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WPF President

Reflecting on June's Trailblazers and Embracing Summer Solidarity

Dear WPF Sisters,

Well, we have had a rainy kickoff to summer, haven't we? At least our flowers will be gorgeous this year! As June begins our Summer season, let's remember that this time of year can be a season of renewal and connection. It is so nice to spend time with our families and each other through WPF events and SIGs.

As we welcome the warmth and vibrancy of summer, let's remember the remarkable women who have shaped our history and continue to inspire our journey toward empowerment. June has been a pivotal month in the women's rights movement; here are just a few examples:

- **June 4, 1919:** Congress passed the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote.
- **June 30, 1966:** The National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded, bringing women into full participation in society.
- **June 18, 1983:** Sally Ride became the first American woman in space, breaking barriers in science for women and inspiring women to reach beyond those barriers.
- **June 17, 2021:** Due to Opal Lee (the grandmother of Juneteenth) and her activism and determination, President Joe Biden signed Senate Bill S. 475, making Juneteenth the eleventh federal holiday, commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S.

These milestones are not just dates on a calendar; they are testaments to the courage of women before us who dared to challenge the status quo.

In the spirit of solidarity, let us remember that every act of encouragement, no matter how small, contributes to the larger tapestry of our collective progress. As we honor the legacies of those who came before us, let us also uplift each other, recognizing that our individual successes are intertwined with the success of our community.

I hope all my WPF Sisters have a wonderful summer!

Authentically yours,

~Lorri



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if you can NOT attend

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Cash, check, PayPal, or Zelle

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June Program

**"The Meadow Families Project:
Truth Telling and Healing on a Virginia Plantation"**



Ann Morris

Ann Morris is a retired journalist who worked for daily newspapers in North Carolina and Georgia for three decades, most recently as managing editor of the News & Record. She serves on the board of the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, chairing the Equity Committee and serving on the Executive Committee. She also chairs the board of Lillian's List and is active in her church, Westminster Presbyterian. A native of Roanoke, Va. Ann is married to Mark Sutter, a journalism professor at UNC-Chapel Hill. They have two adult daughters. In the past two years, she has been on a journey to learn about her family's history as enslavers on a plantation near Richmond —a journey that led her to connect with the descendants of the families who were enslaved there and embark together on a project of repair and healing.

Ann Morris grew up knowing that her ancestors had enslaved people, but was taught the myth that they had been "the good ones." In recent years she has been on a journey to learn the truth about her family's history, and her presentation tells the story of how she connected with descendants of families who were enslaved by her ancestors. Together they came together to plan a gathering of more than 180 white and black descendants, held on the former plantation where they all trace their histories. With photos and video from that remarkable day, and updates on ongoing projects including locating a lost slave cemetery, Ann shares a story about the power of truth telling, acknowledgement, healing and the possibility of repair.

NEWS & UPDATES



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.

It's Time for the WPF Summer Social!

Join us on Tuesday, July 15 from 6–8pm at the historic Magnolia House, an events venue, restaurant, and bed and breakfast located at 442 Gorrell Street, Greensboro. We'll enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres and beverages and a fun social time together. RSVP to Sherry at admin@wpforum.org. Due to venue space limitations, reservations will be capped at the first 60 members who reply.

The Magnolia House, a historic Green Book Hotel, is known as “the house that soul built.” During America’s period of segregation, the Magnolia House Motel accommodated traveling African Americans who were not allowed to share the same eating and sleeping facilities as Caucasians. Prominent African Americans that stayed in the Magnolia House included James Brown, Ray Charles, Ruth Brown, Ike and Tina Turner, and Jackie Robinson. In addition to housing celebrities, the venue accommodated the families of students attending HBCUs like Bennett College and NC A&T State University.

During our event, CEO and Founder Natalie Miller, will share a highlight about this important historic community venue and its mission. Make plans now to attend the WPF Summer Social!



WPF Foundation News

A Note From Chandra Hackenbruch, WPF Foundation President

As I look back on the May Meeting, my heart is full of gratitude for the generosity of our Sisters and all members who have contributed over the years. Your support isn't just a donation; it's a powerful affirmation. It shows you recognize the empowering impact our grants have on organizations that uplift women and girls in our community. Your giving also demonstrates a deep belief in the WPF Foundation's mission, established 40 years

ago, and a desire to see that mission thrive for many decades to come. Thank you for your incredible commitment!



I trust you found the panel discussion as amazing, moving, and inspiring as I did! It was incredibly impactful to hear directly from the visionary women at the helm of these grant-awarded organizations. These inspiring programs, which are actively transforming and empowering the lives of girls and women, are made possible thanks to your contributions. As the panelists so clearly articulated, these vital initiatives equip these ladies with the skills and abilities to create meaningful change that reaches beyond Guilford County.

