


# Rivers Run Cottage Connections

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## OSHER Lifelong Learning Center
## 585-292-8989
## Thursdays 12:15 - 1:30 PM

**Nov. 5** **Examining Equality and Diversity in the Law:** Speaker Justice Stephen Lindley, NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department is drawing on 24 years of judicial experience. Justice Stephen Lindley will discuss controversial rulings, compare his early career as a prosecutor with his time on the bench as a neutral arbiter, and offer an inside look at the appellate court.

**Nov. 12** **Medication Safety and the Impact of Addictions on Older Adults:** Jennifer Faringer, MS Ed, CPP-G Jennifer Faringer is the Director of DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence–Rochester Area (NCADD-RA). In this presentation, she will discuss the risks specific to older adults around the potential misuse of alcohol and other drugs, as well as problem gambling. Topics will include signs and symptoms, medication interactions, and the critical importance of medication safety.

**Nov. 19** **Imparting the Church's Voice as Institutions Lose Trust:** Presented by Rt. Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. In a time when political divisions run through families, communities, schools, and religious institutions alike, how can faith leaders and communities of faith offer a relevant voice that rises above the noise, anger, and fear? With congregations already divided along racial lines, will they now retreat into ideological bubbles as well? And as church membership continues to decline, does the institution still have the authority to speak to a world that has grown suspicious of institutions altogether?




Third Monday of each month, 6:30 PM
For more information Contact Jim Galvin

October's book is Kin By Tayari Jones



REMINDER
Woman's Luncheon
Village Inn, Caledonia
Friday, Dec. 4 @ 1:00 PM

For more information Contact Claire Gnazzo

**DINING OUT**
**Redd Wood**
**1690 Monroe Avenue**
**505-319-4194**

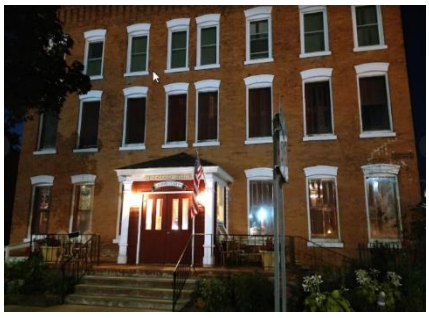
With the busy holiday season approaching, I'd like to adjust our dining-out schedule. Instead of meeting at the end of November and again at the end of December, I thought we could meet once in early December. My restaurant choice would be Redd Wood, and I'm suggesting Thursday, December 10, at 5:00 as a possible date. I'd be happy to hear your thoughts.







Women Luncheon
The Village Inn
3137 Main Street, Caledonia



Like the Dining Out Group, the Women's Luncheon Group is combining our November and December gatherings into one extra-special event during this busy holiday season.
By popular request, we'll return to The Village Inn in Caledonia on December 4 for a delightful luncheon together. This beautiful historic building, known for its outstanding food and wonderful service, is the perfect setting to relax, reconnect, and enjoy a festive afternoon with friends.

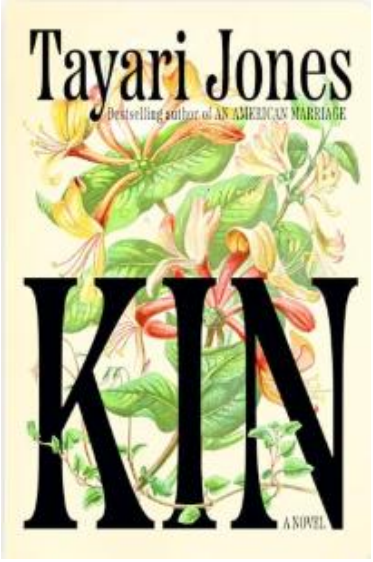


If you are interested in joint us, please contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009 or cgnazzo@outlook.com

# BOOK CLUB

Vernice and Annie, two motherless daughters raised in Honeysuckle, Louisiana, have been best friends and neighbors since earliest childhood, but are fated to live starkly different lives. Raised by a fierce aunt determined to give her a stable home in the wake of her mother's death, Vernice leaves Atlanta at eighteen for Spelman College, where she joins a sisterhood of powerfully connected Black women and marries into an affluent family. Annie, abandoned by her dissolute mother as a child, and fixated on the idea of finding her and filling the bottomless hole left by her absence, sets off on a journey that will take her into a world of peril and adversity, as well as love and adventure, and culminate in a battle for her life.

A novel about mothers and daughters, about friendship and sisterhood, and the complexities of being a woman in the American South, *Kin* is an exuberant, emotionally rich, unforgettable work from one of the brightest and most irresistible voices in contemporary fiction.




The Book Club will be meeting in the sunroom of Jim Galvin's house at 1303 Rivers Run on Monday, November 16 at 6:30 PM. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Please contact Jim or Charline at 585-270-8145 and let them know if you want to be included.






# Star of the Month
# Arlette Miller Smith



**Arlette Miller Smith** was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, where she was raised by her strict grandmother, Annie Lee, and her doting grandfather, Arthur Miller. His motto—"your word is your bond"—has guided her throughout her life. She developed a passion for singing, especially a cappella, while listening to her Aunt Lucy at weekly Morning Star SDA's Sabbath services. Arlette excelled in school and earned two full-ride scholarships to historic Tougaloo College: one for academics and one for vocal performance. After graduating from segregated but dream-fulfilling Rosa A Temple High School, she enrolled at Tougaloo where she majored in English and her artistic side flourished. During those years she met her husband, Arthur Smith, and two mentors who shaped her future, Drs. Philip O'Mara and Naomi Townsend.

