



# Magnolia News

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow VWC Members,

I don't know about y'all, but I came through the holiday season really excited to be starting a NEW YEAR and I'm more than a smidge disappointed that life in the United States didn't reset when 2026 started. I might have spent a few too many minutes (hours) doom scrolling and allowing my mounting anger/anxiety to drive poor nutritional choices. Then I went out to buy school supplies for the start of the new semester. I'm deeply fond of school supplies. Deeply. Shopping for them brought me joy. I thought to myself, "this is fun, I should go shopping for school supplies more often!" Then I thought, "that is dumb, I don't even really need the school supplies I already have." Then I thought, "that is not the point! The point is joy!" The point is joy. Even if we can't do a ctrl+alt+delete on the world, we do have the power to make choices for ourselves that make us happy. So let's all do that! Do a few things this month that you actually want to do. You might want to search for a new notebook with smooth, creamy, heavy pages that ink just glides over (no, wait, that's me). You might want to buy phone-friendly gloves, fix a new cocktail, throw away a hateful pair of shoes, purge your condiments but ignore the rest of the fridge, unsubscribe from 5 email lists every day, or call someone you miss talking to. You might want to find something, or make something, or give something. You might want to help someone else do something hard. Honor those wants, give them warmth, let them flourish. Your joy will spread to others and the next thing you know the world will be a little better off than it was before.

I look forward to launching 2026 in the company of all of you amazing women who make up VWC and joining you in things we want to do!

Cheers,

Elisabeth Hollister Sandberg

*There is a really convincing phishing email hitting some VWC members – supposedly from me. It is very personalized and plausible.*

*Be mindful when responding to any email about a financial request.*

*When in doubt, check the email address of the sender.*

*It will show you who really sent it.*

## UPCOMING GENERAL EVENTS

Lecture: Chris Slobogin, Monday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m.  
Creative Writing: March, 2, 16, 30 \* April 13, 27 \* May 11 at noon  
Lecture: Sheila Wysocki, Thursday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m.  
Jewelry Design: Saturday, March 7  
Spring Luncheon: Friday, May 8 at noon



## Board Members

2025-2026

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MEMBERSHIP LINK  
2025-2026

The mission of the **Vanderbilt Woman's Club** is to bring together the women of Vanderbilt University; provide an opportunity for intellectual, cultural and social activities within the community and the University; support and assist the mission of the University; and sponsor the Vanderbilt Woman's Club Stapleton/Weaver Endowed Scholarship through fundraising. The late Margaret Branscomb, wife of Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, was responsible for the major plantings of the magnolia trees on campus. The naming of the newsletter honors her.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/>

[Instagram](#) [Vanderbiltwomansclub](#) or search @vanderbiltwomansclub



## February Watercolor Workshop



We had a great afternoon learning painting tips and creating amazing artwork. THANK YOU to Marie Hindman for making this fundraiser such a success.

Those in attendance were Lyn Haddad, Meriel Mellor, Meryl Taylor, Chris Hackenbrack, Jan Read, Diane Whalley, Elizabeth Holliday, Dana Bearden, Robin Sandidge, Janis Parrott, Bo Mistak, Pam Brown

Those not present but donated to the Scholarship Fund: Suzanne Alexander, Ann Dreyer, Sharon Berenfeld, Faith Galbraith.



## An Elegant Afternoon of Design, Sparkle & Connection

✨ You are warmly invited to an exclusive, intimate jewelry design experience with Nashville jewelry designer, Cindy David of Cindy David Designs. Join us for a beautifully curated afternoon of creativity, where you and your guests will sip, savor, and design bespoke jewelry pieces using a stunning selection of semi-precious stones, luminous pearls, Silver and Gold Plated components along with professional designing boards.

Whether you're creating a signature piece for yourself or a meaningful gift for someone special, this experience is designed to inspire, delight, and indulge your creative spirit.



March 7 | 11am–2pm



Investment: \$75 per person (all materials included)



Complimentary wine & light bites



A portion of each ticket supports the Vanderbilt Stapleton Fundraiser Program



A curated collection of finished Cindy David Designs will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting VWC

An afternoon of beauty, creativity, and purpose — designed for those who appreciate meaningful luxury.

