



May Meeting
Wednesday, May 8
12:30pm - 1:30pm
Starmount Country Club

IMPORTANT DATES
5/16 Board Meeting
5/26 May News Deadline
6/1 New Member Applications Due

[MEETING RSVP](#)

ACTIVE & ACTIVE RETIRED RSVP ONLY
if you can NOT attend

EMERITUS & SUPPORTING MEMBERS
RSVP to attend

BRINGING A GUEST
RSVP with your guest's name & employer

Guest fee \$30, cash or check at the door

RSVP by Noon
Friday, May 3

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A message from WPF President, Erica Parker

As we enter the month of May, a time of vibrant blooms and renewed energies, it is my honor to extend heartfelt greetings to each and every one of you. May is a month of celebration, not only for the beauty of nature but also for the profound influence of motherhood in our lives.

On May 12th as we celebrate Mother's Day (and my Dear Mothers 70th Birthday), we pay homage to the countless sacrifices, unwavering love, and boundless strength of mothers everywhere. From nurturing homes to shaping societies, mothers play an indispensable role in shaping the world we live in. Their resilience, compassion, and wisdom guide us through life's journey, enriching our experiences and shaping our destinies.

In this month dedicated to honoring mothers, let us also recognize and celebrate the diversity of roles that women fulfill in our communities. Whether as caregivers, educators, leaders, or advocates, women continue to inspire and uplift those around them with their unwavering dedication and passion.

As members of this esteemed organization, you exemplify the spirit of empowerment and unity that defines our collective mission. Together, we strive to create a world where every woman is respected, valued, and given equal opportunities to thrive. Through our collective efforts, we can break barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create a more inclusive and equitable society for future generations.

On this special occasion, I extend my deepest gratitude to all the mothers within WPF for their invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment. Your love, guidance, and sacrifices do not go unnoticed, and today, we honor and celebrate you.

As we embark on this journey of empowerment and progress, let us continue to uplift, support, and empower one another. Together, we can achieve great strides and create a world where every woman's potential knows no bounds.

Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible mothers, and may the spirit of love and appreciation fill your hearts not only today but every day of the year.

Shine Bright WPF!

Erica

May Meeting
MAY 8, 2024 12:30 – 1:30PM
Starmount Forest Country Club

Greeters and 4 minute Specials

Please consider being a greeter or sharing a 4 min special for an upcoming membership meeting this year.

Greeters: Arrive to the monthly meeting of your choice around 11:50am. Sherry will provide you the purple greeter sash. Grab your nametag, stand near one of the entry doors and welcome your fellow WPF sisters. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

4 Min Special: If you have never done one please consider signing up for one of the dates available. This is a chance for you to tell us about you, not just your work but what makes you-you! This year 4 min specials will be given after the program and we ask that you try to keep them to a few short min. Not comfortable speaking to the group? No problem, write a 4 min special to go in a newsletter.

Email Marleegfoster@gmail.com with your 4 min special for a newsletter and we will include it during this year.

What's for lunch?

- Chipotle spiced shredded chicken and seasoned beef taco bar with corn tortillas
- Toppings to include: lime crema, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, jalapenos, salsa roja, salsa Verde + Lots of Lettuce in case someone wants a big salad
- Tortilla chips & queso dip
- Annatto rice with peas and carrots
- Simmered black beans with peppers, onions and Monterey jack cheese
- Fresh Cut fruit platter
- Churros with Caramel Sauce & Whipped Cream

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NEWS & UPDATES



WPF 2024 Spring Social

Please mark your calendars for the Spring Social!

When: Tuesday, May 14 from 6 – 8 p.m.

We will hold our Spring Social on the beautiful campus of Guilford College.

Please come share in heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while we visit with each other.

Please [RSVP](#) by Tuesday, May 7. Space has been reserved for 75 people.

A map with parking and building location will be sent to those who RSVP.

We look forward to spending time with our WPF sisters!

– Ashley Raper and Kate Panzer, Directors At Large

RSVP for SPRING SOCIAL

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From Laura Burton, WPF Membership Committee Chair

REMINDER: Completed New Member applications are due no later than June 1, 2024.

The Primary Sponsor must send the entire New Membership Application package via email to Membership Chair Laura Burton (lbarton@foxrothschild.com).

