

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



All information also available on our website wtb.org

March 2023

“Lemonade and Light: Holidays of Spring”

Women Transcending Boundaries invites you to our **April 16th** gathering where we will explore how several faith traditions welcome spring! The long winter is over (YAY!) and spring is a time to celebrate light, nature and renewal. Women from Islamic, Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish and Baha’i traditions will share their unique customs and rituals which are held during this sacred time of year. We will have time to question, share and socialize!

Where: [CNYRise](#) Seneca Turnpike

When: April 16th 3:00- 5:00



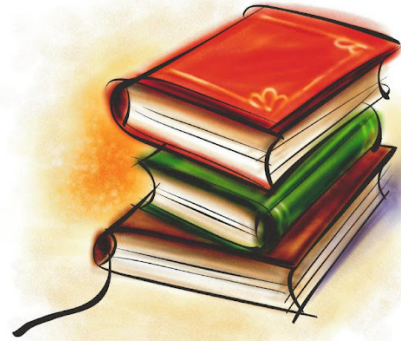
Harriet Tubman was a tiny woman. Here is Carol Lipson standing next to her portrait.

On March 19th several WTB members and guests enjoyed a tour and a variety of exhibits at the Equal Rights Heritage Center in Auburn, NY. We immersed ourselves in the rich history of equal rights movements which are highlighted through interactive displays. The center afforded us the opportunity to learn, to explore in depth and even to transfer selected documents to our own computers. In addition we had a chance to simply visit and catch up with each other! Much gratitude goes to Courtney Rae Kasper for opening the center on a Sunday and for sharing her extensive knowledge of history.

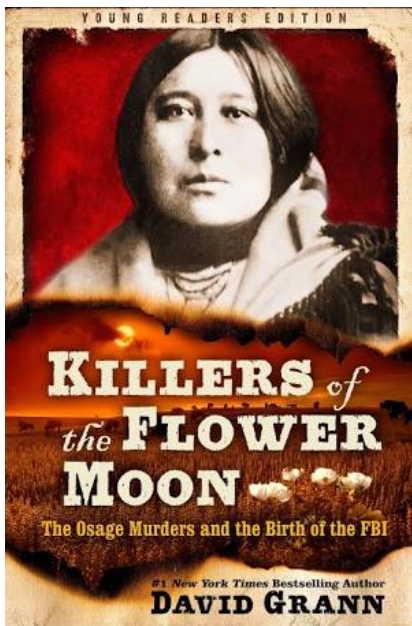


BOOK CLUB
April 10: 7-9 pm

**Killers of the Flower Moon:
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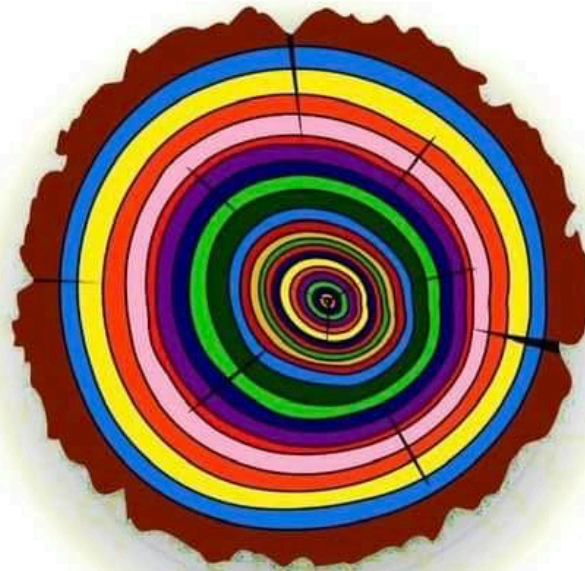
In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off.

In *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long. *Killers of the Flower Moon* is utterly compelling, but also emotionally devastating.

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

May 8: My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman

EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER DONE,
EVERY PERSON YOU'VE EVER MET,
EVERY EXPERIENCE YOU'VE EVER HAD,
IS A PART OF WHO YOU ARE TODAY,



ADDING INTERESTING LAYERS TO YOUR BEING,
AND COLORFUL DEPTHS TO YOUR SOUL.
EVERYTHING NEEDED TO BE AS IT WAS,
SO YOU COULD GROW AS YOU DID AND DO.

