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# The Net

A Newsletter of the Women's Network of the Upper Valley

## Mission:

"A forum for women in all their roles, both personal and professional, to share their viewpoints and interests."

## Please Take Note:

### Upcoming Meeting:

Potluck on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Hanover Friends Meeting House. (Date is correction from last time.) Purpose(s) to brainstorm next year's program and elect new officers.

## Slate 2007 – 8:

President – Judy Music  
Vice President – Sheila Buckley  
Secretary – Marty Rowell  
Treasurer – Inge Brown

A big  
**THANK YOU!!!**  
to the Core Committee  
and all of you  
from  
Judi Colla  
Outgoing President of the  
WNUV

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## President's Letter

Dear Friends,

This year's program culminated with our spring dinner on May 15<sup>th</sup> when Carolyn Bellamy spoke on "Shaping the Future: The Need for Global Citizens." Ms. Bellamy focused on her passion to educate our youth to be global citizens and bedazzled us all with her breadth of experience, energy and personality.

Please note that at our last event of the year – a potluck on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – we brainstorm next year's program. (If you are running late and can't bring anything, come anyway!) It's a great time to learn about many interesting women in the Upper Valley and voice your preferences for next year. It is also when we elect our new officers. I am very excited about our proposed slate and grateful that four wonderful women have stepped forward to serve us:

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Please let us know if you yourself are interested in or if you would like to recommend others for these positions or for the Core Committee. Truly, we always welcome additional hands.

For the past several years the Core Committee has met on the first Tuesday of the month at the Center for Gender and Women at Dartmouth. A few months ago we decided to change our venue and now meet at the Orient Restaurant at noon on the last Friday of the month. (We make better decisions over food!) Last week, in tidying up, I returned our key to the Center for Gender and Women and, in the process, discovered something on their wall that I thought you, too, might enjoy:

### Some People

*Some people come into our lives and quickly go.*



*Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom.*

*Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.*

I'd like to end my last newsletter as president of the WNUV with a big thank you. Some of you know that the last two years have been a period of transition for me. Serendipitously, my role as president provided me with a focus during this time. While I am uncertain as to what lies ahead, I take great comfort from my good friends and connections through the Women's Network. Also, by working with you, I have developed a deeper understanding of who I am and who I am not – yes, even at my mature age -- and how I can best contribute as I move forward. For that, I am most grateful.

Have a wonderful summer!

Judi

# Events

## Spring Dinner - "Shaping the Future: The Need for Global Citizens" with Carol Bellamy



*June Morgan*



*Virginia Dresser*



*Carol Bellamy*



*Sally Paduch*



*Bayle Drubel*



*Polly Kislik*



*Debbie Aliber and Sheila Buckley*

# Membership

## Slate of Nominees Officers 2007 - 8

### The Invitation

by Oriah Mountain Dreamer, Indian Elder

It doesn't interest me what you do for a living.  
I want to know what you ache for, and  
if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing.

It doesn't interest me how old you are.  
I want to know if you will risk looking like a fool for love,  
for your dreams, for the adventure of being alive.

It doesn't interest me what planets are squaring your moon.  
I want to know if you have touched the center of your own sorrow,  
if you have been opened by life's betrayals, or  
have become shriveled and closed from fear of future pain.

I want to know if you can sit with pain, mine or your own,  
without moving to hide it or fade it or fix it.

I want to know if you can be with joy, mine or your own,  
if you can dance with wildness and let the ecstasy fill you  
to the tips of your fingers and toes without cautioning us to be careful,  
be realistic, or to remember the limitations of being human.

It doesn't interest me if the story you're telling me is true.  
I want to know if you can disappoint another to be true to yourself;  
if you can bear the accusation of betrayal and not betray your own soul.

I want to know if you can be faithful, and therefore be trustworthy.

I want to know if you can see beauty even when it is not pretty every day  
and if you can source your life from Spirit's presence.

I want to know if you can live with failure, yours and mine,  
and still stand on the edge of a lake and shout to the silver of the full moon,  
"Yes!"

It doesn't interest me to know where you live or how much money you have.  
I want to know if you can get up after a night of grief and despair,  
weary and bruised to the bone, and do what needs to be done for the children.

It doesn't interest me who you are or how you came to be here.  
I want to know if you will stand in the center of the fire with me and not  
shrink back.

It doesn't interest me where or what or with whom you have studied.  
I want to know what sustains you from inside when all else falls away.

I want to know if you can be alone with yourself,  
and if you truly like the company you keep in the empty moments.

*Note: I recently attended a workshop lead by Susan Hastings, President of Creative Communications Center called "Living Your Purpose...On Purpose." She began the weekend with this poem. I liked it very much and thought you might enjoy it, too.*

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# Program 2006 - 7

## Evening Programs

**October 17**

Fall Reception

**November 16**

“A Journey of Transformation:  
From Physics to Energy Healing”  
Margarita Crocker

**December 12**

“Gems: Mystique and Mistakes”  
Antoinette Matlins

**January 9**

“Mapping the Human Genome”  
Jennifer Loros  
Professor of Biochemistry and Genetics

**February 13**

“Windsor Women’s Prison”  
Betsy Morse

**March 13**

“Women's Spirituality and Meditation Disciplines”  
Carla Bailey, Senior Pastor, United Church of Christ

**April 10**

“Northern Stage:  
From Casting Call to Curtain Call”  
Brooke Ciardelli and Catherine Doherty

May 15

Spring Dinner

“Shaping the Future: The Need for Global Citizens”

Carol Bellamy

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 to 8:30 PM**

Hanover Friends Meeting House

Potluck

Brainstorming for Next Year’s Program

Election of Officers 2007 – 8

## Luncheons - “Remarkable Women”

**October 30**

“Salon Movement in 17<sup>th</sup> c. France”  
Faith Beasley, Assoc. Professor of French/Italian

**January 22**

“Female Leadership in Afghanistan”  
Jennifer Fluri, Assistant Professor of Geography

**April 16**

“Eva Peron: A Remarkable Woman”  
Marysa Navarro, Professor of History

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