PRESIDENT’S MID-YEAR REPORT

The New Year is a great time to find out what is going on in our 25 activity and 3 service groups. Forty women give generously of their time to lead these groups. Without them Campus Club would not exist. This issue of our winter newsletter is jammed with highlights from these groups.

As far as the CCC board goes, it has been an enjoyable and uneventful year. I am fortunate to work with 14 kind and talented women who simply get things done. Membership this year stands at 336 paid members. Both the fall coffee and winter tea were well done and well attended. Given that our fall coffee is so well attended, next year we are planning to expand the food offerings a bit. Our program chairs scheduled three outstanding programs for the fall and four more are on the schedule for this winter and spring. Annual dues remain at $25.00. We have a healthy bank balance and anticipate spending an average of $35.50 per member this year.

At our September board meeting, Marge Kline (a past CCC president) spoke about the work of the City Federation of Women’s Organizations (CFWO). Their mission is “to support women and girls and to act as a catalyst for the improvement of the lives of women and girls in Tompkins County thus making a contribution to the community as a whole.” Between 2012 and 2018 the organization has given away over $180,000 in grants. The Campus Club is a CFWO legacy organization. You can find out more about this dynamic organization at the website, womenbuildingcommunity.org. Our thanks to Marge for representing CCC and the hard work she does as chair of the CFWO grants committee. Contact CFWO at info@womenbuildingcommunity.org
This year two CCC programs are funded through the Joan Gallagher Fund. We added a fifth lecture to our regular program schedule: Turing Award winner John Hopcroft presented the program “Education in China: Is it Catching Up with U.S. Education?”

We are also able to underwrite a very special additional program just proposed in December by our birding group. On Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m., acclaimed bird photographer and author Marie Read is introducing us to her new book, *Mastering Bird Photography: The Art, Craft, and Technique of Photographing Birds and Their Behavior*. The program is being held in the Auditorium at Kendal and is open to the public. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends.

Women’s groups like Campus Club are not unique to Ithaca and Cornell but not every college community has a similar group with the mission of promoting acquaintance and friendship. I know, when I accompanied my spouse on sabbaticals, to Duke and to the University of Auckland, sadly I could not find a group like Campus Club.

While women’s lives have changed significantly since Campus Club was founded 119 years ago, we still benefit greatly from simple friendships. I hope you will not hesitate to follow the intention of our founders and invite a new neighbor or coworker to participate in our Campus Club at Cornell activities and programs.

If you have a question, concern, suggestion, or want to get more involved in CCC, please reach out to any one of our dedicated board members.

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CAMPUS CLUB AT CORNELL BOARD

Missing from photo: Delia Kenkel and Karen Koyanagi

PROGRAMS UPDATE
Upcoming Lectures and Programs

Sticky Slugs, Biomimetics, and a Future without Sutures

Andrew Smith, Ph.D., Ithaca College, Professor of Biology

- Friday, February 22, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
- Kendal Auditorium, 2230 N. Triphammer Rd.
Meet the Acclaimed Bird Photographer
Marie Read

Ms. Read will introduce us to her new book, *Mastering Bird Photography: The Art, Craft, and Technique of Photographing Birds and Their Behavior*

- Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
- Kendal Auditorium, 2230 N. Triphammer Rd.

Molecules and Masterpieces: At the Intersections of Science and Art History

Gary Wells, Ph.D., Ithaca College, Associate Professor, Department of Art History.

- Friday, March 29, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
- Kendal Auditorium, 2230 N. Triphammer Rd.

Spring Luncheon: Molecular Basis of Natural Variation & Implications for Plant Improvement

Steven Tanksley, Ph.D., Cornell University

➤ Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor Emeritus in the School of Integrative Plant Science
➤ Japan Prize winner
➤ Pioneer in Translational Biology
➤ Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer NSIP (Nature Source Improved Plants)

- Thurs., May 2, 2019, 12:00–3:00 p.m.
- Location: Country Club of Ithaca
ACTIVITY GROUPS UPDATE

Starting New Campus Club Activity Groups
Keeping Activity Groups Thriving

Cornell Campus Club depends on the Activity Groups to provide women the chance to delve into a particular topic and get to know each other in a small group setting. Do we have something you are interested in now? How about a love of books? (We have three book groups.) Do you like to be active outdoors? (We have hiking, biking, cross-country and downhill skiing.) Maybe you’re crafty? (Try quilting or dabblers.) Or you like to meet people from other countries and cultures? (We have two international women’s friendship groups which we offer as part of service/hospitality groups with the ESL.) And there are so many more.

