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PRESIDENT'S PEN

by *Patty Aiken*



Happy New Year!

I am truly honored to be your President for 2009 and I am eager to get our year started. We have a great board this year and they come with experience—so for that, we should all be very thankful—especially me! In looking back at 2008, it's just amazing to look at of the things that have been accomplished within our organization, but also in our country and in the world. Some of it has been historical and will be forever in the history books (both the good and the not so good.) "2009" is certainly going to be a year in which we all certainly will watch things closely.

As we start the new year, many of us take an accounting of where we are in some areas of our lives and determine what changes need to be made. Some of these changes will be good ones, some may be difficult, and some may be just required. But, this is certainly a time that we all can "start anew" so to speak and make attempts to jump start things again.

A very important item on your Board's agenda for 2009 is to respond to the feedback from the Small Group Dinners from this Fall. From the unofficial feedback from these dinners, we see some great ideas that address how our organization can be progressive in meeting our challenges and also for attracting new members who will find WPF to be an organization that meets their needs. Your 2009 Board will take these ideas seriously and respond to your input. However, keep the ideas flowing....we do not want to become stale!

As we go into the New Year, we already have some exciting events on the calendar for the early part of the year. Our featured speaker for our January meeting is Christine Winans (see Maureen's information included in this newsletter) who is going to provide us with a first-hand "look" at her experiences in China this year. She will be an inspiration to us all as we start out our new year. The Artista event in February is really coming together and is looking like it will be a big hit for our Foundation and for our organization as a whole—not to mention something really fun to do in the winter "doldrums"! For those Wild Women in the group, March is always a fun time and we hope that if you have not considered going to the "Wild Women in the Mountains" trip (Blowing Rock), that you will think about it! The great thing about this trip is that you can do just about anything you wish at whatever pace you wish, whenever you wish! As our year moves along, many other exciting events will be taking place, so stay tuned. Become involved at your pace (that is what is nice about us!) and get the most out of your membership in WPF.

Again, Happy New Year to all! See you on the 14th!

January Meeting

Wed., Jan. 14 @ 11:30am

The Painted Plate

2001 N. Church St,
Greensboro, NC

Cost

Active members are prepaid.
Supporting or Emeritus
members and Guests - \$15.00

Reservation

Please contact **Carol Matznick**
at **605-9108** or
Carol4wpf@aol.com if:

- You are a Supporting or Emeritus member and would like to make a lunch reservation
- You would like to invite a special guest
- You are an active member and need to cancel your reservation

Cancellation of reservations is a membership requirement.

WPF Board Retreat

Saturday January 24, **Place:** TBA

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OUR JANUARY SPEAKER:

Christine Winans - Adventures of an American Girl in Modern-Day China

by Maureen Hartigan



In January we're in for a real treat. Our speaker will be Christine Winans, a student at Elon University who is studying and working in China for this year. Christine is an exceptional young woman, who has a world view that will excite and startle you as she discusses what she's doing and learning in China. She'll be talking about her experiences in China, including doing business in

China, the Chinese response to our election, and shocking differences she found. She'll also talk about the roles and value of women in China. She's entertaining, informed, and will be able to answer questions about much of what she's discovered.

I am especially proud that Christine is willing to come visit us in WPF on one of her few days off during her Christmas holiday. She was a student in my Women and Global Leadership class at Elon University in January 2008 and when the class was over she asked me to continue to mentor her. Because of our relationship I've been privileged to be on her weekly journal e-mail list (much like I did while I was in New Orleans) and so have kept up with her progress and learnings in China!

Christine is studying for her Bachelor of Science degree which she'll get in 2010. Her major is Business Administration with a concentration in International Business and minors in Asian studies and leadership studies. She's studied abroad in London, England and now is at the University of International Business & Economics in Beijing for the full school year of 2008-09. She also has an internship with The American Chamber of Commerce, People's Republic of China (Nov. 2008- Present) Besides attending classes at Elon University, she has worked as an Instructional Technologies Office Assistant-for Elon's Operations Team. In her spare time she participated in "Adventures in Leadership", Elon, North Carolina (a rigorous two week leadership program targeting leadership skills, team building, and understanding community) in June 2006 and attended a week-long Emerging Leaders in Technology Forum at Elon in 2007. She also developed and maintained Elon University's Substance Education website and is active in the Catholic Campus Ministry as a choir member and lector. I wasn't surprised that she was also voted Miss Congeniality in the Miss Cape May County Pageant in June 2007.

I am so impressed with her and feel sure you will be too! Join us for a fascinating discovery of one young woman's adventure in modern-day China!

