any holiday shopping, please consider placing a hand crafted WCA house keepsake on your list.

Monica Trabold
WCA President

WCA Board News

At its October meeting, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

- Approved Street Soldiers, a new community service partner.
- Approved several house-related measures, including hanging lithographs and designating a secure storage closet for Archive Committee use.
- Authorized repair of the attic lift.
- Approved a convenience fee structure for membership renewals paid online, effective March 1, 2024.
- Approved designation of funds raised through #GivingTuesday for east porch repair
- Accepted a monetary donation designated for future installation of air conditioning in our building.
- Approved the concept and timing of a spring event celebrating 20 years of WCA renaissance.
- Approved club and committee goals for 2023-24, which members can read [here](#).

It's time to reserve your tickets to the Holiday Tea! Don't miss this annual Holiday tradition.

[REGISTER TO ATTEND AND PAY FOR YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

The Tea Committee will need volunteers to set up and serve at the tea. Please email [Monica](#) if you can help.

Email [monica](mailto:monica@womansclubofalbany.com) if you can help.



THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ALBANY INVITES YOU TO ITS

16th Annual Holiday Tea

TO BENEFIT THE WOMAN'S CLUB
725 MADISON AVENUE
ALBANY, NY 12208



Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023
2-4 p.m. \$45 per person



RSVP by Nov. 25, 2023 at
www.womansclubofalbany.com or
by scanning the QR code.
Reservations are required.

Gluten free and vegetarian options are available. Please select when registering.

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SELFIES WITH SANTA
CASH RAFFLE BASKETS
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED HISTORIC BUILDING



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The Woman's Club can be reached at 518-465-3626.



Literacy Theme Continues

The WCA continues to focus on literacy in November with a variety of activities for WCA members and the public. Scroll down for details.

- Nov. 12, 9-noon -- "Bagels and Bylines," a writing event at the WCA.
- Nov. 16, 5-7 p.m. -- "Good Books for Good Works" at The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza.
- Nov. 17, noon-12:45 p.m. -- "Self-Publishing 101" on Zoom
- Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. -- WCA Members Book Group

Bagels and Bylines

Sun., Nov. 12 -- 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

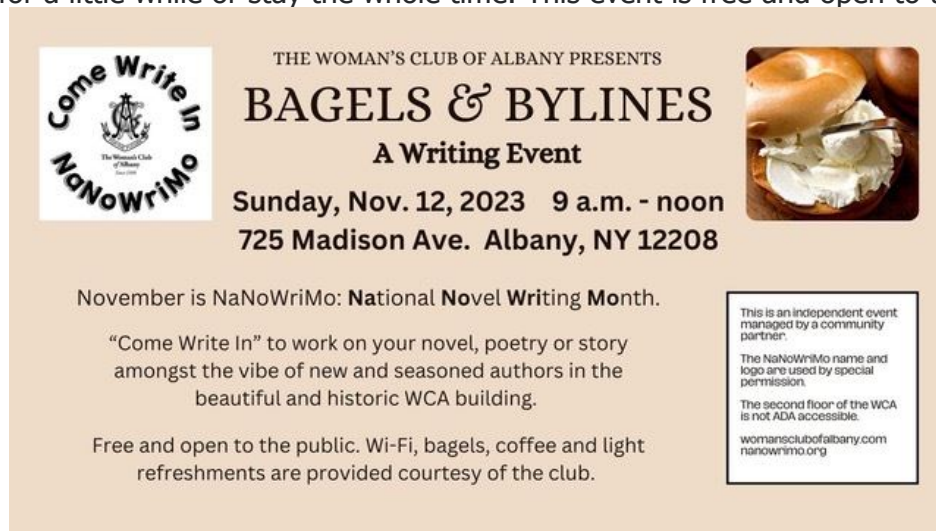
The WCA will open the doors of its historic 1895 building near Washington Park as a "Come Write In" location for NaNoWriMo, or National Novel Writing Month.

Come to the WCA Writers Café! Bring your "in progress" novels, poetry or stories, or start writing amongst the vibe of newbie and seasoned authors. Have a seat in the front living room in a comfy armchair or in the back living room at a table – good for your computer, journal or paper writing, or upstairs in our beautiful ballroom with high ceilings and lots of space. Bagels, coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided as a courtesy of the club. Wi-Fi will be available.

