



Newsletter – September 2015

September Club Meeting

Our kick-off meeting for our 2015-2016 year will be on Tuesday, **September 8th** and will be a business meeting. **Janice Hobart** will provide our staccato moment about her **African Adventure**. Our hostesses will be the **International Outreach CSP**.

As usual, we'll meet at the **Non-Profit Building** on Clifton Boulevard in Westminister. Refreshments and mingling start at **1pm** and our meeting starts at 1:30pm. Don't forget to wear your **name tag**.

Parking Reminder

Also, don't forget the critical parking situation at the Carroll Non-Profit Center. When the building opened, there was ample parking for our club meetings. Since then, both the number of people who work in the building and our own club membership have dramatically increased. As a result, a critical parking situation now exists when our club meets.

Here are suggestions:

- ✓ **Carpool** if at all possible.
- ✓ **Park in these areas:**
 - Lot across the street, behind the shopping center with **Panera Bread** and **Bed Bath & Beyond**
 - On the street where permitted
- ✓ **Do not park here:**
 - The Comcast Building (no longer permitted)
 - Behind the Non-Profit Center

Please do what you can to ease the parking shortage, especially now, when the weather is still so nice. Let's all hope it wouldn't dare to rain on the day of our first club meeting of the year!

2015-2016 Membership Dues are Due!

Our **Treasurer, Barb Gunther**, reminds you that it is time to renew your membership to **GFWC Woman's Club of Westminister, Inc.** for the 2015/16 fiscal year that runs from July 1st through June 30th. Dues are as follows:

- ✓ **Active Members** (day and evening):.....**\$65**
- ✓ **Associate Members**:.....**\$75**

You can pay your dues at any meeting **September through November** or mail to:

Barb Gunther
933 Hughes Shop Road
Westminister, MD 21158-2928

We are required to pay State and District dues by December 1st, so please get your dues in before then.



Fundraising Committee

Flea Market on September 5th

Pat Harter reminds us of our Flea Market over Labor Day weekend at the Shipley Arena!

Attention Volunteers!

We **still need help** on Sale Day, **September 5th**, from **12pm-2pm**.

Set-up will be this Friday, September 4th and the sale will be the next day, on Saturday, September 5th. If you've signed up to help out on the day of the sale, bring a **folding chair**, a **drink and a snack** (if you need them), and **wear comfortable shoes**. There is eatery in the arena so you can get lunch.

Drop-Off Hours for Donations

To donate items, bring them to the **Shipley Arena** on **Friday, September 4th**, between **2pm** and **6pm**.

Members: Come on Out to buy, Buy, BUY!

Our ladies always donate **great stuff** for our auctions, so we strongly urge you all to come on out on **Saturday** to see what bargains you can pick up. The Flea Market at the Shipley Arena in Westminster will be **open** from **8am until 2pm**. We hope to send you an email on Friday letting you know just where our tables will be located.

Come early to get the best buys!

After the Sale: Donations Left Over

If we have any items left over after the sale, we'll donate them to either the White Rabbit or the Rescue Mission.

Silent Auction in December

About the Auction

Bev Humbert and Lynn Walter, Co-Chairs of our December Silent Auction, remind us that this is one of our most valuable fundraising events each year! Let's all work to make it a fun and profitable day.

Need Donations!

This is your chance to spice up the event with creative and interesting donated items.

Gift Items and Gift Baskets Welcome!

Please: search your closet and attic for **new- to like-new gift items** to donate.

If you'd like to assemble an auction **Gift Basket**, please let either Bev or Lynn know.

More Details to Come

We'll have further information at our September meeting. Meanwhile, thanks very much for your willingness to help.



Arts CSP

Bus Trip Coming Up! Sponsored by the Arts CSP

Please join the Arts CSP on a bus trip on **October 22nd** (rain or shine).

Our Stops

First, we'll have a guided tour of **Brandywine River Museum**, home of the works of the **Wyeth** family and other artists. Then we'll head over to **Longwood Gardens** where we'll enjoy dinner in the cafeteria. But the main attraction there will be the exceptional display entitled **Nightscape**. By projecting moving video and laser lights onto the plants and trees in the conservatory and the outside gardens, **Nightscape** gives a whole new look to the Gardens.

All Are Invited!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. We need to know if there are enough people going by Monday, **September 14th** to plan this event. The cost is **\$108** per person. See attached flyer for details.

