

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# MARCH 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Column

As we march into March, we look forward to programs of local interest: The **Winter Park History Museum and Mr. Rogers Week Celebration**. Plus, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with live Irish music and dance and the annual Fashion Show luncheon on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Our lunch will be the **Taster's Choice**, which was switched from last month, so ladies be sure to sign up your prize dish. The Fashion Show will be presented by **Berrilynn's Boutique on Park Avenue** and we are looking for models to show off her creations. Please contact me if you would like to help out as a model.



Speaking of Luncheons-last month we had a drawing for door prizes and the following ladies each won something: Chris Bush, Carol Nawrocki, Jo Ann Bandy, Julia Rankin, Lindsay Peloza, Karen Rodda, Patricia Johnson, Sue Busby, Maureen Holloway and Jacqueline Stewart, who won a book on the History of Teas-a good prize for a Hospitality Chair!

This month our **Nominating Committee** is finalizing its slate of officers for the 2023-24 year. At this point we are looking for a Recording Secretary to fill in for Meredith Murphy who is going to Membership as Chris Bush is stepping down. Churchill Thompson and Kelly Berenbaum of the Yearbook are also leaving the board and I will be stepping into that job. However, we need someone who knows excel to partner with me. I would appreciate your consideration for these openings. We are also searching for a grounds committee to work with Gene.

Our weather is fantastic these days and we hope to see more of you at our Thursday meetings. The programs and presenters have been most interesting and informative, so come on over and learn about our great community.

*Natalie Hill, President*

## Announcements & Updates

### Charitable Giving

#### Applications for Awards to Non-Profit Organizations

March 1 was our deadline for the submission of Applications for Funding. The Charitable Giving Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 pm** in the board room to review the applications and make decisions on awards.

#### Charitable Giving Project for March – Audubon Center for Birds of Prey

A representative of the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey will be speaking at our March 30 program. In lieu of a speaking fee, the Club has agreed to provide donations to the organization. **The organization's wish list is attached at the back of this newsletter.** Wish list donations can be made in one of three ways: 1) drop off your donation at the WCWP; 2) use the Birds of Prey Amazon QR code (see lower right hand corner of the wish list) or their Amazon link <https://a.co/eVay3Nh> to make a "gift purchase" that will be sent directly to their Maitland location; or 3) send your monetary donation to the Club and we will do the shopping for you! If making a "gift purchase" through Amazon, please include a reference to the WCWP in addition to your name, e.g. From: Natalie H – WCWP. As always, please remember to send in your receipts for any donations, including any Amazon receipts. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

#### Charitable Giving Project for February – Valentine's Boxes – Many Thanks!

Our February project, Valentine's boxes for our member outreach, was successful with the delivery of 30 Valentine's boxes. We received numerous thank you cards and notes from our members who expressed appreciation for being remembered in this way! Thank you to our Club members who donated Valentine's candy for inclusion in the boxes. Thanks also go to the Club members who assembled and/or delivered the boxes – Judy Allen, Janet Barry, Chris Bush, Monica Clarke, Marilyn Cromer, Natalie Hill, Nancy Miles, Pam Naplachowski, Lindsay Peloza, Jean Rife and Jacqueline Stewart.



Lucy McDonough & Kathy Parham,  
Charitable Giving Committee Co-Chairs

## Ways and Means



It's never too soon to be thinking about our September Rummage Sale, the biggest fundraiser of the year, which depends upon YOU to make it happen and make it successful. As you are going through household items in the next few months, please set aside the ones you are no longer in love with or need, to save until the last part of August when they may be brought (or we will pick up) to the Clubhouse. If you have donation items and cannot store them for that long, Natalie Hill and Meredith Murphy have offered to store them at their

homes. Meredith will need you to do the lifting. Please contact them if you are in this situation. Set aside time from August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup> to help with set up and to work at the sale. Contact me with any questions or information. [Zsuzs1@earthlink.net](mailto:Zsuzs1@earthlink.net), 407 690-0086

**Cindy Abeel,  
Ways and Means Chair**

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## Hospitality



FASHION SHOW & Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday March 9th at 11:30 am. Members who plan on attending please sign up to bring a dish to share. The sign-up sheets are available on the Hospitality Table at our weekly meetings. Categories include: light entrees, appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts.

