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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to Our Community Since 1910

This is the Sept. 1, 2023, newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

Coming Soon: WCA Annual Super Garage Sale

Don't miss any of the news in this issue, including details about the Super Garage Sale next week and ways you can help.

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Message from the President





At the WCA, it's Re-Member September because it's time for many members to renew.

Membership matters. The simple act of renewing your commitment to the WCA allows the club to fund service projects and capital improvements that we can all be proud of. When that renewal notification arrives, please take a few minutes to drop a check in the mail or renew online. If you're not a member yet, this is a great time to join. [Membership](#) is affordable and accessible to all.

Participation matters. As an all-volunteer organization, the WCA relies on volunteers. If committee service is beyond your availability, perhaps you could volunteer a few hours at the garage sale. That said, [joining a committee](#) is a great way to make friends and feel like you belong.

Members, your opinion matters. It has been three years since the last comprehensive member survey whose results spurred committee actions and informed the current strategic plan. Much has changed during that interval. Watch your email for the next member survey in a few weeks.

I hope to see many of you shopping at the Garage Sale. This major fundraiser brought in over \$8,000 a year ago.

Please come to 2sDay on the porch for an end-of-summer gathering and the dedication of the Rose Garden. You'll enjoy the gardens and newly restored pillars.

One last thought: If you haven't read the WCA 2022-23 Annual Report, you can [download](#) a copy here to learn about the WCA's impact and initiatives.

-- **Monica Trabold**

Board News

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

- Approved revisions to WCA Policies and Procedures, now posted in the Members Only section of the website.
- Authorized the Program Committee to register the WCA as a "Come Write In" location for National Novel Writing Month in November.
- Approved an educational program about "Ghost Stories and Folklore from the

Stockade.”

- Approved a \$50 discount for holiday rentals booked during October.
- Approved a silent auction item for Washington Park Conservancy's September Splendor.
- Authorized additional painting to the front porch and east windows while the contractor is on site for pillar restoration.

Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome **Janet DiBiase, Danielle Ellis** (our Porch Pal-ooza free membership winner), **Kate Fitzpatrick, Debbie Harting, Mary Hull, Jan McEneny, Vibha Ruval Gillen, Katelyn Sherwood** and **Arlene Halpert**. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other events.

Upcoming Events

WCA annual Super Garage Sale Almost Here

Our annual Super Garage Sale is just days away. We'll be accepting donations of items next Tuesday and Wednesday in preparation for the sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We need more helpers to process and stage donations, staff the sale and distribute goods afterward. Thanks to all those who have signed up to help. If you haven't done so, you can join us [here](#). Knowing we have enough volunteers will really assist with our planning and sale.

We can also use more tables, clothing racks, and open tents.

Remember, we're accepting fall and winter clothing this year!

Here are some reasons why you should participate in this important event:

- Clear up space in your home!
- Have fun with friends, new and old, while working at the sale!
- Proceeds from the sale directly benefit our club and its mission!
- Neighborhood residents seeking bargains look forward to it every year!
- We support our service mission by inviting our community partners and others to select unsold items.

That makes it a win-win-win for our members, our club, and our community!

Please see the flyer below for details and download and share it widely!

You can help publicize our sale by sharing this [FLYER](#) online and in print.

Please email Paula Hennessey or Susan Gould Foaerite with any questions.

The Woman's Club of Albany
SUPER GARAGE SALE
725 Madison Avenue Albany, NY



The Woman's Club
of Albany
Since 1910



**LOTS OF
MERCHANDISE
inside and outside!**

**WE ARE
COLLECTING:**
household items,
toys, fall and
winter clothes,
games, décor,
furniture,
jewelry, books and
more!

**WE CANNOT
ACCEPT:**
skis, exercise
machines,
electronics, fish
tanks, car seats,
bowling balls,
bedding or
mattresses.

Collection Days: Tuesday 9/5 - 3-7 pm * Wednesday 9/6 - 10 am-6 pm

Preview Sale: Thursday 9/7 - 5-7:30 pm * Entry fee: \$5

Garage Sale Days: Friday 9/8 - 9 am-3 pm * Saturday 9/9 - 9 am-3 pm



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Final Flamingo and a Special Dedication

2sDay on the Porch -- Sept. 12 -- 6:30 p.m.



Where did the time go? It's our Final Flamingo. time to bid a fond farewell to summer on the Porch.

Geo and Josh, our personal Porch "Sound of Summer." will work their musical magic while we share laughs and more smiles than we can count.

As always a nip or nosh to share, please.

Wondering what to wear? It is Final Flamingo so you can't go wrong with pink. We missed Spc birthday, so black and white is good, too. Or maybe something floral.

Wait, there's more.

