



Voices & Visions

Hopefully spring is almost here and all of the snow is finished for the year. Please note that the general assembly meeting has been changed to TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH to accommodate St. Patrick's Day Celebrations.

The March meeting is craft judging night and also there will be a speaker on "organization". I know that I can certainly use that!

District Day is coming upon us quickly. The date is Wednesday, April 22nd. Please let me know if you are interested in attending so that I can get our registration in.

We are planning to get a group together to attend the High School Art Contest on Sunday, March 22nd at the Alzheimer's Resource Center. We will meet in the center of Northford at approximately 12:30 and carpool there. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. I understand that it is a wonderful display.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Veteran's Memorial Day Flag Program: Our committee (Mary Ellen, Carla, Carmel and Karen) has met twice now with the North Branford Women's Club committee. The program is really coming together. Carla has put together a wonderful brochure and flyer. Terri White from the North Branford club is busy with press releases and coordinating a ceremony to display the flags. The rest of us are working on coordination of other details. The flag dedications will sell for \$10 each. Registration forms will be placed in stores and other locations throughout Northford/North Branford.

Here is the tentative schedule :

- April 1st: Start advertising and selling flags.
- April 22th: Address ribbons and attach to flags.
- May 1st: Flags will be placed in front of Town Hall
- May 2nd: Ceremony to dedicate flags.



The flags will remain on the Town Hall green until Memorial Day.

If anyone is interested in helping us address the ribbons and attach them to the flags, please let one of us know. Save the date for the ceremony if you can. It should be really nice.

Other upcoming events:

- Thursday, April 2nd:** Game night at Mary Ellen's house: 6:30pm. Bring an appetizer.
- Sunday, March 29th:** North Branford Women's Club Fashion Show at Woodwinds. Cost: \$35 which includes lunch. Let Mary Ellen know if you are interested in attending.
- Tuesday, March 31st:** Branford Women's Club Military Whist at Branford Community House, 7:00pm. Cost: \$6. We have a group going.

1st Vice-President
Jennifer Mirto

Please reach out to your family, friends, co-workers and associates to see if they would be interested in joining our club. If you need me to send them a letter, I will be more than happy to do so.

Treasurer *Florence Pierson*

Savings \$ 732.75

Checking \$ 1651.36

CD \$3295.44

Anyone who needs a check must fill out a reimbursement form. I have more if you need them.

2nd Vice-Presidents
Elena Taylor & Toni Sagnella

If anyone has a request for the ways & means budget it needs to be submitted no later than March 15th, 2009.

Thank you



Home Life

Alison Young & Lisa D'Urso

Hi everyone! This month is our craft judging night. If you have a craft that you have done this past year and would like to have it judged, call me and I will give you the info for your items. You can also bring them to the March 24th meeting and I will help you with the paper work. All winners will go to District Day in April.

Our next game night will be April 2nd at Mary Ellen's house at 6:30.



Northford Page Turners

We are reading 'Sweet Potatoes Queens' by Jill Conner Browne and 'The Double Bind' by Chris Bohjalian.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14th and we will meet at Alison's house at 7pm.



Programs

Carmel Genera

Our March program will be present by Tina Lindsay of the National Association for Professional Organizers. She will speak on organizing photo albums, stamps, coins, closets, junk mail, attics, basements, etc. This information should be useful for our spring cleaning. I hope to see you there.



As a home life project, during February, Chocolate heart lollipops were made along with chocolate dipped pretzels and candies.

On Friday, February 13th, Alison Young, Liz Boisard, Mary Smith, Elena Taylor and her daughter, Melisa and myself went to the Twin Maples Home to distribute, not only candy, but valentines donated by Michele Sumecki and red carnations funded by our charity committee.

It was a very rewarding experience, thank you Alison.

Your friend,
Carmel Genera

Corresponding Secretary

Kathy Delfino

Get well cards were sent to Carla Dextraze after her surgery and to Chelsea Wollman, Kim's daughter after her knee surgery and to Kathy Delfino from all the club members. A sympathy card was sent to Donna Manceri for the loss of her niece. A thinking of you card was sent to Carmel Genera, after she fell down. We received a thank you note from Hospice for the memorial we donated for Philomena Minichino, and from Donna Moeller for everything.

I would like to thank all the ladies and my friends, from our club, for all the get well cards, and telephone calls, to see how I was feeling. Thank you so much, Kathy Delfino.

Important Dates:

March 16th	Midnight Run 6:15 to 6:45
March 24th	General Assembly Meeting @ 7:30
April 14th	Northford Page Turners
April 7th	Board Meeting

Hospitality

Theresa Hammond & Paula Morris

Our General Assembly Meeting is on March 24th at 7:30. The hostess is Florence Pierson and the co hostesses are Toni Sagnella and Rose Lynch.

The April Board meeting on the 7th will be at the home of Paula Morris and the co-hostess is Patty Meglio. Meeting starts at 7:30.

