

November 2025



PRESIDENT, AUNDREA WAGNER



Happy November Sisters!

I know... the newsletter's a little late. But let's be honest, with everything going on lately, I'm just proud it's ready to go out before Thanksgiving!! 😎

We've been running nonstop — events, planning, community giving, Saving Eleanor — and none of it would happen without you. The amazing women in this club are the engine behind everything we do. You're the reason Eleanor stays open. You're the reason we're able to give back to this island. You're the reason this club works. From running bars at Fantasy Fest to baking hundreds of cupcakes, hosting meetings, cleaning up, decorating, hauling, greeting, organizing, and showing up — your time, talent, and energy make it all possible.

This season is flying by. Believe it or not, we only have four regular meetings left before our Awards Celebration in April. So let's make them count. We've got a full calendar ahead — Our Holiday Market & Community Open House, the Bougie Tea, The Tropical Luncheon, The Wearable Art Fashion Show, and our Denim to Diamonds Gala!! Wowza!!

Plus, mark your calendars – the Key West Community Orchestra will be performing right on our bricks during museum hours on December 17. It's the perfect time to swing by, enjoy the music, and bring a friend to tour the house. And of course, our next membership meeting is **December 3rd at noon**. I hope to see you there!

So yes, this newsletter took its time – but it's landing exactly when it needs to. I'm proud of what we've already done, and I'm excited for everything still ahead. Most of all, I'm thankful – for each and every one of you. I hope each of you have a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday.



with Gratitude and Sunshine,
Andrea



November 2025

WOMEN OF THE MONTH

This month, we simply can't pick just one star—because it took a whole constellation of amazing women (and their families!) to make our October shine!

A huge thank you to our Fantasy Fest Event Chairs, **Dee Johnson and Diane May**, for leading the charge and turning vision into magic! Dee brought her incredible decorating skills to life and had her three amazing daughters—**Debbie, Kim, and Vicky**—by her side helping run the entire event. Diane, who dreamed up our winning Fantasy Fest façade idea a year ago, brought that dream to life with the help of **Kathy Hemmesch and Barbara McShea**—and her team won the contest!

Our Over-the-Fence Bar Sales Chair, **Leticia Powell**, kept things flowing with charm and precision, and her husband was right there helping every step of the way—thank you both! Longtime member **Glenda Hoffman** kept spirits high and smiles wide with her famous Monkey Punch for our the Over-the-Fence Sales—btw..it was an absolute hit! We're also so grateful to **Carol Callowhill** for baking 400 delicious cupcakes; to **Myra Ciardi** and Phil for keeping the indoor bar running smoothly during our FF event; and to **Meredith Tracy** and her husband Barry for mixing up those specialty cocktails at the Martini Dream Bar. **Donna Kutch**, one of our wonderful new members, and her husband Earl were everywhere we needed them for three days straight—decorating, cleaning, and making everything easier. And let's not forget our fabulous Pj Party welcome desk team: **Mary Kay Rich, Susan Collier, and Linda Badway**, who were the hostesses with the mostesses, greeting everyone with a smile. You are all our Wonder Women (and Wonder Men!) . Thank you for making it a month to remember.







Haunted Key West proudly presents Fantasy Façade™ Competition Winners

Each year Key West guesthouses, businesses and private homes deck out their cribs and compete for cash prizes in the annual Fantasy Fest Fantasy Façade competition. Contestants were challenged to bring this year's theme - "Bedtime Stories & Magical Monsters"- to life, embrace classic Halloween ghouliness, or conjure up a creative mix of both. Sponsored by Haunted Key West, the following winners have scored a total of \$2500 in prize dollars



Eerie Excellence Prize: The Key West Woman's Club at 319 Duval, "Good Night Key West."





CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

In **November 1932**, the women of our club came together to help their neighbors through one of the hardest times Key West had ever faced. Partnering with the Red Cross and city leaders, the Key West Woman's Club launched "**Welfare Week**," collecting food, clothing, and supplies for families in need. Much of the effort was guided by **Miss Minnie Porter Harris**, granddaughter of William Curry and a devoted club member who served in leadership roles for more than thirty years. Her work helped shape the club's early civic and charitable outreach, and she was instrumental in organizing the citywide welfare drives that brought real relief to local families. From that week of service in 1932 to the work we continue today our purpose remains the same—caring for our island and its people.



Women Get Things Done

DID YOU KNOW?

The Collect for Clubwomen

The collect for club women was written in 1904 by Mary Stewart, a high school principal in Longmont, Colorado. She originally penned it as a personal prayer for daily guidance and later shared it so that “women working together for large purposes” could have words to unite them.

It first appeared in The Delineator magazine and was later adopted by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. Our own club embraced it in 1926, and to this day, we begin each meeting by reading it together, a tradition that continues to remind us to be kind and generous.

*Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense
And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment
and always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is
The little things that create differences,
That in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all,
And, oh Lord God, let us not forget
To be kind!*



A NOTE FROM SUSAN



SUSAN COLLIER
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Join us!!!

POINCIANA GARDENS

**The Key West Woman's Club will be
spreading Holiday Cheer!!**

**Tuesday December 2, 2025
from 6-8 PM**

Bring a plate of cookies, fruit, or cheese & crackers to share. Small wrapped gifts (\$15–\$20) are needed. Please mark man or woman. We have dropoff boxes in the Wicker Room to put your gifts. There are 55 residents there who need our love. Our own Lora, the Key West Orchestra, and our own Camille, who will be leading us in Christmas carols, will be there. Hope to see you there.

It's a lot of fun, and we would be thrilled to have you join us!

Questions contact

Susan Collier 609-425-0064

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

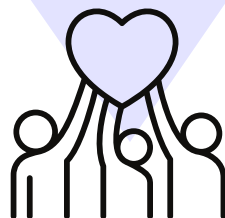


MARY KAY RICH

Saving Eleanor Donations

With the year end approaching, we would like to point out that Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from traditional IRAs are a tax-efficient way to donate to Saving Eleanor, as we are a 501(c)(3) charity. You must be 70½ or older to qualify. QCDs do not count as taxable income. It satisfies as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMDs) for those age 73 or older. The donation must be directly transfer to our club. An invoice for the donation will be provided upon request. Please consult with you tax advisor for further information.

Thank you!



Sharing the Sunshine This Month's Community Impact



At the Key West Woman's Club, "Sharing Our Sunshine" isn't just a phrase—it's a reflection of our century-long commitment to uplifting our community. Each month, we are proud to support other nonprofits that share our vision of a brighter, more caring Key West. By reinvesting in these causes, we are building a stronger future for everyone who calls this island home.

Here's who we're lifting up this month.

Key West Community Sailing Center — Scholarships and safety-certified instruction that get local kids on the water.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Keys Area—providing a safe, supportive space where kids and teens can learn, grow, and thrive.

Domestic Abuse Shelter — The Florida Keys' sexual assault crisis center providing 24/7 support and advocacy for survivors.

Habitat for Humanity— Key West & Lower Florida Keys — Affordable housing through builds and repairs for local families.

Kids Come First in the Florida Keys — Clothing and essentials for children and teens in need.

SOS Foundation — Nutritious groceries and fresh produce for local households.

Silverliners' Flight to the North Pole — A holiday experience for children facing hardship, making the season a little brighter.



Marketing News

What a wonderful Fantasy Fest Viewing Parade Party we had! Thank you to all the organizers—We were sold out! Now on to the November and December Events and taking on the marketing plans for the events below. Looking forward to the January, Feb, and March events to all sell out also. More on the 2026 Events next Newsletter!



Marlene Thorn
Second VP and
Marketing Director

What's Happening in Marketing:

Fantasy Fest MARC Bead Recycling Project: Now

Donate your Fantasy Fest Beads for an eco-friendly recycling program. MARC recycles these beads so they can be used again. KWWC is one of the locations throughout KW that will collect reusable beads. The Box is on the House porch. Thank you, Becki Balcer.

