



Lorri Yaskiewicz
WPF President

Being Grateful

November is synonymous with gratitude, a time to pause and give thanks for the blessings in our lives, and yes, even for the trials that have shaped us along the way. As we turn the calendar toward the final stretch of the year, I'm reminded how quickly time flies and how important it is to savor each moment.

There's something special about the last few months of the year; they have always been my favorite. The season really brings out my inner child with all the warmth and traditions. From Halloween (and my "famous" very hot chili!) to evenings spent decorating and cooking for friends and loved ones, I find so much joy in preparing my home and heart for the season ahead.

Can you believe it's already November? Soon, we'll be making lists, checking them twice, and diving into holiday shopping. Speaking of shopping — don't forget our **Holiday Bazaar** is coming up in just a few weeks! It's a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on gifts, support local crafters, and enjoy a day of fun! Please let Sherry know if you are bringing someone.

As I reflect on this year, I am deeply thankful for my family, my WPF friends and sisters, and of course, my two wild and crazy Maine Coons who keep life entertaining! I am also incredibly grateful for our amazing 2025 Board of Directors and extend a heartfelt thank you for all your dedication and teamwork. We had a lot of great collaboration this year, and it has truly been a pleasure serving with each one of you.

As we step into this season of gratitude, may we each take time to reflect on the many blessings that surround us, big and small, and share that spirit of thankfulness with those around us. Wishing each of you a November filled with warmth, joy, and beautiful moments. And Happy Thanksgiving!

With gratitude,



November Bazaar
Wednesday, November 12
11:00am - 2:00pm
Starmount Country Club

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if you can NOT attend

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Lunch fee \$30.
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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

It's time for our annual Holiday Bazaar!!

Wednesday, November 12

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join us for lunch & shopping!

Invite a Friend!

Come ready to shop! 25+ vendors offering art, gifts, accessories, jewelry, fashion, and other indulgences.

Please note: Most vendors will not accept checks, please plan accordingly to have cash, card or an electronic form of payment.

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.

WPF Foundation News

**A Note From Chandra Hackenbruch,
WPF Foundation President**

Greetings,

In case you missed the October meeting, we had the distinct pleasure of introducing the phenomenal recipient of The Margaret Ann Wilkes Scholarship. However, we could not recognize, in person, the Award recipient due to schedule conflicts so we're recognizing both the scholarship and award recipients in November's newsletter.

These brilliant young ladies are currently rocking their majors in the Department of Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies (CARS) at UNCG and they are the future leaders in the Retail Industry!



As many of you know, we previously recognized them in May! But we realized that springtime is a whirlwind of graduation, final exams, and students heading home. It often meant our amazing students weren't around to get the spotlight they deserved.

So, we changed things up! From now on, we are thrilled to recognize these outstanding students as soon as they are awarded in the Fall semester—getting them their well-deserved applause when they can actually be with us!

The Foundation is absolutely thrilled to recognize and congratulate these incredible ladies for their truly outstanding achievements!



Gabrielle Wilson, recipient of the scholarship, is a junior majoring in Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies and is also enrolled in the accelerated master's program. Born and raised in Charlotte, NC, Gabrielle has long been passionate about apparel design and fashion innovation. Gabrielle is dedicated to developing her skills in design and retail while exploring opportunities to make a meaningful impact in the fashion industry.

Yaritzy Cardenas, recipient of the award, is a full-time student majoring in Consumer, Apparel and Retail Studies with a concentration in Merchandising Management. She is a proud first-generation college student! This is her last semester at UNCG, and she has truly enjoyed her time at UNCG. This past summer she was fortunate enough to complete an internship with Fox River Mills where she was able to apply all she's learned during her studies at UNCG. Thanks to the support, she will be able to apply all the knowledge I have gained through my education and experiences to my future career!



In other news:

Our grant cycle has officially launched!

It's official—our grant cycle has launched and the excitement is building! We've already sent out press releases, but now we need your help to spread the word throughout Guilford County. If you know of any organization dedicated to empowering women and girls, let them know that this is their chance to make a real difference—encourage them to apply for funding and bring their amazing programs to life! For more information on guidelines and how to apply [click here](#) or [apply directly by clicking here](#).

Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

Secure Your Spot Before It's Too Late!

Time is running out! This isn't just a party; it's the **single most critical fundraising event** for WPFf this year.

As a reminder, it's SUNDAY, November 2, 2025, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Van Dyke Performance Space.

You'll sip delightful drinks from **1618** on location with food offerings from **Kibi's Crazy Casseroles** and enjoy the incredible sounds of the **Ladies Auxiliary Band**.

