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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear WSW Members,

It's my pleasure to welcome you all to the twenty-third year of our club. I hope the summer was sunny and fulfilling for you all.

Your board of directors has put together a great program of events and activities for the year, starting with our first luncheon meeting on Monday, September 22. Come join us as we catch up with old friends, greet new members and enjoy some live country music. If any of you line dance, let me know and we'll arrange it!

At this occasion, pick up your copy of the 2008-2009 Directory. You'll find our calendar for luncheons, special events, information and committee lists for our fundraisers, as well as Intra-Club activities, education and Community Services Committees. We've added e-mail addresses to our membership list this year to facilitate communication between us.

As per our bylaws, we normally publish our financial report for the year ending on May 31 in our September newsletter. As we are currently doing an overhaul of our accounting system in order to make it more practical and easier to understand, we will publish the financial statement 5/31/08 in our October issue.

In addition to your community and education-oriented endeavors, I'd like to encourage you to participate in our numerous Intra-Club activities. There are many different card groups, several book clubs, the Creative Sewers, walkers and "Lunch Bunches" to choose from or perhaps an activity you'd like to propose and lead. So find out more and sign up!

I'm excited about the new club year and hope you will be, too. As you are the Wonderful Women of Sugarmill Woods, I know it will be a great season and, along with the board and our committee chairs, I look forward to greeting you all.

Francesca Paar
President 2008-09
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Nunbutme@aol.com

*WELCOME BACK
WONDERFUL WOMEN OF SUGARMILL WOODS!!*

Monday, September 22 at Glen Lakes Country Club.
Doors Open 11:00 a.m. Lunch 12 noon

It is with pleasure that we announce our opening luncheon and welcome all new and present members of the Women of Sugarmill Woods.

The theme of our luncheon is “The Way We Are”. While we meet and catch-up with each other after the summer, we will be entertained with a Country and Western Hoe-down featuring the
BACK PORCH BAND.

This wonderful local band will provide an afternoon of old-time music for line dancing and toe tapping fun. So—put on your country duds, shine up your dancing shoes and let’s
“Kick up our Heels”!
Dress of the day is Country Casual—bright and sunny.

MENU

Salad: Classic Caesar
Dessert: Warm Apple Tart with Vanilla Ice Cream

Lunch entree: (1) Classic Meat Lasagna
(2) Vegetarian Lasagna

Please indicate your choice and include it on your \$16 check to Women of Sugarmill Woods.
Please place it in the Luncheon box at the entry to Sugarmill Woods no later than
Monday, September 15.

New this year: If you need a ride to the luncheon, we will try to accommodate you. Just include on your check the words “Ride, please” and your address if not printed on the check.

Jeanne Goldich, Program Director, 382-2983



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WOMEN OF SUGARMILL WOODS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome back to the **WONDERFUL WOMEN OF SUGARMILL WOODS**. The summer has flown by and we are now ready to start our new 2008-2009 club year. At present our membership stands at 296. We hope to have many more in the future. Please help welcome our newest members:

Alice Barley	15 Birchtree St.	352-4124
Nancy Lovejoy	8 Sweetgum Ct., S	973-479-8159
Deborah Lettis	34 Green Park Blvd.	503-6237
Sandra Hougham	107 Anton Ct.	382-1294
Barbara Howell	5 Blair Ct.	382-4203
Linda Johnson	8 Douglas St.	503-6556
Mary Joan Lettis	123 Oak Village Blvd. S	382-1352
Zada Moyer	57 Douglas St., Apt. 111C	382-0369
Marlene Mullins	25 Poppy Ct.	382-0757
Paula Ruer	8 Pepper Ct.	382-4311
Lynne Short	18 Gingerwood Dr.	382-1461

During this past club year we have lost five members: Marjorie Longhouser, July 18, Dee Miller, July 18, Mary Ann Kenney, November 29, 2007, Joanne Ford, January 8 and Margaret Attridge, March 5. Once again our condolences and sympathy are extended to their families.

I do have to thank Donna Rayne for her strong support and her ongoing commitment in helping me do the job she did so well. She really is the epitome of what I think the Women of Sugarmill Woods stand for.

As most of you know, our new president has requested that each of us enroll at least one new member. If you have any suggestions on how to increase our membership or need my assistance with a potential member, please give me a call. There is much to do so enjoy the new year and make a new friend.

