



# University Women's Club Toronto

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ZOOM SPEAKER: T.M. GLASS | MONDAY JULY 12 AT 4:00 PM

#### ***The Audible Language of Flowers***

T.M. Glass is a digital artist based in Toronto. Inspired by 17th century European flower paintings, she creates distinctly unique photographic images of blooms and vessels from gardens around the world that are breathtaking in their beauty. Her works have been showcased in multiple solo exhibitions and held in private collections in Canada, the U.S., Britain, France and Australia. In *The Audible Language of Flowers* (the title of her most recent solo exhibition held at the Onsite Gallery in Toronto), the artist will share with us photographs of some of her works and tell us about the insights and inspirations that lead her to create her amazing images.



Haley will end out a Zoom link in advance of the presentation. If you have friends who'd like to join us, please let Haley know and she'll send them the link.

- Pam



### SPOTLIGHT ON US | MONDAY JULY 26 AT 5:00 PM

Join us at this month's Spotlight on Us while we Travel with Harolyn Panetta!

One of Harolyn's wishes for you goes something like this: "May the only bug you ever catch be the travel bug!" Fortunately, we have the antidote while foreign borders are still closed! We'll journey together as Harolyn shares her (mis)adventures in travel during her days as a teacher in developing countries followed by her time as a highly sought-after Tour Leader. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll have a good ol' time. No passport necessary.

Haley will send out the Zoom link in advance. Looking forward to seeing all our lovely faces over ZOOM!

- Alida & Harolyn



**I am excited to be the new President of the University Women's Club of Toronto.**

It's a great club with a long history. In 2023 the club will celebrate its 120th anniversary. I have been a member for about five years and during that time I have made many new friends and attended a number of social events. The social events provide a great opportunity to see members you know and to meet members that you may not have had an opportunity to meet previously.

Many members have had their second vaccination and they are feeling relieved and encouraged that they are moving closer to being able to resume activities that they enjoy and that they have missed. The recent announcement that fully vaccinated Canadians can enter Canada on July 5 without quarantining is wonderful news. We can now make plans with some certainty to visit with family and friends that we may not see for some time other than on Facetime.

With the recent reopening of patios, the club is planning some patio events in July and August at L'Espresso Bar Mercurio located near the St. George subway, the same place patio events were held last year. July and August are going to be busy months with the new patio events and the same activities being offered as in other months, the Morning and Evening Book Groups, Le petit cercle, Art History, Current Events, a Speaker, Spotlight and a new session of Pilates.

You are welcome to contact me with suggestions or questions.

My email is: [mccallumwendy@gmail.com](mailto:mccallumwendy@gmail.com) and telephone number is 647-212-8922.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

*Wendy McCallum*



## CLUB NEWS

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Membership Committee met to discuss the options with the Faculty Club for a report to the Board. Shelley and Cathy are new members and were interested to hear opinions and stories from Ruth and Susan Anderson. We will be unable to report on anything about the Faculty Club until they restructure and then reopen when the university is in on campus sessions.

We urge all members to renew as soon as possible. The fee is \$135 and can be remitted by cheque to Wendy or by e-transfer. We will be offering all of our Zoom speakers, events and groups throughout the summer and are hoping for a few patio evenings and neighbourhood walks.

We are a very healthy and active club and welcome new members. Remember that your recommendation to friends is the very best advertising. Our website is another great way of introducing ourselves to prospective members. Don't hesitate to suggest that your friends get to know us at [www.uwctoronto.ca](http://www.uwctoronto.ca), Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see everyone soon.

- Susan Feeman, Jane Hamer, Wendy, McCallum, Susan Anderson, Ruth Matheson, Cathy Conforzi, Shelley Zucchi, Lynne Primrose



## Happy Birthday



### DOROTHY BREMNER IS 98

Dorothy Bremner turned 98 on June 6, 2021.

Dorothy is seen here with the lovely dolls she created using white socks - plus lots of creativity and talent.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### HISTORY OF ART

17th Century European Women of Art and Science

**Tuesday July 13 at 7:00 PM**

*Judith Leyster*  
(1609-1660)

A Brilliant Dutch Artist whose works were too often attributed to Frans Hals.