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REFUGEE SEWING

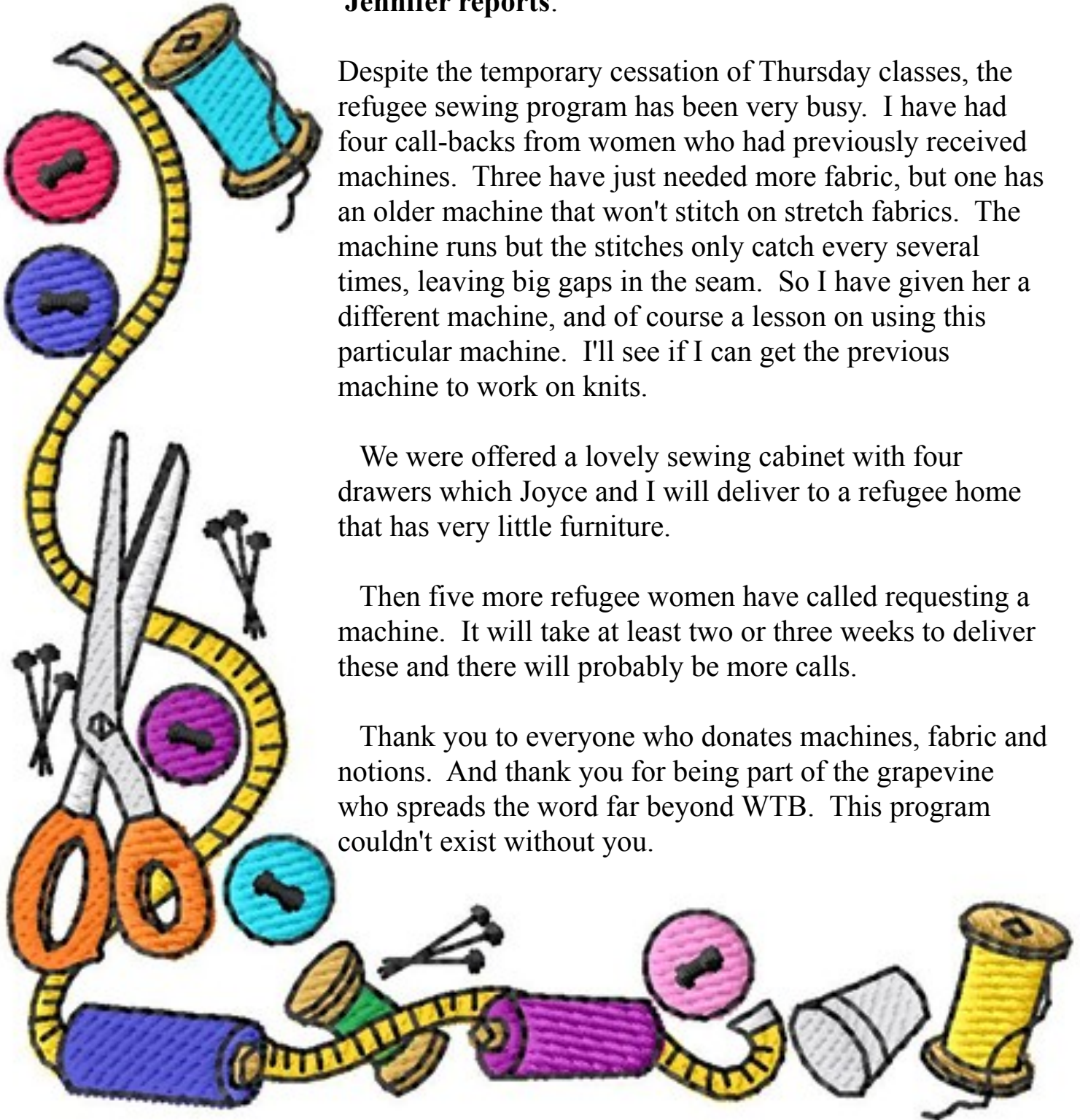
Jennifer reports:

Despite the temporary cessation of Thursday classes, the refugee sewing program has been very busy. I have had four call-backs from women who had previously received machines. Three have just needed more fabric, but one has an older machine that won't stitch on stretch fabrics. The machine runs but the stitches only catch every several times, leaving big gaps in the seam. So I have given her a different machine, and of course a lesson on using this particular machine. I'll see if I can get the previous machine to work on knits.

