

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter

Bringing Women of Faith Together after 9/11



**APRIL 2021**

all information also available on our website [www.wtb.org](http://www.wtb.org)



It feels as if the world is opening up to good things again. The Vernal Equinox has passed greeted by celebrations of Ostara, Nowruz, Naw-Ruz. Spring brings Passover and Easter. Ramadan begins April 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Everywhere there is hope and new life beginning.

As more of us have an opportunity to be vaccinated and Covid restrictions are revised, WTB is looking forward to being able to meet again in person. If things continue on course, we hope to have an open air meeting later in the Spring.

For now, WTB has planned a Zoom meeting on the topic of refugee experiences in our community on April 18<sup>th</sup>, a Zoom Book Club meeting April 12<sup>th</sup>, and an Interfaith Award for graduating seniors—please read on and join us as you are able !! We are grateful for all your support over this long year!

*Barb Bova, President*

## WTB HOSTS *Spirit of America: Liberty, Diversity, Dignity* virtual Meeting

What is it like to come to America as a refugee?

InterFaith Works of CNY and WTB invite you to learn more about a refugee's experience resettling in our area. A New American will personally share the true story of her journey with us; there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Don't miss this opportunity to share her journey of struggle and challenge but also hope, support, hospitality, and acceptance. Please join us!!

DATE and TIME: **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm.** Email [barbbarbbova@gmail.com](mailto:barbbarbbova@gmail.com) for a Zoom link.

## WTB Book Club

WTB Book Club continues to meet virtually. Our April novel tells the story of Tamil refugees who flee civil war in Sri Lanka to seek asylum in Canada...a timely topic in view of the current global refugee crisis.

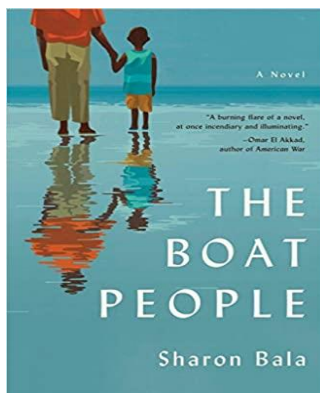
**Join us** in April to discuss *The Boat People* by Sharon Bala

Date: Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7 pm

Where: via Zoom

To be added to the Zoom meeting, email Anne Flaherty, [annebflaherty@gmail.com](mailto:annebflaherty@gmail.com)



Based on a real incident, "**The Boat People** is a gripping and morally complex novel about a group of refugees who survive a perilous ocean voyage to reach Canada – only to face the threat of deportation and accusations of terrorism in their new land."

[www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/549833](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/549833)

Next Month: Our May selection is *The Yellow House* by Sharon Broom; meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Do you know a young woman who will graduate from a high school in the Syracuse City School District Class of 2021? Has she been involved in interfaith and intercultural activities during her high school years? If so, please encourage her to apply! Applications are available on our website: [www.wtb.org](http://www.wtb.org)



Women Transcending  
Boundaries  
“Interfaith  
Achievement Award”  
Grant Opportunity!!

*Women Transcending Boundaries* is accepting applications for the 2021 WTB Interfaith Achievement Award.

What: one-time, \$1,000 monetary award

Who: female graduating senior in the Syracuse City School District

Criteria:

- She shall have demonstrated, through service, her understanding of and commitment to interfaith and intercultural diversity in her school, her faith tradition and/or her community
- She plans to continue her post–high-school education in a certificate program, a trade school, or a 2-year or 4-year college or university
- Eligibility for this award is not limited by academic (GPA) or financial considerations

Further Information:

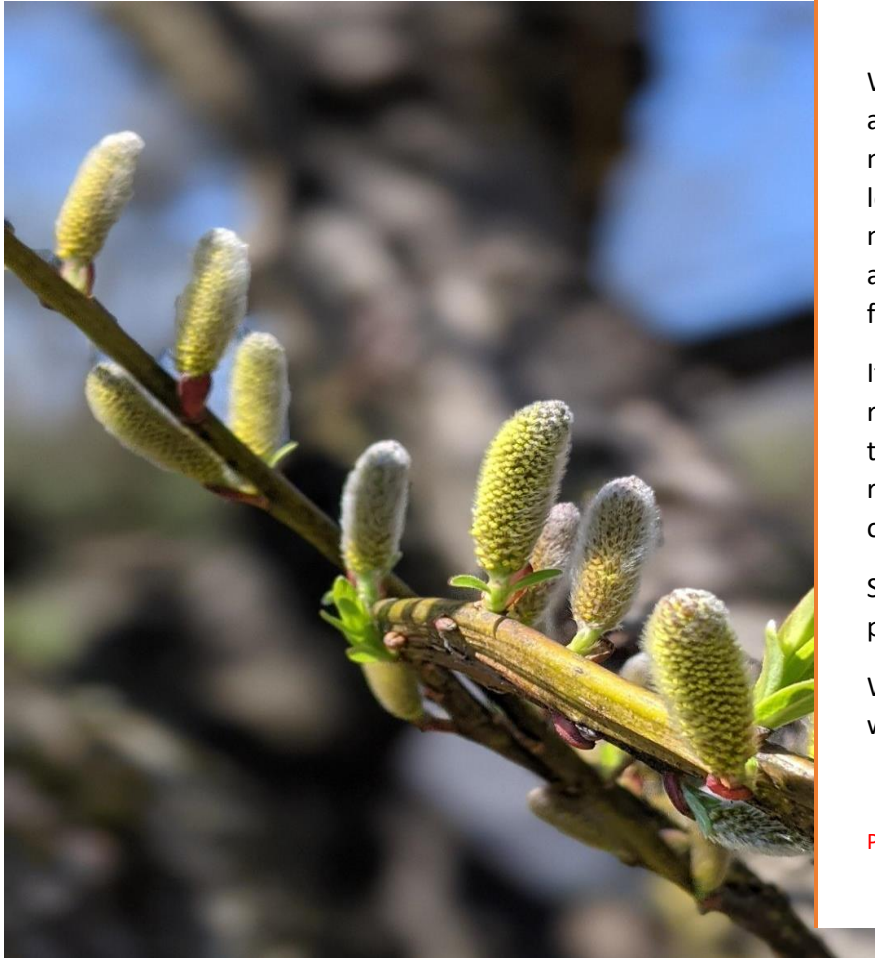
- **Application deadline extended to May 1, 2021;** two awards are being offered this year
- Contact Nottingham High School, Henninger High School, and Corcoran High School guidance offices
- Application form can be downloaded from WTB’s website: [www.wtb.org](http://www.wtb.org)
- Contact Barbara Bova [barbbarbbova@gmail.com](mailto:barbbarbbova@gmail.com) or 315 415-2797 (cell)

*Please help us get the word out* by sharing this information with those who may know of young women who might want to apply

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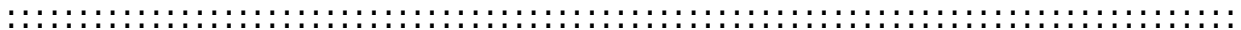
WTB is planning a meeting in an open air space for late May or early June -- masked and social distanced. How lovely it would be to gather once more to share our stories and learn about each other's traditions face to face!

If you have suggestions or comments regarding an outdoor program later this spring – venue, topics of interest, refreshment protocols please reach out to [barbbarbbova@gmail.com](mailto:barbbarbbova@gmail.com).

Stay tuned for more information as planning continues.

We do want to be together but only if we can do it safely.

Photo of pussy willow by Joy Pople



### Ramadan Dishes Featured in CNY Rise Ladies Turkish Cooking Class

Ramadan begins April 12<sup>th</sup> this year. In anticipation of this holy month CNYRise Ladies are devoting their April 10<sup>th</sup> monthly cooking class to special foods that bring the joy of this special time. They will be making Ramadan Bread (only available in bakeries during Ramadan), Gullac (a traditional Asian rice paper dessert), and Leek with Olive Oil (vegetarian, a light dish to break the fast). See following flyer.



# COOKING CLASS



**Ramadan Pidesi**  
**Ramadan Bread**



**Leeks with Olive Oil**



**Gullac**  
**Ghullach Dessert**

Please join us April 10th at 11 am to our online  
cooking class via zoom  
PLEASE RSVP by April 6th at  
[cnyriseladies@gmail.com](mailto:cnyriseladies@gmail.com) to get your recipe and  
invitation link.



**Please consider becoming an official member of WTB for 2021.**

You need only fill out a 2021 Membership Form to officially join. A form is available on our website [www.wtb.org](http://www.wtb.org) or you can use the online link <https://forms.gle/oShFU2D5VnzNQPHv6> .

Dues are appreciated but not required. Annual dues of \$25 can be mailed to WTB, PO Box 8647, Syracuse, NY 13217. Our post office box is reliable again; we appreciate your patience as we worked to get the issue resolved.



Hepatica, harbinger of spring. Photo by Joy Pople

*True beauty is a ray that springs from the sacred depths of the soul.*  
Rumi