MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Lunch Bunch
Contact: Kathy Squires
Noon on Thursday
Thursday, March 6th
The Green Goat Cafe
RSVP to
Kathy
ntimidBr51@gmail.com
703.244.3956

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**Bridge Club**
Contact: Jenny Reves

Friday, March 15th
Hosted by
Susan Brooks
810-3413

Icy February is finally behind us and we are all looking forward to lovely springtime warmth!

Our Program Chairs have scheduled two terrific outdoor events for this month that will surely cure any residual cabin fever. On March 2nd Ken Patrick will lead us on a nature hike at the Santee River Delta- so dust off your hiking shoes! We are sure to see hundreds of water birds, an alligator or more, and miles of beautiful scenery. Later in the month, on March 29th, we will be heading out for our long-postponed trip to Bull Island. So mark your calendars and plan to join us for some wonderful outdoor adventures!

Springtime for MUWC also means it is time to form our Nominating Committee to fill special project chairs and leadership positions on our board. If you are interested in becoming more involved, I encourage you to contact me, or our President-elect Charlotte Gillespie to find out more. Our slate of proposed officers will be presented to the membership in April by email, and then voted on by the MUWC at the Annual Spring Luncheon graciously hosted by Donna Wilson on Wednesday, May 7th. We hope all of you will be able to attend this lovely event so watch for details in the April Distaff.

Until next month,

Megan

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**MUWC Book Group**
Contact: Terri DeVane

Wednesday, March 12
at the home of
Jo Ellen Basile

*The Hare with Amber Eyes:*
*A Hidden Inheritance*
by
Edmund de Waal

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**Posies for Patients**
The Winter Storm showed no mercy on our Posies for Patients project this year. The event was delayed twice due to bridge and school closings and hazardous, icy travel conditions. Flowers were forced to remain in limbo at my home for three days as I carefully monitored their temperature and general well-being. However, nothing (not rain, nor sleet, nor snow!) could keep Posies from once again being a great success thanks to the generous support from so many MUWC members. Your donations of time, money, flowers, greenery and vases brightened the day of over 220 MUSC patients. We had extra arrangements that we were able to share with nurses’ stations, hospital staff, Volunteer Services and the Children’s Hospital. Thank you!

Posies for Patients Coordinator 2014

Jo Ellen Basile
Contact: Laura Patrick
Meets at 1:30 on the last Tuesday of each month at the Charleston Public Library, Calhoun St., Meeting Room A

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Mahjongg Club
Contact: Kathy Kraft or Karen Gemmill
Thursday, March 27th
Hosted by Terri DeVane

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Ravenel Bridge Walkers
Thursdays at 9am
Meet at the water fountain on the Mt. Pleasant side
Contact Kathy Squires
388-4294

Many thanks to all of you who made this year's Posies a heartwarming event:

Megan Zwerner  Edie Rubin
Barbara Warburton  Jenny Reves
Chris Conway  Carol Green
Nancy Fox  Candace Hardin
Katy Kuder  Joan Haluska
Chris Christopher  Kathy Squires
Erble Creasman  Betty Howell
Terri DeVane  Patti Sachs
Irene Smith  Charlotte Gillespie
Jane Locke  Barbara Smith
Kathy Harrison-Rockey  Alice Levkoff
Karen Gemmill  Catherine Cummings
Jill Katz  Donna Draughn
Mariela Perez-Ralston  Marion Cotton
Cecily DiPiro  Debbie Lambert
Lynda Selby  Francesca Bradshaw
Stephanie Aston-Jones  Jo Ellen Basile
Tiffany Takacs  Laura Patrick
Renee D’Agostino  Ken Patrick

Special thanks to the following members for arranging and delivering the beautiful bouquets:

Megan Zwerner  Donna Draughn
Barbara Warburton  Terri DeVane
Laura Patrick  Erble Creasman
Nancy Fox  Irene Smith
Jill Katz  Jo Ellen Basile
Chris Christopher
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Jo Ellen Basile

