

Greetings from the President

Salvete amicae!

September has rolled around again, and I would like to welcome everyone back – back to school, back to regular activities and back to a new season of WAMUN events. We are planning two lectures this year besides the fall and winter receptions and the AGM. The Fall Reception is Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. in the 4th Floor Boardroom at Spencer Hall. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to come! This is a great opportunity to introduce someone new to WAMUN, so bring along a friend - or two!



I would like to thank several people who helped put together a display for the Academic Expo that was held at Memorial recently. The Office of Faculty Relations is experimenting with ways to make new faculty feel at home on campus, and they invited WAMUN to participate in the “Expo” on Aug. 30. A great idea – but very short notice – so my warmest thanks to Brenda Burness, Margaret Dohan, Carolyn Hodych, Susan Jackson, Julia Mathieson, Eleanor Nesbitt, Deborah Rehner and Annmari Tougui, who provided suggestions and material support or came and talked to new faculty.

The nominating committee is up and running. Many exciting and rewarding positions will be available on the executive next year. If you are interested in standing for a position, please consider whispering gently in Deborah Rehner's ear. Act now before the choicest positions are gone!

I hope that you all had a productive summer, although I know that it has not been an easy one for many, both here and around the world. I would like to extend condolences to Ellen Rusted and Elinor Eaton on the loss of their husbands, Ian Rusted and Doug Eaton.

Kathy Simonsen, President

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“Painting in the Garden” Features WAMUN Artist

WAMUN member, Joyce Cho (right) is among artists represented in the annual “Painting in The Garden – MUN Botanical Garden Art Group Exhibition”, showing in the Garden's Board Room Sept. 7 - 23. The show consists of art works related to nature – plants, scenery, etc. in watercolour, pastel, oil, acrylic, gouache, pen and ink, and mixed media. Take time to visit and recall the full glory of summer!

Joyce Cho, co-ordinator of the exhibit, paints from nature and is meticulous in her depictions of local flora, in this case the Pitcher Plant *Sarracenia purpurea* and Pink Lady's Slipper *Cypripedium acaule* shown at right. For more information on the exhibition and the many other artists involved go to www.mun.ca/botgarden/events/art_in_garden_2005.php Many of the names will be familiar!

The Tuesday “Painting in the Garden” art group meets to draw and paint at the Botanical Garden (BG). Artists at all skill levels can participate. For more information on the group's activities, call Joyce Cho at 722-4278.



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Special Interest Groups

Book Discussion — Fiction

Titles selected for reading and discussion this year are:

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards (Sept.)
Love in a Cold Climate by Nancy Mitford (Oct.)
Suite Francais by Irene Nemirovsky (Nov.)
The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov
Thirteen Moons by Charles Frazier
Fasting, Feasting by Anita Desai
The Log of Bob Bartlett, with Introduction by Paul O'Neil
The Salvation of Yasch Siemens by Armin Wiebe

The **Evening Group** meets at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month and the **Afternoon Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, both at Tiffany Towers. **Note:** Please park in the "V" (for Visitors) places at the Towers. Members of one group are welcome as visitors of the other. Newcomers are welcome at any time.

Book Discussion — Non-fiction

The group meets on the **2nd Thursday of each month from 2-4 p.m.** at 16 Mercer's Lane. We read, primarily, non-fiction but are open to biographies and autobiographies.

Book list for 2007-2008 is:

Sept. 13 *Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester
Oct. 11 *The Hanging of Angelique* by Afua Cooper
Nov. 8 *Your Daughter Fanny* by Frances Cluett and
The Letters of Mayo Lind by Frank Lind
Dec. 13 *Curry: A Tale of Cooks and Conquerors* by Lizzie Caulingham

Coffee Break

The coffee break group meets in the home of one of the participants every second week on Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon for coffee and a chat. The first get-together this fall will be on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The location will be e-mailed to all regular participants. Please let me know if you would like your name to be added to the e-mail list, or to be phoned with the information.

Call Susan Murdey at 726-0428 for further details.

Scrabble

The Scrabble Group formed last year and has been a success. Members meet regularly at a number of venues, including a number of coffee shops around town and members' homes, at mutually agreed days/times and play in groups of four, many versions of scrabble depending on member's interests.