**Tuesday July 27 at 7:00 PM**

*Maria Sibylla Merian*  
(2 April 1647 - 13 January 1717) was a German-born naturalist and scientific illustrator.



*Maria van Oosterwijk*  
(1630-1693) was a Dutch Golden Age painter, specializing in richly detailed flower paintings and other still lifes.



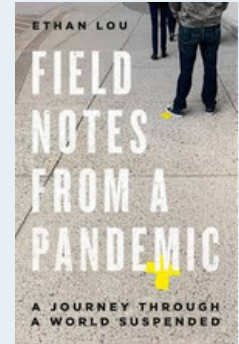
Haley will send out the Zoom link in advance.

### MORNING BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 10:30 am**

*Field Notes from a Pandemic* by Ethan Lou

In a book equal parts travelogue and pandemic guide, the journalist Ethan Lou examines the societal effects of COVID-19 and takes us on a mesmerizing journey around a world that will never be the same.



Convenor Jean Thomson: 416-421-2732  
Email: [thomson149@yahoo.com](mailto:thomson149@yahoo.com)

### EVENING BOOK CLUB

**Wednesdays July 28 and August 25 at 5:00pm**

*Topic: A book of your choice, plus plan to discuss topics for Sept to June.*

In May our topic was favourite Canadian authors. Names that came up were: LM Montgomery, Margaret Laurence, Robertson Davies, Vincent Lam, Farley Mowat, Timothy Findley, Mordecai Richler, Charlotte Gray, Gail Bowen, and Jack London. Do check them out.

In June we discussed the book *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn.

New members are always welcome.

Convenor Judith Lewis: 416-653-4931  
Email: [judithlynnlewis@gmail.com](mailto:judithlynnlewis@gmail.com)

## INTEREST GROUPS

### PILATES

We are now accepting registrations for our July Pilates classes, on Tuesday mornings, from 9:00-10:00 am. (July 6-27 inclusive). The cost of the 4 sessions is \$40 (total for all 4 sessions), payable by e-transfer to our instructor Sally Graves, at [renewwithsally@gmail.com](mailto:renewwithsally@gmail.com). Sally will forward Zoom links every week to all participants. If you would like to join our group but can not attend all the sessions, please email Sally and she will help you out. You can also email Sally if you have any questions about the content of the classes.

We have enjoyed an invigorating month of Pilates classes in June and look forward to more of you joining us in July.

See you on the Pilates mat!

Convenor: Lucia McCurdy  
[luciamccurdy@sympatico.ca](mailto:luciamccurdy@sympatico.ca)

### CURRENT EVENTS

#### Wednesday July 7 at 5:00pm

I hope that everyone enjoys Canada Day safely but with enthusiasm!

Our next Meeting will be held Wednesday July 7 at 5:00 pm. Our two most recent meetings have dealt with Indian Residential Schools, their effects and efforts toward reconciliation. Our member, Glad Bryce, has been involved in these efforts as a representative of the Anglican Church. She was able to add a great deal to our understanding of the effects of Residential Schools on generations of aboriginal people.

During the summer we will continue to meet to discuss issues of interest of concern to the members on a bi-weekly basis. Suggestions for topics would be much appreciated.

- *Norah*



## *Patio Time!*

Come join us **Thursday July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26.**

Time: **4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Place: L'Espresso Bar Mercurio, 321 Bloor St West. A 2 minute walk from the St. George subway stop.

Can't wait to see you all in person. Please let Haley know if you'd like to join us, so we can tell Teresia, the owner, how many ladies to expect. Haley will send out a reminder in advance.

Contact Haley at [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca)

- *Jo-Lynne*



## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

What another great year of applications! Your committee had a difficult but rewarding task deliberating over the merits of this incredible field of young women scholars. We have been humbled by their stories, their diligence and their triumphs over adversity.

