

# CNY Wellesley Club News



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## UPCOMING EVENTS (p. 3)

**Sept. 20 (Sun) 12:30**

**Lunch then  
Munson Williams  
Proctor in Utica**

**Nov. 7 (Sat) 11:00**

**Rockwell Museum  
in Corning then  
lunch**

## Board of Directors

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## Message from the President

Dear CNY Alumna,

I hope you've had a wonderful summer, now that it has finally appeared in Central New York!

The club is grateful to the 39 paid members listed on the next page. Because of their generous and continuing support, we closed out the past fiscal year by just breaking even despite the decline in the economy.

As a result of the annual meeting in the shade of the Cornell Arboretum, we have changed our dues structure slightly. First, we added a new membership level to encourage younger alumnae to join the club. Second, because the college increased our

cost of each book award by \$5, we have increased book award support. See the back panel for this year's membership categories.

Thank you for your support of the club and know we greatly appreciate your prompt commitment to membership in the club!

At the annual meeting we also decided to try to add up to five or six more book awards in the region, primarily Ithaca and south.

ALSO: Welcome and thank you to Laura Nieder and Katherine Funk, who have picked up the Alumnae Admissions Rep job for the Ithaca and Corning areas, respectively. And we extend a heartfelt "thank

you" to Carol Krumhansl and Jane Fenn, who pioneered these positions for the CNYWC.

Our deep thanks also to Ann Allen and Karen Reed who have so graciously organized the events for this fall.

Finally, let me encourage you again to consider giving back to Wellesley by volunteering to help us.

### >> CORRECTION:

The print version of this newsletter listed the date for the Rockwell Museum tour as Oct. 7 on p. 1 (it was correct on p. 3). **The correct date is Nov. 7.**

## What does the CNY Wellesley Club "look" like today?

### GEOGRAPHY

The CNY Wellesley Club runs north and south from the Canadian to Pennsylvania border. It runs east and west from Cooperstown to Seneca Falls ... and in fact farther west to Corning and Alfred along the southern tier.

### OFFICERS

By Wellesley Club averages across the nation, our officers — including yours truly — are old! Presidents tend to be in the '90s classes ... not the '60s!! This is why we are encouraging, begging even, for new volunteers to step in to any and all positions to move the club forward! Please see the classified ads throughout.

### BOOK AWARDS

Last year we awarded 26 books to high school juniors throughout the region. We want to increase the number this year. See p. 2.

### ALUMNAE & MEMBERS

There are approximately 210 alumnae in the region; 18% were members last year. Their generosity enabled us to break even.

Five years ago only half of the alumnae in the region had email. Now 66% do!

Class years of ...

... alumnae without email: 1933-2007

... alumnae with email: 1940-2007

## CLASSIFIEDS



### WANTED

#### Treasurer

Alice Borning has done a wonderful job as our Treasurer for many years. She has asked to be replaced for two years in a row. Could you take over? Please? Duties include keeping track of dues and other revenue, paying bills, and filing the annual reports.

### WANTED

#### Webmistress/ Co-Webmistress

Job: A new position(s) to manage the CNY WC page on the WCAA website and bring us into the 21st century.

■ Known tasks: Post newsletters and updates  
 ■ Known unknowns: Help us reach younger alums via whatever you think will work: video? blogs? interest groups? RSS feeds? Facebook? Twitter? Other technologies? Or is it different events?

### WANTED

#### Your dream volunteer job

If you're reading this thinking "why don't they just do X," would you be willing to donate some time to help us with it?

### OUR GUARANTEE

We will be very appreciative!

# A HUGE SHOUT OUT!

To all 2008-09 members listed below:  
 Your support is *greatly* appreciated.

Member	Location	Class Year	Note
Ann Allen	New Hartford	55	P
Alice Borning	Manlius	67	B
Barbara Caldwell	Ithaca	55	
Elet Callahan	Skaneateles	79	
Amy Christian	Ithaca	85	B
Kathy Collet	Clinton	78 P'10	
Barbara Connor	Skaneateles	84	B
Julia Damkoehler	Piseco	49	B
Mary Doyle-Zenon	Waterville	82	
Jane Fenn	Painted Post	68	B
Katherine Funk	Corning	74	
Kathy Garner	Oneida	68	
Lib Hayes	Manlius	69	P
Martha Haynes	Ithaca	73	P
Anne Hill	New Hartford	71	B
Sally Holben	Skaneateles	56	B
Joan Howland	Skaneateles	49	B
Carol Krumhansl	Ithaca	69	B
Ethel Larrabee Ilmanen	Clayton/CA	56	
Ann McAdams	Ithaca	56	B
Karen & Milburn McKinney	Plattsburgh	P'12	
Anne Messenger	Manlius	68	P
Debbie Miller	Springfield Ctr.	80	
Leslie Molldrem	Syracuse	72	P
Laura Nieder	Ithaca	01	P
Christine Potter	Bing/FL	45	
Lida Price	Fayetteville	60	
Constance (Mike)	Paul Smiths	62	
Barbara	Syracuse	64	B
Karen Reed	Horseheads	82	B
	RI and		
Margaret Richards	Jamesville	40	B
Margaret Rusk	Syracuse	48	
Barbara Shope	Bing/FL	62	
Natalie Simpson	Ft. Edward	47	2B
Patricia Sternberg	Norwich	55	P
Mary Ellen Trimble	Syracuse	58	P
Fran Tucker	Syracuse	69	P
Jean Voelcker	Ithaca	54	
Shailla Wood	Syracuse	62	

