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<p>General Meeting Monday, October 4 Via Zoom</p> <p>Stéphane Aquin</p> <p>Director Montreal Museum of Fine Arts</p> <p>7:00 – Join your MLUWC friends for some chit-chat</p> <p>7:30 – Start of business meeting</p> <p>8:00 – Guest speaker</p> <p>Information on speakers and Zoom sign-in will be sent shortly</p>	<p>PRESIDENT'S LETTER</p> <p>After all the hot, humid weather we have experienced, it is almost hard to believe that we are now into the season of pumpkins and crisp, fresh apples. Covid continues to affect our daily lives, but it is not stopping us from meeting, either through Zoom - or in person -where space permits. I continue to be amazed by our collective resilience and our ability to adapt to change. Hopefully, sometime this Fall, we will be able to meet in person, but rest assured, we will also stream meetings live on Zoom for those who do not feel comfortable leaving their homes.</p> <p>Our Fall Kick-Off was very well attended, and we were given an interesting presentation on the volatile housing market by Linda Sestock of Royal LePage, Pauline Van Nieuwburg of RE/MAX and Georgiana Cretu of Adresz. Vida Guido did a wonderful job of moderating the discussion.</p> <p>I am looking forward to our next meeting on October 4th with Stéphane Aquin, the new Director-General of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts! The Museum went through an upheaval last year and I am excited to hear about future plans for exhibits.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Take care and stay safe,</p> <p>Jane Cowell President</p>
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PROGRAM

Monday October 4th, 2021

General Meeting

Remotely via Zoom

Our guest speaker, **Stéphane Aquin**, will share with us, as the new director of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA), **where the Museum goes to from here?**

Biography



Stéphane Aquin. Photo Jean-François Brière

Director of the MMFA since November 2020, Stéphane Aquin was born in Montreal and has lived in the United States and Switzerland. He holds a Master's in Art History from Université de Montréal. During the 1990s, following a first stint at the Museum in which he collaborated on the opening of the Jean-Noël Desmarais Pavilion, he made his mark as an art critic in Quebec and Canada. He rejoined the MMFA's ranks in 1998 as Curator of Contemporary Art, a position he held for 16 years. Over the course of this period, he organized more than 40 exhibitions and significantly enhanced the institution's reputation for excellence. In 2015, he left Montreal for Washington, D.C., to pursue the role of Chief Curator of the Smithsonian Institution's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Over the next five years, he would oversee numerous exhibitions, edit a variety of reference books and take part in a number of international conferences and juries on behalf of the Hirshhorn.

Through the recognition he has earned over the years – stemming notably from his vast knowledge of modern and contemporary art, art history in general, and the challenges facing today's museums – Stéphane Aquin has become an important figure in the cultural milieu. As Director of the MMFA, he is pursuing the development of the great Montreal institution with a focus on an inclusive approach to art, the artist's vision, education and innovation.

ADVOCACY

Please join us at our second meeting of the year on October 7 via Zoom. All the meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month @ 7:30 p.m. A reminder, with the agenda, will be sent out a couple of days before. We are open to new members.

Save the date for our next event. We are in the process of organizing a walkathon in solidarity with our Afghan sisters. More details will be sent closer to the date.

Stand with the Women of Afghanistan March

October 2, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Centennial Park, 3000 Lake Rd., Dollard des Ormeaux

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mluwc-march-for-women-of-afghanistan-tickets-174663040857>

You must register for this event at the link above



Mary Vlahos, Patricia Duval co-chairs

MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder to pay your **2021-2022** dues if you haven't done so yet, and if you already have, thank you. If you wish to be included in the **Member's Directory**, be sure to have your payment to us by **September 30** (*Date has been extended from SEPTEMBER 15*). The member's directory will be available in the member's section of the MLUWC web-site in early October. An email will be sent out to inform you when it is available.

Also, a copy, which will be password protected, will be sent out to all members in good standing via email in early October. As last year, you will receive a first email with the password followed by a second email with the directory as an attachment. You will be able to save the directory on your computer and view it anytime using the password provided in the 1st email.