Vivian Turner, Membership Director, 651-204-6715
Vturner95@tampabay.rr.com

MILITARY CARD PARTY

Our August Military Card Party was a great success. There were 92 ladies in attendance and a good time was had by all. Now is the time to sign up for the next Military Card Party to be held Monday, September 15 at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Come at 12:30 p.m. for snacks; play starts at 1:00 p.m. To sign up, please place your check for \$11 in the Military Cards mailbox at the Communications Center near the Cypress Village entrance to Sugarmill Woods. Please include the name of your own foursome if you are playing with a group. Singles are always welcome.

Congratulations to all the winners at the August Military Card Party. A special thank you to all the ladies who provided the wonderful food and all the ladies who assisted setting up for the party. Hope to see you all there for another day of *fun*!

For further information, please contact Doris Millsap at 503-3412 or Victoria Budd at 382-5216.

"Fall Fashion Fling"
Luncheon and Fashion Show
Friday, November 7, 2008
Palace Grand, Spring Hill
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
Luncheon and Fashion Show 12:00 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Number of *non-refundable* tickets @ \$30 each _____

Total amount enclosed \$_____

To honor your reservations, payment is required for all names listed. Please print the *names and phone numbers* of members in your party. Tickets will be mailed or held *only* if the reservation form is complete. ***Please note: reservation deadline is Wednesday, October 29.***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Office Use</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
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7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
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Please check one of the following:

_____ I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to have tickets mailed to:

Name: _____ Phone # _____

_____ I will call Dorothy Adams (382-7209) to arrange to pick up my tickets.

Place reservation form and check in the Fashion Show box at the Communications Center. If you do not live in Sugarmill Woods, please mail checks to Dorothy Adams, 5 Birchtree St., Homosassa, FL 34446. *Make checks payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods.* For ticket information contact Dorothy Adams, Reservations (382-7209). For all other information contact, Beth Boardman (382-2575) or Linda Swart (382-7203), co-chairwomen.

"Fall Fashion Fling" will feature fashions by *La Boutique* of Spring Hill, shown in a Tea Room format (no runway). *Stan Prinston* will provide the entertainment with a revue of some of our favorite songs of the 60's forward. The menu will include a garden salad, apple/almond stuffed chicken breast, vegetables, rolls, chef's choice dessert and coffee or tea. Also included in the afternoon will be a Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle, Grand Prize, gifts for everyone attending and other fun surprises.

Proceeds from the luncheon will go to the Women of Sugarmill Woods Scholarship Fund and local charities. Seating will be limited, so please make your reservations early. If you need assistance in transportation to the event, please contact Rosemary Ray at 382-7171 for more transportation information.

Sponsored by the Citrus County Chronicle.



Members of the Fashion Show Committee



“FALL FASHION FLING”

***FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
PALACE GRAND, SPRING HILL***

PATRONS

Our annual Fashion Show is one of our most successful fund-raisers. Your support allows WSW to continue our philanthropic contributions, including scholarships. Your generosity will enable us to continue to support the recipients. Please consider joining our efforts by becoming a **Patron**.

Your checks, made out to Women of Sugarmill Woods, may be put in slot marked Fashion Show **Patrons** at the Communication Center.

Thank you for your support!

PATRONS may contribute: **GOLD** \$50 _____
 SILVER \$25 _____
 BRONZE \$10 _____

List my name as follows:

Wife _____ Husband _____ Last Name _____

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Welcome back ladies! As you know, last year you showed a true spirit of compassion for others by your giving, participation and volunteering. This year I am looking forward to having another productive year. The charities we support are quite varied, so our members have the opportunity to choose one or more that are near to their heart. We don't want anyone to feel pressure to support all the various charities—but rather to find joy in giving of themselves. However, no one should feel obligated to participate in this aspect of the organization. This year we will name one charity per lunch meeting, to which we will donate. The “charity-of-the-month” will be featured in this column along with a list of their needs. For those who wish to contribute, a table will be set up to receive your donations. This method of having a donation table designed for one organization per month should make for a pressure-free environment for you to give (or not) as your heart leads you. (See below for our September charity).

For the 2008-2009 year we will begin with projects designed to brighten the holidays and help many others. These include the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project, Hospice Tree of Remembrance and Operation Cookie Drop. Details will be in the October newsletter. On-going committees such as We Care, Home Delivered Meals and the Nursing Home/ Sugarmill Manor continue. We will help CASA abuse shelter, PATH homeless shelter and we'd like to pay special attention this year to the deserving young ladies at Camp E-Nini Hassee as we are able. We also plan to help the Homosassa Library, the Chassahowitzka Wildlife Park, N.A.M.I. and others if a need arises.

As you know, when you support our Fashion Show and/or the Trash & Treasure Sale, it directly benefits the above charities, so don't forget to show your support. Last, but not least, the Lending Closet, which is a great benefit to our members, also falls under the Community Services umbrella. Volunteers are always needed for many of the charities. If you have an interest in helping others, either once or on an ongoing basis, please let me know.

