

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



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

**March 2023**

## Women's History Month



We hope you will join us at our WTB meeting on **March 19th** at the **Equal Rights Heritage Center** in Auburn. President Carter initiated Women's History Week in 1980 and Congress expanded it to a month in 1987. To honor the illustrious women both past and present who have blazed a trail of change, a visit to this center is a perfect fit! The curators have graciously agreed to open it for WTB on a Sunday from 2:00-4:00 when they are usually closed. In addition they are offering a tour at no cost.

We will meet at 2:00 at  
[NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center](#)  
25 South Street  
Auburn, NY

The Tour will start around 2:00 and we will have plenty of time to meander on our own to explore the interactive displays. The center is accessible; parking is easy and we will be back in Syracuse before 5:00, in time for supper!

Kindly respond by March 17th if you are **planning to come (men are welcomed)** so we can give the center **an approximate number of attendees**. Let us know if your need a ride or if you'd like to offer a ride.

Email ( put Heritage Center in subject line), call or text:

Gay Montague  
[Graceofsummer@yahoo.com](mailto:Graceofsummer@yahoo.com)  
315.415.0734

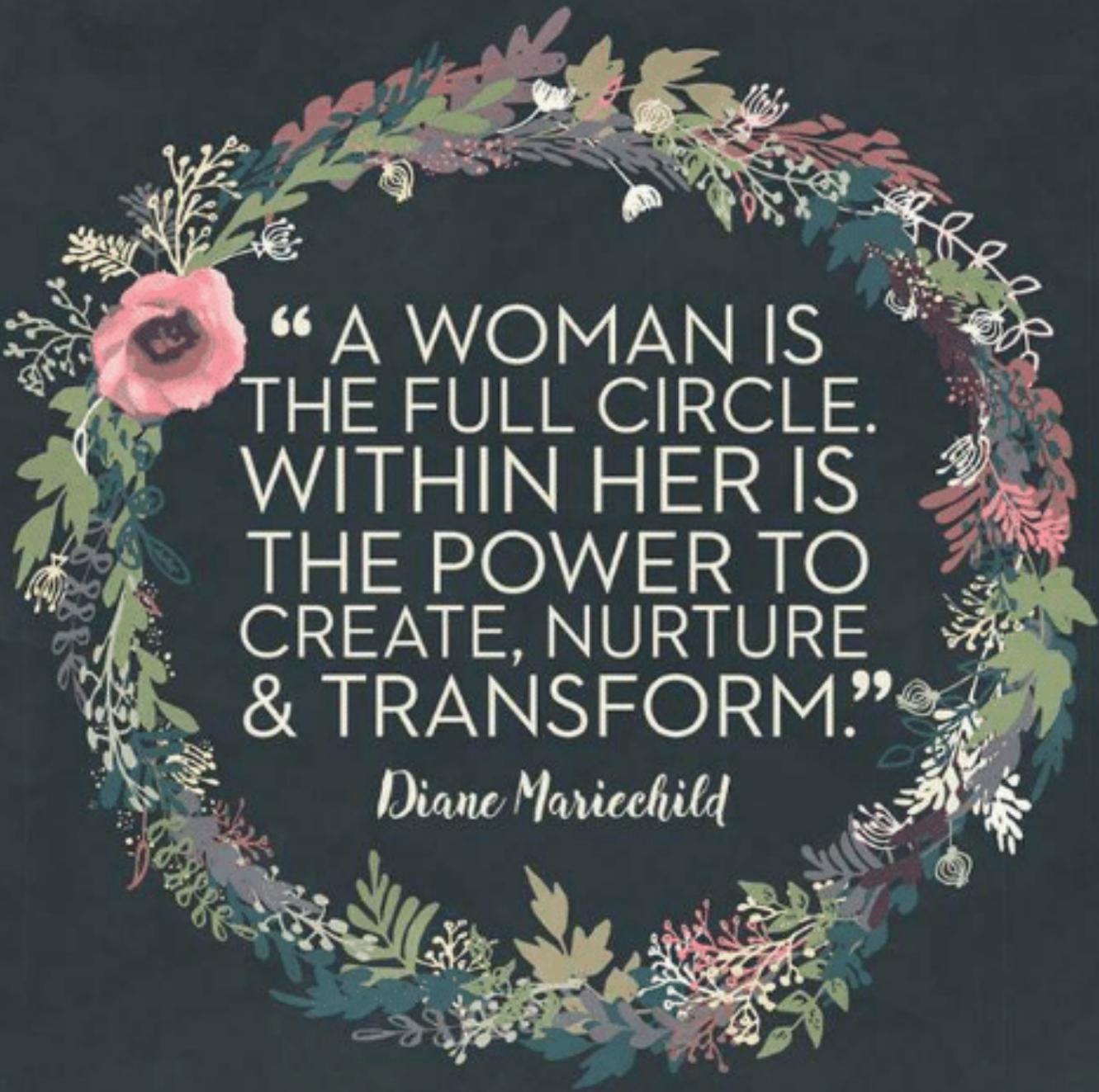


**“A Visit with Abolitionist Samuel Joseph May” was Fascinating and Fun!**

Those who were able to attend WTB’s February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Onondaga Historical Association were in for an educational treat! Scott Peal, Education Specialist, spoke for about an hour in the voice and costume of Rev Samuel Joseph May (1797-1871)—abolitionist, promoter of education for all, women’s rights advocate, long-time pastor of May Memorial Congregation Society.

“Rev. May” shared his early shaping experiences, intellectual development, involvement in 19<sup>th</sup> century Syracuse and in the abolition movement including the Jerry Rescue of 1851. For rich details of Rev. May’s story, [CLICK HERE](#).