Friendly Reminder - the \$120 fees can be paid in two ways:

1. at the following link by credit card (even if you don't have a PayPal account):
https://www.paypal.com/webapps/hermes?token=78G16690L8440164A&useraction=commit&mfid=1631894757098_f399216cd6723
2. or by cheque made out to MLUWC and mailed to
MLUWC
P.O. Box 383
Pointe- Claire, QC
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Nancy Acemian
Membership Chair

MLUWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship Fund 2021-2022

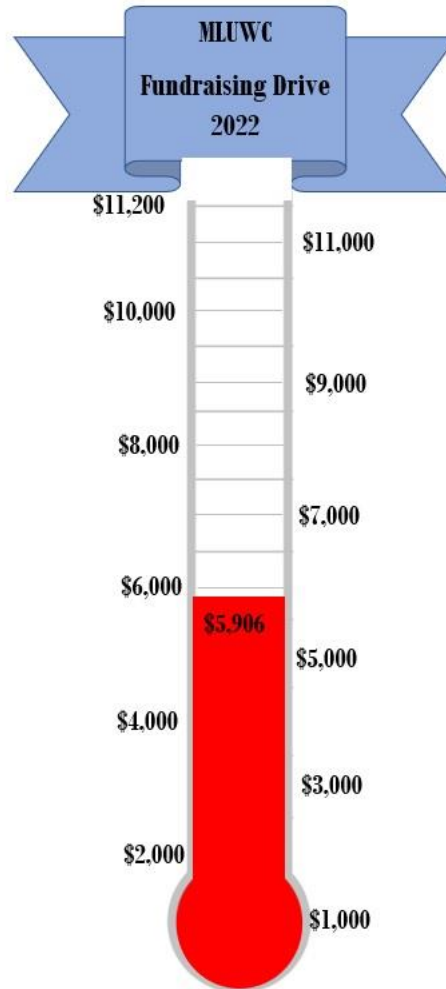
This year we will be giving \$11,200 in scholarships and bursaries to young women in the West Island.

The thermometer on the right shows that we have already raised \$5,906 from June 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

We received close to \$4,000 in donations in memory of Diana Jane Nevins who passed away in June. We are very grateful to all who donated.

The Scholarship Fund is hoping that you will be generous again this year in donating during the Scholarship Fundraising Drive which starts this month and runs until March 2022.

Gilda Martinello
Chair, Scholarship Fund



SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

Donation Form

MLUWC Scholarship Fund

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MLUWC Scholarship Fund

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QC H9R 4P3

You can also make secure online donations using your credit card through CanadaHelps.org.

Visit mluwc.com and click on: Donate to the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your support!

MLUWC

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Advocating equality, social justice and education for women and girls for 60 years

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Our **Fundraising Committee** met last month to discuss possible fundraising events to meet this year's Scholarship Fund objective of \$12,000.00

Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, it was agreed that there would be no Fall Fundraiser 2021.

In lieu of an event, we will conduct another **Scholarship Fundraising Drive** commencing **this month through until March 2022**.

As was the case last year, many of our members were very supportive and donated to the **Scholarship Fund** often in memory of a loved one, in honour of someone special in their lives or in place of the fundraising event that they would have attended. If we could count on your support once again, it would be most appreciated.

Credit card donations are accepted online through www.canadahelps.org or with a cheque payable to; **MLUWC Scholarship Fund** and sent to **P.O. Box 383, Pointe-Claire, QC H9R 4P3**. Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$25 or more.

We are also pleased to announce a Spring Fundraiser, with the return of the much loved **Games Day** to be held on **Friday, April 22, 2022**. Details will follow closer to the date.

Finally, I would like to introduce the members of our Fundraising Committee for 2021-2022; Anne Brohan, Sally Gurekian, Carole Newberry and Mary Vlahos. Thank you ladies for your dedication and support once again

Should any MLUWC member wish to join our committee, you would be most welcome.

Victoria Pinnell
Fundraising Chair (vpinnell@gmail.com)

CFUW NEWS

Did You Know?

Do you know what CFUW is doing nationally? Do you ever wonder what other clubs are doing? Check out the national website at **cfuw.org** for national news and activities plus other clubs' contact information and website links. You can also sign up for the CFUW Newsletter on the website.

The Members Only section has extensive club resources as well as CFUW merchandise and the complete national and club directory. It requires a password, so if you would like to check it out, contact Patricia Duval or contact the national office.

Patricia DuVal
Mary Vlahos

Laura Sabia

Laura Sabia (September 18, 1916-October 17, 1996) played an important role as the National Chair of the Committee for the Equality of Women and in the creation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. As we head into [#GenderEqualityWeek](#) we would like to remember and celebrate one of CFUW's own, Laura Sabia, a past president who did much for gender equality.

<https://youtu.be/B0l0iSa9gPA>
Visit this short film for more info.