SEPTEMBER'S CHARITY—C.A.S.A.

To start our club year, we will focus on C.A.S.A. For those of you who are not familiar with the Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, their mission is to interrupt the cycle of domestic violence in our community and provide counseling and safe haven from abuse. They also provide parenting classes.

TANGIBLE NEEDS:

- Paper towels, toilet tissue, tall kitchen trash bags
- Gel dishwasher soap and laundry soap
- Diapers, Pull-Ups, (opened packages are OK too) and Wipes
- *New* or like-new books and durable toys such as large Legos and blocks (must not present a choking hazard)
- First aid and hygiene-Neosporin type ointments, Band-Aids, sunscreen and feminine hygiene items
- Used cell phones and/or chargers (clients can dial 911 on any cell phone whether or not service is connected)
- Craft kits or craft items for older children

If you would like to donate any of the items above, please bring them to the luncheon. If you are not attending, then you can bring them to my home. If I am not home, you can leave them on my covered porch.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- CASA is seeking people to teach crafts to the older children. The older ones seem to be most affected by being in a shelter. They arrive traumatized by the circumstances leading to their arrival and this causes them to be withdrawn. However, when they are presented with a craft or project, they will gradually join in and you can see them smile at their accomplishment. It also draws them out and they begin to open up. The shelter must rely on volunteers to teach crafts to these children and there is always a shortage of volunteers. If this is an area in which you feel called to lend a helping hand, please call me.

Diane Fudge, Community Services Director, 382-2120

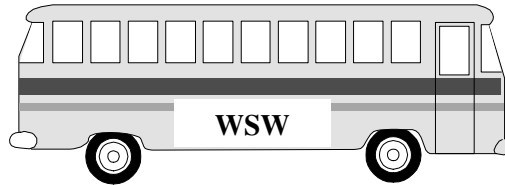
MOUNT DORA CRAFT FESTIVAL EXCURSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30 a.m.

\$30 PER PERSON NON-REFUNDABLE

Reserve your seat *now* for a delightful day in Mt. Dora.



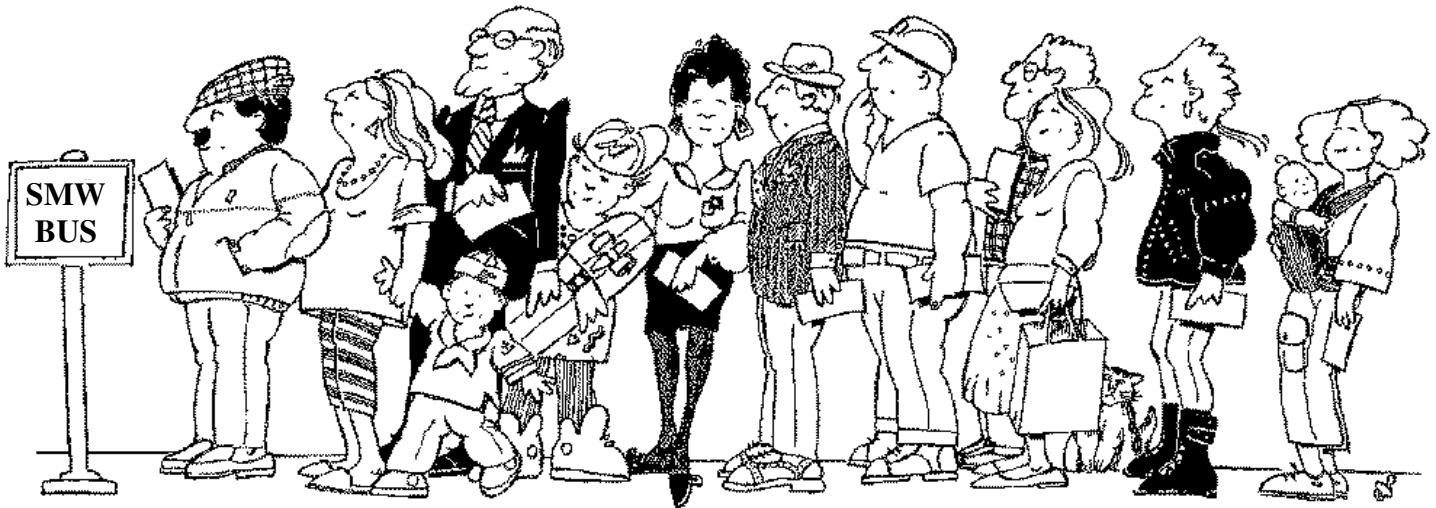
It's the twenty-fifth annual Craft Festival with over 350 juried artisans.

