



President's Report

Dear Friends,

I hope that you have all had a pleasant and useful summer. I know that many of you enjoyed attending concerts at the Tuckamore Festival or drove out to Cupids for the Perchance Theatre. There is so much to do during the summer that it is hard to fit everything in. With the arrival of autumn, we can look forward to a new year of WAMUN activities – book groups starting up again, coffee mornings, and so on. You may want to consider joining up with a new interest group; they all have so much to offer.



The regular WAMUN events are also being planned as I write this. Our Fall Reception will take place on Wednesday, September 18th. It is a great opportunity to come together to see old friends and pay membership dues. Membership in WAMUN remains an excellent value – just \$15 for the year. You may also want to consider making a donation to the WAMUN Scholarship Fund. We are very happy that the speaker for the Fall Talk and Potluck will be Amanda Bittner from Political Science. In a year of elections, it will be really interesting to hear her “take” on things.

Read on in the newsletter to find out about other up-coming events and mark them on your calendar.

For our many interest group activities you can obtain an up to date schedule of their meetings at any time by checking the home page on the WAMUN website. www.mun.ca/wamun/

..... Kathy Simonsen

🌿 Fall Reception 7:30 p.m. September 18 🌿
Members and Friends Welcome

PROGRAM OF SOCIAL EVENTS 2019-2020

- ☞ **SEPTEMBER 18** **FALL RECEPTION AND GENERAL MEETING**
7:30 p.m.
Member registration and interest group sign-ups
A brief business meeting
Coffee, conversation, and remarks by interest groups

- ☞ **NOVEMBER 6** **FALL POTLUCK AND TALK**
Doors open at 6:00. Food served at 6:30
Talk begins at 7:30
Guest Speaker: Dr. Amanda Bittner
Topic: Women and Politics

- ☞ **JANUARY 11** **NEW YEAR'S COFFEE MORNING**
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Coffee, pastries, and socializing.
Meet our scholarship winners
Members and friends welcome

- ☞ **MARCH 4** **SPRING TALK**
Talk begins at 7:30
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom Gordon
Topic: Moments in Newfoundland's Musical Past

LOCATION OF THESE EVENTS: ER 4065

Earth Sciences Department Lounge, MUN Campus.

Parking available in the ER building's parking garage.



OUR FALL TALK SPEAKER: DR. AMANDA BITTNER
Associate Professor of Political Science, Memorial University

Her Topic: Women in Politics

Among her research interests:

the impact of gender on public opinion, voters attitudes about women in politics, the role of parenthood in politics.

The 2019-2020 Executive

The 2019-2020 Executive was elected at the AGM on April 27th. Most of the 2018-2019 executive members volunteered to serve another year, including our most competent and indefatigable President, Kathryn Simonsen.

President	Kathryn Simonsen
Vice President	Ann Noseworthy
Treasurer	Joan Hiller
Secretary	Frankie O Neill
Membership	Susan Goold
Social convenors	Brenda Burness Karen Lippold Ingrid Pardoe
Website & Newsletter	Dorothy Milne



J.H., B.B., K.S., F.O'N., S.G., I.P., D.M.

Membership

It's time again to renew your WAMUN membership. It still costs just \$15 a year. It entitles you to come to all our events, social gatherings, and interest group meetings.

If you are coming to the Fall reception on September 18, you can give cash or a cheque to our membership secretary, Susan Goold. If not, the interest group convenors will accept payment by cash or cheque at meetings during September and October.



If you bring cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it.

If you prefer to pay by cheque, make it out to *WAMUN*. If the cheque does not have your name printed on it, please be sure to identify yourself by including a note. Bring the cheque to a meeting or mail it to: WAMUN, c/o Department of Classics, Memorial University, St. John's, NL A1C 5S7.

There is no longer any need to fill out a form, but please let Susan know if your telephone number, street address, or e-address has changed recently. You can e-mail her this information at susan.goold@gmail.com

Susan will send out a revised membership list in December. When you receive it, please check the information on it and send her any corrections that may be necessary.

Currently WAMUN has 86 members. New members are welcome, so please consider inviting any friends who you think might enjoy our group to come along to an interest group meeting, the Fall reception, or the Fall talk. They might also enjoy one of our book groups, or the groups that go walking, play Scrabble, tinker with E Toys, or participate in art, music, and photography. If they enjoy the activity and the company, they might just join.

..... Susan Goold, Membership Secretary

Scholarships

This year, we shall, as always, grant eight scholarships, - four to undergraduates, and four to graduate students.

