

Salem Lamplighter

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Salem Women's Book Club

by Allison Hibler



So many books, so little time.

Add book club to the list of reasons why Salem is an awesome place to live. The Salem Women's Book Club will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2023 at 7 p.m. Organized by Salem resident, Emelia Sheeley, the club currently has twelve members and can take on a few more. If you're interested in joining and attending the first meeting, email Emelia for more information: ohemelia@gmail.com. The club will meet approximately every six weeks at a different host's home.

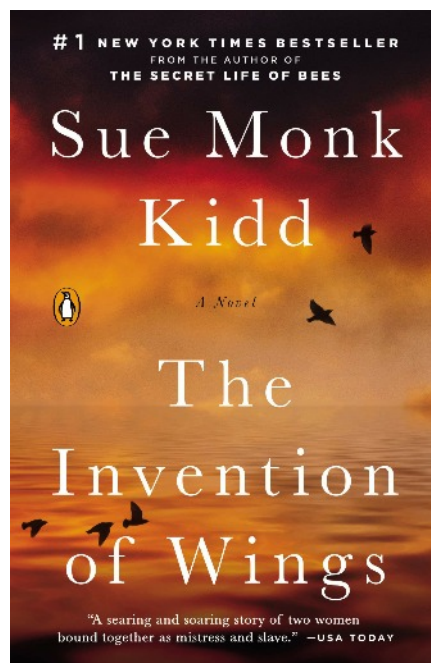
Emelia is also part of an online book club with her friends, which she joined a year ago. Although she was skeptical of the quality of an online book club, she has been pleasantly surprised at how well it has turned out—helping her to read books she otherwise would not read and to meet people she otherwise would not meet. Because of the success of her online book club, organizing an in-person book club was something she began to consider.

Inviting the ladies of the neighborhood to participate should be a great way to get to know one another better, have more great discussions around reading, and improve everyone's experience of living in Salem.

After sending out a survey to interested members, many of whom responded their top genres included contemporary fiction and autobiographies, Emelia chose Sue Monk Kidd's *The Invention of Wings* for the club's January meeting. The choice was also very practical, as there are 65 copies of the title available through the Columbus Metropolitan Library and it can be ordered online—new \$11 and used \$2. (There's really nothing like highlighting and making notes in your own copy of a book!) *The Invention of Wings* was selected as part of Oprah's Book Club 2.0 in January 2014. To read Oprah's interview of Sue Monk Kidd, visit:

<https://www.oprah.com/spirit/oprah-talks-with-sue-monk-kidd-about-the-invention-of-wings/all>.

The Invention of Wings is a novel about the life of abolitionist and women's rights icon Sarah Grimke, told from alternating perspectives of Grimke and her slave, Hetty ("Handful"). Set in Charleston, South Carolina in the 1800s, both women find their lives restricted by the mores of the time and desire freedom. The novel is rich with themes and issues that find themselves relevant in the twenty-first century and is beautifully written by Kidd who, by using two narrators, tells an easy to read, compelling story, in a unique and meaningful way. 



Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, December 20 (party!) and Tuesday, January 24. Meetings are held at Salem Baptist Church on Sinclair Road at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: October 25, 2022

by Angie VanHulle, Acting SCA Secretary

Motion made to accept September 2022 minutes. Passed
Columbus Police Liaison - Officer Yandrich (not present)
Contact: 614-645-1418

Dyandrich@columbuspolice.org

The rowaway moratorium expired in July.

Information on how code enforcement works was sent to the secretary; it will be emailed to members on the email list.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hibler (not present)

	2022 Budget	Actual as of 10/7/22
Income	\$6395.00	\$3762.00
Expenses	\$6395.00	\$3512.80
Net Income	\$0.00	\$249.20
Checking account		\$4303.14
Remaining budget obligations as of 10/7/22		\$2882.20
Annual cash reserve		\$2355.00
Cash available as of 10/7/22		(\$914.60)

Motion to accept treasurer's report - passed.

