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Dear VWC friends,

As a rule, springtime in Middle Tennessee is glorious. Technically, this year the Spring Equinox occurred at 10:33am on March 20, when the sun crossed the equator into the Northern Hemisphere. But here in Nashville, spring is not just a point in time—it's a process to track at ground level. We see it in a series of flowering pear trees, cherry trees, crab apples, redbuds and dogwoods, to say nothing of the wildflowers, daffodils and tulips that come and go in April. So far, barring a late freeze, our 2022 Appalachian spring has been magnificent.

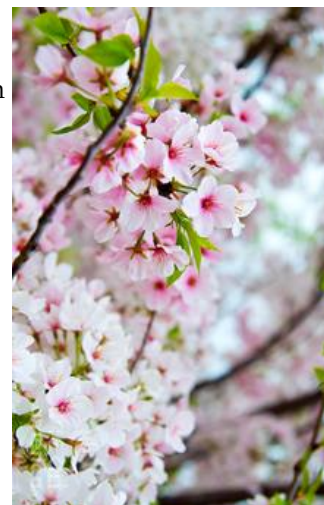
So many of our Club members are amazing gardeners, hard at work to make the best of the new growing season. The rest of us can only admire the results. If you keep a garden or plant flowers in outdoor containers, or you live in an area with lovely views, you can help us do that. Just snap a few photos anytime and send them to **Kelly Chambers**.

Our traditional Spring Lecture this month, coordinated by our Vice President **Anna Walker**, has an unexpected twist: **Dr. Andre Churchwell**, a Harvard-trained, practicing cardiologist and Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt, former Associate Vice-Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the University, has yet another area of expertise that I bet you would never guess: the art of fashion design. We are excited to feature his presentation on fashion and innovation on **April 8**, at the Scarritt-Bennett Center. I hope to see you there.

This issue of the newsletter is packed with fun things to do, new ideas for getting together, and opportunities to welcome new members and serve our community. I always marvel at the energy and ingenuity of Vanderbilt Woman's Club members.

Wishing you the gift of wonder at the natural beauty all around us, and the courage to hope and work for peace in our cruelly fractured world.

Sincerely yours,
Sharon



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Spring Lecture - Noon, Friday, April 8 Spring Luncheon - 11:30 am, Thursday, May 5

Details on pages nine and ten

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. The late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, was responsible for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus. The naming of the newsletter honors her.

**VANDERBILT
WOMAN'S CLUB**

Vanderbilt Woman's Club
is sponsoring two scholars this year.



Emily Song, Class of 2023



Ana Key, Class of 2025

Donations to the Scholarship since the last newsletter

*Donations may be sent to Liz Doyle, 1556 Oxford Court, Gallatin, TN 37066-5717
Checks made out to Vanderbilt University, with Vanderbilt Woman's Club Scholarship on the memo line.*

*Capital Campaign: Liz Doyle, Ann Ercelawn, Tracy Stadnick
We sincerely thank everyone who has made a gift to the Stapleton-Weaver Scholarship Endowment.
If your name is missing, contact
Lynne Siesser lsiesser7@gmail.com
to be added to the list. Information does not always trickle down.*

Year to date

Becky Attack, Evadne Awh, Melinda Balsler, Elisabetha Baugh, Judy Bayer, Cheryl Baird, Mary Baysinger, Holly Beavers, Audrey Brown, Faye Brown, Cathy Brunk, Sarah Calvani, Kelly Chambers, Amy Page Christiansen, Sue Clark, Peggy Curci, Rebecca DePriest, Katrina Dickerson, Betsy Fleetwood, Dot Galloway, Kathy Garthwaite, Nancy Gentry, Jan Goddard, Catherine Griffith, Cherie Hamilton, Kelly Hammers, Margaret Hansen, Sharon Hels, Pat Holdridge, Joan Hornberger, Lydia Howarth, Sheila Jensen, Beth Kelso, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Lindsay Lawrence, Lisa LeMaster, Lynn Maddox, Anne Manner, Elaine McKenna, Amelia McTamane, Margaret Norris, Rosann Nunnely, Susan Perdue, Carol Person, Sara Plummer, Kitty Porter, Mary Raffety, Ebbie Redwine, Kimberly Ross, Kendra Scott, Susan Sharp, Vivian Shields, Lynne Siesser, Cynthia Slobogin, Sandy Spitz, Tracy Stadnick, Mildred Tilley, Claire Tschudy, Grace Wernke, Susan Winchester, Faye Wyatt