In 2018-2019, donations to the WAMUN scholarship fund totaled \$4,355. Of this amount, \$2,355 was donated by individual WAMUN members. The additional \$2,000 was a bequest sent directly to the University's Alumni Affairs department which manages our scholarship fund. All of the donations are greatly appreciated.

The book value of the Endowment Fund was \$193,020 as of March 31, 2019. Perhaps we will reach our goal of \$200,000 by 2022!

The Fall Reception on September 18 is a convenient time to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund. If you come, someone will be there to accept your donations by cash or by cheque.



Cheques should be made payable to *Memorial University*.

If sent by mail, they should be sent to this address:

WAMUN, c/o Department of Classics,
Memorial University, St. John's, NL A1C 5S7

Tax receipts are usually sent out in late November. Your donation must reach the University by December 31 if you wish to get a receipt for this taxation year.

Also, plan to come to the January Coffee Morning on January 11, 2020 to meet the graduate student winners of this year's scholarships!

..... *Dorothy Milne, Ann Noseworthy, Deborah Rehner*

Campus Food Bank



Not surprisingly, students at Memorial continue to eat. For some, it is a struggle to keep food in the cupboard. The Campus Food Bank meets an important and growing need by students at Memorial.

In 2018- 2019, WAMUN members donated **\$1,400** to the Campus Food Bank. Our donations are greatly appreciated.

Piggy will continue to make an appearance at most of our events. Piggy accepts bills, cheques, and coins. Grocery cards can be handed to convenors. Loonies and toonies, even just a few at a time, add up. Tax receipts are issued upon request.

..... *Dorothy Milne*

Ever Green Recycling

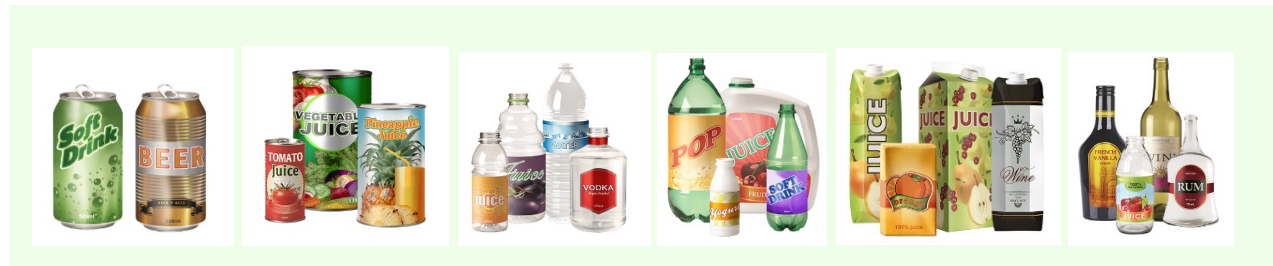
WAMUN has an account at Ever Green Recycling. The money raised on containers we deliver to them goes to our Scholarship Fund.

WAMUN now has its very own fridge magnet with the Ever Green Recycling mascot and our account number on it. These will be handed out free at the Fall Reception and Fall talk. Keep one on your fridge to remind you to throw your deposit-charge empties into a bag to take to one of these centres:

Elizabeth Avenue at the Regatta Plaza
79 Blackmarsh Road (close to the Purity Factory)
858 Torbay Road (1.6 km north of Stavanger Drive)
Waterford Bridge Road, at Cowan Avenue



Making a delivery is quick and easy. Type the WAMUN account number (# 864-4035) into the self-serve kiosk. The computer will spit out a sticker with a bar code version of our account number. Slap the sticker onto the bag, and leave. Any kind of bag will do.



Most of the containers for which you paid a deposit at the store can be recycled via the WAMUN account: clear, opaque, and coloured plastic bottles; glass beer and wine bottles, aluminum drink cans, tin cans for juices, tetra-paks and juice boxes. The main exception are containers for milk or dairy products, since no deposit is paid on them at the grocery store.

Caps need to be removed as well as any straws or other debris in them. The containers should also be rinsed out if they contained fruit or vegetable juice.

..... Dorothy Milne and Karen Herzberg

Two photos taken at the AGM in April 2019:





Last month, Karin Khan passed peacefully away in St. John's.

Karin was born in Wuppertal, Germany just months before WW II came to an end. She studied and worked as a physiotherapist before moving to Calgary, Alberta to be with her husband, Rafaat H. Khan. They raised two daughters, Miriam and Sabrina.