We are pleased that we are able to introduce you to our seven scholarship winners for the 2021-2022 school year. We will be highlighting six \$5000 UWC Toronto scholarship winners, one \$2000 Susan Freeman award winner, and the third and final \$25,000 Mary MacDonald Scholarship recipient.

I would like to thank your scholarship committee members once again for their hard work and commitment to our scholarship program. It is indeed a privilege to chair this group of women. We bid farewell to one of our long standing, contributing members, Talisha Ramsaroop and welcome Susan Lambie to our committee.

*Committee Members: Sharon Abel, Marianne Anderson, Lily Contento, Susan Freeman, Doris Geddes, Jane Hamer, Susan Lambie, Liz Mowat, Penny Vincent*

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### **Seemal Sipra - Bloor Collegiate Institute**

Seemal has made the Principal's List for high academic standing for all four years at Bloor. Not only is she academically sound but she has spent countless hours developing a program of virtual tutoring during COVID. She displays leadership as she works with equity issues, student voice and homelessness. Seemal also volunteers in the community at the Yonge St. Mission, the Art City in the St. James Town Neighborhood and the Toronto Public Library. She will be studying Engineering at University of Toronto.



### **Bethelam Charles - Central Toronto Academy**

Bethelam is one of our UWC Toronto scholarship recipients and the winner of our one time Susan Freeman Scholarship. She has continued to attain an A plus average in Advanced Placement courses in science, arts and sports as well as committing more than 500 hours of volunteer service. She would like to become a neuro-engineer and will be continuing to mentor young black women in STEM subjects. Bethelam had many program options but has chosen to attend the University of Toronto for Engineering.

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



### **Ummalhair Owolewa-Central Technical School**

Ummalhair continues to have an academic performance that is noteworthy but it is her commitment to her community that is truly remarkable. She volunteers to support newcomers to Canada and started an after-school tutoring group in her shelter to help other students by providing homework support and activities to help them cope. Ummalhair has her sights set on becoming a doctor and will be attending Trent University to study Biology.



### **Mouna Aden - Harbord Collegiate Institute**

Mouna is not only a very strong academic student but also a very committed activist and advocate for the voices of black students. She created and led a student committee, wrote to the education minister and is still in conversation with the deputy minister. She intends to become a pediatrician and serve in low-income areas. She received one of the very prestigious and extremely sought after Princess Margaret Co-op placements. Mouna will be attending York University for Biomedical Science.



### **Mary Cate Faulkner- Malvern Collegiate Institute**

Mary Cate has proven herself to be an exceptional academic student as well as excelling in providing leadership in many school activities ranging from business to engineering. She has proven she can lead and bring about a sense of inclusiveness with her peers. On top of working part-time as a frontline worker, she devotes countless hours acting as a camp counsellor and swimming instructor at Variety Village. Mary Cate will be studying Business Management in the Commerce Department at Ryerson University.

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



### **Laura- Tran Nguyen - Parkdale Collegiate Institute**

Laura-Tran is an honour student and has held significant leadership positions in her years at Parkdale. She has been involved as an active member in a wide variety of school activities as well as those in her family of schools, the local community and church. Laura-Tran is a dedicated leader and role model in the Peer/Tutoring program for grade 9 students. She will be studying in the Social Sciences Program in Economics at the University of Toronto.

### **MARY MACDONALD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**



### **Angelica Treleven- York Memorial Collegiate Institute**

Angelica is in the top 2% academically of all students at YMCI and will be studying Chemistry at Ryerson this fall. But, it is her dedication and service to others that sets her apart. She tutors in math and the sciences and provides students with activities to provide mental health support by staying connected to their school community. She is well rounded young woman participating in environmental, sports and arts clubs at the school. In her own words she has "learned to lead respectfully and harmoniously." In the words of her referee, "she is hardworking, optimistic, organized, engaging and a joy to work with. Angelica refuses to be defined by her personal or financial struggles."

A very deserving Mary Macdonald Scholarship recipient indeed!

Respectfully submitted,

- *Chris Ward*



## LETTERS FROM THE RECIPIENTS

Dear Ms. Ward,

You can't imagine how thrilled I was to receive your email and news of being a recipient of this scholarship!

