

NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB

Community Service Since 1907

MARCH 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is almost here! As I look out my window and see nothing but snow and freezing rain, it is hard to believe that daffodils really will be blooming in a few short weeks.

Sue Pitiger, Isabel McCarthy, Nancy Snyder and all their wonderful volunteers are working overtime to make this year's Floribunda Marketplace better than ever. Wait until you see all the fabulous auction items they have assembled. The list will be available on our website, www.norwichwomensclub.org to help you make an early decision about what you want to take home with you. I hope you all have your tickets for the opening Friday night gala, with wine, delicious savories and first crack at the silent auction. Tracy Hall will definitely be the place to be.

With Spring comes spring-cleaning and the Nearly New Sale. Mark your calendars for April 29-May1. It isn't too early to start combing your closets looking for dresses, skirts, pants, tops, jackets, cotton sweaters and whatever else you want to consign for the sale. Don't forget the men's suits, sport coats, sweaters, shirts and slacks. Remember, the more you can clean out of your closet, the more room you can make for new items. What a great opportunity to swap the clothing that you are tired of wearing for the clothing that someone else has retired. This is a win, win, and win one more time situation. Both the buyer and seller win, while the NWC profits are made available for much needed scholarships awarded to Norwich residents. How can you beat that!

Save the Date!

The Annual Women's Club Spring Museum Trip will be on Sunday, May 15.

We will be going to the Clark Museum in Williamstown, Massachusetts and having brunch at the Williams Inn, with perhaps a visit to the Williams College Museum if time permits. We are hoping that having a Sunday trip will allow women who work during the week to join us. The bus will leave at 7:30 am and return about 5:30 pm. Cost is yet to be determined but we will try to keep it at about \$60 - \$65.

Debbie Carter and Noelle Vitt

NWC Calendar

Floribunda Marketplace Gala:
Friday 3/18
Tracy Hall

Floribunda Marketplace 3/19
&3/20
Tracy Hall

Nearly New Spring Sale 4/29-
5/1
Tracy Hall

Clark Museum Trip
Sunday 5/15
7:30am-5:30pm

NWC Board Meetings: Mondays
Norwich Public Library at
6:30pm
3/14/11
4/11/11
5/9/11
6/13/11

Membership Committee

The Club would like to welcome our newest members: Lois Kerr, Barbara Landau, Heather Pixley, and Linda Specht. We're looking forward to getting to know you better. Please join us at the Floribunda Marketplace Gala and the Spring Bus Trip to Williamstown. If there's a club activity that you'd like to get involved with, contact me at kkwoodword@gmail.com and I'll see that you get the information.

Karen Woodward
Nancy Golder

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FLORIBUNDA MARKETPLACE

Don't forget! Floribunda Marketplace is coming March 18-20. The show will be lovely. We have a mix of vendors who'll be showing and selling everything "for you, your home, and your garden." At just \$5 for a ticket at the door, free for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult, this is a bargain.

Plus, let's face it – it's great to get out of the house, especially after this beast of a winter, and see everyone in town. What's nicer than a lunch or snack on that stage in Tracy Hall? The Cafe chairs, Lisa Cadow and Susie McCarthy, are promising off-the-chart great food this year. They know that Norwich foodies appreciate top quality local ingredients combined for a special menu.

But wait – the Friday night FloriGala! The wine and beer are ordered and the stage is set for a real party. The food committee, headed by Rita Lajoie, has knocked the ball out of the park for fabulous menu planning and great execution. Nancy Snyder has increased the scale of the Silent Auction and secured some truly fabulous, and in some cases wacky, prizes for us all to bid on. If you haven't yet committed to be at the gala, please consider it. Tickets are \$40/person, \$75 for 2. Just call for a res (Sue Pitiger, 649-1684) and we'll make sure you won't be sorry. You can also just walk-in the night of the gala, but for planning purposes we hope you call ahead.

Thanks again for all of your support. As you know, Floribunda weekend supports our community projects fund and provides the money for many, many terrific projects in town each year. Last year it was more than \$16,000. This year we're reaching for the sky!

MARCH 18, 6-8 PM, FLORIGALA!
FLORIBUNDA MARKETPLACE
MARCH 19, 9:30-5, MARCH 20, 10-2
TRACY HALL, NORWICH



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SPRING/SUMMER NEARLY NEW SALE

... annual fix for the mud season blahs!

Elaine Waterman, Chair

Sprucing up our personal wardrobe is as much a part of spring as washing windows and raking the lawn while waiting for the crocuses to bloom in the garden, so mark your calendars for the Spring 2011 Nearly New Sale. Look for the hot pink sale announcement coming soon to your mailbox.

Style, designer labels and selection are promised and our many consignors deliver the goods. Save time and pre-consign. Call Pricilla Vincent (649-1807) to arrange for a pre-consignment packet; 100 item pre-consignment limit. Pre-consignment inspection is on Wednesday, April 28 at Tracy Hall from 1 – 8 pm.

The spring/summer sale pricing guidelines have been tweaked. The minimum price is now \$4 to receive 50% of the selling price. As in the past, items can be “bundled” with correct ticketing. This information is in the pre-consignment packets and available at consignment.

The success of this sale not only depends on the quality of clothing for consignment, but it also depends on the 270 plus VOLUNTEERS who work the various shifts from set-up on Wednesday, April 27 thru clean-up on Sunday, May 1.

THE NNS NEEDS YOU – E-mail recruitment begins the week of March 21. If you don't hear from us because we don't have you e-address or your address has changed, please e-mail us at NearlyNewSale@NorwichWomensClub.org to request a schedule of shifts.

If you would like to volunteer without using a computer, telephone Sophia Crawford at 802-649-2662: should you get the answering machine, please leave your name, mailing address, phone number and best time to call.

Workers Sale on Friday, April 29 from 4 – 6 pm.

