

Who's New in Madison

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President's Corner

Anne Brasier

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. No pressure of presents, religion or commercialization just sharing a good meal with family and friends and offering thanks and gratitude for the blessings in my life. Who's New is one of those blessings.

I recently finished, "Women Rowing North; Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age" by Mary Pipher. She said, "Joining a group that meets once a month produces the same amount of happiness in people as doubling their income does. I am not sure this would apply to our poorest citizens, but I can attest that membership in a good group is happiness-producing."

Walking with One and Done, meeting via Zoom with Books and Bites, biking on Fridays and hiking on Wednesdays give me more than a once a month meeting with a good group. I hope you are finding joy in your interest groups and our virtual luncheons.

Another statement from Pipher that reminded me of one of the strengths of Who's New is, "Action is the antidote to despair. It may or may not help the world, but it always helps us. Hope comes from engaging in a hopeful process such as planting a community garden, donating time or money to good causes or helping people in our polarized country respect and empathize with each other.If we are lucky, we can be "connectors," people who connect people to each other and to resources."

As of the end of September Who's New was 490 members strong. One thing Who's New does well is connect women. Please continue to reach out to our new members, renew your existing connections, contribute to our service project, join or start a new interest group and become hopeful. And outside of Who's New take action by voting November 3.

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For those who were anticipating the traditional October Who's New in Madison "Style Show" at our monthly luncheon, you'll have to wait a bit longer. Due to Covid, the style show has been postponed to April in hopes we will be able to meet in person by then. During our second virtual luncheon in October we heard from Dr. Christine Whelan who walked us through a worksheet to help us find purpose in our lives in our current uncertain times. Our November luncheon speaker will be Karen Oberhauser an American conservation biologist and director of UW's Arboretum. Join us November 12 to hear about her personal passion-- Monarch butterflies. See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Although my cup runneth over with virtual connections and meetings with Who's New, I look forward to the day when we can all gather in person again.

Happy Thanksgiving

Anne Brasier

Interest Group News

As a reminder to our members the Who's New website now keeps a complete list of IG's active during the pandemic. It is updated as Annie Cooper (amm1114@gmail.com) receives notice from the group leaders that their IG is now meeting in some safe manner during the pandemic. To keep an eye on the list, simply log into the <https://whosnew.org> site then go to the Interest Group page and scroll down to the bottom and click on: NEW! Interest Group Search. You will then see several ways to filter through our IG's. One of them is :

Is this group active during the Covid Crisis?: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Newly Forming Groups

East Side One and Done Walking Group This walking group will meet each Wednesday on Madison's East side. Walks are a quick out and back for 1 hour. This is a great way to meet members and stay caught up with friends. Go to the WNIM website to join.

Mineral Explorers or Rock Hounds This group is for anyone interested in learning more about Minerals, Crystals & Fossils - we invite beginners to experienced "Rock" collectors. Planning for this group will begin in November of 2020 with the goal of a group by January 2021. Our plan is to hopefully meet in person so that we can not only talk about Rocks, but touch and see them. Ideas like - a short field trip to visit local Rock shops, the Geology Museum in Madison, etc. There is so much to learn in the world of Rocks and Crystals. Please sign up if you are even slightly interested so we can get an idea of group size for future planing.

We are still in search of Interest Group Leaders/Co Leaders for **Rambling Women and Weekend Biking**. Please contact Annie Cooper if you would like further information amm1114@gmail.com

November Program

Join us at 11:30 am on **November 12th** to participate in chat rooms. The Who's New business and speaker (see below) presentation will begin at noon. ***Watch for a SignUpGenius email to RSVP for the luncheon.*** A Zoom invitation link will be sent to those who register through SignUpGenius. The Zoom link will be posted to the website by November 10th for those who can join us at the last minute.