Itinerary on Thursday, October 22nd

Note: Please have had lunch before boarding the bus.

- 12pm..... **Leave** from St. John's Catholic Church, Westminster
- 2:15pm..... Arrive at **Brandywine River Museum** for a guided tour
- 4:45pm..... **Depart** Brandywine River Museum
- 5:15pm..... Arrive at **Longwood Gardens**
 - Enjoy **free time** to explore the gardens
 - Have **dinner**; each person pays for her own dinner
 - **Gaze** on the **Nightscape** light display at the gardens
- 9:30pm..... **Depart** for home
- 11:30pm..... **Arrive** back at St. John's in Westminster

Package Includes

- **Admission** to Brandywine River Museum
- **Admission** to Longwood Gardens
- **Transportation** and **Tip** for our driver

Payment Deadline is Monday, September 14th!

Make checks payable to: **GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.** and send to:
Carolyn Seabolt
811 Rolling Ridge Drive
Westminster, Md. 21157

Need More Information?

Send an email to Carolyn at cgseabo@comcast.net

Important Information About Payment

- Reservations must be made by **Monday, September 14th**
- If we have to **cancel** the trip, we'll **refund** your money
- We will donate any profit from the trip to a local arts-related endeavor



Art Exhibits

You'll have **one last opportunity** to see our current show *Shades of Summer* at our September club meeting. It's been hanging in the Non-Profit building since June.

We are preparing for the next show *Spectrum of Color* to go up in **October**.

Knitting Affinity Group

The knitting affinity group is starting up again on Tuesday, **September 22nd** at **1pm** at **Ginny Houser's** house. We'll continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. We welcome all knitters!

Contact Ginny if you plan to go at either aerobicginny@gmail.com or [410-848-2441](tel:410-848-2441).

By-Laws Committee

Jackie Hering reports that members of the **By-Laws Committee** met during the summer and are making progress in revising the By-Laws.

Education CSP

Shepherd's Staff Back to School Project

We'll accept **monetary donations** at the September Board and General meetings for **Shepherd's Staff's** *Back to School* backpacks, haircuts, and shoes.

Used Books Sale Resumes!

We'll resume our **Used Book** fundraiser at the September meeting. We encourage members to **donate current titles** and to assist the committee by **transporting and storing** a bag of books between meetings.

Dr. Suess's Birthday

We'll have a **schedule for labeling books** for *Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration* at the September meeting for you to sign-up in getting the thousands of children's books ready for distribution. Please think about volunteering for this fun and wonderful Club Project. We assure you: you'll have fun!

Boxtops for Education

Remember to bring any **boxtops** you want to contribute to our *Boxtops for Education* project to each meeting. This is a fundraiser to assist the Winchester Elementary School.

Book Browsers Committee

Book Browsers will meet **Monday, September 21st** at **10am** at the home of **Jackie Hering Carol Quinn** will lead our discussion of *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan. If you are a regular attendee, please let Jackie know only if you **won't** be coming.



Home Life CSP

Home Life will have brochures available for the **Nut Sale** at our **September** and **October** meetings. We'll make the October meeting our order deadline to allow us to have nuts available to club members for the holidays.

Thanks to all for your consideration of participating in this fund raiser!

GFWC Maryland

Ginny Hauser reports that all are welcome to attend the **September 15th GFWC Maryland Board of Directors Meeting** being held at the Best Western in Westminster. We've attached their flyer, **Official Call to the September Board of Directors Meeting**.

CSPs and Committees with No Reports this Month

- ✓ Public Issues CSP
- ✓ Beneficiary Committee
- ✓ International Outreach CSP
- ✓ Publicity Committee

Member to Member

Live on Stage

A new season of four concerts starts on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30pm** with **Ethan Bortnick** and ends with the **Fabulous Hubcaps** in June. Ethan is the world's youngest solo musician to headline his own tour.

Season tickets are only **\$60** per person. All performances are at Westminster High School. Get your tickets online at www.CarrollLiveOnStage.org.

September Song Fundraiser: an event not to be missed!

GFWC member **Joan Eichhorn** is the esteemed Producer of September Song Musical Theatre and submits this invitation.