#### Notes:

P = Patron / B = Book award donation / 2B = 2 book award donations!  
 P'10 and P'12 = members who are also parents of current students.

## WHAT DO DUES DO?

**DUES** made it possible for the club to:

1. Print and mail announcements and newsletters to the entire club (about 210 possible members, of whom 1/3 have no email addresses on file with the college.)
2. Print and deliver the directory.
3. Award 26 books (Norton's Book of Women's Lives) to deserving high school junior women throughout the CNY region. We want to expand the number by 5-6 this year.
4. Send a club member to the Alumnae Leadership Council
5. Provide memorial donations to the college for the alumnae we lost last year.

Y'all come  
 join us!  
 Please?

## Upcoming Events

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 20<sup>TH</sup>: MUNSON WILLIAMS PROCTOR ART INSTITUTE in Utica, NY

- 12:30 pm Lunch at Grimaldi's, 418 Bleecker Street, Utica  
(more recently known as Castronovo's)
- 2:00 pm Docent-guided tour of "The Art and Life of James E.  
Freeman (1808-1884), an American Painter in Italy."  
For more information, go to [http://mwpai.org/  
museum/events/theartandlifeofjamesefreeman](http://mwpai.org/museum/events/theartandlifeofjamesefreeman)
- Cost Lunch
- RSVP (Acceptances only) to: Ann Penberthy Allen '55,  
[aallen55120@roadrunner.com](mailto:aallen55120@roadrunner.com)

### SATURDAY, NOV. 7: ROCKWELL MUSEUM in Corning, NY

- 11:00 Docent guided tour of the museum. For more  
information, go to [www.rockwellmuseum.org/  
General-Information.html](http://www.rockwellmuseum.org/General-Information.html)
- 12:00-ish Lunch at location TBA, depending on attendance
- Cost \$6 plus lunch
- PLEASE let Karen Soong Reed '82 know that you're planning  
to attend so that she can make lunch and docent  
plans: [kreed3@stny.rr.com](mailto:kreed3@stny.rr.com)

### RECENTLY ADDED:

### SUNDAY, DEC. 13: A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES at the Auburn Public Theater

1:00 Lunch: location TBD

3:00 Matinee: Order tickets through the APT website  
([www.auburnpublictheater.com](http://www.auburnpublictheater.com)), using Paypal.

Theater phone: (315) 253-6669

A few words from Angela Daddabbo, '89, Managing Director:

I first saw this play in Boston, when I was a student, at the Lyric Stage on Charles Street. Ron and Polly, who ran that theater, are now retired and living in Canada. After contacting them for the rights to do the play, we became dear friends and this will be their third season of traveling to Auburn to resurrect their production on our behalf. We once had an audience member show up to a performance and was beside herself when she realized this was the same play (and two of the same actors — out of a cast of four!) that she saw for many seasons in Boston. Small world.

### Alumnae Admission Representatives

*Elmira/Corning*  
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See the job  
descriptions (p. 2)  
or volunteer as an  
Area Rep: all it  
takes is one event  
per year in your  
area! All help  
appreciated!

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Check for our website &  
online newsletter!  
[www.wellesley.edu/Alum/  
Clubs/Clubs/NewYork\\_Central](http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Clubs/Clubs/NewYork_Central)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*(details on p. 3)*

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**MUNSON WILLIAMS**  
**PROCTOR ART**  
**INSTITUTE**  
in Utica, NY

Lunch 12:30 followed  
by docent-led tour

**NOVEMBER 7**  
**ROCKWELL MUSEUM**  
in Corning, NY  
11:00 AM

Docent-led tour  
followed by lunch

*& SAVE THE DATE*

**DECEMBER 13**  
**AUBURN PUBLIC**  
**THEATER**

*A Child's Christmas*  
*in Wales* (details TBA)

## Please support the club and pay your dues!

Please be sure your information is up-to-date with the college:

Call (800) 339-5233, e-mail [updates@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:updates@alum.wellesley.edu),

or go to the online Alumnae Community at

[www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Community](http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Community).