Monarch Butterfly Biology and Conservation

Karen Oberhauser is the Director of the UW-Madison Arboretum, Professor in the Department of Entomology. She and her students have conducted research on several aspects of monarch butterfly ecology; this research depends on traditional lab and field techniques, as well as the contributions of a variety of audiences through citizen science. In 1996, she started a nationwide Citizen Science project called the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project (MLMP), which continues to engage hundreds of volunteers throughout North America. The MLMP and another flagship citizen science program with a strong monarch focus, Journey North, are key features of the growing citizen science programming at the UW-Madison Arboretum. Karen has authored over 90 papers on her research on monarchs, insect conservation, and citizen science. She has an undergraduate degree from Harvard University, a degree in science education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a PhD in Ecology and Behavioral Biology from the University of Minnesota.



Karen is the chair of the Monarch Joint Venture, and a founding officer of the Monarch Butterfly Fund. In 2013, Karen received a White House Champion of Change award for her work with Citizen Science. Karen joined the Arboretum in 2017 after 32 years studying monarch butterflies. Her favorite Arboretum moments occur during her daily walk (or bike ride) to work through the Leopold Pines and Curtis Prairie, where she is constantly reminded of the legacy that this team is carrying on.

Monarch butterfly populations have been declining over the last 20 years. It is important to move beyond documenting this decline, and toward responding to the challenge posed by monarch conservation, and insect conservation in general. Karen will describe the amazing biology of migratory monarchs, how citizens and scientists are documenting monarch numbers across their migratory cycle, and what the Arboretum and other individuals and organizations are doing and can do to preserve this charismatic insect for generations to come.

We warmly welcome new members, Nancy Moore, Kelsie Doty and Laura Rivera, to Who's New in Madison.



November 2020 Service Committee News Let's keep our traditions going!

The Service Committee has been very busy planning many fun, creative, and interactive fundraisers for you to participate in during the months of October, November and December. We hope you continue your generous spirit by supporting our Service Project - Madison Reading Project. Let's keep these traditions going.

- There is still time to register and pledge to participate in the **Fall Walk** fundraiser. We will extend the registration and pledge time through October 31. Pick a beautiful fall day and walk a distance that works for you. Walk with a WN friend or plan a small and safe group hike. When and where you walk is up to you, just make it a fun day!
- Our exciting "virtual" **Holiday Bazaar** is in this issue of the WN newsletter! Shop early and make your holiday shopping easy and fun! All items are made by WN members. Here's a little tease - think colorful fleece hats from Nancy Daly and the "Hat Ladies" and beautiful photo notecards in themed sets from Jennifer Allen's most popular collections!
- Information on our very popular **Giving Tree** fundraiser will be in the December newsletter. The Giving Tree is part of our tradition to provide special gifts to our Service Project each holiday season. This year our theme is "Let's Help Build a Child's Library".
- Don't forget our **October "wishlist"** book buying opportunity for area educators. There is still time to purchase books on diversity issues for classroom teachers to read and share with their students. Please see last month's newsletter for the book titles. The books can be dropped off at the homes of Service Committee members near you. Look for book bins on their front porch or entry ways. Our addresses are also in last month's newsletter.
- **Madison Reading Project** has been busy this fall. It was a pleasure listening to Rowan Childs at our September luncheon discuss the important work she, her team and the many volunteers do to provide books for children in the Madison area. It is MRP's philosophy that children need books which allow them to see themselves in the story. That is why MRP is dedicated to curating, purchasing, and distributing diverse books to help build classroom libraries as well as a child's very own library.
- It is a pleasure to note that MRP donated bags of books to the children and families of UW-Madison Odyssey Project this September. The Odyssey Project was our WN Service Project several years ago. What a wonderful circle of giving!





The Service Committee is excited to present its 2020 “Virtual” Holiday Bazaar benefiting Madison Reading Project. We’re starting early so orders can be crafted and prepared by the Holidays. All items are made by WN members!

Let’s start shopping!