For more information call Joan Fuller at 726-8896

For more information, contact:

Julia Mathieson, evening group convener
722-3249 or gmathieson@nl.rogers.com
Karen Herzberg, afternoon group convener
753-6568 or karen_herzberg@hotmail.com



In June, both groups get together for a potluck supper where they vote on books to be read next year. (Photo: K. Herzberg)

Jan. 10 *Shakespeare: A Biography* by Peter Ackroyd
Feb. 14 *Colour: Travel Through the Paintbox* by Victoria Finlay
Mar. 13 *The Marsh Arabs* by Wilfred Thesinger
Apr. 10 SUGGESTIONS and PRESENTATIONS 2008-2009
May 8 *A Woman in Berlin* by Anon
Jun. 12 VOTING 2008-2009 and *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore.

Newcomers are welcome at any time. For more information, contact Annmari Tougui 726-5567 or amtougui@nl.rogers.com.

Discovery Investment Club

The Discovery Investment Club meets monthly to educate members in the basic principles of investment practices and make regular investments for long-term growth. The current executive consists of: Deborah Rehner, president; Maire O'dea, vice-president; Diane Hogan, secretary; Elfi Boehm, treasurer.

Deborah Rehner, president
739-5046 or dbrehner@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

Hiking/Walking with WAMUN

The **Saturday Walking Group** continued walking throughout the summer in St. John's and environs. In September, we started exploring the Southlands. We fully expect that will lead to several more interesting walks. If you are interested in walking with us on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m., please email or phone Deborah Rehner

Notice of the Saturday walk is sent out each week on Thursday or Friday. We walk for about an hour or slightly more, then usually stop at Tim's on the way home for a snack and an opportunity to solve the problems of the world.

Our walks are not very strenuous, but we do walk almost every week. We find that the rain has been very kind and

often starts just as we end our walk. See you there!

Deborah Rehner, president
739-5046 or dbrehner@gmail.com

The **Tuesday Hiking Group** began the 2007 - 2008 season with a walk along the Virginia River trail on Sept. 4. This group meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. This year we are planning some more challenging hikes as well as some gentle walks. If you are interested in hiking with us, please phone or email

Pat Collins, convener
754-0507 or patriciacollins@nl.rogers.com

International Food Group

The International Food Group had a very successful 2006-2007 season with 16 regular and seven substitute couples participating. We enjoyed an hors d'oeuvres evening at the home of Brenda Burness in October, followed by Danish, Cuban and Finnish dinners. Our last meal in April was "mostly on the lighter side".

For this coming season, we look forward to an hors d'oeuvres evening where everyone brings their favourite hors d'oeuvres and wine, which will be followed by recipes compiled by chefs from around the world. Our first dinner will be on Nov. 24, 2007.

More details will be available by phoning Susan Jackson at 726-3808, or Brenda Burness at 895-2712

Members with ideas for new interest groups should contact WAMUN executive for information on getting started. Queries have already been received about a possible **evening scrabble group** and a **social group for women with young children**. If you are interested in getting either of these groups started please contact wamun@mun.ca

▶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE WAMUN FALL RECEPTION ◀

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007

Location: 4th Floor Boardroom, Spencer Hall

Time: 8 p.m.

Parking in Spencer Hall Lot 62 (overflow into Queen's College Lot 19)

Prize for the WAMUN member who brings the most potential new members!

(Must be more than one.)

Prize is a \$25 gift certificate from Chapters. Good for book lovers or early Christmas shoppers!

Annual Reports Not Included in Spring Newsletter*

* The Editor would like to express sincere apologies to convenors of groups whose annual reports were missed in the previous newsletter. Some of those reports are included below in full.

Discovery Investment Club

The Discovery Investment Club has had a very successful year financially. We continue to meet monthly to learn about investing and have added a new member during the year.

Deborah Rehner, president
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Scrabble

We had a very successful first year with seven regular players meeting weekly. Pat and Elke have generously opened their homes and Starbucks has been very gracious by allowing us to use their tables. We have played both the traditional and the 3D games.

We have also been quite adventurous as seen in this sentence made up of this year's seven-letter words: "It was not a **dreamer** who saw us **quieten** and take **courage** as **falcons** were **trailing** the scent of **éclairs**, we were **knifing** while **trouting** on a lake made by the **reflood** plan."

