

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



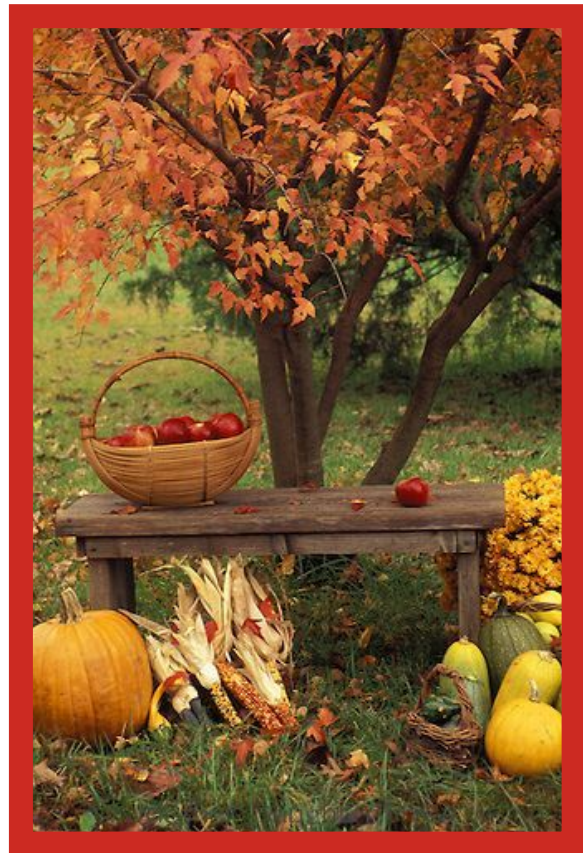
All information also available on our website wtb.org

September 2025

FALL FAMILY GATHERING

POT-LUCK PICNIC

Where: [CNY RISE](#)
275 W. Seneca Tpk.
When: Sunday, Sept. 21
Time: 1:00 - 3:00



All are invited--it's envisioned as a family event. Will be held rain or shine--we'll go inside if the weather isn't good. We are providing paper products and water; asking everyone to please bring a potluck dish. There will be games and African drumming!



Women Transcending Boundaries

MEMBERSHIP

Please consider **renewing your membership!** Dues are \$25.00 per year. Although not mandatory for membership, dues are most important. Programs, business expenses, scholarships and more are funded with dues and fundraising.

We hope you will become an official member—just fill out the form below and bring it to a meeting, mail it to the address on the form, or email to wtbcny@gmail.com.





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

2025–2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

[for the program year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026]

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

___ I am a NEW MEMBER. [Please fill in *all* the information below.]

___ I am a RENEWING MEMBER. [Please tell us only what has changed.]

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Faith Tradition (optional): _____ Native Country (optional) : _____

Do you have special skill sets that you would like to share with WTB, such as writing, accounting, public relations/advertising, social media, or any other areas of expertise? _____

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### Dues & Donations:

**Dues** (\$25 per year) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Note:** Dues are WTB's main source of revenue. They are appreciated but not required except for Council, Advisory Board, or Standing Committee members.*

\_\_\_ I am a Council, Advisory Board, or Standing Committee member and, as such, am required to pay dues.

**Donation** ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Your additional donation will help fund WTB projects, activities and scholarship awards as well as dues for those who cannot afford to pay. Thank you!*

**Total** paid on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ by cash ☐ or by 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.*



WTB Council is looking forward to 2025/26 as we share new programs, faith visits, celebrations, connecting with new and old friends, and making a difference within our community with collaborations.

We are looking for you to join a committee

Kindly email [wtbcny@gmail.com](mailto:wtbcny@gmail.com).

Testimonial: When I joined WTB and they asked me to join a committee, I said no. Then they said WE WILL DO THIS WITH YOU. **I said YES.**

Grant Writer

Membership: help with welcome letters, sign in table at events, become a buddie to a new WTB member

Program & Service: Help plan programs and events, service projects

Public Relations & Outreach: Help with monthly newsletter, social media,

Our program and service calendar is September thru May  
Commitment is only a few hours a month.



# Catholic Charities

## of Onondaga County

### WTB MEETING

Where: [Jowonio](#)

3049 E. Genesee St.

When: Sunday, October 5

Time: 3:00 - 5:00

WTB's first program meeting will be on Sunday, October 5th from 3-5 at Jowonio School, 3049 East Genesee St, Syracuse--**enter in the back door.**

Our speaker will be Katie Holmes of Catholic Charities speaking on refugees and the current situation in Syracuse. Discussion to follow her presentation. Light refreshments. Finger foods to share welcomed.

Donations of toiletries such as shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, conditioners will be collected and donated.

