

MAGNOLIA NEWS

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President's Letter

Ahh Spring! How "mud-luscious" and "puddle-wonderful" as E.E. Cummings stated in one of my favorite poems "in Just-". What are your favorite poems? What words resonate with you? Join us to hear **Kate Daniels**, Vanderbilt's professor of poetry, present the "Curious Power of Poetry" on May 10th.

We are hosting our first "Meet and Three" Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank on May 15th. You will "meet" VWC friends and donate "Meat and Three" food. Bring your food donation to **Kelly Chamber's** house with a drive-thru food drop off. We encourage you to collect donations from your neighbors to bring along. Thank you for helping.

Lunch Bunch, Book Clubs, Music group, Antiques, MahJongg, Cribbage, Garden Club and Chocolate Lovers are meeting on zoom or in person while following VU COVID guidelines. Read the newsletter to see dates and times.

Read **Joy Allington-Baum's** article, "From the Archives," and discover our fascinating history and its connection with Magnolia trees on campus. Check the Magnolia News for other VU events. Listed this month are graduation addresses, Women's Center book talk, and an art exhibit. There are community events from Picasso at The Frist Museum of Art to music at Cheekwood.

Our Spring meeting on May 10th will be our last meeting for the year. Please plan to attend!

Stay curious, stay connected, and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Tracy Stadnick

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 10th Zoom speaker: Poetry - See page ten

May 14th Dr. Fauci speaks to VU - See page eleven

May 15th 2nd Harvest community food drive - deliver to
Kelly Chamber's House

May 24th Transitional Board meeting (No board meeting May 6)

Community event:

May 8th Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary Native Plant Sale



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.

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WOMAN'S CLUB

Donations to the Scholarship since the last newsletter

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

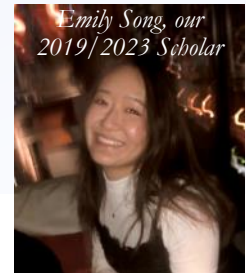
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Tribute cards are available from Liz at all meetings.

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

If you have donated and your name does not appear on our honor roll, please email
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Thank you those who participated in the plant sale.
We raised \$1,320.86 for the Scholarship.

Change of address?
If there are any changes
in your
contact information,
please let Liz Doyle know.

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Congratulations

to our member,
Valerie Hotchkiss, for
being on the VU News for
Faces of Vanderbilt's
Response to COVID-19!

https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2021/04/14/the-faces-of-vanderbilts-response-to-covid-19-valerie-hotchkiss/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+vanderbilt-news+%28Vanderbilt+News%29



From the Archives *by Joy Allington-Baum*

The Garden Club: The story I heard when I joined the VWC was that the ladies of the Vanderbilt Garden Club snuck on to campus and planted their last round of plants prior to their losing control to the groundskeepers of Vanderbilt. I loved this story as I felt it really showed the quiet power of the Southern women. Alas, it was a story and I cannot remember who told me and the sources, I have checked, had not heard this one. I somehow also believed that VWC was partially responsible for planting the Magnolia trees on campus. We did have cross over members yet we were not responsible.

The real story of the Vanderbilt Garden Club is a fascinating one. It was founded in 1927 with its by-laws adopted in 1935. Mrs. James Kirkland, the Chancellors wife said that she wanted the Vanderbilt Campus to be as beautiful as other universities in the South. Members had to be invited to join and it was kept to 25, with a few honorary members. Dues were \$1 twice per year. Vanderbilt did not have a dedicated campus beautification budget. Money was tight during that period. The members weeded and planted both shrubs and trees. An unknown biology professor left some money to the group and Dr. George Gage, Professor of Botany donated both time and expertise. When these ladies met, they wore hats and gloves and tea was always served. Mrs. Kirkland was also one of the founders of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club which she helped found in 1893.

The Magnolia Plant project was a passion of Margaret Branscomb, the wife of the Chancellor and Jack Lynn, Superintendent of Gardens. They created a special committee for this project. Between them, they were responsible for planting 100's of magnolias that are part of Vanderbilt today. Margaret Branscomb was charged with soliciting donations and was very successful. Jack Lynn was prolific with the germination of seeds and the whole group helped grow, plant and pay for these trees.

