

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC.

# OCTOBER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



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## President's Column

Happy autumn to everyone! We are greeting the season in full swing with our usual vigor. Thank you to all who made our annual Rummage Sale such an outstanding success. To all who donated, shopped, sorted, picked up, sold, packaged up and smiled through it all – you are an outstanding team. Once again, Chair Cindy Abeel with Jan Bowman helped hit it out of the park and raised a record amount for yet another year! All funds raised will benefit our area charities.



It was a joy to see so many of you at our annual Membership Tea and for the first time in a few years, at our Tuesday evening event. Thanks to all who shared their summer escapades, congratulations to those who have plans for fall adventures and a warm welcome to our new members who have joined us.

We are beginning our 2023-2024 season in October and it is a delightful month. We have our traditions combined with new speakers and some events outside our clubhouse. We kick off on **October 5<sup>th</sup> with a Celebration of the Arts, Artas Stankevicius, the Ruby Holland Foundation and David Minks with the Shakes Theatre.** We will also be celebrating August, September and October birthdays with a lovely cake with thanks to Sue Luongo and Kathy Dunn's efforts. On **October 12<sup>th</sup>, we have Libby's Legacy and it's Pink Day! October 19<sup>th</sup> is our Fall Luncheon.** Please RSVP to Julie, our talented Administrator. This is followed by **Lauren Bradly, Assistant Communications Director for Rollins College, on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Our Artisan Show and Pumpkin Patch is on **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., so it's time to shop 'till you drop with our local artists, including the talents of quite a few of our members. The **Pumpkin Fest** will be outside, see below for details.

We will also have a Meet and Greet – a **Flamingle Pink Party on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 p.m. It will be a fun time to gather outside of our regular daytime meeting. Those whose schedules don't permit a day event – this one is for you!

Lastly, thanks go to the City of Winter Park Parks & Recreation Farmer's Market team for allowing us to have a complimentary tent on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We were so happy to say hello to each of you who stopped by, thanks to all who helped and we thank Lindsay Peloza for the delicious brownie treats.

Welcome to autumn, looking forward to seeing you very soon.

*Katie Campbell, President*

## Announcements & Updates

### Charitable Giving

Charitable Giving opportunities for the remainder of 2023 include the following:

- **Salvation Army Christmas Stockings** – The stockings will be available for distribution and collection at all meetings in October, with the final collection on Thursday, November 2. Please remember to submit your receipts along with your filled stockings.
- **Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gifts** – We will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for families at The Meadows, a Winter Park Housing Authority facility. The Christmas wish lists will be available at one of our early November meetings, with gifts (and receipts) to be returned to the club by early December.

Thank you to our club members for your participation in the club's charitable giving activities. And, thank you to this year's Charitable Giving committee members who coordinate these activities. Most recently, thanks to Karen Buchan, Melissa Mishoe, Sandra Blossey and Annette Kelly who represented the committee at the club's September 21 Membership Tea. Thanks also go to Karen Buchan, Janet Barry, Kelleigh Klein, as well as Lucy, in representing the club at the Samaritan Village annual fundraiser (see photos below).



Our committee is a mix of new and veteran club members.

- **New members** – We welcome both current and new club members. Please email us at [lucymcd3@aol.com](mailto:lucymcd3@aol.com) and [parhamkathryn@gmail.com](mailto:parhamkathryn@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a member of this committee that supports an important mission of the WCWP.
- **Goodbye to Janet Barry** – Janet, the club's 2021-2022 Charitable Giving Chair, will be leaving us this month to return to her hometown in Massachusetts. She was an active member of our committee and will be greatly missed!

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

## Ways and Means



\$13,399.64 was our gross income from the Rummage Sale, a new record!!!!!! It was an outstanding success, thanks to the over 60!!! members, spouses, relatives, and our own Julie and Chip, who pitched in. Many ladies were there daily. We especially thank Karen and Ken Rodda who were generally first in and last out, and Jan Bowman, who found all the hidden and in plain sight treasures

and priced them accordingly. I am just as proud that we had a record number of volunteers. It was hard work for sure. The fun and new friendships made were priceless. We have items consigned and some to go on eBay, to bring our total even higher. Our committee's next fundraiser will be in December, when ladies will share their baking and crafting talents at our annual Holiday sale. Now, I think I'll put my feet up and watch some football and volleyball!

