

**WINTERGREEN MOUNTAIN WOMEN  
MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023 GENERAL MEETING  
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**Business Meeting**

President Terri Brooks called the meeting to order with fourteen members in attendance. Present were 4 members from Blackrock; 2 from Devils Knob; 5 from Laurel Springs and 3 from The Springs. The members welcomed back Louise Cesaro. A motion was approved whereby the Minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2022 were approved.

Treasurer Mary Carlson reported that the balance in the account as of 11/01/22 was \$586.20. In November, deposits totaled \$1,100.84 and expenses totaled \$1,251.64, mostly related to the Holiday Luncheon. The balance in the account as of 11/30/22 was \$174.56.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Plans are underway for the May 12, 2023 General Meeting, which will be a field trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. Vice President Carolyn Felling has made preliminary reservations. At this point, it is planned that the trip will include lunch at the museum's restaurant Amuse; arrangements will be made for carpooling; and guests will be welcomed. Details will follow. Members are encouraged to "Save the Date" for this specialevent.

**Nominating Committee**

If any member is interested in becoming a member of the Steering Committee, please inform President Brooks. A slate of nominations will be presented prior to the election of new Steering Committee members, which will be held at the March 10, 2023 General Meeting. So far, the following members have indicated their willingness to serve:

President Carolyn Felling  
Vice President Mary Carlson  
Communications Secretary Jo Ann Armstrong

A nominee is needed to fill the positions of Treasurer and Chair of Laurel Springs.

**Addendum: After the meeting, Christine White agreed to serve as Treasurer. Maria Spence volunteered to serve as Chair of Laurel Springs.**

**Mountain Women Group Reports**

**Garden Club** – Chair Catherine Parker reported that Virginia Garden Week is scheduled for April 15-April 22. Catherine is working to ascertaining what tours will take place in our area.

**Book Club** – Chair Jo Ann Armstrong reported that it is a recommendation club, where members report to the group on books, documentaries, TV series, podcasts, articles, etc. that may be of interest. There are currently seven members. Meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the Trillium Room at The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen. The Nature

Foundation has a new library (across from the kitchen entrance) where books are available for your choosing.

**Hand Craft Group** – Chair Linda Ehinger reported that regular meetings will take place on the fourth Friday of the month. The next meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023, at the home of Judy DeWitt. All members are welcome. Please let Linda know if you plan to attend. Members of the group will be exhibiting their crafts as the program for today's meeting.

**Epicurious** – A planning meeting was held in January at the home of Chair Sallie Singletary. It is planned that the group will do events together with the Garden Club. Both groups are interested in a visit to Chestnut Farm and are looking at possibilities for a place to have lunch.

**Mahjongg** – Hilary Partridge and Lois Armel taught a group of members how to play Mahjongg last fall. There are currently no plans for the new players to play on a regular basis, but Lois indicated that it may be revisited in March.

### **Other Group Reports**

**WPOA** – It was noted that they did a good job cleaning up after the recent ice storm.

**The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen** – TNFW is putting out frequent bulletins regarding upcoming events. Maria Spence reported that the annual auction will be held on June 4, 2023, and will feature a cocktail party at Devils Grill.

**Wintergreen Sporting Club** – It was reported that although it is too cold for handguns, the shotgun group is still meeting. Archery has been suspended for the winter, but there are targets available at the Rhodes Farm Pool.

### **New Business**

Treasurer Mary Carlson reported that the current dues structure is not generating enough income to adequately cover all expenses. The Steering Committee recognizes that the budget is dues dependent and recommends that the dues be increased to \$5.00 per meeting or \$20.00 per year. The year starts in January. A motion was adopted whereby the recommendation of the Steering Committee is approved. If members want to pay the \$20.00 annual dues, please make your check payable to Mountain Women and mail to Mary Carlson, R.R. 1, Box 591, Roseland, VA 22967.

Communications Secretary Jo Ann Armstrong offered a printed schedule of upcoming General Meetings to the members. She reminded members to be sure to pay their dues when attending meetings. She is working on updating the membership roster and asked members to check the roster to make sure that the listed information is correct.