For more information on meeting times and locations, contact Joan Fuller, 726-8896 or joan@nf.sympatico.ca

Saturday Walking Group

This group continues to walk almost every Saturday on the walking trails and streets of St. John's and Mount Pearl. When the snow was at its worst, we even took ourselves indoors to walk at The Works.

We are missing two of our members. Karin Kahn, although she did not walk with us every week, walked frequently with us when she was in town. We wish her all the best.

Without Rachel Kimor Paine, this group might not have gotten off the ground. When it was first suggested in 2004, Rachel, Dana (Rachel's dog) and Deborah were alone on the first walk. That week, they started walking the TRailway right from its beginning at the old railroad depot. Rachel walked regularly with us when she was able and was a good friend to all of us. We miss her a lot.

Deborah Rehner, convener
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Go Walking!
Change Your Perspective!



Correction to WAMUN Scholarship Committee Annual Report

Sincere apologies also go to the Scholarship Committee. Some text (seen in italics below) was omitted from their annual report in the last newsletter.

The report should have read "...deposited in the unrestricted portion. *As the attached report indicates, our Scholarship Fund is in a healthy condition, due not in the least to the many donations from individual members each year....*". Copies of the entire report will be available at the Fall Reception or email your request for an electronic copy to wamun@mun.ca

The Editor.

Habitat for Humanity Gets a Helping Hand



Dr. Linda Hensman, front, director of the School of Pharmacy, and Susan Vaughan, Centre for International Business Studies, were two of about 10 women from the Memorial University community who joined the Habitat for Humanity women's build in Mount Pearl Aug. 11-25.

Linda Hensman is also Chair of the WAMUN Scholarship Committee.

(Photo by Chris Hammond)

Audited Annual Financial Statement

Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland **Final Statement for year ending July 31st 2007**

Revenue

Memberships (104 x \$15)	\$1,560.00
Postage (Newsletter or Food group menus)	\$125.00
Plant sale and Raffle (inc. \$150 float)	\$2,853.25
Annual luncheon (47 tickets)	\$1,175.01
Personal scholarship donation through WAMUN account	\$50.00
Total	<u>\$5,763.26</u>

Expenses

Plant sale proceeds (to scholarship fund)	\$2,648.53
Float	\$150.00
Plant sale posters	\$54.72
Fall Reception	\$191.50
November talk (hire of room, gift)	\$90.00
January coffee morning	\$59.85
Annual luncheon	\$1,464.46
Postage, printing, stationary etc	\$149.53
Bank charges (2 months)	\$1.90
Personal scholarship donation through WAMUN account	\$50.00
Total	<u>\$4,860.49</u>

Account balance Sept 1 06	\$750.40
Interim increase in cash	\$902.77
Account balance July 31 07	<u>\$1,653.17</u>

Scholarship Fund (straight to separate account)

Personal donations (33)	\$1,320.00
Total	<u>\$1,320.00</u>

Susan Murdey, Treasurer

Want to contact WAMUN? Executive and committee members and special interest group leaders are listed on the WAMUN website at www.mun.ca/wamun. Phone any of these people, e-mail wamun@mun.ca, or write to the following address:

WAMUN, Arts and Administration Building, Mail Room Box 130, Memorial University, P.O. Box 4200, St. John's, A1C 5S7

German Films anyone?

Dr. John Buffinga, Department of German and Russian, is again teaching German 3000 /German Film I (Cinema of the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich). This introduction to German film consists of 10 movies made between 1920 and 1945. The movies have been arranged in groups of two to bring out five thematic clusters that broadly define Germany of that time: 1) the city theme, 2) the theme of women, 3) the political left and right, 4) proto-fascist movies, and 5) outright propaganda movies. Movies will be screened on Monday nights at 7 p.m. in A-1046. All are free and open to the public.

Screening	Director	Title and Date
Sept. 10	Fritz Lang	Metropolis (1926)
Sept. 17	Walther Ruttmann	Berlin. Symphony of a Great City (1927)
Sept. 24	G. W. Pabst	Pandora's Box (1928)
Oct. 1	Josef von Sternberg	The Blue Angel (1928)
Oct. 15	G. W. Pabst	Kameradschaft (1931)
Oct. 22	G. W. Pabst	The Threepenny Opera (1931)
Oct. 29	Hans Steinhoff	The Old and the Young King (1935)
Nov. 5	Douglas Sirk	La Habanera (1937)
Nov. 19	Herbert Selpin	Titanic (1943)
Nov. 26	Veit Harlan	Kolberg (1945)



MUN Cinema Series - still going strong!