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<http://www.cindydavid.com>

*Cindy David*  
SIGNATURE JEWELRY



## Slate of Officers presented and accepted at the Annual Meeting.

2026/2027  
BOARD

**Jeannette McNeil**  
*President*

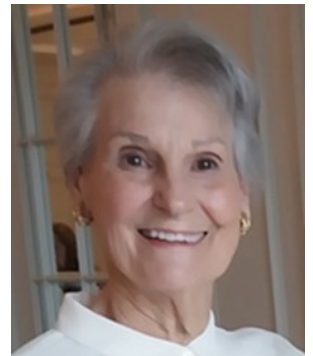
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**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

### **Nominating Committee:**

Liz Doyle (Chair), Tracy Bannantine, Kelly Chambers, Peggy Curci, Lynne Siesser

**IT WAS PROPOSED AND ACCEPTED THAT DUES BE RAISED TO \$50 STARTING JULY 2026.**

### **VWC WINTER LECTURE**

Please join us on **Monday, March 2** from 10:30 until Noon

at the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee,

3421 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville 37215. Free Parking, Enter parking area off Belmont Boulevard.

Our guest speaker, **Professor Chris Slobogin** will address the issues and problems of mass incarceration and for profit prisons.

RSVP by **February 26th** to



Chris Slobogin has authored more than 200 articles, books and chapters on topics relating to criminal law and procedure, mental health law and evidence. Named director of Vanderbilt Law School's Criminal Justice Program in 2009, Professor Slobogin is one of the five most cited criminal law and procedure law professors in the country over the past five years. Particularly influential has been his work on the Fourth Amendment and technology and his writing on mental disability and criminal law, appearing in books published by the Cambridge, Chicago, Harvard, NYU and Oxford University presses. In 2020 he received Vanderbilt's Branscomb Award for creative scholarship and teaching and in 2023 he received Vanderbilt's highest honor, the Sutherland Prize. He has also been a visiting professor at Stanford Law School, where he was the Edwin A. Heafey Visiting Scholar, and at the Hastings, Southern California and Virginia law schools and the University of Frankfurt Law School in Germany, the Montpellier Law School in France, and the University of Kiev, Ukraine, as a Fulbright Scholar. He has appeared on Good Morning America, Nightline, the Today Show, National Public Radio, and many other media outlets, and has been cited in almost 6,000 law review articles and treatises and more than 250 judicial opinions, including five U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

# Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship

Donations may be sent to

Tracy Bannantine, 504 Glen Echo Place, Nashville TN 37215-2960



*Sophia Pieri*  
Class of 2026



*Kennedy Grace Cross*  
Class of 2027



*Greta Hellebuyck*  
Class of 2028



*Camila Cristina Soto*  
Class of 2029

[Click here to make a donation  
by credit card](#)  
**MAKE SURE TO DESIGNATE  
STAPLETON/WEAVER  
SCHOLARSHIP**

*We sincerely thank everyone who has  
made a gift to the Stapleton/Weaver  
Scholarship Endowment.*

*If your name is missing, contact Lynne  
Siesser [lsiemser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiemser7@gmail.com) to be  
added to the list.*

*Sometimes there are delays from  
Vanderbilt in reporting donations.*

## DONORS SINCE THE LAST THE NEWSLETTER

Margaret Boyd

## YEAR TO DATE

Laurel Aiello, Suzanne Alexander, Becky Attack, Evadne Awh, Melinda Balser, Tracy Bannantine, Sherrill Bandlow, Cindy Baxter Smith, Mary Baysinger, Holly Beavers, Sharon Berenfeld, Debbie Biord, Ann Bond, Deborah Bowen, Angela Bowens, Suzie Bradford, Pam Brown, Faye Brown, Chris Browning, Cathy Brunk, Sarah Calvani, Cindy Caudle, Kelly Chambers, Poppy & Peep Chocolate, Kelly Christie, Amy Page Christiansen, Sue Clark, Janet Crowson, Janie Culos, Peggy Curci, Angela Curtiss, Katrina Dickerson, Sallie Diehl, Carrie Eckert, Colleen Edwards, Susie Garner, Dot Galloway, Faith Haber Galbraith, Liza Gaston, Nancy Gentry, Carmen Gherman, Bess Gormley, Todd Graham, Patti Gregg, Cathy Griffith, Cherie Hamilton, Elizabeth Hardiman, Paula Harris, Kelly Hensley, Amy Henry, Alka Jain, Susan Jett, Heidi Kaye, Rhonda Keckley, Ursula King, Helen Kornblum, Ann Krimm, Merri Labovitz, Lindsay Lawrence, Mary Louise Linn, Lisa LeMaster, Susan Magidson, Anne Manner, Sheila McCarty, Michel McDonald, Elaine McKenna, Jeannette McNeil, Judi Medford, Valerie Middleton, Roseann Nunnally, Amy Petersen, Suzanne Petrey, Kitty Porter, Shellie Powell, Anna Quick, Mary Raffety, Ebbie Redwine, Alice Rogan, Roxanne Roske, Kim Ross, Susan Samson, Robin Sandidge, Lora Schiavetti, Christa Schoenbrodt, Donna Schwaber, Elaina Scott, Kendra Scott LLC, Susan Sharp, Mary Frances Short, Vivian Shields, Pam Shulman, Lynne Siesser, Cindy Slobogin, Amy Smith, Elaine Smyth, Sandy Spitz, Trish Spore, Tracy Stadnick, Leslie Stein, Olga Tapia, Zarina Thambi, Carol Thigpin, Fran Vettters, Anna Walker, Susan Warrington, Grace Wernke, Kathy Whalen, Diane Whalley, Faye Wyatt

