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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to Our Community Since 1910

This is the Oct. 1, 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. There's lots happening:

- President's Message
- Front Porch makeover continues
- September Board report
- WCA focuses on literacy
- Donate unused musical instruments to school children
- 2sDay in the Parlor
- Together Women Rise
- Fahrenheit 451 screening
- Home Away from Home
- Ghost stories from Schenectady's Stockade
- Meet Our Authors at Member Monday
- New members
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President's Message





Dear WCA members and supporters,

Many thanks to all who donated, volunteered and shopped at the 2023 WCA Super Garage Sale. Paula Hennessy and Susan Gould Fogerite once again led a large team of volunteers who persevered in the heat to set a new record of over \$9,000 profit in this major fundraiser. Congratulations!

Have you been to the house to see the new gardens and freshly painted pillars? The contractor also painted the porch ceiling and repaired and painted windows on the porch and east side of the building. Attend an event and see for yourself.

Event organizers have many fun activities planned for you. Read on for details, and I hope to see you there.

-- ***Monica Trabold***

Front Porch Makeover Continues





Workers paint the front porch ceiling, windows and pillars as work on our major porch project nears completion. A new garden has been planted in front of the porch and lights will be installed soon along the new accessibility ramp.

WCA Board News

At its September meeting, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of exterior lights for the ramp.

Leadership Team Sets Literacy Theme

At their most recent Leadership Team meeting, WCA directors and committee chairs decided to focus on literacy during October and November. Community Service, Membership and Program committees are offering a variety of activities for WCA

membership and Program committees are offering a variety of activities for WCA members and the public. Read your October and November newsletters for details about these upcoming events:

- Oct. 13, 7 p.m. -- "Fahrenheit 451" (1966) film at Page Hall, UAlbany downtown campus. *See details below.*
- Oct. 23, 6 p.m. -- "Author, Author" & collection of children's books at Member Monday. *See Member Monday information below.*
- Nov. 12, 9 to noon -- "Bagels and Bylines," a writing event at the WCA. See details in Save the Date information below.
- Nov. 16, time to be announced -- "Good Books for Good Works" at The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza.
- Nov. 17, time to be announced -- "Self-Publishing 101" on Zoom
- Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. -- WCA Members Book Group meets at the WCA to discuss "Traveling with Pomegranates."

More Upcoming Events



(Photo by Cara Miner)

Today's the Day!

Can You Make a Young Musician's Dream Come True?

WCA — Sunday, Oct. 1 — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WCA member Jill Rifkin, chair of the Albany Symphony Orchestra-Vanguard's Instruments for Students program, will be at the WCA today to collect dormant instruments for redistribution to students whose families cannot afford the expensive rental or purchase fees. If you have an instrument you no longer need, please drop it off today.

October's 2sDay in the Parlor

Oct. 3 -- 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we move off the porch and inside to the parlor as sweater weather approaches!

2sDays are to get 2 know each other! Come chit-chat about the fall foliage, October outings and Halloween hijinx!

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

See you at the house!

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



Thursday, Oct. 12 -- 6:30 p.m.



(Together Women Rise photo)

Join us for a potluck supper with a small educational component to learn about this month's grant recipient, Girl Rising in Pakistan.

Girl Rising gives adolescents, educators, parents, and community members the resources, training and skills to improve education quality, remove education barriers, and create new advocates for gender equality.

At our potluck supper, money that otherwise would be spent on going out to dinner is donated.

Contact [Rosemary Revoir](#) for information and the location of the potluck.



'Fahrenheit 451' Classic Rings True Today

Friday, Oct. 13 -- Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany

Meet at 6:30-6:45 p.m.; Screening at 7 p.m.

What could be scarier than a world without books? The current issue of banning books makes this classic film [directed by Francois Truffaut](#) especially worth seeing in 2023. This screening is presented by the NYS Writers Institute in Page Hall on the downtown UAlbany campus.

We'll meet between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. in the auditorium lobby so we can sit together to view the film. Free admission. Registration is not required, but if you contact [Sheryl](#) or [Monica](#), they'll know to look for you. Free parking in the Thurlow student lot. See [map](#).

Home Away from Home

Anybody for Canasta? Scrabble?

Wednesday, Oct. 18 -- 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Drop by! Apple crumble provided! Host is Paula Hennessy!

Ghost Stories and Folklore from the Stockade

Friday, Oct. 20 -- 7 p.m.

The Woman's Club of Albany and the Schenectady



County Historical Society present...



Ghost Stories and Folklore from the Stockade

For centuries folks of all backgrounds have lived their lives in the Stockade neighborhood and as folklore has it, some of them never completely left. Stories about spirit sightings and strange occurrences reveal the rich history of this historic area.

**Costumes
encouraged for a
Halloween drawing!**

**Friday, October 20, 2023
at 7pm (doors open 6:30)**

**The Woman's Club of
Albany**

725 Madison Avenue

Free Admission for WCCA members, donations appreciated from non-members

refreshments will be served

(Please note only the first floor of the WCA is ADA accessible.)

Member Monday -- Oct. 23

Meet Our Authors

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

Potluck Dinner -- 6:30 p.m.

Program and Announcements -- 7 p.m.

We'll continue the WCA's focus on literacy, highlighting our members who are authors! Come hear Debbie Kaminski and Linda Wagner talk about their journey from the inception of an idea to its publication.

The Community Service Committee will collect new and gently used children's books to donate to Grassroot Givers. All children's genres and reading levels are welcome. Books in Spanish are especially needed.

Bring a dish or dessert to share at the potluck and feel free to wear your Halloween costume or Halloween-inspired outfit. There may just be a treat in it for the best dressed! No Trick!

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



Welcome Our New Members

Welcome to our new members, **Allison Larman**, **Rebecca Logston**, **Shawn Logston** and **Sandra Ray**. We look forward to seeing you at meetings and other WCA events.

Community Service Opportunities





It's What We Do . . .

Did you know that "The Club's mission is to provide a center where Capital Region 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."

Join the Community Service Committee or volunteer to participate in one of our many activities!

Contact [Pat Glennon](#) or [Shelley Malone Walsh](#).



Help with Fall Garden Work

Ten Broeck Mansion -- 9 Ten Broeck Place (off Livingston Avenue)

Saturday, Oct. 7 -- 9-11 a.m.

Let's meet at the mansion and help ready the grounds of this historic site for autumn.
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Contact [Pat Glennon](#) or [Shelley Malone Walsh](#) for more information.

[Be sure to sign up](#) on the WCA website.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Sunday, Oct. 15 -- 11:30 a.m.



We're in this fight together. Whose struggle will you honor -- Mom's, a sister's a friend's, your own?

We'll meet at the WCA and walk to nearby Washington Park to join thousands of others. Sign up [here](#).

Want to donate? The Community Service Committee will collect individual donations at the WCA. Checks should be written to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Mail your check to the WCA or drop it off when you're at the house. Checks will be mailed together with a cover letter from the WCA.

Our goal this year is \$300. Please help us get there.

For information, contact [Paula Hennessy](#).

Save the Date

Bagels and Bylines

Sunday, Nov. 12 -- 9 a.m. - noon