We'll also dedicate our beautiful new front Rose Garden to our dear member Paula Rosenber who left us far too soon last fall. The Rose Garden's name itself honors Paula. Her two daughters (Paula's proudest creations) each have Rose as a middle name. It also honors all of us -- past present and future members.

In keeping with our tradition of celebrating all things fabulous. we will raise a glass and smile our friends surrounding us and remember all those smiling down on us.



Thursday, Sept. 14 -- 6:30 p.m.





(Together Women Rise photo)

This month's grant recipient is Last Mile 4D in Kenya for its project, "Ending Female Genital Mutilation: A Three-Pillar Approach." The mission of [Last Mile 4D](#) is to help ensure that girls and women can access information about their rights to health, safety and freedom from gender-based violence.

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](#).

WCA Book Club

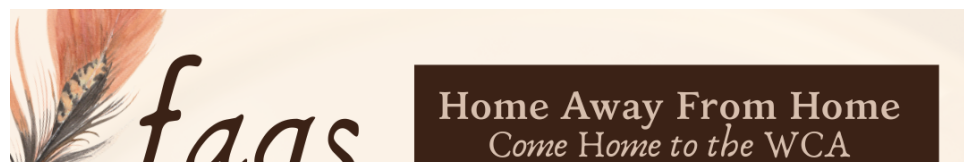
Tuesday, Sept. 19 -- 6:30 p.m.

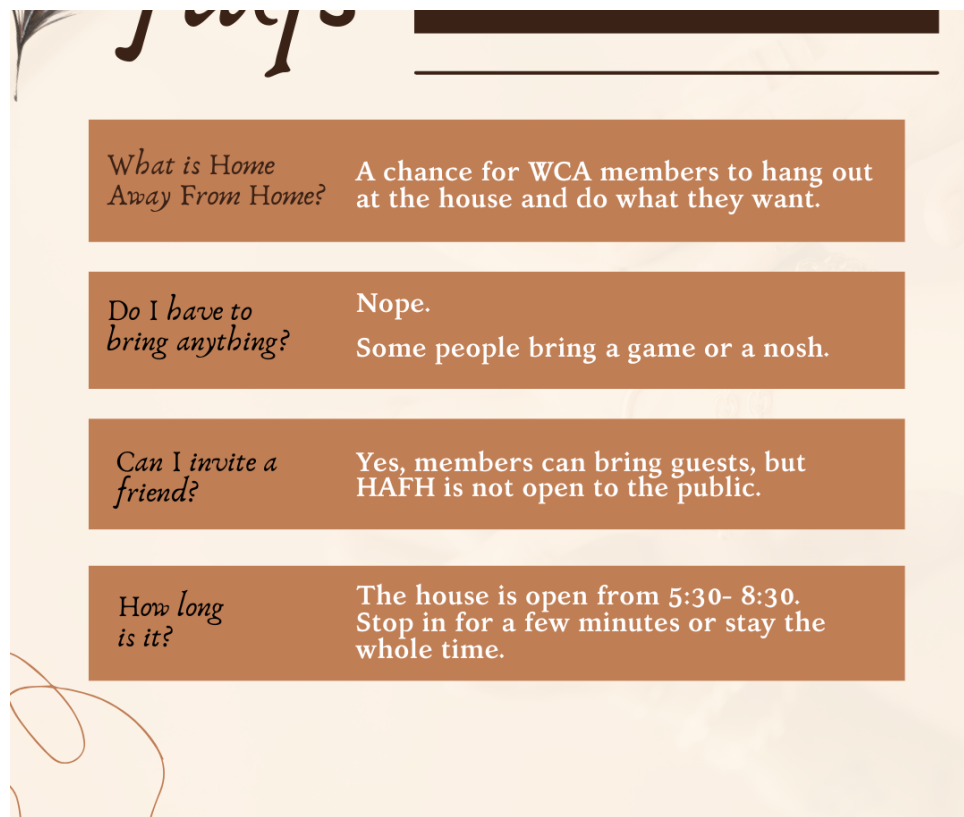
The WCA Book Club will discuss "Storytellers Secret" by Sejal Badani.

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

Come Home to Home Away From Home

Wednesday, Sept. 20 -- 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.





Home Away From Home is a monthly Members' Night Out hosted by the Board in an effort to make the house more available to members.

What can you do? Whatever you want! For example:

- Read a book or write a story.
- Sit on the porch and visit with your friends.
- Play a game.
- Share a nip and a nosh.
- Work on arts and crafts,
- Use the ballroom for dance or yoga

The choice is yours. Whatever you do, we're always glad to see you. September's HAFH will be hosted by President Monica Trabold.

Welcome Back to Member Mondays!

Monday, Sept. 25

Happy Half Hour -- 6 p.m.

Pot Luck Supper -- 6:30 p.m.