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Dear Women's Professional Forum membership - Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your 2008 President. I thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. Your board was outstanding and always supportive of my ideas. Thank you for the beautiful gift as well.

Brenda Morris

CALLING ALL WILD WOMEN!

by Made Megliola

It's another wild mountain week-end in Blowing Rock!

Don't miss the shopping, hiking, food, fun, even the spa-thing, in a relaxed, mountain setting with your wpf sisters, March 6-8, 2009. Reserve your place now by sending check for \$125 (includes 2 nights and Saturday night dinner) to:

Madge Megliola
208 Willoughby Blvd,
Greensboro NC 27408

Accommodations and details to follow.

WPF FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

\$1,000 Grant Received from Landmark Foundation

The Landmark Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the News & Record. When they became aware of our WPF Foundation's mission to "nurture girls to be tomorrow's leaders," they suggested we apply for the last grant cycle available before Landmark Foundation closed out their year. We jumped at the chance to add financial support to the Girl's Youth Leadership Development Program that we granted \$5,000 to last year. This program is designed for girls in the foster care system who have strong leadership qualities that remain undeveloped and due to the limited opportunities available to them during their early adolescent and adolescent years. Funds will be used to fine-tune the curriculum, resulting in a program that is developed by youth, for youth in the foster care system. In so doing, young leaders will take an active role in fostering other young leaders. Our thanks to Kathy Lambeth who knew of our philanthropy because of the partnership we forged with SKIRT magazine for the upcoming ARTISTA event.

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We thank Margie Motsinger for her past service on the board and welcome Nancy Radtke to the Board.

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Call for Art Work



Artista Art Exhibit and Sale

The Women's Professional Forum (WPF) and SKIRT! magazine will host an Art Exhibit and Sale featuring Guilford County women artists on February 26, 2009 at the Cultural Arts Center in Greensboro. Proceeds from the ticketed event will benefit the WPF Foundation, which makes grants to Guilford County organizations whose programs "nurture girls to be tomorrow's leaders."

Eligibility: Women artists and artisans living/working in Guilford County, NC.

Media: 2 & 3-dimensional original works of art and fine crafts including oil, acrylic & watercolor paintings, collage, wood, sculpture, photography, mixed media works, clay & fiber works, and jewelry. All works must have been created in the last 2 years, be ready to hang/display, and may not exceed 20lbs. or 48" in height or width, a minimum value of \$50.00.

Sales: Artists must submit asking price as well as a reserve. Artists will receive 50% of sales price received.

Delivery & Pick up: Works with attached submittal forms are to be delivered on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 to the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center at 200 North Davie Street, between noon and 6 pm.

Artists must submit their intent to participate via email no later than January 31, 2009. Emails may be sent to either Anne Willson (annewillson@gmail.com) or Nancy Radtke (Nancy.Radtke@atcmail.com).

More details and Works Submittal Form at www.greensboroskirt.com.



-THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OUR GIRLS BECOME LEADERS-

WPF Holds Fundraiser to Benefit Girls' Leadership and Women Artists

On Thursday February 26, WPF is hosting ARTISTA: Women's Art Benefiting Girls at the Cultural Arts Center on Davie Street from 5:30-8:30pm. The goal is to support women artists while raising funds for our Foundation's Endowment. Our partner in this venture is SKIRT magazine, a publication owned by the News & Record. They have designed the logo and the ad that you see here, which will be featured in their January publication.

The Call for Work went out to artists in mid-December and is attracting very positive response.

The event will take lots of volunteers to be successful. If you would be willing to help prepare for the event or the evening of the event, please call one of our Co-Chairs and let her know of your availability. Thanks to all of you who have already been working on arrangements for quite a while now!

Co-Chairs: Anne Willson (908-3242) and Nancy Radtke (202-6181)

Décor: Madge Megliola, Kyleen Jones

Curator: Liz Summers, Anne Willson

Promotion: Mebane Ham, Joni Moffitt, Denny Kelly, Nicole Murn (SKIRT)

Food + Beverage: Nicole Murn (SKIRT) Katrina Solomon, Mebane Ham

Event Sales: Martha Peddrick, Maureen Hartigan

Logistics: tbd

Hostesses for the event: tbd

Other Volunteers: Beverly Williams, And you?

Music, food, wine, chocolate, fine art, great company and supporting women artists and our Foundation are going to make this such an amazing event that we'll want it to be the First Annual! Invite all your friends – we need to sell at least 300 tickets!



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!!!**

