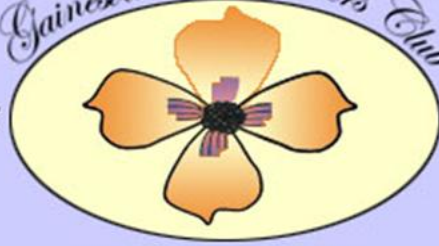


Gainesville Newcomers' Club

Welcome to the



Gainesville, Georgia

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March 12, 2011

MARCH 23rd's Program— Something For Everyone

For some the John C. Campbell Folk Art school is an energizing, creative boost. For others, it's a peaceful learning vacation. There is something for everybody with over 800 classes offered. Come hear about this unique place that's just a short drive from Gainesville. Jan Davidson is a dynamic presenter. He will share through pictures and stories some of the wonderful opportunities for each of us at the Folk Art School.

How about a "Sneak" preview of our upcoming April 20th Wine and Roses Fashion Show? We will have a "taste" of this exciting annual event, too. Tickets are going fast already.

And a new venture starts this month with our first 50/50 drawing. Tickets will be sold to those in attendance at the business meeting (1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5). After the meeting the winning ticket number will be drawn. The person holding that ticket receives half of the money collected and the other half will go into our treasury designated for a charity. (The charity will be announced at the end of the year.)

What more could you want? How about the delicious lunch described below?

~March's Menu~

Cream of Mushroom soup

Arugula Salad tossed with Pears, Apples, Bleu cheese and White balsamic vinaigrette

Blackened Tilapia with Crawfish Beurre Blanc

Chicken Fricassee ~ Wild rice ~ Steamed Carrots

Chocolate Mouse ~ Lemon Meringue Pie

NOTE: In case you have to cancel your luncheon reservation, please call Pam Cohan directly. Thanks.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Stop to Consider

Our nominating committee is starting to seek people to work on the board next year. Take a minute if one of them approaches you to please consider the request before quickly saying "No". The Club does not run by itself. In order for the Club to run smoothly, it takes many members to chair the committees (and many committee members) to get their responsibilities completed. But it is also fun to get to know each other better by working side by side in order to make and keep the Gainesville

Newcomers Club the club it is today —and it is a great club.

Mary Bagwell, GNC President 2010-2011

April 5th Board Meeting:

Held the 1st Tuesday of each month at Peach State Bank, Washington St.. Social time at 9:00 am, business meeting promptly at 9:30 am



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Member Care



Cards were sent to:

- Eva Boraski – death of mother
- Eleanor Coppedge– husband surgery
- Vivian Stephens – knee replacement
- Nancy Toole – fall (broken pelvis)
- Margaret Whalen – death of mother

Please let me know when you know of a member that may need a note to let them know we're thinking of them.-

Mary Beth Selah, corresponding secretary

Welcome Our New Members

*Have you met our newest members?
Find them and say, "Hello."*

- Deborah Barker**
- Linda Brady**
- Rebecca (Becky) Flood**
- Brenda Harrington**
- Rebecca Holland Lane**
- Linda Rusch**

Zella Walsh	1
Judy Welden-Blecha	1
Mari-Ann Wise	2
Kirsten Coleman	3
Dorothy Stanford	3
Patricia S. Madea	5
Kathryn Davis	6
Joyce Healy	6
Gerry Wiggins	6
Nancy Kelemen	8
Shirley Dunbar	9



Remember– all birthdays are listed by month in your GNC Directory right after the Member Directory listings.

Charlotte Haste	10
Marie Savino	10
Gloria Cortez	12
Susan Lambert	13
Deborah Papaioanu	14
Margaret Whalen	14
Rose Elliott	15
Helen Boudrot	19
Betty Goetz	21
Connie Oortman	25
Theresa Burnham	28

Come South of the Border- MEXICAN FIESTA

Place: Chattahoochee County Club Ballroom
Date: Friday, May 13, 2011 (6:30 pm ~10:30 pm)

Ole! Enjoy a full Mexican Buffet. Prizes for the best Mexican style dressed man and best dressed woman. Music, dancing, cocktails and more. Purchase your tickets at the March and April luncheons or mail your check to Nancy. A full page of details about this Special Event will be in the next newsletter or call Nancy Marlowe if you have any questions.



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. ORGANIZE A TABLE FOR 10! If you reserve a table, one person must be in charge of collecting all checks.