Many of our long-time members have sent in their memories of her. They remember her as a wonderful mother and as a caring, energetic and helpful friend. They remember her laugh and bright smile and how she was enthusiastic about so many things in life. She was an excellent cook. She entertained guests with Black Forest cake or ice-cream-coffee or, at New Year's, with a sugar cone soaked in rum and set alight. She was for some time a member of WAMUN's International Food Group and a regular participant at Coffee Mornings. She loved playing Scrabble. She loved nature and explored the East Coast Trail as a sturdy and enthusiastic hiker. She was a regular member of our weekday walking group.

She was resourceful when help was needed. Kathy Lohner remembers that when the muffler on her car broke, Karin crawled beneath the car and tied the muffler back into place with a shoelace.

For several years, along with other WAMUN members, she provided household help to Eleanor Nesbitt, before Eleanor had to go into care.

Because of an aneurysm that left her incapacitated, she spent the last years of her life in care, first at Escasoni and later at Pleasant View Towers. She was visited by many friends. Some were German friends who read and sang to her in her native language. Among the WAMUN friends who visited her often: Mary Niefer, Elke Molgaard, Karen Herzberg, Pat Collins and Sue Murdey.



Kathy Loner, Mary Niefer, Marilyn Macdonald, Karin Khan

Donations: her family has suggested that donations in her memory might be made to the East Coast Trail Association or to WAMUN's Scholarship Fund.

..... Thanks to the many WAMUN members who contributed their memories of Karin

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 27, 2019

The AGM was held at the Fluvarium. After lunch, reports were presented by the president, the membership secretary, the treasurer, the newsletter editor, and the scholarship committee chair. Reports were also given about the Campus Food Bank and the interest groups.

The 2019-2020 executive was elected. Most members of the previous year's board were re-elected by acclamation. Ann Noseworthy was elected as our new vice-president.



Karen Herzberg and Kathy Simonsen presented an amusing 'show and tell' demonstration of the sorts of bottles, tins, and containers that can be taken to Ever Green Recycling as a fund raiser for our scholarship fund. They also handed out wallet cards that show the WAMUN account number to use when taking recyclables there.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service pin was awarded to Bev Gardner. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the luncheon, so it was presented to her on May 1st by Donna Burden, during a meeting of the Coffee Morning group.

OUR INTEREST GROUP CONVENORS

From left to right:

Karen Herzberg: Snap & Chat and
E Toys

Deborah Rehner: Nonfiction Book
Discussion, Saturday Walks, E-Toys
and Music Interest

Mary Chalker: Art Happenings

Donna Burden: Art Happenings

Marjorie Evans: Monday Walks

Susan Goold: Scrabble

Dorothy Milne: Snap & Chat and
E Toys



(Missing: Karen Lippold: Mostly Fiction Book Discussion; Olga Broomfield-Richards: Art Happenings; and Marilyn Beaton: Coffee Mornings)

GROUP PHOTO 2019

For the first time since April 2012, a group photo was taken at the 2019 AGM. It shows 30 of the 37 members who attended the luncheon, the others having had to leave before the photo was taken.



Here is the group photo taken at the 2012 AGM. Julia Mathieson was president that year. Same location, many of the same members:



Two more photos taken at the 2019 AGM:



INTEREST GROUP NEWS

ART HAPPENINGS



The Art Happenings group will hold its first meeting this Fall at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25.

The location of the meeting will be announced on the website www.mun.ca/wamun/arts.php << click on link and in an e-mail sent to group members by the convenors.

Tentative dates for subsequent meetings are October 23, November 20 and December 18.

New members are welcome. Come and join us as we enjoy viewing art exhibits in St. John's, and, if you wish, stay for coffee and conversation afterwards.

To join the group, contact one of the convenors:

Mary Chalker: 753-4262 maryc@mun.ca

Olga Broomfield-Richards: 738-0276 obrichards@bellaliant.net



COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings are held every second Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Members meet for light refreshments and casual conversation. It is both a social gathering and an interest group in the sense of getting to know people and forming lasting friendships. Members are expected to take turns hosting the event.

The first Coffee Morning of the Fall will take place on September 18. Meetings will be held every second week after that: October 2, 16, and 30, November 13 and 27, and December 11. Locations of the meetings are sent to members by e-mail.

