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The Cycle of Life: Maiden, Mother, & Crone

Thursday, October 14, 2021
Waterford Public Library

6:15 p.m. Refreshments
6:45 p.m. Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. Program



The October meeting of our branch will feature Gerlinde Lehner speaking about the cycle of life. During our gathering together we will discuss the archetypes of the maiden, mother, crone and how these archetypes

may be active in our lives today. During the presentation we will bring awareness to how our contemporary world defines and holds these roles for women through music and media. As a child we became somewhat familiar with some of these characters through the fairy tales and stories we have read. Gaining some insight around the maiden, mother, and crone we can continue to orient ourselves as we all continue to move towards the next stage of our lives.

Meet Gerlinde Lehner, whom everyone calls “GG”; her work is grounded in her connection with the natural world. This includes botanical wisdom, garden alchemy, and earth-based energies. A recently retired high school Science

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Remembering the Ladies

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Note: This is the first Thursday
Waterford Public Library

6:15 p.m. Refreshments
6:45 p.m. Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. Program



The November program will feature Jeffrey O'Leary, Ph.D., an Associate Professor of History in the Humanities Department at Mitchell College in New London, CT, speaking about highlights from his course “remember the ladies”: Women in U.S. History. After earning graduate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and Kent State University, Jeffrey arrived at Mitchell College in 2014. Other history classes he teaches at Mitchell include The Making of Modern America: U.S. History Since 1893; Rebellions, Revolutions, and Rights: World History Since 1900; and Marble, Monuments, and Memory: Culture and Commemoration in Society. Part of his research interests include memory studies and the role of British imperial mothers of the late nineteenth century and their involvement with oversight of depictions of Irishness at world's fairs in the Atlantic world. He has published peer-reviewed articles on

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October/November at a Glance

- October 14 Branch Meeting
- October 20 Book Discussion Group
- November 4 Branch Meeting
- November 17 Book Discussion Group
- November 18 News & Views Deadline



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teacher reinventing herself as an artist, depth coach, teacher and leader who offers creative workshops for women to strengthen their connection to themselves, and their creativity. Using stories, myths, poetry, and a mixed media & collage process she guides women to have fun, make art, and learn about their personal stories.

GG is a Creative Depth Coach, Soul Collage^R Facilitator, and Journey CirclesTM Facilitator. She holds several degrees in Biology, Nutrition, and Education and is currently taking post graduate courses in Art. As well, GG is a master gardener and herbalist and is always happy to talk about plants of any kind.

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021**

The meeting opened at 7:17 pm with Gale Bradbury presiding. She asked if this starting time was preferable to an earlier starting time. The earlier starting time was preferable.

Next month's program is entitled "Cycle of Life" presented by Gerlinde Lehner.

Gale thanked the program committee for their work of setting up programs for the year. She also thanked Kim Blake who has been attending the state meetings.

Gale asked for a volunteer to fill the publicity position. Elizabeth Hume volunteered. Gale also asked for volunteers to sign up to contact future speakers and act as program ambassadors.

Newsletter: The next News and Views will be an October/November issue. The deadline will be September 16.

Report: There is \$945 in the treasury. This has been allocated for future speakers.

Fundraising: Scholarship money will be raised by passing the jar at the December meeting and a basket raffle in the Spring.

Refreshments: Elizabeth passed around a signup sheet for refreshments.

Book Group: The book group will meet September 15 at 2:00 pm at the Waterford Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shailor

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topics that include reformers of the Progressive Era, the Nat Turner uprising, the political maneuverings of the Know Nothing Party, and the display of the Irish at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Jeffrey is a regular contributor of book reviews for U.S. and Irish history for Choice, a publishing unit of the Association of College and Research Libraries, and other outlets. His book manuscript, *It Takes a Village: The Display of Irishness at World's Fairs and Expositions, 1893-1992*, is under review by a university press.

Book Discussion Group



The October book is *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. Jeanne O'Connell and Sue White will be the discussion leaders. The book group will meet on October 20, 2021 at the

Waterford Library from 2-4 pm in the afternoon.

The November book is *Isaac's Storm* by Eric Larsen. Kathy Shepherd will be the discussion leader. We will meet on November 17, 2021 at the usual time and place.

Pick up and drop off your books every month at the Waterford Library. I look forward to seeing everybody this year.

Elizabeth Hume

Hospitality

The following people signed up to bring refreshments for the following meetings.

October:

Judy Acker
Linda Shailor---cheese and crackers
Edna Gilstad---coffee

November:

Kathy Shepherd---cookies
Edna Gilstad---coffee

Elizabeth Hume

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National Voter Registration Day was September 28, 2021



U.S. Census data from 2020 shows that as many as 1 in 4 eligible Americans are not registered to vote. But this year for National Voter Registration Day, we must do more than just register

voters—we must ensure everyone is able to access this basic right. Several key Congressional committees have heard testimony that barriers to voter participation remain for people of color and language-minority voters, and the wave of anti-voter bills continues in state legislatures. Yet we know that these hurdles do not reflect the will of the people.

The freedom to vote is not a political issue² it is a Constitutional right.

Americans of all races, backgrounds, genders and zip codes have the same right to vote. The Freedom to Vote Act will restore federal protections gutted by the *Shelby County v. Holder* Supreme Court case and under attack from the wave of anti-voter bills sweeping the nation, while modernizing the ways in which voters access a secure and convenient process. For National Voter Registration Day this year, we ask you to:

1. Check that you are [registered to vote](#)
2. Support the Freedom to Vote Act
3. Urge your friends and family to join

It is past time for Congress to take a stand to protect all voters from discrimination at the ballot box. Our democracy works when everyone can fully participate—and our electoral participation needs the protections in this legislation.



The STEM Gap: Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math



Girls and women are systematically tracked away from science and math throughout their educations, limiting their training and options to go into these fields as adults.

Women make up only [28%](#) of the workforce in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and men vastly outnumber women majoring in most STEM fields in college. The gender gaps are particularly high in some of the fastest-growing and highest-paid [jobs of the future](#), like computer science and engineering.

AAUW has highlighted several steps that can help create a lifelong pathway of opportunity for girls & women in STEM.

- Instill a mindset of confidence.
- Prioritize from preschool through high school.
- Encourage college women to major in the STEM fields.
- Focus on retaining women in STEM studies.
- Urge STEM employers to recruit, hire and promote women.
- Programs that Work

For more information about this important initiative visit the AAUW website at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/closing-the-stem-gap/>



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