- The “Hat Ladies” are making their debut at our Holiday Bazaar with their colorful fleece hats created especially for you. These hats will make great gifts for family and friends of all ages and are guaranteed to brighten up the winter months!
- Jennifer Allen’s always popular photo notecards will be offered in a variety of themed sets. These special notecard sets will make thoughtful gifts for any occasion!

Who are the “Hat Ladies” and what do they do? Check out their WN connection!

- The Hat Ladies are an all-volunteer, self-funded group, of over 60 women and men who have sewn over 80,000 polar fleece hats for charitable causes and for those in need in the greater Madison area. Started in 1997 by WNIM Service Committee member Nancy Daly, there are now over a dozen WN members who help with this work, including; Martha Main, Marcy Bradley, Nancy Shook, Nan Youngerman, Barb Henke, Judy Thorpe, Kerry Jewison, Genevieve Murtaugh, Diane Wiersema, Caroline Hoffman, Carol Cantwell and Susan Cambria. **We are excited to offer their hat making skills as part of our 2020 Holiday Bazaar.**

Style your hat - your way! Mix and match your favorite colors to create your one of a kind hat!

- **Description:** The hats are made of soft polar fleece and are constructed with a lower band, 6 triangular pieces meeting for the top, and matched with a tassel.
- **Sizes:** The fleece hats can be made in a variety of sizes for children and adults. Hat sizes range from newborn to extra large adult. See order form for details.
- Nancy will guarantee the right fit. If the size you ordered does not fit, she will exchange it and make you another.
- **Colors:** The Hat Ladies have just about any color fabric you can think of. They offer all colors of the rainbow as well as darker colors and more neutral tones. Order hats in your favorite team colors, too! (See order form for color suggestions. You will find more hat pictures on the last page to help you design the perfect hat).
- **Price:** Hats are \$10.00.
- If you do not need a hat, consider ordering one that can be donated to Madison Reading Project and given to a child through their program. The Service Committee will take the donated hats to MRP.



Jennifer Allen's photo notecard sets are perfect for any occasion!

Jennifer is a talented photographer who has generously donated her photo notecard proceeds to our Service Projects over the years. Her beautiful cards are a WN favorite at every bazaar and each is a work of art. These stunning card sets make the perfect holiday gift, as well as an amazing one of a kind hostess, housewarming, birthday, or thank you gift. Buy several sets for family and friends and don't forget to treat yourself!

- **Card construction:** The cards are 5x7 in size with a 4x6 inch photograph attached and are card stock quality. The notecards open for your own message and an envelope is included for your convenience. Receiving a handwritten message inside one of these beautiful cards will make anyone's day brighter!
- **Price and Description:** Each set of 5 cards is priced at \$10.00. Your choice of sets will include 5 cards of a particular theme and each card within the set is different. Jennifer has chosen her most popular themes and you will love them. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Allen at: (608) 661-0184 or orijenal@chorus.net.
- **Theme set choices:** Pictures of each set are on this and the following 2 pages. Order as many sets as you wish! Pinch the pictures to enlarge for more detail.

1. Winter Fun
2. Winter Wonderland
3. UW-Madison Scenes
4. Bicycles
5. Hummingbirds

6. Butterflies
7. Spring Flowers
8. Summer Flowers
9. Water Lilies
10. Furry and Feathered Friends

1. Winter Fun



2. Winter Wonderland



3. UW-Madison Scenes



4. Bicycles



5. Hummingbirds



4. Butterflies



7. Spring Flowers



8. Summer Flowers



9. Water Lilies



10. Furry and Feathered Friends





Important ordering and pick up information - please read!
Your Holiday Bazaar order form is on the next page.

- All orders & payment (for both hats and notecards) must be pre-paid and sent to Nancy Daly by 11/16 so orders can be assembled and filled by the week of 12/7.
- Make checks payable to Madison Reading Project. Mail your check, along with your hat and notecard order form to: Nancy Daly, 1112 Lincoln St. Madison, WI 53711.
- For multiple hat orders, please use the back side of the order form or print and copy the form for each hat you order. Include any special instructions on the back.