In 1946 the bylaws were amended to include the wives of Vanderbilt's Board of Trust, administration or faculty. These matched the Vanderbilt Woman's Club membership requirements. In 1949 the membership was increased to 50 with not more than 10 new members admitted each year. In 1968 Vanderbilt Garden Club adopted the VWC membership guidelines. They were thought of as separate entities of two groups of women who were associated with Vanderbilt. Margaret Branscomb also founded the Newcomers Club, under the umbrella of the VWC. So, there was a cross over with all the Women's clubs on campus. During the VWC centennial in 1993 the Garden Club voted to have an oak tree planted in recognition of this special event. So, in 1994 A burr oak was planted at the Garden Club's request in the Bicentennial Oak Lawn to commemorate the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Centennial. The tree cost \$62.50 and was installed by Vanderbilt. The Vanderbilt Garden Club disbanded in fall of 2006 as the landscaping on campus was being done by professional crews.

So yes, all the clubs were interwoven. Dot Galloway and Lynne Siesser decided to call our newsletter the *Magnolia News*. This was to 'honor Margaret Branscomb who was instrumental in planting the Magnolias on campus as a buffer for noisy West End.'" stated Lynne Siesser.

A True Plant Tale or how Lynne was nearly arrested.

Member of both the Garden Club and VWC, Lynne Siesser was collecting Iris bulbs (for which Peabody was famous) for the Garden Club in front of the Peabody Hill Student Center. Traditionally each Peabody graduate was given a bulb from the campus at Commencement and The Garden Club was collecting bulbs to revitalize the plantings. While sitting at the table with her collection box of Iris bulbs, enjoying the day, a campus police man came up to her. She had been spotted. It had been reported that there was a lady selling stuff to the students. This was not allowed. After an explanation, discussion and positive resolution, Lynne sat for a moment then decided, "I think I'm done for the day" and packed up and left to fight another day.



Peabody Iris



Magnolias on campus



*Statue honoring
Margaret Branscomb*

'Get Fit'

Social distancing doesn't have to be a deterrent for getting out and getting fit. A new year is a great time for renewed goals. **Running** is a great way to stay vibrant, feel better, and get your "glow" on. If running isn't for you (or your knees), **walking** is equally good. If you would like some additional motivation, there are "virtual" races that you can participate in. These **great races can be completed entirely at your leisure and pace**, at a distance you can choose (5k, 10k, half-marathon, etc.). They offer fun incentives (think swag AND medals) to encourage runners and walkers to get out and exercise without gathering in huge crowds. You'll find many races support great charities as well.

Virtual Running Club (www.virtualrunningclub.com) recently held a "Ratification Race" that celebrated 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).

A quick Google Search for: Virtual Running Clubs will give you a list of great options to check out . . . or contact me any time for help, training suggestions, encouragement, or to schedule virtual walks/runs together!

Exciting races are happening virtually all the time.

Check out a virtual race and get or **stay** fit and healthy in reality(and socially distanced).

Heidi Bates 801-671-2363

heidi.m.bates@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch

Well, our first lunch bunch has occurred. I want to thank Peggy for being the coordinator and watching for members both old and new. I will be fully vaccinated and past the waiting period by the next event on May 27th and will be so happy to see everyone.

NEXT LUNCH

May 27th from 12:30-1:30pm

At Peachtree Drive-In

329 Peachtree Street, Nashville, TN 37210

I inherited a list of 131 members. So, I sent out an email asking people to let me know if they want to be kept on the list. Don't worry if you haven't replied you can now. Even if you aren't quite ready to eat at the moment, I need to hear from you. This new list will be the one I use to send out reminders. My goal is to try and hold our lunches in both Brentwood and Nashville.

If you have suggestions for places with outdoor dining let me know.

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328 joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

Anyone for Cribbage?

Join

Grace Wernke and Lynne Siesser

Wednesdays

at 10 a.m.

(date and time flexible)

Grace Wernke

815-222-5986 ©

gcwernke@msn.com



Antique Study Group

is back!

