

<http://www.mun.ca/wamun>

## Greetings from your President

Dear WAMUN members,

Welcome and welcome back to a new year of activities. I hope that you have all accomplished your summer plans or have been able to participate in some of the wonderful festivals that seem to fill every possible summer weekend here in Newfoundland.

The social conveners have been working hard over the summer to pull next year's programme together for us. The first event, as always, will be the Fall Reception on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. It will take place in the Earth Sciences' lounge again this year (Earth Sciences 4065) at 7:30pm. This is a great chance to pay your membership fees to Susan Goold directly; you can find membership forms on our website ([www.mun.ca/wamun](http://www.mun.ca/wamun)) or pick one up at the Reception. There is also a Membership Form attached to this Newsletter.

Later in the fall, Jo Shawyer will give a talk on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> after our Fall Potluck Dinner. Her talk is entitled "Churchill Square and Brazil Square: What is the connection?" This will also take place in the Earth Sciences' lounge, so save the date now!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see that we are proposing a constitutional change, which is intended to bring our financial year into line with our activity year. The vote on this will take place at the AGM in April, but please feel free to ask about it at the Fall Reception. And, talking about the AGM, it is never too early for you to consider becoming a member of the executive. Let us know if you are interested.

Enjoy this last bit of the summer! I look forward to seeing you all at the Reception in September.

Kathy



## WAMUN Executive Board Members 2014-2015

### Executive Board Members:



President :	Kathy Simonsen	Treasurer:	Mary Chalker
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Membership Chair:	Susan Goold		

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## 2014-2015 Fall and Winter Events

- **Fall Reception:** Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., Earth Sciences Building, Room ER4065
- **Fall Potluck Dinner and Talk:** Wednesday, November 12th, 2014, 6:30 pm, Earth Sciences Building, Room ER4065  
Talk - Jo Shawyer "CHURCHILL SQUARE AND BRAZIL SQUARE; WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?" She writes "I am a cultural geographer who loves landscapes; how do they accumulate over time? Are they created?"
- **New Year's Coffee Morning:** Saturday, January 10th at 10:30 am in the Earth Sciences Building, Room 4065
- **March Talk—TBA**
- **Annual General Meeting:** Saturday, April 15th, 2015. Venue TBA

## Fall 2014 Talk



Jo Shawyer is a retired academic who specializes in geography, particularly cultural landscapes. She has studied urban and rural cultural landscapes in England and Canada, focusing on planning, policy and historical significance. Jo has been involved with community museums for many years, including the Fanshawe Pioneer Museum in London, Ontario and as a volunteer with the Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador. She has also curated exhibits and taught museum skills. Jo was a founding member of the Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador and is a current member of the Museum Association of NL, the Association of NL Archives, the Newfoundland Historic Trust, the Newfoundland Historical Society, the Canadian Museum Association and Heritage Canada. Although retired, Jo continues to research cultural landscapes and has published historical novels for young adults.

## Hello from the University of Michigan

Greetings to all my friends in WAMUM This shows me in the centre of the Diag on the campus of the University of Michigan recently while on a brief visit. I am standing in front of the Graduate Library where I worked many years ago, before we moved to St. John's.

Alberta Auringer Wood





## WAMUN Book Club - Non Fiction Group

June came and we chose the books that we are reading in 2014 – 2015. We even decided when we would discuss each book. But then some interesting things happened. For one thing, two of the chosen books have local authors who are willing to come and talk to us about their books. In addition, there are some interesting links between our reading and the reading of the Mostly Fiction groups that caused us to reconsider our scheduling. Hence, we invite you read with us according to the following schedule:



September	<i>Prague Winter</i> , by Madeleine Albright
October	<i>Philomena</i> , by Martin Sixsmith
November	<i>Boomerang</i> , by Michael Lewis
December	<i>The Inconvenient Indian</i> , by Thomas King
<b>January 13</b>	<i>Dear Everybody</i> , by Anne Budgell (meeting with the author)
February	<i>Orange is the New Black</i> , by Piper Kerman
March	<i>Occupied St. John's</i> , edited by Steven High (guest: Jo Shawyer)

April	Recommendations for 2015 – 2016
May	<i>A Time of Gifts</i> , by Patrick Leigh Fermor
June	<i>Tutankhamen</i> , by Joyce Tyldesley

Except for the January meeting, we meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at the Marjorie Mews Library. Come read and discuss with us!

