



Newsletter

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Women's Club at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Holiday Tea

Wednesday

December 5

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Lovely holiday music,

And a delicious tea

at

The President's House

Hostess, Joan Stukel



Reflections from the P resident...

As we watch the seasons change from the warmth of Indian summer to the chill of winter, I am reminded of how quickly the year is passing. Our Women's Club has been busy with fantastic interest group activities and an exhilarating tour to the famous Starved Rock Park. The October Luncheon was delicious, and informative with almost 90 members attending! The Antiques and Collectibles group was very industrious in raising over \$900 for scholarships in one evening of "auctioning" at Val Cook's home. One of the newest groups, the Seminar group, had a great turn out to hear a super talk on the benefits of being HAPPY! What more could we want! With the exciting new tours offered by the Women's Club in upcoming months, we are fortunate to be part of a diverse and active group.

There are so many advantages we share as Women's Club members. We have stimulating interest groups, delicious quarterly luncheons, opportunities for developing friendships, fantastic tours, and we also have this terrific newsletter and our web site (wc-uiuc@prairienet.org) to help us keep in touch. However, our many activities need financing. After reviewing the expenses, the Budget Chair and Treasurer both report that dues alone are not covering expenses. (See Jane's report on page 5.) Since dues have not been raised for 10 years the Board suggests that an increase be considered. I am a member of several other professional organizations, and feel our dues are very low for the offerings provided and the mailings required. If you have thoughts on this recommendation, please contact me or any member of the board.

Now, as your thoughts turn toward holiday happenings and your days get busy, I hope you will take time to come to the Holiday Tea at the President's House. It promises to be one of the highlights of the seasonal. Women's Club members are fortunate to have such a supportive advocate in Mrs. Stukel. The President's House is always beautifully decorated and the hospitality warm and friendly. A variety of musical offerings will enhance the atmosphere and conversation. We hope you will find special moments of holiday delight at the Tea. Remember, reservations are necessary, so please notify Bonnie Sprague (398-6539) or Ann Campbell (wc-uiuc@prairienet.org) by Nov. 27 if you plan to attend.

Remember, too, as the holiday season comes around, the opportunities for scholarship giving are here. Contributing to the scholarship fund is a wonderful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or honor extraordinary effort. Our U of I students are extremely needful at this time, and the Women's Club recognizes this need.

If you haven't done so, please consider giving a gift to the scholarship fund.

Please join us, as we wrap up 2001 with wonderful tours, interesting meetings and a delightful Holiday Tea.

Stephanie Price, President



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Board Members**

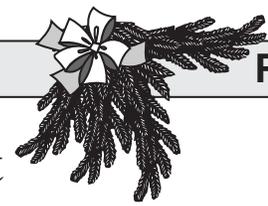
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Important dates coming up and changes in meeting places since out last newsletter...

- December 5, 2001, **Holiday Tea** at the President's House,
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
February 21, 2002, **Scholarship Reception**, Levis Faculty Center
4 pm to 6 pm
April 11, 2002, **Spring Luncheon**, Stone Creek Golf Club
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

The Sign-up Coffee in September...





Volunteers answer phones for Festival 2001 at TV Station WILL

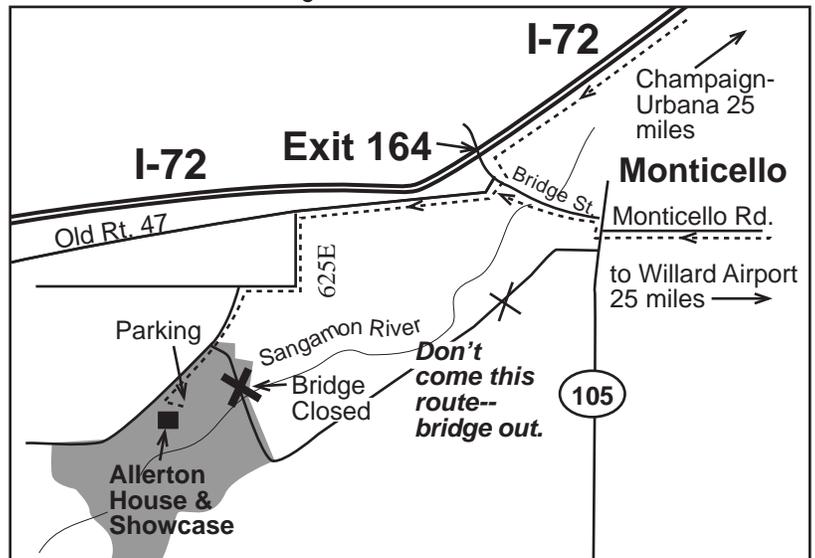
Our volunteers, representing the Women's Club at UIUC answered 44 phones and raised \$5,365. Front row: Val Cook and Carol Peterson. Back row: Shirley Walker, Stephanie Price and Anne Martel.