You may also RSVP with Julie Wadsworth in the Club office at [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com) or call the office 407-644-2237.

Please mark your dish with your name and bring it to the Club no later than 11:15 a.m. ready to serve at room temperature. (We cannot heat up in kitchen).

We will need 2 greeters & 2 pourers. Thank you.

St. PATRICKS DAY Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at our 2 pm. Wear your green and enjoy St. Patrick's Day music at our afternoon tea.

We need 2 greeters, 2 pourers & 1 person to bring sandwiches. Please email: [mikjacstew@aol.com](mailto:mikjacstew@aol.com) or call 407-951-5912. Thank you.

**Jacqueline Stewart & Shannon McClain,  
Hospitality Co-Chairs**

## House

### **Presenting: “Behind the Scenes as we SPRING forward!”**

Master Ian & Ms. Nicole, followed by Freezing Frenzy, left us with unexpected challenges to begin our New Year!! Patience is a virtue they say, and with the help of our own staff member Gene, and Baker Landscaping, we are putting our heads together to create a new master plan to make our gardens even more special than before.

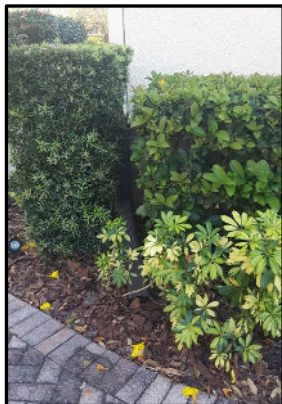
Gene has an extensive background and love of nature. We have begun putting his abilities front and center as he takes on many of the extra seasonal and new landscaping projects, that Baker is normally contracted for in addition to our annual maintenance contract.

Gene and our Historian, Kim have been researching our Gardens from the past and he is excited about putting together a small grounds committee of our members, to come share some sunshine, reflect, and recreate some of the past while imagining yet more beautiful additions for the future. If you have an interest and would like to learn more, please let us know, this new committee will have several different components and you will have the opportunity to help design the perfect fit for you!!

One last note from Gene, though pleased with his current apartment, he would love to be closer on this end of town, nearer the Fairbanks/ Aloma area. Please let us know if you or an acquaintance has a small apartment, or guesthouse available. Remember also, he has great handyman/garden skills!!

And last but not least, though our beautiful Clubhouse remained dry inside, the torrential rains made us aware of the need to address our downspouts/extensions for proper runoff and drainage from the roof. We received excellent advice for renovating and adding new sections, safeguarding our foundation and drying many areas that always flooded during the rainy season. Fun note: We tried our best to hide the downspout /ground extensions, check out the picture to see if you can find our new ones ... hint we used brown over the brick wainscoting and ground runs. Next time at the club check them out along with the cleaning up and removing of old vegetation, by Gene!

I warned you up-front this was a “Behind the Scenes” presentation, however so necessary to preserve our beautiful House & Gardens.



**Karen Rodda,  
House Chair**

## Happy Birthday



Sue Busby	3/2	Leslie Andreae	3/20
Sandra Blossey	3/4	Deborah Kirkwood	3/23
Sue Grafton	3/7	Jean Jackson	3/29
Ellen James	3/10	Mimi Smetheram	3/29
Judi Andrews	3/14	Nancy Flaherty	3/30
Betty Gilleland	3/18	Aimee Kakos	3/30



**Please add the following member renewal and new member to your 2022-2023 Directory:**

Linda Hobby (4/10)  
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Orlando, FL 32804  
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Bonnie Mizell (8/5)  
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Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 760-8814 c  
[rikmiz@earthlink.net](mailto:rikmiz@earthlink.net)

## March Programs

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 pm**

### MEET: Christy Grieger



Christy is the Executive Director of the Winter Park Historical Association. Growing up, she lived in Tampa and then attended the University of Pittsburgh on a swimming scholarship and graduated with a BS in Sociology and Communications. Not being one to live in a cold climate, she moved back to Florida in 1995 and calls Longwood home but her heart is in Winter Park.