INTEREST GROUPS

MLUWC has a variety of groups which meet to discuss interests or to participate in events. Covid has severely restricted the activities of some groups. Some groups have successfully transitioned to Zoom or hold meetings outside when weather permits

Some groups are limited by space (as they meet in members' homes). In some cases, there is no room to accept new members. **However, members are always encouraged to start new interest groups.** In fact, that is how most groups are started. If you want more information on starting a group, please contact Franca Ferrara, the MLWC interest club leader.

Below is a sampling of some of our interest groups. A complete list with interest group leaders will be available with our 2021-2022 program

BON APPÉTIT DINING CLUB

Our dining club is a dynamic group of approximately 50 club members, who enjoy dining together and sharing the gastronomy of restaurants in and around the West Island. We average between 15 and 20 diners an outing.

We meet the **fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm for the dinners and 12:00 pm for the luncheons.** Each outing requires two ladies to organize. They inform the members of the date, time and location of that month's restaurant and request confirmation of their presence. They also call and reserve the restaurant, arrange preferred seating, method of payment and review menu.

An email from the Program Chair was sent to the membership regarding Interest Group Registration. If this sign up was missed for Bon Appétit, please e-mail me directly.

It should be noted that the Bon Appétit Club will not be dining together until the current restrictions associated with COVID-19 in restaurants are eased.

Group leader: Victoria Pinnell (vpinnell@gmail.com)

BOOK DISCUSSION I

We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 1:00pm on Zoom to discuss **The Sister's Tale** by Beth Pawning. This book is set in New Brunswick and is the story of two British Home Children (historical fiction). Jane Quail will lead our discussion. Enjoy these lovely fall days!

Marg Nicoll- Griffith and Judy Kelley

BOOK DISCUSSION II

For the October 21 meeting, Ina Lessard will review **Yellow Wife**, the story of a tenacious enslaved woman's survival in the antebellum South. We will continue to meet via Zoom.

Susan Pick Vadivel

COFFEE TIME

Welcome to **Coffee Time** on Wednesdays at 10:30am via Zoom. No reservations required. This is a group that formed last year when we were in lockdown to keep in touch on a weekly basis. I must admit I didn't expect it to still be going on. So, we decided to make it an official Interest Group for the coming year. A topic of conversation is suggested for each week in the invite sent out on the Monday or Tuesday before. It is a chit chat group where we share laughs and opinions from the comfort of our homes. Hope to see some new faces. All are welcomed!



Nancy Acemian, Coffee Time Coordinator and MC

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION I

Our next meeting for Evening Book Club 1 will take place on Tuesday evening October 5 at 7:30 pm on zoom. At that time will be discussing **The Doctors Blackwell** by Janice Nimura. At the present time our membership is full.

Linda Ricketts

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION II

We are meeting Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 pm on zoom. We will be discussing the book **Anxious People** by Fredrick Backman. October's book we will be reading is **As Bright As Heaven** by Susan Meissner. We usually have a list of books to read; however, we will be meeting next week, and we will start to choose books together. We meet every third Tuesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Our dates of meetings are: Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 1, Apr 19, May 17.

Luhan Wahbeh

EXPLORING WORLD CULTURES

We are looking forward to planning upcoming topics at our first meeting on Thursday, September 30 at 7:30pm.

For Sept only on the 5th Thursday, please note change in date.

The October meeting will be as our usual format of the 4th Thursday of the month: October 28 at 7:30pm; the topic will be confirmed by mid-October.

At this time, we look forward to a Zoom format welcoming any aspect of a Cultural presentation. Topics are open to any travel history, whether local or abroad, cooking demonstration, etc. At such time that Members are interested in the original format of a restaurant outing, provincial guidelines will be respected.

Meeting link will be forwarded to members; new members are welcome to contact me directly.

Sally Gurekian

FRENCH CONVERSATION

French conversation is meeting on Zoom on Friday, October 15 at 9:30 am.
The group has room for three new members

Janet Anderson

KNIT & CHAT



The knitting group made this blanket for the tv room at the **AJOI** warming centre.

Tina Tessari

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Continuing with this year's theme of reading books set in different countries or written by authors of different countries, our October book is by Louise Penny, **All the Devils are Here**. Although Ms. Penny usually sets her mysteries in the Eastern Townships, this one takes place in Paris. Our reviewer will be Suzanne Chaussé. We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 1:00 pm, via Zoom.

Gilda Martinello

NETWORKING COMMITTEE

In the spirit of the MLUW Club, we foster and encourage members from all walks of life to join us to expand their networks by sharing their interests and talents. Our speaker events focus on women entrepreneurs, who have interesting stories to share and from which we all learn and grow. Whether it be a speaker event or a social exchange, we welcome one and all to the MLUWC networking group!

