



# Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

November 2021

## GNN Club NEWS

### Membership

GNN welcomed two new member families in October:

**Sue and Chuck Hyskell** are the proud parents of one of our existing members, Julie Lopez, and they moved to Glastonbury 3 months ago from Florissant, Colorado. They are both retired, and Sue enjoys reading and crocheting.

**Jeanne and Robert McKinney** and family have also joined us. Jeanne is originally from New York, but has been in Glastonbury for 46 years! She is a Senior Director at Aetna who enjoys reading, knitting, travel, nutrition. Robert also works at Aetna. Their daughter Abby (19) is a sophomore at Quinnipiac, and daughter Sarah (17) is in her senior year at GHS.

Welcome, McKinneys and Hyskells! We look forward to meeting you at future GNN events!



### Upcoming Club Events

- Nov 3: Ladies Night Out – DIY Seasonal 3D Wooden Sign
- Nov 10: Community Enrichment – Socktober Celebration!
- Nov 21: Family Social – Making Mason Jar Cookie Gift
- Nov 27: Family Social – Post Thanksgiving Hike
- Nov 29: GNN Poinsettia Fundraiser – Last Day to Order
- Nov: Family Social – Hike
- Dec: Ladies Night/Day Out – Holiday Happy Hour
- Dec: Community Enrichment – Toy Collection
- Dec: Family Social – Gingerbread House Contest
- Dec: Family Social – Craft Pasta Snowflakes
- Dec 4: GNN Poinsettia Fundraiser – Pickup Poinsettias
- Dec 9: Club Planning Meeting

## Community Enrichment – Socktober Celebration! 🧦

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Join us as the kids count all the Socktober socks we collected in October. We will be sorting, counting and handing off all the socks to the CRT shelter coordinators.

WHEN: November 10th at 3:00 PM.

WHERE: Riverfront Pavilion (near playscape) at 200 Welles St, Riverfront Park, Glastonbury

RSVP: Facebook or email Julie at [juliemanuckcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:juliemanuckcampbell@gmail.com)

## 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: Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home of Marlise Davis at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury (allowed to park right in front of house)

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

## COMING SOON...GNN Poinsettia Fundraiser

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GNN is bringing the holiday spirit to you through a Poinsettia Fundraiser! This fundraiser is for everyone...members, non-members and businesses. Do you need a hostess gift, employee gift or do you want to decorate your home or business for the holidays? We have the poinsettia for you in red, white or pink.

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## THANK YOU

WHAT: Poinsettias are "Florist Grade Plants" Grown by a Family-Owned CT Farm. Pots will be foil wrapped and plants will be sleeved.

WHEN: Order from Monday, November 15 through Monday, November 29th

Pickup on Saturday, December 4 from 10-2 (note other arrangement can be made if this pickup time doesn't work)

WHERE: Pick up will be in Glastonbury at 703 Hebron Ave (across from Jefferson Radiology; take a left on Citizen Dr, then first right into parking lot)

COST: \$14.00 for 6.5-inch pot (approximately 4-6 blooms and 13-15 inches tall)

\$23.00 for 7.5-inch pot (approximately 6-10 blooms and 20-24 inches tall)

OPTIONS: Choose between red, white and pink

ORDER: Link is to come.

## Community Enrichment – Holiday Giving to Families in Need

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We have several opportunities for families to help others through the Community Renewal Team (CRT) which is our Socktober partner. Our Socktober socks go to the men's and family shelters they manage.

### CRT's 2021 Giving Tree

We will be participating in this year's CRT for the Early Childcare Program (age range from 12 months to 5 years). These families have little means of getting their children a gift for Christmas. We are sponsoring 10 children and are looking for one small gift, max value of \$35 per child. A signup genius will be distributed.

### Toy Store

CRT sets up an actual toy store for CRT families to come and "shop" for one gift per child at no charge. All the toys in the store are donated. GNN families can donate new toys, which can range from infants to 12 year old. The center welcomes any toy donation but asks the value not to exceed \$50 per item. A signup genius will be distributed.

### Volunteer Opportunity

The CRT Toy Store needs setting up. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our older kids to help organize the store! More details will be coming.

### About CRT

Community Renewal Team (CRT) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people take steps toward healthy and economically stable futures. They address challenges such as hunger, homelessness, unemployment and poverty by providing access to education, affordable housing and mental health services for thousands of individuals and families throughout Central Connecticut.



# GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

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## Family Social – Making Mason Jar Cookie Gift

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We are going to create two mason jars with cookie recipes in them, one to give as a gift and a second one to keep. There are a number of cookie recipes we can decide to do so look out for a poll on Facebook.