Deborah Rehner, Convenor



## WAMUN Book Club - Fiction Group



Guest Marilyn MacDonald discussing quilts and *The Last Runaway*

There are two groups which meet as follows:

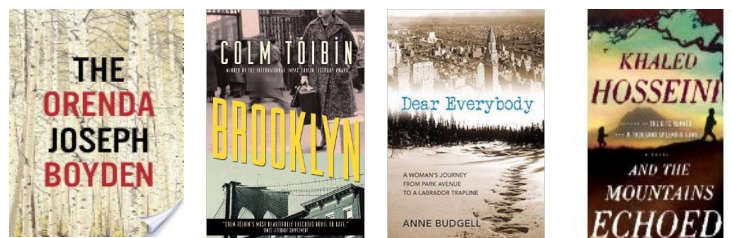
- \* Second Tuesday of the Month Group - 2:00 pm  
Convenor: Tonya Bassler.
- \* Fourth Tuesday of the Month Group - 2:00 pm  
Convenor: Mary Chalker

Both groups meet at the Marjorie Mews Library, 12 Highland Drive (at the corner of Torbay Road and Highland Drive). Members of one group are welcomed as visitors of the other. Newcomers are welcome at any time.

Sometimes we are lucky enough to have the authors attend the meeting when we discuss their books. This year Claire Wilkshire and Anne Budgell have agreed to join us. We are really looking forward to meeting them and discussing their work.

### Books for 2014 - 2015

September	<i>The Orenda</i>	Joseph Boyden
October	<i>Brooklyn</i>	Colm Toibin
November	<i>Maxine</i>	Claire Wilkshire
January	<i>Dear Everybody</i>	Anne Budgell
February	<i>The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared</i>	Jonas Jonasson
March	<i>Dear Life</i>	Alice Munro
April	<i>However Long the Night</i>	Aimee Molloy
May	<i>And the Mountains Echoed</i>	Khaled Hosseini



## Exploring our Electronic Toys Group ( ET )

What is it with Electronic Toys? It is safe to say that the typical WAMUN member has at least one such toy and that she knows more about using it than she did, say, three years ago. It is also likely that another WAMUN member helped her become more familiar with that toy. In many cases this learning took place within the ET group. Still, this group is amorphous and our best laid plans often go astray.

Our first meeting took place on September 11th. This was an ‘organizational meeting’ to discuss how we can make sure that all WAMUN members have access to good opportunities to make their electronic toys work well for them.



Check our web page to learn about the outcome of this meeting. We can be fairly confident that the group will continue to meet on the 2<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month, and that some meetings will have ‘topics’ and others will not. And we can guarantee that WAMUN members will continue to help each other learn more about our ever changing Electronic Toys.



Deborah Rehner, Karen Herzberg and Susan Goold, Convenors (pro tempore)

## WAMUN - Hiking/Walking Groups

Our strolls did not take us very far afield this summer. Most of our walks were near town and on trails that we have walked before: Bowring Park, Sunshine Camp, Rennie’s River, Waterford River, the end of Doran’s lane, etc. Of course, that is one of the benefits of having walked together for several years. We get to return to old haunts and maybe find out some new things about them. We also joined the Terre Neuve Grannies again, this year walking around Quidi Vidi.

Saturday walkers meet almost every Saturday at 1:30 (we were stopped by predicted lightning one time this summer). If you are on our email list, you can expect a message, more or less at the last minute, telling you where we will meet. If you do not get email, we will call you. To get on the list, sign up on your membership form, send an email to [wamun@mun.ca](mailto:wamun@mun.ca), with ‘Saturday walks’ in the subject, or speak to me.