The volunteers who have participated in this fund raising activities during the last 3 or 4 years report that is a very pleasant experience. If you would like to help volunteer during this school year, call Jean Crestwell at 359-1977



Update on the Allerton Holiday Showcase

To the right is a map of the route to Allerton Park for those of you who have made reservations for Nov. 26. Please note that the map indicates that the bridge is closed over the Sangamon River so don't take the Allerton Road South Entrance. For those who have paid lunch reservations, the diningroom seating is 11:30. The doors to the Showcase open at 10 am. The Women's Club is not taking any more reservations but if you want to make a reservation on your own, call Betty Lacey at 333-3387. There are 2 seatings for lunch, at 11:30 and 1:00. The entry only fee is \$10--\$25 with lunch. The dates for the Showcase are November 24, 25 and 26. The house is a visual delight and worth the trip.



Directions to Showcase: From I-72, exit at Exit 164 and turn left over the interstate into town. After crossing the interstate, take the first road to the right (Old Rt 47) and follow the signs off of that road and on into the park. From Monticello Rd, turn right at Rt. 105 and then a quick left across Bridge St. Turn left on Old Rt 47 that borders the interstate. It's the last place to turn left before crossing I-72. Follow signs along Old Rt 47 and on into the park.

Jane Myers reports on 2000-2001 spending and illustrates the need for an increase in dues...!

Women's Club UIUC Expenses for 2000 - 2001

333 members have paid dues for a total of \$4423.0

Club Expenses	Total for year	Cost/member
Meetings	\$2846.00	\$8.55
Printing & postage	1645.00	4.94
Interest Groups & Newcomers	420.00	1.26
Supplies (including Insurance)	280.00	.84
Phone and E-mail	309.00	.93
TOTALS	\$5500.00	\$16.52

We overspent \$1077.00 last year.

Successful WC tour to Starved Rock State Park...



A Nice Day Trip Recommended...

Thanks to Marie Tompkins we have learned of a very interesting exhibit at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis. There will be no more tours planned this year, but members might be interested on their own...

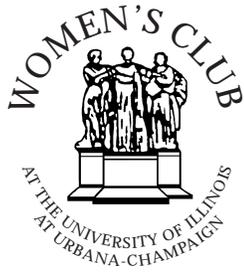
After the Storm : The Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art 2001

Look in museums and bookstores for information about Native American fine artists, and you won't find any. The Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art seeks to rectify that situation with an unparalleled national program to identify and reward to Native American fine artists.

On Nov. 10, each of five Fellows will receive a \$20,000 cash award and will see the opening of an exhibition of their work at the Eiteljorg Museum.

An exhibition of works by the Fellows and a master artist opened at the Eiteljorg on Nov. 10, 2001 and runs through Jan. 27, 2002. The program also includes purchases of some of the works by the museum and a benchmark publication by the University of Washington Press. Check the stunning museum website at: Eiteljorg.org





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Urbana, IL 61801

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URGENT! The Treasurer Asks for Your Help...

The Women's Club needs an assistant treasurer who will become treasurer for the 2002-03 fiscal year. If you can balance a checkbook and a bank statement and are a 'detail' person, the club needs YOU! The job of assistant requires no time; the job of treasurer will require on average a few hours a month. If this position cannot be filled, the club will have to pay a commercial bookkeeper starting July 2002. If it is your turn to volunteer some of your time, if you have been in an interest group and never participated in the operation of your sponsoring club, please consider this position. For more information, contact Marguerite Maguire at 384-2155.

Membership Directory News

As of press-time, we have about 340 members in our club. All of you are receiving the directory included in this newsletter. Members, if you know of someone who may like to join our club please let me know so I can add their names to our database. We will publish a supplementary list with the next newsletter.

Email

If you wish to receive e-mail reminders about tours, meetings and deadlines, please remember to give us your e-mail address. Several notices have already been sent. If you have not received them please let me know your current e-mail address. Send it to: annc@prairienet.org

Website News

WOMEN'S CLUB WEB PAGES can be found at: <http://wc-uiuc.prairienet.org>
Have a look -- there are links to each of the interest groups and photos of recent activities.

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January 2002 Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 9 am at Carol Kubitzes' 1104 Harmon, Urbana