This award will assist me so much in my first year of studies at Ryerson University, and is extremely helpful to me and my family.

I will be forwarding to you proof of registration in my university program as soon as I receive it, and certainly before the due date of September 15th, 2021.

I look forward to staying in touch with you during my first year at Ryerson, and will update you on my progress throughout the year!

Thank you again so much for your consideration.

Best regards,

*Mary Cate*



Hello Ms. Ward,

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive the UWC Scholarship, I really appreciate it. Your scholarship will truly help me to continue my desired career path and studies in university, so I am grateful to be given this scholarship. I will also connect with you throughout the year to let you know about the progress of my studies.

Thank you again,

*Laura-Tran Nguyen*



Dear Ms. Ward,

Thank you for selecting me to be a University Women's Club scholarship recipient! This scholarship will greatly help me in achieving my future education and career goals. I would like to thank the entire selection committee for awarding me this scholarship.

I would also like to congratulate the Club for the work it does to support women and girls in many ways, including education.

I will get back to you as soon as I receive confirmation of registration in my university program.

Sincerely,

*Seemal*



## LETTERS FROM THE RECIPIENTS

Dear UWC,

Thank you very much!! I am very honored to have been selected as a recipient of your scholarship! Your generosity will allow me to pursue the completion of my future studies.

I will gladly stay connected and be in touch as I progress through my academic year.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely,

*Ummah*



Dear University Women's Club Toronto, Thank you so much for choosing me as this year's recipient. This honestly means so much to me; the fact that this scholarship can help me achieve my dreams is everything. Within the past four years at Harbord, I've done so much work about activism and creating a space that is educational, fun, a safe space and addressing issues that matter to students. So having the work I've done during my high school career being recognized by others is fantastic. It lets me know that others outside of my community acknowledge and benefit from what I've been doing.

This \$5000 helps take the stress off in planning how I'm going to fund my education, especially my first year. Going to university to pursue science won't stop me from doing the other things I love, helping others. I plan to give back to my community and help those continuously being ignored and using my voice to fight for them. So, alongside getting my science degree, I plan to continue the activism I've been doing around Black voice and continue to talk about the issues within the community and hopefully do that to a larger audience. Again, I would like to thank you for choosing me as one of this year's University Women's Club Toronto recipients.

Sincerely,

*Mouna Aden*



## FROM PRINCIPALS AND GUIDANCE COUNCILLORS

Thank you UWC Scholarship Committee we agree that \_\_\_\_\_ is an excellent and very deserving recipient of your generous scholarship.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ Collegiate, I would like to say thank you to the University Women's Club for honouring \_\_\_\_\_ with this very generous scholarship. No doubt this financial assistance will assist greatly in allowing her to focus primarily on her studies. Stay well and again thank you.

Wow! She is such a perfect recipient and you truly will change her life. How absolutely wonderful you all are. What an incredible way to end this COVID era. I hope you know how much all of this means to the entire group of us knowing that these incredible kids are getting the chances they deserve.

Great news Chris! Thanks for letting us know. We know that she is very deserving and the money will certainly help her out.

I'm still shaking from this amazing news. I just got off the phone with our Child and Youth Worker and we are both sharing tears of joy and excitement. She expresses her gratitude for all of those involved in the decision-making process and most of all, Mary MacDonald, who will forever be in our hearts. You have changed another life. Thank you is not nearly enough.

Christine, thank you! So life changing for this young woman. I'm so happy right now.

Chris thank you so much for such wonderful news. I got a little emotional reading your note. I'm just so happy for her. Thank you so much again for all of your support and how much you help our students.

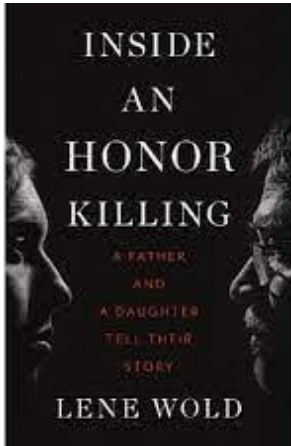
Oh my gosh this is amazing! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Thank you so much Miss Ward for offering this opportunity to students who have worked so hard to support their school and community.

Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_! You are very deserving and put together an excellent application. Thank you so much to the UWC team for all of your support and generosity.

Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_! I'm so thrilled to know that such a wonderful hardworking and resilient young woman has received this scholarship. What a tremendous honor. Well done. Thank you to the scholarship committee for this.

What thrilling news! Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_! We are so very proud of you here at school.



## BOOK REVIEWS FROM OUR BOOK CLUBS

### ***Inside An Honor Killing*** **by Lene Wold**

Inside an Honor Killing is a shockingly intimate look at the world of honor killings as seen through the eyes of both the perpetrators and the victims.

The author, Lene Wold, a lesbian Norwegian woman, spent more than 5 years in Jordan researching this topic - visiting prisons and mosques, reading judicial archives, and interviewing imams and local people.

It's the story of two incidents in the life of Rahman Abdulkadu. He and Nasir, his older brother, lived in the town of Ma'an in Jordan. Their father was liberal in the sense that he said honour killings were traditional and cultural but should be witnessed by the family only, not the public in general. Their mother was very modern and wore skirts and dresses rather than a burka or head scarf.

One day as Rahman and Nasir were walking home from school, Nasir said that there was to be an honour killing in the public square and he wanted to see it. Rahman objected knowing their father would not approve. However, out of respect or fear of his older brother he went along. When they arrived at the site, Rahman saw the girl was a pre-teen he knew from school. She was accused of being raped because it was said she had flirted with a man which, at her age, was a falsehood.

When they returned home late, their father suspected they had attended the killing. Nasir said Rahman wanted to go and he just went along. This, of course, was absolutely untrue. Rahman did not argue with his brother and their father beat Rahman severely. Their mother pleaded with their father to stop but he continued.

The next morning, she packed up and left the home. This was a disgrace to the father. The townspeople ostracized him because he could not control his wife. The boys were tormented at school. Eventually the boys found their mother and killed her. The family was then accepted by society.

Years passed. Rahman moved to Amman, the capital of Jordan, married and had two daughters and a younger son. Amina, the younger girl, met a young man, actually a cousin, and they became engaged. Everyone was happy and elaborate preparations were made for the wedding. One day the older girl, in tears, confided to Amina that she could never have the love her sister was having. It was discovered that the older girl was a lesbian who was meeting another woman at night.

I won't divulge any more except to say that I highly recommend this book.

- *Harolyn Panetta*

## PAST EVENTS

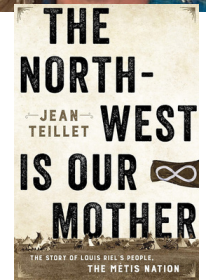
## ZOOM SPEAKER: JEAN TEILLET | JUNE 14

***"The Northwest is our Mother: The Story of Louis Riel's People"***

Jean Teillet, one of Canada's most distinguished lawyers in the area of aboriginal rights and justice, spoke to us on June 14 as part of UWC's Zoom Speakers' Series. Jean, the great grandniece of Louis Riel, is an authority on the Métis Nation and the author of *The Northwest is Our Mother: The Story of Louis Riel's People*.

For her talk, Jean chose to focus on some of the Métis women who are featured in her book and who have played fascinating roles in the history of their people. Jean introduced us to women whose stories were sometimes humorous, often tragic, but always inspiring. Jean is an engaging and thought-provoking speaker, and we were grateful to her for sharing her stories and insights with us.

- Pam



## SAVE THE DATE

## ZOOM SPEAKER: SHELLEY MCKELLAR | AUGUST 9, 2021, AT 4:00 PM

***Lady Medicos: Dr. Jennie Kidd Trout and the Audacious Feats of Women in Medicine***

Professor Shelley McKellar, the Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario, studies the history of medicine and disease, with a special interest in the history of medical technology, instruments and devices, the history of surgery, and medical biography. In her talk, Professor McKellar will introduce us to the courageous women in our past who fought to find their place in the field of medicine, including Dr. Jennie Kidd Trout, the first woman in Canada to become a licensed medical doctor on March 11, 1875.

