

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



All information also available on our website wtb.org

April 2022

May Meeting

May 22nd 3-5 pm

Manlius Recreation Building: 6 Stickley Dr Manlius, NY

Covered pavilion with indoor space if needed.

Plenty of free parking

Light refreshments served

Presenting “American Dreams” by Linda Britt

(a collection of monologues about immigrant experience)

So much to celebrate this month.....

April 2022 Holidays and Celebrations

01	Friday	First Day of Ramadan
01	Friday	April Fool's Day
02	Saturday	International Children's Book Day
02	Saturday	Autism Awareness Day
05	Tuesday	National Librarian Day
07	Thursday	World Health Day
10	Sunday	Palm Sunday
14	Thursday	Holy Thursday
15	Friday	Good Friday
15	Friday	First Day of Passover
17	Sunday	Easter Sunday
22	Friday	Orthodox Good Friday
22	Friday	Earth Day
23	Saturday	Last Day of Passover
24	Sunday	Orthodox Easter
27	Wednesday	Yom HaShoah
29	Friday	Arbor Day
30	Saturday	Last Day of Ramadan



Are You Missing Some Things?

- *Monthly Meeting
- *President's Corner
- *Schmai

These will all return in the month of May!!

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spring



Photos by Joy Pople

BOOK CLUB

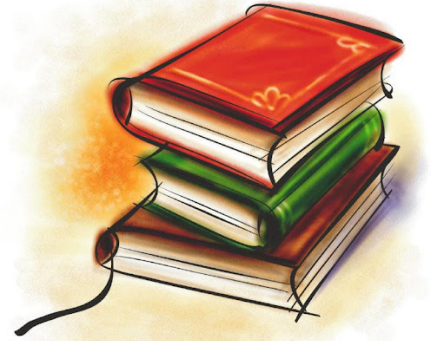
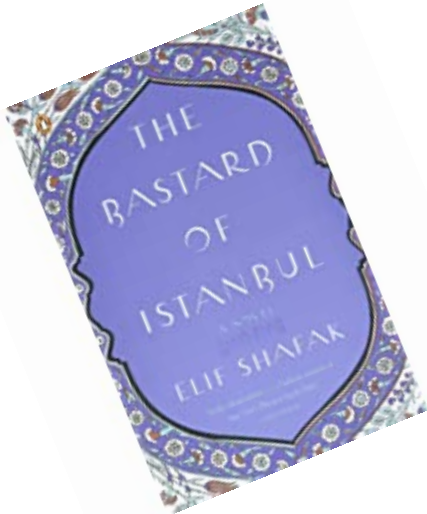
The Bastard of Istanbul

By Elif Shafak

Monday, May 9

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Via Zoom



THE BASTARD OF ISTANBUL

an Armenian American living in San Francisco, Armanoush feels like part of her identity is missing and that she must make a journey back to the past, to Turkey, in order to start living her life. Asya is a nineteen-year-old woman living in an extended all-female household in Istanbul who loves Jonny Cash and the French existentialists. *The Bastard of Istanbul* tells the story of their two families--and a secret connection linking them to a violent event in the history of their homeland. Filled with humor and understanding, this exuberant, dramatic novel is about memory and forgetting, about the need to examine the past and the desire to erase it, and about Turkey itself. (Amazon)

The WTB book club is an egalitarian community of women from many faith and cultural traditions. We seek to nurture mutual respect and understanding by reading about diverse beliefs, customs, and practices. We choose books - fiction, non-fiction, and memoir - that reflect diversity of faith and culture, either internationally or within our own country. Whenever possible, we prefer to choose books written by women or featuring female characters. If you would like to join the book club either in person or on Zoom, please call or text Jennifer at 315-345-9217

June 13 - *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner



You should be a little weary right now.

If you are, be grateful.

That is a good thing.

That weariness is confirmation that your heart is working properly.

It is your humanity responding to so much inhumanity around you.

It is evidence of your goodness still fighting to feel useful.

....take care of yourself.

Withdraw into the places of stillness and silence that give you rest,

Nurture your mind and your body with good things:

with music and art and food that give you joy.

Shield yourself with prayer or meditation or exercise.

Surround yourself with people who too care deeply,

so that you are reminded you are not alone.

Hydrate and sleep and be selfish about maintaining something of a

balance between the burdens of the World and your

ability to carry them.

REFUGEE SEWING:



During February, the refugee sewing program gave a sewing machine, supplies, and fabric to a new arrival from Afghanistan. She was very interested in taking classes when we resume.