Truman Waterfront, Artisan, and other Markets: Oct. Liz Calkin and her KWWC volunteers, 20 now, are getting organized for all the markets to promote the Hellings Curry Museum, Home of the Key West Woman's Club, and sell our Restaurant Cards, Cookbooks and other items. They got the show rolling at the Key West Halloween Market Trick or Treat, that included handing out candy to children "Trick or Treating" at the Truman Waterfront. They also sold 5 Restaurant Cards and a Cookbook. Thank you, Cristina Chew and Kim Boswell. Next up is the Artisan Market on Nov. 30 and the Farmers Market on "Black Friday"

Holiday Festival, Block Party, Holiday Parade, and KWWC Holiday Open House- Dec 6, Dec 7. With a House beautifully decorated by Wendy Ven Der Wegen and her team, we will have Holiday Celebrations- Giving Back to the Key West Community.

Dec 6: The European Style Holiday Market Noon to 7:00: KWWC makers of arts and crafts, writers, painters, and bakers will sell merchandise for the Holiday Shoppers, all in front of our house. European ethnic food and drink will be served. We hope to bring more shoppers to the 300 Block Businesses of Duval St. with walk ins. The 300 Block Businesses will offer a drink or food or something and stamp the passport card of the individual who enters. This person can later turn in the passport to KWWC for a raffle drawing. Annita Tschanz is Event Leader

But wait...There's more... the Holiday Parade is coming in front of the KWWC House on Dec 6, and we will have Holiday viewing parade seats for all who are interested!

Dec 7- KWWC Annual Holiday Open House: 4:30 to 6:30 – Appetizers, desserts, Amsterdam Eggnog! Music prepared by the Bahama Village Children's Choir and KW Community Orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be here for Children and Children's Activities available. Tree lighting by Mayor Dee Dee Hendriquez and our sponsor Historic Tours of America.

Donations of unwrapped, new clothing items for students K-12 appreciated. Susan Mitchell is Event Leader. Thank you HTA for your Sponsorship to this Event!

What's Happening After the Holidays – 2026—Save the dates:

January 17, Saturday–Bougie Afternoon Tea Party- Fundraising for Take Stock in Children. Patty Neyra and Kathryn Norris are Event Leaders.

February 7, Saturday, 3:30 – to 5:00: A Key Lime Murder: A Deliciously Deadly Mystery at the Key West Library. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Library and Key West Woman's Club members and KWWC Book Club. A Murder Mystery Play, involving mystery, laughter, food, and tropical twists as the audience helps uncover the “whodunit”! Free tickets available in January. Tickets are necessary. Roberta Isleib, Sharon Smarsh, and Stacie Gleason are Event Leaders.

February 8- Sunday, 12:00 -2:00 - Tropical Luncheon and Garden Party - A revival of a KWWC cherished 1950's tradition presented in partnership with the Key West Art and Historical Society with a preview of their Smithsonian -affiliated exhibition: Food: Celebrating Conch Cuisine. Elegant Buffet lunch prepared by Chef Martha Hubbard featuring tropical fruits of South Fl, fresh local seafood, and dishes inspired by the 1949 KWWC Cookbook. Aundrea Wagner and Marlene Thorn are Event Leaders.

February 14 – Saturday - The Wearable Art Fashion Show and Live Auction: Fundraising for Key West High School Scholarships. Betina Justice is Event Leader.



Thank you to Liz and our Amazing Market Volunteers!!!!

COMMUNICATIONS

NEW KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB WEBSITE



STACIE GLEASON

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB HAS A BRAND-NEW WEBSITE WITH A FRESH DESIGN AND UPDATED CONTENT! PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SITE IS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS, AND WE'LL BE REFINING BOTH THE LAYOUT AND INFORMATION OVER THE COMING WEEKS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST IMPROVEMENTS IS OUR NEW MEMBERS AREA, WHERE EACH MEMBER WILL NOW BE ABLE TO MANAGE AND UPDATE THEIR OWN PROFILE.