## NOTE CHANGE OF DATES

## DONATIONS THROUGH THE TRIBUTE CARDS:

Frannie Benner: *in honor of Pat Lovejoy*

Frannie Benner: *in memory of Mary A. Riley, a special woman in my life*

Peggy Curci: *to thank Susan Buck, for her generosity in donating the food as well as preparing the finger sandwiches and appetizers for the Holiday Cookie Exchange and Tea*

Lynne Siesser: *in memory of Paul Carpenter, husband of Chris*

A wonderful way to remember your family and friends over the holidays is to make a donation to the **Stapleton/Weaver Scholarship Fund** in their honor. Tribute cards are available from **Frannie Benner** at our events. [mfbenner@aol.com](mailto:mfbenner@aol.com)

**CIRCLE THE DATE**  
**Thursday, April 16**

### CREATIVE WRITING

#### series of 6 Sessions

Led by VWC Member Francie Markham  
Join the first in our creative writing series featuring  
Short Stories, Poetry, Journalism and more!



**MONDAYS 12-1:30**  **MARCH 2, 16<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**



   
**Green Hills YMCA  
Community Room  
4041 Hillsboro Circle  
Nashville**

**\$75 ~ Checks payable to  
Frannie Benner**

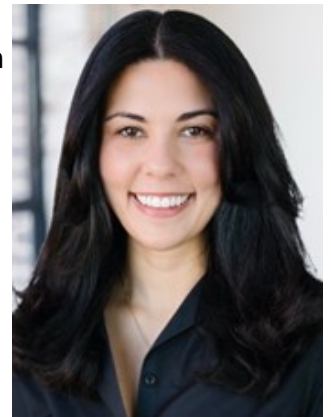
# New Members' Corner

## Welcome

**Linda Lundin** I graduated from Vanderbilt medical school in 1977, and after working over 40 years, I'm ready to begin a new phase of my life, focusing on friends, continued learning, service to others, and fun. Five or six of my neighbors are also involved in the club, making for excellent carpool opportunities. I'm really looking forward to this!



**Victoria Souza-Campbell** My former boss, Lamar Alexander, serves on the Vanderbilt Board of Trust. I have a great amount of respect for the institution and what they are doing. I recently had the opportunity to meet Chancellor Diermeier and think so highly of him! That said, I moved to Nashville about a year ago (originally from Chattanooga and spent 10 years in DC), and I'm looking for a nice women's group to be a part of! It looks like you all do a lot of great things for the community and have fun events!



**Penny Bower, Jane McLaughlin, Fern Richie**

**Welcome back, Chris Hackenbrack**



## FEBRUARY 7 TEA HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH OR APRIL

The Newcomers Committee will be hosting an afternoon tea for new members.

Newcomers, Watch your inbox for the evite!

Any questions, contact  
Robin Sandidge at [resandidge@bellsouth.net](mailto:resandidge@bellsouth.net).

Spread the word.  
Forward the newsletter to a friend and they can join by clicking  
[here](#).



# Community Service

## 1. Pencil, (DG Pencil Box)

Where: 7199 Cockrill Bend Blvd., Nashville, TN. 37209

What: Sorting/organizing school supplies that are then made available to Metro teachers

When: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Next up: Wednesday, **February 4**

R.S.V.P. to Kelly at [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)



## 2. Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee

Where: 331 Great Circle Rd., Nashville, TN. 37228

What: Sorting donated food or packing boxes of weekend meals, etc. We team up with the New Neighbors League Club and the Kiwis (retired flight attendants) which makes a fun group and critical mass of volunteers.

