

Women Transcending Boundaries

Monthly Newsletter

Bringing women of faith together after 9/11



NOVEMBER 2018

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WWW.WTB.ORG

NOVEMBER MEETING

November 18, 2018

3:00-5:00 at Jowonio

3049 E. Genesee St.

Syracuse, NY 13224

**GO UP HILL AROUND TO THE BACK, THEN
DOWN THE STAIRS.**



Please bring canned food and non perishable food items to donate to the InterFaith Food Pantry.

WTB's theme of "Understanding The Other" continues this month on November 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Jowonio School. Our topic is "Gratitude." What are you grateful for? Have you ever gone through a very difficult situation and afterwards found yourself stronger, wiser, and actually grateful for the experience? What insights have you gained?

Please come listen and share life stories in a unique and diverse circle of women you might never meet otherwise.

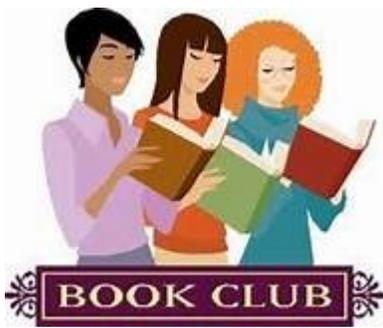
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING:

1:00 MONDAY, November 12 at Betsy Wiggins' home

COUNCIL and ADVISORY MEETING:

7:00 MONDAY, November 12 at Betsy Wiggins' home



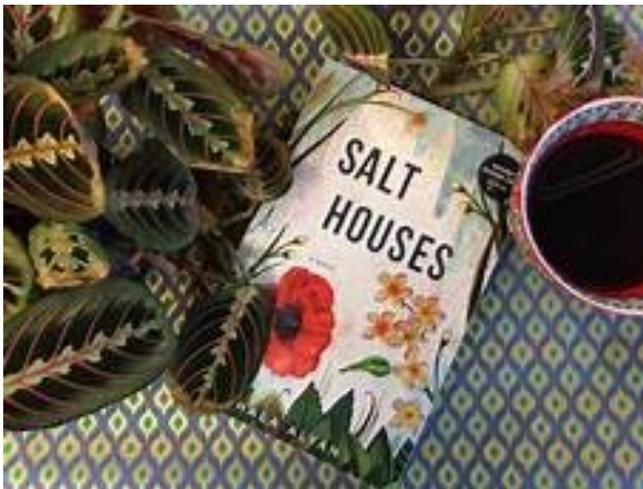


BOOK CLUB

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00-9:00 pm

Cindy Wojtecki's home



Salt Houses

-by Hala Alyan

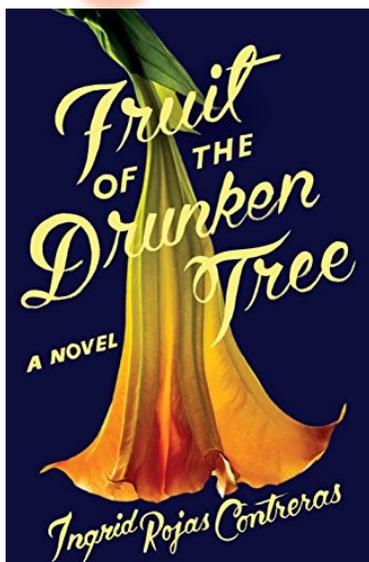
This novel follows a Palestinian family through several generations as they escape war again and again, constantly reliving their past as they try to settle in new homes. On the eve of her daughter Alia's wedding, Salma reads the girl's future in a cup of coffee dregs. She sees an unsettled life for Alia and her children; she also sees travel, and luck. While she chooses to keep her predictions to herself that day, they will all soon come to pass when the family is uprooted in the wake of the Six-Day War of 1967.

BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 28th, 2019

7:00-9:00 pm

(location to be announced)



Fruit of the Drunken Tree

—Ingrid Rojas Contreras

The perils of day-to-day existence in late-20th-century Colombia—a time of drug lords, guerrillas, kidnappings, and car bombs—are glimpsed through the eyes of a child and her family's teenage maid, whose relationship exposes two facets of the class divide. Chula Santiago and her family's maid, Petrona, slowly build a friendship fraught with both types of surprises. Told with suspense and mystical lyricism in the vein of Gabriel García Márquez and Isabel Allende.

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Thursday, November 15th
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Off Exit 16 Nedrow
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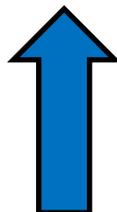
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We're Open
MOTHER'S DAY!