Those of us who met for lunch at Salt City Market on South Salina St prior to the meeting enjoyed Burmese, Vietnamese, Mediterranean, Soul Food and gourmet cake delights. What a unique Syracuse venue to enjoy ethnic foods, support local entrepreneurs, and spend time with friends!

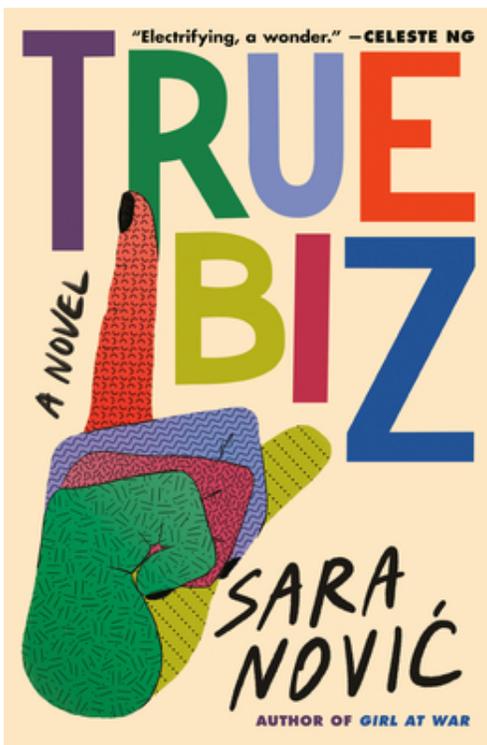
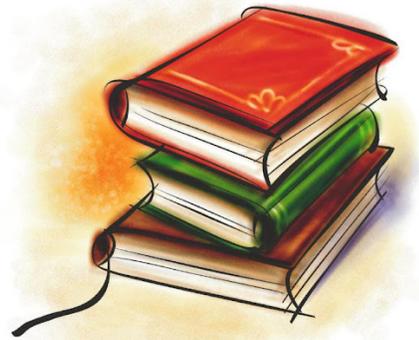


“A WOMAN IS  
THE FULL CIRCLE.  
WITHIN HER IS  
THE POWER TO  
CREATE, NURTURE  
& TRANSFORM.”

*Diane Mariechild*

**BOOK CLUB**  
**March 13: 7-9 pm**

**True Biz:**  
**by Sara Novice**  
**Via Zoom**



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**by Sara Novic**

This is a story of sign language and lip-reading, disability and civil rights, isolation and injustice, first love and loss, and, above all, great persistence, daring, and joy. Absorbing and assured, idiosyncratic and relatable, this is an unforgettable journey into the Deaf community and a universal celebration of human connection. *Goodreads*

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

**April 10: Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the birth of the FBI by David Gramm**



## **March Schmai**

**Tuesday, March 14**

**6:00 pm**

## **ETHIOERITREA** **RESTAURANT**

505 N State St. Syracuse, NY

13203

315-870-3514

***Celebrate Your Senses!***

**ETHIOERITREA Restaurant in Syracuse is the place where great cooking and a fantastic vibe meet. Our food is fresh, nutritious, delicious, and affordable. Try it yourself!**



Last month's Schmai at Kabob Guys



## REFUGEE SEWING

We finished the recent sewing session on February 16 with a big giveaway of fabric and notions. We are not starting another class now because we don't have any waiting students. In the past our students were from Bhutan, Burma, Somalia, Congo, and other countries where sewing was not a universal activity. The current refugees are from Afghanistan where all women seem to be accomplished seamstresses and therefore are not interested in our class. (I know there are arriving Ukrainians, but we have not been contacted by any.) Mark Cass, the Director of the North Side Learning Center, thinks he may know of a few women who would be interested, but I haven't heard yet. If we have enough for a class, we will definitely restart.