The Monday walkers meet every Monday afternoon, weather permitting, at 1:30 pm and walk on trails in and around St. John’s for an hour or two, enjoying the great outdoors. We walk year round and snow in winter does not stop us, we just put on our snow shoes.

Come walk with us! You are guaranteed good conversation and a chance to walk at your own pace, with a group of friends that changes enough over time to keep things interesting.

Deborah Rehner, Saturday Walks Convenor

Ingrid Pardoe and Marjorie Evans, Monday Walks Convenors





## Music Interest Group

What do Arvo Pärt, Stephen Malinowski (smalin) and the sheng have in common with Bach, Mozart and Spring? They were all people or things who/which were discussed during the meetings of the Music Interest Group in 2013 – 2014.

This year we are starting out with a composer, Brahms, by sharing favorite pieces of music written by him. We expect to have more meetings which focus on a single composer's work, but we also expect to keep moving in and out of our comfort zones, and learning whatever strikes our musical fancy.

The next meeting of the Music Interest group is Thursday, September 18 at 2:00 pm in the Marjorie Mews Library.

Come join us!



## Scrabble Group 2014-2015



Calling all scrabble players from beginners to experts. A very friendly group of us meet at Starbucks at Chapters on Kenmount Rd. every Wednesday morning of the year from 10:00 am - 12:00 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. We mix and match quite freely. So we look forward to seeing you all there on Wednesdays.

Janet Fairley and Joan Fuller, Convenors

## Coffee Morning 2014-2015

A cup of tea or coffee, a muffin, a piece of fruit or a piece of cake and great company; a wonderful way to spend an hour and a half on a weekday morning. The Coffee group is an informal way of socializing and interacting with other WAMUN members. We meet on alternate Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and members take turns hosting the gatherings in their homes.

Join Us!

Ruth Noel, Convenor



## Art Happenings



The aim of this new interest group is to alert members to Art Happenings in the St. John's area, to arrange visits to exhibitions and related activities according to members' interests, and to meet when appropriate. The first meeting will be a general information session and will occur in the week following the Fall Reception.

We look forward to interesting experiences together.

Tonya Bassler and Olga Broomfield-Richards, Convenors

## WAMUN's WEBPAGE

In recent years WAMUN's website has been maintained and updated by Deborah Rehner with help from Patricia Whittle. This work helped greatly to raise our public profile and to keep members current about upcoming events. Last Spring, believing that more people would be needed to ensure the continuity of the site, Deborah and Patricia assembled a team of volunteers to help maintain the site and develop it further. Members of the web team are Susan Goold, Trudy Goold, Linda Hensman, Karen Herzberg, Dorothy Milne, Deborah Rehner and Patricia Whittle. The team went for a training session and then continued to train and to design the layout of the site in subsequent meetings. Further work on the webpages continued during the summer.

Many changes have been made in recent months. New pages have been added and old ones revisited and expanded. The site is now bigger and more colourful and, we hope, more user friendly and helpful to our members. One aim is to help newcomers learn about our activities, a second is to serve as a quick and current source of information to members about upcoming events, i.e. meeting time and place and a brief description. A third aim is to provide an archive of our past activities with links to past newsletters, and descriptions of books discussed, walks taken, music topics experienced, and so forth.

We hope everyone will take a look at the website if they have not done so recently. We hope you like it and find it useful. Feedback and ideas for future developments are most welcome.

<http://www.mun.ca/wamun/>

The screenshot displays a website layout with several sections:

- A grid of eight small images, each with a caption: "Art Happenings", "Book Groups", "Coffee Socials", "Electronic Toys", "Hikes & Walks", "Music Interest", "Scholarship Winners", and "Scrabble".
- A central navigation menu with four links: "UPCOMING EVENTS", "MEMBERSHIP", "WAMUN SCHOLARSHIPS - HOW TO CONTRIBUTE", and "NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE".
- A banner for the "CAPRIUS FOOD BANK" with the text "PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT THE".
- A footer section with a red and orange graphic on the left and text on the right: "FALL RECEPTION COMING SOON !", "Wednesday, September 17th, 2014, 7:30 p.m.", and "Earth Sciences Graduate Lounge (ER 4065)".