Required documents for submission:

1. New Membership Application (PDF format)
2. Applicant's current resume
3. Applicant's professional photo (JPEG format, 1MB or larger)
4. Lead Sponsor Recommendation Form
5. Recommendation form from Secondary Sponsor No. 1
6. Recommendation form from Secondary Sponsor No. 2

The New Member Application and New Member Sponsor Document are available on the website. Currently, all occupational categories for membership REMAIN OPEN. If you have questions about the requirements, applications, or occupational categories, please reach out to Membership Chair Laura Burton (lbarton@foxrothschild.com) or 336-337-1942.

Applications can be found here:

<https://wpforum.org/womens-professional-forum-membership/forms/>

Membership information can be found here:

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FOUNDATION NEWS

From Chandra Hackenbruch

WPF Foundation President

It's the most wonderful time of the year! May is the month that we will shine the light on the organizations that were awarded grants to empower women and girls for 2024.

We will introduce to you 4 organizations in Guilford County who are doing life changing programs representative of our mission. As a result of your generous giving, were able to award \$28,000 to these organizations! Ladies, your donations made this possible!

This group of grantees include leadership development through our own GLE program, provide immersive community programs for civic leadership development for young women to be active in their school and communities, and support women's workforce development.

Prepared to be inspired by testimonials from past grantee organizations:

- Sister Circle and She Works and Wins program that supported underserved women's employment in the Greensboro and High Point areas. The goals are to provide women with the opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency, insight, knowledge, and resources to empower them to function at their full potential.
- I Am Queen and the Queen Arise Program uses the GLE curriculum to develop a program that provides self-esteem and leadership training workshops that target key areas in their adolescence such as money management, goal setting, and action planning, self-worth, healthy relationships, health and fitness, and etiquette.

I'm sure that our Foundation founders would be/are proud of the continued work of developing the next generation of women leaders. Over the past 40 years, we've given our support, time, energy, talents, and donations to the cause, contributing over \$300,000 to our local community!

The Foundation is looking forward to sharing the details of projects that are shining a light in our community. ICYMI our theme this year is "Shine Your Light". We invite you to join the Foundation in wearing a lighted necklace! Also, in honor of Mother's Day we encourage you invite your most cherished female whether she's your mother, mentor or any woman who has helped you Shine Your Light to the meeting.

Lastly I would like to you to join me in thanking our Grants Committee who worked diligently to present our 2023 grantees:

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SERVICE TO OTHERS

Saturday, May 11, 12:30 – 3:30pm

**Healing Gardens
at Cone Health Cancer Center**

2400 West Friendly Avenue

Service to Others will be working in the Healing Gardens at the Cone Health Cancer Center on the Wesley Long Hospital campus. The gardens provide peace and respite for cancer patients and their families as well as hospital staff and visitors. The Healing Gardens were a gift from the community to the Cancer Center.

Thank you to Mary Magrinat for hosting this month's service project. We will be ordering lunch, eating on the patio at Cone, and then working in the gardens.

RSVP to Amy Baradell @ amyb@windowworksstudio.com

Women of Wall Street Investment Club

Thursday, May 16, 6:00 PM

Lucky 32 Restaurant

Westover Terrace

The WOW Investment Club will meet for dinner on Thursday, May 16 at Lucky 32 Restaurant on Westover Terrace at 6 pm. Tables have been reserved for us on the patio outside if the weather is nice.

Please contact Katrina Solomon at katrinak.solomon@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 14, if you wish to attend.

We will not be meeting in either June or July this summer as many members are out on holiday.

See you on May 16th!

Books and Arts

**Greensboro Bound Literary Festival
starts May 14**

Nancy Radtke has been organizing activities but reports that registration is now closed to hear James McBride, Author of The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store as part of the Greensboro Bound Literary Festival on May 16th at 6 pm. (Check back in May) Early Birds who have already registered and would like to meet after the author's talk at PrintWorks at the Proximity Hotel should contact Nancy Radtke or Micheline Chalhoub-DeVill. If the weather is nice, the plan is to sit outside!

May 19, 10 am & 11am: Sunday Brunch at Magnolia House - There are plenty of tickets left for \$30. If you would like to go, please let Nancy Radtke know (Nancy.radtke@allentate.com) and she will get your ticket. Or- you can buy your ticket online at the above festival link.

Nancy hopes to meet up with WPF members at a couple of interesting talks: [Though She Be But Little: Short Stories and the Fierce Women Who Write Them](#) and [Grrrl Power: Jennifer Keishin Armstrong and the Making of Mean Girls](#) on Saturday Afternoon.