Honor Roll of the Capital Campaign

From February 14 to 27, 2022

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Nancy Gentry
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Joan Hornberger
Lydia Howarth
Lina Keefe
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Susan Winchester
The Lunch Bunch

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



Sharon Hels, Lynne and Bill Siesser attend the Reception for Scholars.

Girls Night Out

Tuesday, April 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Sinema - The Upstairs Lounge.
Melrose at 2600 8th Ave South, Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37204.

The velvet couches and rock-n-roll themed space is a blend of classic charm and modern vibe in a relaxed atmosphere. The Lounge at Sinema offers a full menu to accompany the thoughtful spirits menu, which includes cinematic-themed craft cocktails, carefully selected seasonal beers, and a competitive wine, whiskey and spirits menu. Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan and Gluten Free Options available.



Marie Hindman
864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@gmail.com

Evening Mah Jongg

Thursday, April 14, 6 to 9 pm.

at Peggy Curci's

Bring your new 2022 card.

If you have not ordered one, please do so ASAP.

<https://www.nationalmahjonggleague.org/store.aspx#>

There will be **NO** Evening Mah Jongg from May through August. We will resume in **September**.

Second
Thursday
at
6 p.m.



Cocktail Club

Share a bottle of wine and your favorite hors d'oeuvres. Bring your spouse, bring a friend or come on your own to meet new friends from other departments.

Note change of date

Saturday, April 30 at the Chambers/Sherwood's at 6 p.m.

(masks optional)

May Harris/Cutler

June Collins

Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980
lsiesser7@gmail.com



Lunch Bunch

Save the date Thursday, April 28th at 1 pm

Location to be announced.

Suggestions for locations can be sent to

joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com

Joy Allington-Baum 214-755-5328



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Archives News

Join us in the archives to identify members in photographs.

Questions? Contact:

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

If you would rather help from home, please let Joy know at joyallingtonbaum@gmail.com and we can share a jump drive for you to fill in the blanks.

Please continue to share NEW photos with us.

*Thank you for keeping us all informed with pictures of meetings and interest groups.
Send all photos you want to share (with names) to*

Kelly Chambers
kellychambers420@yahoo.com Text: 409-771-5731

Nearly 4000 photographs from the VWC website have had members' names attached and have been transferred to the Vanderbilt Archives. Only the photographs from the last three years can still be seen in the gallery at www.vanderbilt.edu/vwc.



*Opening Coffee 1993
Joyce Weingartner and Roberta Maguire
(second and third left)
are still members*

Armchair Travel

(back by popular demand)

Friday, April 29 at 7pm

David Condra
South Africa: Cape to Kruger

*Let Lynne know if you would like to be on the
email list for this and future events.
Spouses welcome.*



Relive your travels by sharing your photographs with friends.

Details will be emailed later.
Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980
lsiesser7@gmail.com

Explorers/Cocktails

Tuesday, April 5. (rain date April 6)

7:00 - 9:00PM

Dyer Observatory

bring your own cocktail/beverage, and a small appetizer to share
RSVP by April 2nd required!!!! That is today. Tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Dr. Billy Teets, director of Dyer Observatory, will give us a brief tour inside the observatory to highlight some of the history of astronomy at Dyer and Vanderbilt University as well as a few exhibits. We shall see a short presentation about some of the objects visible that evening and discuss one or two upcoming events, namely lunar eclipses. Finally, we shall end at the Seyfert Telescope to view the Moon, Orion Nebula, and a few other objects.