All screenings are at 7 p.m., Thursday, in Empire Theatres Studio 12 Cinemas in the Avalon Mall and are open to the public. MUN Cinema sets up a table near the Empire Cinema's box office about an hour before each screening where tickets and passes may be purchased. Single Admission: \$ 8.00 regular, \$ 7.00 students and seniors

Screening	Title
Sept. 20	La Vie en Rose
Sept. 27	Introducing the Dwigths
Oct. 4	Killer of Sheep

Oct. 11	Pierrepoint - The Last Hangman
Oct. 18	Waitress
Oct. 25	The Wind that Shakes the Barley
Nov. 1	Paris, Je t'aime
Nov. 8	The Namesake
Nov. 15	*TBA*
Nov. 22	The 11th Hour
Nov. 29	Shake Hands With the Devil

A synopsis of each film is available at www.mun.ca/film/

FOR SALE - NSO Tickets

Tonya Bassler has two Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra tickets to sell. The concert is 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 16 and features violinist Mark Fewer. The Atlantic String Quartet plays the Prelude Concert at 7:15 p.m. Each ticket is the special series price of \$23.50 and the seat locations are excellent: L28 and L29. Contact Tonya gbassler@mun.ca if you're interested.

Got News? Lets Hear! - PLUS "Name that Column"



We're thinking of starting a regular column to celebrate important events in our member's lives - but we need your help! If you are celebrating a birth, announcing a marriage, starting a new job, going on a trip, moving away, just arrived, involved in public advocacy, working to support social or cultural organizations, celebrating a talent, just joined WAMUN, etc., we'd like to hear your news and so would others.

Send news items to wamun@mun.ca

While you're in the mood, think up a zippy title for the column and see your name in lights in the next newsletter! Send title ideas to wamun@mun.ca by Oct. 15, please. Entries will be judged by your wise and impartial executive!!

Henrietta Harvey Lecturer & Women's Studies Speaker

The Department of Women Studies kicks off its inaugural semester by welcoming one of the most noted scholars of women's studies in Canada. Dr. Joy Parr, Canada Research Chair in Technology, Culture and Risk at the University of Western Ontario, will be in St. John's from Sept. 17-21.

On Tuesday, **Sept. 18** at 8 p.m. in Rm. A-1046, Dr. Parr will deliver a public Henrietta Harvey Distinguished Lecture titled *Hooked Rugs of Naked Ladies: Marital Life and Material and Emotional Strategies in the Shadow of Base Gagetown*.

In the 1950s, community members were moved from woodlots and meadows to make way for the military base at Gagetown, New Brunswick. This talk focuses on one couple, their lives and work before the move, and the strategies the woman developed to help him manage the depression that overcame him. Songs written for and about them, and examples of their craft work, will be featured.

On Friday, **Sept. 21** at 4 p.m. in the Science Building, SN 4087, Dr. Parr will launch the 2007-08 Women's Studies Speakers Series with an examination of Ruth Schwartz Cowan's classic text *More Work for Mother*; and subsequent research into domesticity and technology.

Know Your Mushrooms!

The Brother Brennan Environmental Education Centre is pleased to be hosting the first of what is hoped to be a series of "MUCH ADO ABOUT" weekends.

The first is "**Much Ado About MUSHROOMS**", an intensive weekend (Oct. 12 to 14, 2007) of lectures, workshops and field excursions under the instruction of Dr Andrus Voitk. It is intended for beginners who wish to learn to identify many of Newfoundland's beautiful mushrooms.

The fee of \$170 (with discounts for students and children) includes all meals, accommodation and instruction. To learn more about the Brother Brennan Environmental Education Centre visit the website www.brotherbrennancentre.ca

If you have questions contact: Lisa vanNostrand (709) 895-1085 or Helen Spencer (709) 437- 5097



NOTE ALSO: The City of St. John's and MUN Botanical Garden **MUSHROOM HUNT Workshop** is already underway (Tuesday evenings, 7- 8:30 p.m., Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 2. Fee: \$24.81) This series of workshops covers the basics of mushroom morphology, including identification of local species. Participants are encouraged to bring their own collections to add to the mushrooms for discussion.