When: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Generally the second Thursday of the month. Next up: Thursdays, **February 12**

R.S.V.P. Second Harvest needs all adults to be registered for this shift before coming in, so please click on this link to go to our VWC [group's landing page](#) to create an account and sign up. Please let me know if you plan to go and if you need any help signing up online.

## 3. The Store

What: The Store operates as a year-round free grocery store allowing people to shop for their basic needs. Volunteers stock shelves, bag groceries, and check out shoppers.

When: Usually, the last Friday of the month, 12:30-5:00 p.m. Next up: Fridays, **February 27**

Where: 2009 12th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37204

R.S.V.P. If you would like to volunteer, click on the following link to The Store's volunteer sign-up site:

<https://volunteer.thestore.org/opportunities/xN23uNbscH> *Sign up early. This is a popular place for volunteers and volunteer spots are limited.* No need to respond to me. Just sign up and show up! The Store personnel will clue everyone in on how things work.

For more information about The Store and its mission, click on this link: <https://www.thestore.org/>

## 4. VWC Stitches with Love

Do you knit, crochet or sew? The Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (VICC) Patient Resource Center would love to have your handcrafted Hats, Scarves, Portacath Pillows and Knitted Knockers ([knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org)) to distribute to patients. Contact Sharon Berenfeld [sharonberenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:sharonberenfeld@gmail.com) for more information.



**5. Quilters** needed to make covers for the Giraffe Pods in the Vanderbilt NICU at Monroe Carroll Children's Hospital in the VUMC. Contact Lynne at [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com) or 615-856-3980.

## 6. VWC Community Outreach Project: The Store

**What:** The Community Outreach Project for this year is supporting **The Store**. Co-founded by Brad Paisley and Kimberley Williams-Paisley, The Store is addressing hunger in Middle Tennessee through an innovative free grocery store.

**When and How:** If you would like to participate by donating, VWC will collect items at all club-wide events this year such as the Holiday Luncheon, Annual Meeting, etc. If your Interest Groups would like to collect items please contact **Peggy Curci** about having the items picked up or dropped off.

### What items are needed?

Tampons and pads - any brand or size.

Dish Soap - prefer Ajax and Dawn, 12.4 fl oz. - 28 fl oz.

Baby Wipes -- individual packages, not refill packages.

Vinegar -- plastic bottles preferred, 32 oz.

Boxed Tea -- 16-20 per box such as black, peppermint, chia, sleepy time.

**Questions?** Contact **Peggy Curci** at [peggy@thecurcis.com](mailto:peggy@thecurcis.com)

Check out The Store at <https://thestore.org/>

Check out page nine for a  
new volunteer opportunity  
on February 5.

**VALENTINES FOR VETS**

**Kelly Chambers 409-771-5731 [kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)**

## Book Group Two changes its name

In honor of one of our founders, Book Group Two has changed its name to **Rita's Group!!!**

In early 2006, Rita Hall wanted to participate in a book group that met in a central location, focused on a common book, read numerous genres of books and was led by a moderator each time. Founders, **Rita, Carmen Gherman** and **Patti Mertz** met to define the parameters of the group and **Book Group Two** was born. The first meeting was March of 2006.

Rita had to leave the group in 2018 due to health issues. She passed away in December 2025. In her honor, the group voted to rename the group...

**Rita's Group**...as she founded the path for the group that still continues the way she envisioned. We are grateful!!!



## Rita's Group chooses their books for 2026

March 2: *84 Charing Cross Road*, *The Duchess of Bloomsbury Street* by Helene Hampff

April 6: *A Guardian and a Thief* by Megha Majumdar

May 4: *Going Infinite* by Michael Lewis

June 1: *Heart the Lover* by Lily King

July 6: *The Cure For Women* by Lydia Reed

August 3: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

September 14: *Patriot* by Alexei Navalny

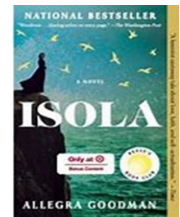
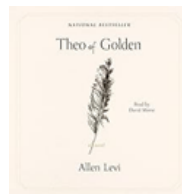
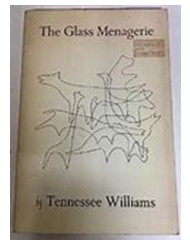
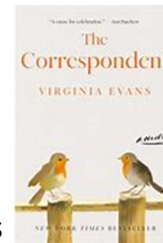
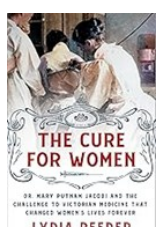
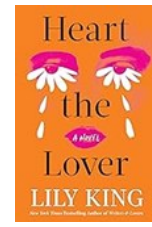
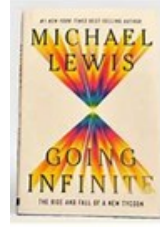
October 5: *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams

November 2: *Theo of Golden* by Alan Levi

December 7: *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas

January 4 or 11: *Voting Luncheon*

February 1: *Isola* by Allegra Goodman



## Book Nook

Our groups are reading these books in February.

Book Group One: *Custodians of Wonder* by Eliot Stein **READER SPOTS AVAILABLE**

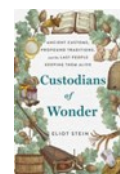
Rita's Group: *Playground* by Richard Powers **WAITING LIST**

Loosely Bound: *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon **WAITING LIST** \*\* (MONDAY, 23rd)

Between the Lines: *All the Beauty in the World* by Patrick Brinkley **WAITING LIST**

**BOOKish** **WAITING LIST**

Contact information and meeting dates and times are on page 12



## Line Dancing

**Note time change.** Due to winter scheduling, line dancing will be held on

**Tuesday, February 10th** from **3 to 4 p.m.**  
at the Brentwood Library located at  
8109 Concord Road, Brentwood  
*Date and time to be confirmed.*

This event is FREE! But registration is required at this link:

**REGISTRATION HAS NOT YET BEEN POSTED. KEEP CHECKING.**

<https://brentwood-tn.libcal.com/event/16029296>

Please also RSVP to **Jo Ann D'Andrea** let her know you're coming!

[dandreafamily22@gmail.com](mailto:dandreafamily22@gmail.com)

All you need to bring is your enthusiasm!



*Jill Perigo, Cynthia Mercante, Roxanne Roske, Michel McDonald,  
Pam Brown*

## Cocktail Club

Share a bottle of wine and your favorite hors d'oeuvres. Bring your spouse/partner, bring a friend or come on your own to meet new friends from other departments.

**Saturday, February 14** at **6 p.m.**

Hosts: Amy & David Smith

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 14: Kiesling  
April 18: Chambers/Sherwood  
May: Harris/Cutler  
June 20: LeMaster/Ruhl  
July: Diehl  
August:  
September: McTamaney  
October: Petrey  
November  
December

**Lynne Siesser**

**615-856-3980**

[lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)



## The Art Group

Join us to create a personalized hand created glass ornament!  
Please let [Tracy.tn.Stadnick@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.tn.Stadnick@gmail.com) know you are registered so she can keep a headcount.

### Glasshaus

483 Craighead Street, Nashville 37204

*Free parking*



**February 6**

**11:00 - 12:00**

**Cost \$75 per person**

Sign up to register and pay with this link:

<https://glasshaus.as.me/schedule/48409902/?appointmentTypelds%5B%5D=87809907>

## Lunch Bunch

**February 26** at **12:30 p.m.**

*Nancy will be sending an email asking for RSVPs about two weeks prior to the lunch. Contact her to be on the email blast.*

**Nancy Gentry**

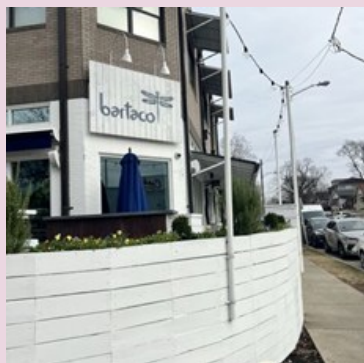
**615-335-2895**

[nancy1gentry@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy1gentry@yahoo.com)



## ¡Hablemos español!

Wednesday, February 11  
at 12:30 p.m. at Bartaco  
2526 12th Avenue S Nashville 37204  
and  
Friday, February 27  
at 1 p.m. at Santo  
3998 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville 37215



RSVP to  
[pamela.larson12@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.larson12@gmail.com)  
615-734-9116  
to ensure we have accurate restaurant reservations,

There will be no Franklin Mah Jongg on  
Thursday, February 12.

**Mah Jongg will resume on  
Thursday, February 26**

Deborah Bowen  
615-668-9329 [racingred@aol.com](mailto:racingred@aol.com)

## Girls Night Out

Check with Laura as to where you  
will meet on  
Thursday, February 19  
at 5:30 p.m.

