

Newsletter September 2009

Important DATES
 Fall Welcome Meeting
 October 7th
 Nearly New Sale

October 14th – 18th
 Hike
 October 19th

President's Message:

September has nearly passed and what a month it's been!

The new bandstand was dedicated to the town on Sept. 12th under the direction of our town manager, Pete Webster with help from Vt. Representative Margaret Cheney (a member of the NWC, I am proud to say!), US Congressman Peter Welch and Selectboard member Ed Childs. Charles Egbert, architect of the bandstand, and I were also on hand for the ribbon cutting. The NWC helped advertise the event, decorated the bandstand and offered balloons and ice cream to all. It was a lovely day and seeing the bandstand once again take center stage on the Norwich Green was wonderful!

Special thanks go to Mara J. Robinson of Mara Landscaping Design who provided, free of charge, a full set of plans for plantings around the bandstand. She will be helping Kevin Brown of E.C. Brown's Nursery install the plants in the next few days.

My personal thanks to our bandstand dedication committee (Erica Fairhurst, Sue Pitiger, Rita Lajoie and April Andrews). Ladies, you were fabulous!

We welcome 4 new members to the board. Erica Fairhurst will provide the invaluable service of being our public relations representative. Susan Finer is our new Newsletter editor, Dana Ireland will be keeping track of our history, and Nancy Snyder will be co-chairing Floribunda. We look forward to working with you.

To you, the membership, my gratitude for your generous support. Your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated and earnestly needed. I ask that you continue to offer your time and talents as you have in the past and I look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

Karen Ward, President, NWC

MEMBERSHIP

We have been very successful regarding timely payment of membership dues this year, and we thank all the members who were prompt in sending those dues. It is membership that supports our operating budget, thereby allowing all monies collected through fundraisers to go directly to community projects and student scholarships. The Fall Meeting is just around the corner, October 7th and is open to all. Please invite a guest who might be interested in joining NWC.

Nancy Golder & Karen Woodward, Membership Chairs

Join for yourself/Join for a Friend

Mail this membership info with \$15 dues for year
 June 1, 2009- May 31, 2010 to:

Norwich Women's Club
 PO BOX 191
 Norwich VT, 05055

Name:
 Mailing address:
 Email address:
 Phone #:



ANNUAL FALL WELCOME MEETING

(Wine, Women and Fun)
EVERYONE INVITED TO BRING A FRIEND

The Norwich Women's Club's Annual Fall Welcome Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the home of Arline Rotman, 95 Douglas Road.

Appetizers and desserts will be served (along with beverage of your choice). All members are cordially invited to attend and encouraged to bring a friend.

Directions: From the Norwich Inn, take Main Street to Turnpike Road. Left on Turnpike and then right onto New Boston Rd. to .3 miles and turn left onto Douglas Rd. to #95 on the left. Parking is limited so it is requested that, whenever possible, consider carpooling. And for those of you who don't mind walking, please park on Douglas Ridge and walk up the driveway to the Rotman house. For questions, contact Cheryl Herrmann, 802-649-1333 or Arline Rotman arliner@gmail.com

Arline Rotman, Cheryl Herrmann, Hospitality Chairs

**FALL/WINTER NEARLY NEW SALE
 COMING SOON**



The FALL NEARLY NEW SALE is just weeks away. It's time to think about consigning, volunteering AND sprucing up your winter wardrobe with quality clothing purchased at the sale

The NNS signature hot pink announcement with dates and pertinent information was mailed early September. You can help us reach our goal of 270 volunteers! Check your calendar and respond to the e-mail recruitment or the phonathon.

Volunteers are needed from set-up on Wednesday, October 14th thru clean up on Sunday, October 18th.

The Holiday Dress & Gown Boutique and the Costume Shoppe will be featured and we hope to expand the men's clothing section with more male consignors or their agents aka wife, girlfriend or significant other. Please encourage the men in your life to consign and shop the Nearly New Sale.

Remember the success of this sale not only depends on quality clothing, but it also depends on your participation. Here's to sprucing up everyone's fall/winter wardrobes and a most successful fall sale!!

Elaine Waterman & Cheryl Lindberg, Nearly New Sale Chairs

CLEAN shopping and grocery bags

for the Fall Nearly New Sale

Bring when you come to work your shift.

