



Dear Sisters of Women's Spring Weekend~

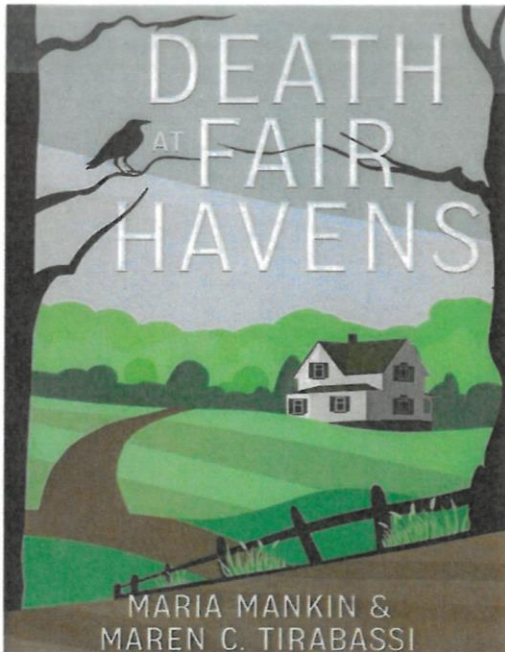
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Hello to you all in this crazy weather but thank God Spring! My name is Joyce Long, Pastor of Casco Village Church UCC, and your Dean~5th? Year after our 2 year break! (I've been attending Women at the Well Camp for 17 of the last 20 years!) Oh wait!!! I have a surprise for you! I am NOT Deaning alone this year – but my sister Rev. Diane Wendorf (I call her Di) is joining us! I am so excited to be sharing the weekend Camp with her. As always, we will try very hard to carry on the wonderful traditions and sacred rituals of our beloved weekend, and at the same time offering something new to inspire our spirits. Our Theme: “Women's Friendship and the power of inclusion, curiosity, and love.”

This year's book is: “Death at Fair Havens” by Maria Mankin & Maren C. Tirabassi

Another Surprise! Maren Tirabassi will be joining us for our weekend!

Maren C. Tirabassi's forty years' experience in mainline ministry shape Wanda Duff's professional life (but not her personality). Maren is a former Poet Laureate of the city of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and has published poetry and short stories in fifteen anthologies, as well as twenty nonfiction titles. Maria Mankin, Maren's daughter, has written five nonfiction books and a thriller, *Circ* (Pigeon Park Press). Rye's dilemmas are influenced by Mankin's ten years in education as a teacher and administrator. She holds a degree in Writing, Literature and Publishing from Emerson College.



Wanda Duff is an unconventional New England clergywoman, addicted to chicken wings, high-octane ice cream, and saying yes to anyone in need of a prayer, even the folks her town might think don't deserve one.

When parishioner Niels Pond dies unexpectedly at the Fair Havens assisted living facility, Wanda's duty to minister to his family is beset by her suspicions about the circumstances of his abrupt passing. Wanda finds an unexpected co-detective in high school vice principal Prudence Rye, who fled town on graduation night a decade ago and returned only recently.

Comfortably gossipy, with a fresh take on the characters and ethos cozy mystery fans will love, Maria Mankin and Maren C. Tirabassi's *Death at Fair Havens* launches a series that celebrates intergenerational women's friendship and the power of inclusion, curiosity, and love.

Rye puts her job on the line to investigate the mourning Ponds with the surprisingly edgy Wanda. As they expose difficult family truths and uncover a dangerous operation operating out of Fair Havens, Rye and Wanda discover curiosity has an unanticipated cost.

Some details to know: To show our support for Ukraine, and our Prayer for Peace & Life...

Let's all try to bring a **Turquoise** or **Yellow COLORED SHIRT** for our group PICTURE!

OR Bring a white T-shirt and attend a special Workshop on Natural Dying with Di!

Our mission this year may be collecting money to send for Ukraine Relief.

For those of you who may be attending for the first time, BRING: bedding or a sleeping bag (don't forget the fitted sheet to cover the mattress!), a towel, clothing that can be layered, swimwear, a flashlight, rain gear, bug repellent and sunscreen. If you have special dietary needs or special food, they may be left in the kitchen refrigerator. Things NOT to include: drugs, alcohol, or pets. (Service animals are welcome but we need to know in advance.) Pilgrim Lodge is a tobacco free zone as are all Outdoor Ministry sponsored events. Regarding cell phones: disconnecting from the world is part of the joy/challenge of a retreat event. If you need to keep cell contact, please keep phones on silence and use them privately so as to respect everyone's experience.

*Also I'd like to encourage Grandmother/Mother-Daughters from 18 year olds and up. I brought my AFS Student, Lisa from Sweden, one year @ 18- we had a spectacular time!

Our time together will begin with supper on Friday June 3rd and ends with brunch on Sunday June 5th. You may arrive at camp anytime after 4pm on Friday June 3rd to get settled in your cabin and start enjoying Pilgrim Lodge! Please do your very best to stay for the whole weekend ~ for your sake as well as the community as we gather together.

Please let Joyce know if you are wanting or willing to participate in worship or in any other way. On Saturday we will be offering ART crafts. We know many of you love having things to do with your hands and artistic spirits! And I read in your evaluations 2019 that you'd like to have Yoga? Joyce does Yoga, but not a teacher-- but would certainly love to schedule that in in the morning. Bring your own mats and I know PL used to have some as well. Also if digging in the dirt is what you enjoy, we can help with that. For the past few years many of you have blessed PL with gifts of potted annuals and perennials. Others have shared their skills in planting. This effort to beautify PL is always appreciated.

If you have special housing requests please let me know at the email below. Please remember to send in your payment to the PL office at least two weeks prior to camp. You do not need a doctor's signature but we do need to have you complete and submit the health form.

So now that's all there is to it! Just come, enjoy and relax on Cobbosseecontee Lake. Bring a friend as well! Dinner will be served at 6pm Friday Night. Please let us know if you will need to arrive at a later time. We are very excited, as always, and look forward to seeing all of you. ~ Sisters with you, Rev. Joyce Long & Rev. Diane Wendorf

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