On **Saturday, September 26th at 8pm** at the **Carroll County Arts Center** in Westminster, **September Song Musical Theatre** invites you to join us for an evening of beautiful music, exciting dance, and a chance to see performances by both past and present stars of our stage. Tickets are **\$15**. We highly recommend that you purchase your tickets well ahead of time because we have sold out the house at previous fundraisers! You can buy tickets online at www.SeptemberSong.org or at the **Arts Center** box office.

For over forty years, September Song has strived to present quality live theatre to the children, teens, and adults of Carroll County and surrounding areas. We're holding this fundraising event to raise **seed money** to insure that this non-profit group will perform again in 2016 and **to thank you all** for the tremendous support and love you have shown to us.

Please come out and support us, so that September Song can remain a strong and secure part of the theatre arts of Carroll County!



Capitol Steps

Sandy Ferguson reports that she will be selling tickets at our **September meeting** to the upcoming **Capitol Steps** performance to benefit The **ARC of Westminster**. Our Club has been involved with The ARC for many, many years so it's a benefit for our members and also a fund raiser for this very worthy cause. We get a discount if we have ten or more members purchasing tickets. Sandy will have the tickets and more information at the sign-in table.

In case your aren't familiar with the group, the Capitol Steps is a comedy group of Congressional staffers satirizing the goings-on in DC, mostly through songs. Here's the link to learn more: <http://www.CapSteps.com/>.

Details

- Date: Saturday, **November 7th; 7:30pm**
- Where: **Winters Mill High School Auditorium**
- Cost: **\$25**/person, but we get a discount if we sell ten or more tickets

The PINK Fling

Janice Hobart reports that this year **The PINK Fling**, benefiting **The Center for Breast Health at Carroll Hospital Center** will be held on **Saturday, October 10th** from **10am – 1pm**, at **McDaniel College Englar Dining Hall**. The theme will be an **English Tea Party/Brunch**.

Tickets are **\$50** per person. Call [410 871-6200](tel:4108716200) or visit CarrollHospitalCenter.org/Pink-Fling to register. Space is limited so get your tickets early.

Yearbook Updates

Please update your Yearbook with the following changes:

Address Change

Barbara Shipley507 High Acre Drive, Apt. 308
Westminster, MD 21157

Membership Type Changes

Trinka Cueman Associate Member.
Debbie SchaefferAssociate Member.

Resignations

Joan Mann
Linda Frazee



A Note from Becky about Lower and Upper Cases on the Internet

This is the best that I know about using upper and lower cases in email and web site addresses. I will be glad to revise my advice if any of you find out it is incorrect, but I verified this information with my ISP guru and with other IT professionals – and all agree..

Email Addresses

In email addresses, **the case of the letters does not matter**. This is not a rule of the internet, but it has been the practice for well over ten years. So an email address of becky@bectecsolutions.com is treated exactly the same as Becky@BecTecSolutions.com. The one with the capitals is just easier to read. There is no need to change your official listing if the only change would be to make capital letters in your email address into lower case.

If you ever find any exception to that, please let me know immediately.

Web Site URLs

Web site addresses are slightly more complicated. But, if you'd like to know, here's how it works.

The **main part** of a Web Site address, also called the **URL**, is **not case sensitive**, meaning a mixture of capitals and small letters are treated as though they are all lowercase.

The part of the web site address that points to a **particular page** within the website is **sometimes case sensitive**. That means that if the website address has a **forward slash in it (/)**, the case of the letters after that forward slash **may** matter. Not always, but sometimes. There is no way to know that just by looking at a web page.

Again, using my own website (woefully out of date!), www.BecTecSolutions.com is treated exactly the same as www.bectecsolutions.com. But If I had a page on my website, like with contact information, then www.BecTecSolutions.com/Contact **might** be different from www.BecTecSolutions.com/contact.

Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our **October, 2015** newsletter is **Friday, September 25th**.
- ✓ Be sure to read our little **Fine Print Box** at the end of each Newsletter!

The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminster Newsletter** editors are **Nancy Porter** (assemble submissions, initial draft) and **Becky Barbour** (final editing and formatting, email distribution). We publish the newsletter **ten times per year**, with a break during the summer months of June and July. We **distribute** the newsletters to our members on or about the **first Tuesday** of the month, or one week before each of our meetings. **Submit** information for an edition of our newsletter to **Nancy Porter** (NancPorter@gmail.com) by the **25th of the month** preceding publication.