Dr. Billy Teets is the director of Dyer Observatory as well as the resident astronomer. He coordinates events for the community to engage in astronomy like: Telescope Nights, open houses, lectures, concerts, summer camps, and field trips. He establishes exhibits at the observatory and collaborates with Vanderbilt's physics and astronomy departments as well as teaches introductory astronomy classes.

Questions? Tracy Stadnick



Explorers/Gardeners

Wildflower Hike
Tuesday, April 12th

10:00 - 12:00

bring your own picnic

Join us as we have a wildflower hike on private property in Millersville. The largest area of **Blue-eyed Mary's** in the State (which may be blooming when we are there). Also, trilliums, celandine poppies, delphinium, and many more. We've found a few morrell mushrooms over the years too.

RSVP to Tracy.Stadnick@vanderbilt.edu for directions.

(the drive is about 45 minutes from Brentwood)



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Book Group 1 now meets on the **first**
Sunday at 2:30p.m.

Discussion for
April 3 led by Becky Attack:

The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee



Ann Ercelawn 615-298-4766 ann.ercelawn@gmail.com
Kitty Porter 615-406-4352 kitty.porter@gmail.com



Chocolate Lovers Event!

Chocolate Fountain at Peggy Curci's
Monday, April 18th
7:00 - 8:00

Please bring something to share to put
into the Chocolate Fountain.

RSVP

Tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

Watch for details about our newest interest group in the May newsletter.

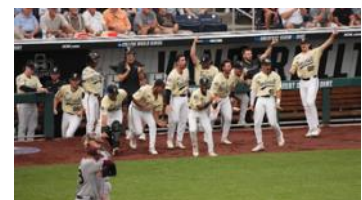
Explore Vanderbilt Events

is for members wanting to connect to Vanderbilt events.

Art, Sports, Chancellor lectures, other lectures, anything of interest that Vanderbilt is offering.



etc, etc. . . .



Communications Gurus

Thank you for keeping us all informed.
Please send all photos (*with names*) 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?

Elaine Smyth 615-298-2378 smyth416@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 - nfruetel@msn.com

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

CHOCOLATE! Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Tracy Stadnick

615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke *Tuesdays 10am*
815-222-5986 - gwernke@msn.com

FRENCH: Maisie Roden *2nd Thursday 1pm*
maisie.roden@gmail.com

GARDENING:

Tracy Stadnick
615-604-4513 - tracy.stadnick@vanderbilt.edu

MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin *Every Wednesday 1pm*
615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

MAH JONGG - BEGINNERS: Lynne Siesser *Tuesdays 1pm*
615-856-3980 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

MOVIE GROUP - DAY: 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

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

QUILTING: Lynne Siesser
615-298-5659 - lsiesser7@gmail.com

EVENING/WEEKEND

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Lynne Siesser - 615-856-3980
lsiesser7@gmail.com *One Friday per month 7pm*

BOOK GROUP ONE: *1st 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

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: Marie Hindman

864-901-7425 - marie.hindman@gmail.com

LOOSELY BOUND (BOOK GROUP): Elisabeth Sandberg
4th Tuesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169

MAH JONGG - EVENING: *2nd Thursday - 6pm*
Peggy Curci - 314-369-4119 - peggy@theCurcis.com

MOVIE GROUP - EVENING:

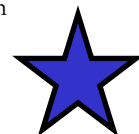
Cindy Slobogin - 615-292-2214 - slobogin@hotmail.com

POP-UP GROUP: Kelly Chambers
409-771-5731 - kellychambers420@yahoo.com

NEW Vanderbilt Events Explorers

If you are interested in a group getting together to enjoy what Vanderbilt has to offer, let Elaine Smyth know.

smyth416@comcast.net



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VWC Community Service Group:

Upcoming Activities

Kelly Chambers 409-771-5731 kellychambers420@yahoo.com

"Pencil" (previously known to us as LP Pencil Box)

When: 1st Wednesday of the Month. Next date is **April 6**, 9-11:00 a.m.