LADIES OF LEISURE

Thursday, May 16

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

6500 South New Hope Road

Belmont, NC

We will depart from the Whole Foods parking lot at Friendly Center in Greensboro at 9:00 am and arrive there around 11 am. After touring the gardens, we will have a picnic lunch and head back home by 2:30 - 3:00. Plan to take your favorite sandwich or whatever for lunch. Water and dessert will be provided. And, of course, we will carpool. We will decide who is driving once we know who is going. For a virtual visit of the gardens, go to <https://dsbg.org>. The cost of admission for us is \$12.76 (\$11.95 + tax) per person.

Please RSVP to retired@wpforum.org and route questions to Beverley Gass, beverleygass@gmail.com or 336-255-3173. Send her your check (2104 Rolling Road, 27403) or Venmo her your payment (@AliceB-Gass).

Join us for this outdoor and sunshine event!

SIPPIN' SISTERS

Mocktails and Cocktails

Tuesday, May 21

It's summer brunch time and we will be experimenting with cocktails and mocktails for your drinking pleasure.

Ronnie Grabon and Joy Shavitz' are your hosts. We will meet at Joy's house at 6:00pm.

Let Ronnie Grabon rsg Grabon@gmail.com know you are coming. Cost will be \$25 - (Venmo, Zelle if you can). Looking forward to celebrating almost summer with you .



BOOK CLUB

June 4 Book Group

7:00pm

Host : Jen Thomas
3004 Steepleton Colony Court
Greensboro
336.254.4325

The Measure by Nikki Erlick

A luminous, spirit-lifting blockbuster that asks: would you choose to find out the length of your life?

Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice.

It seems like any other day. You wake up, pour a cup of coffee, and head out. But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live.

LADIES OF LEISURE

Friday, June 21

TWIN CITY TROLLEY TOUR

All aboard, Ladies of Leisure!

Our personally narrated 2 hour trolley tour will explore Winston-Salem and includes a peek through Old Salem (with a bakery stop), Innovation Quarter, the Arts District, Historic West End, Graylyn Estate, Reynolda Gardens, and Wake Forest University. Our trolley will pick us up at the restaurant (yet to be determined) where we will convene for post tour lunch.

We will carpool from Whole Foods parking lot pulling out at 10:20. Expected return to Whole Foods is 2:30-3:00. Cost of the Trolley Tour is \$32 which can be paid to Margaret Bertrand by check, Venmo or Zelle to save your spot. Lunch is a separate expense. This event is limited to 14 people based on the size of the Trolley reserved. If we have more respond we will start a wait list and possibly we could engage the larger trolley. Margaret has prepaid and secured the smaller trolley.

RSVP to retired@wpforum.org

WORKING MOMS

Green Valley Grill
622 Green Valley Rd
Tuesday, May 21
12-1:30pm

Join us for lunch at Green Valley Grill. Moms of all ages welcome.

RSVP to Marlee Foster at marlee.foster@conehealth.com.

Working Mom's group is part support group and part resource group. We learn so much from each other and have the chance to share the trials and tribulations of being a working Mom in this day and age. There is always laughter, an empathetic ear, and sometimes a great suggestion to help you when you thought you have exhausted all possible options.

FINANCIAL DIVAS

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
9-10 am

Weaver Park Center Bldg,
324 W. Wendover Ave, Suite 140

Join us in the “O” to share and learn as we discuss “Financially Fearless Females: Strategies for Success and Security”. Do not let the formal title be misleading, in that these monthly meetings are not formal presentations. This group has expressed a preference for group sharing and engaging discussion over a traditional presentation format. Consider joining to share and/or learn from each other. For questions, contact Paula McMillan 336.337.9507.

DINING OUT

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30pm
The Mark at Elon
605 North O'Kelly Avenue
Elon, NC

Host: **Kris Landrum**

Join us for a field trip to The Mark at Elon!

The Mark at Elon is a hidden gem. Terrific food for every palate. If you would like to join us for a fun evening, please RSVP through the link below.

[RSVP](#)

Questions: Amy Meinecke
Diningout@wpforum.org

SERVICE TO OTHERS

Saturday, June 8, 11:00 am–5:00 pm
Dunleath Porchfest

Join us as we help kids in attendance make banjos and guitars!

We'll be under a tent with tables and chairs. It is a really fun event and the kids love it!

You can sign up for a shift and then take time to hear some of the music.

Please email Amy Baradell @
amyb@windowworksstudio.com to sign up.