Historic Mt. Dora sits above scenic Lake Dora and has numerous shops and restaurants. You can stroll, shop, eat or sit by the lake to your heart's desire. It's hilly, so wear comfortable walking shoes.

The bus will pick up at 8:30 a.m. at the north side of Walgreen's on US 19/98. We will leave Mt. Dora at 3:30 p.m. It is approximately a one and a half hour drive.

To reserve your place, write your check to: Women of Sugarmill Woods and place it in box named Excursions *no later than Wednesday, October 15.*

Contact Sue Hyson at 382-7385.



EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

The Education & Scholarship Committee welcomes two new members this year, Rosemary Ray and Doris Moore. The returning members are Victoria Budd, Director, Judy Hill, Sue Hyson, Donna Rayne and Dianne Weller. We look forward to having another successful year in providing the opportunity for outstanding students to achieve their educational goals and dreams.

This year committee member Judy Hill (382-1348) is chairing both the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Program and the Writer's Luncheons at the Homosassa Elementary School (HES). Tentative RIF dates for 2008-2009 are September 16 & 17, December 2 & 3 and March 24 & 25. Please contact Judy if you'd like to volunteer for these programs.

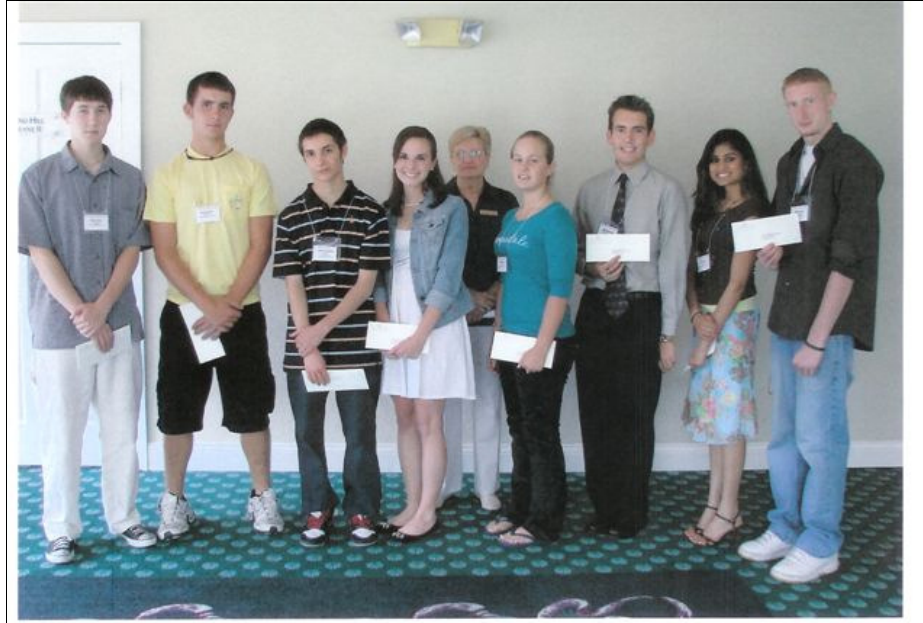
We will be collecting "Boxtops for Education" and plastic trays for the art program at HES again this year (*no egg cartons, please*). These items can be brought to the luncheons or call Vicki Budd (382-5216) for pickup.

Two scholarship recipients from 2007-2008 have begun their second year after an outstanding freshman year. Roy Chaupis is attending University of South Florida and Sarina Jaster is a sophomore at University of Florida.

The WSW Withlacoochee Technical Institute Renewable Scholarship program ended its first year with great success. Lauren Blackwell graduated from the Practical Nursing Program on June 8. William Foxworth completed the Auto Services Technology classes and Jerry Yost finished the Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology Program. Now employed by an area restaurant, Brock Myrvik completed the Food Services Program and Sheri Riffe is keeping an A average in the Cosmetology Program and will finish this December. We look forward to helping new students at WTI this year.

At WSW April 2008 Scholarship Recipients Luncheon, seven area seniors received General Scholarships and one senior was awarded the Technical Scholarship. In addition, four young students received the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Scholarships and will be working with mentors over the next years in preparation for their tuition-paid college scholarships.

Victoria Budd, Director, 382-5216



Pictured left to right:
Steven Valente (USF), Herb Sickler (Indian River College), Jonathan Weber (WTI), Aleksandra Jaquith (U of Tampa), Victoria Budd, Director, Sarah Daniel (CFCC), Matthew Smolinsky (UCF), Priya Patel (UCF) and Michael Kelly (CFCC).