If you don’t see something that appeals to you, consider starting a new group! We have two new groups this year: Conversational Spanish and English as a Second Language. These were started because a woman had an interest and thought others would enjoy it with her. They shared their ideas with friends, got some help from the Executive Board, especially the Activity Chairs, and now both groups are running successfully.

Sometimes our groups are so successful that there are enough women for a second group on the same topic. While it may seem overwhelming at first, many experienced group members willingly step up to help a new leader with ideas on how to run the meetings, where they might be held, and how to have engaging and interesting programs.

We would like to encourage YOU to step up to start a new group, create a spin-off, or lead an existing group. If you think you are ready to start a new group, please email Lynne or Jing-Ting. We will help you get the word out, give you some ideas, and provide moral support.

Lynne White, Activities Chair 2018-2019, lmw2@frontiernet.net
Jing-Ting Huang, Assistant Activities chair, jwannasoar@gmail.com
Art and Writing

→ **Time:** 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m.
→ **Location:** State of the Art Gallery, 120 W. State St.
→ **Contact:** Bernice Magee, [magee.bernice@gmail.com](mailto:magee.bernice@gmail.com)

Several of us have met monthly at State of the Art Gallery to view a newly-hung exhibit. We choose works of art and write for 5 minutes using prompts such as "Not the Same Old" and "I love this painting with a 'V'." Then we read aloud what we've written and choose another prompt. Sharing our responses to personal favorites has been entertaining as well as enlightening and we leave with greater appreciation of the exhibit. Come join us!

Bird Study Group

→ **Time:** Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
→ **Contact:** Gladys Birdsall, [gib1125@gmail.com](mailto:gib1125@gmail.com)

The Campus Club Bird Study Group traveled to local birding hotspots from mid-September to mid-November. Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge was our longest trip, and closer to home we visited Sapsucker Woods, Park Preserve, Hog Hole/Treman Marina, Dryden Lake, Stewart Park and Myers Park in Lansing. Weather affected several of our trips with one trip being cancelled. Mark Chao joined us again this fall for our trip to the Hog Hole/Treman Marina. Mark is very good at sorting out those confusing fall sparrows.
Our membership this fall was fifty-three, and the weekly field trips averaged between 10 and 20 participants. Included in our winter programs, we planned an extra birding trip at a time when the migrating ducks on Cayuga Lake formed large rafts at the southwest end of the Lake. This trip did occur on December 11th when we carpooled to a private home overlooking the lake, to observe large rafts of waterfowl.

We are planning another bird study program in January; a talk by Meena Haribal in February about her recent travels in India; and a talk in March with Marie Read, bird photographer, on her new book about mastering bird photography. Our springtime birding trips will get underway again in early April, when migration is underway. We will continue to enter the Bird Study Group’s historical bird sightings data (going back to the 1970s) into Cornell’s ebird database.

**Book Group I**

→ **Time:** 3rd Monday, 2:00 p.m.
→ **Contact:** Marcia Jacobson, 273-5735, marcia.jacobson@gmail.com
Barbara DiSalvo, 273-9062, bdisalvo@twcny.rr.com
Anne Hobbs, 279-9567, withane66@gmail.com

The Monday afternoon Book Group is a lively and serious group of readers. We alternate reading fiction and non-fiction; we seek to expand our horizons by reading different kinds of material, sometimes books outside our comfort zones. Our discussions are enriched by our various backgrounds and experiences. Best of all we enjoy ourselves!

Moreover, looking back at last year, there are two books that stand out. The first, *The Presidents Club*, by Michael Duffy and Nancy Gibbs was written before Barack Obama’s second term but it isn't even slightly outdated. It details how sitting presidents are aided and supported by past presidents, even those whose political interests are vastly different. It prompted a very lively discussion. Jessica Shattuck’s *The Women in the Castle*, not only gave us a fascinating discussion but it also provided a very different look at a favorite topic, World War II by focusing on three German women and how they lived during and after the war.