The upstairs ballroom is not ADA accessible. All first floor rooms are accessible. And we have a new ramp for easy access to the front porch and entrance! Check out [photos of the beautiful WCA House.](#)

Learn more about National Novel Writing Month [here](#). They have all sorts of tips, ideas, methods of writing, challenges, materials to help you write and lots more! Take a look!

Stop by for a little while or stay the whole time. This event is free and open to the public.



THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ALBANY PRESENTS

BAGELS & BYLINES

A Writing Event

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 9 a.m. - noon
725 Madison Ave. Albany, NY 12208

November is NaNoWriMo: **National Novel Writing Month.**

"Come Write In" to work on your novel, poetry or story amongst the vibe of new and seasoned authors in the beautiful and historic WCA building.

Free and open to the public. Wi-Fi, bagels, coffee and light refreshments are provided courtesy of the club.

This is an independent event managed by a community partner.
The NaNoWriMo name and logo are used by special permission.
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nanowrimo.org

Start your Holiday Shopping and help a local school library

Thurs., Nov. 16 -- 5 - 7 p.m.

The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza





Good Books for Good Works

A *Holiday Bookfest* co-sponsored by
The Woman's Club of Albany, Book House of
Stuyvesant Plaza & The Little Book House

Thursday, Nov. 16 , 2023 ♦ 5 to 7 p.m.

To benefit the library of
Delaware Community School
City School District of Albany

Book Talk at 5:30 p.m.

*You'll thoroughly enjoy the Book House staff's
reading suggestions and gift ideas for all ages.*

A percentage of sales will be donated to the school.

Remember to tell the staff that your purchase is
part of the Woman's Club "Good Books" event!

Self-Publishing 101

Fri., Nov. 17 -- Noon - 12:45 p.m. on Zoom

Finished your memoir and ready to share? Need a way to stay motivated as you write your novel? Let this webinar be your light at the end of the tunnel as you learn about one option for sharing your work with the world. WCA member Christine Souza will walk participants through the basics of self-publishing on Amazon in this "Lunch and Learn" Zoom. A Q&A session follows the presentation. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

WCA Member Book Group

Tuesday, Nov. 21 -- 6:30 p.m.

The book club will discuss "Traveling with Pomegranates" by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor.

Contact [Diana Pane](#) for more information.

A House for the House

Donate \$25 to the Woman's Club and receive a lovely keepsake ornament, the perfect gift for your friends and family. These ornaments are produced exclusively by women, hand painted by

your friends and family. These ornaments are produced exclusively by women, hand painted by women in Mexico and designed especially for us by Hestia of Marblehead, MA.

DONATE here and receive your house ornament

A House for the House

Donate \$25 and receive a lovely keepsake ornament, the perfect gift for your friends and family!

What a great way to support our own WCA this Holiday Season!

Donate now on the WCA website.



Perfect for Holiday Gifts!

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More Upcoming Events

November's 2sDay in the Parlor

Tues. Nov. 7 -- 6:30 p.m.

Don't forget to turn back the clocks an hour on Sunday, Nov. 5. But what if we could really "turn back time!?"

Bring your baby picture and join us in the parlor as we "turn back time." 2sDays are a great way to get to know each other! Let's see if we recognize our friends!

As always, a nip or your favorite nosh is welcome! Stop by for two minutes or two hours.

(Please remember to take home your dishes and any leftover food.)



Thurs. Nov. 9 -- 6:30 p.m.

For November, we will have two "Legacy Featured Grants" in honor of our 20th anniversary and our co-founder, Barb Collins. This includes Children of Vietnam and Growth Through Learning. The countries are Vietnam, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.

This event is a potluck dinner with a small educational component. Money that otherwise would be spent on going out to dinner is donated.

For more information, contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

Home Away from Home

Join Us A Time to Remember

JOIN US: A TIME TO DECOMPRESS

Wed. Nov. 15 -- 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Home Away from Home is an opportunity for you to come to the WCA and relax, play games, do crafts, have conversations, or just have a getaway from the chores of the day.

Drop by! Host is Jessica Otitigbe

Member Monday -- Nov. 28

Happy Half Hour -- 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner -- 6:30 p.m.

Program and Announcements -- 7 p.m.

Learn about our newest community partner, Street Soldiers, and get hands-on creating care kits!

Hear from Rene Fahay and Nancy Bacon, who represent Street Soldiers, a volunteer group that provides free food, clothes, diapers, sanitary products, hot meals, and other supplies to meet the needs of the homeless and poverty-level singles and families. Street Soldiers meet at Academy Park on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 p.m. to deliver needed items, hot meals and friendship without judgment to those in need.