Tuesday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Kippie Leland

Leland Interiors, LLC

Incorporating Antiques in Design

RSVP

maryhelenshort11111@gmail.com

615-269-0538

Details about the venue follow your reservation.

Limited to eight.



Kippie Leland A.S.I.D., owner/ designer of Leland Interiors, works with clients throughout the Nashville, Tennessee area including Franklin, Leiper's Fork, Brentwood, Murfreesboro, Green Hills, and Belle Meade.

Services range from simple consultation and plan review to complete turn-key jobs. Overseeing every step of the project from creation to estimate to installation, the company has a wide range of suppliers and workrooms. Collaborative efforts including the contractor, interior designer and landscape architect are welcomed and make for the best end result.

Loosely Bound

will continue to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Elisabeth Sandberg's house in Brentwood.

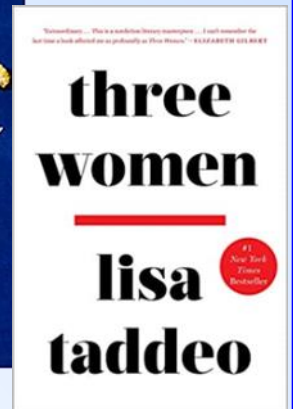
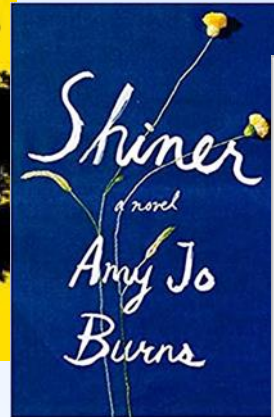
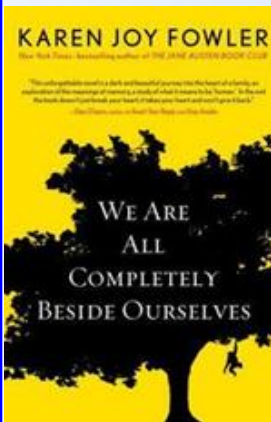
Our reading selection:

April 27 *We are all Completely Beside Ourselves*,

by Karen Joy Fowler

May 25 *Shiner*, by Amy Jo Burns.

June 22 *Three Women*, by Lisa Taddeo



Elisabeth Sandberg text: 617-957-2169

Dear **Music Groupies**,

We finally have an opportunity to get together for some music! Cheekwood is offering live instrumental Jazz on **Sundays in May**. The Midtown Jazz Quartet of the Nashville Jazz Workshop will perform from 11a.m. to 2p.m. in the Bracken Foundation Children's Garden. This is where we met last summer for music.

Sunday, May 9 works best for me so let's meet around **11:00** a.m. in the Children's Garden area. Please text me when you arrive (**615-974-5121**) Visit cheekwood.org for information about ticket purchase. The concert is included with admission. You can bring lawn chairs or blankets as well as refreshments. They usually have food trucks there as well.

Please let me know if you can join in. It will be great to see your friendly faces again!! If May 9 is not good for you then you can plan to go on another Sunday in May.



Sue

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



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

Mah Jongg

is starting in May
Every Wednesday at 1pm

We will follow Vanderbilt guidelines, masks required, 8 if inside 12 if outside. Weather may be a factor. An Evite will be sent as per the old days pre-pandemic. Stay tuned!

We have a shared responsibility to each other and all participants must be vaccinated. We will be spending hours together.



Lynette Vecchio, Cindy Slobogin, Tracy Stadnick
Peggy Curci, Frannie Benner

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

Gardeners

visit the garden of the Steins
Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 pm

*Please let me know if you can participate.
Address and directions will be given then.*



The Garden Club met to discuss ideas. We toured the Wild Flowers of Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary and learned the history of the Nature Sanctuary as well as the name of many wildflowers.

Tracy Stadnick
tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu



Phlox



Blue-eyed Mary



Yellowcup

Corn Salad



The Garden Club visits Owl's Hill.
Photos by Tracy Stadnick

Owl's Hill has opened up their online ordering for Native Plants.