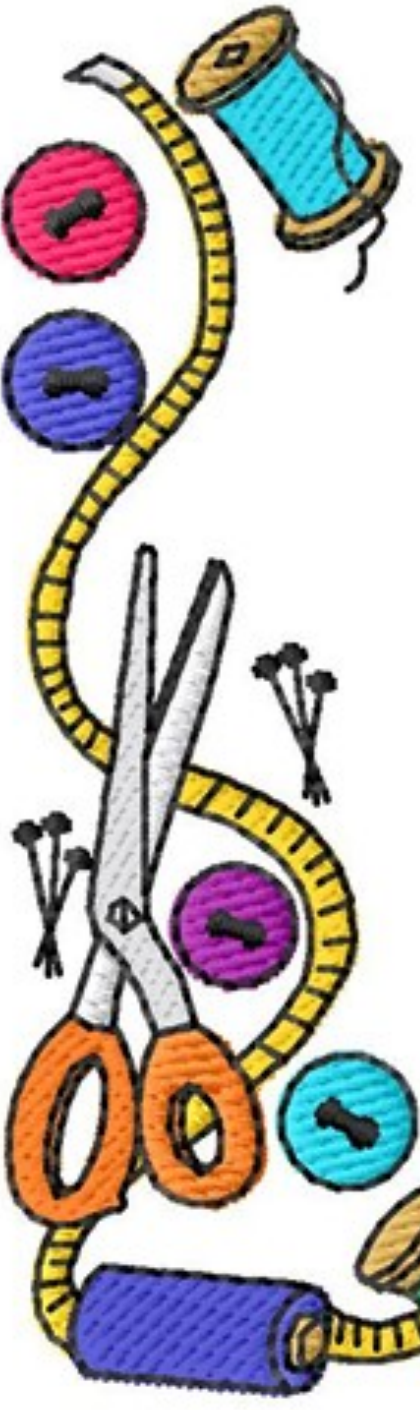
In March two more refugee families received sewing machines with supplies, fabric, buttons and zippers. One husband is a tailor and will look for a sewing job once he has a car. The other woman is an avid knitter and was happy to sort through my collection of yarn, enough to keep her busy for quite a while.

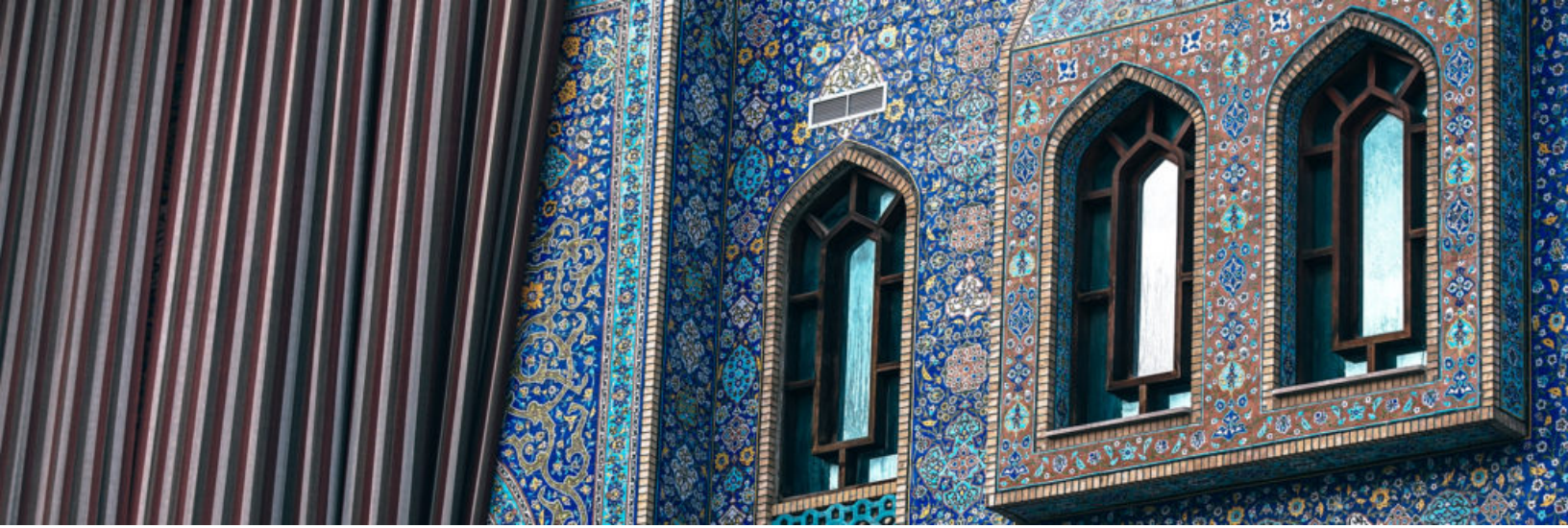
A generous donor gave the sewing program a gift certificate to Calico Gals, a local quilting fabric and supplies store. In the near future better seamstresses will be taken to the store to select items for themselves.