WHEN: Sunday, November 21st from 2:00-3:30 pm

WHERE: 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury; you can park directly on Main Street in front of our house

COST: Free; will need to bring an assigned dry ingredient to contribute for the recipe.

BRING: Everyone will sign up to bring one of the dry ingredients necessary for the recipe.

RSVP: On Facebook or email Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

## Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club

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All tween/teens are welcome to join. For our next meeting, they will finish discuss the book and select a new book to read.

The Teen Book Club is fun and laid back. The reading schedule will be flexible and manageable for the kids (so if you miss a week no worries!).

WHEN: Check Facebook or email Rachel for the date and time of the next meeting.

WHERE: TBD

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or Email Rachel Ann at [rmarai@goodwin.edu](mailto:rmarai@goodwin.edu)

## Family Social – Post Thanksgiving Hike

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Are you still full of your Thanksgiving meal! Join us for an easy hike at the Addison Bog Walk. We will stay on the paved bike path so strollers and bikes are welcome.

WHEN: Saturday, November 27th from 10:00-11:30 am

WHERE: 216 Addison Road, behind Smith Middle School; drive past Smith Middle School and baseball fields and park at the end of the road where the trail entrance will be.

MAP: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/216+Addison+Rd,+Glastonbury,+CT+06033/@41.7245645,-72.5790862,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x89e65105c1050079:0x97ddd49a88011c31!8m2!3d41.7246126!4d-72.578303?hl=en>

COST: Free

RSVP: On Facebook or email Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

## Upcoming Family Social Events

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Dec: Gingerbread House Contest

Dec: Craft Pasta Snowflakes

Jan/Feb: Ice Skating

Feb: Kid's Cooking Class via Zoom

Mar: March Madness brackets

# GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

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## GNN Book Club – *True Places* by Sonja Yoerg

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We will discuss *True Places* by Sonja Yoerg. Come join us whether you've read all, part or none.

A girl emerges from the woods, starved, ill and alone...and collapses.

Suzanne Blakemore hurtles along the Blue Ridge Parkway, away from her overscheduled and completely normal life, and encounters the girl. As Suzanne rushes her to the hospital, she never imagines how the encounter will change her—a change she both fears and desperately needs.

Suzanne has the perfect house, a successful husband, and a thriving family. But beneath the veneer of an ideal life, her daughter is rebelling, her son is withdrawing, her husband is oblivious to it all.

Suzanne invites Iris into her family's life and all its apparent privileges. But Iris has an independence, a love of solitude, and a discomfort with materialism that contrasts with the Blakemores. Now Suzanne can't help but wonder: Is she destined to save Iris, or is Iris the one who will save her?

WHEN: Wednesday, December 1st at 7:30 pm

WHERE: TBD (check Facebook or email April)

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or email April at [aprilroscow@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilroscow@yahoo.com)

## Ladies' Day Out – Lunch at Plan B

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Please join the ladies for lunch out at Plan B, where they are known for their burgers.

WHEN: Thursday, November 18th at 11:45 am

WHERE: 120 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink.

RSVP: Facebook or email Michele at [micheleschin4@gmail.com](mailto:micheleschin4@gmail.com)

## Ladies Night – Out Paint Night

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Let's get into the winter spirit with a good old-fashioned paint and sip party! We will be sipping, chatting, and snacking as well as distressing, sanding, staining, painting and assembling your laser cut 3D project of choice.

Details: Paint and sip PARTY! Create a fun seasonal 3D wood sign. Appetizers and wine will be provided members will pay for their own sign (link below). 10% of all proceeds will go back to the club. Limit to first 15 people to sign up.

WHEN: November 3rd time 7pm

WHERE: Desi's home at 49 Stanley Dr, Glastonbury

COST: There are five sign designs to choose from, which range from \$48 to \$75

RSVP: Please sign up by October 28th. Go to this link and select and pay for the sign you would like to do.

LINK: Link can also be found on our FB Chat page or in the weekly email. [https://www.etsy.com/WalkingSunDesign/listing/1098863605/gnnc-paint-night-event-113-7-pm?utm\\_source=Copy&utm\\_medium=ListingManager&utm\\_campaign=Share&utm\\_term=so.lmsm&share\\_time=1634055162173](https://www.etsy.com/WalkingSunDesign/listing/1098863605/gnnc-paint-night-event-113-7-pm?utm_source=Copy&utm_medium=ListingManager&utm_campaign=Share&utm_term=so.lmsm&share_time=1634055162173)