Laura Klepper  
[laura.klepper@gmail.com](mailto:laura.klepper@gmail.com)



Angela Bowens, Ann Vandergriff, Lorena Wilson,  
Deb Bowen

## NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

This year, VWC will make **Valentines for Vets** and they will be given out to veterans the week of Valentine's Day at outpatient visits and placed on hospital food trays at the local VA facilities. Supplies will be provided for you. Come and help us assemble the cards and write greetings of support and friendship.

**When:** Thursday, February 5, 2026

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Where:** Frannie Benner's home

RSVP to Roxanne Roske [hrrske@yahoo.com](mailto:hrrske@yahoo.com) by February 3



# Garden Lovers

Saturday, February 7 | 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue Library 720 Baugh Road, Nashville 37221

*Just in time for Valentine's Day and roses!*

We are honored to welcome **Ron Daniels** as our guest speaker for the Garden Lovers Group. Ron will present **"Growing and Caring for Roses."**

I have personally heard Ron speak several times with the Rose Society and at **Cheekwood Botanical Gardens**, and his presentations are always informative, practical, and inspiring.

## About Ron Daniels:

ARS Master Consulting Rosarian

Consulting Rosarian for **Belmont University's Adelia Acklen**

**Garden and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens**

Featured regular guest on **Rose Chat Blog Talk Radio**

Featured guest on **three episodes of The Volunteer Gardener on NPT**

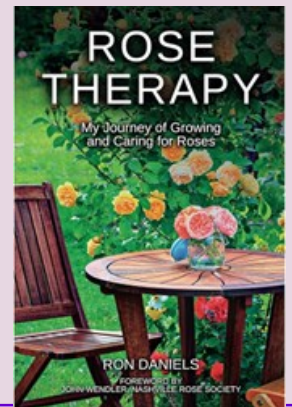
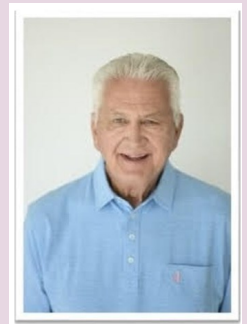
Author of *Rose Therapy: My Journey of Growing and Caring for Roses*

Grows and cares for **over 150 roses** at his home in **Hendersonville, TN**

Whether you are new to roses or a seasoned grower, this is a program you won't want to miss.

**Leslie Ruder 615-545-8980**

POSTPONED



*Mildred Tilley, Miriam Mimms, Jeannette McNeil, Kathi Whalen*



Annual Meeting



*Michel McDonald, Francie Markham*



*Deborah Pipes, Ann Ercelawn*



*Colleen Edwards, Tracy Bannantine*



## Community Explorers

Come to a fun event that is indoors during a winter month.

As a follow up to the 2025 spring tour at the  
**Lane Motor Museum,**  
702 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, 37210  
tour

### "The Vault"

**Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m.**

There will be a docent-led tour at a group  
rate of **\$10/per person.**

(Roxanne will pay for the entire group to receive the  
discounted rate,  
She can be reimbursed that day with cash or Venmo.)

Husbands and friends are also welcome.

*What is The Vault? The museum has over 550 cars and  
motorcycles in their collection, but only has space to  
display 150 cars at any given time. The vault allows you  
to see the cars that are in storage.*

If desired, attendees may also visit the upstairs exhibit  
for a separate admission price.

Note: The Super Bowl is being held on Sunday,  
February 8, so there is no conflict with football!

RSVP by January 26  
Please contact Roxanne Roske,  
[hroske@yahoo.com](mailto:hroske@yahoo.com) to reserve a spot  
**323-371-2478**



*Kelly Chambers, Roxanne Roske, Elaine Smyth, Tracy Stadnick in 2025*

## SAVE THE DATES

**March 22** 5:00 p.m. Soccer game.  
Cost \$50/ ticket

**March 30** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Owl's Hill Nature  
Sanctuary—Guided Wildflower Hike. Cost \$15

## Picnic with the Lovebirds

Join a Naturalist at the top of Fort Negley to watch our winter resident birds at the very beginning of their mating season.

Date: February 14  
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Fort Negley,  
1100 Fort Negley Blvd, Nashville, 37203  
Cost: FREE (Friends and spouses are welcome)

Due to the cold weather, we will go out to lunch  
and not picnic outside.  
ML Rose Pub in Melrose is a 5-minute drive  
from Fort Negley.

