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The Vanderbilt Woman's Club brings together the women of Vanderbilt University; provides an opportunity for intellectual, cultural and social activities within the community and the University; supports and assists the mission of the University; and sponsors the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship through fundraising.

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October 1, 2020**

[Click here to renew your membership](#)

President's Message

Dear Members:

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club Board members are excited about the opportunities we offer for you to connect, serve, and learn. In this issue we feature events related to the 100th Anniversary of the Woman's Suffrage Movement and events hosted by Vanderbilt University. Life member interviews written by [Joy Allington-Baum](#), an article about our club's history, and an update from [Emily Song](#), our Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship winner, are included. We are excited about our year and hope you will join us by renewing your membership!

In July, our Board contacted every member of VWC with updates and an invitation to join our first club wide book read "[The Woman's Hour](#)" by [Elaine Weiss](#). We published a special "Summer Edition" of the Magnolia Newsletter and had zoom presentations to keep us connected. [Dr. Doug Fisher](#), Associate Professor of Computer Science presented "[Ethics and Artificial Intelligence](#)" to twenty-four members, and thirty-three members enjoyed hearing about the Elephant Sanctuary from [Joy Owens](#), Director of Education. Both zoom presentations were recorded for members who would like to see them at a later date. Visiting Author at Vanderbilt Athletics, [Andrew Maraniss](#), presented his book "[Games of Deception](#)" for those who purchased the author discussion at the [ScholarSongs](#) event.

In August, we produced another special Magnolia newsletter focusing on the Woman's Suffrage Movement and Nashville events honoring that cause. Thank you [Lynne Siesser](#) for helping to put this together! Thank you [Joan Hornberger](#) for making our special VWC magnolia face masks, which we delivered in August with the book "[The Woman's Hour](#)".

Our activities in September focus on Woman's Suffrage. We will host discussions of "[The Woman's Hour](#)" by [Elaine Weiss](#) and host zoom presentations covering, art, nature, and history. Upcoming speakers exclusive to VWC members include [Alan LeQuire](#), Nashville artist and creator of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument in Centennial Park; [Tom Vickstrom](#), who will give us a virtual tour of the historic Hermitage Hotel, the setting for the dramatic final vote on the 19th Amendment; [Dr. Carole Bucy](#), a local historian and professor who will talk about Tennessee women as voters in the 1920s; and [Debby Gould](#), Vice President of The League of Women Voters, who will talk about Tennessee women voters today.

We look forward to seeing you via zoom and to continuing our mission: bringing-the women of Vanderbilt University together, providing an opportunity for intellectual, cultural, and social activities within the community and the University; supporting and assisting the mission of the University; and sponsoring the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship through fundraising.

Please renew your membership today so you don't miss out. <https://redcap.link/svxs1x20>

Stay safe. Stay curious. Stay connected.

Tracy

The Vanderbilt Woman's Club acknowledges the late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus and honors her in the naming of the newsletter.

VANDERBILT
WOMAN'S CLUB

Donations to the Scholarship

Donations may be sent to Liz Doyle, 1556 Oxford Court. Gallatin, TN 37066-5717

Donations since the last newsletter

Kelly Chambers

Tribute cards are available from Liz at all meetings.

[click here to make your donation by credit card](#)

If you donate on line and your name does not appear on our honor roll, please email lsiesser7@gmail.com

Upcoming meetings

All meetings require an RSVP so we know attendance expectations Note which are Zoom, online.

- Thurs, Sep 3 - 10:00am *Woman's Monument* **Alan LeQuire**, Artist <https://alanlequire.com/sculpture/> ZOOM
- Mon, Sep 14 - 7:00pm *Bird Banding* **John Kell** and **Emily Moorman** ZOOM
- Wed, Sep 16 - 7:00pm *"The Woman's Hour"* **Book Discussion** at the home of **Elisabeth Sandberg**
- Fri, Sep 18 - 10:00am *Hermitage Hotel History Tour regarding Woman's Suffrage* **Tom Vickstrom**, Historian ZOOM
- Wed, Sep 23 - 7:00pm *Woman's Suffrage* **Dr. Carole Bucy**, Nashville Historian ZOOM
- Fri, Sep 25 - 10:30am *Woman's Suffrage and Voting Today* **Debby Gould**, League of Woman's Voters ZOOM
- Tue, Sep 29 - 10:30am *"The Woman's Hour"* **Book Discussion** at the **Brentwood Library** with **Tracy Stadnick**
- Mon, Oct 5 - 7:00pm **Alice Randall** discusses book *"Black Bottoms Saints"* ZOOM
- Tue, Oct 6 - 3:00pm *"The Woman's Hour"* **Book Discussion** at the home of **Kelly Chambers**
- Wed, Oct 7 - 10:00 and 11:30am *Day Tour of Chibuly* with **Curator** at **Cheekwood**. RSVP and fee
- Thurs, Oct 8 - 2:00pm *"The Woman's Hour"* **Book Discussion** at the **Green Hills Library** with **Sheila Jensen**
- Sun, Oct 11 - 3:00pm *"The Woman's Hour"* **Book Discussion** at the home of **Elisabeth Sandberg**
- Thurs, Oct 15 - 6:30pm *Night Tour of Chibuly* with **Curator and Docent** at **Cheekwood** RSVP and fee
- Thurs, Oct 22 - TBD *Presentation* **Candice Lee**, *Vanderbilt Athletic Director* at **Richland Country Club**.

