The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter December 2021

President's Message

As I write this, the day after Thanksgiving, I feel happy and truly blessed. Our second granddaughter was born yesterday – what a blessing!

December is quite a month; Hanukkah begins November 28, then Christmas (my birthday), and then a New Year. This is a time for reflection on the family and friends that are no longer with us and remembering the times we shared with them.

Our club is a great place for me, and I am sure it is for you. We have many new members this year which will ensure that our club will continue the impressive legacy of the last 100 plus years.

The board is hard at work on new trips and activities. I encourage you to take advantage of them. Making new friends and sharing are the best ways to live a fuller life.

I look forward to seeing you at 1:00 PM on December 20.

Have a great Holiday Season!

Connie Loukatos

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 7, 9:30 at Connie Loukatos' home.



DECEMBER PROGRAM Monday, December 20 1 – 3 PM

Holly Jolly Music and Sing-Along with Julie Markavitch-Caudle on Keyboard

Classical pianist Julie Markavitch-Caudle will get us in a festive spirit with holiday music on the keyboard and lead us in a sing-along of some of our favorite Holiday songs.

Julie Markavitch-Caudle is the music director at the First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square.

We hope you will join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

Jan Stout

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair, Alyce Conlon, alymar@comcast.net or 609-448-7064.

We would like to welcome new members to the club:

Judith M. Devine 29 Hagerty Lane Cranbury, NJ 08512 609-655-5628 908-240-2707 cell jskppr@verizon.net College of Staten Island

R. Leslie Lilienfeld 1212 Wyndhurst Drive Plainsboro, NJ 08536 609-955-4955 cell Tyro95@aol.com Hunter New York University

LUNCHING OUT GROUP

We will be meeting for lunch at Capuano's on Clarksville Road in West Windsor on December 9, at noon. Please let Bonnie know by December 6 if you will be attending the luncheon, since the holiday time is very busy for restaurants. Guests are welcome.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Bonnie Larson, <u>bonniejlarson63@comcast.net</u> or 609-655-2663.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The book group is reading *Montana 1948* by Larry Watson for a discussion on Friday, December 10, at 1 PM. The group will be meeting at Janet Young's home. Please make sure that you are vaccinated if you would like to participate. Also, bring your drink with you. All members are welcome to join this group.

In January, we will be meeting the last Friday of the month, January 28, at 1 to read *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott. You will have to get this book from your local library. The location will be announced in the January newsletter.

WALKING GROUP

When: 10:30 AM, Friday December 3 **Where:** Rosedale Park, 424 Federal City Road,

Pennington

Join us for an out-and-back walk of about 3 miles. Most of the path is paved although some of the path through meadows is gravel. You're welcome to bring a friend and to turn around whenever you choose to do so.

Directions within the Park: Continue on the main road through the park, passing the parking lot and restroom on the right side of top of the hill. The main road goes downhill to the left, to another parking lot with another restroom. Park at the farleft end of the lower parking lot and meet at the bridge at the far corner of the lower parking lot.

Call (609-475-5649) or email (<u>stoutsnj@gmail.com</u>) Jan Stout with any questions.

TRIPS

We will visit the Mitchener Museum in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, December 16th. The exhibit "It's Personal: the Art of Robert Beck" is the main attraction. We will have lunch after visiting the museum in Doylestown. We will carpool from Kathy Hutchins' house at 9:30 AM.

Please let Kathy know if you are planning to attend at widowh@hotmail.com or (609) 430 - 1565 or (609) 577 - 6033.

In January we will visit the Arts Council of Princeton, an organization whose presence in town is evidenced by their celebration of the Day of the Dead and the sukkahs (temporary huts celebrating the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot) which were scattered all over town. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Kathy would love some suggestions for trips and welcome company on exploration of possible sites.

MOVIE GROUP

The movie group is going to see *Belfast* on Tuesday, November 30. It is playing at the AMC theaters at Princeton Marketfair. The show starts at 2, so if you plan to come, the group is meeting in the lobby at 1:30. Afterwards the group will go to The Corner Bakery at Marketfair to discuss the movie.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Susan Luty, at artstatic@yahoo.com or 1 609-462-8776.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month we are introducing you to two of our new members, Alice Mass and Margo Tarasov.

Alice Mass is from New York but spent most of her childhood in Chattanooga, Tennessee where she attended GPS (Girls' Preparatory School). After high school she returned to NY where she attended NYU and also met her husband. They married 54 years ago and have two children and four grandchildren. They lived most of their married life in Manhattan where she taught at a girls' private school for 27 years. When she retired, they moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina where they lived until 2019 when they moved to the Princeton area to be closer to their children in Philadelphia and New York.

She loves theater and the symphony. For the past five years, she has been in a memoir writing group and just took up drawing. With more free time now, she loves to cook and research recipes.

Margo Tarasov still works part-time as a clinical supervisor and lecturer. She works for a chain of behavioral health clinics and has a small supervision and consultation practice. For 16 years she worked at Carrier Clinic in Belle Mead, first as a psychotherapist and then as Director of Social Services.

Margo has a newly rescued Shih Tzu from SAVE in Skillman, NJ and they are currently in obedience school with a virtual trainer! She has a son who is finishing up medical school in New England. He recently married a German physician he met here but who is from Berlin. They are looking forward to traveling to Germany early in 2022 to finally meet Julia's parents.

"I really like all the people I have met in the club so far and the activities are wonderful!"

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting Nora Ananos

Nora's painting "Mykonos" won the "Honorable Mention" in the "2021 NJ Senior Citizen Art Show". This show is organized by The New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage. You can see the video of the ceremony on the website provided below.

Nora's painting in oil shows one of the beautiful narrow streets in the Island of Mykonos, in Greece.

The 2021 Awards Ceremony video highlights this year's NJSAS award winners selected by jurors Martha Press (gallerist, curator, collector), Lynn Lymere (painter and Arts, Culture & Parks Programs Administrator for Burlington County) and Aubrey Kauffman (award winning photographer). In commenting on the work in this show, jurors observed" While viewing the submissions for the NJ Senior Citizen Art Show, we were struck by the professionalism and quality of all of the entries. It made our job as jurors both more pleasurable and more difficult. The artists as a whole showed a maturity that only comes with a life well lived. Congratulations to everyone in this year's exhibit!"



Congratulations Nora!

To view the entire show, be sure to check out the <u>Gallery Page</u> 2021 NJ Senior Citizen Art Show website www.njseniorarts.com)

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Two members of our club have recently passed away: **Chowsoon Ju**, mother of Doris and Helen Ju, and **Joyce Maso**.

It is with deep sadness that we lost two wonderful members. Our thoughts are with their families.

WEBSITE

We have a very informative and useful website that Helen Ju works hard to keep up to date.

For more information about our club and its activities, please visit our website: www.wccpnj.org

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