Limited Space - RSVP via the registration link below

<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/parks/events/picnic-lovebirds>

Roxanne Roske  
Cell phone: **323-371-2478**





# Communications

Thank you for keeping us all informed.

Please send all photos (with names) or items you want to share to Roxanne Roske or Lynne Siesser.

Elisabeth Sandberg - Website Lynne Siesser - Magnolia News [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com) 615-856-3980

## Interest Groups

Do you have another interest not listed? Contact Roxanne Roske 323-371-2478 [hrroske@yahoo.com](mailto:hrroske@yahoo.com)

### DAYTIME

THE ART GROUP Tracy Stadnick  
615-604-4513 [tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com) **NEW**

BRIDGE TUESDAY: Lindsay Lawrence 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm  
720-785-4075 [lindsaylawrencelong@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaylawrencelong@gmail.com)

OCCASIONAL CANASTA CLUB: Merry Beth Ward  
615-878-3865 [merrybeth@gmail.com](mailto:merrybeth@gmail.com)

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Roxanne Roske 323-371-2478 [hrroske@yahoo.com](mailto:hrroske@yahoo.com)

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Kelly Chambers 1st Wednesday 9:30am,  
2nd Thursday 1pm and last Friday 12:30pm 409-771-5731  
[kellychambers420@yahoo.com](mailto:kellychambers420@yahoo.com)

CRIBBAGE: Grace Wernke Wednesdays 9:30am  
815-222-5986 [gcwernke@msn.com](mailto:gcwernke@msn.com)

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Tracy Stadnick & Sharon Hels  
615-604-4513 [tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.tn.stadnick@gmail.com)  
615-715-3739 [shels53@gmail.com](mailto:shels53@gmail.com)

FRENCH: Maisie Roden 2nd Thursday 1pm  
[maisie.roden@gmail.com](mailto:maisie.roden@gmail.com)

GARDEN LOVERS: Leslie Ruder 10am  
615-545-8980 [leslie.ruder@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.ruder@gmail.com)

!HABLEMOS ESPAÑOL!: Pam Larson 615-734-9116  
[pamela.larson12@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.larson12@gmail.com)

LET'S COOK!: Susie Garner & Colleen Edwards  
615-500-4886 [gsusie481@gmail.com](mailto:gsusie481@gmail.com)  
407-461-9313 [colleende@aol.com](mailto:colleende@aol.com)

LUNCH BUNCH: 4th Thursday 1pm  
Nancy Gentry 615-335-2895  
[nancy1gentry@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy1gentry@yahoo.com)

MAH JONGG: Cindy Slobogin Every Wednesday 1pm  
615-292-2214 [slobogin@hotmail.com](mailto:slobogin@hotmail.com)

TUESDAY MAH JONGG: Lynne Siesser Tuesdays 10am  
615-856-3980 [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

MONDAY MAH JONGG Amy Petersen  
Mondays 9:30am 757-469-7985 [amyapetersen@gmail.com](mailto:amyapetersen@gmail.com)

THURSDAY MAH JONGG **NEW**  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY  
Deborah Bowen 615-668-9329  
[racingred@aol.com](mailto:racingred@aol.com) 2nd /4th Thursdays 10am

MOVIE GROUP - DAY:  
Amelia McTamney  
908-334-1395 [miamct@aol.com](mailto:miamct@aol.com)

QUILTING: Lynne Siesser  
615-856-3980 [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

RITA'S GROUP (BOOK) : Nancy Fruetel 1st Monday 1pm  
615-297-5075 [nnfruetel@msn.com](mailto:nnfruetel@msn.com) **WAITING LIST**

TAI CHI: Roxanne Roske Wednesdays 11am  
323-371-2478 [hrroske@yahoo.com](mailto:hrroske@yahoo.com)

VWC STITCHES WITH LOVE:  
Sharon Berenfeld 704-936-7479  
[SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:SharonBerenfeld@gmail.com)

### EVENING/WEEKEND

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Lynne Siesser 615-856-3980  
[lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com) Two Fridays per semester 7pm

BETWEEN THE LINES (BOOK GROUP) 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:15pm  
Tresa Vander Hoek 760-277-1747 [Tvanderhoekx3@gmail.com](mailto:Tvanderhoekx3@gmail.com)

BOOK GROUP ONE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:30pm  
Sheila Jensen & Maddy Berezov  
615-351-4375 [SheilaMcCloskeyJensen@gmail.com](mailto:SheilaMcCloskeyJensen@gmail.com)  
615-481-6292 [madbee177@gmail.com](mailto:madbee177@gmail.com)

