

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



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

**October 2021**



## MONTHLY MEETING

Date: **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **3-5 PM**

Place: **Jowonio School, [3049 East Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13224](#)** (parking and entrance in the rear of the building) or via Zoom

Topic: **"Afghan Voices in Syracuse" Panel Discussion**

Refreshments: Individually wrapped snacks and bottled water.

Covid precautions: Please come in person if you are fully vaccinated. We will social distance and wear masks during the meeting unless eating or presenting.

If you are not comfortable attending in person or are not fully vaccinated, please join us via Zoom. WTB will email a Zoom link to those on our List Serv prior to Oct 17<sup>th</sup>,

We are looking forward to learning about Afghan families currently residing in Syracuse, the special situation of those relocating to our community in the next months, and how we can welcome and assist these new members of our community.



### ***President's Corner***

WTB's focus this year is "Rebuilding Community." As October arrives, I am grateful for two opportunities to renew connections and build new relationships person to person.

I am so excited that WTB will hold our first indoor, in-person program meeting since Covid on Sunday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>! The topic – a panel of Afghan voices in Syracuse. We will hear the stories of two women, one Afghan refugee and one Jewish woman who was married to an Afghan refugee...two unique and inspiring stories. Daryl Files of InterFaith Works will update us about the unique situation of Afghan families currently relocating in Syracuse after fleeing their country in the wake of the US withdrawal—and what we can do to welcome them and help meet their needs.

While we are looking forward to being together face to face, our priority is keeping everyone safe. Please join us in person if you are fully vaccinated; we will mask and social distance. If you are not fully vaccinated or prefer not to gather in person, we hope that you will attend via Zoom. Meeting details are included in this newsletter, and I will email a Zoom link via our ListServ closer to Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be added to WTB's ListServ please email [cslipson@syr.edu](mailto:cslipson@syr.edu).

I was honored to have a very small part in Pantry Partners' Community Garden Project at Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ on Cortland Ave. Pantry Partners is part of the IFW Community Campaign for Love; in addition to addressing food insecurity, CC4L seeks to build relationships among the wider Syracuse community. Members of Apostolic Church, neighborhood volunteers, students from Syracuse University, and members of the InterFaith Works Round Table made this garden happen-- from building the raised beds and planting seedlings to harvesting tomatoes, peppers, sweet potatoes, beans and collard greens. We celebrated with a neighborhood harvest lunch on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. How wonderful to create a community and make good things happen.

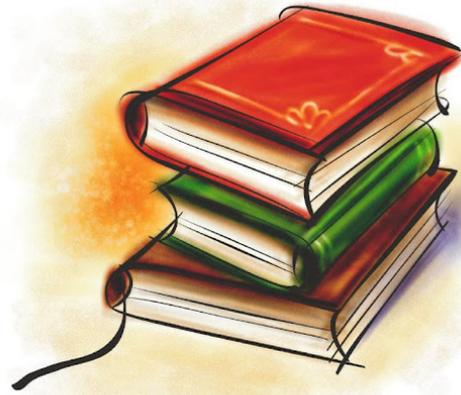
***Hope to see you in person or on Zoom on October 17<sup>th</sup>!***

Barb Bova,

## **BOOK CLUB**

**North of Dawn**

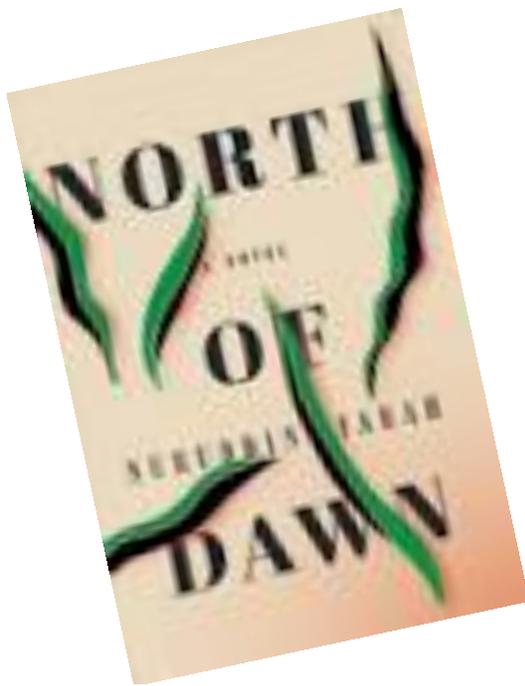
*by Nuruddin Farah*  
**Monday, October 11**  
**7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom**



### **NORTH OF DAWN by Nuruddin Farah**

“A couple's tranquil life abroad is irrevocably transformed by the arrival of their son's widow and children, in the latest from Somalia's most celebrated novelist.