Christy worked for First Data Financial out of college and then was a corporate event planner for Hello Florida and House of Blues for many years. After her two children were born, she worked in her family's commercial printing company.

Wanting to move in the direction of her passion of local history, Christy became the executive assistant for the Winter Park History Museum and in 2020 she became the executive director.

She serves on the boards for Seminole County Historical Society, Altamonte Springs Historical Society and is on the Welbourne Day Nursery Board. In 2021, she was named one of Winter Park Magazine's Most Influential People.

Christy is a photographer that shoots landscapes, architecture and the details in life. She's happiest driving down back roads at sunset capturing the impermanence of things that catch her eye.

Christy's branding statement is "I want to be known for being a person who sees the extraordinary in the ordinary so that I can deliver appreciation for being in the moment."

The Winter Park History Museum just launched it's new exhibition, *"Retailing Our Story: 100 Years Winter Park's Bistros, Boutiques and Businesses"*, which dovetails with the Chamber of Commerce's 100th-year anniversary.

The WPHM will take a lighter look at commerce by showcasing past stores, many which have become objects of nostalgia, if not iconic, for Winter Park residents and visitors.

The permanent businesses "anchoring" the exhibit are the Colony Theater, where old films of downtown Winter Park will be projected, the "Pioneer" Store, Winter Park's first business that supplied all the necessities essential to living in the 1880s Florida frontier, and a "Children's Emporium", featuring popular games and toys of the past 100 years. A series of built-out stores has been created with awnings and store signage to create a Park Avenue street effect within the museum. New stores and merchandise will rotate into the spaces throughout the exhibition period. The first featured businesses are Proctor's, Harper's Tavern, and the Golden Cricket.

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**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am**

**Fashion Show Luncheon – RSVP by March 6th**



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March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm

**Remember to Wear Green!**



**MEET: Colleen Falco**



Colleen Falco has been **Irish dancing** for 20+ years. She's toured in dance troupes across the US and Florida. She's most proud of her competitive accolades, specifically placing top ten in North America. She has also placed top 50 in the world and top five in the southern region multiple times. Her love for all things Irish dance led her to start her own dance publication, The Irish Dance Globe and her Irish dance dress design company, Draco Designs.

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March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 – 4 pm – RSVP by March 15<sup>th</sup>



Please join us, Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 4PM at The Woman's Club of Winter Park: This week's tea will be open to ALL guests, as this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We highly encourage inviting anyone in your life who has a personal connection to or interest in Fred Rogers, his wife Joanne, or *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. As Fred and Joanne Rogers spent most winters here in Winter Park, just walking distance from the Women's Club, we ask that anyone with personal stories regarding the Rogers family or television program email them to [sbradley@originalorlando.com](mailto:sbradley@originalorlando.com) with a note stating whether you would like to share this story with the club. **Please RSVP by March 15<sup>th</sup> to Julie in the office at [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com) or 407-644-2237. This is expected to fill up fast.**

As part of a larger week full of events celebrating the life and impact of Fred Rogers and *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, members of the cast and crew will be joining the Women's Club of Winter Park to show video clips, tell stories, and answer questions about the groundbreaking program. You may also have seen our speakers' interviews in the highly acclaimed, prize-winning documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor*.

**MEET: David Newell**

“Mr. McFeely”, *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*

Former Director Public Relations for Fred Rogers Productions



David Newell played Mr. McFeely, the Neighborhood’s cheerful “Speedy Delivery” man, on *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*. From his first appearance in the very first episode, Mr. McFeely has been a fast-talking, purposeful, grandfatherly figure, always in a hurry shuttling from stop to stop because of the demands of his “Speedy Delivery Messenger Service.” The character was also an intentional counterpoint to Mister Rogers’ slower, more methodical pace. David was originally hired onto the show as a public relations manager, but Rogers also decided to cast him in the role of Mr. McFeely. As a result, he and Rogers became lifelong friends until Rogers’ death in 2003.