BOOKish: Pam Brown 4th Tuesday at 6pm  
615-504-3542 [Pamela.a.brown@gmail.com](mailto:Pamela.a.brown@gmail.com) **WAITING LIST**

CONTRA DANCING: (Pop-Up Group) - Questions? Susan Perdue  
[2superdue@gmail.com](mailto:2superdue@gmail.com) 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays at 7:30pm

COCKTAIL CLUB: Lynne Siesser Saturdays 6pm  
615-856-3980 [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: (Pop-Up Group) - Questions? Susan Perdue  
[2superdue@gmail.com](mailto:2superdue@gmail.com) Mondays at 6pm; 2nd Sunday at 4 p.m.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: Laura Klepper 3rd Thursday at 6pm  
615-403-0127 [Laura.Klepper@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.Klepper@gmail.com)

LINE DANCING Jo Ann D'Andrea  
2nd Tuesday at 3pm **Note time change**  
[dandreafamily22@gmail.com](mailto:dandreafamily22@gmail.com)

LOOSELY BOUND (BOOK GROUP): Elisabeth Sandberg  
Usually 4th Tuesday 7pm text: 617-957-2169 **WAITING LIST**

MAH JONGG - EVENING: Leslie Stein Mondays 6:30pm  
615-497-2386 [les.stein1@gmail.com](mailto:les.stein1@gmail.com)

SUNDAY MAH JONGG: Sue Madigson 615-939-0293  
[suecange@gmail.com](mailto:suecange@gmail.com)

MOVIE GROUP - EVENING: Cindy Slobogin  
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month they happen and will include a  
"Save the Date" for future events.



To avoid conflicts: Interest Group Chairs, please check the  
Google Calendar: [vanderbilt.womansclub@gmail.com](mailto:vanderbilt.womansclub@gmail.com)

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lectures, theater, festivals, music events, dancing, whatever – they are all  
game for PUG click on <https://groupme.com/en-US/>



### Stay Connected

Join our VWC Facebook group. Keep up with happenings in the club  
throughout the year. It's a closed group so only VWC members may post  
information or see posts. You do need a Facebook account to join.  
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/VanderbiltWomansClub/?ref=bookmarks>



Look for us as vanderbiltwomansclub or search for vanderbiltwomansclub

# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Mah Jongg 9:30am Rita's Group 1pm Watercolor Workshop 1pm English Dancing 6pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm	3 Mah Jongg 10am	4 NO PENCIL 9:30am Cribbage 9:30am Tai Chi 11am Mah Jongg 1pm	5 Valentines for Vets 9am	6 Contra Dance 7:30pm Art Group 11am	7
8 English Country Dance 4pm	9 Mah Jongg 9:30am English Dancing 6pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm	10 Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm Line Dancing 3pm <i>Time change</i>	11 Cribbage 9:30am Tai Chi 11am ¡Hablemos español! 12:30pm Mah Jongg 1pm	12 2nd Harvest 1pm French 1pm	13	14 Explorers Noon Cocktails 6pm
15 Book Group One 2:30pm	16 Mah Jongg 9:30am English Dancing 6pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm	17 Mah Jongg 10am	18 Cribbage 9:30am Tai Chi 11am Mah Jongg 1pm	19 Girls Night Out 5:30pm	20 Contra Dance 7:30pm	21
22	23 Mah Jongg 9:30am English Dancing 6pm Mah Jongg 6:30pm Loosely Bound 7pm <i>Note date change</i>	24 Mah Jongg 10am Bridge 1pm BOOKish 6pm	25 Cribbage 9:30am Tai Chi 11am Mah Jongg 1pm Between the Lines 6:15pm	26 Mah Jongg 10am Lunch Bunch 12:30pm <i>Deadline to RSVP for Winter Lecture</i> ★	27 The Store 12:30pm ¡Hablemos español! 1pm	28

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Lecture: Chris Slobogin, March 2 at 10:30am  
Creative Writing: March, 2, 16, 30 \* April 13, 27 \*  
Jewelry Design Work Shop March 7

May 11 at Noon  
Armchair Travel: March 20 at 7pm  
Lecture: Sheila Wysocki, March 26 at 10:30am  
Spring Luncheon: Friday, May 8 at noon  
April 16 - Circle the date

"Save the Date" for future events not listed in  
this issue may be published here.