Walter Isaacson's *Leonardo DaVinci*, our book for January, is also a good one. Come and join us for some reading fun!
Book Group II

➔ **Time:** 2nd Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
➔ **Contact:** Gail Carruth, 279-2342, gailcarruth@gmail.com

The Thursday afternoon Book Group spent the last few months reading and discussing such diverse topics as the kidnapping and selling of poor southern children to wealthy families throughout the country; the disparate approaches of three widows to the tumult of Nazi Germany; a political suspense tale by a noted CNN Washington correspondent; a personal narrative about awakening to pervasive racism.

In the coming months our reading will include an account of the last slave “cargo;” a historical novel about the lives of two women in Post WWII with flashbacks to spy networks of WWI; the second novel by Celeste Ng which explores the impact of long-held secrets and the pull of motherhood; finally, Barbara Kingsolver takes on the subject of climate change in her novel *Flight Behavior.*

If interested in joining us at 1:30 PM on the second Thursday of the months to come, contact Gail Carruth at gailcarruth@gmail.com. We are a relatively small group of usually 8-10 who meet in members’ homes.

Book Group III

➔ **Time:** 3rd Monday, 8 p.m.
➔ **Contact:** Laura Call Andolina, andolina@aol.com

Monday Evening Book Group is thriving with 16-18 people each month and we are reading some great books such as Americanah, The Year of Living Danishly, and Little Fires Everywhere.

Bridge (Intermediate)

➔ **Time:** Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
➔ **Contact:** Pat Holmes, 273-8253, pholmes2@twcny.rr.com

Erna Westwig, 319-5275, rwestwig@stny.rr.com
The bridge club has had a fun year so far with an impromptu Halloween coffee and another social time before play celebrating the winter holidays. We also look forward to our May luncheon and game of “crazy bridge” at the Country Club.

We are fortunate to have added several new members and continue to encourage intermediate players to join us for our Wednesday mornings. Our goal remains to keep learning and enjoy the game and the social company of like-minded players.

Conversational Spanish

➔ **Time:** 1st or 2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
➔ **Location:** Wegmans Upstairs Cafe
➔ **Contact:** Bernice Magee, 844-9711, magee.bernice@gmail.com

A cozy group of active conversationalists met at Wegmans Upstairs Cafe to discuss various themes chosen by Mexico-born facilitators, Pilar and her guest, Leticia. We selected prompts such as "pinturas," "libros," "cultura," "cuota de entrada," and gleaned perspective about topics such as "feminina v. feminista." We continue to meet on the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the month according to our schedules. Please join us!

CCC Cyclists

➔ **Time:** Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.
➔ **Contact:** Nora Shang, 216-7499, nshang3@gmail.com
Marcie Robinson, 266-8219, mrobi1586@gmail.com

Despite the late spring and short fall, the CCC road cycling group continued to have fun this year as we cycled through the summer. Dawn Elvinger hosted a lovely lunch for our summer cyclists in late August. The last week in September we did our annual Salmon Creek Ride. This year everyone in the group made it up the hill on Indian
Field Rd to Hill Rd – Proof that while we may be getting older, we are all still getting stronger.
Sadly, we waved goodbye to Anne Thompson as she headed West back to Vancouver, British Columbia shortly after the Winter Tea. Anne has been an active member of Campus Club for several years while her spouse worked at Cornell in the fall. We miss Anne and hope she finds time to visit Ithaca again soon.

If you think you might enjoy cycling on the road at a friendly pace, please join us. Our only requirement is that you wear a helmet and are comfortable riding 15 to 20 miles. Some of our riders are B riders and others are C (10 -12 mph). We don't leave anyone behind and with two leaders we can split into two groups if needed. Our spring rides are often shorter and flatter—a great way to get acquainted with the group.

**CCC Cyclists Easier Bike Option: Waterfront Trail**

- **Time:** Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., spring and fall
- **Contact:** Jan McCarrick, 279-9964, janithaca@gmail.com

This group bikes the scenic and flat Waterfront Trail every Thursday in the spring and fall. The route is a 10-mile traffic-free loop starting at the Farmers’ Market.