The best part? **Every single penny** raised will fuel the next round of transformative grants for women and girls in Guilford County—building on the monumental **\$30,500 we awarded this year!**

Tickets are limited and they are selling fast! Don't delay—buy it now! <https://wpforum.org/event/rock-the-night-away-2025/>

Spread the Word (TODAY!): We need to fill the room to maximize our impact. Please **immediately share** this invitation with friends, family, and your professional network. Let's make this the biggest night yet!

Can't attend, but want to support the Women's Professional Forum Foundation? [Make a donation by clicking here](#).

Thank you to our 2025 Rock the Night Away Sponsors!

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Membership Update

A few reminders from your membership committee:

- If it's been a while since you've checked your profile on our website (wpforum.org), please take a minute to review and update it if necessary. Your business category should be based

on what you do, not necessarily what your employer does. (Please contact Sherry if you have trouble logging into the website).

- If you are an active member, please contact the membership committee if your personal or professional situation prevents you from attending luncheon meetings as per our bylaws (which state that active members should attend at least 6 meetings annually).
- Please notify the membership committee if you are considering sponsoring a new member so we can proactively ensure that there are no issues with maxing out the business category totals.

Building Belonging Update!

November Is Native American Heritage Month

National Native American Heritage Month (NAHM), celebrated each November, recognizes the significant contributions of Indigenous people in the United States (Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated island communities). It provides a platform to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, languages, and stories.

America is a vast place of many cultures dating back thousands of years to the original inhabitants of the land. There are 574 federally recognized Indian Nations, in addition to other tribes located throughout the United States who are recognized by their respective state governments.

The United States administers 326 land areas as federal Indian reservations, covering 56.2 million acres — or 2.1% of the nation's total land area. A federal Indian reservation is a land area reserved for a tribe or tribes under treaty or other agreement with the United States, executive order, federal statute or administrative action as permanent tribal homelands, and where the federal government holds title to the land in trust on behalf of the tribe.

While requests for formal recognition of Native American history began in the early 20th century, it was 1986 when the U.S. Congress passed a proclamation authorizing "American Indian Week." Four years later, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Pale Moon Rose (Win-yan-sa-han wi – "Princess of the Pale Moon"), of Cherokee-Seneca descent and adopted by the Ojibwe, founded the American Indian Heritage Foundation in 1973 and was instrumental in influencing President Bush to make the 1990 proclamation. Since 1994, similar proclamations, under variations of the name (including Native American Heritage Month and National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month) have been issued annually.

To learn more about NAHM, you can visit [Native American Heritage Month | Smithsonian Institution](#).

Veterans Day is November 11

First and foremost, thank you to our WPF sisters who have served in the U.S. military and defended our freedom. Your service and sacrifice are deeply appreciated.

November 11 was selected in recognition of the armistice between the Allied Nations and Germany during World War I, which temporarily ceased hostilities at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars," even though World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. In 1926, the U.S. Congress passed a concurrent resolution requesting the President issue a proclamation calling upon officials to display the U.S. flag on all government buildings on November 11 and inviting an observation by people in the United States.

Today, Veterans Day is a celebration to honor and recognize America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to volunteer in service of our nation. For more information about the history of Veterans Day, you can visit the [Department of Veterans Affairs website](#).

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

NEW SIG This Fall!!!

Nonfiction BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, Nov. 4th

Book Selection: Replaceable You

By Mary Roach

7:00 pm hors d'oeuvres and social time

7:30 - 8:30 or 8:45 PM book discussion and planning

Thomas Home

3004 Steepleton Colony Ct.



(Note: I live on the border between Summerfield and Greensboro so plan your driving time accordingly).

RSVP: Jen's Cell 336-254-4325. Email: jen@drjenthomas.com.

Note: If it works for you to bring an appetizer or a dessert, that would be great.

- One of Literary Hub's Most Anticipated Books of 2025
- A Goodreads Readers' Most Anticipated Fall Book
- From the New York Times bestselling author of *Stiff* and *Fuzz*, a rollicking exploration of the quest to recreate the impossible complexities of human anatomy.
- Irrepressible and accessible, *Replaceable You* immerses readers in the wondrous, improbable, and surreal quest to build a new you.



**Books and Arts
Alamance Arts first annual**

Champagne & Cheer

Friday, November 7

6:00 -9:00 pm

Join Books & Arts for the Alamance Arts first annual Champagne & Cheer event (replacing Mistletoe & Martinis) on **Friday, November 7, 2025 from 6:00-9:00 pm.**

Tickets are \$40 and include wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and the opportunity to shop local artists for the holidays. If interested, please visit Alamance Arts (213 S. Main St., Graham, NC) at www.alamancearts.org/events to buy a ticket and then reach out to Laura Burton (lbarton@foxrothschild.com) regarding carpooling on November 7, 2025.