Set against the backdrop of real events, *North of Dawn* is a provocative, devastating story of love, loyalty, and national identity that asks whether it is ever possible to escape a legacy of violence—and if so, at what cost.” Goodreads



Our book club continues to meet via Zoom generally on the second Monday of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We select books that shed insight into social issues and the impact of faith in our world today. Until further notice, our meetings are led in Zoom. If you would like to join the book club either in person or on Zoom, please call or text Jennifer at 315-345-9217

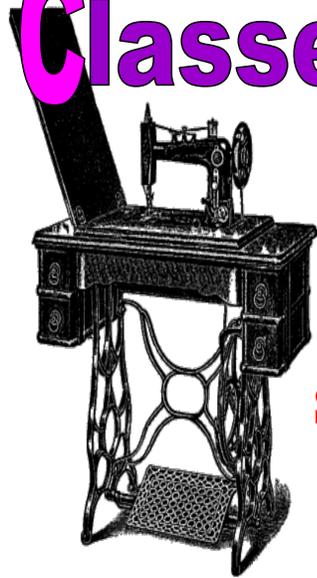
- November 8 - The Cellist of **Sarajevo** by Steven Galloway

## Sewing with New Americans:

After much advertisement and reaching out, few students have signed up. So far, only 3 or 4. Jennifer will wait for more before she begins the lessons.

Presented by:  
**Women Transcending Boundaries**

# Refugee Sewing Classes



**FREE!**

**Starting Soon**  
Every Thursday  
12:15 - 2:45

FOR MORE INFO: Call Jennifer  
**315-345-9217**



**8 CLASSES**  
**2:30 HOURS EACH**

**NorthSide Learning Center**  
(downstairs)  
501 Park Street, Syracuse, NY 13208

You must be vaccinated for covid and bring your vaccination record to the first class. All of the teachers are vaccinated.

To register: text your name and the word "sewing" to 315-345-9217  
The first 8 students will be in this class and will be notified to come.



*Song for Autumn* by Mary Oliver

Don't you imagine the leaves dream now  
how comfortable it will be to touch  
the earth instead of the  
nothingness of the air and the endless  
freshets of wind? And don't you think  
the trees, especially those with  
mossy hollows, are beginning to look for

the birds that will come — six, a dozen — to sleep  
inside their bodies? And don't you hear  
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,  
the everlasting being crowned with the first  
tuffets of snow? The pond  
stiffens and the white field over which  
the fox runs so quickly brings out  
its long blue shadows. The wind wags  
its many tails. And in the evening  
the piled firewood shifts a little,  
longing to be on its way.



Photos by Joy Pople

# OCTOBER SCHMAI



## OUR STORY

### Fresh & Simple

Thai Village of Liverpool was founded by a team of like-minded foodies; a group of friends who have always liked to eat, drink, and create amazing food together. Our hobby quickly led us to opening this Thai+Restaurant, a place where people can meet to enjoy our special dishes and comfortable atmosphere.

Freshness and creativity are our favorite ingredients. Our menu is varied and the service is unmatched. If you're looking for a superb culinary experience, call us today to make a reservation!

**THAI VILLAGE  
OF LIVERPOOL**  
105 1st Street  
Liverpool 13088  
315 453 5500

**Tuesday, October 12**  
6:00 - 8:00

<https://www.thaivillageofliverpool.com>



### *WHAT IS SCHMAI?*

Schmai is an informal get together to try new foods and expand friendships. Try a Schmai. No need to RSVP—just stop by the restaurant and look for the WTB sign on a table. Hope to see you there!



A good time was had by all at the WTB September Schmai. Although rain kept us from enjoying a view of Green Lakes from the restaurant patio, we had a lovely time and great food in the rustic indoor space at Yards Grille in Fayetteville!



Twelve members and friends of WTB had a lovely time at the Interfaith Leadership Award Dinner at OCC's SRC Area on Thursday, September 9, 2021. InterFaith Works of CNY presented leadership awards to local community and religious leaders.



**SYRACUSE**  
**FEDERATION of**  
**WOMEN'S**  
**CLUBS**

The Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs is having its October Meeting at Barbagallo's Restaurant on E. Malloy Rd. on October 14th from 6 to 8 pm. The guest speaker is Jenny Gratiem the Executive Director of Chadwick Residence. Chadwick Residence provides for homeless women and children. Jenny has expressed an immediate need for face masks and hand sanitizers. She is an engaging speaker and their mission is vital to our community.