Details about the ZOOM meetings in September can be found on pages 13 - 18

VWC in-person meeting guidelines:

Our Vanderbilt Woman Club Guidelines are different from Nashville Guidelines:

VWC follows Vanderbilt University Phase Guidelines for COVID-19.

*Vanderbilt University Guidelines are in **Phase II:***

"Gatherings up to 10 as long as physical distancing can be maintained and safety protocols (e.g., face masks/ coverings) are followed."

The board recommends: No sharing of food and drink. Members should bring their own food and drink to events at this time.

Members cannot participate if they feel sick or have a fever.

We appreciate your concern for everyone's health and your participation to help keep our members safe!

On October 5th, we will have a book discussion by **Alice Randall** on her new book

"Black Bottom Saints"

Please purchase your book at our ScholarSongs partners: **Parnassus Books** or **Barnes & Noble**.

Please continue to support our supporters for Scholarsongs:

Restaurants: Answer, ETC, Loveless Café, Cafe 360 *Thank you.*

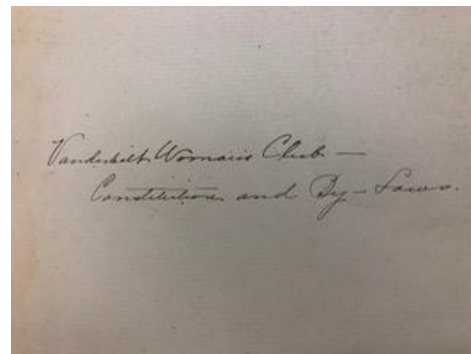
August From the Archives

After two years of meeting casually, the Literary and Musical Club became a formal organization. This process began October 7, 1895.

A constitution was created which included:

The study of authors was now to be included along with musical programs.

All members were to take part and there was a 50 cent fine for non-participation. Only illness was an excuse for missing a meeting.



The outline for the year was referred to as work and papers were assigned to members. If you failed to complete your assigned task you were fined 50 cents (\$7.50 in today's money) and your name appeared in the minutes as having not participated.

These ladies were tough and the assigned topics varied. (More on that when I can get physically into the archives). Today we have (or will have again once Covid 19 is over) a wide variety of activities that you can join in whenever you want. No fine is given for missing.

The constitution (now called By-Laws) has been altered over the years, yet what remains at the core is the interests of the club shall be three-fold: intellectual, social, and humanitarian.

The original said, "it shall endeavor (1) to stimulate the intellectual development of its members, (2) to promote good fellowship among its members, and between the faculty of the University, (3) to aid, by its organization effort, any student activities or any worthy cause connected with the University." Today we can still say we adhere to these guidelines while meeting lots of wonderful women and doing good in the community and for the University.

Joy Allington-Baum, VWC Archivist

From our scholar, Emily Song

I loved my first year experience at Vanderbilt! The school's friendly and collaborative environment has been the perfect place for me to both thrive and be challenged. I've met so many amazing and accomplished people here in and out of the classroom that have made it easy for me to call Vanderbilt and Commons home. I'm proud of the amount of personal and academic growth I've faced so far, and I'm so excited to continue this journey. Even in these times of uncertainty, I'm confident that I'll have another unforgettable and fulfilling year. I'm especially grateful to have the continued support of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club as I take on sophomore year!

I'm really looking forward to another year at Vandy and with the Woman's Club!

Focus on Life Members

Judy Lefkowitz

Judy and her husband Lewis came to Nashville in 1965. They met at Duke where he was studying medicine and she, her masters in nursing. She joined the Vanderbilt Woman's Club in 1965 because that was the thing to do. She has 3 sons who are all grown now, and 3 grandsons. She was VP of Newcomers and very much enjoyed all her involvement with the VWC.

What she would say to a new member is that the women that she met are still her good friends today. They were with her when she was a newly-wed, when she had young children and when she returned to work. Her favorite job was in neuroscience as a research assistant. She has been retired for the past 30 years. She kept herself busy with gardening, sewing and reading all the books she has on her to-be-read shelf.

She was pleased to watch the club grow and develop over the years as women's roles evolved. She felt proud that the club evolved as well.

Her favorite memories are all the people and contacts she has made by whatever method in the small or large groups at VWC

She is currently recovering from femur surgery and is at home at Richland. She is keeping busy with her PT and still opening and sorting boxes from her move 2 years ago out of the home she had lived in for 50 years.



Lynne Siesser

Lynne joined the VWC in 1979. She has held many different jobs, from Newcomers Hospitality to President. She loved the meetings when she first arrived in town that were geared towards tours of campus and of downtown. Her favorite job at the club was and is the one she has now as the *Magnolia News* creator and editor from 1998 until now. She has only taken two years off - in 2005 when they traveled around the world when her husband became Emeritus and before that when he was on sabbatical in the UK and South Africa.