**Cindy Abeel,**  
**Ways and Means Chair**  
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## Historian

### HISTORY BOOK CLUB



Please join the Woman's Club of Winter Park History Book Group on Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the historical fiction book "Among the Beautiful Beasts" by Lori McMullen. This fascinating book tells "the untold story of the early life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, known in her later years as a tireless activist for the Florida Everglades." We will also use the book "Saving Florida: Women's Fight for the Environment in the Twentieth Century" written by Rollins College professor Dr. Leslie Kemp Poole as a companion piece for our discussion.

The Woman's Club of Winter Park has always been involved in protecting the environment, especially in our early years, and Dr. Poole explores the connection of women's organizations in the environmental movement in Florida and references our club. A few years ago, I was honored to welcome one of Dr. Poole's Rollins classes to our club to explore the club's history, discuss our commitment to civic engagement, and show them our wonderful archives.

**Kim Mould,**  
**Historian**

## Membership



Our Membership Teas were a great success! For the Tuesday evening event, we had 17 members & 10 guests. Thanks go to Katie Campbell, Churchill Thompson, & Lindsay Peloza for providing the delicious salads & sweets along with the wine.

At Thursday's Tea, we had 52 members & 7 guests. Cookies were provided by Sue Busby, Kathy Parham, Katie Campbell, & Judy Allen. Sandwiches were from Churchill Thompson, Nancy Miles, & Kathy Dunn. Thank you so much, ladies for your culinary delights! A big thank you to Shannon Harris & Jacqueline Stewart for their expertise in the kitchen. Thank you to Cindy Abeel & Jean Rife for greeting and to Jane Watkins, Natalie Hill & Meredith Murphy for pouring. To all the Board Members that had a table showcasing their field, much gratitude goes to you for the lovely displays. For the beautiful decorations to the tables & the room, our hats are off to Karen Rodda. And lastly, it wouldn't have been a successful event if you, our members, had not come to enjoy these special events. Thank you all for welcoming our guests and several have already joined!



**Chris Bush & Meredith Murphy,  
Membership Co-Chairs**



## October Birthdays and Member Highlights



Kristy Dunlap-Piecuch	10/3	Lindsay Peloza	10/16
Cecilia Slavish	10/5	Susan Talcott	10/17
Sue Luongo	10/8	Bette Blanchfield	10/29
Karen Rodda	10/9	Betty Wanielista	10/29
Kate Demory	10/14	Kelly Berenbaum	10/31



Congratulations to member, Sarah Bradley (now Sarah Bradley Dillard) on her wedding that took place September 30<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to seeing pictures from your beautiful day!

Happy birthday to our member, Marie-Claire Penot, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June!



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## Artisan Showcase and Upcoming Activities

I am thrilled to announce that our Artisan Showcase will feature artists and crafters who will offer unique and high-quality items that will appeal to holiday shoppers looking for a special one-of-a-kind gift. So mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28, 2023 to visit our talented vendors. See you there!

### Red Pepper Tree, Winter Park

Great news! We will be decorating the Red Pepper Tree in Winter Park, once again. The date is not set at this time, however the city representative will call and let us know the exact time in the near future.

### The Holiday Parade, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, Fl.

The parade is scheduled for December 2, 2023, 9:00 am - 10:30 am and we are scheduled to participate in it. Come and celebrate this wonderful tradition!

**Linda Rinker,  
Vice President**

## House & Gardens



Welcome Back! ...I will keep this update brief. As you peruse these Highlights, you can easily see what a busy fabulous October is ahead, not unlike our super busy summer as we met many necessary tasks head-on. Our 2022-23 Club season started with Ian and Nicole, continued with a freeze, followed by some uninvited guests, all presenting many obstacles. Our grand lady and her beautiful gardens needed lots of attention! So please stay tuned for updates as our team identifies each priority for our House and Gardens to be safe and picture ready at any given moment.

Joining our WCWP Team, it is my pleasure to introduce Ricky Reasner, who comes fully equipped with the knowledge and desire to help us move many of these pending projects forward. His career in hospitality has broadened his scope of work and talents to include A/V, website, photography, general maintenance, and gardening, just to name a few.