**MEET: Hedda Sharapan**

M.S. Child Development

Senior Fellow, The Fred Rogers Institute

Child Development Consultant, Fred Rogers Productions



Hedda began working with Fred Rogers 56 years ago on the very first taping day of *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* in October 1966. Over the years since then, building on her master’s degree in Child Development, she has served as Assistant Director, Assistant Producer, Associate Producer and Director of Early Childhood Initiatives for his small non-profit production company. These days as a Child Development consultant for Fred Rogers Productions, she is a script consultant for its award-winning PBS children’s series *Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood* and other projects.

**MEET: Margy Whitmer**

Producer, *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*

Scripting Consultant, Fred Rogers Productions



Margy Whitmer served as producer of *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* for a number of years until production ended in 2001. She also produced the live-action interstitials for *Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood* and is now a scripting consultant for the series. Over the years, Margy was the company’s liaison with PBS’s *Ready To Learn* Initiative; co-creator, writer, and producer for video-based professional development workshop materials; and project director for two series of picture books, *First Experiences* and *Let’s Talk About It*. Her previous experience includes production and administrative positions at WQED-TV for both local and national programs, including *Once Upon a Classic* and the *National Geographic Specials*.



March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm

## Birds of Prey

**Don't forget your donation!!**

### MEET: Dr. Daisy Fiore



Dr. Daisy Fiore holds a master's in biological anthropology and a PhD in anthrozoology. Her graduate work focused on the cultural, livelihood, and conservation consequences of disease passed from wild wildebeest to domestic cattle in the Maasai Mara area of Kenya. She has worked in zoos and aquariums since 2012 and has held nearly every position, from docent to curator. She started at the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in 2022 and has enjoyed every minute getting to know the resident raptors and seeing the journeys of the patients from admit to wild.

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### COME JOIN US!



On Wednesday, March 22 at 10:00 am, Kim Mould, Historian, will be having a casual small group gathering to explore and discuss the Rose Mills Powers Collection from our Archives. The collection, in part, focuses on the Equal Suffrage League of Winter Park (1914 - 1920). Several of the club's early members were involved in both this organization and in the larger Woman's Suffrage Movement in America. Bring a cup of coffee, or beverage of your

choice, and join us as we informally chat about this important time in our club's history. If interested, please RSVP to Julie in the office at [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com)



**Audubon** | Center for  
Birds of Prey

Wish List 2023



Bald Eagle

### EVERYDAY ITEMS

**\*\*Eco-friendly items are appreciated (i.e. green cleaning products, etc.)**

Cases of paper towels  
Large trash bags (33 gal and larger)  
Hand sanitizer (Gallon size)  
6 packs Scotch Brite heavy duty scrub sponges (yellow)

Pump hand soap refill (Gallon size)  
20lb bag pine or aspen shaving/bedding  
Tall kitchen trash bags  
50lb dry dog food

### EQUIPMENT

Plastic astroturf door mats  
Large garbage cans, heavy duty  
Commercial rubber garden hose  
Sisal rope 3/8" and 1/2"

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

2" conforming stretch bandage  
Latex gloves (small and medium)  
4" by 4" gauze squares

### EDUCATION

Hula hoops  
Acrylic paints  
Paint Brushes

Clay powder  
Disposable table cloths  
Fabric paints/fabric markers

Kid sized nitrile gloves  
Tie dye kits  
Butterfly nets

### GIFT CARDS

Gift Cards are useful for buying supplies throughout the year.

We most appreciate gift cards from the following stores:

Amazon  
Lowes

Walgreens  
Home Depot  
Staples

Publix  
Michaels  
Walmart

Other items are available on  
our Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/eVay3Nh>



Barn Owl