### **Announcements**

Lynnda Gilliam reported that Dr. Edward Stemmler, husband of Mountain Women Founder Joan Stemmler, passed away on January 3, 2023. If anyone would like to send condolences to Joan, her address is 295 Kendal Drive, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023, at The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen. The Blackrock Neighborhood will serve as hosts.

## **Program**

Linda Ehinger, Chair of the Hand Craft Group, introduced members who exhibited their beautiful crafts. Those members participating included Vera Jones (knitting), Judy DeWitt (knitting), Marty Szczur (pottery/painting/wire art/writing); Cindy Gilmer (painting); Sue Kelly (watercolor/crochet); Louise Cesaro (knitting); Terri Brooks (knitting/crochet); Michele Reday Cook (painting); and Linda Ehinger (polymer clay/knitting/jewelry making/quilting). Appreciation was extended to all those who participated in the program.

Submitted by Lynnda Gilliam, Recording Secretary

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In Terri Brooks' absence, Vice President Carolyn Felling presided at the meeting. Carolyn thanked members of The Springs for providing refreshments.

**Program**

“Travel Tips and What to Know About Travel in Today’s World” was the topic for the program. Jo Ann Armstrong introduced Vicki Sabin and Ike Joyner, both residents of Stoney Creek, who shared their experiences with traveling in the United States and abroad.

Ike and her family particularly enjoy going on cruises. She has prepared a three-ringed binder with information on all of their trips. Ike distributed copies of a spreadsheet she prepares for each trip, which includes a full itinerary with flight information, hotel and car rental reservations, and any other pertinent information. She keeps the itinerary, along with her passport, cruise ID card, etc. in a leather pouch which she can hang around her neck. Ike also shared a packing list of items needed for a two-week cruise.

Vicki demonstrated use of a Solgaard hard case Carry-On-Closet, in which she packs enough for a two-week trip. She also uses an organizer pouch from L.L. Bean and a large carry-on bag which can be slipped over the handle of her suitcase. Using the U.S.-sized small suitcase, she can carry it on a plane without having to check luggage. Vicki recommended using a folding tray valet to keep everything (card keys, phones, etc.) together. Vicki carries a large scarf which can be used as a throw, etc. She noted that Peacefrogs in Charlottesville gives classes in packing.

Vicki and Ike shared a list of tour operators whose trips they have enjoyed, including: Academic Tours Abroad, Smithsonian Institution, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (Adelle Hunt), and the Star Clipper sailing ship. Rhodes Scholar and National Geographic conduct around-the-world tours.

It was noted that Vicki is the new President of Wintergreen Music. She reviewed plans for a new partnership with Veritas Winery for programming which will begin on April 14.

**Business Meeting**

Vice President, Carolyn Felling called the meeting to order with twelve members in attendance. A motion was approved whereby the Minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2023 were approved. In Mary Carlson’s absence, Christine White gave the Treasurer’s report. Membership payments will be increased to \$5.00 per meeting or \$20.00 annually. Paying annually will help with preparation of an annual budget, which will be submitted to the Steering Committee. Currently there is \$50 in savings and \$334.60 in the checking account.

**Election of Steering Committee Members**

Recording Secretary Lynnda Gilliam presented the following slate of nominations for members and officers of the 2023 Steering Committee:

Carolyn Felling President  
Mary Carlson Vice President  
Christine White Treasurer  
Jo Ann Armstrong Communications Secretary

There being no further nominations, the nominees were elected by unanimous vote. Appreciation was expressed to Terri Brooks for serving as President, especially for extending her term during COVID. Appreciation was also expressed to Jo Ann Armstrong for continuing to serve at the Communications Secretary.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Carolyn Felling shared plans for the next General Meeting on May 12, 2023, which will be a field trip to the Virginia Fine Arts Museum in Richmond. Admission is free. A docent will meet with the group to explain the self-guided tour of the 50,000 works of art from around the world. There is also a new (10 screen) visual, historical art experience on Frederick Douglas. Guests are welcome to join the group, which will leave by carpool from the Wintergarden parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Arrangements have been made for lunch at the museum's restaurant Amuse. Information on exhibits and the menu at Amuse can be found at <https://vmffa.museum>. Those planning to attend the trip may sign up at the meeting or should contact Carolyn Felling directly ([cdfelling@gmail.com](mailto:cdfelling@gmail.com)) by Thursday, April 27. Please let Carolyn know if you are willing to drive or participate in the car pool as a driver or passenger.