This year we continued biking through the summer until the cold and rainy fall weather arrived. We did very little biking or
picture-taking during the official season but then 2019 arrived with some bright sunny days, so four of us went out on January 4 and took some photos as we biked the 10 miles on a beautiful 45° day.

**Dabblers**

→ **Time:** 1st Friday, 10 a.m.
→ **Contact:** Rhoda Janis, rhoda.janis@gmail.com
    Marcia Kepecs, mkepecs@msn.com

The Dabblers met twice this year, once for fabric painting and once for glass painting. No talent is required but we’ve made some wonderful things, have had a lot of laughs and have met new people.

In the next few months, we will make bracelets, fabric-covered notepads and herb gardens. If you’re interested in joining, please call us!

**Downhill Skiing**

→ **Time:** Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – January, February, March
→ **Contact:** Marcie Robinson, 266-1766, mrobi1586@gmail.com
ESL Service Group

Arranged by teacher

→ Contact: Anita Christiansen, 339-6010, anitag99@gmail.com

The ESL service group continues to honor the 50+-year tradition of providing English-language instruction to the Cornell-affiliated community. This academic year we have offered 11 intermediate and advanced ESL classes, helping ~150 international students, spouses, visiting scholars and Ithaca community members to improve and strengthen their English as well as learn about the U.S. The classes are kept small so as to maximize interaction and to allow the students time to practice speaking English. Classes are free for the students and our teachers are dedicated volunteers. If you have an interest in giving back to the Cornell & Ithaca community and love to meet and interact with international students and their spouses, please consider being a teacher in the ESL service group. It’s a rewarding way to give back to our community!

French Conversation

→ Time: 3rd Friday, 11:30 a.m.
→ Contact: Christina Wu, 257-1655, Christina.wu.1712@gmail.com
   Silence Michelet-Lowell, s.michelet.lo@gmail.com
   Marianne Saphra, mariannesaphra@gmail.com
Games

→ **Time:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month (Sept. thru June), 10:00 a.m.
→ **Contact:** Raf Chew, 339-8231, [rafchew@yahoo.com](mailto:rafchew@yahoo.com)

We gather first to chat and laugh. We then sit down with coffee or tea and treats to discuss which game(s) we would like to play. New games we have played this year include Palabra (a word game), Kingdomino (tile based game to build your kingdom) and Waldami (a matching game in beta-test from RISD). Or we play some of our favorites like Catch Phrase, Code Names, Euchre, Oh Hell, Ticket to Ride.

Join us and relive your childhood or sharpen that competitive edge! Play familiar games or challenge yourself and learn a few new ones. We usually play 2 to 3 games over 2 to 3 hours. If you would like to receive the reminders, send Raf an email.

Gourmet Diner’s Group

→ **Time:** Monthly
→ **Contact:** Nora Shang, 216-7499, [nshang3@gmail.com](mailto:nshang3@gmail.com)
  Holly Kazarinoff, 592-3894, [holly.kazarinoff@gmail.com](mailto:holly.kazarinoff@gmail.com)

The Gourmet Diners Group has had a mini surge in interest this year, due partly to some new members and partly to an unusual set of recipes. Our monthly dinners have been ‘sold out’ on both Friday and Saturday nights and enthusiasm is high. There’s still time to join us - each month has easy recipes and challenging ones, so expert cooking isn’t necessary.
We started out in September gathering in Nancy Ridenour’s beautiful garden with lotus pond for a Fall Equinox Apartito. Kathy Covell compiled a menu of Italian appetizers including Brochettes of Melon, Prosciutto and Fresh Mozzarella, and Cheesy Italian Arancini Rice Balls.

October saw us eating a Wickedly Good Halloween Dinner compiled by Holly Kazarinoff. Some of the scary treats were One Eyed Monster Pork Meatballs, and Creepy Crawly Cake.

Lin DeNoyer expanded our culinary experiences with First Nations Thanksgiving, recipes from Sean Sherman, The Sioux Chef’s Indigenous Kitchen. We delighted in eating Maple Sage Roasted Vegetables and Squash and Apple Soup with Fresh Cranberry Sauce. Lin also developed our December Boxing Day Brunch, at Hope Horst’s house.