New members are welcome. If you would like to join, please contact the convenor:

Marilyn Beaton: marilynrbeaton@gmail.com



SCRABBLE

Calling all Scrabble players from beginners to experts. A very friendly group of us meets at Starbucks at Chapters on Kenmount Road every



Wednesday morning of the year from 10:00 a.m. till noon. The aim of the game is to have fun and try out our word knowledge. (Cheat sheets are allowed). You will never be without people to play with as there are no set partnerships. You can join us on a drop-in basis on any Wednesday morning.

Convenor: Susan Goold susan.goold@gmail.com

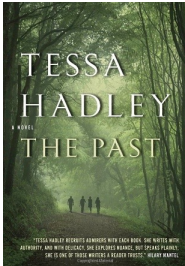
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

MOSTLY FICTION BOOK GROUP

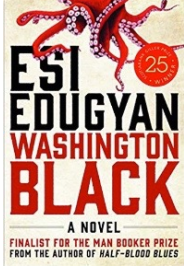
This group usually meets at the Marjorie Mews Library on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. Details about the meetings can be found at any time on the group's webpage:

www.mun.ca/wamun/BookGroups/fiction.php << click on link

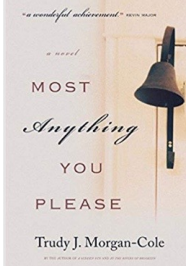
We mostly read current fiction, but from time to time we also dip into literary classics, poetry, memoirs, and biographies. Each book selected has been read by one of our members and



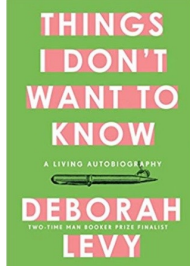
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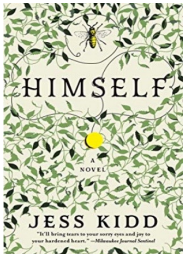
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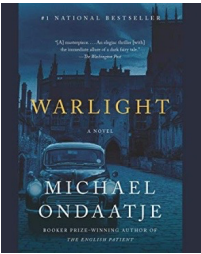
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recommended as likely to suit this group. The group votes on the books it will read.

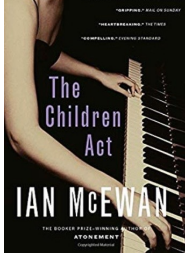
There is usually at least one Newfoundland title. This year it's *Most Anything You Please* by Trudy Morgan-Cole. She will visit us on November 28th when we discuss the book.



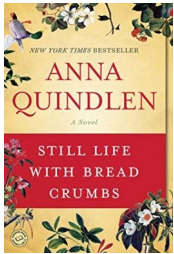
February 27



March 28



April 23



May 28

New members are most welcome.

If you have read one of these books and would like to join the discussion, please feel to

come to that meeting. There is no need to read all the titles. We enjoy the variety of opinions that people bring to the table. To be put on the e-mail list as a regular attender, please contact the convenor.

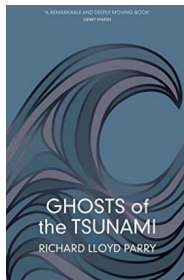
Convenor: Karen Lippold klippold@mun.com

NON - FICTION BOOK GROUP

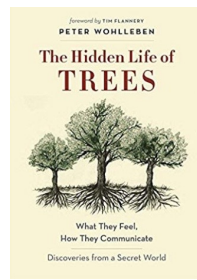
This group meets at the Marjorie Mews Library on the first Thursday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. Details about the meetings can be found on the group's webpage:

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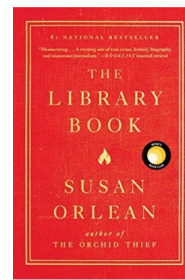
The nine books we have voted to read this year cover an wide range of subjects. They have each been 'road tested' and found to be fascinating. In September, a riveting account of how people in rural Japan coped during and after a major catastrophe. In October, a view of trees and forests from the trees' point of view. As reviewers have commented: you will never walk through the woods with quite the same feelings again. In November, another catastrophe, this time in one of the largest libraries in America. A more boring title could not have been found for this book, but the tale is gripping. The fire, the characters, the politics, the architects, the uber-wealthy donors. In December, a book about the life of one little tawny owl, half tame, half wild, with some fascinating owl biology thrown in.