**Membership for 2009-2010** Members receive a new directory in the  
spring. Please note the new rate structure, especially for young alums!

- Club Patron – \$125 (includes 1 book)
- Active Member – \$25
- Young Alumnae (first 10 years after graduation) – \$15
- Associate (Past or present faculty, administrators, parents) – \$15
- Honorary (Class of '55 and before) – \$15
- Book Award support; no. of books \_\_\_\_ @ \$25 per book

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to CNY Wellesley Club and mail to:

CNY Wellesley Club Treasurer, c/o 12 Quaker Hill Road, Syracuse, NY 13224

Or send payments via PayPal to [cnywellesleyclub@gmail.com](mailto:cnywellesleyclub@gmail.com).

# Extras

## Cornell Plantations & Annual Meeting June 2009

The weather cooperated perfectly for us to tour the Plantations with our docent (and picture taker) and then have a box lunch and annual meeting by the lake. It was a “very Wellesley” locale.



^ Ohh!

On the hike ~



^ Meeting in the Leafy Glade:  
Hoop Rolling, Anyone?





MAY 2009

CNYWC members and friends at Barb Connor's home for lunch and talk on the John Dau Sudan Clinic

Starting at top:

Mary Ellen

Barb

More assembled in the great room

Christine and Pattie



## In Memoriam

I first met Barbara at our Plantations tour and thoroughly enjoyed her company and stories. Learning of her loss so soon after was a shock. Our condolences go to all of her family and friends. FGT

Barbara Edith Hassan Caldwell '55



### **BARBARA CALDWELL**

Barbara Edith Hassan Caldwell, 75, of Ithaca died after a very brief illness Saturday, July 11, 2009 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA.

Born in Ithaca, NY October 25, 1933, the second daughter of the late William Jack Hassan and Barbara Thompson Hassan Randolph, Barb lived in Ithaca for most of her life. She graduated from Ithaca High School in 1951. Even though Barb had earned a scholarship to Cornell University, she wanted to spread her wings and so she attended Wellesley College in Wellesley, MA, where she majored in English. Illness brought her back to Ithaca before she finished her degree. After recuperating at home (and falling in love) Barb transferred to Cornell University.

In 1957 she married Lawrence B. "Larry" Caldwell and moved for a time to Davenport, Iowa. In 1958 they welcomed their first child Thomas "Tom", and in 1960 their daughter, Elizabeth "Tilly", was born. In 1960 they moved back to Ithaca where Barb became very involved as a community volunteer. The day that Tilly started first grade, Barb started working full time for the Ithaca Board of Realtors as their executive officer, a position she held until 2004. She also served as the Chair of the Dryden Town Planning Board for over thirty years.

Barb had an open heart and welcoming soul. While the kids were growing up, their friends would often come over to the house where they always found a pot of soup on the stove, ice cream in the freezer, and most importantly, someone who would always take time to listen in a non-judgmental way.

Barb loved to travel. She and Larry traveled all over the country. After the kids graduated from high school, Barb and Larry started traveling to more exotic locations such as Fiji and New Zealand and also to the Inuit artist colony at Cape Dorset. Barb also loved spending time in Temagami, Ontario. After Larry's death in 1999, Barb still traveled, but mostly to various quilting camps, workshops, and her favorite creative retreats at Casowasco.

Barb had a passion for books. For the past few years she has managed the Collectors Corner at the Friends of the Library Booksale.

Barb lived by the motto, "She who dies with the most fabric wins." She won. Barb was an avid quilter and made many quilted wall hangings. Her designs often captured her sense of humor and were never ordinary. She loved learning new techniques for dyeing fibers and silks and loved to share her new-found methods with her friends. Barb was an active member of the Ithaca Rotary Club, the League of Women Voters, Quilt Divas and the Tompkins County Quilters Guild.

Barb is survived by her children and their spouses, Thomas B. and Mary Caldwell of Midlothian, TX, and Elizabeth "Tilly" and Roger Garnett of Lansing, NY; and her four wonderful grandchildren, Michael and Michelle Caldwell of Midlothian, TX and Kimberly and Ian Garnett of Lansing, NY. She is also survived by her sister, Cornelia Hill of Ithaca and several nieces and nephews. In addition to these relations, she is survived by her many "honorary kids" including, Laura, Nancy, May, Anne, Tanya, and Miles.

A celebration of Barb's life will be held this fall; details will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hangar Theatre, Tompkins County Public Library, or the charity of one's choice.

<http://www.legacy.com/TheIthacaJournal/Obituaries.asp?page=lifestory&personid=129801274>