

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



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**December 2021**



Woman Transcending Boundaries Presents

## December Holidays

Learn more about Yule, Hannukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa

Share your own family or cultural traditions of the winter season!

What: [WTB December Holidays Program](#)

Date: December 12, 2021

Time: 3-5 pm

Where: [Jowonio School](#), 3049 East Genesee Street

[Or join us via Zoom](#)

Panelists will explain their traditions of Yule, Hannukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. There will be time for questions, for sharing our own traditions, and for enjoying refreshments of the season.

We want to be sure everyone stays safe. Please attend if you are fully vaccinated; we will check proof of vaccination on entry. If you are not vaccinated or prefer not to attend in person, please join the event via Zoom. WTB will send out the Zoom link over our Listserv before the event. Or you can email Barb Bova ([babova@aol.com](mailto:babova@aol.com)) for the link. We will all stay masked unless speaking or eating. The venue is spacious.

You can park in the rear of Jowonio's building and come in through the door off that rear parking lot.

We hope you can be with us in person or via Zoom on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Come, relax, learn more about the holidays celebrated at this special time of year.**

**TWO TRADITIONS.  
ONE WISH.**



**PEACE  
ON  
EARTH**

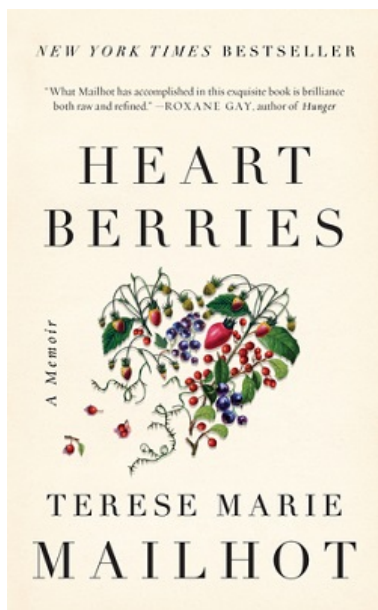
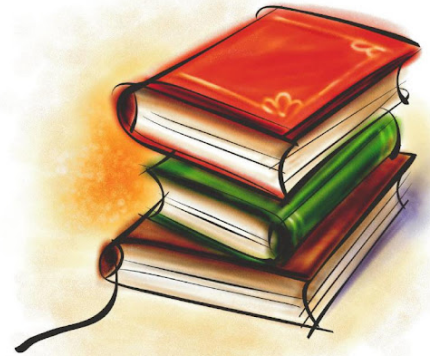
## BOOK CLUB

### Heart Berries: a Memoir

Monday, December 13

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Via Zoom



### Heart Berries: a Memoir by Terese Marie Mailhot

Heart Berries: A Memoir is the debut book from First Nation Canadian writer Terese Marie Mailhot. It follows Mailhot through her troubled childhood, early and tumultuous motherhood, and into her adult struggles with mental health and personal identity.

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

January 10 - The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen - eight short stories  
(If you go to our site: [wtb.org](http://wtb.org), you will find a list of books for many more months.)



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Members of WTB,

December is a magical month—for us in the Northern hemisphere December brings the shortest days—yet in many ways it has the warmest glow.

I'm looking forward to learning more about the special holidays...both religious and cultural—that light up this month. Some rituals of the season are ancient and religious; others more recent and cultural. I'm excited to learn more about Hanukkah, Christmas, Yule and Kwanzaa – and our own special family traditions connecting us through the generations. I do hope you can be part of this event in person or via Zoom.

This year *especially* I am looking for the light...a candle glow of hope to brighten the new year...a sparkle on the ice coating a frozen branch.

We at WTB wish you all a lovely December in all the ways you celebrate. May the New Year bring opportunities for us to grow closer together in heart.

Barb Bova



## January Schmai

[Hope Cafe and Tea House](#)

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm

Notice the new time.