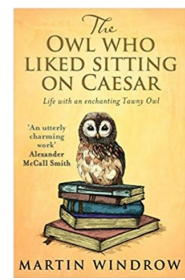
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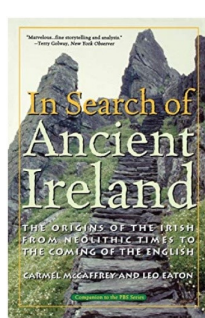


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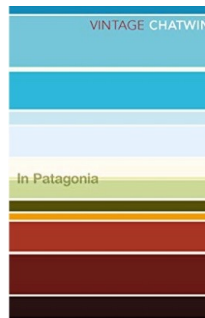
January's book was written by a young Canadian whose childhood was made harrowing by a vague and menacing threat. Was it a form of insanity, or a con job? In February, what is known - from archaeology and annals - about Ireland's early history. What we learn in this account is quite different from what most of us have imagined. March's book is a classic of travel



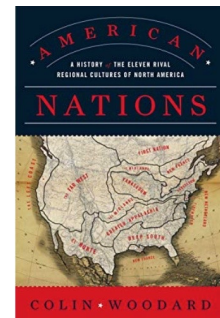
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February 6



March 5



April 2




June 4

literature: a quixotic trip through Patagonia in the 1950's. April's book traces the settlement of the USA by groups with very different cultural and political values. A best seller, it has been described as one of the best explanations for the current divisions in American politics. It will change the way you view the daily news. And finally, in June, a biography of a British novelist whose life featured several marriages and many love affairs with famous men.

New members are most welcome. Feel free to come to the meeting for one book or many. To be put on the e-mail list for this group, please contact the convenor.

Convenor: Deborah Rehner dbrehner@gmail.com

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHRISTMAS PARTY</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FOR ALL BOOK GROUP MEMBERS</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH 2:00 P.M.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>7 TIFFANY LANE</i></p>
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E-TOYS

E-Toys is now in its eighth year as a self-help group for people who want to untangle problems with their electronic devices or who like to explore new ways to use them. Whatever members bring to the meeting as their current interest or dilemma is the subject of that day's activities. Help is also often available between meetings by e-mail.



We offer help for smart phones, tablets, electronic readers and laptops. We work out many kinds of problems such as those with e-mails, apps, organizing files, backing up, and photo-editing. We find new ways to play Scrabble, identify plants, listen to radio programs from distant countries, access e-books in the library, or find the best bargains in local stores. There are always new topics to explore.

Meetings are held at the Marjorie Mews Library, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month. When a month has five Thursdays, we may also meet on the fifth.

Meeting dates this Fall: September 12, October 10 and 31,
 November 14, December 12.



New members are welcome. Feel free to drop in and see if you enjoy what we do.

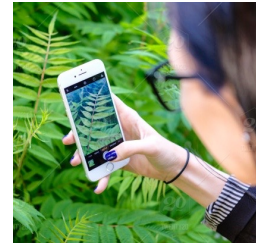
Convenor: Karen Herzberg karen_herzberg@hotmail.com

Co-convenors: Deborah Rehner dbrehner@gmail.com

 Dorothy Milne dorothonmilne2@gmail.com

SNAP and CHAT

We like to explore locations around St. John's and take photographs of whatever catches our eye. If you wish, join us for coffee afterwards.



We recently visited Murray's Garden Centre, Mary Queen of the World Church (with its paintings by Gerald Squires), Lester's Farm (with a llama and emu) and the valley east of the Geo Centre.



This Fall we are planning trips to various scenic outdoor locations around St. John's. If the weather is bad, we will visit indoor locations instead.

No special equipment is needed. If you have a camera you prefer to use, bring it, otherwise just bring a smart phone. Its camera is all you need. The fun is finding and capturing images of what interests us most. We can help you with any technical details. We keep it simple.

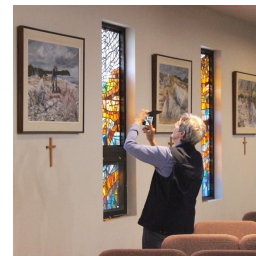
Some of our photos are shown on the Snap & Chat webpage:

www.mun.ca/wamun/snapnchat.php << click on link



We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. Our meetings this Fall: September 4 October 2 November 6 and December 4

The location is sent to members by e-mail and posted on the webpage.

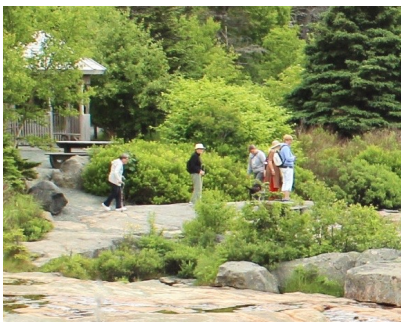


New members welcome. To be put on the e-mail list, contact one of the convenors.