### **Mountain Women Group Reports**

**Garden Club** – Chair Catherine Parker ([CathelParker@gmail.com](mailto:CathelParker@gmail.com)). Catherine sent a report that the Garden Club will join the Nature Foundation on a day trip to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens on Thursday, April 20 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). Spaces are limited. Please sign up at the Nature Foundation, online or in person.

Members are encouraged to attend the Nature Foundation's annual Spring Wildflower Symposium on May 19-21, which will include many programs of interest to the group.

In June, the group is planning a tour of the Silver Fox Lavender Farm in Nellysford. It may include a joint luncheon of summer salads with the Epicurious Group.

**Epicurious Group** – Chair Sallie Singletary ([sallie.singletary@gmail.com](mailto:sallie.singletary@gmail.com))

As noted above, the group may prepare lunch in conjunction with a Garden Club tour of Silver Fox Lavender Farm.

**Library and Book Club** – Chair Jo Ann Armstrong ([pharmsj@icloud.com](mailto:pharmsj@icloud.com)) The group will meet at Fire & Frost on the second Tuesday of April. Members of the group have also undertaken setting up the new library at the Nature Foundation.

**Hand Crafters** – Chair Linda Ehinger ([lindaehinger@mac.com](mailto:lindaehinger@mac.com)) Regular meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month.

### **Other Group Reports**

**Wintergreen Sporting Club** – Ladies from the Sporting Club are getting together on April 29 for a Cookie Decorating Class given by Fox Farm Cookies. Baked cookies will be provided to be decorated with butterflies and flowers. For additional information, contact Catherine Parker at [CatheLParker@gmail.com](mailto:CatheLParker@gmail.com).

### **Glad Tidings/Sad Tidings**

Linda Ehinger, Chair of The Springs Neighborhood and the Hand Crafters Group, took a bad fall this week in Washington, D.C. She is currently recuperating at her daughter's home. Linda's address is R.R. 1, Box 548, Roseland, VA 22967.

Barbara Norton (former Wintergreen resident and Mountain Women member) passed away at her home in Bethesda, Maryland with stroke related complications. Barbara was 82. Further information is available at [memorials.interfaithfunerals.com](http://memorials.interfaithfunerals.com).

### **Activities and Dates to Remember**

The May General Meeting will be a field trip to Richmond on Friday, May 12, 2023. See details above.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 2:00-4:00 on April 19 at the Trillium House.

The July General Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Chestnut Springs Picnic Pavilion with luncheon and entertainment by members of the Music Festival.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Lynnda Gilliam, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the Wintergreen Mountain Women Meeting (Musical Picnic) held of July 14, 2023, at Chestnut Springs Pavilion

President, Carolyn Felling welcomed and recognized the Neighborhoods in attendance: Devils Knob, Black Rock, The Springs, and Laurel Springs

Those involved in hosting the luncheon were acknowledged: the WMW Steering Committee for planning this event; the neighborhood chairs for organizing the food; all those who prepared drinks, salads, and desserts; and VP Mary Carlson who coordinated the entire affair.

Carolyn Felling called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Carolyn reported on the minutes of the March 31, 2023 meeting for Lynnda Gilliam, recording secretary. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Christine White reported that MWM now have a bank balance of \$620.67.