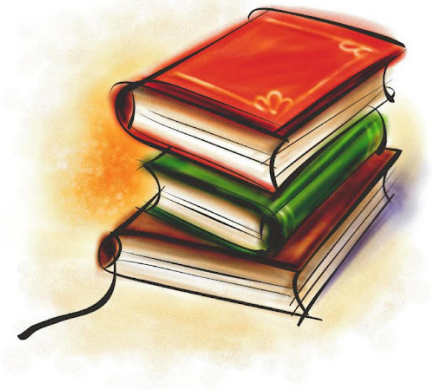




**"Autumn  
is the hardest season.  
The leaves are all falling,  
and they're falling  
like they're falling in love  
with the ground."**

**—ANDREA GIBSON**

# WTB Book Club



October 13  
7-9 pm via zoom



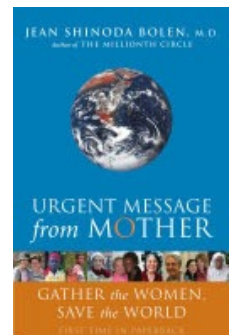
***Everyone Who is Gone is Here: The US, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis***(read Parts III & IV)

Everyone who makes the journey faces an impossible choice. Hundreds of thousands of people who arrive every year at the US-Mexico border travel far from their homes. Some are fleeing persecution, others crime or hunger. Their homes have become uninhabitable. They will take their chances.

***Urgent Message from Mother: Gather the Women, Save the World*** by Jean Shinoda Bolen

November 10  
7-9 pm via zoom

In this book, the author calls for women to use their innate “tend and befriend” maternal instincts which are biologically linked to the hormone oxytocin, to address global, societal and planetary problems. It is a blend of visionary ideas and practical advice, encouraging women to gather and use their nurturing capacities for collective action to save the world.



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

## IMPORTANT:

The WTB book club will soon be voting for titles on our recommended list that we want to add to our reading list. If you have any titles that fit our book club mission statement, please submit them with a short blurb that will entice us to vote for your choice. Submit to Jennifer [robertscrittenden@verizon.net](mailto:robertscrittenden@verizon.net) and I will add to the recommended list before submitting the entire list to be voted on.



## WTB BOOK CLUB READING LIST 2025

**June 9** We Had a Little Real Estate Problem: The Unheralded Story of Native Americans & Comedy by Kliph Nesteroff

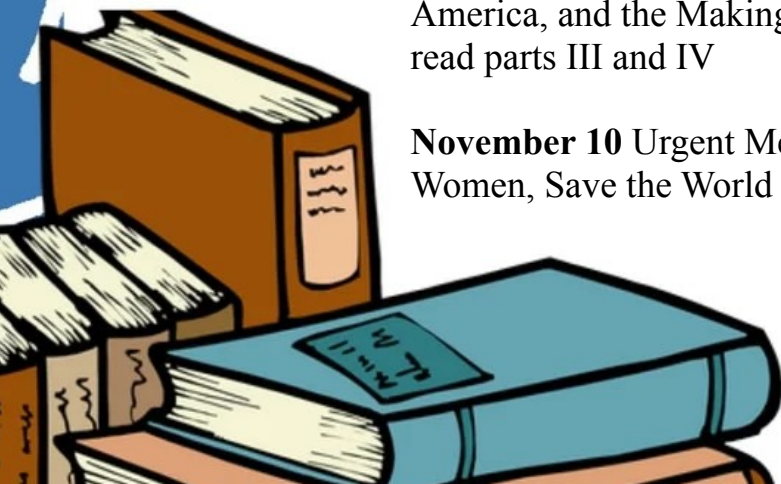
**July 14** The Henna Artist: A Novel by Alka Joshi

**August 11** Stories From the Tenants Downstairs by Sidik Fofana

**September 8** Everyone Who is Gone is Here: The US, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis  
read parts I and II (warning – the library has multiple copies but many are out, so please request this early. And ask your librarian if you can have an extended due date)

**October 13** Everyone Who is Gone is Here: The US, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis  
read parts III and IV

