THE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF UPPER MONTCLAIR
MEMBER OF THE NJSFWC OF THE GFWC - LIBERTY DISTRICT
CELEBRATING OUR 126TH YEAR!
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2026

1 - *Daylight Savings Ends!*
2 - **Board Meeting - 10 AM**
4 - Environment Program - 1:30 PM
5 - NJSFWC Report Writing - 10:30 AM - 12 PM Headquarters
5 & 6 - Holly Berry Set-Up - All Day
7-8 - Holly Berry Craft & Gift Show
11 - *Veterans' Day*
11 - Arts Performing Prog - 1:30 PM
12 - NJSFWC Open House
18 - NJSFWC Report Writing - 10:30 AM to Noon via Zoom
18 - Arts & Culture Program - 1:30 PM
19 - Book Discussion - 1:30 PM
19 - Thursday Eve. Comm. - 7:30 PM
27 - NO MEETING
20 - ***Happy Thanksgiving!***

DECEMBER 2025

2 - Advocates for Children/Domestic Violence Program - 1:30 PM
4-12 ***Hanukkah***
7 - **Board Meeting - 10 AM**
9 - Christmas Tea - Noon (w/Business Meeting)
9 - GFWC Open House in Washington, DC
10 - Thursday Eve. Comm. - 7:30 PM
16 - NO MEETING
21 - *First Day of Winter!*
23 - NO MEETING
25 - ***Merry Christmas!***
30 - NO MEETING

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Our President's Message

Dear Members,



The Club year has begun, and we celebrated our 126th year with the Opening Luncheon chaired by Janet Oscar. It was a wonderful afternoon, and so nice to see everyone.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Benefit Luncheon. Your support and donations were appreciated by the Human Needs Food Pantry and Montclair Emergency Services for Hope (MESH); two nonprofits in our community. Thank you to the co-chairs, Caroline Johnson and Barbara Hyland, and a special thank you to Trautie Becker for planning and preparing a delicious lunch.

The Holly Berry Craft & Gift Show will be November 7th & 8th. This is a great way to start your holiday shopping! Please stop by with friends and family to shop, and enjoy lunch or a sweet treat at the Holly Berry Cafe.

On November 18th Arts & Culture Chair Charlene Castello has planned a enjoyable afternoon at the Montclair Art Museum.

December 9th will be our Annual Christmas Tea. This is a Club tradition you won't want to miss. The afternoon is sure to put you in the Holiday Spirit.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Enjoy time with your family and friends. This officer looks forward to seeing you next year. A full calendar of events has been planned.

Fondly,
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Environment Program

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - 1:30 PM



Plans are germinating for the Environment program on November 4! Members will be emailed once everything is finalized. ~ **Carylmead Eggleston, Chair**



Holly Berry Craft & Gift Show

Saturday, Nov 7, 10 AM - 5 PM | Sunday, Nov 8, 11 AM - 4 PM

As the Club's major fundraiser we need your support! All members are on the Ways & Means Committee, and a dedicated group of volunteers work year-round preparing for this special event. We encourage everyone to participate, whether it's through volunteering for a two-hour shift, enjoying a cup of coffee in the Café, or shopping for holiday gifts from our many vendors. Even if you haven't attended before, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved, meet fellow members and contribute to our community. If you're able to volunteer please contact Trautie, or simply stop by and say hello! *Ways to Support: Shop ~ Bake or Cook for the Café ~ Spread the Word to Friends and Family!* ~ Thank you! **The Holly Berry Committee**

Holly Berry Café

Saturday, Nov 7, 10 AM - 5 PM | Sunday, Nov 8, 11 AM - 4 PM



The Holly Berry Café is open during the hours of the Holly Berry Craft and Gift Show. The Café will provide bagels, croissants, and coffee cake for breakfast. Lunch includes homemade soup, quiche, sandwiches, hot dogs, and more! There will be many homemade desserts to munch on as well as to take home. All proceeds for the Café will benefit the WCUM's philanthropic charities. Thank you! ~ **Vivien Finn, Liberty District Vice President & Federation Secretary**



Arts Performing Program

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 - 1:30 PM

The curtain is about to rise on the Arts Performing program premiering November 11. Members will be notified via email once the entertainment is confirmed.
~ **Sonyia Woloshyn, Chair**