The program teachers are hoping to resume teaching classes in September.

Donations of sewing machines and supplies are still being accepted.

Please contact Jennifer at 315-345-9217 or robertscrittenden@verizon.net for further information.





Ramadan, the 9th lunar month, begins after sighting the crescent, and not the birth of the new moon. Muslims get up very early to take their sahoor, a pre-dawn meal before starting their fast.

Muslim fasting is a total abstention from eating, drinking, and sexual relations starting from dawn to dusk and repeated for 29 or 30 days of the month of Ramadan. Avoiding anger and immoral behavior as well as showing compassion are all part of the requirements of the fasting faithful.

The purpose of the fasting is to develop God-consciousness, self-control, and health improvement by reducing or eliminating impurities from the body, and to become aware of the trouble of the poor, sick, and hungry.

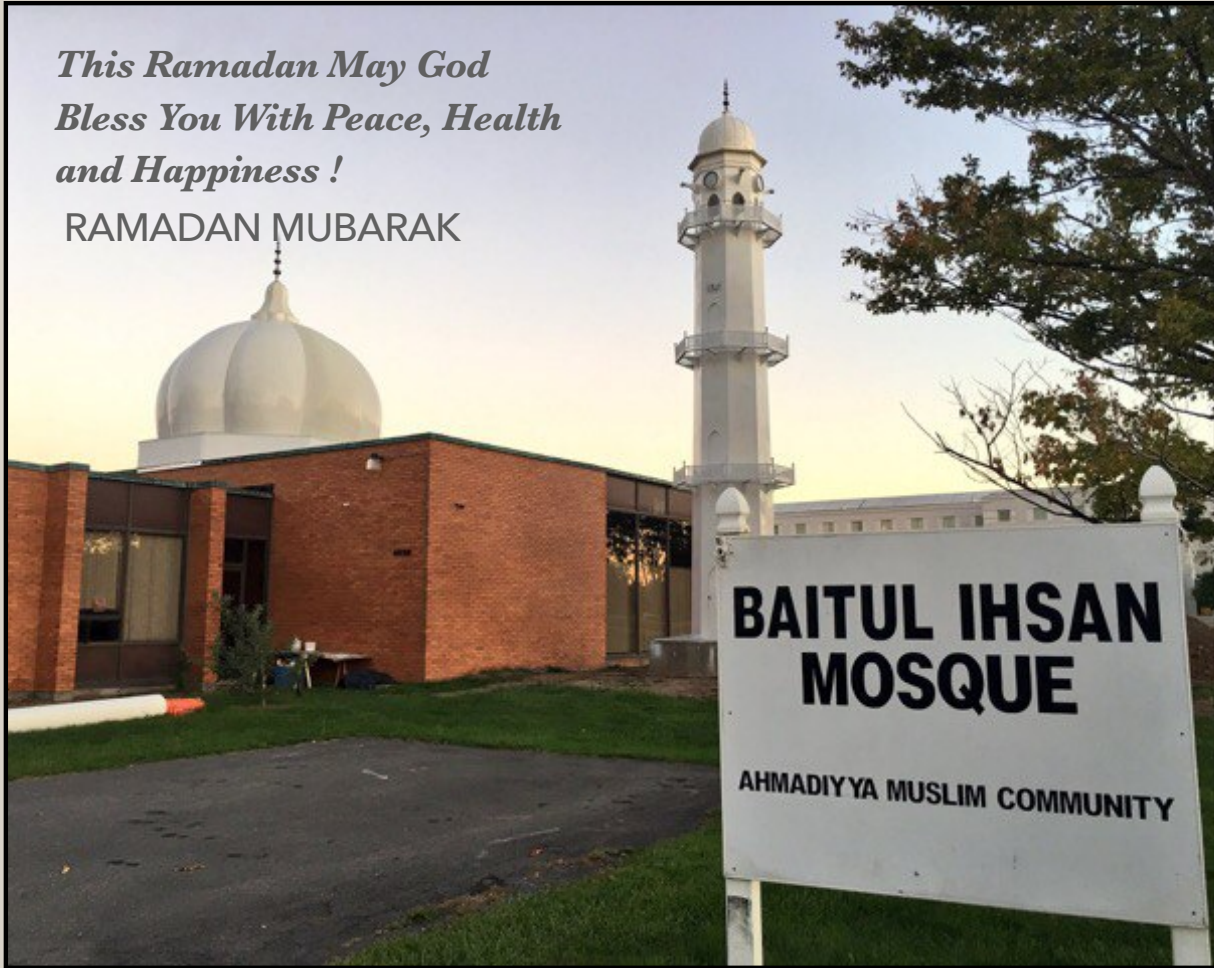
After Ramadan:

After the month of fasting is complete, Muslims all over the world celebrate their holiday of Eid-ul-Fitr. It is a true thanksgiving to a believer after having the opportunity to obey the God by completing the month of fast. It is celebrated on the 1st day of 10th lunar month, Shawwal. The holiday begins with Muslims putting on their best clothes and going to one of the Eid congregations which are very large gatherings of Muslim men, women and children across the world.



*This Ramadan May God
Bless You With Peace, Health
and Happiness !*

RAMADAN MUBARAK



*The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Syracuse NY Chapter
Cordially invites you to our annual*

RAMADAN DINNER

“ACHIEVING WORLD PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE AND COMPASSION”

Dinner is complimentary. Kids are welcomed

Address:

6650 Old Collamer Rd, East
Syracuse,
NY13057

Date & Time

April 23, 2022
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Please RSVP:

Email: tabligh.src@ahmadiyya.us
Phone: 315-520-3938



**May the warm winds of heaven
Blow softly upon your house
May the Great Spirit
Bless all who enter there.
May your moccasins
Make happy tracks
In many snows.
And may the Rainbow
Always touch your shoulder.
May the sun
Bring you new energy by day
May the moon
Softly restore you by night
May the rain
Wash away your worries
May the breeze
Blow new strength into your being
May you walk gently through the world
And know its beauty
All the days of your life.**

Cherokee Prayer Blessing



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

***Women Transcending Boundaries* is accepting applications for the 2022 WTB Interfaith Achievement Award.**

2022 WTB Interfaith Achievement Award

Explanation:

Women Transcending Boundaries is an egalitarian community of women from many faith and cultural traditions whose mission is to nurture mutual respect by sharing information about our diverse beliefs, customs, and practices as we work together to address our common concerns. We strive to make a positive difference in our community by building personal connections across boundaries of faith and culture.

With this in mind, we are pleased to offer our first Interfaith Achievement Award to a young woman who has demonstrated her commitment to building bridges of understanding across diversity.

Who Is Eligible?

- An applicant for this award shall be a female graduating Syracuse City School District senior
- She shall have demonstrated, through service, her understanding of and commitment to interfaith and intercultural diversity
- 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

Timeline:

- Application Deadline: Monday, May 2nd, 2022
- A decision will be made prior to June 1, 2022

Include:

- Completed 2022 WTB Interfaith Achievement Award Application, including essay
- Two letters of recommendation (can accompany the application or be mailed or emailed separately)

How to Submit:

- Mail to Women Transcending Boundaries, Interfaith Achievement Award Committee, PO Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217 or email to barbbarbbova@gmail.com.



Are you interested in leadership opportunities in Women Transcending Boundaries?

WTB is looking for women interested in becoming members of our Council for next year. WTB Council is a group of 13 to 16 women of diverse faiths and cultures who plan programs and make policy decisions for our non-profit organization. Fresh ideas, skills, and voices will help WTB build bridges of understanding and friendship across the boundaries that separate women today.

Please think about becoming a member of our WTB Council. Drop a quick email to Sue Savion at suesavion6@gmail.com for more information. We hope you will consider this opportunity for service and fellowship!

HAVE YOU BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF WTB for 2022??

[Click Here](#) to use our online form and become a member today! Dues are appreciated but not mandatory.

Alternatively, you can fill in a 2022 Membership Form and mail to WTB, PO Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217.

Our membership year runs from Jan 1st to Dec 31st. Thank you for supporting WTB's mission with your membership!



Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.

A Metro Syracuse Women's Group Founded After 9/11/01

P.O. Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217

www.wtb.org

2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member ____

Renewing Member ____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phones: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Religion (optional): _____ Native Country: _____

How did you first learn about WTB? _____

Do you have special interests that bring you to WTB? _____

Would you like to receive more information about specific needs and volunteer opportunities ...
within WTB? in the greater Central New York community?

Dues (\$25 per year) \$ _____

***Note:** Dues are appreciated but not mandatory for membership. However, you must fill out and submit this form in order to be a WTB member.*

Donation: \$ _____

Your additional donation will help fund WTB projects, activities and scholarships. Thank you!

Total paid on ____/____/____ by cash ____ or check ____ \$ _____

Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.
is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.
All dues and donations are tax deductible.

Please submit this completed form at any WTB meeting or by mail to the address at the top of this form.

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.