The menu selections are:

Baked Haddock, potatoes and green beans

Chicken Francaise, potatoes and green beans

Beef Tips over Noodles and green beans.

Dessert is Apple Pie a la mode.

Bread and salad are included.

Call in your reservations to Barb Bova at 315-415-2797 or email her at

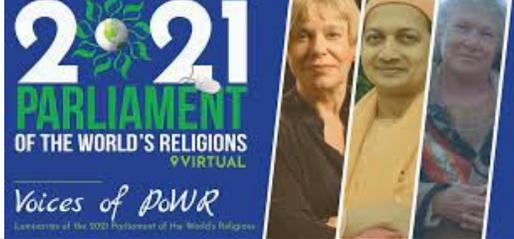
[barbbarbbova@gmail.com](mailto:barbbarbbova@gmail.com) with your dinner selection by Thursday, October 7th. The cost is \$24.

The Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs (SFWC) Membership Tea, Sunday October 10th.

You are invited!

On Sunday, October 10th, The SFWC will have it's Annual Membership Tea at the home of Candace Edwards from 1to 3pm. There will be a light lunch, desserts, and beverages served. The fascinating history of SFWC and GFWC will be shared along with the joys and benefits of membership. WTB is a member club of SFWC, but you may also be individual members.

If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Candace Edwards at 315-243-1750. 7233 Van Buren Rd Baldwinsville, NY.



A global event occurred in September 1893 in Chicago. By the way, in that same year the World's Fair, called the Columbian Exposition, was held in Chicago to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World. It took us another hundred years before we were to acknowledge that it was the Native Americans who discovered explorers on their land.

The global event referred to is the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions. It happened just a decade after Chicago's Great Fire and right after New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote. To give further perspective to the 1890s decade, it was dominated by war; Sino-Japanese, Italian-Ethiopian, Greco-Turkish, Philippine-American and the Boer War. Countries were marking their territories and colonies. Scientific discoveries boomed: radioactivity, X-rays and helium were discovered and Swedish scientist, Svante Arrhenius and US geologist, Thomas Chamberlin suggested that CO2 emissions might cause global warming.

[The World's Parliament of Religions](#) occurred in what was seen at the time as naïve idealism, with its organizers professing a hopeful universalism that would draw the adherents of many faiths into a single ethical vision. In a paper written to promote the upcoming Parliament, they said it would aim "to unite all Religion against Irreligion; to make the Golden Rule the basis of this union; and to present to the world the substantial unity of many religions in the good deeds of the religious life." (Charles Bonney, "Words of Welcome")

There have been seven Parliaments of World Religions, as it is referred to now, since that first one in Chicago in 1893. This October 16-18, the world can gather virtually. The idealism and optimism continue but hopefully we have learned enough in 128 years to change the past's naivety into today's necessary march to reality. [Register for the Parliament](#). The Charter for Compassion is sponsoring a track of workshops, our founder, Karen Armstrong, will be a keynote. Drop into the Exhibit Hall and pick up some PDFs to read later, join us in our Charter Lounge.

With warm regards,

Marilyn Turkovich



### ***WTB Mission Statement***

*We are an egalitarian community of women coming together to respect and learn more about each other's various spiritual beliefs, cultures, and common concerns. It is our intent to share our experiences with the wider community, to educate and to serve.*

Please consider becoming actively involved in WTB this year. Our program year runs from September to May. We welcome your ideas and skills. Here are three opportunities to help shape the direction of our organization.

#### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Program committee plans the monthly programs. We typically have programs once a month, September through May. Committee members meet monthly to plan out the meetings. We are looking for new ideas, and your voice would be welcomed!!

#### **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE MEMBER**

This committee meets as needed to publicize WTB events. WTB would love to expand and improve our social media outreach. The pandemic has shown us we will need to improve our Zoom skills and become more facile with options such as Google Pages. We hope to improve our publicity this year and would be grateful for your help and any knowledge you can share.

We really need help with FB, Instagram and technology in general.

#### **SERVICE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

When we could not meet in person due to Covid, WTB did more service projects than usual, collecting items for Rise Above Poverty, Eastern Farm Workers Association, Interfaith Works of Central New York, We Rise Above the Streets, and St. Lucy's Food Pantry. If you would like to help plan our service projects for the coming year, this committee is for you!

Please contact Barbara Bova (email [babova@aol.com](mailto:babova@aol.com); text or call 315-415-2797) if you'd like more information or to let us know that you are interested in joining a committee!!

## **Become a member of Women Transcending Boundaries!**

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 easy online link  
<https://forms.gle/oShFU2D5VnzNQPHv6>