

# WOMEN'S NETWORK

## Letter from the President

### APRIL

April seems to me the time of new beginnings, and how welcome that will be this year.



I wanted to share two pieces of April writings with you. One from a poet whose name may not be so familiar, but his verse will surely be. The other poet will likely be an old acquaintance.

Sweet April showers,  
Do spring May flowers.

**Thomas Tusser** 1524–1580  
English poet and farmer

From the versed book, *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry*, written in 1557, as a follow up to his first versed book, *A Hundred Points of Good Husbandry*.

I encourage you to look up other **Thomas Tusser** quotes and you may find yourself amused at how many of these verses you have spoken.

### *April Rain Song*

“Let the rain kiss you,  
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops,  
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.  
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk,  
The rain makes running pools in the gutter,  
The rain plays a little sleep song on our roof at night,  
And I love the rain.

**Langston Hughes** 1901–1967

**James Langston Mercer Hughes** was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. If you are not familiar with his works do spend some time with him, you will find a smile thinking of the April rain, and maybe a tear while reading, *Let America Be America Again*.

I wish each of you happy spring days with raindrops and blossoms.

### **Jerrie Nicholson**

President Women’s Network



April Showers,  
April Flowers,  
April Dues.

A gentle reminder that  
the annual dues of **\$20.00**  
becomes due at the beginning  
of the fiscal year.

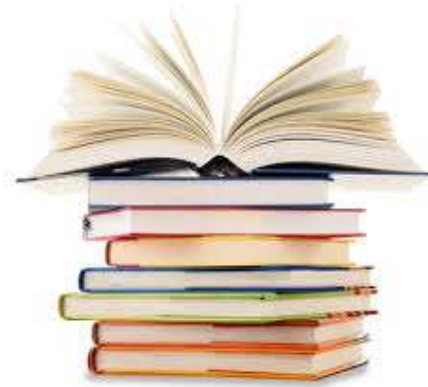
The fiscal year begins April first.  
Dues may be mailed to the address  
shown in the back of the Yearbook.

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## Women's Network Book Club



### Slate of New Officers

Since we cannot meet in person, here is the slate of new officers for the 2021 – 2022 year.

- President: **Karen Wollman**
- President Elect: **Mary Anderson**
- Secretary: **Jerrie Nicholson**
- Program Chairs: **Sidney Brammer and Vanessa Drummond**

Continuing in Office are:

- Treasurer: **Franny Hildabrand**
- Communications: **Lili Gao**
- Membership: **Darby Nelson**
- Yearbook: **Ann Cleary and Irene Chang**

Nominating Committee: **Marie Cubbage, JuLayne Trimble** and we need another volunteer to help.

Unless we hear from you, this slate of officers are duly elected. We are excited about this leadership in the new year and meeting in person once again in the fall.

Respectfully submitted from your nominating committee,

**Lois Bryan, Chair, Joan Dreisker, and Kathleen Rutledge**

Date: **Sunday May 16**

Time: **2 PM – 3:30 PM**

Address: **Penny Allen's**, 5635 Baylor Place, Bartlesville.

Directions: East side of Madison north of FPB off to Baylor to the right and in a bit, south at school crossing light. Flag on brick house.

Please let **Penny Allen** know you are coming, so she will know how many chairs are needed. Penny can be reached at 918-397-2140.

Since we haven't met for a while due to COVID-19, it's hard to choose a book to read and share. So, as an alternative, bring a couple of your cook books that helped you in COVID-19 times to brag on. No date requirement. Masks recommended. Bring your own covered drink.

Please bring 2 book nominees for June. Consider something available in the local library or OK Virtual Library; fiction or not. We normally read books written by women, but we have also read interesting books portraying women written by male writers.

**Deborah Langley**  
Chair