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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 9, 2019

ALGONQUIN HOUSE PARTY ROOM

10 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Martha Williams, Retired Educator/Author

Topic: Norfolk Botanical Gardens Origins

Chairman: Cee Cee Tucker

Hostesses: Lee Barr

Martha McClenny Williams, author, educator, artist, and community volunteer recently returned home with her mother to live on the family farm in Southampton County. She is a graduate of Hampton University, George Washington University, and Virginia Tech. Prior to completing her undergraduate degree, she served in the U.S. Air Force as a personnel clerk.

Her career path included executive director of the Children's Harbor Early Education Centers, program specialist with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, university professor/administrator, and graduate student recruiter in the U.S and Africa. Dr. Williams retired after having served 37 years in the field of education.

After 12 years of affiliation with the Norfolk Botanical Garden, Dr. Williams published *WPA Original Gardeners* being inspired by the untold stories of the original 220 African American gardeners. Family members of gardeners expressed a sense of pride knowing that the painful work of a loved one, after more than 70 years, had finally been recognized by Norfolk Botanical Garden, the City of Norfolk, and a local author. The search for original gardeners is ongoing to complete their legacy.

She attends First Baptist Church, Bute Street, Norfolk, and Gilfield Baptist Church, Ivor, and is a loving mother and grandmother.

Invite friends and family and join us in welcoming Dr. Williams. We are honored to have her share her story with us!

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 2019

Algonquin House Party Room, 7 p.m.

SPEAKER: Jutta-Annette Page, Curator, Barry Art Museum

TOPIC: Barry Art Museum

Chairman: Cee Cee Tucker

Hostess: Marcie Kidd

EVENING BOOK GROUP

The evening book group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **February 19** at the Algonquin House Party Room. The book will be *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. Marion Ingersoll will be the host and Sandy Tabachnick, the facilitator. **The March 19** meeting will be at the Algonquin House Party Room. The book will be *The Northern Lights* by Lucy Jago with Inger Pincus, host, and Bill Swan, the facilitator.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HOLIDAY TEA

A festive group met on Saturday, December 8, at the Algonquin House Party Room to celebrate the holiday season with bounteous goodies and rousing singing of Christmas and Hanukah songs accompanied by our guest pianist, Dr. Karen Gearreald.

2018 PROGRAMS

February 23, SE District Meeting
March 13, Curator, Barry Art Museum
April 9, Planned Parenthood
April 20-22, Virginia State AAUW Conference

May 14, Book Group

SOUTHEAST AAUW DISTRICT MEETING FEBRUARY 23

The Southeast AAUW District will meet in Algonquin House Party Room on Saturday, February 23, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. The speakers will be Ms. Ragean Hill, Associate Athletic Director, Student-Athlete Department, and Ms. Courtney Kelly, Assistant Director, Institutional Equity and Diversity and Interim Title IX Coordinator, both from Old Dominion University on the subject of changes in Title IX. A Potluck Salad lunch will be held after the meeting. Coffee and tea will be provided by Norfolk Branch.

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