ICYMI, here's a recap of the 2025 Grantees:

Women's Resource Center of Greensboro – \$10,000

The Women to Work program at the Women's Resource Center of Greensboro is a transformative initiative that aligns with WPFF's mission of supporting women's professional and personal development. By providing hands-on job readiness training, financial literacy education, and career coaching, this program removes barriers that many women—especially single mothers—face when striving for economic stability. With strong mentorship and wraparound support, Women to Work is not just about job placement—it's about equipping women with confidence, leadership skills, and financial independence. WPFF's funding will help sustain this critical program, ensuring that more women can build thriving careers and secure a better future for themselves and their families.

Congolese Community of the Triad – \$6,500

The Culturally Sensitive Computer Literacy (CSCL) Program is a powerful example of how education and access create opportunities for women—a core value of WPFF. This program provides Congolese immigrant women in Guilford County with essential digital skills, helping them bridge the technology gap that often limits career and educational growth. By offering classes in English, French, and Swahili, and ensuring graduates receive a free laptop, this initiative directly contributes to economic empowerment, workforce readiness, and self-sufficiency. With last year's program serving over 40 women, WPFF's funding will extend this impact, ensuring that even more women can confidently engage in the digital world and pursue greater opportunities.

The Sister Circle International – \$5,500

The G.L.O.W. Club – Girls Leading Our World embodies WPFF's commitment to mentorship, leadership, and the empowerment of the next generation of women leaders. This six-month mentorship program provides underserved girls in Guilford County with the tools, role models, and experiences they need to develop confidence, leadership skills,

and future career aspirations. With career exploration field trips, personal care education, and self-confidence workshops, G.L.O.W. Club fosters a sisterhood of support and ambition, helping young girls recognize their potential and dream big. WPFF's funding will expand this impactful initiative, ensuring that more girls gain the guidance and encouragement they need to excel in school, career, and life.

Marva's Outreach Mission – \$5,000

Marva's Outreach Mission (MOM) is taking a bold step in creating a stronger support network for women facing domestic violence, a cause that deeply aligns with WPFF's focus on women's safety, well-being, and long-term empowerment. By training Peer Support Specialists—women who have survived and overcome domestic violence themselves—MOM is building a community of trusted advocates who provide guidance, emotional support, and career training to help survivors rebuild their lives. With domestic violence rates on the rise, this program ensures that women have the resources, skills, and network needed to escape cycles of abuse and regain control of their futures. WPFF's funding will directly support training scholarships, expanding this life-changing initiative and making a tangible difference in the lives of women in crisis.

AAUW North Carolina – \$3,500

The Teen Near Peer Mentor Program by AAUW Greensboro reflects WPFF's dedication to fostering leadership, confidence, and career exploration for women and girls. By connecting high school girls with younger students through hands-on STEM experiences, this program creates a mentorship pipeline that inspires girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math—fields where women remain underrepresented. From robotics workshops to interactive college-level science labs, the program provides practical exposure and peer encouragement, helping girls develop a passion for STEM. WPFF's funding will modernize materials, enhance learning experiences, and ensure financial accessibility, making it possible for even more young women to break barriers and reach new heights in STEM education and careers.

Our theme this year is "Enrich Your Strengths!" and our grant recipients beautifully reflect that. This exceptional cohort champions incredibly diverse pathways to empowerment. They range from cultivating workforce development for Congolese immigrants and Guilford County residents to nurturing powerful leadership in underserved girls, offering refuge and strength to survivors of domestic violence, and igniting a passion for STEM in the next generation of female innovators. These are precisely the kind of transformative and empowering programs we are dedicated to supporting with our grants.

A special thank you to the 2025 Board, the Grant Committee, and all others who have helped for their tremendous dedication throughout the grant process, culminating in a successful May Meeting. I'm so honored to work alongside such an energetic, talented, and creative group!

Please enjoy a few captured moments from the May Meeting.





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Small Group Gatherings Update!

On behalf of the WPF board of directors, we want to thank everyone for helping make our spring gatherings a great success! We had 14 hosts, a dozen events, and 90 guests...a great mix of dinners, cocktail hours, lunches, and high tea. These socials are wonderful for cultivating relationships and connections across WPF.

Our Hosts:

Neena Ballard
Laura Burton
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RSVP for our July Summer Social today!

Jeanie Duncan and Laura Burton

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 3
7:00 pm hors d'oeuvres and social time
7:30 pm discussion
Host: Kris Landrum
704 Plummer Drive
RSVP klandrum@tuggleduggins.com
Discussion Leader: Beverley Gass
Book: James by Percival Everett
Save the Date for these Books!
Time: 7:00 pm hors d'oeuvres and social time

August 5, 2025
Book: Color of Water by James McBride
Host: Marjorie Streck
Discussion Leader: Pat Vedder

October 7, 2025
Book: Peril at the Exhibit
Host: NEED
Discussion leader: Nancy Radtke

December 2, 2025
Book: Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan
Host: Jane Hewitt
Discussion leader: Anne Morris

WORKING MOMS

Undercurrent

Tuesday, June 17, 4-5 pm

Join us for Happy Hour!

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.



LADIES OF LEISURE

Congdon Yards

Tuesday, June 24

Join us in June for a tour of Congdon Yards in High Point. Rachel Collins, President and CEO of Business High Point-Chamber of Commerce will lead the tour. Rachel spoke at the April meeting of WPF and gave an overview of the unique business/event center that High Point has developed in what was once the Adams-Millis Hosiery Mill. Now we will get an inside look at this innovative space.

