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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to the Community Since 1910

This is the August 2022 newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

A Message from Our New President



What an exciting time to become WCA president.

August may seem quiet and restful when we travel, relax and enjoy the summer sunshine. It also brings a flurry of endeavors to the Woman's Club of Albany -- outreach to colleges about student memberships, preparations for our super garage sale in September, a major rental in our house for the month of August and work on our porch and ramp nearing completion.

It's also a time of transition with new directors joining the Board and some changes to committee chairs. The Club's leaders are thinking about the upcoming year and planning programs, membership events, community service activities and fundraisers. Our gardeners are working hard to maintain our glorious yard as committees behind the scenes make sure things run smoothly.

I am very grateful to the many volunteers who make it all happen, and for the confidence and trust members have shown me as I begin my term as WCA president. One of my goals? A Members Only newsletter coming soon.

Together we are going to do great things.

Monica Trabold

WCA Business

The WCA Board of Directors took the following actions at its July meeting:

- Unanimously approved the Governance Committee's proposed slate of officers for 2022-2023: President Monica Trabold, Vice President Paula Hennessy, Treasurer Debbie Kaminski and Secretary Martha McCormick.
- Approved donation of a house rental to the Washington Park Conservancy for their September Splendor Event.
- Approved renewal of the Meetup subscription which has been successful in promoting events and has brought in new members.
- Approved repair of a faulty ground wire and replacement of the main electrical breaker for the house.

Coming Events



Thursday, Aug. 10 -- 6:30 p.m.



(Together Women Rise photo)

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This month's grantee is Girl Awakening, a project of Colors of Connection in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This project uses art-based programming, mentoring and scholastic support to help adolescent girls bring about positive change for themselves and their community.

Learn more about the project during a potluck dinner with a small educational component. Money that otherwise would have been spent on dining out is donated to the project.

For more information, including location, of the dinner, please contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

Experience the Hudson River School of Art

Saturday, Aug. 13 --10-11 a.m.

Albany Institute of History and Art

125 Washington Ave., Albany 12210

What's the significance of this American art movement?

Who were the artists who created these works?

The Albany Institute of History and Art has one of the most significant collections of Hudson River School paintings. We will attend a private docent-led tour of the collection and learn about the paintings, artists and their relationship to nature and symbolism. The gift shop will be open and those interested can get lunch after the tour.

Tickets for museum entry and private tour are \$10 to be paid at entry.

Please [register](#) on our website so our docent can plan. All are welcome with a 15-person maximum.

Get Outta Town! Tour the Thomas Cole House

Wednesday, Aug. 17 --10 a.m.

218 Spring St., Catskill 12414

As a follow-up to our Hudson River School session at the AIHA, we will visit the home and studio of **Thomas Cole** (1801-1848), an English American painter and founder of the renowned Hudson River School. This romantic style, which flourished in the mid-19th century, glorified the American wilderness and launched painters such as Fredric Church and Asher B. Durand. Cole maintained a studio in Catskill, where he painted a significant portion of his work.

We will carpool from the WCA at 10 a.m. to this lovely site with Cole's studio and home and take a walk to his burial site. Those interested can find lunch or a snack nearby after.

Ticket cost for visiting the Cole house is \$16.00 and can be paid at the site.

Please [register](#) on the WCA website and let us know if you are willing to drive! All welcome!

Movie Tuesday at the Spectrum

Tuesday, Aug. 23 -- time TBD

Spectrum 8 Theater

290 Delaware Ave, Albany 12209

Beat the afternoon heat! Grab the popcorn!

All invited to view "Where the Crawdads Sing" and meet after for a snack or drink and discussion at Delaware Supply next door. This movie is based on the very popular novel and will be certain to entertain.

[Sign up on the website](#) and pay \$7 at the box office. Everyone is invited.

2sDay on the Porch

Yes, there will be a 2sDay on the Porch in August. Check the mid-month newsletter for the date and details.



Mark Your Calendar

WCA Garage "Super" Sale Sept. 9-10

New This Year -- Preview Sale Sept. 8

It's time for our annual Woman's Club of Albany public Garage "Super" Sale on Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A special preview sale will be held on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. for an entry price of \$5.

We depend on you, our members, for donations and help to make this major fundraiser a great success! So, please bring your (or family's, friends' and neighbors') donations of vintage and new furniture, small appliances, tools, art, holiday and household decorative items, hats, purses, shoes, jewelry, table and glassware, linens, toys and books.

Clean, intact items for the sale will be accepted at the WCA on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 12 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept 7, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. No clothing, mattresses, or exercise equipment will be accepted. You are encouraged to drop off jewelry donations at Tuesday on the porch in August as well.

The sale will also feature a raffle of gift baskets and sale of home-made baked goods.

This is an all hands on deck event. Please join in the fun by planning to help at the event, before it, and/or on Sunday, Sept. 11, for final pack up and donations. A sign-up document will be sent out by email in early August

Of course, you will want to attend and spread the word among your contacts!

Shop for the Holidays -- and Help the WCA

Stay tuned for details on how to make the \$5 donation that will give you 20 percent off purchases and benefit the WCA.



Community Service

New Volunteer Opportunity

Are you interested in being a "WCA ambassador?"

We're looking for WCA Members to be volunteer ushers for the upcoming season at The Rep in downtown Albany. This is an opportunity to volunteer for a local theater, while promoting interest and membership in the WCA.

Ushers will be expected to escort patrons to their seats, distribute programs, serve beverages and food to patrons before the show and during intermission and assist in evacuation of the building in an emergency. Volunteers must guarantee their availability for selected dates between September 2022 and July 2023.

For more information, email [Maryhelen Lounello](mailto:Maryhelen.Lounello). This volunteer opportunity is currently pending Board approval.

Welcome Our New Member

We welcome our new member, **Ashley Moak**. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Before and After

Thanks to Jim Dirolf, husband of member Jolene Dirolf, for generously volunteering his time and fine craftsmanship to repair the spindles on our grand staircase. Check out the before (left) and after (right) photos below.



