



NOV 2022

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wasn't last meeting's speaker TIMELY? A rep from the Precinct 5 Constable's Office came and gave us tips on how to be safer online. Five days later, many of you received a scam email asking for money and gift cards! I received several texts and emails from members inquiring about the validity of this request, but most knew the letter was a fake (the grammar was bad, LOL). As a precaution, we sent an email and fb post alerting you to the situation. You can always check in with me if you are not sure about an email request.

For our **annual evening meeting November 15, 2022**, we have fun, fun, fun planned! Scheduled a few days earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will offer **dinner, wine, bingo and prizes** – all for \$6. We'll have an abbreviated meeting to take care of business and keep you up to date on activities then an evening of games and casual dinner. **You need to sign up in advance so follow the link in the newsletter (or www.nfwomensclub.com) and sign up by the deadline of November 10.** Our hospitality ladies have to plan accordingly!

So... this *out-of-town president* thing seems to be working for the good of the group although I have to say that I miss being there for the activities in between meetings. *Garden club, Hooks & Needles, Games, Field Trips and Philanthropy opportunities* are just some of my favorite things I've missed in the last month. **Be sure that YOU take advantage of things like this.** They are special and add to an enriched life. I am happy out here with my cows, horses and donkeys. I've been building a new garden, polishing up my tractor skills and enjoying the peace of the country, but I look forward to seeing all of you on the 15th for bingo.

Love from the ranch,

Darlynn Lydick

BINGO NIGHT - TUESDAY, NOV. 15TH @ 6:30

Click on the link below to make your RSVP payment of \$6 for NFWC's evening extravaganza.

Food, Refreshments, Bingo and PRIZES!!! Hope to see you there.

You may also do a check payable to: NFWC in the amount of \$6 and mail it to: P. Redman, 13615 Still Bay Ct, Houston, TX 77077. Please allow for delivery time.

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=6H8BD9FZJEMEQ

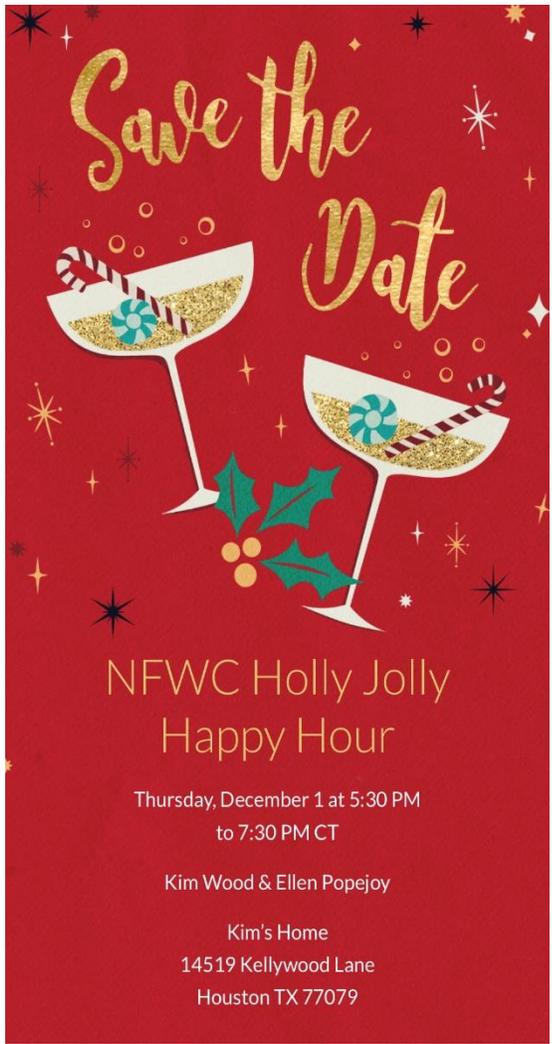
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV

- 8th - Daytime Book 9:30am
- 10th – Garden Club Field Trip
- 10th – Evening Book Club 7:00pm
- 15th – Bingo Night 6:30pm
- 16th – Fun with Games Night 6:30pm

DEC

- 1st – Garden Club Workshop
- 1st – Holiday Happy Hour 7:30pm
- 6th – NFWC Home Tour
- 8th – Garden Club Meeting 1:00pm
- 13th – Hooks & Needles 2:00pm
- 13th – Foodie Group Cookbook exchange





November in the Garden

This month in your garden:

- **Continue planting trees, shrubs, rose bushes and perennials.** Planting now will ensure better survival next spring/summer and earlier growth and blooms.
- **Plant fall and winter color** – pansies, dianthus, snapdragons, alyssum, ornamental kale and cabbage, dusty miller, etc
- **Plant herbs and winter veggies.** Cilantro, parsley, dill, mint, lavender and rosemary. Lettuce, spinach and other greens are just weeks from the salad bowl. Start onion sets, leeks and garlic now for spring harvest.
- **Plant bulbs between Halloween and Thanksgiving for the holidays:** Crocus, anemones, freesia, ranunculus, alliums, lycoris, etc. Plant paperwhites in pots by November 11th (Armistice Day) for blooming in time for Christmas. Refrigerate tulips until New Year's Day, then plant every two weeks through Valentine's Day for longer bloom time.
- **Plant** wildflower seeds through November – bluebonnets, paintbrush, larkspur, etc.
- **Add** edible flowers in your garden – such as calendula, dianthus, marigolds, nasturtiums, pansies, violas, and violets
- **Winterize** the lawn with an organic, slow- release fertilizer.
- **Birds** - Don't forget to keep seed feeders full and fresh water in birdbaths. Put out suet cakes — the extra protein helps keep our feathered friends warm in the winter months.