Friday ☀️☀️
**CARVED PRIME RIB
BUFFET**
☀️☀️ 5pm

Saturday & Sunday ☀️
BREAKFAST BUFFET
☀️☀️ 8am-1pm ☀️☀️



Directions

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd, the Thanksgiving Circle will meet at 10:00 am at Willow Bay on Onondaga Lake. This has been a tradition for a long time. Native Americans join with others, including often people from other countries, to stand in a large circle along the shores of the Haudenosaunee's sacred lake. I and several other WTB members regularly attend this event each year. A friend of mine, Madis Senner, wrote this recently and he explains it very well. I hope many more of our WTB members will join the circle this year. Sue Savion



A THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Story by Madis Senner

Terra & Joy

Holidays speak to tradition. Each year we go through a ritual of sorts where we perform the same acts and in doing so reinforce the spirit of the holiday. For thanksgiving it may be seeing old friends that have returned home to their families, or watching the Macy's Day Parade, or football. And then of course there is the Thanksgiving feast.

Even our food speaks to Thanksgivings past. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberries ... when else do you eat cranberries? It is so Thanksgiving.

One Thanksgiving tradition I have embraced in recent years is to join in the Thanksgiving Circle of Peace on the shores of Onondaga Lake in Syracuse (Liverpool) in the morning. It is a community gathering where Native and non-Native people give thanks. All are welcome.

The **Thanksgiving Circle of Peace** is put on each year by the Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON), a committee of the Syracuse Peace Council. It looks to educate about the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) confederacy and all Native American people. NOON advocates for Onondagans and the *Haudenosaunee* and their causes — such as environmental healing and a just resolution to their land rights action among other things.

It can be cold and windy along the lakeshore; even snowy as it was in 2016. The Willow Bay section of Onondaga Lake Park where the Thanksgiving Circle of Peace is held is at western end of the Lake, so the wind can be quite brisk. You may also be standing for an hour. But you will thrill at the sight of geese flying over the lake.

I always layer up and dress warmly.

But it is the location and the people that will warm your heart. Onondaga Lake is where the great *Haudenosaunee* prophet the Peacemaker planted the Tree of Peace and gave his people the Great Law of Peace. America's Constitution and Bill of Rights are modeled after the Great Law of Peace, as Congress recognized in 1988 with its "Concurrent Resolution to Acknowledge the contribution of the Iroquois Confederacy of Nations to the development of the United States Constitution"— which makes Onondaga Lake a one-of-a-kind stage to celebrate this truly unique American holiday.

As for the people, NOON is a dedicated bunch that has been fiercely advocating for the Haudenosaunee for years. Who among us would not feel blessed to celebrate this American Holiday gifted to us by Native Americans with those that passionately advocate for them.

People start gathering before the circle begins forming at 10 AM; some with kids and dogs in tow. Someone from NOON will start the ceremony by giving their name and saying what they have been grateful for this past year. Then one by one people around the circle will give their name and their thanks. People are always late, so the circle is constantly opening up, expanding and embracing new members.

When everyone has given their thanks the circle dissolves. Many will stay afterwards for coffee, breakfast snacks and to chat. Everyone will go on with their day better for the sharing of thanks in the Spirit of Thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

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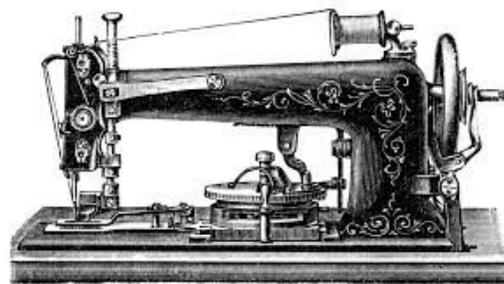
Come join NOON at 10 AM, Thanksgiving Day for our Circle of Peace at Willow Bay on Onondaga Lake.

Madis is on the left. That's Gay on the right.



The second session of sewing class is underway, with students from Bhutan, Burma and Syria. We have sufficient fabric and notions at this time, and enough machines for the January giveaway. There is still a need for portable sewing machines for the March and May giveaways.

Jennifer Crittenden



DECEMBER MEETING: SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 3-5 PM
SHARING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS
AT 305 CARLTON Dr., SYRACUSE



Victorian Christmas decorating party at Gage November 16

The Gage House will be hosting a Victorian-themed Candle Lit Christmas Tour at the Gage Center on November 23rd, coinciding with the annual Fayetteville Christmas Tree Lighting.

To prepare for it we invite you to join in the following ways:

- Join the Center decorating party on Friday November 16th starting at 5:30
- Bake period food for the event (event is the day after Thanksgiving)
- Lend us Victorian Christmas decorations
- Meet and Greet at the November 23 event

Bring your kids/grandkids to our decorating party! There will be tasks and games for children.

Please let us know if you 'd like to be part.

You can email: matildajgagefoundattion@gmail.com, or give us a call at (315) 637-9511.



We hope you'll join in on the fun this holiday season!



WORLD HARMONY DAY

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3143 MIDLAND AVE., SYRACUSE