Email: [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) to register.

**SAVE THE DATE****ZOOM SPEAKER: CAROLYN HARRIS | SEPTEMBER 20,  
AT 4:00 PM****Carolyn Harris, "Royal Children From Medieval to Modern Times"**

Join us on September 20, 2021 for an intriguing Zoom talk by Dr. Carolyn Harris, historian, teacher and author. Dr. Harris is an expert on English and European royalty and the author of a number of books about the monarchy, including, "Raising Royalty: 1000 Years of Royal Parenting". Her talk promises to be a fascinating

examination of the unique challenges and privileges of raising royal children over the ages, culminating in a look at the new parenting models set by modern royals like William and Kate and Harry and Meghan.

Email: [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) to register.

**PHOTOGRAPHY WALK | SEPTEMBER  
15TH AT 3:00 PM**

If you love taking photos and enjoy going for walks around Toronto with your camera, then this outing is for you. Whether you are a seasoned photographer or just enjoy taking photos with your phone, you will get something out of this workshop.

I have been taking photos most of my life and I find there is no such thing as a bad day to go out with my camera. If you would like to see some of my photographs, please check out my website <https://olivi robertson.com/>

I have travelled extensively, experienced many cultures and incredible landscapes but I am always happy to come home to Toronto. The city offers incredible opportunities for photographers. Whether you enjoy the architecture, people, waterfront or parks, the city has it all.

When I was asked if I would be willing to do a talk about photography, I suggested doing an outing instead. As we are The University Women's Club, a focus on the main campus of the University for this photo walk seemed to be the way to go.



The historical and modern buildings along with the green spaces around the campus provide some incredible opportunities. All my degrees are from this amazing university and I have enjoyed roaming this campus most of my adult life.

I will take you to some of my favourite places and offer you support to take your photography to the next level. Come with comfortable shoes, the camera of your choice and an open heart.

We will focus on composition but I am happy to talk to you about the technical aspects of taking photographs. Bring your enthusiasm and questions along with an open mind, for a memorable afternoon. The walk is set to take place on September 15th at 3pm.

- *Olivia Robertson*



# what's on **UWC** EVENTS

*july*

Haley will send out zoom links and reminders prior to the events.


**JUL 01** Morning Book Group at **10:30 am**



**JUL 05** Board Meeting at **4:00 pm**

**JUL 07** and every Wednesday - Le petit cercle at **9:30 am**

**JUL 07** Current Events at **5:00 pm**

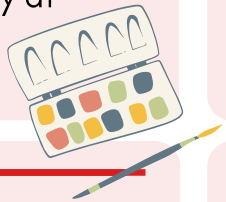


**JUL 08** Patio time at **4:00 pm**



**JUL 12** Speaker T.M. Glass at **4:00 pm**

**JUL 13** Art History at **7:00pm**



**JUL 22** Patio Time at **4:00 pm**

**JUL 26** Spotlight on Us with Harolyn at **5:00pm**

**JUL 27** Art History at **7:00pm**

**JUL 28** Evening Book Club at **5:00pm**





# what's on **UWC** EVENTS *august*

Haley will send out zoom links and reminders prior to the events.

**AUG**  
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Board Meeting **at 4:00 pm**

**AUG**  
**04**

and every Wednesday Le petit cercle **at 9:30 am**

**AUG**  
**05**

Morning Book Club **at 10:30 am**

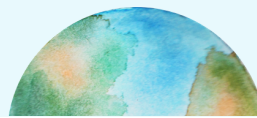
**AUG**  
**09**

Speaker Shelly McKellar at **4:00 pm**



**AUG**  
**11**

Current Events with Norah **5:00pm**



**AUG**  
**12**

Patio Time at **4:00 pm**



**AUG**  
**25**

Evening Book Club **at 5:00 pm**

**AUG**  
**26**

Patio Time at **4:00 pm**