Go to www.owlshill.org. You will be able to select plants, or seeds (so look at the options carefully). They offer, native grasses, flowers, and trees. You can pick up curbside or go shop on the day. May 7th is pick up day. Other information: If you want to hike or picnic, a day pass is \$5. Just sign in at the visitor's center. They are not open on Sunday. You can also pick up a yearly pass for \$250 donation on the website. You will see other activities and events on the website, and they have a monthly newsletter too. Hope this helps you find more flowers for your gardens!

Join the Garden Club, On **Friday, May 21st** at 10:30, Hassan Sharaff, owner of the Hydrohouse Farms will present to us via zoom.

Hydrohouse Farms provides fresh foods for Vanderbilt Campus Dining. Their mission is to provide quality, healthy, locally grown vegetables to the Nashville Area. They provide fresh produce for many local restaurants in our area too.

Read the VU News articles below to learn more!
https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2021/04/20/how-to-be-a-hydroponic-farmer-expert-advice-from-agricultural-entrepreneur-hassan-sharaff-bc07/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+vanderbilt-news+%28Vanderbilt+News%29

Greetings Ladies of VWC!

The Community Service Committee is so excited about our upcoming event, "Meet and Three". We are hosting a **club-wide** food drive on **May 15, 2021, 10am-2pm** to benefit our partner, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle TN. Each year more than 2 million pounds of food are collected through food drives. Since the pandemic, Second Harvest has seen a 33% increase in adults experiencing food insecurity, and an even more shocking 54% increase in food insecurity among children. Between March 2020 and December 2020 they distributed over 35 million meals!

Let's do our part. We need YOU! **DRIVE BY:** Help us reach goal of filling eight to ten Second Harvest collection boxes-that's 800-1,000 pounds! See the flyer for the types of food requested. **STOP BY:** We need 2-3 volunteers every hour between 9am and 3pm to help receive food from donors, stack it in Kelly's garage, and transport it to Second Harvest. If we reach our goal, they will come by and pick it up. Many thanks to Kelly for hosting the event at her home.

Please click here: [SIGN ME UP!](#) to volunteer- by **May 8th**. In case of rain, stay tuned for the alternative date.

For more information, contact Anna Walker 615-545-7788 or totallyou@msn.com

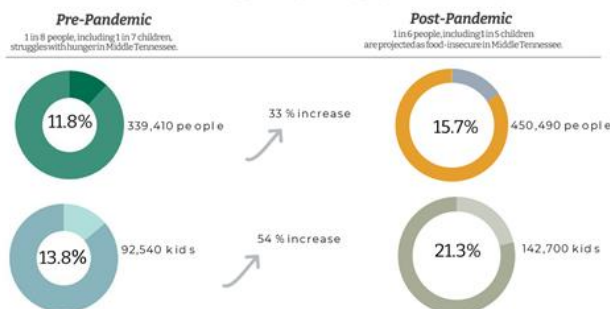
I'm looking forward to seeing you in person and getting back to better soon.

With Gratitude,

Anna

Let's Make A Difference Together

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19



STORIES OF HOPE

"You are doing good work,
God's work to help us.
This food helps us.
Thank you."

When Miriam and Mine's mother Gamila lost her job at a Nashville hotel as a result of the COVID-19 closures, their family was able to get the food they needed at a Second Harvest and Metro School Food Box distribution at Glencliff High School.

Your continued support is directly making an impact in the lives of our neighbors in need during the pandemic crisis.



**VANDERBILT WOMAN'S CLUB
COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT**

Meet and Three

food drive

**SECOND HARVEST
FOOD BANK
of MIDDLE TENNESSEE**
Feeding Hope™

**stop by or
drive by**

HOME OF KELLY CHAMBERS
1115 LIPSCOMB DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37204
615-953-6512 or 409-771-5731 (c)

SATURDAY MAY 15, 2021 10 am - 2 pm

MENU OF ITEMS NEEDED

Meat

CANNED TUNA

CANNED
CHICKEN

Three

CANNED LOW
SUGAR FRUITS

RICE/ PASTA
CANNED LOW
SODIUM
VEGETABLES
CEREAL/OATMEAL
PEANUT BUTTER

CONTACT ANNA WALKER TO VOLUNTEER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION
615-545-7788 TOTALLYOU@MSN.COM

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

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?