Welcome aboard Ricky!!



My name is Ricky Reasner. I am a proud husband and father of six. I am a native of Winter Park and Orlando, and have remained here for the majority of my life. I am fortunate enough to have spent my life in the hospitality industry. I have spent time with Antonios in Maitland and The Venue on Lake Lily. I enjoy spending my time with family and creating with my hands. I look forward to meeting everyone and becoming part of the family!

**Karen Rodda,  
House & Gardens**

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## Scholarship



The Scholarship Committee had a table at both Membership Teas and had several new members interested in helping.

**Sue Grafton & Patty Munsey,  
Scholarship Co-Chairs**

## Programs

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

### Welcome Back Party with 2 special guests:

Elizabeth Fullington and The Ruby Holland Foundation present Artas, who has arrived in the USA to receive an award – while he is here, he is taking precious time out of his schedule to perform for us! We are all truly honored to have him!!  
Thank you, Elizabeth!

#### MEET: Artas Stankevicius



Artas was born in Vilnius Lithuania, but came to live in London, UK when he was only 4 months old. His interest in music had developed from an early age having started keyboard lessons by age 5. He started playing guitar at the age of 6 as well as violin by age 9. With the piano being his favourite instrument, he is actively attending local competitions. In 2020, he was awarded junior young musician title.

He is currently studying piano performance at Junior Guildhall School of Music with Dr. Maria Razumovskaya, and managed to secure violin lessons as a second study and is a member of the London Schools Symphony Orchestra. Classical music is the biggest passion for Artas and he hopes one day to perform around the globe and play his favourite piano repertoire”.

#### MEET: David Minks



David is joining us from the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre to introduce their 2023-2024 upcoming shows. Our Club has reserved seats at a discounted cost for us to see “Ain’t Misbehavin’” at the 2 p.m. Matinee on April 24, 2024! The show will be at the Repertoire Theatre, as the Shakespeare Theatre will be undergoing repairs. We will have a sign up list at the meeting to accept reservations for our event, or you may contact Julie. You must pay for the seats for

them to be held for you.

We have seats reserved in Rows J and K that cost \$30 (usually \$38.16), and Seats in Row E that cost \$40 (usually \$48.76) – and we have no service fee.

Please sign up soon, as the number of seats is limited!

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

**Please Show Your Support – Wear Pink!!**



**Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer**

Aleika Arboleda- Mission Manager

**Foundation:** They are a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide comprehensive services to the underserved through education, mammograms, and patient navigation on the journey from diagnosis to survivorship with compassion to ensure no one fights alone. Founded in 2007 by Robin Maynard in honor of her mother, Libby's Legacy has provided over 15,000 life-changing breast health services, diagnosed/navigated over 220 breast cancer patients, and awarded 22 LIVE BIG cruises to stage IV cancer survivors and provided thousands of pounds of nutritional food to survivors and their families.

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Please join us for:**



Let's Flamingle – All are welcome to join!  
Casual Meet and Greet  
Live Musical Performance by Nicole Equerme

#### **MEET: Nicole Equerme**

She is a multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter based in Central Florida, fluent on guitar, mandolin, banjo, and cello. At the age of 10, she began studying music on the euphonium, and moved to French horn a year later (which she continued to study through college). Along the way, she picked up guitar and mandolin (in high school) and later, studied banjo and cello (in her twenties). She has been performing in the Central Florida area since 2006 and routinely plays at venues located on Universal and Disney properties.

When not performing, she spends time writing and recording in her home studio, which she has worked meticulously to build since she was a teenager. As a skilled studio technician and audio engineer, she records and mixes herself and other local artists for various projects.

She holds a B.A. in English from Stetson University (with a minor in Digital Arts) and a B.A in Music from Rollins College.



In 2017, she was selected to give a solo show at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts as part of the Dr. Phillips Center's "Amp'd Up" series, which featured unique covers and original material. In 2018, she was voted "Orlando's #1 Band/Singer of 2018" by Orlando Magazine. In 2019, she toured with the international group the "Celtic Angels" across the U.S.A. Currently, she maintains an active performance schedule of over 200 dates per year.