### Old Business:

1. The website for WMW ([wintergreenmountainwomen.com](http://wintergreenmountainwomen.com)) has been updated by Janelle Carroll. Carolyn thanked Janelle for her expertise in disseminating the new contact information about our organization. We will be expanding the site in the future to offer more updated information about events. It was noted that along with present day information, the history of the organization as well as minutes of the past ten years are on located this site.
2. Report on recent events: a.) May 12 **field trip** to the Virginia Fine Arts Museum in Richmond: tour of the museum and lunch at Amuse restaurant. Members and guests enjoyed a delightful experience at one of Virginia's lovely and extensive museums. The possibility of other such trips will be explored.  
b.) Catherine Parker reported that on June 19 the **Garden Club**, chaired by Catherine Parker, and the **Epicurious Club**, chaired by Sallie Singletary, came together to provide an eye-feasting tour of Silver Fox lavender fields and barn. This outing culminated with a picnic salad and lunch.  
c.) The **Crafters Club**, chaired by Linda Ehringer, has been meeting regularly. It was noted that at the January meeting many of the "crafters" displayed their handiwork.  
d.) The **Book Club** has been meeting, usually on the second Tuesday of the month, at Fire and Frost. The Club is not meeting during July due to the Music Festival but will resume in August.

### New Business:

3. The *September 8* WMW Meeting will be held at the Trillium House or possibly Chestnut Springs Pavilion (weather depending). Knowledgeable speakers will discuss Organizing/Downsizing/Redecorating. This is being hosted by Devils Knob and coordinated by chair, Anne Marie Goss.
4. Correlating with the September theme, WMW is participating in the WPOA Yard Sale on *August 26*, at the Tuckahoe School House. This is a fund raising opportunity for WMW and Christine White is overseeing this project. Please contact Christine (434-616-0139 or [christinewtg2050@outlook.com](mailto:christinewtg2050@outlook.com)) regarding donations of unused items in good

condition. Suggestions range from home goods/household items, clothing, jewelry, collectables etc. If members wish to donate now, can store them until the event.

5. On *June 14*, the Steering Committee voted to change the structure of collecting dues. Beginning January, 2024, dues will be paid in a one-time amount of \$20 at the beginning of the year. Members will no longer have the option of paying \$5 dues at each meeting. However, the present policy will remain until January. (Note: contributions above \$20 will be gladly accepted).
6. The *November Holiday Celebration* luncheon a WMW highlight is currently being planned for this year. Members will be responsible for lunch, gratuity, and beverage.
7. The Steering Committee will meet *August 17*, at 2 P.M. at Trillium House to finalize plans and programs for the coming year.
8. Mary Jane Black expressed her interest in her forming a Music and Arts group. Pianists and guitar player of any level are welcome. Various artists are invited as well. If interested, contact Mary Jane at: [tillieblack@comcast.net](mailto:tillieblack@comcast.net)

#### **WMW Reflections Garden**

Marti Szczur, a founding member of the *Reflections Garden*, presented an historical overview and update of the Reflection Garden which has been a WMW project for many years and is located behind Chestnut Springs pool and pavilion. Following the meeting Marti led a group of members to walk the garden.

The meeting was dismissed. At 11:30 A.M. Mary Carlson then introduced Wintergreen Music Festival leaders and students. Following a delightful performance, a picnic lunch was served and fellowship enjoyed by members and musicians.

*Respectfully submitted: Anne Marie Goss*



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President Carolyn Felling presided at the meeting. Carolyn thanked members of the Devils Knob Neighborhood for hosting the program and introduced Neighborhood Chair Anne Marie Goss.

**PROGRAM**

"Organizing/Downsizing/Redecorating" was the topic for the program. Anne Marie Goss introduced the following speakers:

**Karven Yoder** is owner of Enlisted Auctions in Stuarts Draft, Virginia. Enlisted Auctions is a family-owned business, with Sheldon Yoder serving as Marketing Director. Services include packing, moving, and a large online auction with approximately 37,000 registered bidders. Buyers pay a 10% premium plus tax on each sale. The commission charged sellers is determined individually. Karven does face-to-face site visits to determine if there is enough quality and quantity of items to support an auction. There is usually a six-to-eight-week lead time.

In addition to estate and household auctions, they also hold specialty and special collection auctions. Occasionally they work with appraisers on antiques, but they are not appraisers. They do sell lots of local art and some jewelry. They do not price items to be sold. (Karven suggested checking the website Worthpoint to check values.) A minimum reserve may be set for larger items; otherwise, bids start at \$5.00. They are not interested in miscellaneous glassware, kitchen items, books, magazines, or mass-produced collectable items. They are looking for items that have a value of at least \$15. Items of lesser value are donated to the Valley Mission, Salvation Army or Love, Inc. Visit their website at [enlistedauctions.com](http://enlistedauctions.com).