Her favorite activity is the bridge group. She has stayed in the club so long because she feels she owes the club. When she moved to Nashville with two young children, VWC was the only source of adult conversation. After 2-3 years as a member she broke her ankle and for the two weeks of her recuperation she didn't have to make a meal as VWC took care of everything.

Her fondest memory was the very first opening coffee, Lynne had just arrived in the country from Cape Town. They went to Branscomb in formal gowns. When she saw the sterling tea set and coffee set at each end of the table with all the gorgeous food, she thought, "I've come to the right place."

"I have made good friends in VWC who were there when I needed them." Lynne's advice to new members would be pick what you want to participate in and it will be there for you in the club. You will meet a variety of interesting women. These people will be your friends for life.



Joy Allington-Baum, VWC Archivist

More masks . . .

Joan Hornberger and **Maisie Roden** made 210 more masks for Nurses at the Vanderbilt Nursing School both for June and August enrollees.

Joan Hornberger made Magnolia masks for membership as well and has made 200 more children's masks for the Monroe/Carroll Children's Hospital and LP Pencil. She is now making masks with the clear panel for the Deaf and hard of hearing at Vanderbilt Medical Center and Bridges for the Deaf and Hard Of Hearing organization.

Just Wow!! That's well over 1,000 masks!!

Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering at Second Harvest, **Kelly Chambers** has extended the invitation for us to join the New Neighbors League Club. They meet monthly on the second Thursday from 1pm-3pm. You will be added to that email list and each month decide if you want to volunteer. Contact Kelly Chambers at kellychambers420@yahoo.com.



Kelly Chambers models a magnolia mask



Some of Joan & Maisie's contributions



Sheila McCarty did her bit



VANDERBILT
School of Nursing

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Dean Norman and the students at the School of Nursing, thank you so much for your generosity! Our students have been delighted by the beautiful masks they received from you all for their summer clinicals. It means a great deal to them that you provided such special handiwork as a show of support during this challenging time.

Dean Norman treasures the overwhelming response to her request. In fact, we received enough masks to supply all of the incoming students when they come to campus.

I want to express my gratitude to you too. We think about you and hope you are all staying well.

Betsey Usher
Director of Alumni Relations



[Click here to see what's new in the picture gallery on our website](#)

'Get Fit'

Social distancing doesn't have to be a deterrent for getting out and getting fit!

Did you know that there are "virtual" races that you can register for, complete at your leisure and pace, and which offer fun incentives (think swag AND medals!) to encourage runners/walkers to get out and exercise?

You'll find many races support great charities as well. Virtual Running Club (www.virtualrunningclub.com) recently held a "Ratification Race" that celebrated and honored the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment (*a portion of registration fees went to the National Park Foundation's Women in Parks initiative*)!

Exciting races are happening virtually all the time. Check it out and stay fit and healthy in reality (and socially distanced)!

P.S. I signed up for the Ratification Race



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heidi.m.bates@gmail.com



Lunch Bunch welcomes their new chair

4th Thursday at 12:30 pm

Restaurants TBD

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

Community Explorers

welcomes their new chair

Margaret Hansen - 615-481-1927

margarethhansen@gmail.com

Girls Night Out from Cindy Slobogin

The VWC board met Thursday and they are trying to get the policy from Vanderbilt before going further with any gathering. They will let us know when they get word.

Wait and see for now.

I so look forward to all getting together at some point.

Music Group



Dear **Music Group**, Are you still there? Are you bored yet? I hope you've been able to listen to your favorite music at home and on the road. Wonder who has made the most playlists?!?

I found a site that can connect you with local music and more. Just click on the link below:

<https://www.visitmusiccity.com/things-to-do-in-nashville/events/upcoming-concerts>


Ryman Auditorium. Fridays at 8pm. You purchase a digital ticket for \$10 at ryman.com and stream the concert via the Mandolin platform.

The future concert schedule is:

Aug. 21 *Cam* Aug. 28 *Chris Janson* Sept. 4 *Scotty McCreery*

Sept. 11 *Brett Young* Sept. 18 *Old Crow Medicine Show*

Hopefully we can meet again before long.

 **Sue 615-974-5121** **Sue McDougall**
mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com

*Enjoying the music at
Cheekwood on
Sunday, August 16*



Cocktail Club

**NO COCKTAILS UNTIL
REGULATIONS ALLOW AT LEAST
30 TO ASSEMBLE.**

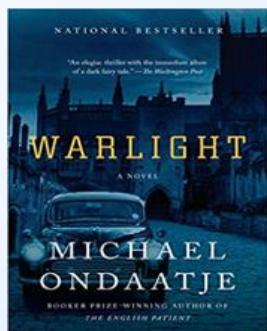
Lynne Siesser

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The Loosely Bound Book Group



will not meet in August!
September meeting will be
9/22/20 at 7:00 pm,
outdoors at
Elisabeth Sandberg's
house,
weather permitting.

Our reading selection
for September will be

Warlight, by Michael Ondaatje.

Elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

Book Group Two *1st Monday 1pm*

We are meeting live in a small group for discussion
and answering questions about our books online,
for those who don't want to meet. It is working.

Our motto is... keep reading!!!

Nancy Fruetel 615-297-5075

nnfruetel@msn.com

The Condra's deck is the perfect venue to social distance.



Daytime Movies

The Regal Green Hills Cinema is open and I want to try
the social distance movie experience. The movie -

The Personal History of David Copperfield

with **Dav Patel** and **Hugh Laurie** is scheduled for
Tuesday, September 1st. It is described as
"A treat for Dickens Fans". No show times are available yet.
Please email me if interested in meeting there.



*I will send an email to the
group with details closer to
show time.*

*We will not meet for lunch;
- just attend the movie;
following all protocols of
the cinema.*

Betsy Fleetwood

615-579-0903

befleet@aol.com

ANTIQUE STUDY GROUP



The Antiques Group
will resume meeting on
the 3rd Tuesday of
September - the 15th -
at Mary Helen Short's
home.

The topic will be

*"Antique and Vintage
Baby Dolls"*

*and will include a brief lecture
and a tour of her doll rooms.*

Due to THE VIRUS, and the
"closeness" of the dolls, this session
will be limited to
5 "masked" participants!

Please reserve your space:

maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com
615-269-0538

Future topics on the third Tuesday

Clearing House Consignment

American Brilliant Period Cut Glass

Incorporating Antiques in Design

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Community Service

Good Afternoon VWC Community Outreach Committee:

I hope all is well with each of you and your family members. This is to follow up on the virtual/in person volunteer opportunities for the Fall:

Second Harvest is not offering any virtual opportunities at this time. The primary need now is food sorting in the cold storage area, but the general area is still available. There is a 10 person maximum, so it will be necessary to go online and register to volunteer. The available hours are 8:30am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4pm at:

<https://secondharvestmidtn.volunteerhub.com>

LP Pencil will offer the *virtual only* opportunities sent in the last email and copied below.

Here is the link: <https://www.pencilforschools.org/volunteer>

Reading Partners, specifically for the elementary school students, can read as many books as you choose-each with the time frame included below. You will see this screen when you go on the website under Programs.

Please note that you will volunteer on behalf of an organization and you can select any school at this time and they can change it later. Their form has not been updated to reflect the virtual format, but it will still work for getting background checks completed.

Background checks are free. They ask that you please sign up by **the end of September**. They will have an orientation and contact you directly.

See topics below for middle and high school volunteer opportunities:

Middle – STEAM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics*)

Create an online activity surrounding these areas.

High School – Career Readiness & Preparation. Share your knowledge of interview skills, resume writing, completing a college application, etc.

For all submissions, create a 5 – 15 minute video from your phone or computer about various educational topics for each bucket (Elem, Middle, High). *For posting purposes, make sure to have your phone sideways (horizontal) when creating the video.*

[Click here to read some tips and topic ideas](#)

Upload your video to the PENCIL Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/AvubHUZfqAIXkt2u4cND>

PENCIL will review the video, add a title slide and add it to their PENCIL [YouTube Channel](#).

Please note: All videos will be reviewed and approved before posting.

They are still in need of promotional videos.

Vanderbilt: They are accepting donations of hand-sewn face masks and PPE including N95 face masks, surgical masks, isolation gowns and exam gloves.

The Children's Hospital is in great need of children's masks for patients and visitors.

If you would like to donate face masks or PPE, email volunteer.services@vumc.org. OR please let me know, and I will contact the in-kind donations coordinator for you to assist with schedule.

For more information about hand-sewn face masks, see the [instructions for hand-sewn face masks](#).

They are also in need of food for their staff. If you would like to donate they encourage you to use a local business. Food must be commercially prepared and individually packaged for individual distribution. **No buffet-style meals.**

Meal donations are scheduled at 12:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. to accommodate both day and night shifts. To schedule a donation, email volunteer.services@vumc.org.

Scheduled meal drop-off for Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

You will drop your food donation with a Patient and Family Centered Care team member in the South Garage on the 4th-floor. Parking spots are reserved on this floor for donation deliveries.

Period Project:

We have collected about 50 feminine hygiene kits for young women. We will coordinate delivery this month.

Please let me know if you choose to serve in any of these areas. We would like to recognize you for your efforts.

I'm glad to answer any questions.

With Gratitude for your service,

Anna Walker 615-545-7788 totallyou@msn.com

Volunteer Opportunities



Project Period

[Click here to read more](#)

Donate feminine hygiene products at this year's meetings. This includes soap and deodorant. Donations can be left in the big pink bin or bag at each of our events

Communications Gurus

*Thank you for keeping us all informed.
Please send all photos or items you want to share to*

Kelly Chambers

kellychambers420@yahoo.com

Text: 409-771-5731

*She will disseminate all information. Kelly will also guide
you through joining our social media.*

The Team

Kelly Chambers - Coordinator

Nancy Dwyer - Publicity

Lisa LeMaster - Website

Lynne Siesser - Magnolia News

Pop-Up Group or PUG is a loosely formed

group of VWC members with diverse interests and sometimes flexible schedules who want to meet up with other members for fun outside of regularly scheduled club events. Movies, hikes, lectures, theater, festivals, music events, whatever – they are all game for

PUG click on <https://groupme.com/en-US/>



Instagram

Look for us as
vanderbiltwomansclub

or search for
@vanderbiltwomansclub

Stay Connected



Join our VWC Facebook group to keep up with happenings in the club throughout the year. It's a closed group so only VWC members may post information or see posts. You do need a Facebook account to join.