Convenors - Karen Herzberg: karen_herzberg@hotmail.com
Dorothy Milne: dmilne@mun.ca



Some photos from walks this summer:



July 13 Manuels River



August 17 Torbay Beach



August 12 Doran's Lane

WALKING GROUPS

The Monday and Saturday groups went on their weekly walks through the summer.

Each group meets at 1:30 p.m. at a location that is chosen the day before. Members learn the location of the week's walk in an e-mail from the convenor. Both groups welcome new members. If you'd like to come, contact the convenor to be added to the list.

Monday walks are for those who are able to walk at a brisker pace and who enjoy the challenge of somewhat longer walks and more demanding trails.



Monday Group, June 24, Burma Road

Saturday walks are chosen to accommodate walkers at all levels of ability. Faster walkers roam as far as they wish in the hour choosing their own paths, while slower walkers keep to the groomed trails and walk only as far as is comfortable for them. At the end of the hour, the group reassembles and goes to coffee.



Saturday group, June 29, Branscombe Pond

Since last April, the groups have walked in 28 different locations. We have watched the wildflowers bud, bloom and produce seed pods. We birdwatch, and see ducklings and goslings grow. We enjoy fresh air (of varying temperatures, moisture content and speed) and sunshine (sometimes). We enjoy the company we walk with.

Photographs taken on our walks can be seen on the website:

www.mun.ca/wamun/walking_gp_photos_2019B.php << click on link

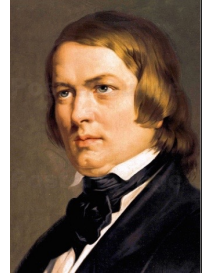
Both groups welcome new members. If you would like to come, contact the convenor:

Monday walks convenor:	Marjorie Evans	marjjevans@nl.rogers.com
Saturday walks convenor:	Deborah Rehner	dbrehner@gmail.com



MUSIC INTEREST

The music interest group meets at the Marjorie Mews Library from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. We are a small informal group that gathers to listen to music together, picking a theme, a genre or a composer for each meeting. Though we have a defined starting point, our explorations often branch out in surprising ways.

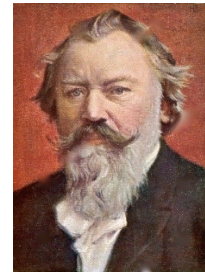


We learn a bit about the lives of the composers and play samples of their works that we find on the internet. Usually, we produce a playlist of the free internet music we find, and share the list by e-mail.

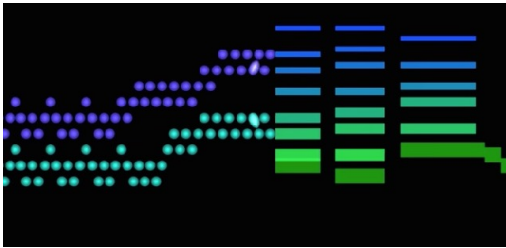


In recent meetings we have surveyed the music of some composers of the classical and romantic periods. In the Fall, we expect to continue to listen to music from the 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as exploring other topics that pique our interest.

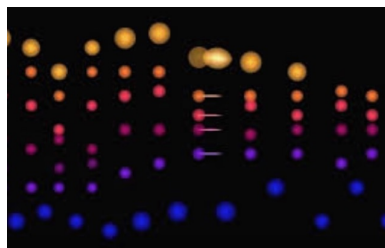
Members also share notices of upcoming musical events in St. John's and some arrange to go to these events together.



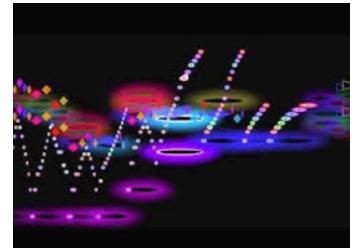
We particularly enjoy watching music animations that show how the compositions of different composers are structured. Here are three you may enjoy. Just click on the links.



Bach



Chopin



Debussy

Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D minor www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOWi8tOf5FA

Chopin: Etude Opus 25 #4 in A minor www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKxQBVk3qHI

Debussy: Reflections in the water www.youtube.com/watch?v=lJDIqCX8Qrk

New members are welcome. To join, contact the convenor:

Convenor: Deborah Rehner dbrehner@gmail.com