These newly settled Afghani women want to make clothing for their children and themselves but can't afford machines. So I get many calls asking for machines which I gladly provide along with fabric and notions. Since July, Karen, Joyce and I have distributed machines to 51 Afghani women. We go to their homes to show them how to operate each machine because most of them have not had electric machines before, and every donated machine is different. During these visits we meet their children and occasionally the husband, and often receive tea and snacks. When there is enough English, the conversations are great fun. Most speak Pashto and I have tried to use a translating app, but the only one I am familiar with doesn't have an oral component, just a text translation. Unfortunately this doesn't help when she is illiterate. If any reader knows of a translation app that has an oral component for Pashto, please let me know.  
315-345-9217

There are also occasional calls about machines that seem to have problems, so these are added to my list. I'm almost caught up!

Even though there is no class, please keep us in mind for donations. I currently have ten machines in my basement, but can't know how many calls will come in.

Thanks for your interest and your help,

Jennifer





## Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs (SFWC)

Our next meeting is March 9, 2023 at Barbagallo's Restaurant, 6344 East Molloy Rd, East Syracuse

Sign in and networking at 5:30 pm; dinner served at 6 pm

Rhonda Butler, Community Engagement Manager at InterFaith Works of Central New York, will be speak on the topic of Refugee Resettlement in Syracuse.

Dinner is \$26 including gratuity. Meal choices are Corned Beef and Cabbage or Parmesan Crusted Talapia with roasted potatoes and carrots, or Stuffed Shells (Vegetarian option available). All meals served with salad, bread and butter, tea or coffee and ice cream with chocolate sauce for dessert.

SFWC collects empty prescription pill bottles (labels and stickiness removed) for Matthew 25 Ministries, gently used bras for Save the Girls. and 2023 calendars for local veteran's groups. At the March 9th meeting we will be collecting feminine hygiene products, toiletries, and diapers for IFW's Refugee programs.





This year, **Ramadan is expected to begin in the evening on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 and end on Thursday, April 20, 2023.** Ramadan is a **month-long religious holiday for Muslims as a time of self-reflection and strengthening their relationship with God.** Ramadan is dictated by the lunar cycle, beginning and ending with a crescent moon. The religious holiday involves fasting, praying and being around loved ones.



Ramadan  
Kareem

You can exchange Ramadan greetings by saying “Ramadan Kareem,” which translates into “Have a generous Ramadan,” or “Ramadan Mubarak,” which roughly translates into “Happy Ramadan.” On the last day of Ramadan, which is Eid-al-fitr, the greeting changes to “Eid Mubarak.”



Handmade Turkish Style Baklava

**CNY RISE** is holding a baklava sale fundraiser for victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria next Saturday March 4th from 12-2pm at [Salt City Market](#)..

[Click here for more information](#)

**EXHIBITION**  
**ARTRAGE GALLERY**

**Portrait of A Village, Ukraine – Photographs by Lida Suchy**

**January 28 to March 11, 2023**

**[READ ABOUT IT IN THE DAILY ORANGE](#)**

For the past 9 years, Ukraine has been represented by images of conflict, destruction, and carnage, brought about by Russia’s war on Ukraine. As a first-generation American and daughter of Ukrainian refugees, Lida Suchy draws on her background as a resource and inspiration for her creative work. For nearly 30 years she has been photographing in the Ukrainian village, Kryvorivnya, creating a composite portrait of this rural community. In this exhibition, Lida presents us with images that can help viewers to connect with Ukraine beyond the news headlines. In her statement Lida dedicates this exhibition, “...to the people of Ukraine, all those who stand in support of a free Ukraine, and to the memory of 27-year-old Artem Dymyd, who — брав від життя все і сам був життям — ‘lived life to its fullest.’ He is one of thousands of beautiful young people giving their lives to defend their country and our freedom.”



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## 2023 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 the WTB 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: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023
- A decision will be made prior to June 1, 2023

### Include:

- Completed 2023 WTB Interfaith Achievement Award Application, including essay
- Two letters of recommendation (can accompany the application or be mailed or emailed separately)

### Further Information and Application Forms:

- Email [wbtbcny@gmail.com](mailto:wbtbcny@gmail.com) or write to *Interfaith Achievement Award Committee, PO Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217*



Let us know if you have any concerns, suggestions or comments. We'd love to hear from you. You can reach us at: [wtbcny@gmail.com](mailto:wtbcny@gmail.com)

**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 **2023!**

We hope you will become an official member of WTB for 2023. 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>





# Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.

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## 2023 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.*