Interest Groups

Do you have another interest not listed?

Lina Keefe 615-268-3850 LDFK@comcast.net

DAYTIME

ANTIQUES: Mary Helen Short 3rd Tuesday at 10am
615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP TWO: Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm
615-297-5075 - nnfruetel@msn.com

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Mary Helen Short 2nd Tuesday 1pm
615-269-0538 - maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

BRIDGE THURSDAY: Lynne Siesser Every Thursday 1pm
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Margaret Hansen - 615-481-1927

margarethhansen@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE: 1st Tuesday 9:30am

Anna Walker - 615-545-7788 -

totallyou@msn.com

FRENCH: Joan Harshman

2nd Thursday 12:30pm

615-864-8885 - joan.s.harshman@gmail.com

GET FIT: Heidi Bates

801-671-2363 - Heidi.m.bates@gmail.com

MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm

352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MOVIE GROUP: Betsy Fleetwood

615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 12:30pm

Joy Allington-Baum - 214-755-5328

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

QUILTING: Lynne Siesser

615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

VANDY LUNCH: Elisabeth Sandberg

2nd Wednesday 12:30pm

text: 617-957-2169 - elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

EVENING/WEEKEND

BOOK GROUP ONE: 2nd Sunday 2:30pm

Ann Ercelawn - 615-298-4766 - ann.ercelawn@gmail.com

Kitty Porter - 615-406-4352 - kitty.porter@gmail.com

COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser

615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

GET FIT: Heidi Bates

801-671-2363 - Heidi.m.bates@gmail.com

GIRLS NIGHT OUT:

Amy Smith - 720-939-0135 - amyjsmith.rn@gmail.com

Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

GOURMET GROUP

Sheila Jensen - 615-351-4375 sheilajensen@comcast.net

Adele Stein - 615-309-6951 steinadele@hotmail.com

LOOSELY BOUND: Elisabeth Sandberg 4th Tuesday 7pm

text: 617-957-2169 elisabeth.sandberg@vanderbilt.edu

MAH JONGG - EVENING: 1st Monday 7pm

Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MOVIES - EVENING:

Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

Betsy Fleetwood - 615-579-0903 - befleet@aol.com

MUSIC GROUP: Sue McDougall

615-974-5121 - mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com

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Book Group One chooses the reading list for 2020/2021

We are meeting via Zoom until further notice.

Note:

We meet the second Sunday of the month, from 2:30 till 4, except in May when we meet on the 1st. We do not meet in December, January, and August

September 13, 2020

Hostess: Mary Raffety, 4487 Post Place #149, 615-352-7140

Leader/Book: Mary Raffety/*Traveling Cat Chronicles* by Hiro Arikawa



October 11, 2020

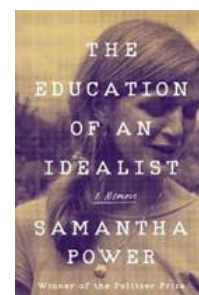
Hostess: Margaret Norris, 500 Elmington Ave., Apt. 426, 615-269-6941

Leader/Book: Margaret Norris/*The Splendid and the Vile* by Eric Larson

November 8, 2020

Hostess: Anne Plummer, 2616 Essex Place, 615-297-4766

Leader/Book: Anne Plummer/*The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett



February 14, 2021

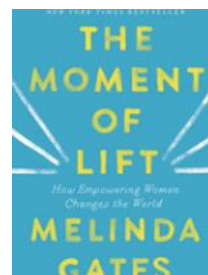
Hostess: Ann Ercelawn, 3611 Saratoga Drive, 615-298-4766

Leader/Book: Ann Ercelawn/*Education of an Idealist* by Samantha Power

March 14, 2021

Hostess: Sheila Jensen, 2012 25th Ave. South, 615-385-9486

Leader/Book: Eileen Crawford/*Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates



April 11, 2021

Hostess: Joan Harshman, 500 Elmington Ave., Apt. 426, 615-864-8885

Leader/Book: Becky Attack/*Imperfect Union* by Steve Innskeep

May 2, 2021

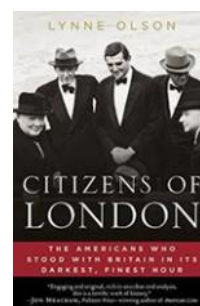
Hostess: Penny Teselle, 500 Elmington Ave., Apt. 227, 615-297-2629

Leader/Book: Kitty Porter/*The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

June 13, 2021

Hostess: Eileen Springer, 9153 Saddlebow Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027, 615-971-0450

