

2024 PROGRAM 2025



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Interest Groups 2024-2025

| Chair | Chitra Chopra | |
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| Advocacy | Mary Vlahos | |
| | Patricia DuVal | |
| Armchair Travel | Joyce Schaaf | |
| Book Club I | Judy Kelley | |
| Book Club II | Susan Pick Vadivel | |
| Book Club III – Evening | Janet McKelvie | |
| Book Club IV– Evening | Luhan Wahbeh | |
| Book Club V -Mystery | Gilda Martinello | |
| Bridge - Duplicate | Jane Quail | |
| | Ginger Brossard | |
| Coffee Club | Marianna Newkirk | |
| | Joyce Schaaf | |
| Dinner Club | Victoria Pinnell | |
| | Sally Gurekian | |
| French Conversation | Janet Anderson | |
| Games | Nancy Acemian | |
| Gourmet Group II | Renate Sutherland | |
| Gourmet Group III | Gilda Martinello | |
| Gourmet Group IV | Valerie Fortin | |
| Jaunters | Patricia Jones | |
| Knit & Chat | Tina Tessari | |
| Music History | Joan Dyer | |
| Networking Group | Linda Sestock | |
| New Book Exchange | Gilda Martinello | |
| Outdoor Pickle Ball | Nancy Acemian | |
| West Island Walks | Jane Cowell Poitras | |
| Wine Appreciation I | Jeannie Hazel | |
| Wine Appreciation II | Diane Gibb | |
| Wine & Cheese | Nicole Larocque | |

Program 2024 - 2025

| Date | Topic/speaker |
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| Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024 Starts at 6:30pm | When Women Showed Up: The Story of the First Buddhist Women Vanessa Sasson, Professor of Religious Studies, Marianopolis College |
| Monday, Oct. 7 | Community Night Three speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABOVAS – Volunteer Drivers • Nova • Ricochet/AJOI Representatives from other community organizations will be on hand to share information. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 30 | New Members' Night Location (TBD) |
| Monday, Nov. 11 | Space For Earth - Space for All Diane Carroll Phillips NASA SPARX |
| Monday, Dec. 9 | Christmas Event Choir (TBD) |
| Jan. 13, 2025 | Potluck Events (lunches, dinners, 5 à 7's etc.) |
| Monday, Feb. 10 (Zoom only) | Artificial Intelligence and the Leaders of Tomorrow Indra Kubicek, CPA, CA CEO, Digital Moment |
| Monday, March 10 (Zoom only) | The Black Rock Fergus Keyes, Director, Montreal Irish Monument Society |
| Monday, April 14 | Members' Night |
| Wednesday, May 14 | Annual General Meeting Tastes and Traditions Nathalie Cooke, Professor of English and Director of Undergraduate Studies, McGill University Introduction of scholarship recipients |

TBD = to be determined.

Except where indicated, general meetings are held at Church of St. John the Baptist: **233 Ste-Claire Avenue, Pointe-Claire, QC H9S 4E3**

Schedule, general meetings, except when indicated: chat, 7:00 pm; meeting, 7:30 pm; speaker, 8:00 pm; evening usually ends at 9:00 pm

Fundraising events will be announced during the year.

Newsletter Deadlines: Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 16 and Annual Report April 24

EXECUTIVE

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| Past President | Jane Cowell |
| President | Nancy Acemian |
| Vice-President/CFUW Liaison | Mary Vlahos |
| | Patricia DuVal |
| Vice-President/Membership - <u>Interim</u> | Nancy Acemian |
| Treasurer | Jane Hamilton-Weber |
| Recording Secretary, Exec. Meetings | Valerie Fortin |
| Recording Secretary, Gen. Meetings | Jane Cowell |

STANDING COMMITTEES

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| Advocacy | Mary Vlahos |
| | Patricia DuVal |
| Archives | Cendra Paas |
| Communications | Luhan Wahbeh |
| Fundraising | Diane Gibb |
| | Mariam Ishak |
| Hospitality | Sally Gurekian |
| | Suava (Halina) Slawska |
| Interest Groups | Chitra Chopra |
| Newsletter | Maria De Wolfe |
| Program | Sonia Serfaty |
| Scholarships | Kathleen McGrath |
| Webmaster | Chitra Chopra |

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| Chair | Gilda Martinello |
| Treasurer | Susan Pick-Vadivel |

OTHER

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| Newsletter distribution | Maria De Wolfe |
| Social media | Linda Sestock |
| | Anna Maiolo |
| Technology | Tamara Colbeck |
| Photographers | Luhan Wahbeh |
| Potluck dinners | Linda Ricketts |
| | Suzanne Chaussé |

REPRESENTATIVES

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| CFUW, Vice-President Quebec | TBD |
| CFUW, Regional Director – English | Judy Hopps |
| Montreal Council of Women | Maria De Wolfe |
| | Heather Hamilton |
| GWI / International Rep | Helen Findlay |

PAST PRESIDENTS

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| Margaret Manson + | 1956-1958 |
| Jessie Ross + | 1958-1960 |
| Marjorie Maclure + | 1960-1962 |
| Marybel Monty + | 1962-1964 |
| Mary Kyles + | 1964-1966 |
| Mary Louise Sutherland + | 1966-1968 |
| Amy Williams, C.M. + | 1968-1970 |
| Alberta Shearer + | 1970-1972 |
| Dorothy Anderson + | 1972-1974 |
| Mary Alexander + | 1974-1976 |
| Donna Hughes | 1976-1978 |
| Jane McDougall | 1978-1980 |
| Marilyn Flaherty | 1980-1982 |
| Kate Le Maistre | 1982-1984 |
| Corinne Thompson + | 1984-1986 |
| Renate Sutherland | 1986-1988 |
| Sandra Smith | 1988-1990 |
| B. J. Bell | 1990-1992 |
| Judy Cardwell | 1992-1994 |
| Margaret Hamilton | 1994-1996 |
| Louise McLeod | 1996 |
| Chitra Chopra | 1996-1998 |
| Barbara Marcolin | 1998-2000 |
| Maria Cranker | 2000-2002 |
| Patricia DuVal | 2002-2004 |
| Elizabeth Semmelhaack | 2004-2006 |
| Pauline van Nieuwberg | 2006-2008 |
| Heather Hamilton | 2008-2010 |
| Chitra Chopra | 2010-2012 |
| Gilda Martinello | 2012-2014 |
| Connie Ellis | 2014-2016 |
| Linda Sestock | 2017-2019 |
| Gilda Martinello | 2020 |
| Linda Sestock | 2020-2021 |
| Jane Cowell | 2021-2022 |

+ deceased

LIFE MEMBERS

B. J. Bell
Judy Cardwell
Donna Hughes
Marney MacDonald
Louise McLeod

NEW MEMBERS 2023–2024

Deborah Blake
Francine Boucher
Tamara Colbeck
Ruth Crabb
Sharon Ann Gaul
Maryanne Griss
Debbie Hughes
Laurie McCullagh
Linda McManus
Kathleen Murphy
Sonia Serfaty
Cheryl-Ann Simoneau