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# Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

January 2021

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## GNN Club NEWS

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### Membership

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Happy 2021! I am thrilled to introduce our newest member family, **Melissa Lombardo and Eduardo Jose Arias Cruz** and their 21-yr-old son, Eduardo. Melissa is originally from Glastonbury and returned last year after having lived in Nicaragua since 2004 along with her husband and son, who immigrated at the start of the pandemic. They are looking to make connections in their community. Welcome, Lombardo-Cruz family! We are looking forward to meeting you at future (virtual and in-person) events!

### Club Planning Meeting

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All GNN members are welcome to attend our club planning meetings to find out more about what is going on with the club.

WHEN: Thursday, February 18th at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Virtual; Zoom Link will be sent out the day before.

RSVP: Facebook or email Jen at [jphirui@icloud.com](mailto:jphirui@icloud.com)

### Upcoming Club Events

- Jan 1-31: Family Social – “Make It” Art Activity
- Jan 20: GNN Book Club – Book Submissions for 2021
- Jan 29: Ladies’ Day Out – Cotton Hollow Kitchen
- Feb 17: GNN Book Club – Don't Look for Me by Wendy Walker
- Feb 18: Club Planning Meeting
- Feb: Ladies Night Out – Virtual Wine Tasting
- Feb: Family Social – Valentine’s Day Bingo and Games
- Mar: Adult Social - Chili Challenge
- Mar: Ladies Night Out – Virtual Bunco

## Community Enrichment

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On these cold winter days nothing says warm like a yummy cup of hot cocoa and a good book. This winter I thought I would share five must read books about volunteering. These books are fun to read alone, with a friend or with the entire family.

- ***The Can Man* by Laura E. Williams, illustrated by Craig Orback**

Readers will see how collecting cans can make a big difference for one person—or many.

- ***The Littlest Volunteers* by Danielle Speckhart**

Children will learn about the power of volunteering and why it is so important for their community.

- ***The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen, illustrated by Elaine Greenstein**

What happens when a stranger knits a pair of mittens for a little boy and delivers them via tree? This book demonstrates the power of giving in a sweet and meaningful way.

- ***Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen* by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan and Mira Reisberg**

A young boy spends an eye-opening day helping his uncle at a soup kitchen.

- ***If Everybody Did* by Jo Ann Stover**

Readers will only want to help others after they read this book about what might happen if everybody only thought of himself or herself!

I hope these stories inspire you to get out and volunteer. If you do please feel free to share a photo or story with us!

## Applause! Applause!

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Warmest Congratulations to the **McCarthy family** on the birth of their baby boy!



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## THANK YOU

### Helping Hands

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It's during the difficult times when neighbors can rally together to help brighten someone's day and give true meaning to the Helping Hands Committee. If you know a Newcomers' & Neighbors' family who has had a baby, has suffered an illness, has had a death in the family, or simply could use a helping hand, please call or email so we can organize something for them. We rely on other member families to inform us when a helping hand is needed. Thank you! Please contact Julie Campbell at [julieanuckcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:julieanuckcampbell@gmail.com).

# GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

## **Family Social – Personalized MakIt Craft**

For the month of January, we are doing Make A Gift through MakIt. Kids color a template (circle), to create a plate, bowl, mug, placemat, tray or tumbler. This is a great indoor project for kids, adults, friends and grandkids! These personalized items make perfect gifts for grandparents, relatives, loved ones and friends! Keep in mind...

- **St. Patrick's Day is March 17**
- **Passover is March 28**
- **Easter is April 4**
- **Mother's Day is May 9**
- **Father's Day is June 20**

WHEN: Month of January

WHERE: In your own home; drop finished artwork at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury

COST: \$14 for a plate, bowl or mug (most popular); other merchandise is priced a little higher

QUESTIONS: Facebook or email Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com

DETAIL: For the prices/order form and the template to create a design on go to: <https://glastonburynewcomers.org/family-social>