IN THE NEXT WEEK, I'LL BE SENDING AN EMAIL WITH THE PASSWORD TO LOG IN TO THE MEMBERS AREA, INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ACCESS YOUR PROFILE, UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION AND UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AS WE CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE SITE AND CREATE AN AMAZING ONLINE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE.



Book Club



Join us this Tuesday, **Nov 18th** at 4pm in the Wicker Room to discuss
"The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki

Dec 16 - "The Matzah Ball" by Jean Meltzer

Jan 20 - "My Friends" by Fredrik Backman

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Fall is in full swing, Our club is bursting with activity, offering you many ways to participate, have fun and help our neighbors in this beautiful community.

If you're looking for ways to volunteer, be sure to check out all the events and categories in our Better Impact volunteer software. It's easy to sign up to volunteer right in the software, and you can even track everything you volunteer for using the scheduler. Just click on the schedule button near the top. If you're new to recording your hours or signing up to volunteer online, go to <https://bttr.im/wvxre> on your computer/laptop or iPad to easily create your own member profile. Then the next time you can log in at myimpactpage.com. If you prefer to use the mobile app, go to your App/Play store and look for "My Impact."



Kim Gordon,
Membership Director

Keep your eyes peeled for something interesting in your email. It's time for our second annual survey to get your opinions and thoughts about the club and all that we do. It's a great way to share your feedback and help the club stay on top of what matters most to you and all our members.

Two extraordinary women were inducted in October. Judy Langowski had a very busy life as a registered nurse in Chicago for 25 years. These days, she's retired and spends her winters in Key West and summers in Minnesota. Michelle Riske-Morris practiced law in Ohio for 33 years and also has a PhD in social welfare. As a principal investigator, she was involved in several federal and state funded evaluation projects related to improving mental health, substance abuse, and criminal justice outcomes for adults and youth. Please make Judy and Michelle feel welcome!

Are you hoping to join the woman's club? Once you've completed your ten or more volunteer hours and attended three general membership meetings, you're ready to submit your application. Just visit our website www.keywestwomansclub.org and click on the membership tab at the top. Please fill out your application right online, print it out and have it signed by your two sponsors. To be considered for induction in December, be sure to email your application to me at KWWCmembership@gmail.com by November 25.



Welcome New Members Michelle & Judy

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP NEWS

In 2024, the Key West Woman's Club introduced the Hellings Curry Museum Business Membership program, giving local businesses a meaningful way to partner with us in preserving one of Key West's most treasured historic landmarks while helping us carry out our mission in the community. As a Business Member, you will receive social media recognition, a feature in the Key West Woman's Club newsletter, discounts on venue rentals, and VIP sponsorship opportunities. We invite you to join our distinguished list of current Business Members who are working alongside us to protect history and strengthen our community.



Patricia Neyra
Director at Large

Please join me in welcoming First Horizon Bank as our new Platinum Business Member:

We're driven by a passion to help the clients and communities we serve unlock their full potential with capital and counsel. That purpose is delivered through our core values and our commitment to Own the Moment by listening, understanding and delivering for our stakeholders. Our values: we put clients first, we care about people, we're committed to excellence, we expand access, and we foster team success.

OUR HISTORY STARTS IN MEMPHIS - From the time our bank first opened for business in Memphis back in 1864, we've added many new chapters to our story, but each one of them begins and ends with a deep commitment to investing in the success of our associates, clients and communities. With \$82.2 billion in assets and more than 7,200 associates as of December 31, 2024, we operate 416 banking center locations across the thriving southeastern United States.

EXPANDING ACCESS - We remain committed to expanding access to capital and counsel in ways that help people unlock their full potential and deliver shareholder value. We broaden pathways to work, invest and do business with us.