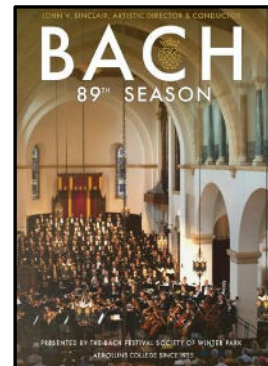
**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am**  
Please join us for:

**A Taste of BACH Luncheon**

**MEET: Logan Landry-Jennings**

Logan will be sharing all the information about the 89<sup>th</sup> Season of the Bach Festival.

It's the longest running performing arts organization in the region and third oldest Bach Festival in the country, the Bach Festival of Winter Park's mission to inspire the human spirit through extraordinary music, featuring powerful choral performances and innovative programming that celebrates the legacy of J.S. Bach. The 89<sup>th</sup> Season will showcase a dynamic array of world-class musicians and vocalists performing classical masterworks and contemporary compositions that will delight, challenge, and inspire audiences.



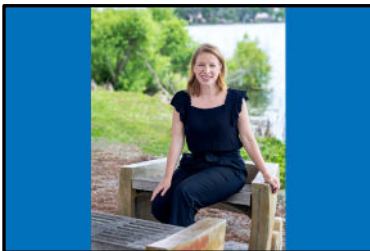
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Lunch Reservations Required by October 11<sup>th</sup> and are \$25/person – see registration form attached.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm**

Please join Lauren Bradley from Rollins College – she will provide an update on the Museum, proposed Crummer buildings and Rollins news. (Have your questions ready)

**MEET: Lauren Bradley**



Lauren is the Assistant Vice President for Communications at Rollins College. She oversees the internal communications strategy for the College's students, faculty, and staff, as well as the external communications strategy, keeping the media and community informed about what's happening at Rollins. She is a graduate of Leadership Winter Park and Leadership Orlando, was named to the 2021 Class of The Influentials by Winter Park Magazine, and has received several awards for public relations campaigns from the Florida Public Relations Association. She earned her bachelor's in public relations and a master's in mass communication from the University of Florida and lives in Maitland with her husband and two daughters.

**Mark your calendars:**

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Artisan Showcase and Pumpkin Fest**



*We want to give a very special Thank You to Chris Cortez, jazz musician and owner of The Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts, in Winter Park, for graciously donating our wonderful sound system. Please enjoy, and appreciate the beautiful music!*

*Visit <https://bluebambooartcenter.com> to learn more about The Blue Bamboo*

Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

**Lindsay Peloza & Churchill Thompson,  
Programs Committee Co-Chairs**

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### **Fall Luncheon – Save the Date and RSVP Now**

Please join us for our Fall Luncheon on Thursday, October 19 at 11:30 am. *Details are included on the attached flyer/invite.* Due to our catering deadline, **please RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 11** with Julie Wadsworth in the club office at 407-644-2237 or [info@womansclubofwinterpark.com](mailto:info@womansclubofwinterpark.com). As always, guests are welcome! We hope to see you there! *NOTE: If you need a ride to/from the luncheon, please let Julie know and we will find you a carpool buddy!*

*The Woman's Club of Winter Park*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FALL  
LUNCHEON  
A TASTE OF BACH**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

**11:30 AM - SOCIAL TIME**

**12:00 NOON- LUNCHEON SERVED AND  
FOLLOWED BY A BACH MUSICAL PROGRAM**

**LUNCH CATERED BY CUISINIERS  
MENU:**

- \*CHICKEN SALAD
- \*TOSSED GREEN SALAD WITH SUNDRIED  
CRANBERRIES, SWEET-N-SPICY CASHEWS & HONEY  
VINAIGRETTE
- \*SLICED MELON
- \*ASSORTED MACARONS & CHOCOLATE BOUCHONS
- \*RASPBERRY ICED TEA & COFFEE

**COST \$25/PERSON - GUESTS WELCOME!**

**RSVP DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF LUNCHES** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11  
WITH JULIE WADSWORTH IN THE CLUB OFFICE AT  
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INFO@WOMANSClubOFWINTERPARK.COM. PLEASE MAKE  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER  
PARK. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS (\$27 COVERS ADMIN FEES)  
CAN BE MADE BY CALLING JULIE IN THE CLUB OFFICE.**