Announcements and Archives Presentation-- 7 p.m.

The Membership Committee can't wait to welcome all of you to Re-Member September!

Did you know that almost 40 percent of our members have a renewal date in the fall? If you are one of our Fall Friends, be sure to bring your checkbook to Member Monday to rejoin us for another fun-filled year. Paying by cash or check helps the club save on credit card fees.

We will have a brief presentation by Archives Committee Chair Pam Burns on the amazing book she and the committee have created about the WCA's treasures.

Bring a dish or dessert to share at the potluck. And bring a friend to introduce them to the Club!

WCA Friends and Family Picnic

Lawson Lake, Feura Bush

Saturday, Sept. 30 -- 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Last year's picnic organized by the Program Committee was a huge success. [Click here](#) to enjoy picnic photos and [click here to sign up](#) to attend. All are welcome!

Visit the [Lawson Lake website](#) to learn more about this hidden gem county park, and enjoy this [YouTube video](#) posted by Albany County of the 2021 WCA picnic.



WCA FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC @ LAWSON LAKE



Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 -- 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

293 Lawson Lake Rd., Feura Bush 12067



Everyone is invited to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and placid lake, rain or shine. The lodge is fully accessible with a bathroom and kitchen. Enjoy hiking trails, fishing, playground and fire pit outside.

<u>WCA will provide:</u>	<u>Please bring:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hotdogs & condiments• Marshmallows• Water & soft drinks• Paper products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A dish to share• Board games• Outdoor games• Hiking boots - trails may be muddy

Sign up on WCA website by Sept. 23.



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Program Committee Meeting

Monday, Sept. 11 — 6 p.m.

Would you like to plan activities for WCA members to do together? The Program Committee invites you to its meeting on Monday, Sept. 11, at the WCA. If you like, join [Monica](#) and [Sara](#) 6 p.m. for a light supper — our treat — followed by a meeting starting at 6:30. If possible, let know if you plan to attend, but it's okay if you just show up.

Save the Date for These October Programs

- Screening of "Fahrenheit 451"(1966) -- Oct. 13, 7 p.m. at Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., downtown UAlbany campus.
- Voices From the Haunted Past: Ghost Stories and Folklore from the Stockade -- Oct. 20, p.m. at the WCA.



WCA House Keepsakes Have Arrived!

You may have liked the prototype but wait until you see the actual house keepsake!

These were custom-designed for us by Hestia, a small woman-owned and operated business Massachusetts. Each hand-cast keepsake, made of marble-dust composite, is hand-painted by women artisans and is truly a work of art. It can be hung by its ribbon or displayed on the stand included in the nicely boxed set.

The Development Committee is making these available to you as a fundraising initiative called **"A House for the House."** If you donate \$25 (or more!), you will receive one of these keepsakes as a thank-you gift. You can gift these to others by making additional \$25 donation. The proceeds will be put toward various projects for the repair, improvement or beautification of our historic home.

We introduced these at the Aug. 22 Porch Palooza, and many members happily made donations and took them home. You, too, can have one of these collector's items and support the house that has been our club's home for more than 100 years!

You can make a "House for the House" donation on the WCA website or at the Super Garage Sale. Keepsakes can be picked up at the garage sale and other WCA events.

Community Service Opportunities



Photo by Cara Miner

Donate Your Used Musical Instruments; Benefit Children in Need

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

The Woman's Club of Albany is partnering with Vanguard-Inc.-ASO, the volunteer wing of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, to host a used musical instrument drive.

This drive benefits hundreds of public school children whose families cannot afford the expensive rental or purchase fees. Unfortunately, 13 local school districts frequently lack sufficient instruments for all the students who yearn to play them.

Your tax-deductible donation gives these eager, music-loving students the priceless opportunity not only to study music in depth, but also to play in their school orchestras or bands. Their teachers have told us that these youngsters' grades and attendance often rise as they hone their musical skills. In addition, they develop self-discipline, confidence and pride, acquire many crucial life skills, and best of all, experience intense joy and fulfillment playing beautiful music with their peers.

To date, 757 long-dormant instruments have been collected, donated, and brought back to life in the hands of these young musicians.

For further information, contact [Jill Rifkin](#), chair, Instruments for Students, Vanguard, Albany Symphony Orchestra. Thank you!



Join "Making Strides for Breast Cancer"

[Remember to sign up](#) to represent the WCA at the annual "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" on Sunday, Oct. 15.

We'll meet at the house at 11:30 a.m. and walk together to Washington Park. This is always an inspiring event.

If you would like to donate to this fund drive, we'll collect individual checks written to "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" and mail them together from the WCA. No contribution is too small. Our goal this year is \$300.

Questions? Contact [Paula Hennessy](#).

Back to School



WCA members helped sort donated school supplies at the Focus Food Pantry.