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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

CHOCOLATE! Tracy Stadnick
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COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Margaret Hansen - 615-481-1927
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COMMUNITY SERVICE: 1st Tuesday 9:30am
Anna Walker - 615-545-7788 - totallyou@msn.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke Wednesdays 10 am
815-222-5986 - gewernke@msn.com

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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

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

LOOSELY BOUND: Elisabeth Sandberg 4th Tuesday 7pm
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MAH JONGG - EVENING: 1st Monday 7pm
Cindy Slobogin - 352-339-4822 - slobogin@hotmail.com

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

MUSIC GROUP: Sue McDougall
615-974-5121 - mcdougall.interiors@gmail.com



The Herb Talk

15 members enjoyed the Herb Society talk by sisters, Nancy Coleman and Pat Hampton.

The Chocolate Club held a tasting with *Poppy and Peep*. The owners, Mark and Evane and Kristy, their chocolatier guided us on a tasting of various treats explaining how they were created. We tasted bonbons, cocoa nibs, chocolate from Ghana, and a Hazelnut spread along with fruit candies. We learned the process from cocoa bean to chocolate bar and hand painted bonbon. It was a delicious experience!

Next meeting:

**May 5th
making
Molten Chocolate Cake
with Tracy Stadnick.
zoom 10:30.**

tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

RSVP to Tracy Stadnick to get the recipe!

Ideas for new Interest Groups

Croquet? Scrabble? Let us know if you are up for it.

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Poppy and Peep



Poppy and Peep

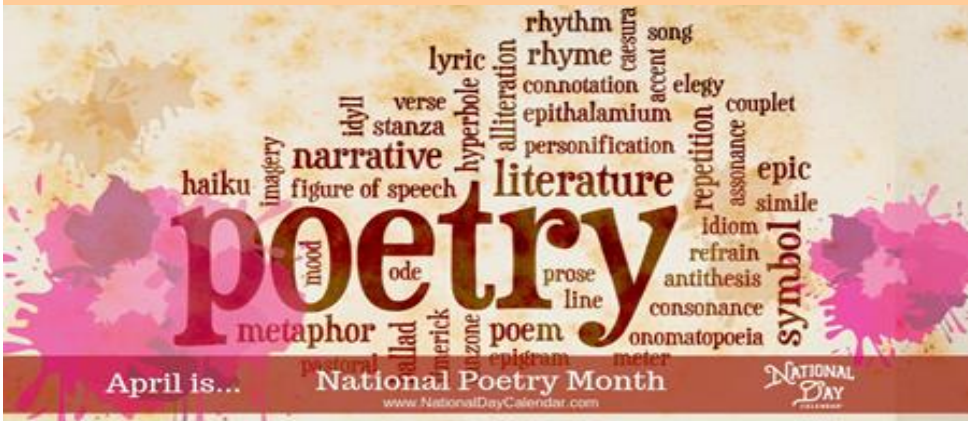


Molten Chocolate Cake

Monday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Kate Daniels

"The Curious Power of Poetry"



Kate Daniels was educated at the University of Virginia (B.A. and M.A. in English Literature) and Columbia University (M.F.A. School of the Arts). Her honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship in poetry; a Bunting Fellowship at Harvard University; artist residencies at the Lannan Foundation in Marfa, Texas, and Yaddo; election to the Fellowship of Southern Writers; the Harvie Branscomb Distinguished Professor Award for Creative Scholarship, Teaching, and Service from Vanderbilt University; and the endowed chair appointment as the Edwin Mims Professor of English at Vanderbilt. Her teaching career has taken her to the University of Virginia; the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Louisiana State University; Wake Forest University; Bennington College; and – since 1998 – Vanderbilt University, where she co-founded the MFA program in creative writing. She also teaches in Vanderbilt's Medicine, Health, and Society program. A Visiting Scholar at the Center for Biomedical Ethics and the Humanities at the University of Virginia in the spring of 2019, she is now permanently affiliated with the Center.