The rest of the year will be equally tasty. Drucy Glass assembled MLK, Jr. Day with Southern Cooking, including Hoppin’ John and Aretha Franklin’s Peach Cobbler, as well as our May Dinner: Cinco de Mayo in Mexico. We’ll be trying a variety of bean dishes, including Mayan Couscous with Corn and Black Beans, Frijoles Refritos, Spicy Bean Salad, and Baked Bean Mole.

Alice Kops put together Valentine’s Day in France, a romantic menu with Endive, Pear and Roquefort Salad and Loin of Pork with Green Peppercorns. Alice also designed our year-end Picnic in Greece.

We’ll be celebrating in March, with Oscars Party Spanish Style. Kathy Covell has cooked
up Spanish Ham Croquettes, Paella and Portuguese Custard Tarts. Holly Kazarinoff put together Earth Day with Fruits and Vegetables of the Earth. Are there any other kind? Nevertheless, this menu will feature Spring veggies like Millet Cakes with Carrots & Spinach.

Thanks to Nora Shang, who does all our dinner scheduling; Alice Kops, Drucy Glass, Holly Kazarinoff, Kathy Covell, and Lin DeNoyer who developed the menus; and Sandy Bricker, who did all the editing, surely the most time and talent intensive role on the Committee. Thanks also to Sandy Lowe, who painted the cover.

Bon Appetit!

**Hiking & Cross Country Skiing**

- **Time:** Mondays, 9:20 a.m.
- **Contact:** Barbara Nussbaum, 257-6906, barbnussb@gmail.com  
  Emily Tracy, 533-3595, emilytracy@hotmail.com

As one of the long time activity groups within the Campus Club at Cornell, we are happy to report that we continue to enjoy the fellowship of our returning members as well as the new members who have added new ideas and excitement to our group. On average, between 20 to 25 women hiked this fall in the State Parks of Buttermilk, Treman and Taughannock as well as portions of the Finger Lakes Trails in Tompkins County. We also enjoyed our walks in various Finger Lakes Land Trust Preserves. We have skied at the golf course once so far, and we are looking forward to skiing at Hammond Hill this winter. Even if the snow is absent, we still hike in the winter and delight in the hidden waterfalls we discover throughout the area. Spring and the wild flowers are coming. It is never too late to join us in the fresh air. “Ithaca is Gorges.”
International Women’s Friendship Group I (Service Group)

**Time:** 1st Wednesday, October thru June, 7:30 p.m.

- **Location:** members’ homes
- **Contact:** Raf Chew, rafchew@yahoo.com

This year we have 36 women in our group hailing from 16 countries including the USA. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month (October thru June) at at 7:30 PM in members' homes. Our meetings for this year include:

- Topics for discussion - "Home
Remedies" and "Object that reminds us of our childhood"

❖ Member led presentations - "Feast of St Lucia", "Not your Everyday Travels", and "Dance"

❖ Annual Potluck in January, Annual Salsa Dancing, and End of Year Salad Party

After the discussion/presentation part of the evening, we enjoy wonderful treats brought by two members each month and spend the rest of the evening chatting and laughing. Meetings usually run 2 to 3 hours. Do join us!

International Women’s Friendship Group II (Service Group)

→ **Time:** 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
→ **Location:** members’ homes
→ **Contact:** Jette Lundgren, 917-254-1344, henriette.lundgren@gmail.com

Our meetings end with delicious snacks brought in by two members. We have a core group of 15-20 members from 13 different countries.

This year’s programs, each given by one of our members, are: “Home Remedies,” “Trip to India,” Voodoo and Music,” “Dance II,” and “Calligraphy,” just to mention a few.

Our biggest event is a Sing-Along and a dish-to-pass with international dishes in December at Natalia’s house. Our annual dish-to-pass with husbands and friends takes place in May at Ellie’s home in Trumansburg, which is our last meeting before we meet again in the fall.
Experience has shown that some of the most successful meetings are those where all members are given the opportunity to talk on one special topic.

