MONTREAL LAKESHORE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB

Newsletter, November 2022

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Celebrating 65 years of Friendship, Advocacy and Education

General Meeting Monday, November 14 7:00p.m.

In- person (Cedar Park Church) and On Zoom Guest speaker

Patterson Webster

writer, visual artist, garden designer



7:00 – Join your MLUWC friends for some chit-chat

7:30 – Start of business meeting

8:00 - Guest speaker

Zoom invitation will sent by email

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope that you had a lovely Thanksgiving weekend and were able to enjoy your first "normal" Thanksgiving with family and friends in three years. Yes, Covid is still around, and likely will be for many years to come, but the tools (masks, handwashing, boosters etc.) are all there to keep us as safe as possible.

Over the last couple of years, we have had several new members join our Club. So I would like to take this opportunity to remind them (and existing members!) that your membership includes membership in the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), and Graduate Women International (GWI). The CFUW has a weekly newsletter that is chock full of interesting information about women's issues and Club activities from across the country. It's most definitely worth checking out! You can sign up for the newsletter here: Canadian Federation of University Women (list-manage.com)

GWI also has a newsletter wherein you can discover reports on GWI advocacy work with the United Nations and its agencies, social media campaign information, and member activities. You can sign up here: Graduate Women International (list-manage.com) The GWI Triennial is coming up this month – don't miss Patricia DuVal's article in this newsletter on how to sign up for the virtual meeting.

The MLUWC is also a Federate Member of the Montreal Council of Women, giving you access to all their activities Check out their website for upcoming events. Participation is free.

Our monthly meeting on November 14th will surely brighten up what is often a dreary month. A visit to Glen Villa Art Garden in North Hatley with co-founder Pat Webster, will surely be a visual delight as well as an inspiration to the gardeners in our midst.

Jane Cowell President

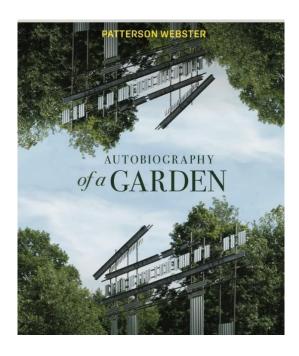
PROGRAM

Monday, November 14
General Meeting
In-Person
Cedar Park United Church
And
Remotely via Zoom

Guest Speaker: Patterson Webster

Title: A Walk through the Glen Villa Art Garden by Its Founder, Patterson Webster

Patterson Roop Webster is a writer, visual artist, garden designer and speaker who lectures across Canada and the United States. She is the author of *Autobiography of a Garden*, a memoir about the creation and development of Glen Villa Art Garden in the Eastern Townships by Pat and her husband, prominent Canadian journalist Norman Webster. The 750-acre property is located on the traditional land of the Abenaki First Nation. According to Pat, "I believe that representing the history of a site and the people who inhabit it strengthens an emotional response and allows people to look deeper into the beauty that surrounds them. It opens their eyes and makes their hearts sing."



POTLUCK EVENT MONDAY JANUARY 16, 2023



Several of our MLUWC interest groups have been gathering in person with seemingly no adverse effect so far, touch wood! Without a doubt timely booster vaccine against the virus are the best safeguard and wearing masks whenever possible is also a good thing.

As we approach the New Year we are hopefully planning for our traditional in-person **Potluck Events** to resume.

As of this post, three generous persons have offered to be Hostesses for 5-7 PM potluck events on **Monday Jan 16, 2023!**

However, we do need more persons to offer their services as Hostesses so that we can accommodate everyone who wants to participate in person. **Hostesses** require help and they usually designate an **Assistant** who will do the meal planning and phone calls to the guests etc.

The Hostesses are responsible for coffee, tea and beverages depending on what type of event it is .The Assistant might bring a bottle of wine and help out with greeting the guests, serving the food and cleaning up afterward.

Several categories of events are suggested: Brunch, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, 5-7, Dinner, Gala Cocktail Dinatoire i.e.,6-8 (wine & hors-d'oeuvres) or if you have an original idea for an event, let us know. We would suggest the numbers of guests per event be kept to **8 or less** considering we're in the flu & virus season.