Books and Arts

EMF Outing
Saturday, June 29

We have reserved a block of 8 tickets for the opening concert (described below) of the 2024 EMF season on Saturday, June 29.

Prior to the concert we will plan to meet for an early dinner (time and place TBD) then go to the Musically Speaking talk at 7 pm in the Moon Room of Dana Auditorium at Guilford College. The concert begins at 8 pm.

Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased by calling EMF (336) 333-7450 and stating that you would like to purchase a seat with the Women's Professional Forum group.

The block of seats will be held until May 20. Pat Vedder is our contact for this event. If the block of reserved seats sells out, it's possible that they can help arrange additional seats, but they'll need substantial notice.

*Eastern Festival Orchestra:
Celebrations & Rhapsodies*

Experience a night of groundbreaking musical fusion as the Eastern Festival Orchestra, under the baton of Gerard Schwarz, collaborates with 16-time Grammy-winning banjo master Béla Fleck. Béla will showcase his unique interpretation of Gershwin's iconic "Rhapsody in Blue" (which turns 100 this year!), seamlessly weaving his virtuosity with the orchestra accompanying him, followed by familiar works of Tchaikovsky and more.

Preservation Greensboro 14th Annual Tour of Historic Homes is in Sunset Hills this year on May 18th and 19th. On our tentative schedule of activities for '24 was this homes tour. However, plans have changed, and we currently don't have anyone to coordinate a group of WPF members for the event. It looks like a great event, and several of our members live in this beautiful historic neighborhood. Some of you may want to get your own group together to enjoy it. If you want to formally take on that responsibility and have us email other Books and Arts members, please contact Kris Landrum (klandrum@tuggleduggins.com) or Michele Smith (msmith@hillevans.com). Tickets are \$25 for members of the Preservation Society and \$30 for non-members and can be bought at preservationgreensboro.org.

BOOKS AND ARTS

Summer Blowing Rock Trip

The year is speeding by and we are finalizing plans for our Books and Arts July trip to Blowing Rock from July 18th to 21st. Activities available for the weekend include the Chetola Symphony by the Lake (Friday night, the 19th), tubing, shopping, hiking, spa visits and biking. We have two houses reserved within a few miles of downtown Blowing Rock. Anticipated housing cost is \$200 to \$250/person, symphony tickets around \$65, biking or tubing, around \$30. We'll be taking breakfast and snack foods to share, and will plan to dine out in the evenings, with the possible exception of the Chetola concert where we can either take our own picnic or buy box dinners. We currently have space for two or three additional women. A \$100 deposit is necessary to hold your spot.

Please contact Kris Landrum at klandrum@tuggleduggins.com if you'd like to be part of this outing.

BOOKS AND ARTS

Portugal (Spain?) Travel Update Oct 6-13 or 20th, 2024

Several of our group have responded that they want to be included in the Portugal trip scheduled for the fall (and possibly to go on to a Spain adventure). If you have not yet responded, but are interested in the trip, please let Christie Soper know (christiesoper@gmail.com) asap and reach out to her with any questions you have regarding the info below.

G Adventures offers a guided tour of Portugal (Lisbon to Porto) in partnership with National Geographic Sunday – Sunday, Oct 6-13, 2024. Then they have another tour for southern Spain with Nat Geo Sunday – Sunday, Oct 13-20. Each tour is \$2449 per person, so if someone chooses to do both tours back-to-back, the total cost for tours would be \$4,898 per person, and dates of travel would be Oct 5 (depart the day before for the overnight travel) – Oct 20. Note: the tours don't include all the meals; so add another \$350-500 per person per week for meals, and then add international flights and tour guide gratuity.

Below are the links to both tours. These are a good value and can work with different levels of activity within a group. A note on the guides – they are more generalists, like a cruise director, than experts on specific topics, so if folks wanted an expert art guide in the Prado museum as an example, that would be extra cost, but easily arranged and reasonably priced depending on the number of travelers.

GUESTS

WPF members signing up for the tour are welcome to invite a female guest to join the the trip. The maximum capacity for the public tour is 16, and it's first come, first served.

FLIGHTS

We estimate the flights for coach on Delta departing from GSO to be approximately \$1400. Note: price is likely to fluctuate until actually purchased.

Portugal: <https://www.gadventures.com/trips/ngj-portugal/EPENG/>

Southern Spain: <https://www.gadventures.com/trips/discover-moorish-spain/ESMNG/>

Women's Professional Forum, PO Box 38594, Greensboro, NC 27438

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