The workshops are followed by a mushroom hike on some of the Botanical Garden's nature trails if time permits. For more information on this and other programs at the Botanical Garden, call 737-8590 or visit www.mun.ca/botgarden

WAMUN Member Receives CCA Doctoral Dissertation Award

Congratulations to Dr. Lynda Younghusband who recently received the Canadian Counselling Association (CCA) Doctoral Dissertation Award for "*High School Teacher's Perceptions of Their Working Environment: A Grounded Theory Study*," a doctor of philosophy dissertation completed in October 2005 through the Faculty of Medicine.

Originally a nurse with qualifications from Ottawa Civic Hospital School of Nursing and the Royal Canberra Hospital, Australia, Lynda changed professions, completing a bachelor degree in vocational education at Memorial University and a Master of Education in psychology counselling. Lynda is presently a sessional lecturer in the Faculty of Education and School of Nursing at MUN, having taught with the Avalon East School Board for many years.

The CCA is a national association of professionally trained counsellors dedicated to the enhancement of the counselling profession in Canada. Dr. Younghusband is presently a member of its Board of Directors and chair of the CCA Ethics Committee.



(Source: NLTA "The Bulletin", June 2007)

WAMUN Artist cont'd

A watercolour artist whose professional reputation is growing both provincially and internationally, Joyce Cho is currently a member of the American Society of Botanical Artists' Board of Directors.

For a number of years, she has shown paintings at the "Canada Blooms" botanical art exhibit held each spring in Toronto. This year, Joyce was invited along with around 10 other Canadian artists to show her work at the botanical art exhibition opening Nov. 1 at the J.B. Aird Gallery, Bay Street, Toronto.

Other WAMUN artists are also active. For instance, the June-August MUN BG's "30th Annual Garden and Nature Art Exhibition", featured sculpture by Jane Foltz. Apologies to any other members whose showings were missed.



There are many beautiful garden walks at .MUN BG

Update on MUN Governance

A consultants' report released in April recommended the creation of a second university in Newfoundland and Labrador by converting Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook into a university within a Memorial University system. The provincial government indicated its support for that proposal.

During the summer, Memorial's Board of Regents met to discuss the matter. The Board subsequently announced that it prefers the current one-university system, with provisions to increase the autonomy of Grenfell College. [See the Board's statement on the issue here, www.mun.ca/marcomm/news/index.php?includefile=showitem.php&id=1630]

The issue has generated considerable discussion in the province and among alumni and others interested in the university and postsecondary education.

A comprehensive website dealing with the Grenfell issue and which includes the various reports and university news coverage, is available here: www.mun.ca/marcomm/public_affairs/grenfell_governance.php

The university has also created a web forum to gather opinion. You can find the forum and contribute to the discussion here: www.mun.ca/marcomm/public_affairs/grenfell_feedback.php

(Information adapted from September issue of *Luminus Express*)

Support for Campus Food Bank

Operations at the Campus Food Bank are beginning to gear up for the semester. As usual, there will be increasing demand as the season progresses. Every year WAMUN supports this service by collecting non-perishable food items at each of its events and interest group meetings for donation to the food bank. In addition, anyone wishing to donate food items or cash directly, can take them to the food bank in Corte Real near Burton's Pond on the MUN campus. Items such as peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, canned milk, canned fruit, and Kraft Dinner (or similar macaroni and cheese dinners) are always in demand.

Thanks to all members and interest groups who participate. As usual, we'll be collecting items at the Fall Reception!

Recycling for WAMUN Scholarships

With summer activities gearing down, now is the time to clear out all those recyclables and support a good cause. Simply take your recycling to any of the following Evergreen Recycling locations*. We hope people will continue to donate the proceeds to the WAMUN Scholarship Fund by asking the depot employee counting your items to complete a blue credit slip for your signature. A separate receipt for your files can be obtained at the refund desk, if desired. Thanks very much for your continued contributions.

For more information on how to donate your recycling proceeds contact:
Marilyn MacDonald, m_macdonald17@hotmail.com 726-3134.

*Mill Lane Enterprises, 807 Water Street (777-3400), Cowan Avenue at Waterford Bridge Road (777-3832) and Regatta Plaza Building, 92 Elizabeth Avenue (777-3382).