Sign-ups for in-person events will begin at the MLUWC Nov 14 monthly meeting. If you are not able to attend in-person that night you can ask someone to sign up for you or send an email to me carolevin2013@gmail.com or suzanne.chausse1@gmail.com

N B. For those members who are not as yet comfortable with in-person events we will offer an **online Zoom event on Jan 16.** At that event you will be assigned a room with 5 persons with whom you will be invited to chat while enjoying a glass of wine or beverage and maybe something to eat.

This can be a time to make new friends in the New Year and get to know other ladies in our club a little more.

Time of the zoom event and registration date are to be determined by Nancy Acemian, Zoom Coordinator.

For further information: Carole Newberry

Suzanne Chausée

Co- Chairs: Potluck Event

MEMBERSHIP

A **final** friendly reminder:

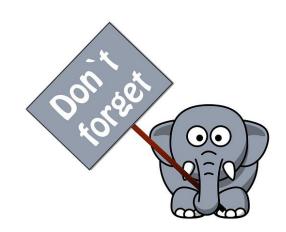
It is your last chance to renew your membership for the 2022-2023 season.

If you have already renewed, thank you!

If you have not yet done so, you can pay your fees in one of two ways:

 by cheque, payable to MLUWC, for \$120, and mailed to:

Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club P.O. Box 383 Pointe-Claire, QC H9R 4P3



Or

Go to our website, <u>www.mluwc.com</u>, click on *Membership*, scroll down to *Returning Members* and click on the yellow <Buy Now> button which will take you to PayPal and follow directions. **Note**, if you don't have a PayPal account, once on the PayPal page simply select *Pay with a credit or Visa Debit card* and follow instructions.

Important → To continue to receive our newsletter and mailings we need to receive your dues by October 31st.

Looking forward to another exciting year,

Nancy Acemian V.P, Membership Chair

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

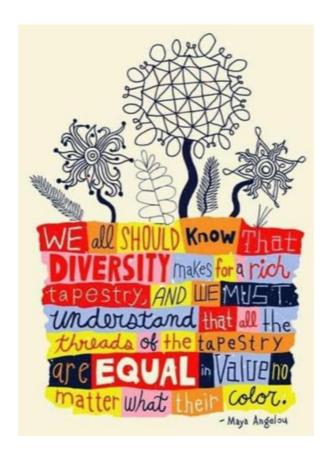
MLUWC will be donating gift cards to C.A.R.E. jeunesse again this year. You can bring your cards or \$\$ donations to the Christmas party on December 5th or drop them off at Nancy Acemian's house any time before then. We will have some Christmas cards at the party (donated by Diane Gibb) for you to send good wishes to the recipients. These were much appreciated last year.

MLUWC is sponsoring a Climate Change school essay contest which has been approved by the Lester Pearson School Board. The contest will run in January and February. Money donated by an Advocacy Committee member will be given to three recipients by Earth Day.

We are planning to hold an event in support of Iranian women during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence between November 25-December 10. Details to come!

The next Advocacy meeting will be held on Zoom on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 pm. All MLUWC members are welcome to attend.

Mary Vlahos & Patricia DuVal



CFUW NEWS

GWI Triennial Meeting

Have you wondered what GWI is all about? Would you like to know what they do? GWI's Triennial Meeting will be held online for the first time. Now is your chance to attend from your own home.



Register **TODAY** to join hundreds of your GWI sisters at the first ever 100% virtual 34th triennial GA and Conference on 11-13 November! **CTRL+Click on the following link to register** click HERE! Registration includes both the GA and Conference participation. For the draft agenda, **CTRL+Click** on the this link click HERE. The event is an exciting opportunity for you to network and collaborate with GWI members and friends from around the world

There will be networking opportunities in the Conversation Café, voting delegates will select an entirely new Board of Officers and Committee members, many Interactive workshops and seminars will be presented at the conference and the event co-host, The Indian Federation of University Women's Associations (IFUWA). is preparing a beautiful interactive cultural experience video.

Mary Vlahos & Patricia DuVal

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

It is with regret that the Fundraising Committee must announce the cancellation of **Games Day scheduled for Friday, November 11, 2022.** Given the continued presence of COVID, the low registration rate reflected the concern that many still feel in participating at such events. For those who purchased a ticket and / or made a donation, you will be contacted shortly to discuss refunds.