What: There is room for 8 volunteers to help sort donated school supplies for distribution to Metro Nashville Public Schools. This is very light work and a good time to chat with friends old and new while helping Metro School teachers.

Where: Meet **Sarah Finney** at their warehouse, **7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd.**

R.S.V.P.: Please email **Elaine Smyth** at smyth416@comcast.net to sign up so that she can manage numbers.

For more information about Pencil's mission check out their website:

<https://pencilforschools.org>



Carmen Gberman and Ann Evelann



Food Distribution to the Food Insecure:

Joint effort of Vanderbilt University and OneGen Food Distribution

When: The next date is Saturday, **April 30**. First volunteers arrive around 7:00 a.m. but you can come a little later. It's usually finished by mid morning.

What: Volunteers first bag and box up food donations. Then the donated food is loaded into shopping carts. Lastly the food is transferred from shopping carts into the trunks of cars that drive through the area. It is outdoors and socially distanced. It is very well organized.

Where: Fort Negley

R.S.V.P. No need. Just show up.

For more information on One Gen Away see their website:

<https://www.onegenaway.com>

Last order of the year - VWC Name Tags - \$10

Members have asked for a reusable magnetic name tag to wear at all our events.

Questions? Call Peggy at 314-369-4119.

Send cash or check to **Peggy Curci, 6249 Hillsboro Pike, 37215.**

Name: _____

Title: _____

**Deadline for
orders
April 25**





Spring Lecture Guest

DR. ANDRE CHURCH WELL

Fashion and Innovation

Friday, April 8, 2022 at Noon

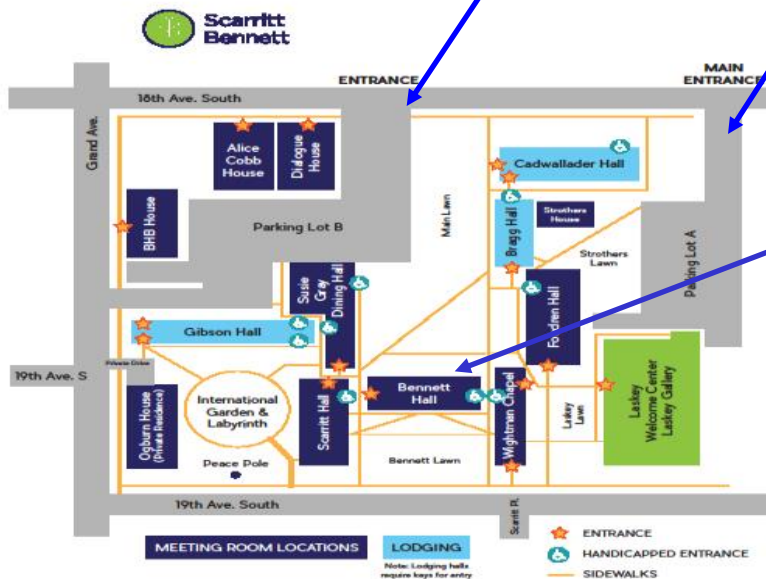
SCARRITT BENNETT

1027 18th Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37212



Parking will be accessible from Lots A, B (free parking-B is closest) and the Wesley Place Garage (parking fee @ \$3/HR), 1963 Scarritt Pl Nashville, TN 37203
Metered parking on 19th



Meet in the
International Room on the
2nd floor of Bennett Hall
Elevator available

Lunch at noon
Speaker at 12:45 pm

Arrive at 11:30 am to allow for
parking and navigating to the
building.