**TAKE A HIKE!
 October 19, 2009**



Put on your hiking shoes and join the NWC's fall foray walking or hiking up Mt. Tom in Woodstock.

We will meet at Huntley Meadow at 9:30 a.m. and carpool to Woodstock. Once there we will have two hiking choices. The carriage road is an easy walk to the top; the trail is a slightly more challenging hike. Either way, we will all meet at the top to eat our picnic lunches. Please bring your lunch along with something to drink. We will provide munchies and snacks to nibble on the way to the top.

If you are interested, please let us know. In case of inclement weather, hike will be postponed until October 26.

Noelle Vitt: noellevitt@gmail.com
 Arline Rotman: arliner@gmail.com
 Programs Chairs



The Garden at CHURCH and MAIN

Two months of rain did wonders for the flowers in the garden (no slugs) and wonders for the backs of the gardeners (no watering with the hose). The garden continues to mature and needs less demanding, though continued loving, care. With 3 applications of Milky Spore the Japanese beetle population was reduced to about 20 for the whole season.

Our dedicated gardeners weeded, deadheaded, pruned, cleaned the area of trash and raked every couple of weeks throughout the spring and summer to keep the garden looking neat and healthy. I hope that everyone likes the new look of the paving around the garden. We have Mr. Hogdon and his crew to thank for working with us and for supplying mulch, cleaning and raking the area to give it a "finished look".

Fall mum planting will happen shortly. I will deliver the last of the zinnia to the Senior Residence, Carol Loveland to the monthly Neighbors' Luncheon and Jane Sargent to DHMC for the patients' rooms. Many residents and passers-by blow their horn, wave or stop to chat and compliment us on the garden. We appreciate their thoughtfulness. I hope that your thanks will go to our committee members: Nancy Golder, Catherine Harwood, Carol Loveland, Janice Lavoie, Alison May and Victoria Lubin.

Thank you all for your support,
Mary Ann Holbrook, Chair

DIRECTORY

The 2009-2010 Norwich Women's Club Directory will be mailed to you in mid-October, following the Fall Meeting so that new members can be included. If you have a new email address or moved please let Deb Hall have the details as soon as possible – woodshall@gmail.com or 649-1263.Thanks!

Jaye Johnson, Chair

The Norwich Women's Club is a non-profit organization established in 1907. Our purpose is to provide educational opportunities and promote civic and cultural projects for the Town of Norwich and its residents. Membership is open to all interested applicants.



The Scholarship Committee Concludes Another Successful Year



The Norwich Women's Club 2009 Scholarships were awarded to total of twenty local residents. Nine of these were 2009 high school graduates and eleven were less recent grads who currently live in town. The committee gave two Woodworth Awards, recognizing community service, and one Marion Cross Award, recognizing an interest in a career in teaching. The total amount of money presented this year was \$32,900. The awards ranged from \$500 to \$3,500, with approximately two-thirds of the funds going to the new grads.

The scholarship committee structure follows the mandate which requires scholarship committees, such as ours, to have a minority of members representing the organization and a majority representing the larger community. Thus the committee is composed of two NWC members and three community members, all serving for staggered three-year terms. For the 2010 awards, the committee is Sue Kaufman (NWC) as chair, Onita Connington (NWC), Uwe Bagnato, Dan Fraser and Carolyn Frye

The broader constituency of the committee has proven to be a real advantage to the process. The community members are highly interested and have contributed significantly to making good decisions about the awards. In addition, the NWC scholarship tradition is now more widely known in Norwich than ever before. Starting in 2009, VSAC changed the application due date to early March which requires that we begin the process of sending out letters to the community about our scholarships in early January. The committee makes its decisions in time for VSAC to notify scholarship recipients in mid-May.

Sue Kaufman, Scholarship Chair



NEWSLETTER

Susan Finer, with the help of Sophia Crawford and new members Kate Barlow and Marie Colaccio, will be in charge of the production and editing of the Norwich Women's Club Newsletter. The Women's Club Board has voted to send the newsletter by email where possible, saving money and labor.

This issue is our first attempt at email so hard copy will also be mailed. Please let Deb Hall (woodshall@gmail.com) know if your email copy did not arrive. If you have a new email address please be sure that Deb has it. If you do not have email or do not wish to get this by email, please let her know and we will continue to mail your paper newsletter to you the day it is sent out on email. Thanks Sophia!

Susan Finer, Newsletter Editor

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