NCC UPDATE - Pat Hammel

- Last 161 Task Force Cleanup Day for 2022 is Saturday, November 12. Meet at 9:00 am behind Jiffy Lube on 161. Bags, gloves, safety vest and pick-up tools provided.
- America's Best Value Inn on Sinclair Rd is still shut down due to the City Attorney's objection to renewal of their operating license under the city's nuisance abatement ordinance. Some renovations are occurring at the site as the current owner is trying to sell under court order. New owners would still be required to bring the property into compliance with all codes and address security issues.
- Karl Rd Library has an extensive offering of Ready for Kindergarten classes and groups and a wide range of programs for school age children and teens. To see what is available visit <https://events.columbuslibrary.org/events> and search by the Karl Rd location.
- Columbus Metropolitan Library's Connect To Tech Support for Adults has Digital Navigators who are specially trained staff assigned to help adults obtain internet-connected devices such as computers and hotspots; access affordable, high-speed broadband; and learn basic digital literacy skills. For information call 614-465-2275, email digitalnavigators@columbuslibrary.org or visit <https://www.columbuslibrary.org/adult%20education/>
- The City's Department of Inspector General is now up and operating under the guidance of the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). The role of the Inspector General's Office is to receive, review and conduct investigations of Columbus Police personnel regarding misconduct and/or excessive use of force filed by citizens or initiated by the CPRB. Residents can report anonymously but those reports are harder to investigate. The Inspector General reports investigatory findings and makes recommendations to the



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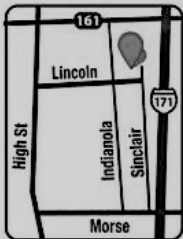
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- The next Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, 10/29 from 10 am-2 pm at multiple locations. To find the location nearest you, visit DEA's website. To find a listing of permanent prescription drop-off locations in Franklin County, visit swaco.org.
- The city is now accepting applications for the 2023 New American Leadership Academy (NALA). Application period closes on 11/18. For additional information on the 2023 program and to apply please visit www.columbus.gov/nala. NALA is open to all qualified applicants 18 years or older with a high school diploma or equivalent.
- The city has launched a new program, 614 Beautiful, a pilot program aimed at beautifying neighborhoods throughout Columbus. Learn more about the initiative by joining an info session or visiting the 614 Beautiful Website. They are looking for gardeners/artists interested in going to neighborhoods that received their grant.

NCC Development Committee - Sam Shy

A carwash applied for rezoning variance (located on the parcel on the Bob Evans side of Giant Eagle). Capri Bowling—now National Church Residence's third senior housing—wants variance from C-4 to AR0 (low density) and parking variance. Sam will ask them to come to SCA when they know what they are building.

Layout for construction project shows capped-off North Meadows/161 service road.

Communications - Angie VanHulle

Next *Lamplighter* - December; articles due - November 30

Emails sent to the SCA email list are coming back as undeliverable. If you are not receiving emails regarding meetings, please contact her.



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Salem Web Page - Stephanie Wheeler (not present) salem-civic-association.org will be updated.

Membership - Jake Wheeler.

135 residential members - dwindling.

Safety Committee - Jeff Combs

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Nomination of officers for 2023:

- President - Jake Wheeler, nominated by Pat Hammel; accepted.
- Vice President - Jeff Combs, nominated by Norma Sisson; accepted.
- Secretary - Charlene Combs, nominated by Angie VanHulle; accepted.
- Treasurer - Allison will continue as treasurer, nominated by Pam Unger.
- Communications Chair - OPEN
- Crystal (Laurel's neighbor) nominated by Laurel Hobden.
- Safety Chair - Pat Hammel, nominated by Jeff Combs; accepted.
- Membership Chair - Jake nominated Laurel Hobden; accepted.
- Jen Walters nominated as Trustee; accepted.
- Norma Sisson nominated as Trustee; accepted.