## Student Research Project

### Mood and Memory Study Overview - Ashli Hayes - Department of Psychology

This study involves one individual, private meeting with the researcher and will take between 15 minutes and 1 1/2 hours of each participant's time or longer, depending on his or her eligibility and responses. This meeting would take place at the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Participants will be asked to complete a number of measures for this study. Some of these measures will have to do with recalling memories, and some will have to do with past mood symptoms and past experiences. Some will be filled out on paper, and some will be filled out with the help of the researcher. Participants in this study will have the option of being entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card for the Avalon Mall.

For more information, please contact Ashli Hayes by email: [ashli.hayes@mun.ca](mailto:ashli.hayes@mun.ca) or by phone: (709) 771-4045. Please note that contacting the researcher in no way obligates you to take part in the study and any information you provide will remain strictly confidential.

Thank you for your interest.

## Fall Activity

The City of St. John's Recreation Department is offering a lecture series called LIFE LONG LEARNING. These are general interest courses and they offer participants the opportunity to continue building skills and knowledge.

This Fall's series is described in the Active Living booklet published by the City of St. John's Recreation Department Page 13, (which many of you may have received already in your Red - Go Bag) and which is available on the city of St. John's website [www.stjohns.ca](http://www.stjohns.ca). Three different lecture series are scheduled this Fall as follows:

***Edible Histories:*** How Food and Drink has shaped our world; Instructor Chris Youé, Oct.14 to 30, 2014

***Nobel poet Seamus Heaney:*** his life and his poetry, Instructor;; Michael Boyle, Nov. 4 to 20, 2014

***Newfoundland Architecture:*** Instructor; Shane O'Dea, Nov. 25 to Dec. 11, 2014

Lectures are held on Tuesday and Thursday at the Mews Centre on Mundy Pond Road (6 sessions) and the cost is \$30.00 per series.

Why not check it out!

## Treasurer's Report

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Statement for April 30, 2013 to June 23, 2014

REVENUE	BUDGET	YEAR
Membership	\$1275.00	\$1225.00
AGM Lunch	875.00	700.00*
AGM Lunch (4/13)	150.00	150.00
Refund dep. AGM Lunch (4/13)		180.80
 Total Revenue	 \$2480.00	 \$2255.80
 EXPENDITURE		
Administration	\$365.00	\$137.67
Administration (12/13)	120.00	120.11
Fall Reception	140.00	153.79
Fall Pot Luck	240.00	234.66
January Coffee	50.00	39.07
Spring Talk	100.00	100.00
Spring Talk (12/13)	50.00	50.00
AGM Lunch	850.00	745.18
AGM Lunch (5/13)	820.00	820.52
Act. Checking Hon.	25.00	
MUN Scholarships	2500.00	2500.00
 Total Expenditure	 \$5260.00	 \$4901.00
Opening Balance April 30, 2013		\$5,928.64
Closing Balance June 23, 2014		3,283.44

\*Actual amount collected was \$800. \$100 in cash was kept to tip the servers.

## Notice of Motion

The following change to the WAMUN constitution will be proposed for consideration and voting at the next Annual General Meeting. This change (if adopted) would align the fiscal year more closely with the fiscal activity of the Association. Revenue is received in September and final expenditures are usually in July.

### Article 5.2 Treasurer

The fiscal year of the Association shall be September 1 to August 31.

## WAMUN Membership

Ladies,

The time to renew membership has come around again. We are still offering memberships at the bargain price of \$15 (\$20 if you request a paper copy of the Newsletter mailed to your home). At the top of the Membership Form please indicate if you do **not** wish your name on the membership list which is sent out to all members. Also indicate if you wish to receive emails from WAMUN of upcoming meetings and other items that we think might be of interest to members. This is in keeping with the Anti-Spam regulations that came into effect July 1st. This does not affect your receiving the Newsletter by email - you accept to receive that by email by checking the email line. Also, by signing up for an Interest Group we take that as verification that you would accept group emails from that group Convenor.