**Wine and Roses Fashion Show
Wednesday, April 20, 2011**



Come see the exciting new 2011 Spring and Summer collection of clothes that Belk will be showing! Models will be our own GNC members. Join in the fun

Doors open at 11:30 am

MENU

**Chilled Cantaloupe, Cucumber and Mint Soup
Green Peppercorn Chicken Breast with sliced mushrooms, diced tomatoes, onion, bacon,
green peppercorns in a white wine sauce
Served over angle hair pasta
Steamed broccolini
Chocolate mousse en coupe ~ fresh raspberry garnish**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE LUNCHEON COMMITTEE:

Tickets are still available and will be sold at the March 23rd luncheon. **ONLY CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED ... NO CASH.** Make \$22.00 check payable to Gainesville Newcomers Club. . . . No seats will be held without a check. The tables hold 8 people; individual or group seating. A seating chart will be available for viewing. Groups must be limited to 8. For groups, one check will be accepted or 8 individual checks. If one check is submitted for a group, the names of the individuals need to be noted. If you have any questions, call Pam Cohan.

Pam Cohan will also take reservations by telephone or email if you are unable to attend the March luncheon. Guests are welcome.

LUNCHEON DISCOUNT

Last month Brenda Johnson, Joyce Healy, Beverly Feldkamp and Nancy Kelemen got \$5 off the price of their luncheon. Would you like to know how? They carefully read their newsletter. For the next couple of months we will be hiding a small 'object' or word in the pages of the newsletter. The first four readers, including board members this month, who locate the 'object' or word, and contact President Mary Bagwell by phone or email with the correct location will receive a \$5 discount off their luncheon price. Winners will be announced at the luncheon and the next newsletter.

Ready? Get set? GO! You are looking for a fishbowl.

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Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon:

Thanks to at least 20 of our members and a few husbands, the Senior Center Valentine's Day Luncheon was a huge success. The menu was: Spiral Sliced Ham, Cheesy Hash brown Potato Casserole, Southern Style Green Beans, Chilled Mixed Fruit Salad, Hawaiian Rolls, and Strawberry and Chocolate Sundaes!

Joe Forry played keyboards and his lovely wife, Rosie, accompanied him. The seniors were unanimous in saying that it was their favorite luncheon ever (they say this every time)! A great time was had by all.

In an effort not to leave anyone out, the Community Committee wants to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the luncheon, with a special thanks to one of our members who made a very generous anonymous contribution to the Senior Center Luncheons and activities.

Extra food was taken to the Good News at Noon Mission on Davis Street.



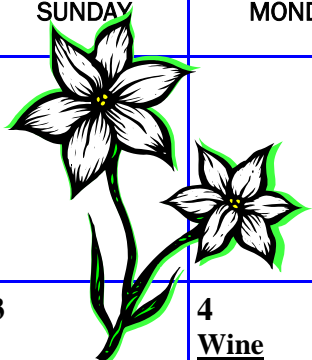


Scrapbooking Class:

20 Seniors signed up for a Scrapbooking Class Thursday, March 3rd at 10:30 am, lead by our own Mary Willingham, assisted by Lynn Whalen and Pat DeNote as well as several other members (some of us who have never scrapbooked before). The date was determined too late to get it into the GNC Newsletter, but look for other events in the future. Details of the class will appear in the next newsletter.

Meals On Wheels:

Thanks for your generous donations of \$176.91 at last months' luncheon. Remember to bring a donation when the basket is passed for this worthwhile cause-every bit adds up.

April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <u>Couples</u> <u>Bridge</u>	2
	3	4 <u>Wine</u> <u>Explorers</u> 11:30 am <u>Bunko</u> 6:30 pm	5 <u>Board</u> <u>Meeting</u> 9:00 am <u>Articles</u> <u>Due for</u> <u>Newsletter</u>	6 <u>Bunko</u> 9:30 am	7 <u>Morning</u> <u>Coffee</u> 10:00 am 	8 <u>Couples</u> <u>Bridge</u>
10	11 <u>Gardening</u> 9:30 am <u>Mah Jong</u> 1:00 pm	12 <u>Hiking</u> 9:30 am <u>Lunch Bunch</u> 11:30 am	13 <u>Fashion Show</u> <u>Reservation/</u> <u>Cancellation</u> <u>Deadline</u>	14 <u>Antique</u> <u>Explorers</u> 9:30 am	15 <u>Couples</u> <u>Bridge</u>	16
17	18 <u>Ladies Bridge</u> 10:00 am	19 <u>Warm Up</u> <u>America</u> 10:00 am Passover	20 <u>April</u> <u>Luncheon</u> <u>And</u> <u>Fashion Show</u> Doors open at 11:30 am	21 <u>Dining Out</u> 6:30 pm <u>Reading</u> 10:00 am	22	23
24 <u>Sun, Sail</u> <u>& Ale</u> 3-00 5:00 pm Easter	25 <u>Mah Jong</u> 1:00 pm	26	27	28 <u>Golf</u> 	29	30
31	What's going on "in and around Gainesville"? See Cultural Events on page 6 !					