ZOOM: For those who are unable to
attend in person, the ZOOM link is:
Topic: VWC SPRING LECTURE
Time: April 8, 2022 12:45 PM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/87660136356](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87660136356)

Meeting ID: 876 6013 6356

Passcode: VWC

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Scarritt Bennett Center
Use GPS address 1027 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212
to access Parking Lot A • 615.340.7500 • scarrittbennett.org

*Scarritt Bennett Center Parking Lot A & B are accessible from 18th Ave S. Parking Lot A is the closest
to the Laskey Building where Guest Check-in is located. There is metered parking on 19th Ave S.*

Lunch reservations are closed but you can still attend the presentation.
Email Anna at totallyou@msn.com

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Vanderbilt Woman's Club Spring Luncheon

Thursday May 5, 2022
11:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Richland Country Club
One Club Drive
Nashville TN 37215**

Our Luncheon Menu: The Ladies Tee Buffet

Chef's Soup Du Jour

Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings; Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad

Tomato, Cucumber and Red Onion Salad; Broccoli Nut Salad, Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato, Asparagus and Basil Platter

Bowls of Chunky Chicken Salad and Tuna Salad, Grilled Chicken Strips; Assorted Fresh Breads

Pastry Chef's Selection of Assorted Cakes and Pies

Please send your reservation with check made payable to **Vanderbilt Woman's Club**:
Peggy Curci – 6249 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215. To pay by credit card

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vanderbilt-womans-club-spring-luncheon-tickets-295833374587>

Reservation Deadline is April 28, 2022

**We will have a book and puzzle swap to help with your spring cleaning!!
Table will be available in the rear of the room.**

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Spring Luncheon May 5, 2022

Luncheon Cost \$30 _____

Name: _____








Contact: _____

April 2022



Dr. Andre Churchwell
Left to right

Interview with Keikari.com ...
The Style Issue: Nashville Scene...
The Unstoppable Dr. Churchwell...
photo by Barry...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Book Group 1 2:30pm	4 Book Group 2 1pm	5 Mah Jongg 1pm Explorers /Cocktails at Dyer 7pm	6 Pencil 9:30am Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 1pm	7	8 Spring Lecture Dr. Andre Churchwell Noon	9
10	11	12 Explorers /Gardeners Wild Flower Hike 10am Mah Jongg 1pm Bridge 1pm Girls Night Out 5:30pm	13 Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 1pm	14 ZOOM French 1pm Mah Jongg 6pm	15	16  First Day
17 	18 Chocolate! 7pm 	19 Mah Jongg 1pm	20 Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 1pm	21	22	23  Last Day
24	25 Nametag order deadline 	26 Mah Jongg 1pm Loosely Bound Book Group 7pm	27 Mah Jongg 1pm Cribbage 1pm	28 Lunch Bunch 1pm	29 Armchair Travel 7pm	30 OneGen 7am Cocktails 6pm

NOTES

Spring Lecture, Friday, April 8
Spring Luncheon at Richland, Thursday, May 5

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Message from Eric Kopstain, Vice Chancellor for Administration

Beginning **Monday, March 14**, the university will move to a mask-optional status if six feet of physical distance can be maintained.

This decision comes backed by science - positive cases of COVID-19 at Vanderbilt dropped 60 percent between the week of Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, and continuing discussions with leading public health experts have guided our decision-making through the course of the pandemic.

Masks will be **optional** for students, faculty, staff and postdocs while indoors, including in classrooms, lab spaces and common areas, if six feet of distance can be maintained. If six feet of distance cannot be maintained, a mask must be worn.

“Mask optional” means it is an individual’s choice whether to wear a mask. The university will continue to support those who want to wear a mask at any time for any reason. We expect all members of the Vanderbilt community to respect others’ choices regarding masking.

Following these guidelines, then, if you wish to attend an indoor VWC gathering or event, masks are optional.

When the University guidelines and protocols change, we will inform you promptly. Thank you for your VWC membership, your cooperation with VU/VUMC COVID-19 guidelines, and your flexibility in these challenging circumstances.

Sincerely yours,
Sharon Hels
President, Vanderbilt Woman’s Club



We did it!



No more!