Pictured left to right:
Victoria Budd, Director, and TSIC recipients: Wade McDonald, Shelby Sims, Rachelle Peake, Sara Turner and Dr. Ruth Hulbert-Johnson (TSIC).

INTRA-CLUB ACTIVITIES

Bridget Leo, 382-0080

We have a variety of Intra-Club activities and hope you will find one you are interested in—or you may just want to start a new one. Please contact the above if you have an idea for a new activity. Please contact one the following ladies if you are interested in one of our current groups.

BOOK GROUPS

Adelaide Keller, 382-0219

Book Group I will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Elia Christensen, 15 Poplar Ct. The book to be reviewed will be *The Power Of Intention* by Dr. Wayne Dyer, PhD.

Book Group II will meet on Thursday September 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sue Hyson, 24 Deerwood Dr. The book to be reviewed will be *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith.

Book Group III will meet on Thursday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the home SandyPartin the book to be reviewed is *Night Fall* by Nelson DeMille.

Book Group IV This group currently does not have active members; please contact Adelaide Keller if you and your friends are interested in starting this group again.

Book Group V will meet on Friday, September 19 at 12:00 p.m. for lunch at Harrington's Lodge, Homosassa, Oasis Hotel, US 19 (next to the park). Call Dorothy Dawson at 382-1508 to reserve your place.

CARD GROUPS

Regular Bridge

Joan McGee, 382-1462

We meet on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. All players must be members to play. If you are interested in playing this wonderful game and would like to join us, please call the above lady for additional information.

CARDS & CONVERSATION

Mary Ann Zack, 382-1444

Maryann McNiff, 382-8979

We have just filled a third and fourth group. Groups meet in members' homes twice monthly and card games are chosen by the members. Please contact one the above ladies for additional information.

HANDS & FEET

Ann O'Brien, 382-1848

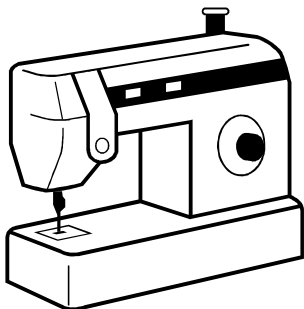
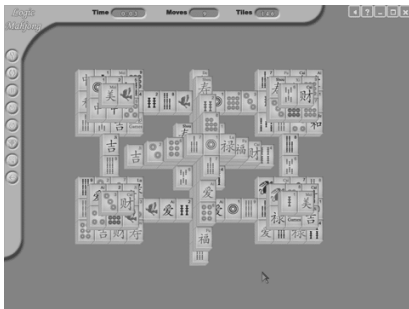
Sonya Coughenour, 382-9038

Hands & Feet are for ladies who want to learn the game and those who already know. We meet at the Elks lodge on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 12:45 p.m. Play starts a 1:00 p.m. It's a great way to meet new friends. For information, call one of the above ladies.

MONDAY MORNING MAH-JONG

Joyce Rasmussen, 382-3466

Would you like to learn to play this captivating game? Perhaps you already know how! Please join us on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to play. Mah-Jong is a game that originated in China. It is played with rectangular tiles which are carved with bamboo, circles and Chinese characters. There are also honor tiles of winds and dragons. Mah-Jong is not difficult to learn and is similar to playing cards, except of course, tiles are used. A number of ladies of Sugarmill Woods have become quite proficient players. We play by Hong Kong rules. If you are a member of WSW and would like to learn the game, please contact Joyce Rasmussen for additional information.



CREATIVE SEWERS

Lorraine Blond, 382-1926

Our group will have a Holiday table display at the October luncheon for one time only. Our group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Chassahowitzka firehouse on CR 480 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Projects for this year are currently being discussed. Please contact Lorraine Blond for additional information.

WALKING FOR FUN

Donna Rayne, 382-2999

We will start our walking group in October. For further information, please contact Donna Rayne.



Women of Sugarmill Woods
Membership Form 2008-2009 Club Season

Dues are \$25 for the club year (September 2008 through June 2009) and should be deposited in the WSW Membership box at the Communications Center located near the US 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods. Please make checks payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods.

Please *type or print* the information requested below: Type of membership

Name _____ _____New

Address _____ Phone No. _____ _____Renewal

E-mail address _____ _____Reinstated

Occupation(s) _____
(Current, or previous if retired)

Special skills, talents or areas of expertise (Don't be bashful!) _____

Hobbies or special interests _____

On what committee(s) would you like to work? _____

In which Intra-Club activities would you like to participate? _____

Please return this form with your dues.
Questions about membership? Contact Vivian Turner, Director, Membership, 651-204-6715.

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