SAVE THE DATE!
 May Special Event: Mexican Fiesta on May 13th.



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GNC INTEREST GROUPS

If you are interested in any of these interest groups, contact a group leader for details, or inquire by email at interests@gainesvillenewcomersclub.com. The group leader's telephone and email information can be found in the GNC Membership Directory.

Antique Exploring: Nona Stacks or Patsy Viles

Antique Explorers will be traveling to the Clarkesville area in search of treasures on Thursday, April 14th. We will meet at 9:30 am in the Publix Shopping Center on Highway 60. Contact Nona or Patsy for further information. An email reminder will be sent prior.

Bridge for Couples: Rosalie Minnich or Jeanie Para

Couples Bridge meets 1st, 2nd or 3rd Friday each month for a social evening of Bridge. Contact Rosalie or Jeanie for more information on openings and schedules.

Bridge for Ladies: Pam Cohan

Ladies Bridge meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 am at O'Charley's on Browns Bridge Road. Contact Pam for openings and details.

Bunko (Daytime): Mary Beth Selah

Bunko will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Meet at 9:30 am at Panera's on April 6th. Contact Mary Beth Selah for additional information.

Bunko (Evening): Melissa Jeglinski

We will be meeting Monday, April 4th at 6:30 pm. We are always happy to welcome new players. Contact Melissa Jeglinski if you would like to attend or would like more information.

Computer Basics for Beginners: Ann Rast

Basic Computer Skills for those who do not know how to use a computer, but have decided it's time to do it. Starting with "this is a mouse" and graduating to obtaining an email address and learning how to send and receive email, use of Google search, and other basic instruction on an "as needed" basis. This activity will be limited to two people at a sitting, so you get the most out of it. To do this, individual class time will be arranged between you and Ann Rast. Call Ann to schedule a time.



Cultural Arts & Events: Patricia Louko

Can't decide where and what to do? Patricia receives new details each month of events going on "in and around Gainesville" (too many to put in this newsletter). Call or email Patricia that you would like to be added to her mailing list, then make your own plans or organize a group to explore the many possibilities. Here are just a few examples: Great Decisions lecture series at the Civic Center; hands-on programs that explore habitats and ecosystems in Georgia at Elachee Nature Center; Intimate Jazz Series at the Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center; Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers; Youth Art Month at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center (March 17th-April 9th); events focusing on the 1936 Gainesville Tornadoes; Phil Neikro's Fins & Skins Celebrity Pro-Am golf outing; and Gainesville Chicken Cook Off on the Downtown Square in Gainesville ~ Much more going on!

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Dining Out: Eleanor Coppedge or Judie Meyer

Dining Out will be going to Crossroads Grill in Flowery Branch on April 21st. We will meet at 6:30 pm. Directions: Take I-985 South from Gainesville to Exit 12 (Spout Springs), make a left and the restaurant will be on the right in the Publix Shopping Center. Let Eleanor Coppedge or Judie Meyer know if you plan to attend. Thursday special is PRIME RIB!

Gardening: Michele Canfield and Linda Harris

The Gardening Group will meet Monday, April 11th, with another road trip to nurseries in the Dahlo-nega area: Waypoint, Mountain View, and Leilani's. We will meet at the Gainesville Home Depot at 9:30 am and carpool.

Golf: Paula Pilgrim

Golf meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Reservations are due to Paula Pilgrim Tuesday before the Thursday golf day. We will play on March 24th and April 28th. If you signed up, an email will be sent. Contact Paula. This group is open to ALL skill levels. As we progress we will discuss where to play and what time of day. Some people will want to play 9 holes and others will want to play 18 holes. We will accommodate all players. If you want, we can have lunch afterwards which is always fun. Please tell your member friends who play golf to sign up for this group if they missed the sign-ups.