For those members who are not able to attend some of our functions, we are also conducting another **Scholarship Fundraising Drive** which began in **September and will continue until April 2023.** Many of our members were very supportive in the past, so if we could count on you once again, it would be most appreciated.

Credit card donations are accepted online through www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/10093 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.

There will be a mini-book sale at the beginning of the November 14 General Meeting. Members may donate or purchase used books. Unsold books must be collected by the donors at the end of the meeting, as we do not have storage capabilities.

A **Fundraising Dinner** is planned for Wednesday, April 19, 2023, to commemorate the Club's 65th anniversary at the Enoteca Monza Restaurant on Blvd. Saint-Jean in D.D.O. Details will follow.

Members of this year's Fundraising Committee are; Anne Brohan, Sally Gurekian, Carole Newberry and Mary Vlahos. Should any MLUWC member wish to join our committee, you would be most welcome. No experience is required!

Victoria Pinnell Fundraising Chair)

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

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Visit <u>mluwc.com</u> and click on: Donate to the Scholarship Fund.	Thank you for your support!						

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Group coordinator: Vida Guido

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Our next adventure will be held on Tuesday, November 22. We meet at 7:00p.m. for chat and business and the presentation begins at 7:30p.m.

This month we will be visiting Southeast Asia which will include Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, and Laos.

In 2019, after graduating from Western University, my granddaughter, Jamie, went on a 2 1/2 month backpacking trip with 4 other girls She will share some of her wonderful pictures and adventures with us. Hope to see you on Zoom.

Joyce Schaaf

BOOK DISCUSSION I

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 9 at 1:0 pm. The book choice is "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See.

This historical novel is set on the Island of Jeju, South Korea, now a World Heritage site. The story follows several generations of extraordinary women deep sea divers, surviving occupations by many nations, as world events unfold as their island is in a strategic location between Japan and the Korean Peninsula. We follow their lives as they try to maintain their traditional diving and traditions practiced for generations. Jeju, is now advertised as a honeymoon destination famous for beaches, and "The Sea Women"

Our discussion leader will be Marg, and Judy will remind everyone closer to the date where we will meet, either in person or by Zoom.



Marg Nicoll- Griffith and Judy Kelley

BOOK DISCUSSION II

Book Club II will be meeting on Thursday, November 17 at 1p.m. Carole Newberry will review "I Must Betray You", by Ruta Sepetys, a Lithuanian American writer. A historical thriller about communist Romania and the citizen spy network that devastated a nation.

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

DINNER CLUB

We had a wonderful response to our interest group at the "Kick-Off with 43 members registering. If you did not have an opportunity to sign up and would like to be a part of the dinner club, please do not hesitate to contact Sally or myself. We tend to average between 12 to 24 diners an evening.

We will not be collecting the normal contribution towards the holiday raffle gift basket this year, but we would appreciate a small contribution towards the Scholarship Fund instead.

Our first and re-scheduled dining experience was last month at Sahib Indian Restaurant, where 14 ladies enjoyed the Family Style Discovery Menu. Thank you, Sally, for setting it up for us ...twice!

This month we will visit **La Serenata Restaurant in D.D.O.** on November 24 at 6:30 p.m. **We will need two volunteer to organize this month's dinner**. This will involve informing the diners of the date, time and location of the restaurant and request confirmation of their presence. They will call and reserve the restaurant, arrange preferred seating, method of payment and review menu. Please e-mail us if you are willing to help.

Group leaders:

Sally Gurekian (shgmontreal@gmail.com), Victoria Pinnell (vpinnell@gmail.com)

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION I

Our group will be meeting at the home of Linda Ricketts on Tuesday, November 1 evening at 7:30p.m. We will be discussing the book selection "<u>Surviving Savannah"</u> by Patti Callahan. We look forward to seeing some of our members who have been travelling recently and hearing about their adventures. We are open to having 1 or 2 new members who may wish to join our group.

Linda Ricketts

EVENING BOOK CLUB II

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We will be meeting in person on November 15 at 7:00p.m. in person The location is not yet determined. We will be reading the book "<u>Cold Cold Bones</u>" by Kathy Reichs.. We welcome new members.