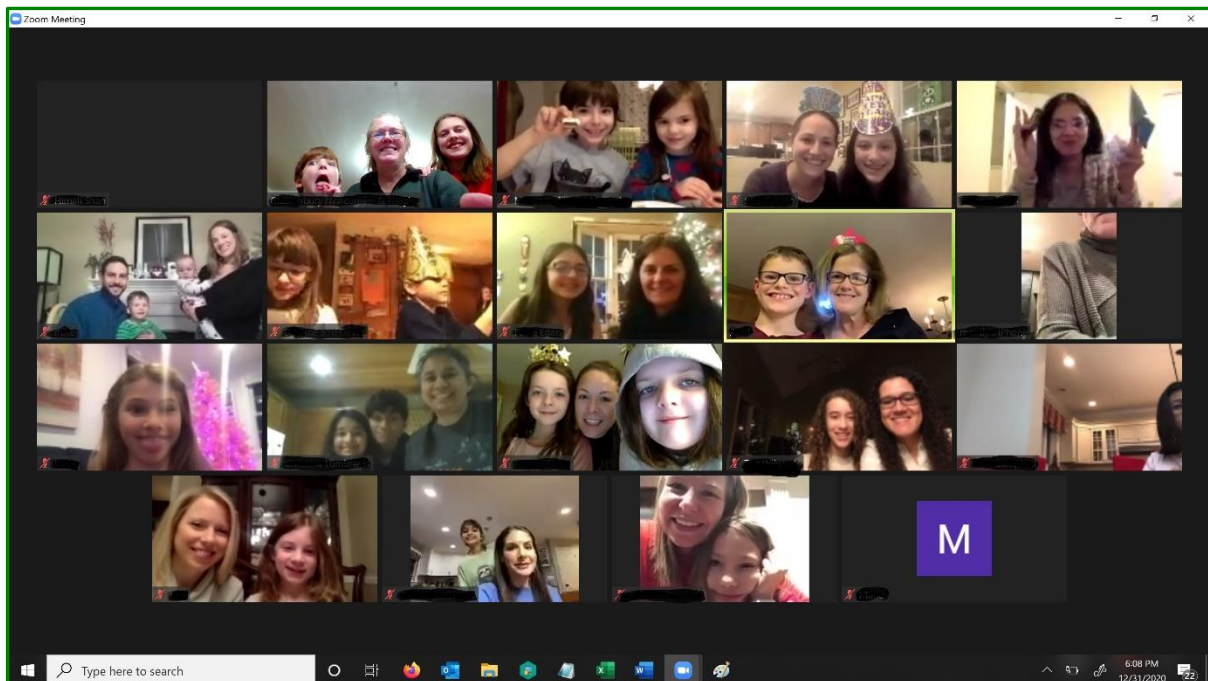
As you/child is creating their design, here are some helpful notes:

- The same design can be used on multiple merchandise items.
- Use your own 8.5" x 11" paper. This enables you to print off as many template copies as needed.
- Consider signing and dating artwork.
- Use markers, paint, paper (collage), pencils, etc. **DO NOT USE GLITTER.**
- All products are food safe and very durable (BPA free).

## **Upcoming Family Social Events**

We are planning some fun, creative events over the next several months including...

February: Virtual Valentine's Bingo and Games



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# GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

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## **GNN Book Club – Don't Look for Me by Wendy Walker**

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They said she walked away. But what really happened to Molly Clarke? From the bestselling author of All Is Not Forgotten comes a compelling and emotionally powerful story of a daughter's desperate search to find her mother before it's too late.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30pm

WHERE: Virtual via Zoom

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or April at  
aprilroscow@yahoo.com

## **Ladies' Day Out – Cotton Hollow Kitchen**

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Join the ladies for locally sourced contemporary chow and craft cocktails in the heart of South Glastonbury.

WHEN: Friday, January 29th at 12:00 pm

WHERE: 840 Main St, South Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink.

RSVP: Facebook or email Michele at  
micheleschin4@gmail.com

## **Ladies' Night Out – Virtual Wine Tasting**

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Coming in February - stay tuned for details!

## **Upcoming Adult Social Events**

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We are planning some fun, creative events over the next several months including...

February: Ladies Night Out – Virtual Wine Tasting

February: Adult Social - Chili Challenge

March: Ladies Night Out – Virtual Bunco

# January

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