The Membership form is attached to this email. Membership forms are also available on our website at [www.mun.ca/wamun](http://www.mun.ca/wamun) and click membership at the top of the page. Scholarship Donation forms are also available by clicking scholarship. You can either mail them in or bring them to the Fall Reception. Please be sure to make out the cheques separately and to the correct payee.

We look forward to seeing all of you this year.

Susan Goold, Membership Chair

## Support Food Bank

Items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, canned vegetables and fruits, juices, tinned milk, tins of tuna, chicken or ham, plain macaroni and rice, and spaghetti sauce. 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.





# Scholarship



WAMUN offers eight scholarships annually, four at the undergraduate level valued at \$1200 each and four at the graduate level valued at \$1200 each.

Information regarding scholarships is available at the following web page:  
<http://www.mun.ca/scholarships/scholarships>.

A five year summary of the endowment is presented below. Please note that members' donations are recorded as top up as we request the donations are deposited to the unrestricted portion of the endowment.

Shown here are four of our 2013-2014 scholarship winners along with Linda Hensman, Scholarship Chair. The photo was taken at the WAMUN January Morning Coffee..

## Scholarship Report

### Women's Association of MUN

#### Breakdown of Endowment

Book Value	Fiscal Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Opening Balance (April 1)					
Restricted	100,741	100,777	100,777	116,289	116,424
Unrestricted	18,768	22,081	27,272	14,548	17,588
Total	<u>119,509</u>	<u>122,858</u>	<u>128,049</u>	<u>130,837</u>	<u>134,012</u>
Donations					
Restricted (Donations)	36	-	936	135	306
Unrestricted (Donations)	4	50	104	15	34
Top-up	4,595	5,842	4,633	2,548	4,435
Investment Income	4,714	5,899	4,315	7,677	9,136
Scholarship / Bursary / Award Expenditure	-6,000	-6,600	-7,200	-7,200	-7,200
Closing Balance (March 31)					
Restricted	100,777	100,777	116,289 **	116,424	116,730
Unrestricted	22,081	27,272	14,548 **	17,588	23,993
Total	<u>122,858</u>	<u>128,049</u>	<u>130,837</u>	<u>134,012</u>	<u>140,723</u>
Market Value					
Closing Book Value (March 31)	122,858	128,049	130,837	134,012	140,723
Unrealized gain / loss	<u>9,508</u>	<u>17,667</u>	<u>11,918</u>	<u>16,748</u>	<u>26,076</u>
Closing Market Value (March 31)	132,366	145,716	142,755	150,760	166,799

#### Allowable Payout

Payout, as per spending policy (SIPO) is based on *previous* fiscal year ending March 31st and is determined by the lesser of:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Unrestricted adjusted for Unrealized gains/losses	<u>31,589</u>	<u>44,939</u>	<u>26,466</u>	<u>34,336</u>	<u>50,069</u>
* 4% of Restricted Book Value	4,031	4,031	4,652	4,657	4,669
<b>Allowable Payout</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>4,652</b>	<b>4,657</b>	<b>4,669</b>

\*The maximum allowable payout is calculated as a portion of the income on the endowment based on the current spending rate (current rate of 4%), and is calculated on the restricted portion of the fund only. The payout amount will change over time as the spending rate changes to reflect market conditions

\*\* Rebalanced at March 31, 2012 as per "Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives for Endowment Funds and Non-Endowed Fund"

**Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Membership**

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Membership Fee: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ \$15

Newsletter: to email address provided above (n/c) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Special Interest Groups: Indicate below any group you may be interested in attending. Visit our website at [www.mun.ca/wamun](http://www.mun.ca/wamun) for further information about our activities.

Book Discussion – Non Fiction _____	Coffee Group _____
Book Discussion – Fiction (2 <sup>nd</sup> . Tuesday) _____	Saturday Walking Group _____
Book Discussion – Fiction (4 <sup>th</sup> . Tuesday) _____	Monday Walking Group _____
Scrabble Group _____	Electronic Toys _____
Music Interest Group _____	Arts Happenings _____

Suggestions for other special interest groups:

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(for the WAMUN scholarship program)

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