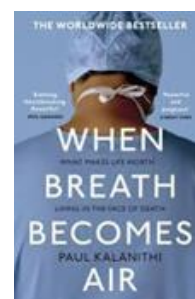
Leader/Book: Eileen Springer/*Citizens of London* by Lynne Olsen



July 11, 2021

Hostess: Hope Estopinol, 101 The Commons Drive, 615-385-2199

Leader/Book: Hope Estopinol/*When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi



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Vanderbilt Highlights *compiled by Tracy Stadnick*

Art Dream for Light Years: Ali Smith and Michael Alec Rose | September – November 13, 2020
Netsuke: Gucci of the Edo Period | September–November 13, 2020
in *Cohen Memorial Hall on Peabody Campus*

OLLI. Adult Education at Vanderbilt

Registration starts **August 24**. At <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/olli/>
Classes for this Fall range from “Learning to play the Steele drums”, to
“The Blues”, “Writing your Memoir”, “Race, Gender and Sports” and much more.
Classes will be via **ZOOM**.



Vanderbilt has introduced two new websites:

vu.edu/19th-amendment vu.edu/women

on MyVU articles about the Suffrage:

<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2020/08/17/vanderbilt-nashville-commemorate-100th-anniversary-of-the-19th-amendment/>

In this article there are future events, specifically Constitution Day where they are going to have
Elaine Weiss author of “*The Woman’s Hour*” speak.



On **Wednesday, August 26 at 4 p.m.**, the Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center at
Vanderbilt will host an online event recognizing Women’s Equality Day and have a screening and discussion of a
short film, **The 19th Amendment: A Woman’s Right to Vote**.

RSVP for the event. Contact Women’s Center director **Rory Dicker** with questions.

[RSVP for the event here. >>](#)

<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2020/08/19/watch-women-at-vanderbilt-share-why-i-vote/>

Blair offers senior adult classes through ZOOM

Aug. 19, 2020, from MyVU

InsideOut of the Lunch Box: Nashville Opera’s One Vote Won Join us for a lunchtime virtual LookIn at
Nashville Opera’s new work **One Vote Won**, written and performed by Nashville artists. **One Vote Won** celebrates Nashville’s history as
the deciding state to ratify the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote, but also sheds light on the realities of voter suppression then and
now. Lunch for the first 300 patrons.

The Nashville Opera (3622 Redmon Street, Nashville, 37209)

Artistic Director **John Hoopes** will be on the panel along with composer **Dave Ragland** and Librettist **Mary McCallum**. We’ll learn
about the making of the film and enjoy listening to excerpts of the original music. **September 15 - lunch 11:30 - program - noon**

Exhibits:

The Parthenon exhibit called “*We have a Vision*”. This exhibit has artifacts from the Suffragettes.

The Nashville Library: “*Votes for Woman Room*”. Which Dr. Carole Bucy helped to coordinate.

PBS has the link to the **Nashville Ballet 72 steps**:

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/nashville-ballet-72-steps/nashville-ballet-72-steps/>

Newspaper coverage in NYT and Tennessean and [syracuse.com](#)

Video interview about OffStage and new Suffragist Musical for this Fall:

<https://timesevents.nytimes.com/offstagesuffragist/article>

August 9 in NYT Article interviewing the descendants of the woman of the Suffrage movement:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/08/07/us/suffragists-descendants.html>

Sat. Aug 15, TN article in Life section. Meet some of Tennessee suffragettes who helped change history. **By Allie Clouse**

https://www.tennessean.com/story/life/2020/08/14/tennessee-suffrage-leaders-time-19th-amendment-ratification/5537583002/?for-guid=03fa8559-890d-49e5-8edd-a7d1694c5446&xutm_s

From [syracuse.com](#): a map and historic sites of Woman’s Suffrage and more articles

<https://syracusecom.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=8507bd397c154a50bff02ba5d7adb985>





September 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Movies TBD	2	3 LeQuire ZOOM 10am Board meeting ZOOM 2pm	4 Music 8pm	5
6	7 Book Group 2 1pm <i>with restrictions</i>	8	9	10	11 Music 8pm	12
13 Book Group 1 ZOOM 2:30pm	14 Bird Banding ZOOM 7pm	15 Antiques 10am	16 Book Discussion 7pm	17	18 Hermitage Suffrage ZOOM 10am Music 8pm	19
20	21	22 Loosely Bound 7pm	23 Bucy: Woman's Suffrage ZOOM 7pm	24	25 Gould: Suffrage & Voting ZOOM 10:30am	26
27	28	29 Book Discussion 10:30am	30			

Notes

Sign up for Zoom meetings
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 A.M.

WOMAN'S MONUMENT

ALAN LEQUIRE

Artist

ZOOM

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Monument to honor Tennessee suffragists inches closer

A multiyear effort by a group of dedicated women to honor Tennessee suffragists with a statue on Legislative Plaza appears close to fruition.

On Dec. 15, the Tennessee Capitol Commission unanimously approved the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument's request to place a memorial on Legislative Plaza. On Jan. 8, the State Building Commission will vote on the project.

