

NORWICH WOMEN'S CLUB

Community Service Since 1907

FEBRUARY 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As times change, continued success demands adapting to the times. The Norwich Women's Club prides itself on staying ahead of the curve.

This year's Floribunda is a good example of why the NWC remains such a dynamic part of our town. Apart from the lift we all get from knowing that Floribunda is a harbinger of spring, the ability to use the net proceeds to fund so many varied projects is an important part of our identity.

Faced with a slow decline of the popularity of flower shows across the country as well as in Norwich, we went back to the drawing board. We decided that everything old can be new again. Our renamed Floribunda Marketplace will take on a new look featuring everything for you, your home and your garden. Last year we added a successful silent auction to the event. Learning from what we did, this year's silent auction promises to be even better. With the approval of the Selectboard, the inclusion of wine at our Friday night opening gala will be an event you won't want to miss.

Did you know that some of the things made possible by Floribunda include:

- ◆ The spectacular triangle summer flower garden gracing the entrance to our town. Mary Ann Holbrook and her wonderful volunteers have transformed the garden changing it from annuals to stunning perennials.
- ◆ Museum passes and travel guides available at our library. Museum passes include 2 passes to the Currier museum, each providing admission for up to 2 adults; one booklet of 70 passes to the Museum of Fine Arts with each pass providing reduced admission of \$7 for two people; passes to the Eric Carle museum available for 2 adults and up to 4 children free; the Fairbanks museum and Mass MOCA will admit two adults and up to two children free. Additionally, to help you plan your travel, the library purchased thirty new travel guides from such publishers as Fodor's, Rough Guides, Lonely Planet and Frommers.

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**Vote on
Tuesday March 1, 2011
Tracy Hall
7am-7pm**

Don't Forget!!!!

NWC Calendar

Candidates Night: Tuesday
2/27 7-8:30 pm
Tracy Hall

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

NWC Board Meetings: Mondays
Norwich Public Library at
6:30pm
2/14/11
3/14/11
4/11/11
5/9/11
6/13/11

NWC Scholarships

Please help get the word out about NWC scholarships to those who are eligible and might be interested in applying for financial help with post-secondary education costs. **The completed applications are due to VSAC by March 4th.** You can go to the NWC webpage for more information about the scholarships - <http://norwichwomensclub.org/scholarships.html> or directly to the VSAC site at <http://services.vsac.org> for details about the process.

Sue Kaufman
Chair of 2011 NWC Scholarship
Committee
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- ◆ The summer concerts on the green organized by April Andrews and Rita LaJoie. This year NWC concert series will include the Upper Valley Community Band on July 1 kicking off the town's 250th anniversary celebration. The resumption of the concerts on the new bandstand was extremely popular last summer.
- ◆ The Hanover High School all night alcohol-free graduation party, providing a safe place for graduates to celebrate their achievement.
- ◆ Creative and active play equipment for indoor activity at the Norwich Nursery School. This must have been a real bonus for restless toddlers stuck inside this winter.
- ◆ The Family Place added new shelves and books to create a family resource library in their new space. Geared for young children and parents, the books include titles about parenting and child development.
- ◆ Start up funds for Aging in Place to publicize the resources they are making available for our senior citizens. The new agency's mission is to allow seniors to live independently and safely remaining in their Norwich homes.

This is just a partial list. And with a successful Floribunda coming up, let's hope the list will be even longer next year.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no (wo)man can sincerely try to help another without helping (her)himself."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson"

Norwich Candidates' Forum

Norwich residents are invited to attend the Candidates' Forum sponsored by the Norwich Women's Club and moderated by Terry Boone. It will be held Tuesday, February 22nd between 7-8:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room downstairs in Tracy Hall.

The candidates are:

- Moderator: Warren Thayer
- Town Clerk: Bonnie Munday
- Treasurer: Cheryl Lindberg
- Lister: Jonathan Vincent
- Lister: Ernie Cicotelli
- Selectman: Ed Childs
- Selectman: Christopher Ashley
- Selectman: Stephen Flanders

The contested seats are:

- Selectman: Linda Cook, Nancy Hoggson, Don McCabe
- Lister: Liz Blum, Dennis Kaufman

We look forward to learning about them and hearing their views on issues that are important to the future of Norwich. We hope that all Norwich residents will take advantage of this opportunity to become informed prior to casting a vote in March!

Tracey Kawecky,
Voter Information Chair

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FLORIBUNDA MARKETPLACE

The FloriBuzz continues! This year's March 18 - 20 Floribunda Marketplace weekend is proving to be quite a gossip generator. Why, we've even heard there's drinking in Tracy Hall! There'll be even better food than in past years! There are even better prizes in the Silent Auction! And the vendors - who are they? They're different!

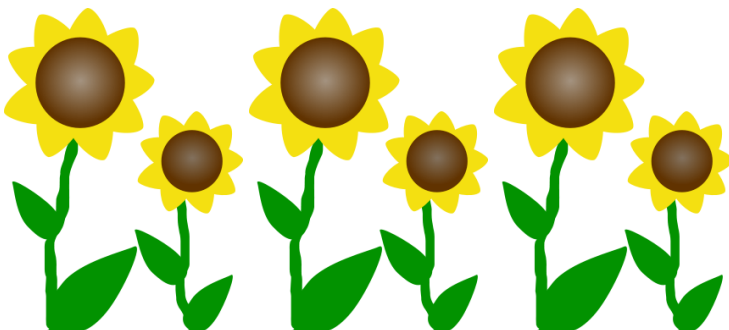
All the rumors are true. We've morphed Floribunda into a new and different animal. The show will feature some new vendors who'll be showing things we haven't seen at Floribunda in the past. That's because this year's show is not - repeat, not - a flower show. It will contain merchandise that is "everything for you, your home, and your garden." There will be clothes and personal care products, furniture and design merchandise, and, don't worry, still lots of flower and garden items. And something even more....

An opening gala! Yes, Friday night, March 18, 6-8 PM, will be a party for the records, because it's all new. First off, we'll have some elegant savories and wine or beer for your pleasure. Plus, all the vendors will be there. And, most important, we'll have the first part of the Silent Auction with even more unique items than last year. Anyone who's had some NWC members planning, cooking, and serving an elegant dinner in their home to their guests can attest to the value of our prizes.

The Floribunda Marketplace will still be all day Saturday and part of Sunday, and will feature really great shopping, browsing, bidding, and eating. Remember those wonderful eggplant wraps at last year's café? They're baa-aack, and they're featured with even better gourmet sammies and salads. Plan to have lunch or coffee and a treat with us, gals. And bring the partners and kids along, because they'll love our food, too.

Most of our members know that Floribunda Marketplace supports the Community Projects Fund of the NWC. We've given every Floribunda penny back to our town and neighbors every year. So supporting Floribunda Marketplace is doing your part to support the finest volunteer projects our friends and neighbors accomplish each year, benefiting all of us.

Be a part of something big, important, and downright fun. Come to the Floribunda Marketplace!



AUCTION ITEMS WANTED!

Do you have something I'd want? A talent? An item? A service? A destination? Are you willing to raise money for the Community Projects Fund with your talent, item, service, destination?

Please, we are looking for prizes for the Floribunda Marketplace Silent Auction.

Call Nancy Snyder, (603) 795-2904 or email her at Nancy.Snyder@LMSRE.com. Get in on it!