

## AMHERST WOMAN'S CLUB

### FALL 23-24 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

*All programs are held in our clubhouse. Monday programs begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by tea and conversation. Thursday evening programs begin at 6:00 p.m. with wine and conversation, followed by speaker at 6:30 p.m.*

*All meetings are open to all members and the public free of charge. Invite a friend!*

**Monday, September 11, 12:30 p.m.** Welcome Back Fall Luncheon! More details will follow regarding reservations. This event is a potluck, and as is tradition, sign up to bring a salad or dessert. We are excited about the beginning of this new year and all its possibilities. Don't miss the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to make new acquaintances. See you!

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.** The Sunday concert series kicks off its fall offerings with a concert by Cantabile, a six-member vocal ensemble performing music by Carlo Gesualdo, an Italian composer of the Italian Renaissance era. Refreshments follow the concert. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or on the AWC website: [amherst womansclub.org](http://amherst womansclub.org)

**Monday, September 25, 1:30 p.m.** Herrell's Ice Cream has been an institution in the valley for many years. We begin our program year with a visit from the creator himself, Steve Herrell. He will be sharing his journey into the ice cream business and his recent book, coauthored with Allie Martineau, *Ice Cream and Me*. An ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOLLOWS – of course!

**Monday, October 9, 1:30 p.m.** Thomas Johnson Jr. author of *Common Place: The Public Library, Civil Society and Early American Values*, tells the story of the first public libraries in America, all of which were founded in New England through civil society efforts, their current operation and future. Even today, many public libraries across America are run by non-governmental organizations, including those in Amherst, Holyoke and Northampton.

**Thursday, October 12, 6:00 p.m.** Dr. Lynn Griesemer, will speak on "One Thing Leads to Another..." Dr. Griesemer, current President of the Amherst Town Council, retired in 2018 after 31 years working in economic development at the UMASS President's Office and served as Dir. of the UMASS Donahue Institute for 19 years. Wine and cheese at 6:00 p.m.; talks begin at 6:30 p.m. This program is part of the evening series featuring remarkable and accomplished local women and their personal journey of challenges and achievements. Free and open to all.

**Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.** WINE TASTING AND POTLUCK DINNER. Always a popular event and an opportunity to bring guests. Details will follow shortly but save the date.

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.** The Sunday concert series continues with Latin American music by AWC member Estela Olevsky on piano. Come hear music from Estela's native Argentina as well as other Latin American countries. Refreshments follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door or on the AWC website: [amherst womansclub.org](http://amherst womansclub.org)

**Monday, October 23, 1:30 p.m.** Rebecca Fricke, general Manager of Wildwood Cemetery, will offer a visual Wildwood Cemetery Historical Tour and identify its colorful and famous residents. You may want to follow this talk with a walk through the site during this colorful season to discover for yourself Wildwood's beauty and peaceful setting.

**Monday, November 6, 1:30 p.m.** Kitty Burns Florey, local Amherst resident and author of a two part series of books titled *Writing Master* and *Amity Street* will be our guest speaker. She will share her process in creating these historical fiction novels. Both books follow the lives of intriguing characters set in the 1850s. Available both at the Jones Library and Amazon, you might want to read the books before her talk. You will love tracing your way around the current Amherst and envisioning where the characters are in 1850s Amherst. These books are hard to put down!

**Thursday, November 9, 6:00 p.m.** Cinda Jones, 9<sup>th</sup> Generation Community Investor, Environmental Steward /CEO of W.D. Cowls, Inc., Land Company. "*Lessons Learned: How mis-steps, regrets, fire, animosity, and the support of my girlfriends made me a notorious Game Changer in the Happy Valley.*" Wine and cheese at 6:00 p.m.; talks begin at 6:30 p.m. This program is part of the evening series featuring remarkable and accomplished local women and their personal journey of challenges and achievements.

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.** The Sunday concert series continues with a chamber music concert by talented UMASS students. Returning to the AWC after a fantastic performance last season, these young artists are not to be missed. Refreshments follow the concert. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or on the AWC website: [amherst womansclub.org](http://amherst womansclub.org)

**Monday, December 4, 1:30 p.m.** Hitchcock Center for the Environment, Executive Director William Spitzer, PhD, will join us for a conversation titled "*From Impact to Solutions: Changing the Conversation on Climate Change*". Let's see where we are in the Valley regarding the changes we have already experienced and what will be happening with climate, critters, and current action. Lots of time for questions.

**Saturday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.** Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner, a festive time for members, partners, and guests to celebrate the season. More details will be available closer to the event. Be sure to hold the date.