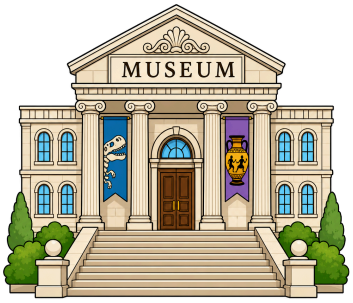
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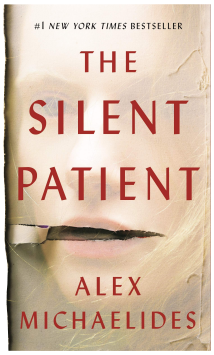
The Health & Wellness Committee encourages all members to stay active each week, and keep a tally of their physical activities, including the types of activities, hours spent exercising per week, and approximate number of weeks exercised throughout the year. Activity sheets will be handed out at the next luncheon. Activity sheets are also available in the Club's office. Please bring your completed exercise/activity tracking sheet to our last Club meeting in December. Every step counts toward a healthier you! **~ Celia McAllister, Chair**

Arts & Culture Program

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 - 12:30 PM - Meet at the Clubhouse



The Arts and Culture Committee is pleased to announce its first program planned for this year: a guided tour and workshop at the Montclair Art Museum. The museum visit will include a one-hour tour and lecture through all the new exhibits and permanent collection conducted by a museum docent. It will be followed by a one-hour craft workshop on weaving and beading since many of the exhibits feature works using these crafts. A teaching artist will conduct the workshop. There is a unifying theme to all the exhibits: "The American Landscape: Perspectives of America." Refreshments will be provided to members near where the workshop is being held. Woman's Club members will have access to the book store and gift shop. The museum is handicap accessible. Admission is $20 per person. Please use the reservation form on Page 7 to sign up by November 11. **~ Charlene Castello, Chair**



Book Discussion Group

Thursday, November 19, 2026 - 1:30 PM

The November meeting of our monthly book discussion group will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 1:30 pm in our Clubhouse. ***The Silent Patient,*** a psychological thriller by Alex Michaeledes, will be the focus of our discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not she has read the novel.

There will be no meeting in December. Please contact Barbara Davey for more information.
~ Barbara Davey, Moderator

Thursday Evening Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2026 - 7:30 PM
Thursday, December 10, 2026 - 7:30 PM



At our October meeting members enthusiastically offered ideas for future programs, fundraisers, and social events. This was followed by a few happy rounds of Mah Jongg! Plans are already in the works for our November meeting, and an email will be sent out to all members once everything is finalized. The December meeting is being held a week early due to the holidays. **~ Jaclyn Buccellato, Chair**



Eyeglasses Recycling – Give the Gift of Sight!

Please remember to bring your unwanted prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses, and cataract glasses to the Club for the Lions Club recycling program. Your donation can help someone in need see more clearly. I will continue collecting donated eyeglasses for this worthwhile cause. Thank you for your generosity! **~ Celia McAllister, Health & Wellness Chair**



Advocates for Children/Domestic Violence Program

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 - 1:30 PM

We will be collecting items for Several Sources Shelters again this year, and meeting on December 2 to gather them all up. Some of the items that they are requesting are: Gifts cards to ShopRite/Walmart/Target/Ulta, Diapers, Wipes, Diaper Bags, Laundry Detergent, ChapSticks, Lip Gloss, Feminine Pads, Slippers and more. A complete list of items will be emailed to all members. For more information on Several Sources Shelters, you can visit their website at www.severalsources.org. **~ Cathy McCarthy, Chair**

Ways & Means Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 - Noon



Please join us to celebrate the start of the holiday season with our Annual Christmas Tea. As in the past members volunteer to hostess a table a table for eight, bringing in their own china and table decorations. You will be served an assortment of tea sandwiches made by a team of "Sandwich Elves," followed by dessert. To make sure there is enough food and seating, your paid reservation must be made by Wednesday, December 2, using the reservation coupon at the back of this Bulletin. The cost is $32 per person. I look forward to seeing you there! **~ Sarah Ross, Chair**



Membership News

The Woman's Club of Upper Montclair would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, all who expressed interest in the Thursday Evening Committee. They are: Jenna Agostino of Montclair; Rachel Boyschau of Montclair; Mallory Anne DeMarco of Jersey City; Gretchen Devinsky of Upper Montclair; Jennifer Fowler of Upper Montclair; Christina Goryeb of Upper Montclair; Anna Jackson of Upper Montclair; Desiree Kaplowitz of Upper Montclair; Mallory Levis of Upper Montclair; Jill Lindsey of Upper Montclair; Nathelie Macchioni of Montclair; Emer Major of Bloomfield; Claire Marra of Montclair; Randi Mastroianni of Upper Montclair; Katie Mitchell of Montclair; and Carla Murphy of Montclair.; Nicole Murphy of Upper Montclair; Caroline O'Dea of Upper Montclair; and Michelle Rancic of Upper Montclair.

Jenna is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture and Health and Wellness.

Rachel is interested in the Health and Wellness Committee.

