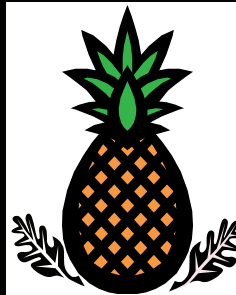


Newcomer News



Granby Newcomers
and Neighbors Club
Granby, Connecticut

From The President

Contact: Regina Jahrstorfer (558-4367)
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This GNNC year passed by so fast, and is filled with so many wonderful memories of great events with growing friends. Thank-you to all the members, but especially to the board members that have been so supportive and helped to make this a fantastic year. All your efforts have helped to keep GNNC one of the best Granby community groups. And to the future, again, so many are pulling together! The Board for next year is almost filled. Everyone has been so open to new ideas, sharing the work and joining the fun! I am so delighted and humbled by the efforts, concerns and support of my fellow members. You guys are GREAT.

We have a couple more awesome groups before we break for the summer. Don't forget to check out the calendar and sign up for scrapbooking, bunko, tag sale and end of the year party. I am sure to see a lot of you on the Mystery Bus Trip. The May meeting will be abuzz with stories of the bus adventures and stories from an award-winning author and educator Barbara Mariconda. If you've never been to a Newcomer's meeting, come join us and take a first step to be a part of this great bunch of women. I look forward to seeing you there. . .

Regina

Join us for this month's meeting

Thursday, May 13th
7:00 pm

First Congregational Church, Rte 189, Granby, CT

Children's Book Author

What makes a Terrific Children's Book? Join us for a lively conversation with award-winning author and educator Barbara Mariconda about what makes a terrific children's book! From board books to picture books, beginning readers to the middle grade and young adult novels, find out what's hot and what's not! Learn how to select books and how to use them to your best advantage in inspiring in your child a life-long love of reading! After the session you'll have the opportunity to purchase your personalized, autographed copy of Barbara's most recent picture book, "Sort it Out," winner of the 2008 Moonbeam Award and a National Best Books 2008 finalist!

Open Board Positions for the 2010-2011 Year

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We still have some open positions on the Board for next year. If I were you, I'd volunteer now before Regina starts soliciting on the Mystery Bus Tour! Here's what's still available:

- Children's Playgroups
- Children's Parties - we have some volunteers to help out, but we need a champion for these!
- Newsletter Editor
- Programs - we still need a second person, or individuals can help out by taking one month/program each.
- Chix 4 Flix

If you have any questions on any of the open positions, please feel free to contact Regina.

Thanks, ladies! As my Gram always said, "Many hands make light work."

GNNC End Of Year PARTY!!!!!!!!!!

Contact: Cairene Perrin (653-3876)
iperrin@cox.net



WHEN: Friday, June 18th at 7:30 PM
(this is a date change from June 11th)

WHERE: Cairene's home
145 Silkey Road, North Granby

This will be a pot-luck social, so please bring a beverage, dessert or an appetizer! Please RSVP to Cairene by June 14th, and let her know what you'll be bringing.

Hope to see you all there!

Mystery Bus Tour

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IMPORTANT UPDATES!!!!

The bus is FULL and we're ready to ROLL! Please note the departure time is **7:20 AM!** I know. It hurts me, too. The bus will be at the library at 7:15, so please be early! We have a packed, fun-filled day, and we don't want anyone to be left behind!!!

Just a reminder that coolers and snacks are allowed on the bus, but the bus is full, so space is limited to your seating area and the bin above. Also, there is a bathroom on board.

Wear nice, comfortable casual wear, and get ready to have a fantastic day out! Looking forward to seeing you all bright and early!



TLC - for our members

Contact: Debbie Cramer (653-6617)
deborah_cramer@sbcglobal.net



Debbie will be coordinating meals, transportation, babysitting, etc. for members in need of such services. If she can add you to her list of volunteers to lend a helping hand, or if you or a member you know is in need of these services, please contact Debbie.

Tennis Club

Contact: Shelly Cramer (693-6602)
shelcramer@sbcglobal.net

Tennis club will play on Saturday mornings from 8:15 -9:15am and Wednesday mornings from 9-10am at Salmon Brook Park. But remember - if it's raining, we're not playing!

If anyone is interested in playing but cannot make a Saturday or Wednesday morning session, please contact Shelly Cramer and we can set something up.

For those who will be bringing children to tennis, we will rotate around all parents who bring children to help watch the kids so everyone gets a chance to play.



Thank You!!!

A big thank you goes out to Jen Bolton for organizing the Children's Spring Bingo Party! (Would that be "Springo?")