COMMUNITY - Our investment in the neighborhoods we serve goes beyond our front door. It's more than a financial commitment alone - we show up and do the work. Because that's what good neighbors do. We are excited to partner with the Key West Woman's Club and support the preservation of the historic Hellings Curry Museum through our Business Membership.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN AND WINE WEDNESDAY



NOVEMBER 19, 2025
4:30–6:00

It's easy to help host:

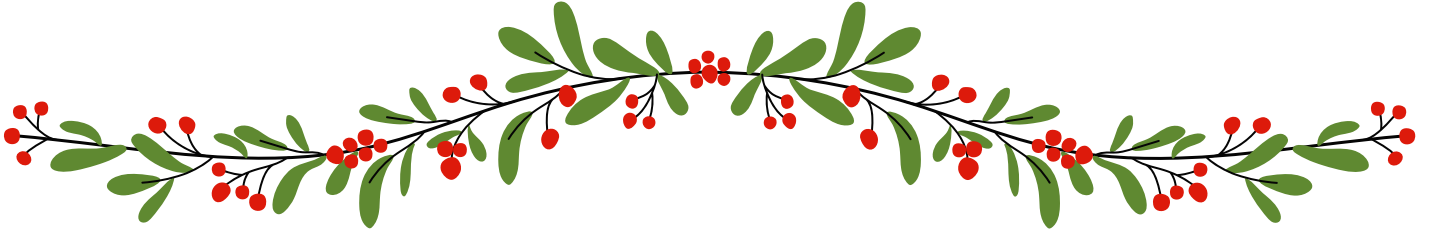
- ***Help with setup***
- ***Bring one appetizer and one dessert (finger foods are ideal)***
- ***Provide two large bottles of wine (1.5 liters—one red and one white) to share***
- ***Stick around for cleanup at the end***

That's it—simple, fun, and a great way to be part of the evening!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP HOST THE NEXT WOMEN AND WINE
PLEASE TEXT OR CALL OUR HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR**

Roxanne Wood: 562-716-2786

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Calling All Holiday Helpers!

It's time to add some Key West sparkle to Eleanor! We need many hands to deck-out our clubhouse and museum. Come join us to get in the holiday spirit, have some fun and transform our historic halls into a holiday showplace!

DECORATIONS GO UP

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2025
10AM-UNTIL FINISHED

DECORATIONS COME DOWN

MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2026
10AM-UNTIL FINISHED

SIGNUP ONLINE OR IN THE
WORKROOM



Contact:

Wendy Van Der Wegen
262-309-1912

or

Jane Goble
803-602-8342



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WE NEED YOU!

***TO DECORATE
WREATHS FOR
MARC!***

EACH YEAR MARC SELLS DECORATED WREATHS DURING
OUR ANNUAL TREE LOT. WE HAVE ALL OF THE SUPPLIES
BUT NO DECORATORS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saturday November 29, 12:00pm

Contact Aundrea Wagner to volunteer for this fun event!!

423-304-8982

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Take home hand-crafted holiday gifts, baked goods, and sip some Glogg!

THE KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB
European Style
Holiday Market

Shop, eat and celebrate the season. Join the fun!

DECEMBER 6, 2025 • 319 DUVAL ST • STARTING AT NOON



KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
Appetizers, Desserts, and Amsterdam Eggnog!
Music Presented by:
Bahama Village Children's Choir &
The Key West Community Orchestra

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AND A SPECIAL TREE LIGHTING

All are welcome
Donations of unwrapped, new clothing items
for students K-12 appreciated

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2025
4:30-6:30
319 Duval Street,
Key West



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**Early Bird Clean up
Duval and Eaton
Streets hosted by the
Key West Woman's
Club**

**January 9, 2026
8am-9am**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



BOUGIE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY



Live Music
Fun Contests & Prizes
Cocktails
Wine & Champagne
Beautiful Decor & Tea

Finger Sandwiches
Petite Quiches
Salads
Scones & Cream
Desserts

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2026

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT
KATHRYN NORRIS OR PATTY NEYRA

305-587-1964

954-684-8805

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**TROPICAL LUNCHEON
& GARDEN PARTY**



**SUNDAY AFTERNOON
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THE KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