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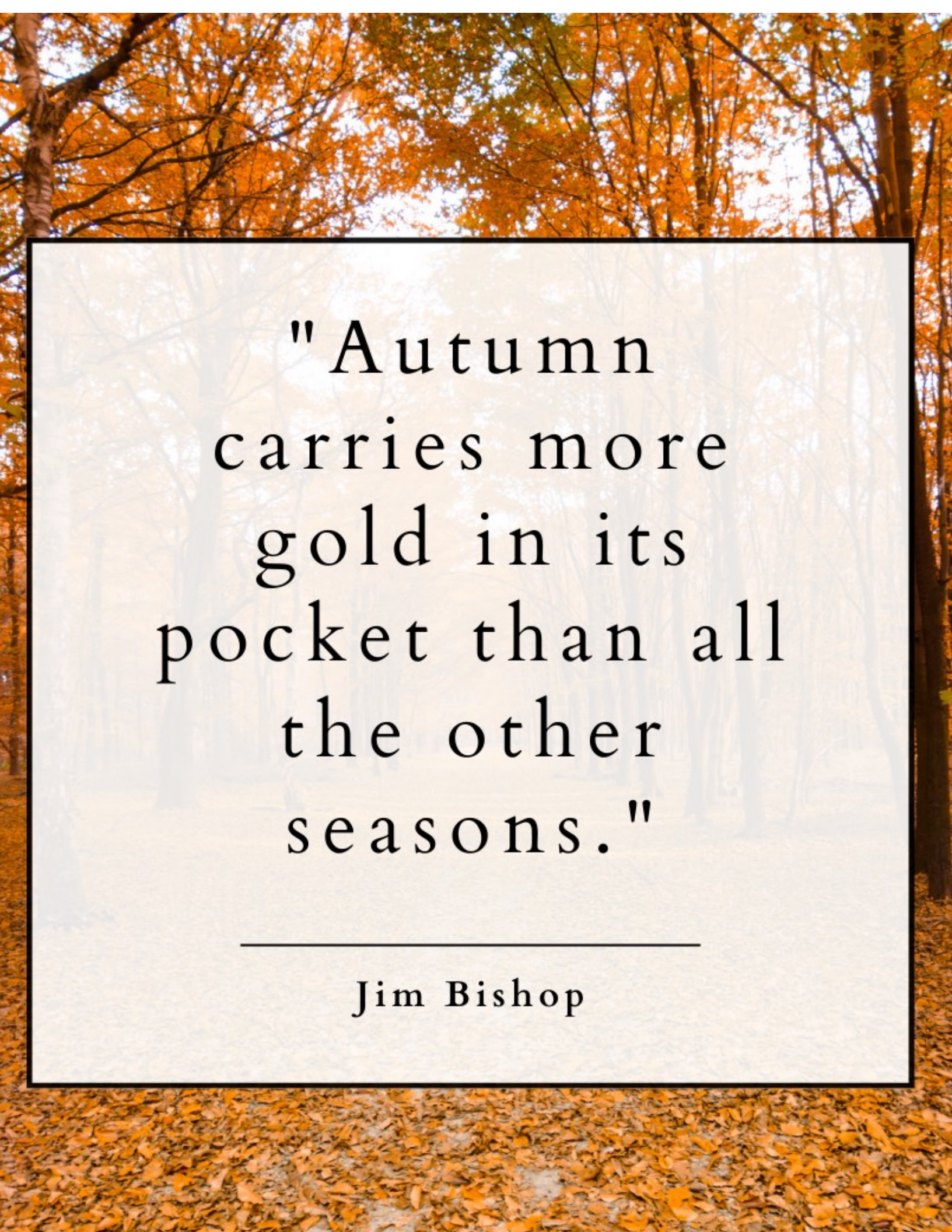
The next sewing class will begin on Thursday, September 11, 12:15 to 2:45 at [501 Park Street](#). We are downstairs at the North Side Learning Center. The construction that made the parking lot a mess last spring is finally done, so parking may be easier now. Woopie!

I have contacted the ladies who have requested to be in this class and believe that we will have eight students to go with our eight sewing machines. Last year we were short of teachers so frequently one or more teachers had to take on two students which is difficult, But a few more sewists have stepped up and we should have enough teachers for every student. Again, woopie!

My summer was busy collecting donated machines, fabric and supplies. And repairing with my Wednesday mornings machine repair group of Bradd, Karen, and Gina. And sorting and folding wonderful fabrics (and sometimes saying to my husband, "Here, feel this lovely velvet or minky or satin.") And compiling baggies of supplies to accompany each machine that I give to the refugees who know how to sew and therefore don't need to come to class. And meeting refugees in their homes who are thrilled to receive machines, fabric of their choice, and supplies. They receive a lesson in threading and using that particular machine.

Since October 2010, we have given away well over 500 donated sewing machines. Thank you to all who have donated machines, fabric, notions including thread, time, and money. This program could not exist without you.

Jennifer



"Autumn  
carries more  
gold in its  
pocket than all  
the other  
seasons."

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Jim Bishop

WTB will have a table at KlezFest on Sept 14th,  
[Jewish Community Center](#) of Syracuse, 5655  
Thompson Rd, Dewitt from 12-4 PM.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> • 12 – 4PM**

# KlezFest cny

**SYRACUSE'S JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

**JEWISH & KLEZMER MUSIC – ARTS & CRAFTS – KIDS' ACTIVITIES  
SINGING – DANCING – AUTHENTIC KOSHER JEWISH FOOD**



**2024**



**SAM POMERANZ  
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**

5655 THOMPSON RD. DEWITT, NY 13214



**THE KLEZMERS**

**SOUNDS OF UNITY** (A HUGHIE STONE FISH BAND)

**KEYNA HORA BAND**

**HUGHIE STONE FISH** (FEST EMCEE)





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