Happy reading!

Luhan Wabbeh and Diane Gibb

FRENCH CONVERSATION

French Conversation meets on Zoom at 9:30a.m. on Friday November 18, 2022.

Janet Anderson

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday November 9 is the date of our next meeting. Nancy Acemian will review "<u>The Paris</u> <u>Apartment"</u> by Lucy Foley. We will meet at 1:00p.m. on Zoom.

Gilda Martinello

NETWORKING GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 23 at Studio 77 at 7p.m. More details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

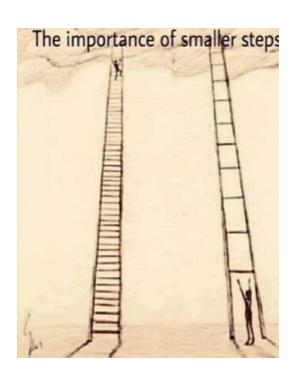
Linda Sestock and Vida Guido

WEST ISLAND WALKS - MONDAY MORNINGS

Although we had a delayed start, the walking group is back! Plans for walks in such places as Angell Woods, Yulle Park etc. are being firmed up. We walk for about one hour **Monday mornings starting at 10 a.m.** A great way to meet new people and have meaningful conversations, all while getting in some exercise!

We have walkers of all ages and abilities. Some walk faster and some walk slower; some come every week, some come once in a blue moon. New members are most welcome. Interested? Please send me a note to get added to the list: jane.cowell.poitras@sympatico.ca

Jane Cowell-Poitras



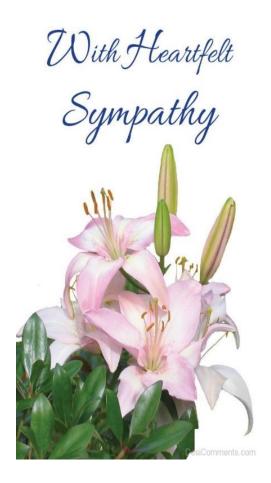
MLUWC MEMBERS' NEWS

Long time MLUWC member, **Kirsten Birch**, has moved to Ottawa to be closer to her family. If you would like to send an email, card or phone Kirsten, please send an email to: mluwc.newsletter3@gmail.com Her coordinates will be sent to you.

Wishing you all the best as you settle in your new home, Kirsten.

DINNER CLUB MEMBERS ENJOYING AN EVENING OUT





We extend our sincere condolences to the family of long time MLUWC member, **Sevinç Agbaba** who passed away on October 1, 2022, at the age of 84 after several years of illness.

Sevinç was very active in MLUWC as Study Groups' Co-ordinateur, Jaunters' Leader, founder of the Breast Cancer Survivors' Group, and a member of the Art and Music Groups.

Sevinç and her husband Onder, both doctors, had met in medical school. In 1973 they immigrated from Turkey to Montreal with their son John. Co-ordinating with Sevinç, Onder shared his violin talent by performing classical pieces for the Music Group. Sevinç is survived by her husband and son.

Sevinç Agbaba (nee Sezer) | Obituary | Montreal Gazette (remembering.ca) (CTRL+click)

We offer sincere condolences to **Penny Rankin** who was scheduled to speak at our October meeting for the loss of her mother

Mary RANKIN | Obituary | Montreal Gazette (remembering.ca) (CTRL+Click)

A TRIP OF A LIFETIME FOR FOUR MLUWC MEMBERS

On September 28, Heather Hamilton, Jane Hamilton, Theresa Sliz and I embarked on a trip of a lifetime – a safari in Kenya and Tanzania. I was asked to write a short summary of our trip but there's just too much to say but here are a few highlights.

We had a full day in Nairobi on Sept 30 and one of the places we visited was the Giraffe Centre, a non-profit organization whose aim is to educate Kenyan youth about their country's wildlife and environment. Visitors have the opportunity to come into close contact with the giraffes and to feed them. They have purple tongues!