WEARABLE ART FASHION SHOW

COMING SOON

**FEB. 14
2026**

GET TICKETS
[@keystix.com](https://www.keystix.com)

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LOCAL INNOVATION
SCHOLARSHIPS
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Hellings Curry Museum
319 Duval Street



**CONTACT BETINA JUSTICE
TO VOLUNTEER**

423-618-8284

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Key West
WOMAN'S CLUB



Open Bar

*Hors D'oeuvres ~ Desserts ~
Silent Auction &
Live Music*

MARCH 7, 2026



5:30-9:30

Tickets sales keystix.com

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SAVING ELEANOR



October Membership Meeting



Thank you for reading

Mark Your Calendars

Book Club - “The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post” by Allison Pataki			
Nov 18	Tuesday		4:00 – 5:00
Nov 19	Wednesday	Holiday Decorating ClubHouse	10am until finished
Nov 19	Wednesday	Women & Wine	4:30 – 6:00
Nov 20	Thursday	BOD Meeting	3:30 – 4:30
Nov 29	Saturday	Wreath decorating for MARC	Noon – 2:00
Dec 3	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Noon – 1:00
Dec 6	Saturday	Holiday Market	Noon – 7:00
Dec 6	Saturday	Holiday Parade viewing party	6:00 – 9:00
Dec 7	Sunday	Holiday Open House	3:30 – 6:30
Dec 11	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00 – 8:00
Dec 16	Tuesday	Book Club – “The Matzah Ball” by Jean Meltzer	4:00 – 5:00
Dec 17	Wednesday	Key West Community Orchestra – Front of house	1:00pm
Dec 17	Wednesday	Women & Wine	4:30 – 6:00
Dec 18	Thursday	BOD Meeting	3:30 – 4:30
Jan 5	Monday	Holiday Decorating Removal	10am until finished
Jan 7	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Noon – 1:00
Jan 8	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00 – 8:00
Jan 9	Friday	Plogging the Keys	8am - 9am
Jan 17	Saturday	Bougie Tea Party	TBD
Jan 20	Tuesday	Book Club “My Friends” by Fredrik Backman	4:00 – 5:00
Jan 21	Wednesday	Women & Wine	4:30 – 6:00
Jan 23	Thursday	BOD Meeting	3:30 – 4:30
Feb 4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Noon – 1:00
Feb 7	Saturday	A Key Lime Murder: A Deliciously Deadly Mystery at the Key West Library. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Library and Key West Woman’s Club members and KWWC Book Club	
			3:30 – 5:00

Feb 8	Sunday	Tropical Luncheon and Garden Party	Noon–2:00
Feb 12	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00–8:00
Feb 14	Saturday	The Wearable ART Fashion Show	
Feb 17	Tuesday	Pack the Bag	TBD
Feb 17	Tuesday	Book Club	4:00–5:00
Feb 18	Wednesday	Women &Wine	4:30–6:00
Feb 26	Thursday	BOD Meeting	3:30–4:30
Mar 4	Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Noon–1:00
Mar 7	Saturday	Denim to Diamonds	TBD
Mar 12	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00–8:00
Mar 17	Tuesday	Book Club	4:00–5:00
Mar 18	Wednesday	Women &Wine	4:30–6:00
Mar 25	Wednesday	New Member Orientation	11:30–2:00
Mar 26	Thursday	BOD Meeting	3:30–4:30
Apr 1	Wednesday	Awards Luncheon	Noon–1:30
Apr 9	Thursday	Poinciana Gardens Bingo & Ice Cream Social	6:00–8:00
Apr 15	Wednesday	Women &Wine	4:30–6:00
Apr 18	Saturday	Donate art for “Art in the Attic”	
Apr 21	Tuesday	Book Club	4:00–5:00
Apr 22	Wednesday	Art from the Attic - Opening Reception	5:30–7:30
Apr 23	Thursday	Art in the Attic sale – Thru May 8th (not Sundays)	10-4
Apr 23	Thursday	BOD Meeting	
May 8	Friday	Art in the Attic sale ends	10-4