And last but not least, we have lots of fun and enjoy each other’s company.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

**Just Coffee**

→ **Time:** 1st and 3rd Fridays, Sept. thru June, 10:00 a.m. to noon
→ **Location:** Ithaca Bakery at Triphammer Marketplace
→ **Contact:** Raf Chew, rafchew@yahoo.com

We sit with our coffee (or tea) and sometimes a baked treat to discuss current events, learn about recent travels, and get suggestions about local businesses. Some members stay the entire time, while others drop in for 20 minutes on their way to the gym. If you would like to receive the reminders, please send Raf an email. Sometimes we show up all wearing the same colors -- by pure coincidence!!!
**Mahjong (Intermediate)**

→ **Time:** 2\(^{nd}\) & 4\(^{th}\) Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.
→ **Contact:** Lena Trancik, 257-5686, Lgt2@cornell.edu
   Iris Lupu, 297-7033 or 917 589-5094

We have been playing Mahjong at Ithaca Bakery, enjoying and learning new strategies. Due to vacations, holidays, and the weather, we stopped playing for a few weeks and would like to resume in February. We always welcome anyone who wants to play.

New 2019 Mahjong cards will be coming out in late March. Iris will purchase a few for the group and anyone else who wants one. Small cards cost $8, large ones are $9.

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**Performer’s Group**

→ **Time:** 3 programs per year, dates TBA on Sunday afternoons
→ **Contact:** Charette Wheelis, 272-1042, charette1042@gmail.com
   Jane Dieckmann, 273-2133, dickjane201@gmail.com

The Performers’ Group is an activity group for Campus Club members who play an instrument or sing, and who wish to share their music with others in an informal setting. Our membership includes listeners who do not perform but who enjoy the gathering of amateur musicians to hear interesting and often memorable programs of mostly classical music. We encourage performance on a variety of instruments and levels.

Our first meeting this year included a wonderful and varied program of music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Telemann, Shostakovich, Brahms, Mattheson, Bonsor, and Glass. We were treated to outstanding performances on piano, violin, and recorder, after which we enjoyed seasonal refreshments.

We welcome new members, both performers and listeners. If you would like more information or have questions, you may contact one of our activity leaders.
The ukulele soloist is Meredith Williams.

(from left to right) Stefanie Green, recorder; Susan Bryson Earle, harpsichord; Elisa Evett, cello.

Quilting

→ **Time:** 1st Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., September – June
→ **Contact:** Sarah Hatcher, sshatcher@gmail.com

This year we’ve tried something different in our monthly meetings. Some of our members have used different techniques to create a themed sampler quilt. For instance, creating owls with celtic knots, machine appliqué, and collage. Still to come, curved piecing, paper piecing, and hand appliqué. We share our work before different techniques are introduced. Here you see two owl possibilities.

Ukulele (Intermediate)

→ **Time:** Friday afternoons, 2-4 p.m.
→ **Contact:** Ruth Hopkins, 257-9778, rah27@cornell.edu
Wanderers

➔ **Time:** 5 Trips per year
➔ **Contact:** Elke Schofield, 272-9476, [elke.schofield@icloud.com](mailto:elke.schofield@icloud.com)
Nora Shang, 216-7499, [nshang3@gmail.com](mailto:nshang3@gmail.com)

Wanderers explore the back roads, history and culture of our region usually planning five outings per year. Tours include among others: museums, historic buildings, galleries, studios, workshops, and wineries. Transportation is via private cars. We collect $5 annual dues to cover our drivers’ reimbursement for gasoline.

The first three programs have been:

October 4, 2018 – Rochester –
The Wanderers organized its first trip to Rochester and Erie Canal. Our first stop was the Kettle Ridge Farms, a family business that produces local maple syrup and wildflower honey. We toured their sugar house, apiary, chicken run, tasting room and a bit of sugar bush. We then did a Sam Patch Erie Canal Boat tour that departed Schoen Place in the Port of Pittsford. We went through a century-old canal lock and enjoyed the lovely scenery. Our last stop was the Pittsford Farms Dairy, a historic farm that has been a family business since the late 1800s. We enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by the trip leader, Kathleen Covell, and found the dairy processing plant tour interesting. This fun and successful first trip was attended by 27 people.
November 30, 2018 - Museums in Syracuse – We had our second trip exploring two interesting museums in downtown Syracuse. We first went to Onondaga Historical Association and attended “A Peek at the Past”, a guided tour of OHA's special and permanent exhibits depicting aspects of New York history. We then continued to Everson Museum of Art where we enjoyed a boxed lunch from Wegmans in a private space. After lunch we had a tour of the museum and experienced their annual 'Festival of the Trees', a celebration of the season with one of the area's most treasured holiday events. Rochelle Woods and Nora Shang were the trip leaders with a total of 26 attendees.