Our annual June dinner will be held at Amato's, 730 Forest Road (The Northford Gathering), on June 8 @ 6:30pm. Complete details will follow in the April newsletter.



Midnight Run *Florence Pierson*

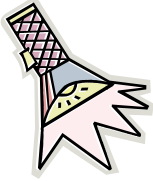
Midnight Run will be held on Monday, March 16th @ 6:15 to 6:45. Sandwich lunches, juice boxes, blankets, jackets, men's clothing, underwear, socks & hats are all needed. Toiletries would also be helpful.

If you have something you would like to donate but are not sure about, please ask.

Thank you



“Member Spotlight “



Patty Meglio was born and raised in Orange, Connecticut. She graduated from The School of Fashion Design in Boston and moved to Houston, Texas and lived there for a number of years. While in Texas, she began taking classes in drawing and design. She moved back to Connecticut in 2000 and settled in Northford. In pursuit of a lifelong dream, she began studying painting with local artists, including Marc Antony Massaro in Branford, Terry Oakes Bourret in Durham and Hagop Keledjian in Putney, Vermont.



Patty paints en plein air, which means in real life in the field. When she paints still life, she does so in real life, not from a photo. Influenced by the brilliant rendition of subjects in twentieth century art that are loosely painted from life but with hidden precision by artists like Sargeant, Sorolla, Schmid, Guzik, Curtis, and Kreutz, her style is realistic modern impressionism. She draws her inspirations, as they did, from early twentieth century architecture and from family farms, beaches, and scenery slowly eroding as progress takes its toll. She loves the idea of capturing what's left of a bygone era and recording it before it's gone forever.



One of Patty's paintings, **Smith Library, 2007**, was just purchased for the newly renovated Smith Library. It is a painting of the west side of the library before the 2007-2009 renovations began.

Patty is a past participant in juried competitions for the Clinton Art Society, Madison Art Society, Artwalk for the West Hartford Art League, and the Mavis Fenner Memorial for the Rowayton Arts Center, and is a winner of the Merchant's Prize at the Madison Art Show in 2007. She has exhibited in numerous venues throughout the state of Connecticut and New Hampshire. Her work is held in private collections throughout the country. She is a member of the Connecticut Plein Air Painters Society, Milford Fine Arts Council, Clinton Art Association, and the Madison Art Society.

Patty will be participating in the Forth-Seventh Annual Glastonbury Show on the Green this September.

From all of us, Congratulations Patty!

Special Interests/Food Bank Karen Marino & Mary Smith

The Northford food bank could use donations of the following items to help stock their shelves.

- Cake mixes, Brownie mixes and frosting
- Bottled salad dressing (no French please, they have plenty)
- Paper Goods - paper towels, toilet tissue and facial tissue

They are also in need of toothpaste, shampoo and soap. If members could bring items to our March meeting it would be appreciated. Or drop them off at Mary's house so I can take the donated items to the food bank on Saturday mornings. **If you have any donations for the Easter Baskets please let us know.** Thank you.

Parliamentarian/ Reports

Kathy Tobin

Please make sure to keep track of volunteer activities throughout the year and turn in report forms to me. You can find report forms in your handbook. If you need more, please let me know.

Education

Rose Lynch and Toni Savino

No Report

Happy Birthdays

Paula Morris March 12th

Lisa D'Urso
March 21st



Charity Elissa Orio & Michele Sumecki



We are still collecting children's books for 'Right to Read' & 'Read to Grow'. We will also continue to collect adult books for 'Books for Soldiers' and CD's. Any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Please see Elissa or Michele with any questions or donations. Thank you!



We are also putting together four baskets for District Day & State Convention. If anyone would like to donate items (including scratch off lottery tickets) to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. The basket themes are Italian, Garden, Relaxation and Money Tree. Please contact Elissa or Mary Ellen with any questions. Thank you



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Publicity **Patty Meglio**

Article on March Meeting was sent to:

The Totoket Times

The Branford Review

The Sound

I updated the Website with new information, the February newsletter, and new photos. Please check it out:

<http://www.geocities.com/northfordwc/>

Newsletter/Publications **Carla Dextraze**

The newsletter is only as good as the information and reports from the members, so please remember to get your reports to me no later than the Friday after the board meeting. I want to get everyone's updated reports in. Best way is by email, but you can also call me or send by regular mail.

Other articles of interest, recipes and items for 'Member Spotlight' are also welcome.

Thank you for all your support!



Collections

Branford Animal Shelter

Canned dog food for adult dogs, medium to large rawhide chews and baking soda. The Branford Animal Shelter takes North Branford & Northford animals. Please give your items to Laura Pearson.

Yale New Haven Hospital

Magazines that are newer than 3 months and paperback books. Please give to Paula Morris.

New Haven Animal Shelter

Sheets & towels. Please give to Alison Young.

Campbell Soup labels & Box Tops for Education please give to Kathy Tobin and **soda can flip top rings** to Kim Wollman.