Mallory D. is interested in the Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, Health and Wellness, and the Holly Berry Craft Show.

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Gretchen is interested in the Book Discussion Group, Environment, and the Holly Berry Craft Show.

Jennifer is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Arts Performing, Health and Wellness, and the Holly Berry Craft Show.

Christina is interested in Arts and Culture, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

Anna is interested in Advocates for Children, Art and Culture, Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

Desiree is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Education and Libraries, and Environment.

Mallory L. is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, and Health and Wellness.

Jill is interested in Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

Nathelie is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Arts Performing, Book Discussion Group, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, Health and Wellness and the Holly Berry Craft Show.

Emer is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Arts Performing Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, and the Holly Berry Craft Show. She may be reached at emer.major@gmail.com

Katie is interested in Arts and Culture, Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, and the Holly Berry Craft Show.

Claire is interested in Advocates for Children; Education and Libraries, Health and Wellness, and the Holly Berry Craft and Gift Show.

Carla is interested in Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Arts Performing, and Health and Wellness.

Nicole is interested in Arts and Culture, Book Discussion Group, Education and Libraries, and the Holly Berry Craft Show.

Caroline is interested in the Book Discussion Group, Civic Engagement and Outreach, and Health and Wellness.

Michelle is interested in Education and Libraries and Environment.

~ **Barbara Davey, Membership Chair**



Membership Grant Awarded to Barbara Davey



Congratulations to our own Membership Chair, Barbara Davey, for being awarded an NJSFWC Membership Grant! All Clubs are eligible to apply for a $100 grant awarded to clubs in 2026-2027. There are two club winners from each Membership Category. Grants are awarded to qualifying clubs based on the following areas: Recruitment of new members, and retention and rewarding existing members. Barbara's grant request included an outline of membership plans with a summary demonstrating membership activities, and included how the Club will utilize the grant. Thank you, Barbara, for all of your hard work. The WCUM is proud of you!

Liberty District News



January Council Meeting

The Liberty District January Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26th , hosted by the Woman's Club of Little Falls. Registration will begin at 9:30 A.M., and the meeting will start at 10 A.M. Speakers will include the Convention Chairman, the Leadership Chairman, and the Program Assistance Chairman. Registration is $5, and includes breakfast treats, a soup lunch, and desserts. Registration fees should be sent to the club, or given to Cyndee Rowan before January 15.

Day of Service

A District Day of Service will be held at our Clubhouse on Monday, January 18, 10 A.M. to 12 Noon, to benefit food insufficiency. A list of foods needed will be sent prior to the event, but if you are at the grocery store, and something is on sale, pick it up and by January 18, you will be able to donate this food to help those in need.

~ Vivien Finn, Liberty District Vice President & Federation Secretary

Grand Flea Market Drop Off Dates

Please be advised that there is no room at the Clubhouse to accept any Flea Market donations at this time. We ask you to hold off on bringing anything to the Clubhouse until the official drop-off dates. These are:

Monday, April 19, 2027
Tuesday, April 20, 2027

Thank you!

The Grand Flea Market Team

NJSFWC News

New Podcast

We are thrilled to launch the New Jersey Women's Clubs Podcast! The podcast will showcase NJSFWC initiatives, highlight leaders past and present, and celebrate our incredible legacy – and future – of volunteerism. The first episode, hosted by NJSFWC Communications Chair Katie Chambers, features an interview with 2026-2028 President Susan Chambers discussing plans for this administration. You can listen and subscribe on Spotify, Apple, Facebook and YouTube!

NJSFWC Open House

November 12, 2026 - New Brunswick, NJ

GFWC Open House

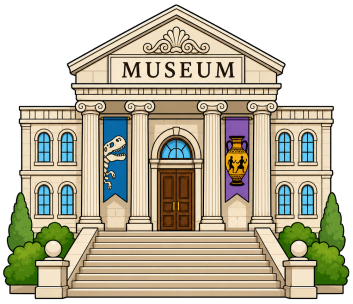
December 9, 2026 - Washington, DC

NJSFWC eConnection

The NJSFWC has a weekly email newsletter called the "eConnection." If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive this fact-filled newsletter email your name and email address to: njsfwc@njsfwc.org. Be sure to mention you're a member of the WCUM!

TRIP TO MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

NOVEMBER 18, 2025 - 12:30 P.M. - MEET AT CLUB



Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please reserve _____ seat(s) at **$20** per person.

Reservations due by Wednesday, Nov 11, latest!

Make check payable to WCUM. Mail to: 200 Cooper Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043



WAYS & MEANS CHRISTMAS TEA

DECEMBER 9, 2025 - NOON

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please reserve _____ seat(s) at **$32** per person.

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation of: $_____

Reservations due by Wednesday, December 2, latest!

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