Daniels' poetry appears in more than seventy-five anthologies, and individual poems have been selected for *Best American Poetry* 2008, 2010, and 2019. She is the author of six books of poetry. Her most recent – *Three Syllables Describing Addiction* (Bull City Press, 2018) and *In the Months of My Son's Recovery* (LSU, 2019) – emerge from her longtime interest in the Health Humanities. A former poet in residence at Duke University Medical Center and Vanderbilt University Medical Center, her current work explores the convergences of poetry and psychoanalysis, and narratives of the opioid epidemic. In addition to her own writing on these subjects, Daniels facilitates *Writing for Recovery* workshops, for people with family and friends struggling with addiction, and writing workshops for covid-19 healthcare workers, called *The Things They Carry*.

Kate Daniels resides in Nashville, Tennessee.



By ZOOM

Vanderbilt and Community Events by Tracy Stadnick:

Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery

Pressed for Time: Five Centuries of Prints from the Jack May Collection

On view through May 17, 2021

Curated by Vanderbilt students in conjunction with the Immersion Program and a class on History of Prints (HART-2775, Prof. David H. Price), this exhibition draws on the private collection of Nashville collector Jack May to explore the diverse and fascinating history of printmaking.

The Jack May Collection, which began as one man's summary of the history of Western prints, has evolved into an impressive anthology of the medium as a whole. With works by artists such as Albrecht Dürer, Rembrandt van Rijn, Francisco Goya, Honoré Daumier, Henri Matisse, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Pablo Picasso, and Edward Hopper, the collection is every bit as varied as it is extensive. In addition to idealistic portrayals of the beauty of human life and nature, the print artist, like Jack May himself, has a special affinity for social critique, satire, and humor.

Pressed for Time is curated by David H. Price, Cainie Brown, Chloe Davis, Peter Stidman, and Sarah Treadway, with assistance from Harrison Denman, Christopher Elliott, Sophia Moak, Courtney Rehkamp, Daniel Rodriguez, Won Jun Seok, and Margaret Sturm.

Please also reserve a time for your visit on Eventbrite [at this link](#)

Vanderbilt Commencement Speakers for 2020 and 2021

Registration details on the talks by Fauci and Kennedy.

Caroline Kennedy, bestselling author, attorney and former U.S. ambassador to Japan, will speak virtually at Vanderbilt as the Graduates Day speaker for the **Class of 2020 on April 30**. Her talk was rescheduled from last year due to the postponement of Commencement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

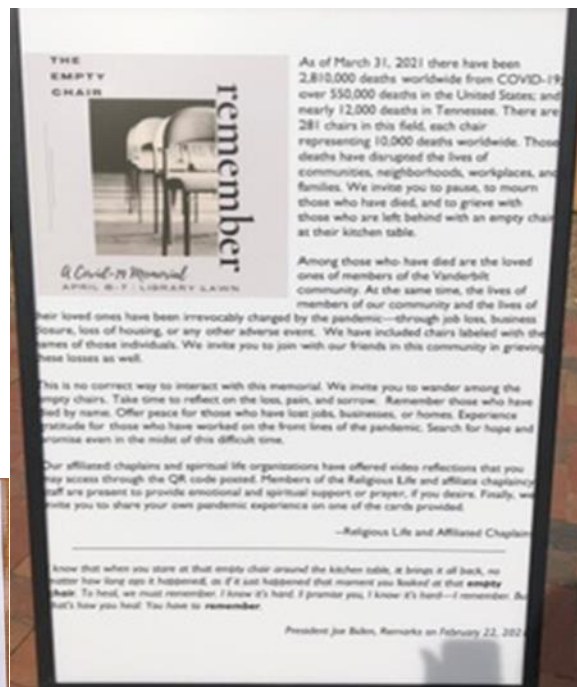
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Dr. Fauci will speak **May 14th** for the **Class of 2021** graduation.

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Vanderbilt and Community Events *continued* by Tracy Stadnick:

COVID long haul research discussion by VU Nursing School:

Julie Barroso to discuss patient-driven research on 'long COVID-19' in virtual event April 27

[Register:](#)

Volunteer to help with graduation ceremony.