The statue would be designed by artist Alan LeQuire, who is known for his prominent public works including "Musica" and "Athena Parthenos," and placed on the bridge connecting Legislative Plaza to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. This would be the first statue on the plaza honoring a woman. (Indeed, according to a 2011 story in Harper's Magazine, fewer than 400 of the nearly 5,200 statues nationally honor women.) "This history will be preserved for the ages because public art is forever," said Paula Casey, president of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Inc. "That means that people who live and work in Tennessee and visit will know about Tennessee's greatest gift to our country. All women vote today thanks to Tennessee.

Beverly Keel for *The Tennessean* Jan. 2, 2015

Best known today for his monumental sculptures in Middle Tennessee, Alan LeQuire began his artistic career at the age of eleven, when he crafted his first objects in copper and tin.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University, Lequire spent a year of apprenticeship to Milton Hebard, an American sculptor living in Italy, and afterward studied figurative sculpture with Peter Agostini in the MFA program of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. *From the artist's website*

<https://alanlequire.com/sculpture/>



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Bird Information, Research and Data Quarterly Report

July, August, September 2018

Warner Park Nature Center, Friends of Warner Parks, and Metro Parks and Recreation



Volunteer John Kell introduces a bird and bird research to kids on a field trip. 1342 visitors attended bird programs and projects.



Hummingbirds are the star attraction in August and September. 750 people attended Celebrate Hummingbird Day and the 2nd Annual Hummingbird Happy Hour (top) was a sold out event.

**Monday,
September
14**

7:00 p.m.

***Bird
Banding***

John Kell

and

**Emily
Moorman**

ZOOM



Indigo Buntings commonly breed in the Park and then migrate south to Central America for the winter. The bright blue males are easy to spot!



Eight species of warblers were banded during the MAPS Project this summer—the 28th year of this breeding bird study in Warner Park. A Prairie Warbler on the left and Louisiana Waterthrush on the right.

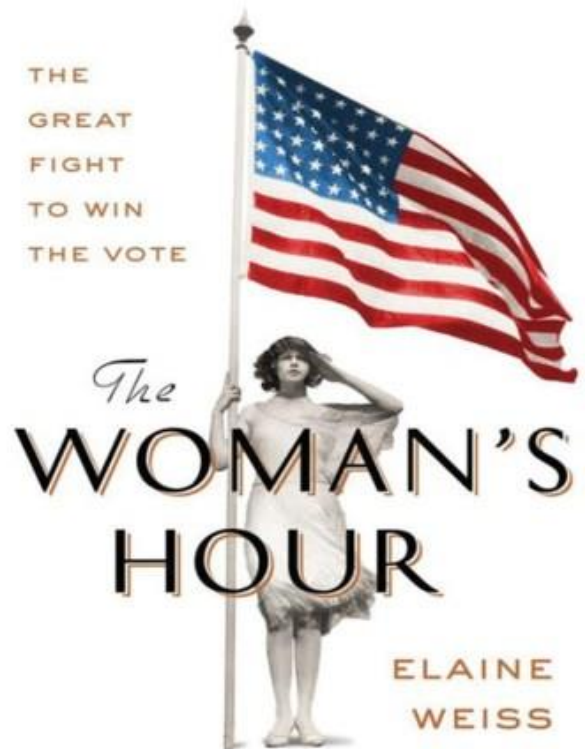


Some of the dedicated Banding Team members - left to right are Sandy Bivens, Matt Jenkins, Diana McLusky, Amy Potter, Kathy Shaw, Susan Bradfield, Laura Cook, and John Kell. Thanks to all the BIRD Volunteers!



Laura Cook received her federal banding permit in August. Congratulations Laura! (left, with a Wood Thrush) Volunteers Kathy and Diana are smiling because they have just finished entering all the summer banding data.

"The Woman's Hour"



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

QUESTIONS?