**Hope Cafe and Tea House** (920 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool, NY 13088) is a CNY staple that is rapidly expanding! Hope Cafe has been voted the best new restaurant, best cafe, best vegetarian/vegan food, best dessert, and much more! When you eat and drink at Hope Cafe, your meals are Three for the Price of One, because your meals help to provide meals for 10,000 people in need each month! We are a community lounge and means of financial support for a local non-profit, [The People Project](#).

Our charity has been working to help men, women, and children across the globe for over a decade. We began "Hope Cafe and Tea House" in order to help fund our current and future endeavors. When you drink our exclusive drinks, and eat our delicious food, you are doing it with a purpose. Each bite you take helps to provide a meal for someone in need. Each drink you consume helps to provide assistance to someone else. Every donation goes to help those in need.

Hope Cafe is a fusion of Peruvian, Italian, and American food and drinks, along with some other international favorites that you cannot find anywhere else! Come for the menu, stay for the ambiance, be a part of the movement!





***I Heard a Bird Sing***

by  
Oliver Herford

I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December  
A magical thing  
And sweet to remember.  
“We are nearer to Spring  
Then we were in September,”  
I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December.

From *Welcome Christmas! A Garland of Poems*  
(Viking Press, 1955)

This poem is now in the public domain



Refugee sewing has restarted with four students. Two others have expressed interest but failed to show up, so we have room for two to four students in this class. We will keep working with these students until we have a waiting list for a new class, therefore they will have more than our usual eight classes which they are happy with. It's still fun and the teachers enjoy working with the students.

As refugee arrivals ramp up and Afghans now being held in military camps are relocated, we hope to get more students. The caseworkers know that we will give sewing machines and fabric to arrivals who already have sewing skills.

I still accept fabric and machine donations.

Jennifer

WTB is collecting the following items:



- ❖ Boxes of Jello for Salvation Army Holiday food baskets
- ❖ Socks, hats, winter gloves for We Rise Above the Streets
- ❖ Non-perishable food items for local food banks
- ❖ 2022 wall calendars to donate to VA Hospital
- ❖ Empty pill bottles, cleaned and labels removed for donation overseas

Donations can be brought to the WTB meeting at Jowonio School on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> or contact Barb Bova ([babova@aol.com](mailto:babova@aol.com)) to arrange for pickup.

Thank you for any help you can give!



WTB is helping the Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs collect Jello for the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau distribution again this year. The goal is to provide 8000 boxes of Jello so each family can receive two boxes in their holiday baskets. Jello is a versatile dessert and can be enjoyed as long as families have access to water.

This year the baskets will be distributed on Wednesday, Dec. 15th--which means the Jello needs to be delivered to the Salvation Army by Monday, Dec 13th

If you would like to contribute, here are some ways:

- send a check made out to "Candace B. Edwards" with Jello in the memo line. Candace is Co-President of SFWC and known as "the Jello Lady." She will cash your check, buy boxes of Jello at Aldis and deliver to the Christmas Bureau
- purchase boxes of jello -- these can be brought to the WTB December 12th *December Holidays* program. We will deliver them to Salvation Army on Monday.
- Call Barb Bova (315) 415-2797 to arrange for pickup.



Here is the link to access the SFWC newsletter.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lfOznjECflezXMGvEM41Q8lPfQlJKE4xtypdXan4gMM/edit?usp=sharing>

The Menu for the SFWC Holiday Luncheon meeting December 16 is as follows:

Chicken Francaise with baked potato and vegetable  
Filet of Stuffed Sole with potato and vegetable  
Lasagna

Bread and salad  
Cherry pie with ice cream for dessert

Please call Barbara Bova with your reservation and dinner selection. Her number is: 315-415-2797

All reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 10.





**It's time to renew your WTB membership!!**

WTB Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31 each year. It is time to renew for 2022!

We hope you will become an official member of WTB for 2022. If you fill out the short online form, that is all that is necessary.

Here is a link to the online membership form:

<https://forms.gle/Yig1KGo4tbSqvByn6>