Please consider donating the following portable items which we will assemble for our partners from Street Soldiers to distribute. These items should be small enough to fit in backpacks for the recipient to travel with. Items include:

- Travel-sized toiletries
- Ensure
- AA batteries
- Packs of snacks, nuts, and cookies
- Non-perishable food in cans with pull tabs
- Peanut butter
- Individual packs of cocoa and coffee
- Socks and gloves
- Hand and feet warmers
- Foot powders

(Please remember to take home your dishes and any leftover food.)

Welcome Our New Members

Welcome to our new members, Clare Boone, Lara Hartmark, Sarah Offenbach, and

Christine "Tina" Stanton.

We look forward to seeing you at meetings and other WCA events.

New Member Mixer

Thank you to all the New Members who joined us at our Fall New Member Mixer! It was wonderful to get to know all of you and for you to get to know our board members and committee chairs. Remember, whether you joined yesterday, or have been a member since the Renaissance, there is always an opportunity to get involved. Take a look at our [committee list](#) and reach out to a chair to learn more!



Community Service Opportunities

Something to touch the heart!

The Community Service Committee is celebrating the upcoming holidays by giving WCA members hands-on giving opportunities!

Tree Decoration for Ten Broeck Mansion

Sat. Nov. 11 -- 11 a.m.

In support of their children's programs and as a great opportunity to raise awareness of the good works that WCA does in the community, we will provide decorations for a six foot tree (they give us the tree and lights) that will be seen by visitors to the Mansion. We'll assemble the decorations (location TBD). We will be notified when the installation of the WCA tree will happen. All budding decorators and crafters welcome.

[Please sign up](#) on the WCA website.

FOCUS Food Pantry Holiday Bag Assembly

Mon. Nov. 27 -- 9 a.m.

As we did last year, we will help FOCUS assemble food gift bags for families that use this pantry. We will meet at the WCA and carpool to 275 State Street. We should be there for about 2 hours.

[Please sign up](#) on the WCA website.

Street Soldiers Collection and Assembly of Items

At Member Monday (Nov. 27th) in collaboration with the Membership Committee, members and guests will collect and place in bags, items needed by homeless and low income families. (See Membership news.)

Join us on Monday Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. for our **committee meeting** via Zoom. For information contact: [Pat Glennon](#), [Shelley Malone Walsh](#) or [Paula Hennessy](#).



CALLING ALL ELVES

Sat. and Sun. Nov. 25 and 26 -- 10 a.m.

Join us as we decorate the WCA for the Holidays. It's a great way to prepare for the season and to be a part of creating the holiday magic of the beautifully decorated Club.

Donut holes and fruit will be provided. Tea is available, but please bring your own coffee. Contact [Pamela Robinson](#) if you can volunteer anytime. The more the merrier. . . and we'll finish even earlier with more helpers. Happy Holidays!

Save the Date



Join Us in a Giving Tuesday Opportunity!

The WCA will be participating in the global movement dedicated to charitable giving known as **Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2023!**

Thanks to your generosity, last year we raised over \$3,300 on Giving Tuesday toward the restoration and painting of our porch pillars. Those funds helped support our application for and award of a \$15,000 grant from the Bender Family Foundation. Together this funded the project to save and protect our 14 beautiful porch pillars for years to come!

This year you can help repair, preserve, and beautify the East porch entrance on our driveway side. In fact, several members have already generously donated funds for this purpose. Let's join them and bring the East porch up to the historic and aesthetic beauty that we enjoy on the front porch!

You will be able to donate by mailing a check to the Woman's Club of Albany, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, N.Y., 12208, or on the [WCA website](#), and designating the funds for Giving Tuesday. All donations are tax deductible and support our mission of preserving our historic home and supporting and enriching the lives of women and children.

Stay tuned for more information and let [Susan Gould Fogerite](#) or [Marilyn Hunter](#), Development Committee chairs, know if you would like to help with this important and exciting project!

Cabin Fever Self-Care Day

Sat. Jan. 20 -- Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Sessions will be facilitated by WCA members who will guide you in a variety of relaxation and self-care workshops, and you will also have time to socialize with other members.

Lunch will be served.

If you are interested in *facilitating a 30-minute workshop* for this event, please use the link below to fill out the form. These are due by December 22, 2023. You will also be able to attend other workshops if we have enough presenters.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEiXDUI9MAaxu_3-gaZxblUeiLgoEIB3oJkdADcwKvSRVKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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