Also, a very heartfelt thank you to Regina Jahrstorfer, our fearless President, who puts her heart and soul into everything she does. What a great year we've had thanks to her, and thanks to all of the wonderful women who have given their time and talents to the Granby Newcomers and Neighbors Club!

Hospitality

Contact: Aimee Menapace (844-8018)
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Volunteers are needed to provide food, drinks, napkins, cups, and utensils for May's meeting. Please contact me if you are able to bring in any of these items. I will be sending out an e-mail in the week prior to our meeting, and then a reminder to those who have signed up a couple of days before the meeting. Thank you! Aimee

Scrapbooking

Contact: Cheryl Bliss (653-7705)
blister123@cox.net

Join the GNNC Scrapbooking Club meeting on Thursday, May 20th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home studio of Cheryl Bliss at 103 Petersen Road, Granby.



Beginner through Advanced scrappers welcome. Supplies are available if you need them, but there is no obligation to purchase anything; Please RSVP to Cheryl by that Thursday morning if you are interested in attending, and please don't hesitate to contact Cheryl if you have any questions.

Our Website

Contact: Doreen McWhirter (653-3826)
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One advantage to joining a Newcomers club is sharing all the discoveries that we make about this great area.

See our **AREA FAVORITES** web page
<http://www.granbynewcomers.com/FunSpots.htm>

for lots of stuff to do this summer and favorites from our members! Each club member is encouraged to contribute a favorite places, service etc. Email to Doreen.

Also on this page see links to **Useful Area Information**. Great information available on places to bring your unwanted toys, books, clothes, electronics and more. This keeps items out of landfills and in use, plus this raises money for charitable organizations that sell the items.

Look for a new link for the **SuperList!** A list to help even the most challenging junk find a new home. Places for stuff from Eyeglasses to Building supplies and lots in between.

GNNC Tag Sale is On!

Contact: Maureen Williams (413-3783)
rmkwills@cox.net

Clean out your attics, basements and garages! The date and location for the GNNC Tag Sale has been set.

Date: Saturday - June 5, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: Salmon Brook Historical Society

Contact Maureen if you have anything you'd like to donate to the general table, or if you'd like a table to sell your own stuff. Also needed are volunteers to donate some time to the cause! With everyone's help, this should be a great fundraiser! Sign-up forms are on our website.



Bunko! Bunko! Bunko!

Contact: Debbie Cramer (653-6617)
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Next Bunko date to be announced...as soon as the date is confirmed, we will send an e-mail.

Community Announcements

Many of the community events in our newsletter are pulled from these great local sites:

The Simsbury Bank [Community Calendar](#)

[Town of Granby](#)

Choose "town departments" and choose dept. or use calendars

[Kidtivity.com](#)

Kidtivity.com strives to make YOUR life easier by providing timely information about children's activities within Connecticut. Easily search and register for programs, classes, and events.

[Connecticut CTVisit! Website](#)

Choose Events, "This Weekend" or What to Do

Simsbury [Culture, Parks and Recreation](#)

Choose "recreation schedule"

The [Mothers Connection of the Farmington Valley](#)

Visitors to this website who are not yet members of The Mothers' Connection, may request a 30-day trial access to the full website with events listings.

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Tennis Club 8:15 am	6	7	8 MBT!!! 7:15 am 
9 Happy Mother's Day!!!	10	11	12 Tennis Club 8:15 am	13	14	15 Tennis Club 8:15 am
16	17	18	19 Tennis Club 8:15 am	20 RSVP Scrapbooking Scrapbooking 7:00-10:00 pm	21	22 Tennis Club 8:15 am
23	24	25	26 Tennis Club 8:15 am	27	28	29 Tennis Club 8:15 am

Member Yellow Pages

(for a more detailed listing, see our website)

Creative Memories

Cheryl Bliss, Consultant
(860) 653-7705
www.mycmsite.com/cbliss

John Michael Hair Design

Jack Cashman
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NYR Organic Skin Care

Fiona Shackleton RN, Founding Consultant
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Organic Skincare, Powered by Nature
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Lynn Simpson, OTR/L, CST-D

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Julie Dehner — Editor

All items to be published in the Newcomer News must be submitted to Julie by the second Saturday of the month via email to: julie.dehner@gmail.com. Please write "GNNC" in the subject line. Please contact Julie at 844-8834 with any questions or requests.

Have something to buy, sell or announce? We run a "Bulletin Board" section when space permits. Entries must be submitted or renewed each month. Please e-mail or call Julie with your ad.

"Yellow Pages" listings for current members are posted for free on our website. It will be run in the News if space permits.

Look for us on the web at www.granbynewcomers.com