Hospitality - (acting) Charlene Combs

December 20 THIRD Tuesday (get info out FB and email). Holiday Party - Pizza from Pizza House - games - entertainment (Otis the barber).

Salem Elementary - Charlene Combs

Thanksgiving meals - 10 meals. Looking for 3-4 people. Assemble - Friday the 18th in the morning (9-10) done by noon.

Old Business:


Block Party—need committee. Possibly in conjunction with National Night Out or another date at Chaseland Park.

New Business:

Aldi on High St. north of Grace opens November 3.

Announcements

- Home delivered meals are available for anyone over 60. Can get daily or 5 per week; place order. Someone has to be there to accept the meals. These are being provided from funds leftover from pandemic.
- Warning: if you have a fireplace and burn wood, get your chimney inspected & cleaned. A house on the lake burned down.

Motion to adjourn. 



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Curious Salem



by Grace Freeman

“The Medallion Home of 5478 Crawford Drive”

The neighborhood now known as Salem was built over several decades, primarily from the 1940s to 1960s, and includes several developments. The homes along the east side of Sinclair Rd. were originally part of the “Indianola Acres” development (Sinclair Rd. was once an extension of Indianola Avenue), the west side was “Pencader.” The south side of Strimple was developed as “Aven Gardens,” and the area from the north side of Strimple through to Lincoln, was “Chaseland Manor.” The area bounded by Darcy, Conant, Roche, and Hillery is the first development to be called “Salem,” and Crawford and North Meadows were a separate development, known as “Northview Estates.”

Northview Estates was developed by more than twenty different builders, with varying styles and designs, tailored to the needs of the buyer/client. To sell these homes, many builders built model homes for potential buyers to tour, then the buyers selected from available lots, home plans, and/or pre-built homes.

One of these model homes is located at 5478 Crawford Drive and was built by local builder Walter J. Shapter. Shapter was a well-known Columbus builder, with his Walmar Building Corp. (named after himself and his wife, Margaret: Wal+Mar) having developed parts of Bexley, Clintonville, Linden (Walmar Dr. is located in North Linden), Colonial Hills (now part of Worthington) and areas of Columbus’s west side. Shapter was also founder of the “Rancho 961” Polo Club that used to be where the Continent is now located on Busch Blvd., with the horses’ stables on the south side of 161, where Salem is now. As a

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**5478 Crawford Drive
in Northview Estates**

Perfect harmony . . . are the words to describe this one-floor California Ranch L-shaped house of antique brick and white painted Harborite with batten strips set in a wooded area of mature oak and hickory trees. A colonial decor, luxuriously designed by Mrs. Walter J. Shapter, Jr., features (including the three bedrooms) fully carpeted living area with foam rubber padding. Vinyl tile is used on the floors in the den-family room, the kitchen, and the two baths.

Velvet enamelled trim and matching walls, with cinnamon cabinetry in a deluxe General Electric built-in kitchen, blend into the motif.

The den-family room with its antique brick hearth and facing of the fireplace, along with the stone mantel and mahogany panelled walls adds a further note to the harmony of the design.

The home has commodious wardrobes (none less than six ft. wide) for storage.