We will have lunch at about 11:45 a.m. (checking on time) at Stock and Grain right next door to Congdon Yards. We will meet in Whole Foods Parking lot in Greensboro for carpooling and depart for Congdon Yards at 11 a.m. Reserve a spot ASAP at retired@wpforum.org.

There is no cost for the tour.

Links:

Congdon Yards: <http://congdonyards.com/>

Business High Point: <https://www.bhpchamber.org/>

Stock and Grain: <https://stockandgrainhp.com/>

FINANCIAL DIVAS

Wednesday, June 25, 9-10 am

Weaver Park Center

324 W. Wendover Ave, Ste. 140

Join us in the “O” for a discussion of “Planning for Healthcare Costs in Retirement” . How much do you need to plan to set aside? How does it work? How can I help my clients, family members and friends who may be confused about it? Has anything changed to date? What is likely to change? Plan to attend for a discussion on what goes into making the right “one size fits one” decisions around planning for healthcare over 30 years of market volatility, inflation, taxes and no paycheck, now while you still have one. For more information or questions, contact Paula McMillan at 336.337.9507 or pmcmillan@stearnsfinancial.com.

DINING OUT

Wednesday, June 25

6:30 pm

Reel Seafood Grill

Host: Amy Baradell

RSVP to:

Amy Meinecke

<https://form.jotform.com/251174291924155>

Please sign up through the link above

Any questions can be sent to diningout@wpforum.org or

336-848-3198



BOOKS & ARTS

**Thursday, June 26
Cooking Class
Culinary U of the Triad**

Enjoy a fun cooking experience with WPF friends on June 26 when we participate in a cooking class at Culinary U of the Triad. Some of you may remember going to this venue for classes a couple years ago. There was so much interest that we had to schedule two classes! Each class will prepare a meal and appetizers, so it's a "hands on" experience, but also includes a great meal and recipes to add to your repertoire. Cost is between \$58 and \$62/person depending upon the menu we choose. Everything but alcohol is included (we can take our own). A class can accommodate up to 14 students. We still have spaces available, so RSVP ASAP to Kris Landrum (klandrum@tuggleduggins.com).

Books and Arts

Blowing Rock Summer Outing-July 24th to 27th:

Spend a long weekend in Blowing Rock with great friends and participate in any or all of the following activities:

Chetola Symphony By The Lake-(think MUSEP on steroids),
cost around \$60 to \$70, evening of the 25th

Blowing Rock Home Tour-morning or early afternoon of 25th, cost \$30

Tubing on Saturday, the 26th, cost around \$35

Wine Tasting

Cost of housing around \$250 to \$300

Deposit to save space-\$125

If you're willing to sleep on a sofa bed or top bunk, we have room for two or three more women for this trip. For more information contact Kris Landrum at klandrum@tuggleduggins.com.

**WOW - WOMEN OF WALL STREET
Investment Club**

**Thursday, August 21, 6:00 pm
Mt. Pisgah Church
2600 Pisgah Church Road**

The WOW Investment Club will not meet in either June or July as many of the members are on holiday.

Our next meeting will be the third quarter Business Meeting on Thursday, August 21, at 6 pm at Mount Pisgah Church.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!



LADIES OF LEISURE and BOOKS AND ARTS
National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee
October 3-5, 2025

Books and Arts and Ladies of Leisure are teaming up to plan a trip to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee the weekend of October 3-5. We will drive to Jonesborough on Friday when the storytelling begins and return home on Sunday. Jonesborough, the oldest town in Tennessee, is a 3+ hour drive from Greensboro. Tents are set up around this picturesque town to provide a fun place to hear tales you will laugh and weep over. We will stay in nearby, Greeneville, Tennessee and have dinner together on Friday and Saturday. It is a down-to-earth, entertaining weekend.

Here is a link to the festival: <https://www.storytellingcenter.net/festival/main/>
Adult tickets are \$190 for 3 days and senior tickets, \$175. We suggest waiting to purchase tickets. You may even decide to purchase them on site.

We have reserved 6 rooms at the Hampton Inn in Greeneville about a 30 minute drive from Jonesborough. Each room has 2 queen beds and costs for \$461.72 for 2 nights.

We hope you will decide to join us for a beautiful fall weekend in gorgeous East Tennessee. Or, it could rain. But that's lovely, too.

Please think about this! We hope you decide soon to join us, but we have until mid-September to finalize the number of rooms needed. It's a wonderful fall outing. Let us hear.

Beverley Gass
(336) 255-3173
beverleygass@gmail.com

Jane Hewitt
(336) 312-0200
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Books and Arts
British Virgin Islands Sailing Trip-January 23rd thru 31st, 2026

Per person cost for 58 ft sailing catamaran, captain, cook, and steward and all food and beverages-\$3,742/person, plus crew tip of \$600 to \$700, plus airfare
There is only one space left for this trip,

Contact Kris Landrum (klandrum@tuggleduggins.com) if you want additional information about either of these trips.



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