January 17, 2019 - The Wanderers visited the Herbert F. Johnson Museum and the NEW Dairy Facility on the Cornell Campus. Two other trips are planned: one in May and a boat tour with TEAL - Discovering Cayuga Lake - in June 2019.

What Do You Know?

➔ **Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
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“What do you know?” has been a blast (again)! This group of wise, witty, wonderfully warm and funny women has explored ideas ranging from birds to hair to books to fat, all with the help of theme related wine, delicious snacks, and lots of laughter.

We’ve seen collections of ABC books, discussed the monogamy of birds, talked about the politics and significance of hair, listened as the fat lady sang and so much more. Thank you all who attend - you all make each evening unique, informative, and fun. The best is yet to come.
Wine Explorers

➔ **Time:** Monthly
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The Wine Explorers Group, in its second year, increased in Members by almost doubling this year. Many signed up at the Fall Coffee and continued registering for several weeks thereafter. We are still accepting Members if you would like to join us for the remainder of the year -September through June. In addition, we are a co-ed group and encourage you to bring a partner or friend.

Our first Wine Explorers event was hosted by Ayako Timmons at her home in September. This was designed as an opportunity for Members to do a bit of socializing and wine pairing. I asked those
attending to surprise us with their prized hors d'oeuvres, antipasto, canapé, cold or hot appetizer, cheese & fruit plate, finger food, stuffed whatever, baked you name it, etc. The event turned out to be a fabulous collection of wine and appetizer pairings with over 40 in attendance.

In October we had a capacity crowd visit Ports of New York Winery in Ithaca. We stepped into the winery, with grapes fermenting in their bins, stainless vats gleaming, and beautiful French barrels lined up like soldiers. The owner and winemaker, Frederic Bouché, introduced us to his winery, his French heritage within a winemaking family, his traditional French ports & wines made with Finger Lakes grapes, and his personal collection of heirloom and sometimes odd wine making, pouring devices, and assorted implements. We finished this off with a round of tastings of his red, white and fortified wines.

Despite the snowy inclement weather, 18 intrepid Wine Explorers were able to attend November’s event at Northside Wine & Spirits. The theme for the evening was sparkling wine. Joe Pendergast, manager of Northside, started things off with a brief greeting and introduction of our hosts for the evening: David Pohl and Jason Wentworth. Together, David and Jason guided us through time and around the world as we sipped and learned about six unique sparkling wines that were as varied in price as they were in character. Great ideas for the Holidays ahead.

January found the Wine Explorers visiting Sparrow Wine Legend, of Ithaca. Owner, David Sparrow, introduced an overflowing crowd to a wonderful selection of wines from the Northwestern Piedmont area of Italy. Italian Wines are one of his areas of expertise, and we enjoyed a very fine selection of one white and four reds he curated for us. The crowd tasted and mingled around the many racks of wines from David’s personally selected collection in his shop.
Future months will allow us to explore wines from the Southern Hemisphere, tour a vineyard that grows grapes for a select variety of Finger Lakes wineries, enjoy an outing to several Seneca Lake Wineries, and a few other surprises.

Come join us.

**Yoga for Life**

→ **Time:** Wednesdays, 8:00-9:30 a.m.
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**Gardening**

→ **Time:** 4th Friday, 10 a.m.
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The Garden Group meets the 4th Friday of the month at 10 a.m. We saw lotus ponds and master stone work above Cayuga Lake this summer, learned all about growing grapes and making port and wine at Ports of New York and Americana Winery this fall, had our annual meeting with member input for the year, a most festive and abundant holiday potluck and gift exchange for our combined November/December meeting, and made mason bee houses in January. We look forward to what’s become our annual garden travel photo share, greenhouse and nursery tours, a visit to a local
Japanese-style garden, and our annual garden party. This summer will be full of more outdoor garden tours. Our group is designed for anyone who likes to have fun and is interested in gardening--having a garden of one's own is not required.

“Please enjoy the rest of the year’s activities!”