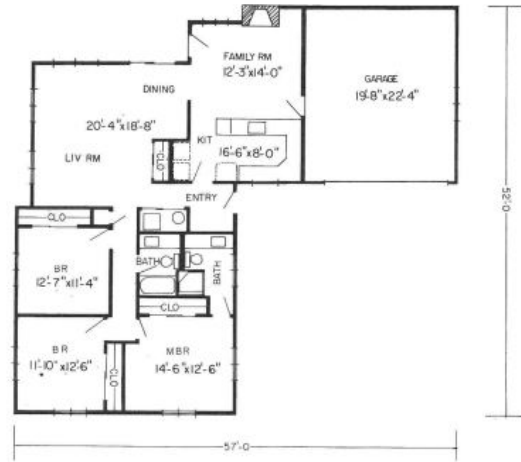
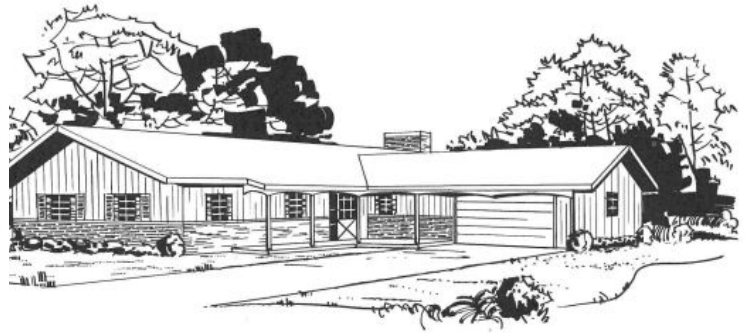
Large aluminum sliding doors in the dining area, along with a jalousied door in the den-family room overlook a large patio at the rear of the home.

All windows in the house are aluminum double-hung sash type, with marble sills.

For comfort, the wide overhang for winter protection is helped by the insulated overhead and side walls and a forced-draft ceiling fan in the hallway.

There is an attached garage — 20 x 20 ft. with an overhead electric-eye operated door.

This house containing an area of 1800 sq. ft. is situated on a lot 70 x 155 ft.



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Walter J. Shapter, Jr.

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builder, Shapter built the first prefabricated home in Columbus, and built the shopping center at 161 and North Meadows across from Sheetz, which is still named "Shapter Shopping Center."

The home at 5478 Crawford Dr. was featured in the 1959 Home Builders' Association Parade of Homes (see image p. 7) and described as a "[p]erfect harmony...California Ranch." The Parade of Homes was (is still!) an annual event featuring model homes showcasing new construction homes at various price

points, allowing interested buyers to tour the homes and discuss options with builders. Thousands attend the annual event, which has taken place for seventy years.

The parade brochure noted several unique features of the home, including that it was "set in a wooded area of mature oak and hickory trees" and boasted "[v]elvet enamelled trim and matching walls, with cinnamon cabinetry in a deluxe General Electric built-in kitchen," "mahogany panelled walls," and

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"commodious wardrobes (none less than six ft. wide)." Mrs. Shapter designed the interior.

After serving as a model home for several years, the house at 5478 Crawford was purchased by Catherine Horvath, who lived there with her daughter and widowed sister. After Mrs. Horvath died, daughter, Theresa, remained at the home until her death in 1996. Theresa was a lifelong employee of the A&P in Upper Arlington. After her death, the home sold in 1998, again in 2004 and 2013, and the current owner purchased the home in 2017.

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Miss Theresa C. Horvath, of 5478 Crawford Dr., head cashier of the A&P Super Market on Tremont Rd., Upper Arlington, marked her 25th anniversary with the food firm Thursday.
She has frequently been assigned to checker-training and for a time served as office auditor. She received company recognition from H. T. Walsworth, general superintendent, and was enrolled in the A&P Quarter Century Club.

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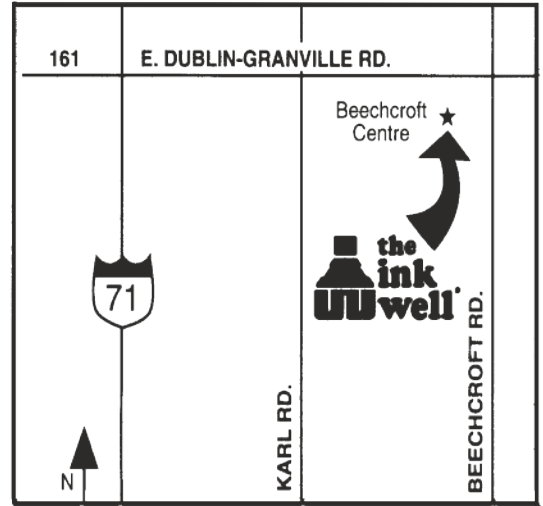
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