Volunteer for Class of 2020, Class of 2021 Commencement ceremonies |

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Vanderbilt is gearing up for Commencement ceremonies May 1–2 and May 15–16, and your help is needed to make the celebrations for graduates and their families a success.

[To volunteer](#)

Vanderbilt Women Center Book discussion:

Inclusive Book Group to discuss Madeline Miller's 'Circe' May 5 |

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Vanderbilt's Inclusive Book Group will meet online Wednesday, May 5, to discuss Madeline Miller's Circe

[For more information](#)

Jon Meacham speaks with Oprah on SuperSoulSunday:

@jmeacham, , co-chair of The Vanderbilt Project on Unity & American Democracy, recently joined Oprah's

@SuperSoulSunday to discuss bridging America's political divide. The episode is streaming now on Discovery+
and will be available via podcast soon

[at this link](#)

Apr 29

Frist at Home: Picasso. Figures Thursday, April 29, 1:30–2:00 p.m.

Free; registration required

Presented on Zoom

Join us wherever you are for a Frist at Home online tour—a closer look at some of the art currently at the museum. Spend thirty minutes in the company of our docents and other art-lovers. This conversation will focus on Picasso. Figures. Read More

[Register here](#)

May 7-9th. Tennessee Craft Fair 2021 at Centennial Park.

May 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Bridge 1pm Bluebird Cafe		1
2	3 Book Group 2 1pm	4	5 Cribbage 10am Chocolate 10:30am Mah Jongg 1pm	6 Bridge 1pm ZOOM French 1pm	7	8 Owl's Hill Plant Sale
9 Music Group 11am Book Group 1 2:30pm	10 Poetry ZOOM 9:30am	11 Bridge 1pm	12 Cribbage 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	13 Bridge 1pm	14 Dr. Fauci	15 Second Harvest Food Drive 10am-2pm 
16	17	18 Antiques 10am	19 Cribbage 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	20 Bridge 1pm	21 Garden Club 10:30am	22
23	24 Transitional Board meeting	25 Loosely Bound 7pm	26 Cribbage 10am Mah Jongg 1pm	27 Lunch Bunch 12:30pm Bridge 1pm	28	29
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NOTES

Poetry on ZOOM May 10

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Vaccines opened to age 16 and above. [Register here.](#)

COVID

Some key reminders from Vanderbilt:

- Always wear a face mask when around others.
- Also make sure your mask fits properly to help protect yourself and others as much as possible.
- Wear a face mask during meals with others and only take it off to take bites and sips.
- Keep 6 feet of distance when hanging out or eating with others - this includes both indoors and outdoors, whether just hanging out or participating in an activity.
- Avoid crowded areas on campus and around Nashville.
- Do not attend large gatherings, defined as more than **twelve** people outside according to university safety protocols. **Eight inside.**
- Avoid getting in cars with others.
- Regularly wash your hands.

As published in VUToday: Faculty Return to Campus Update

VWC in-person meeting guidelines:

Vanderbilt Woman's Club is following the Covid guidelines for Vanderbilt University. The University established new guidelines.

Bottom-line:

Groups outside can be 12 people, instead of 10.

Inside can be eight.

The VU News article now updated.

"As Nashville begins to have consistent warmer weather, the university is encouraging students to enjoy campus outdoor spaces by updating its gathering size maximum for official on-campus, outdoor gatherings from eight to 12 people beginning Wednesday, March 10.

This new gathering size update does not change the 8-person rule for indoor campus gatherings or for any informal student meetups, on or off campus. Masking and physical distancing protocols remain in place for all gatherings regardless of size or location. "

Ask an Expert: Why is it still important to follow COVID-19 safety protocols after receiving the vaccine?

Vanderbilt University Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Professor of Medicine Donald W. Brady [discussed the importance of continuing to follow COVID-19 health and safety protocols even after receiving the vaccine](#) during the Spring Return to Campus Town Hall on Jan. 13, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEc7uYgJcHo>

Kroger, Walmart and other pharmacies in TN are offering the vaccine:

<https://vaccinefinder.org/search/>

The CDC put out new information regarding those who have been vaccinated:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0308-vaccinated-guidelines.html>