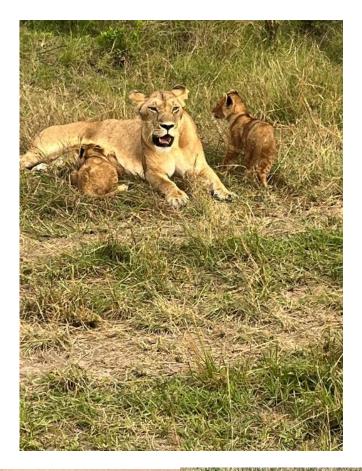
The next day, October 1, we started our safari in Kenya. We went to two camps: Kimana, in western Kenya, and the Masai Mara National Reserve, in the east. The Kimana area unfortunately had not had rain in about two years and so the land was very dry and barren. The wildlife, although beautiful, were thin due to lack of food and water. The Masai Mara National Reserve in the east had had rain and so it was lush, and the animals were in much better shape. After five days in Kenya, we headed to Tanzania where we stayed in the Central Serengeti and then to Karatu. Four days later we ended our trip in Stone Town, Zanzibar, an island off the coast of Tanzania where we were able to rest and relax by the beautiful waters of the Indian Ocean before heading home. (For Queen fans, Freddie Mercury lived there; his museum was around the corner from our hotel.)

We were very fortunate in that we saw the Big Five: lion, cheetah, leopard, rhinoceros, and elephant. Some of these animals, like the cheetah and rhinoceros, are very rare and we were lucky to have seen them. The rhinoceros we saw only in the distance, but we could make him out. We saw the cheetah on the side of the road (see photo) just sitting there enjoying the sunshine. Another fantastic sighting was a lioness with her cubs who were feeding and frolicking around her (see photo).

In addition to these five animals, we saw giraffes, wildebeest (gnu), hyenas, warthogs, mongoose, topi, gazelles, and so much more. We were very lucky to see a caracal (another rare animal) eating its prey in the bush. There were pink flamingos and baboons. We saw one mother with her baby holding on to her underside (see photo).

We organized our safari through Gamewatchers Safaris (based in Kenya with a Canadian representative in Ontario) and we were the only four in the group, no other tourists. Our guides were all very knowledgeable and provided us with so much information on the wildlife we saw — animals and birds. Our friends here in North America were worried for us because of the animals we would see but we were always in vehicles and so no animals could get to us. The vehicles opened up on top so we could stand up and take pictures. Our accommodations were very good as was the food. The people do not eat the wildlife and so chicken, beef, lamb, fish and vegetarian were on the menu at all our lodges.

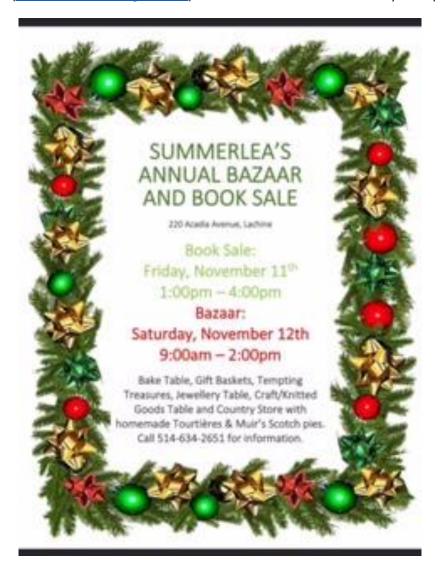
If you are looking for a different place to go on an upcoming trip, I am sure that my fellow travellers will agree with me that going on a safari is well worth. If you do go on a safari, I recommend that you bring a good pair of binoculars and an excellent camera – well worth the investment.





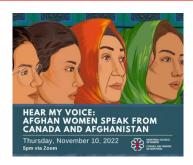


On this page, we announce activities that are going on in the community, e.g., breakfasts, concerts, etc. as well as other topics that may be of interest to our members but are not directly associated with our Club, e.g., commissioner of oaths. If you have any items you would like published on this page,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



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MCW has 2 interesting webinars available to all MLUWC members. To register, simply click on the REGISTER TODAY links below or go to MCW website at montrealcouncilofwomen.ca and click on the EVENTS tab.

Hear My Voice: Afghan Women speak from Canada and Afghanistan Thursday, November 10 @ 5:00 pm REGISTER TODAY (CTRI+Click)

The Afghan Women's Centre (AWC) of Montreal empowers socially isolated immigrant women within Montreal by creating programs according to their needs, facilitating self-development workshops, and promoting team-based projects.