Chair for Teddy Bear Day:
Catherine Cummins

Chair for Roses for Commencement:
Lynda Selby & Stephanie Aston-Jones

Cookbook Chair:
Laura Patrick

Quick Hot-Links...
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L to R: Barbara Warburton, Candace Hardin, JoAnn Rampton, Laura Patrick, Betty Howell, Marion Cotton, Kyra Morris (our advisor) Terri DeVane

Pic 1 Marion, Laura, Barbara, JoAnn Candace; Pic 2, Lindsay DeVane and Ken Patrick

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Lunch Bunch Visited

Leyla's in February
Oshibana Art
with Mila Garro
Making cards with pressed flowers
A Different Way to Volunteer

MUSC Urban Farm
How to Get Involved in the MUSC Urban Farm

Work & Learn Sessions are held each week and provide opportunities for participants to engage in hands-on learning about sustainable urban agriculture including stewardship, planting & harvesting. Topics vary each week, but generally relate to the current season. Additional opportunities are available for those who would like to participate on a more regular basis and will receive additional training. Farm Hands can participate in any or all of the following activities:

• Work and Learn Host
• Farm Tour Guide
• Weed Warrior
• Farm Assistant
• Produce Delivery

If you are interested in opportunities to become involved with the Urban Farm, please click here.
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/urbanfarm/involve/volunteer.html

Women's History Month
For more information about national and state events http://www.nwhp.org/whm/index.php

Be on the lookout for articles about Outstanding MUSC Women in the Catalyst during the month of March http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/catalyst/

Annual MUWC Nature Hike: Santee River Delta

MUWC members and guests
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Guide: Ken Patrick
Rendezvous at 10:00: Mt. Pleasant Kohl's parking lot (behind a McDonald's) on 17N, two stoplights past the highway 41 intersection where carpooling can be arranged. We will drive up 17N approximately 35 miles to the parking area.

Description: This is the largest river delta on the Atlantic Coast and is a bird paradise managed by the Department of Natural Resources. Total hike will be ~6 miles but can safely be abbreviated at will. Laura is only planning on hiking 4 miles. The hike is on a grid of elevated dikes dating back to the rice plantation era (see attached map above).

Being open terrain, windbreakers and layered clothing is advisable. Some mosquitoes may lurk (DEET) but are generally not intrusive until April. Please pack a lunch for a mid-hike rest. Remember hats, sunscreen, water, etc.

RSVP or questions: Laura Patrick 843-884-4380 or email her at lgpatrick@comcast.net (Cell # 843-670-4380). Rain date is March 9th.

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New schedule for Bridge Walkers
Starting March 3rd, every Thursday at 9 am
Meet at the drinking fountain on the Mt. Pleasant side of the Ravenel Bridge. Park under the bridge and walk up the ramp toward the bridge to the fountain.
email Kathy Squires at ntjmid8r51@gmail.com
To let her know you are coming.
Dates for Your March & Spring Calendars

Sunday, March 2nd - Nature Hike at the Santee Delta 10 am
See above

Date TBD - Tasty Image - chocolate making class
Belle Hall Shopping Center, Mt. Pleasant

Saturday, March 29th - Trip to Bulls Island $45.00 per person
10am - 3pm  We will leave Garris Landing at 10am
Spouses and friends are also invited.
RSVP by Thurs., Feb 27th
See more below

May 7th - Spring Luncheon
at the Home of Donna Wilson

Friday, May 16th - Roses for Commencement

For more information on all these events
Contact Jane Locke 819-3508.

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More on the Bull Island Trip

Saturday, March 29th - Trip to Bulls Island March 29th
$45.00 per person 10am-3pm
We will leave Garris Landing at 10:00 am.
RSVP no later than Thursday, February 27th

There is lots of walking involved on this excursion. It is a mile and
a half to the beach and, of course, a mile and a half back to the dock.
We will take our own lunch and drinks, there is no food or water provided.
Picnic tables are available and bathrooms on the island are near the docks.
This is an undeveloped barrier island.
**Spouses and friends are also invited**

Checks can be mailed to Jane Locke
1373 Woodlock Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
Make check out to Coastal Expeditions.
Make check out to Coastal Expeditions.