Gourmet: Ann Curry and Rita Toomey

Although this group is closed to new members for now, we want you to be aware it is an active, on-going interest group, and will be opened up again to form new groups and new schedules in the Fall. It currently involves 36 couples in groups of four couples that have "gourmet gatherings" in each other's homes, coordinated by a group captain. The members of each group are assigned in September and October after sign-ups and "gather" for the balance of the year. Think about this for a different way to meet and get to know other couples through the Gainesville Newcomers Club.

Grandma's Closet: Judie Meyer

Do you have children's toys, port-a-cribs, car seats, etc. that you would be willing to share with fellow Newcomers who have grandchildren who visit? If you would like to let people know they can borrow things from your "closet", just sign up and when someone needs something they will contact Judie with a wish list and the child's age. She will in turn send out an SOS.

Hiking Group: Jenny Kitchens and Pat DeNote

We will hike the Tallulah River Gorge Loop on Tuesday, April 12th. We were not able to do this hike in December due to the ice and cold ~ now it should be beautiful! The trail is a total distance of just under 2 miles and is rated easy to moderate. We will be descending the 750 steps to cross the suspension bridge over the Tallulah River, and will ascend on the opposite of the river gorge. Wear your good hiking shoes and be ready for a little workout! The reward is the breathtaking views of the gorge and tumbling waters everywhere you look. We will meet at J&J Foods on Limestone Parkway at 9:30 am and car pool to the visitors center. Please bring cash to help pay for your driver's expense, a trail lunch, plenty of water and a hiking stick if you wish. If time allows, we can stop at the nearby Tallulah Gallery that features artwork of local craftsmen. Call Jenny or Pat for additional information.



Lunch Bunch: Pat Munhall, Lois Shoemaker, Sue Goodenough

The Lunch Bunch group will be meeting at Tam's Backstage in Cumming on Tuesday, April 12th at 11:30 am. You can check out their menu, directions, etc. at their website

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www.tamsbackstage.com. If you have already signed up, you will be getting an email with all the information the first part of April. If you have not signed up, please email or call Pat Munhall.

Mah Jong: Ruth Johnson and Mary Beth Selah

Upcoming dates to play Mah Jong: April 11th and April 25th. We will meet at 1:00 pm at the Panera Bread Company, 625 Dawsonville Highway, Gainesville. This is a friendly game, no scoring, and new players are very welcome. Contact Ruth Johnson for reservations.

Morning Coffee: Coral Gleason or Ann Rast

Morning Coffee will be held on April 7th starting 10:00 am at Judie Meyer's home. Come join the fun. Any questions or directions, contact Coral Gleason or Ann Rast.

Pistol Packin' Mamas: Ann Curry and Linda Harris

Please call Gerda Baitis to make a practice appointment with Chester.

Reading Group: Gertrud Rocco

We will meet on Thursday, April 21st 10:00 am, at the Hall Book Exchange. The address is 1854 Thompson Bridge Road in Gainesville. We are going to discuss "The Other Family" by Joanne Trollop.



Sun, Sail & Ale: Renee Bernstein

"Spring" is in the air and we are celebrating Sun, Sail & Ale on April 24th from 3:00-5:00 pm. It's Easter and it's a great time to get together with friends and celebrate the holiday. It will be held at Pam and Art Bilyeu's home, with nature all around us. Bring your own drinks and also an appetizer to share with the group. You won't want to miss their fabulous gardens. Please RSVP to Pam & Art (telephone number in the GNC Directory) if you are able to attend

Tennis: Rita Toomey

This Interest Group is for 3.0 and 3.5 level tennis players who want to play together occasionally and "just for fun" at Marina Bay. Contact Rita Toomey if interested in playing.

Warm Up America: Amy Schick

Our hands have been busy knitting and crocheting afghans for the American Red Cross. For those of you that attended the February luncheon, you heard Larry Tyson speak to us about how much the afghans are appreciated by those receiving them. We also make baby items and donate them to Newborns In Need. We always welcome new ladies that want to learn a new talent or refresh an old one. Come join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month- April 19th this month. We meet at 10:00 am and work for two hours. Most of our projects are completed at home while we are watching TV. Happy Knitting.

Wine Explorers: Ann Curry or Rita Toomey

We meet the first Monday of the month. This month we will be traveling to Helen for lunch and a wine tasting. An email with details of time and place will be sent (soon) to those on the group's list. If you are new to the group, please contact Rita or Ann for more information. If you want to attend, you must RSVP to Ann Curry so a seat and setup is reserved.

