

# WAMUN Newsletter



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## Greetings From Your President

Welcome back to another year of WAMUN. After years at the University it seems the new year begins in September, not in January. The old year did not end with April's AGM. Over the summer the book groups chose their books for the coming year, the plant sale committee held a successful outdoor plant sale and our website was updated.

Thanks to the hard work of Patricia Whittle and Deborah Rehner our website has been updated. It looks impressive and we hope it gives you the information you want. The URL remains [www.mun.ca/wamun](http://www.mun.ca/wamun). Check it out for the dates of WAMUN activities and the book groups' 2010–11 reading lists. Thanks as well to Marjorie Evans and everyone who helped to make the outdoor plant sale a success. It was a cool rainy day, but the group made more money for the scholarship fund than last year.



We hope to support even more activities that our current members will enjoy, especially ones that will attract new members. In the past there was a social bridge group and a gallery visitors group. If there is interest in reviving them, or in starting different interest groups, please let me know and we will use the Fall Reception to see if others are interested. I hope that in the coming year we can add new members and continue to make a difference to the larger University community with our scholarship fund and our donations to the Campus Food Bank. One important thing we should continue to do is enable people from different parts of the University to connect with each other. Along the way I plan to enjoy the friendships and activities I get via WAMUN. I hope you will too.

Karen Lippold, WAMUN President 2010-11

## Fall Plant Sale

WAMUN's 13th annual house-plant sale will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2010 in the lobby of the INCO Innovation Centre from 10 am to 1 pm. We are looking forward to seeing lots of lovely plants, mostly familiar but a few different. They should by then be well grown, healthy, pest-free, potted house-plants. If not common, please label with name, shade or sun, and care instructions. If it is something special please suggest a suitable price. We will be pricing plants the evening before so please deliver your plant donations to the INCO building between 6 and 8pm Tuesday the 14th. If that will be a problem for you please contact Marjorie well before hand to arrange pick-up. Also please let me know if you can volunteer with pricing on Tuesday evening or selling on Wednesday so we can schedule reasonably.

Lots of attractive but inexpensive plants, sold with friendly growing advice, make for a healthy contribution to the scholarship fund each year. Also please remember to tell your friends to come and buy. For further information contact **Marjorie Evans at 722-1925 or email [marjjevans@nl.rogers.com](mailto:marjjevans@nl.rogers.com)** with WAMUN in the subject line.

## Fall Lecture & Pot-Luck



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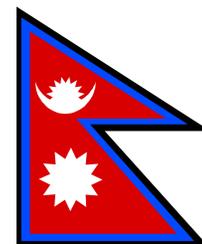
LOCATION: The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road

TIME: 6:00 for 6:30 pm (lecture at 7:30)

Our speaker will be **Sue Scott** and her topic is entitled *Trekking in Nepal*.

We hope that as many members who can will join us for what promises to be a fun evening and an interesting lecture.

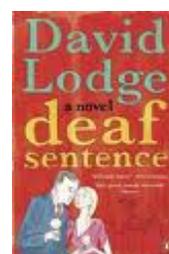
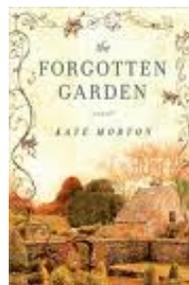
Spouses and friends welcome.



## WAMUN Fiction Book Group 2010-2011

The WAMUN Fiction Book Group has three sections. The Evening Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm and the Second and Fourth Tuesday Afternoon Groups meet at 2 pm.. All groups meet at Tiffany Towers. In December we're planning a Christmas get together for all three groups, plus the Non-Fiction Group. In May we'll meet altogether on the evening of May 17th, 2011. At our annual June Pot Luck and Book Choosing event at the Anglican Cathedral Crypt we democratically chose the books for the 2010-2011 season. We hope to have at least one Newfoundland author attend an evening meeting. This year we are trying one classic in addition to our seven regular books and they are:

|                |  |                   |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| September:     | <i>Forgotten Garden</i>                  | Kate Morton       |
| October:       | <i>Huckleberry Finn</i>                  | Mark Twain        |
| November:      | <i>Deaf Sentence</i>                     | David Lodge       |
| January:       | <i>The Book Thief</i>                    | Marcus Zusak      |
| February:      | <i>Come, Thou Tortoise</i>               | Jessica Grant     |
| March:         | <i>The Help</i>                          | Kathryn Stockett  |
| April:         | <i>By the Rivers of Brooklyn</i>         | Trudy Morgan Cole |
| May:           | <i>Breakwater House</i>                  | Pascale Quivger   |
| Reserve Books: | <i>The Bishop's Man</i>                  | Linden MacIntyre  |
|                | <i>Sum: 40 Tales from the Afterlives</i> | David Eagleman.   |



We would welcome new members at any of our groups. For more information please contact one of the conveners:

Evening Group: Julia Mathieson—[gmathieson@nl.rogers.com](mailto:gmathieson@nl.rogers.com) or 722-3249

Second Tuesday Afternoon Group: Karen Herzberg—[karen\\_herzberg@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_herzberg@hotmail.com) or 753-6568

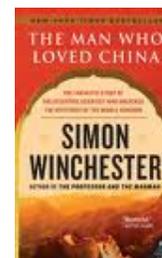
Fourth Tuesday Afternoon Group: Mary Chalker—[maryc@mun.ca](mailto:maryc@mun.ca) or 753-4262

## WAMUN Non-Fiction Book Group 2010-2011

That's what we read - non-fiction! No goodies, no coffee, just an informal discussion of the book at hand -- and other matters as they arise. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm at The Tiffany. Come join us!

This year, we will be reading:

|         |   |                        |
|---------|---|------------------------|
| Sept. 9 | <i>The Dirt on Clean</i>                    | Katherine Ashenburg    |
| Oct. 14 | <i>The Man Who Loved China</i>              | Simon Winchester       |
| Nov. 11 | <i>People Who Say Good Bye</i>              | P.Y. Betts             |
| Dec. 9  | <i>An Alphabet for Gourmets</i>             | M.F.K. Fisher          |
| Jan. 13 | <i>Come, Tell Me How You Live</i>           | Agatha Christie Malloy |
| Feb. 10 | <i>The Omnivore's Dilemma</i>               | Michael Pollan         |
| Mar. 9  | <i>The Secret Life of Words</i>             | Henry Hitchings        |
| Apr. 14 | <i>Presentations for 2011-2012</i>          |                        |
| May 12  | <i>Reluctant Genius</i>                     | Charlotte Gray         |
| June 9  | <i>Maps and Legends</i>                     | Michael Chabon         |
|         | —as well as voting selections for 2011-2012 |                        |



For a list of other books we recommended, see the WAMUN Website.

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## Coffee Morning Group



The Coffee Group meets informally in each other's homes on alternate Wednesday mornings. We have no set agenda but enjoy socializing over coffee and snacks. It's also a good way to keep up-to-date on what's happening in WAMUN and in town in general. Members take turns being hostess. Whenever we meet, we each bring a non-perishable item for the Campus Food Bank.

We plan to reconvene for the 2010/11 WAMUN year at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29. I shall be happy to host this first meeting. As I have done in the past, I shall be e-mailing last year's members a few days prior to our first meeting with the pertinent details. If you would like to join our group, please **e-mail me at [patriciacollins@nl.rogers.com](mailto:patriciacollins@nl.rogers.com)**. New members are always welcome. Hope to see you at Coffee Group on Sept. 29.  
Pat Collins, convener

## Saturday Walking Group

The original name given our group, "Hiking, etc.," has stuck even though nowadays the group does very little strenuous hiking. Maybe we are "The WAMUN Walkers", or even the "Walkers and Talkers". In fact, our conversations during our Saturday afternoon walks are often as interesting and informative as the walk itself. We do walk every (well, nearly every) Saturday.

Our walks start at 1:30 p.m. If precipitation is predicted, we dress accordingly and, more often than not, we get in a healthy hour long walk before the weather really sets in. We walk any place in St.