During this presentation, our speakers will explore AWC collaborations in Canada and in Afghanistan; the concerns, challenges and issues that refugees and newcomers face. Learn more about the difficulties that Afghan encounter both in Canada and inside of Afghanistan; the challenges that Afghan immigrants face coming to a new country; and the trauma of leaving their homes, as well often their families, behind. The speakers will also explore the humanitarian and emergency aid AWC initiative for Afghan women in Afghanistan. Frozen Rahmi, in collaboration with AWCM, produced a documentary with narrations from women about the hardships they face. Learn more about their stories and discover the voices of the humanitarian and emergency aid AWC initiative for Afghan women in Afghanistan.

This webinar will also cover current efforts by AWC to cooperate with the Ministry of Immigration, Francisation et Intégration Québec, helping offer refuge to Afghans in Canada. Lastly, there will be a focus on the situation with Afghan girls deprived of the fundamental right to education after the Taliban took over since last year.

SPEAKERS:

Frozan Rahmani, Afghan Journalist and Activist, Victoria Jahesh, AWC Project Manager - Executive Director Makai Harif, AWC President & Director States of the Award President & Director States & Director & Dir



Thursday, December 8 @ 1:00 pm

REGISTER TODAY (Ctrl+click)

Find out how you can effectively voice your opinion about current events, defend your views from detractors, and deal with haters. A how-to seminar for women who have always wanted to write a letter to the editor or op-ed opinion piece, call a radio talk show, or blog, Tweet or post online. Featuring the insights of The Gazette editorial page editor Edie Austin, CJAD 800 content producer Sarah Deshaies, and National Post contributor Barbara Kay.

Heather MacKay MCW Representative



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www.thriftshopsfornova.com



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Sunday morning worship at 10:00 AM 2 streets west of Sources Bivd. south of Belmont, bus number 203

www.stcolumba.ca stcolumbaconcerts@gmail.com

Music Lessons at St. Columba

Music lessons are given at St. Columba by qualified instructors on the following instruments. For more information, please contact the instructor.

Voice

Marc Belleau belleaumaro@outlook.com

Michael McAuley michaelmcauley.music@gmail.com

Sylvia Niedzwiecka 514-509-8115 fasoliaflute@gmail.com

Guitar

Declan Murphy declan gutarist@gmail.com

For musicians interested in performing as part of the St. Columba Concerts. please contact michael@stcolumba.ca

A portion of the concert donations will be given to:

Youth Unlimited LaCorde -Pierrefonds

which offers meals and after-school programmes to elementary school students.

ST. COLUMBA CONCERT SERIES 2022-2023

CONCERT INFORMATION: stcolumbaconcerts@gmail.com

Sat., October 1 7:30 PM

Suggested donation: \$20 Free for children

Happy to Be Back!

Laura Nerenberg, violin Tom Annand, piano

We are excited to launch our concert season with these two gifted musicians in a wonderfully varied program, with music for violin and piano by W.A.Mozart, Clara Schumann, Germaine Tailleferre, Josef Suk and Jessie Montgomery.

Sat., November 5 7:30 PM

Suggested donation: \$20. Free for children

Lost Pilgrims

Scott Cooper, banjo/mandolin/quitar Hugh Donnelly, guitar/mandolin David Linderman, guitar/mandolin/whistles Stephen Kendall, bass/guitar/ukulele

Join the Lost Pilgrims for an entertaining evening featuring an eclectic mix of folk, country, bluegrass, rock and gospel music. www.lostpilgrims.ca

Sat., December 3 7:30 PM

Suggested donation: \$20 Free for children

Christmas with Guffman 5

Julie Lafontaine, Mary Burns, Chris Maragoudakis, Darryl MacDonald, vocals John Sadowy, piano

Swing into the holiday spirit with the great voices of Guffman 5 and the very talented John Sadowy on plano. You will love their renditions of Christmas music and jazz standards. www.guffman5.com

Sat., January 28 7:30 PM

Suggested donation: \$20 Free for children

Intimate Impressions

Adam Cicchillitti, classical quitar Steve Cowan, classical guitar

If you enjoy guitar music then be sure to catch this acclaimed guitar duo at St. Columba. Intimate Impressions pushes the boundaries with a unique portrait of 20th century music written in Paris by Debussy, Ravel, Tailleferre and Mompou, with great contrasting music by celebrated Canadian composers. https://www.facebook.com/CicchillittiCowanGuitar