**Marta A. Tice** (CID, ASID), owner of Architectural Concepts & Interiors has many years of experience in both residential and commercial interior design. In response to clients who need help with organizing and downsizing, Marta is also owner of Healing Homes, through which she assists clients with organizing their existing homes, decluttering and staging homes for sale, and remodeling homes. Marta specializes in feng shui. She recommends that clients get organized before beginning any new project. Complimentary consultations are provided. Visit her website at [healinghomescville.com](http://healinghomescville.com).

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

President Carolyn Felling called the meeting to order with 27 members present. Mary Carter attended as a guest.

Minutes of the General Meeting held on July 14 were approved, without reading.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Christine White reported that as of September 6, 2023, there was a total balance of \$1,900.17 in the checking and savings accounts.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Yard Sale** – The Mountain Women table at the WPOA yard sale held on Saturday, August 26, at the Tuckahoe Clubhouse was a big success. Net proceeds amounted to \$1,094.50. There were many nice items donated by members which contributed to success of the sale. Thanks was offered to Christine White for chairing the event and to Sallie Singletary, Donna Greenlee and Catherine Porter who helped with sales. Next year's event will be held in May.

**By-Law Amendment** – Members of the Steering Committee approved an amendment to the By-Laws whereby "Membership may be continued when a member moves away from the mountain, contingent upon yearly membership remittance." Jo Ann Armstrong has a list of old members.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Music Club** – At the July meeting, some members suggested that it would be a good idea for a Music Club to be added to the Mountain Women interest groups. Member Mary Jane Black, a long-time music educator, is interested in leading the group and providing guitar and piano lessons. Those interested in participating in the group should contact Mary Jane directly at [tillieblack@comcast.net](mailto:tillieblack@comcast.net). A date and time for the first meeting of the group will be determined.

**Communications Secretary** – After many years of service as Communications Secretary, Jo Ann Armstrong has found a replacement. Donna Casa Grande will take over communication responsibilities in the next month or so. Appreciation was expressed to Jo Ann for all of her hard work and dedication.

## MOUNTAIN WOMEN GROUP REPORTS

**Garden Club** – Chair Catherine Parker ([CatheL.Parker@gmail.com](mailto:CatheL.Parker@gmail.com)) Catherine reported on an upcoming Pharsalia Dahila Cutting Outing scheduled for 10:00 on September 18, 2023. Please bring your own bucket and clippers. The cost will be \$35.00. The group may go to lunch afterwards. Details will be sent to members prior to the trip.

Plans have been made for another outing to Milmont Greenhouses on October 20, 2023, to make Kokodama Balls. Details will be sent to members prior to the trip.

**Crafters Group** – Chair Linda Ehinger ([lindaehinger@mac.com](mailto:lindaehinger@mac.com)) Linda reported that the next meeting of the group will be held at 10:00 on September 29, 2023 at Sallie Singletary's home.

**Book Club** – Chair Jo Ann Armstrong ([pharmsj@icloud.com](mailto:pharmsj@icloud.com)) Jo Ann reported that members of the group meet at 11:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Fire and Frost. The next meeting will be on September 12, 2023. Jo Ann reminded users of the WPOA Library in the Trillium House that although you are not required to sign up for borrowing books, it would be appreciated if they are returned.

***Epicurious Group*** – Chair Sallie Singletary ([sallie.singletary@gmail.com](mailto:sallie.singletary@gmail.com)) Sallie reported that there are no plans for the group at this time. A planning meeting will be scheduled after the new year.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

***Annual Luncheon*** – Chair Mary Carlson ([mcscarlson@yahoo.com](mailto:mcscarlson@yahoo.com)) Mary reported that the annual “holiday” luncheon will be a “fall” luncheon this year. The event is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2023 at the Devils Grill. The cost will be \$35.00, which includes all taxes and gratuities. A cash bar will be available. More information will follow.

***Steering Committee*** – The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Trillium House.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Lynnda Gilliam, Recording Secretary