November

Field Trip – Thursday, November 10th

Arbor Gate – *meet in NFC parking lot 11:15 Or at nursery at 12:00 (see Evite)

December –

Garden Workshop – Thursday, December 1st

Live succulent Advent Wreath

Location: *In The Garden*

*11:30 - to be confirmed

Meeting – Thursday, December 8th

Saundra Hartgrove's garden 1:00

Plant Exchange

DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

Hello friends, the Daytime Book Club meets on Tuesday November 8 to discuss “The Stationary Shop” by Marjan Kamali. You are welcome to attend, book reader or not! We will meet at Dee Twomey's house on 14314 Carolcrest. Please email Dee at d2mepphoto@aol.com if attending. If you would like to join our email list, please email Frances Steffensen at frances.steff@comcast.net. Reading is fun! Honestly!

EVENING BOOK CLUB

The Evening Book Club meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at members' homes based on a sign up list. Two months before hosting, the host brings three recommendations of books to be discussed the month they host. The group discusses the recommendations and votes on one book. The hostess then leads the discussion and provides light snacks and drinks. A good book, a lively discussion with other book lovers, snacks and wine make for a great evening out!

We have doubled in size over the past year and hope to start a second group sometime this year! Contact Diane Swan at swan.dive@att.net if you are interested in learning more.

Upcoming book selections for Evening Book Club:

November 10 – *The Fortunes of Jaded Women* by Carolyn Huynh

December 9 – *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister

Philanthropy Update

We have several philanthropy opportunities for the upcoming holiday season. We hope these options give everyone who wants to participate a way to do so!

Family Point Resources Christmas Store: Family Point Resources will have its annual Christmas Store on Saturday, December 10th. The Christmas Store gives Family Point's clients the opportunity to buy new presents for their children without spending more than \$50. Items can be delivered to Family Point Resources (725 Bateswood) on December 8th & 9th, or to Bridget Williams' home (407 Kickerillo Drive) by 5:00 p.m. on December 9th. Click [here](#) to view the sign-up genius with the needed items.

RaiseUp Families Adopt-a-Family: RaiseUp Families prevents homelessness by providing financial assistance to parents of school aged children in the Greater Houston area. They have an adopt-a-family program each year that centers on the "Four Gift Solution": Something you want, something you need, something to wear, something to read. Please contact Holly Sandlin at holly@raiseupfamilies.org if you would like to adopt a family.

Kids' Meals Houston: Preschool aged children often fall through the gap of social services addressing food insecurity. Kids Meals addresses the hunger and food insecurity for children ages 5 and under who are not only at a critical developmental stage but cannot access school-based free meal programs. Click [here](#) to find out about Kids' Meal Holiday Hope program. You can adopt-a-family, make a donation, do some holiday shopping that benefits Kids Meals, or buy and decorate lunch bags.

WHAM (West Houston assistance Ministries): Helping to meet the essentials of daily living, WHAM matches client needs with available services and programs, including financial assistance, job search, food pantry, low cost gently used items and special programs such as Back to School. Click [here](#) to make a donation to help provide a holiday meal or click [here](#) to make a donation to help provide toys children of families who are struggling. Want to find out more about WHAM? Go to www.whamministries.org

NFWC Daytime Dining

The next meeting for Daytime Dining will be Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Details to follow!

Next Fun with Games Night:

Our next Game Night will be at 6:30pm, Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at Deb Sohmer's house, 510 Clear Spring.

Foodie Group Upcoming Events

Hello Foodies,

The Foodie Group had a wonderful time at Sur La Table learning knife skills. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Our Holiday Cookbook Exchange and get together on December 13th at the home of Jennifer Bradshaw. More details on this will be sent later, but for now if you want to participate start looking for your favorite cookbook to bring and you will go home with a new one too.

I wish all of you a wonderful Fall and look forward to seeing you all soon. As always if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings,
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Hooks & Needles

Join this great group of ladies as we enjoy working on our individual projects and continuously get inspired by the creativity of one another. Our next gathering is **Tuesday, December 13th at 2pm** at the home of Rebekah Bostick (430 Hickory Post Court). We would love to see you there! If you have questions, please contact Alison White - alisonw1025@gmail.com.



The **Sunshine Committee** is here to share a little kindness!! Please let Us know if there is anyone in the neighborhood needing get well wishes, uplifting thoughts, congratulations, or condolences. Contact Mary Crain mcrain111@aol.com or Susan Pugliano txpugs@hotmail.com. Also, look for the link on the NF Women's Club home page.