Sat., February 25 7:30 PM

Suggested donation: \$20 Free for children

Shadow and Light

Kimberley Lynch, soprano Polina Gubnitskala, piano

Featuring two very talented, young musicians, this concert will explore the theme of Shadow and Light with beautiful songs by Boulanger, Strauss, Poulenc and touching plano music by Liszt, Ravel and Chopin. www.kimberleylynch.com www.polinagubnitskaia.com

Sat., March 25 7:30 PM

Suggested donation: \$20 Free for children

Marcel A Trio & Handmade Journey

Lau, vocals/piano Marcel Anicic, guitar/vocals Martin Garbulinski, bass

This unique experience blends selections from the American Songbook with personalized arrangements of rock classics and with a splash of world music from Cuba, Brazil and the Balkans.

LEARNING FOR THE JOY OF IT AT MCLL!



he McGill Community for Lifelong Learning (MCLL) is for seniors who want to learn for the joy of it in a stimulating environment. There are no marks or tests, and the wide variety of topics will appeal to all of those who want to learn about something close to their heart.

Discussion is key for MCLL's study groups where members enjoy fascinating presentations about a vast variety of topics, and lively discussions with other class members. Our social activities also help members make new friends and connect with old acquaintances.

MCLL members are part of McGill University and can attend lectures and events on campus and online. Members can use McGill's library system, with online and in-person access to books, videos, music, magazines and newspapers.

Founded more than 30 years ago, MCLL is a volunteer-run community

of about 800 senior learners with varied cultural and professional backgrounds. With an emphasis on peer learning and active participation, MCLL's small-group approach has made our programs very accessible. MCLL appeals to those who want to share their passions, knowledge, ideas, experiences and interests in a warm community environment where everybody feels welcome. MCLL's activities are mainly in English but French content is included in lectures and study groups, and there are many francophone members.

The level of involvement can range from just listening and commenting, participation in group discussions, to in-depth preparation for presentations. This peer-learning approach emphasizes members learning from each other in classes led by moderators rather than teachers.

When the pandemic began, MCLL moved its study groups and lectures online and provided technical

assistance to help members connect. We also upgraded our classrooms with a new hybrid learning model. This fall, members can participate online, attend in person or through the hybrid systen where moderators and participants are both online and in the classroom.

Our 10-week fall, winter and spring terms offer study groups, lectures, workshops, outings and social activities. Our fall session begins Sept. 12th, with registration starting on Aug. 2nd. There are more than 41 fascinating study groups and 31 lectures on a wide variety of topics. Find more information, including how to register at: https://www.mcgill.ca/mcll/.

Hybrid learning at MCLL is described here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdFXD9X9SBc



Let's Get Excited About Travel Again!

Senior Discovery Tours takes care of all your travel details, so all you have to do is enjoy our beautiful world. As Canada's largest and most trusted operator of escorted tours and cruises for over 45 years, our tours are designed to provide peace of mind for the mature traveller who enjoys a carefree experience.

Our travellers love our tours because we include everything! They also rave about our Tour Managers, who go above and beyond to ensure that their trip runs smoothly and that everyone has a wonderful experience!

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Please contact either Connie Ellis or Mary Vlahos for more information.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Evening Book Club 1 7:30p.m. (TBA)	Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom	3	4	5
6	7 West Island Walks	8 Evening Book Club I 7:30p.m.Zoom	Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom Book Club I 1:00p.m.(TBA) Mystery Book Club 1:00p.m.Zoom	10	11	12
13	West Island Walks General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Inperson and Zoom	15 Evening Book Club II 7:00p.m.Zoom	Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom Evening Book Club II	Book Club II 1:00p.m.Zoom	18 French Conversation 9:30 a.m. Zoom	19
20	West Island Walks Executive Meeting 7:00 p.mZoom	22 Armchair Travel 7:00p.m.Zoom	23 Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom Networking Studio 77 7:00p.m.	24 Dinner Club 6:30p.m.	25	26
27	28 West Island Walks	29	30			

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