**The Woman's Club of Winter Park**  
**Invites You and Your Family To Celebrate Fall!**

**Shop at our**

*Artisan's Showcase*

**All Local Crafters and Makers Inside**



*Pumpkin Fest Outside*



**Pumpkins to Paint and take Home for all Ages, Cornhole, Music, Photo Opportunities, Fall Food and More Fall Celebrations!**

**Fun for All Ages in our Gardens**

**Saturday, Oct 28th, 9 - 3**

**FREE! Parking on site.**


**419 S. Interlachen Avenue, Winter Park, FL**

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WINTER PARK, INC 2023 - 2024

**Rummage Sale!** Friday, September 1 and Saturday, September 2 9 am – 4 pm

We are having two **Membership Tea's!** **Thursday**, September 21 at 2pm **and Tuesday**, September 19th at 5:30 pm. All are Welcome!

**Artisan Show and Pumpkin Patch** Saturday, October 28 9am – 3pm

<b>OCT</b>	THURS 5 2 PM Celebration of Arts Artas Stankevicius, Holland Foundation & David Minks, Shakes Theater Oct Birthdays!	THURS 12 2 PM Libby's Legacy Aleika Arboleda  October is all  about Pink	THUR 19 11:30 Taste of Bach Logan Landry- Jennings  Fall Luncheon	THURS 26 2PM Sam Stark – Rollins Construction	SAT 28 9 – 3PM Fall Festival!  Artisan Show and Pumpkin Patch!	TUES 17 5:30PM Meet & Greet! Flamingo Pink Party
<b>NOV</b>	THURS 2 2 PM Pause for the Cause Adult Literacy A Gift for Teaching The Sharing Center  Nov Birthdays!	THURS 9 2 PM Artist Stacy Barter Demonstration	THURS 16 11:30 AM Friendsgiving Luncheon Tasters Choice	THURS 23 Happy Thanksgiving!	THURS 30 2PM Author Liz Kitchen "Be Brave, Lose The Beige"	TUES 21 5:30PM Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts Guitar Duet Chris Cortez Bobby Koelble
<b>DEC</b>	SAT 2 9-10:30 71 <sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Park Christmas Parade	THURS 7 2 PM Simply Cheese How to create an Hors d'hors Board Anne Thornton  Dec Birthdays!	THURS 14 11:30 Belles & Bows  Holiday Luncheon Bake & Craft Sale	MON 18 5:15-7:00pm Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour	Happy Holidays	TUES 19 5:30 PM Santa & Mrs (The Rinkers)
<b>JAN</b>	THURS 4 6 PM Scholarship Reception	THURS 11 2 PM UCF Bio Mechanics Helen Huang  Jan Birthdays!	THURS 18 2 PM Tour of Rollin's Tiedke Theatre	THURS 25 6 PM Founder's Day Music by Assel Jean Pierre		TUES 16 5:30 PM No Meeting
<b>FEB</b>	THURS 1 2 PM First Aid Chip and WP Firemen  Feb Birthdays!	THURS 8 2 PM Water Color Class By Fabriola Hanson, Crealde Instructor	THURS 15 2 PM Happy Hoofers Tap Dancers	THURS 22 2PM Findley Project Noelle Moore	THURS 29 6PM Jazzy Fund Raiser!	TUES 20 5:30 PM Tacos
<b>MAR</b>	THURS 2 PM Harry Rinker Stamps and the Making of a Stamp  Mar Birthdays!	THURS 14 11:30 AM Fashion Show Spring Luncheon	THURS 21 2 PM Sushi Lola's with Demo! Aaron Pak	THURS 28 2PM Freedom Ride Veronica Whetro		TUES 19 5:30PM Food Truck
<b>APR</b>	THURS 4 2 PM Mr Rogers Mr McFeeley  Apr Birthdays!	THURS 11 2 PM "Orlando & Central Florida On & Off the Beaten Path" Myrna Ossin, Author	THURS 18 2 PM BINGO	WED 24 2PM Musical "Ain't Misbehaving" At Shakespeare Theater	THURS 25 2PM Installation of New Board Silver Tea and Fancy Hats	TUES 23 5:30 PM Line Dancing