It's Sippin' Sisters 5th Anniversary!

We are celebrating the anniversary month of November
with a **Famous Diva's Karaoke Theme!**

Join us on **Tuesday, November 11, 6pm at**

Chandra Hackenbruch's home

2403 Brewington Sibert Pl, Greensboro, NC 27406

Come dressed as your favorite Singing Diva and enjoy cocktails inspired by famous divas while you listen to your sisters "killin' it" in Karaoke!

Win prizes as you play Singo Bingo! No singing necessary to win
- unless a tie breaker is needed!

Our other hosts are

Dee Blake

Amy Meinecke

Erica Parker

\$25 cover charge

RSVP via VENMO or CashApp

Venmo:@Chandra-Raye-1

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Investment Club

Thursday, November 20, 6pm

Mt. Pisgah Church

The final Business Meeting of the year will be Thursday, November 20, at 6 pm at Mt. Pisgah Church. We will review the portfolio and make any necessary changes. Please plan to attend.

We will not meet in December, but rather have our Holiday Party on Thursday, January 22, at 6 pm at the home of Cathy Nosek.

We open the club once a year in January for new members to join. Please contact Peggy Ward at peggyward8@icloud.com for information.

Finally, we are planning a trip to New York City from April 9-13, 2026. Please contact Judy Garner at jgarner212@gmail.com if you are interested.

WORKING MOMS
State Street Wine
Tuesday, November 25
4-5:00 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.



BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, December 2
7:00 -9:00 pm
Jane Hewitt's house
Book: Small Things Like These
by Claire Keegan
Discussion Leader: Anne Morris
Host: Jane Hewitt
Please RSVP to Jane (jhewitt51@gmail.com)
if you plan to attend.



BOOKS & ARTS
2026 Book Club

WPF Book Club will begin the process of making the list of books to read and discuss for 2026. There will be 6 discussion meetings, typically the first Tuesday evening of every other month. These also usually include wine and nibbles. 2026 dates are February 3, April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, December 1.

If you would like to join the group, please email Nancy Radtke at nancy.radtke@allentate.com. If you would like to recommend a book for 2026, please send the title, author and a short description of the book to Polly Sizemore and Nancy Radtke by November 15. We will circulate a list for the Book Club members to vote on which books will be read.

LADIES OF LEISURE

**Holiday Tea
Friday, December 5
12 noon
O.Henry Hotel
624 Green Valley Road**

The WPF ladies of Leisure will hold its popular Holiday Tea at noon on Friday, Dec. 5 in or adjacent to the lobby of the O. Henry Hotel, 624 Green Valley Road, Greensboro. All WPF members are invited to reserve a spot at retired@wpforum.org.

So far, 30 women have reserved spots, although a few typically cancel because life gets in the way.

On Friday, Oct. 24, the O. Henry staff expanded our reservations from 24 to 30 (the list as of Tuesday, Oct. 21), and hopes to be able to include more. But it won't know until about Friday, Nov. 7; the LOL leaders will stay in touch with the O. Henry and its Green Valley Grill and will let you know as soon as possible. Any more than the current 30 will be put on a waiting list and notified when spaces are available.

Ideally, we will sit at a long table in the tea room next to the lobby. Prices are \$12, \$16 and \$22 per person, which includes tea and savory and sweet items, plus a tip payable to servers at the event. Consider the \$22 option since it will be lunch time. Find the menu at www.greenvalleygrill.com.

Interested? Please respond to retired@wpforum.org by Monday, Dec. 1. We look forward to seeing you!



DINING OUT

**WPF Holiday Brunch
Sunday, December 7
11:00 am
Print Works Bistro**

**Hosts:
Laura Burton and Jody Susong**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Questions: Amy Meinecke at diningout@wpforum.org

**BOOKS & ARTS
2026 Annual Blowing Rock Summer Outing**

Because of the high demand for housing in Blowing Rock, we are currently making reservations for our annual summer weekend in Blowing Rock (as opposed to the March Wild Women weekend-not to be missed!) for the weekend of July 16th through 19th. Our planned activities include attending the Chetola Symphony by the Lake on Friday night, the 17th, (cost probably around \$90), tubing on Saturday (weather permitting-cost around \$35), possibly a wine tasting, and other activities individuals want to enjoy, including spa visits, hiking, shopping, etc. We anticipate housing for the 3 nights to run approximately \$300 to \$350/person (varying according to accommodations). We are requesting a deposit of \$150 to secure your spot, since we have to pay a deposit on the houses. If you want to be part of this weekend and claim a spot, contact Kris Landrum (klandrum@tuggleduggins.com). It's lots of fun and a great way to get to know fellow members better! Don't miss it!



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