We were offered a lovely sewing cabinet with four drawers which Joyce and I will deliver to a refugee home that has very little furniture.

Then five more refugee women have called requesting a machine. It will take at least two or three weeks to deliver these and there will probably be more calls.

Thank you to everyone who donates machines, fabric and notions. And thank you for being part of the grapevine who spreads the word far beyond WTB. This program couldn't exist without you.



APRIL SCHMAI

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 pm

NEW CENTURY

[518 Kirkpatrick St.](#)

New Century offers a full menu of **Vietnamese cuisine**, spanning noodle and rice dishes, traditional beef pho bo and traditional entrees. You won't find banh mi sandwiches, steam buns or dumplings, but you will find one of the house specialties: cha gio re. The house egg rolls are filled with shrimp, pork and carrots, and surrounded in a special homemade wrapping of rice paper with a pastry-like lacing on the exterior. In addition to the unique appearance of the eggroll, which are typically smooth, there was an intriguing texture and crunch.

(Dining review by Jared Paventi)



*The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Syracuse
cordially invites you and your family to our annual*

Ramadan Iftar Dinner

The theme of this year's iftar dinner is
A Universal Message of Peace and Security

LOCATION:

BAITUL IHSAN MOSQUE
6650 OLD COLLAMER RD NORTH
EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057

DATE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

TIME:

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

RSVP:

SYRACUSEPEACE.EVENTBRITE.COM

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PH. NO. 315-520-3938



Saturday, April 15

6:30 - 8:30 pm

[Baitul Ihasan Mosque](#)



Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs (SFWC)

All are welcome to attend SFWC's April Dinner Meeting Thursday, April 13th @ Barbagallo's at 5:45 pm. The speaker will be Felicia Castricone, Program Officer, Catholic Charities of Onondaga County. Felicia Castricone has worked for Catholic Charities of Onondaga County since 1981, when she came to Syracuse as a Jesuit Volunteer.

All RSVPs must be made to Barb Bova (at barbbarbbova@gmail.com or call 315-415-2797) by Friday, April 7th. The cost of the meal is now \$26.00. April meal choices are pot roast or ½ chicken with mashed potatoes & green beans or eggplant parmesan; all meals served with salad, bread, coffee, tea and pie a la mode for dessert.

SFWC is asking for donations of unexpired/new/nearly new unperishable food items. They continue to collect **gently used bras** for Save The Girls and **gently used sneakers**. WTB is a member club of SFWC. If you would like to donate items and are not attending the SFWC dinner, contact Barb Bova for pick up.

Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs is composed of local women's organizations and individual members who work together to serve our community. We would love to have you attend and learn more about us!



Eid al-Fitr (April 21) or the Festival of Sweets is celebrated by Muslims worldwide because it marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. It is a time of official receptions and private visits, when friends greet one another, presents are given, new clothes are worn, and the graves of relatives are visited.

Many religions use the practice of fasting during certain holy days for a wide range of reasons that include spiritual purification and self-discipline. An article in Sunday's Post Standard delves into this topic which might be of interest to you. <http://enews.syracuse.com/data/32729/reader/reader.html?social#!preferred/0/package/32729/pub/53295/page/38/alb/1606672>



Holy Week Begins

Many Christians will be celebrating Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday (April 2) and ending with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Holy Week commemorates different events that unfolded over the final days of Jesus Christ's life on earth. Easter 2023 will be observed on Sunday, April 9. It commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.



APRIL 22



- Onondaga Free Library and Onondaga Hill Middle School will hold an art project/display and donation drive on **Saturday, April 22, from 11am-1pm**. All of their donations will go to IFW.



- **May 10 from 11am-4pm** IFW will hold an American Red Cross blood donation drive at their [building](#).



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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 2nd, 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 wtbcny@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

It's time to renew your WTB membership!!

WTB Membership runs from January 1st – 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>





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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.