MLUWC Networking will be **Wednesday October 27th at 7pm on zoom** - open networking with break-out rooms.

The event will be hosted by Susan Campbell-Fournel. RSVP required for the zoom link.

Linda Sestock

TRAVEL

The Travel group will meet on October 26 at 7:00pm on Zoom (the 4th Tuesday of the month). I will send the zoom link and more info by email to the members of the group.

The Travel group has room for new members and is looking for a new leader.

During our October meeting we will discuss a few ideas to organize small trips and we will be visiting Africa with one of our members.

If you need more info, want to join, or present something contact me.

Maria Korab-Laskowska

WEST ISLAND WALKS - MONDAY MORNINGS

The West Island Walks group was started in the fall of 2020. After being shut in so much, many of us appreciated being able to talk to others and get some exercise. Sixteen people initially joined up, and we averaged about 7 walkers each week. Although we were masked and socially distanced, it was wonderful being outdoors with other people.

Last year we walked every Monday morning at 10:00am until after Christmas, and then stopped when the more severe government regulations came into effect in January. We started back up in April and continued until the end of July, when many of us were finding it too hot. We hope to begin again at the end of August.

Some of the places we walked include Yulle Park in Pierrefonds, Ste Anne de Bellevue, Baie D'Urfé, Beaurepaire, Pointe Claire Village, Cedar Park, Angel Woods, Bois de Liesse Park, Terra Cotta Park and Bois de L'Île Bizard Park. We like water and trees! As a rule, we walk for about an hour and fifteen minutes. We have walkers of varying abilities and ages - some walk faster and some walk slower - the important thing is to move at a comfortable pace and have fun.

Since not everyone can make it every week, new members are welcome and encouraged! We have walked in snow, blistering heat, and rain, so it is suggested you dress appropriately for the occasion! The West Island Walks group will meet at the end of September and hope you will consider joining us!

Jane Cowell-Poitras



On this page, we announce activities that are going on in the community, e.g., breakfasts, concerts, etc. as well as other topics that may be of interest to our members but are not directly associated with our Club, e.g., commissioner of oaths. If you have any items you would like published on this page, please email the information to me (mluwc.newsletter3@gmail.com) and note that it is for the Community News page.



MONTREAL COUNCIL
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On September 2, I attended (via zoom) a most informative discussion presented by the Montreal Council of Women on the prevalence of hate speech in our society. Dr. Perry, Director of the Centre on Hate Bias and Extremism at the Ontario Tech University, gave a somewhat frightening summary of her research in the area of hate speech. Dr. Vivek Venkatesh, UNESCO co-chair in Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism, spoke of efforts to combat such behavior at the community level, specifically in the Mercier neighborhood of Montreal . If you would like to view the recording of the Zoom presentation, please copy the link or go to the MCW website and click on **Events.(past)**.

[MCW Webinar - Hate Speech: A Violent Attack on Canadian Diversity - Zoom](#)

[Montreal Council of Women –](#)

Maria De Wolfe

Lunch with an author: Claire Holden Rothman

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at noon, Forest and Stream Club

For ticket information contact Janet Ankcorn : jankcorn@bell.net



SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN

Join us for an evening of discussion on genocide, Indigenous Nations, and the Canadian state with legal scholar, **Tamara Starblanket**

NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY
September 30, 2021
7-8PM ET

REGISTRATION:
bit.ly/3kbGnnC

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The poster features a portrait of Tamara Starblanket, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black top and a red and pink floral scarf. The background is split into orange, blue, and orange sections.

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Do you know the role of a Commissioner of Oaths?

It is an individual who is empowered to certify the oath or “solemn affirmation” of a person upon documents such as diplomas, birth certificates and other records.

If you need this service, please contact **Victoria Pinnell** (vpinnell@gmail.com), or **call Jennifer Ferguson** (514-697-7663 between 9am and 5pm)



CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Johannah Lloyd**, a former member of MLUWC. Johannah served on the executive and was also the newsletter editor.

Below is the link to the obituary:

<https://montrealgazette.remembering.ca/obituary/johannah-lloyd-1083291348>





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Many of our new members mention Facebook when asked how they heard about the MLUWC



We're also on **Instagram**



AIR CANADA AEROPLAN PROGRAM

Back in 2012 MLUWC got an Aeroplan number that would give the opportunity to our members to donate their Aeroplan points if they so wished. The minimum donation is 1000 points. Until this year we had accumulated 3000 points.

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