July 17, East Coast Trail (near Outer Cove)  
Kathy, Arden, Donna, Marjorie, Julita, Annie  
(photo courtesy of Deborah Rehner)

John's and environs that we find suitable. We avoid steep hills and rough paths, so you'll often find us on the Grand Concourse, the T-Railway, and the lanes and byways of St. John's.

A message goes out by e-mail each week, giving directions to where we will be walking. If you prefer being informed by telephone, we'll call you. And if you would like a ride, we'll pick you up at your home. Come join us! Add your voice to the conversation. We'd love to have your company!

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May 8, Virginia River Trail  
Lily, Marjorie, Kathy, Kiri, Yvonne, Mary, Julita  
(photo courtesy of Deborah Rehner)

## Scrabble Group

The Scrabble Group has been meeting regularly at Chapters every Wednesday at 10:00 am. We have had about six to nine members in attendance over the summer months. We look forward to increased attendance in the fall and also welcome new members.

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## Distinguished Service Award Winners

Initiated in 1988, the Distinguished Service Award is presented by WAMUN to recognize members who have made outstanding contributions to the organization and its goals. Each year, members are asked to nominate members they feel meet this criterion, outlining what the person's contribution has been and why she particularly deserves to be recognized.

In the past, the woman who received the most support was presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the AGM. Occasionally, when multiple well supported nominations are received, more than one award is presented.

As you participate and attend the various WAMUN activities throughout the year, consider who you would like to nominate for this year's award.

### Past Recipients of Distinguished Service Awards

|      |  |      |                                    |
|------|--|------|------------------------------------|
| 1988 | Marjorie Cooper, Olive Morgan and Grace Morgan | 1999 | Lynda Younghusband                 |
| 1989 | Susan Jackson                                  | 2000 | Shirley Cooper                     |
| 1990 | Joyce Cho                                      | 2001 | Jane Foltz                         |
| 1991 | Brenda Burness                                 | 2002 | Susan Scott                        |
| 1992 | Margaret Cozma                                 | 2003 | Elfie Boehm                        |
| 1993 | Elizabeth Rich                                 | 2004 | Marilyn Tuck                       |
| 1994 | Sylvie Hartman                                 | 2005 | Elke Molgard                       |
| 1995 | Elinor Eaton                                   | 2006 | Tonya Bassler                      |
| 1996 | Eleanor Nesbitt and Ingrid Pardoe              | 2007 | Karen Herzberg                     |
| 1997 | Gladys Deutsch                                 | 2008 | Julia Mathieson and Miriam Simpson |
| 1998 | Robin Orr                                      | 2009 | Susan Murdey                       |
|      |  | 2010 | Mary Chalker                       |

## Farewell from a friend

As many of you may know, I have retired from my position as a Speech-Language Pathologist with the Eastern School District. My husband, Derek Nurse, and I moved here for a year in 1986 three days after we married and have been here ever since. It has been an exciting 24 years which we have thoroughly enjoyed.



My family and I are, somewhat reluctantly, leaving Newfoundland for British Columbia, from whence we came 24 years ago. We are at least moving from one beautiful island to another, for we will be living on Vancouver Island, in Victoria. Please give me a call if you are in the area - I'd love to show you around. I'll be in the phone book under M. Dohan, but you can call any Dohan to find me, as we are all related, just like in a Newfoundland community!

Lastly, I'd like to thank all my wonderful fellow WAMUN members for their friendship over the years.

Margaret Dohan

## Support the Campus Food Bank

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 at the MUN Campus Food Bank in Corte Real near Burton's Pond. Donations of non-perishable items continue to be collected at WAMUN events throughout the year.



## Recycling for WAMUN Scholarships

Until municipal curbside recycling is in place, Evergreen Recycling (807 Water Street, Cowan Avenue at Waterford Bridge Road and Regatta Plaza Building, 92 Elizabeth Avenue) continues to donate your recycling proceeds to our Scholarship Fund. Just ask the depot employee counting your items to complete a blue credit slip for your signature.