Lina Keefe, discussion coordinator - LDFK@comcast.net

Check your email next week for instructions on how to sign up

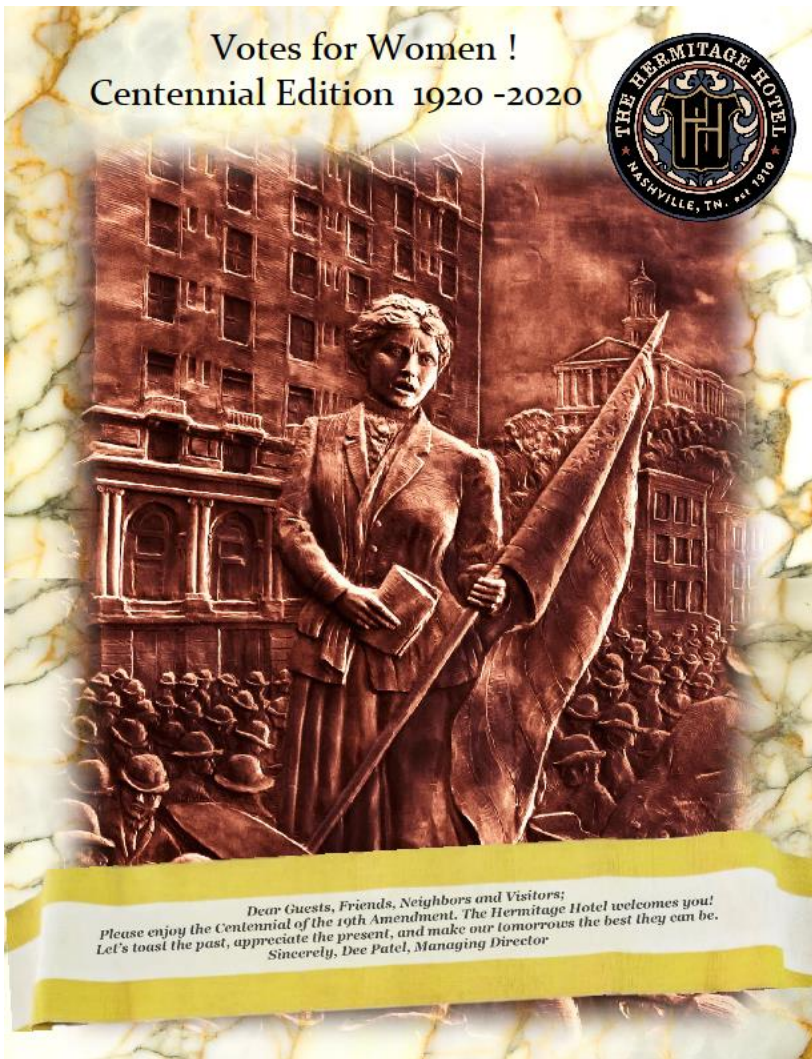
September 16 7pm. at Elisabeth Sandberg's home outside. 8 people

September 29 10:30am Tracy Stadnick at Brentwood Library outside. 8 people

October 6 3pm at Kelly Chamber's home outside. 8 people

October 8 2pm Sheila Jensen at Green Hills Library outside. 8 people

October 11 3:00PM at Elisabeth Sandberg's home outside. 8 people



Friday,
September 18
10:00am

*Hermitage Hotel
History Tour
regarding
Woman's Suffrage*

Tom Vickstrom
Historian

ZOOM

The Hermitage Hotel has been woven into the history and memories of Nashville and her residents for over 100 years.

The Hermitage Hotel had been a headquarters for state politics since it opened in 1910. Just a block from the magnificent state Capitol, both Pro- and Anti-Suffrage groups headquartered at the hotel for six weeks leading up to the final vote. Its 250 guest rooms & suites, lobby, meeting rooms, and dining room were filled-to-overflowing with Pro- and Anti-campaigners.

They called it "*The War of the Roses.*"

The Anti-Ratification forces, led by women wearing red roses, were squared off against the yellow-rose-wearing Pro-Suffrage campaigners. Yet as neither side was able to vote, the legislators had to be convinced.

- Tom Vickstrom is Director of Finance at Hermitage Hotel

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Please join us for a look at

ZOOM

Nashville Women Voters

in the 1920s and the 2020s!

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020

ZOOM

7 pm

ZOOM

Dr. Carole Bucy will give us a view of Nashville in the 1920s, and the local women who joined the effort for a constitutional amendment to guarantee our right to vote.

Carole Bucy is professor of history at Volunteer State Community College and holds degrees in history from Baylor University, George Peabody College, and Vanderbilt University.

She currently holds the honorary position of Davidson County Historian.

She is featured on *"By One Vote,"* Nashville Public Television's documentary about Tennessee's ratification of the 19th Amendment.

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One hundred years ago women across America secured the right to vote. Today we see that the ideal of universal access to safe and secure voting has yet to be fully secured.

Debby Gould, Vice President and Advocacy Chair for the League of Women Voters of Tennessee, will speak about the current challenges in the election process facing voters today and the barriers to voting that impact our communities. She will also highlight the positive efforts of the League and other non-partisan partners to promote active civic engagement in our community.

Friday, September 25

10:30 am

Woman's Suffrage and Voting Today

Debby Gould,

League of Woman's Voters

ZOOM

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Debby Gould is the Vice-President and State Advocacy Chair for the League of Women Voters of Tennessee. This non-partisan organization had its birth in the women's suffrage movement 100 years ago. It continues its founding commitment of encouraging informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Ms. Gould has more than 40 years of experience as an advocate for community engagement and quality public education having served as Executive Director of Nashville Public Education Foundation as well as holding positions at PENCIL Foundation, Peabody Research Institute of Vanderbilt University, and United Ways of Tennessee. She is also the immediate past president of the Nashville League chapter.



GOVOTETN.COM

GoVoteTN is a portal for Tennesseans to access election information. The services and information provided are maintained by the Tennessee Secretary of State's Division of Elections.

Tennessee's VOTING CALENDAR

October 5, 2020
Registration Deadline

October 14, 2020
Early Voting Begins

October 27, 2020
Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot

October 29, 2020
Early Voting Ends

November 3, 2020
State and Federal General Election

Please exercise your right and SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Thank you, Anna Walker (Community Service Chair) for putting this together for us.

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