Curbside pickup information



- Hat and notecard pickup day is Dec. 10th at Nancy Daly's house (see address above) between 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Your items will be labeled and bagged for your convenience.
- Call or text Nancy when you arrive at 608-345-6531. Someone will bring your gifts to your car. Please wear a mask when picking up your hats and notecards. Thank you.
- If this date doesn't work for you, contact Nancy for special pickup arrangements.
- Questions - contact Nancy Daly: Cell: 608-345-6531. Email: nmdaly@charter.net.

**Thank you for your orders,
supporting Madison Reading Project, and keeping our traditions going!**

Madison Reading Project provides quality literacy programs and books for children in Dane County. Their programs encourage a love for books while developing the skills necessary for kids to become great readers.



We wish you and your loved ones a wonderful and healthy Holiday Season!
WN Service Committee members: Stephanie Kissel, Nancy Daly, Barbara Fahey, Martha Main, Carol Ottenstein, Patti Bavlnka, Jane Wery.

Holiday Bazaar Order Form

Print and use this form for your hat and notecard orders. For multiple hats, please list the additional order information on the back of this form or print and make copies of the form for each hat ordered. Please include any special instructions.

Hat order form and details: Each hat is \$10.00.

Name_____ Email:_____ Phone:_____

Sizes for adults - circle one: S M L XL Hat is for: female____ male____

Child sizes are based on age: Hat is for: girl age_____ Hat is for: boy age_____

The Hat Ladies will know what works for an average child of the age indicated.

*Please note if the child is considered larger or smaller in size.

Please make a hat/s (Hat Ladies' choice) for a child at MRP. Number of hats _____

Colors: We have all colors of the rainbow: **Blues:** light, royal, & navy, **Reds:** bright, burgundy, **Yellows:** bright & gold, **Greens:** light, medium, olive, & forest, **Oranges:** medium & light, **Pinks:** light, medium & fuchsia, **Purples:** bright & lavender, **Teals/Turquoise:** light, medium, **Browns:** beige, dark & tan, **Grays:** dark & light, Black & White. **See pictures on next page.

Hat construction: Hats consist of a lower band piece and 6 triangular pieces sewn together for the top. They are topped with a tassel which we will color match.

Choose 1 band color_____

Choose 1-3 triangle colors _____

Notecard order form: Each set of 5 cards is \$10.00.

Name: _____ Email: _____ phone: _____

Notecard theme choices include the following:

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| 1. Winter Fun: #of sets_____ | 6. Butterflies: # of sets_____ |
| 2. Winter Wonderland: #of sets_____ | 7. Spring Flowers: # of sets_____ |
| 3. UW-Madison Scenes: #of sets _____ | 8. Summer Flowers: # of sets_____ |
| 4. Bicycles: # of sets_____ | 9. Water Lilies: # of sets_____ |
| 5. Hummingbirds: # of sets_____ | 10. Furry and Feathered Friends: # of sets_____ |

Payment amount for hats and cards:

Name: _____

Total # of hats @ \$10 = _____ Total # of notecard sets @\$10 = _____

Combined total due: \$ _____ Make your check out to **Madison Reading Project.**

Hat construction details and examples of color choices:

The following pictures demonstrate the hat construction with the band, 6 triangular pieces and tassel. The hats displayed showcase a variety of colors that will help you find the right color mix to create the perfect hat. If you have a question concerning a particular color, or don't see the color you need, please contact Nancy as she probably has the perfect color in her collection. Have fun creating your colorful, one of a kind winter hats!



What does the Who's New Board of Directors talk about each month?

You can find out by reading the minutes of our board meetings which are available on our website. Use the Quick Menu to find the "Board Minutes" tab; or from the Members Homepage, scroll down to Board Meeting Minutes in the Club Information section. Your WN Board members welcome your input and ideas on any of the matters that we discuss – contact any of us to let us know your thoughts.

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