Arlette graduated with honors from Tougaloo in the summer of 1970 (class of 1971) and went on to Michigan State University, where she received her MA in English. She secured her first teaching position even before completing her degree—joining the University of Michigan–Flint as an adjunct professor of African American Literature. At 20 years old, she became possibly the youngest professor in the school's history.

She and ArtSmith (altogether one word!) moved to the Rochester area the first time in the early Seventies where she taught English Composition at Monroe Community College & their son was born in 1975. By the late Seventies, Xerox relocated ArtSmith to Plano, TX where their daughter was born in 1980 and where Arlette taught full-time at El Centro Community College. By the late Eighties, they were back in Rochester where Arlette taught African American Literature & was a full-time administrator in the Higher Education Opportunity Program at RIT. In 1998, she accepted a dual teaching and administrative position at St. John Fisher College. There she established the Office of Diversity Programs, serving as the founding Dean of the Office and as the first female on the President's Senior staff.

During that time, she also earned her PhD in American Studies at the University of Buffalo, commuting from Fairport to complete her degree. This is also while her two children were teens!

Arlette founded AKOMA, Rochester's African American Women's Gospel Choir, in 1995. This choral ministry is rooted in African American sacred song and spoken word traditions. Under her leadership, the choir has raised more than $305,000 in scholarships for college-bound Black women. She is also the group's executive and artistic director.

The Rochester Business Journal has selected Arlette Miller Smith as one of 21 individuals to be 2026 Icon Honors recipients. Icon Honors recognizes Rochester business leaders, over the age of 60, for their notable success and demonstration of strong leadership within and outside their fields. The 2026 Icon Honors recipients are trendsetters whose integrity, drive and leadership have made a significant impact on their professions and in the community.

After living in Fairport for almost 40 years, Arlette and Art moved to 1102 Rivers Run in 2025 and love the community here. She and ArtSmith have two grandchildren.




How would you like to be the "Star of the Month"? We are looking for an RR resident to highlight each month. Our community has many very interesting residents, and I bet you are one of them. Please let me or Carol Blank know if you are willing to share a little of your past life with the rest of us. Carol can be reached at 603-673-5021 or via email at novastorm51@gmail.com.












Please join us in celebrating the newest addition to our Rivers Run family—**Roberto Carlos Arguinzoni, Jr.!** The adorable grandson of Ellen Andrieu arrived on October 7, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.

Warmest congratulations to Ellen and the whole family! Welcome to the world, little Roberto—we're so happy to welcome you into our Rivers Run family!



## Daylight Saving Time – November 1
## "Spring forward and Fall back"

**Daylight Saving Time**, system for uniformly advancing clocks, so as to extend daylight hours during conventional waking time in the summer months. In countries in the Northern Hemisphere, clocks are usually set ahead one hour in late March or in April and are set back one hour in late October or November.

The practice was first suggested in a whimsical essay by Benjamin Franklin in 1784. In 1907 an Englishman, William Willett, campaigned for setting the clock ahead by 80 minutes in four moves of 20 minutes each during April and the reverse in September. In 1909 the British House of Commons rejected a bill to advance the clock by one hour in the spring and return to Greenwich Mean Time in the autumn.

Several countries, including Australia, Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, adopted summer Daylight Saving Time during World War I to conserve fuel by reducing the need for artificial light. During World War II clocks were kept continuously advanced by an hour in some countries—e.g., in the United States from February 9, 1942, to September 30, 1945; and England used "double summer time" during part of the year, advancing clocks two hours from Standard Time during the summer and one hour during the winter months.

In the United States, Daylight Saving Time formerly began on the last Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October. In 1986 the U.S. Congress passed a law that, beginning the following year, moved up the start of Daylight-Saving Time to the first Sunday in April but kept its end date the same. In 2007 Daylight Saving Time changed again in the United States, as the start date was moved to the second Sunday in March and the end date to the first Sunday in November. In most of the countries of western Europe, Daylight Saving Time starts on the last Sunday in March and ends on the last Sunday in October.

### Timeline

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| 1784 | Benjamin Franklin's wrote a satirical letter about waking earlier |
| 1895 | George Hudson proposes 2-hr. seasonal shift in New Zealand |
| 1907 | William Willett publishes "The Waste of Daylight" in Britian |
| 1916 | Germany and Austria-Hungary adopt DST (first countries) |
| 1918 | US adopts DST, repealed in 1919 |
| 1942-45 | US "War Time" --- year-round DST during WWII |
| 1966 | US Uniform Time Act standardizes DST |
| 1974-75 | US year-round DST trial during oil crisis |
| 1996 | EU standardizes summertime across member states |
| 2007 | US extends DST by four weeks (current schedule) |
| 2014 | Russia moves to permanent standard time |
| 2016 | Turkey adopts permanent summertime |
| 2022 | Mexico abolishes DST for most of the country |
| 2022 | US Sunshine Protection Act passes Senate, stalls in House |

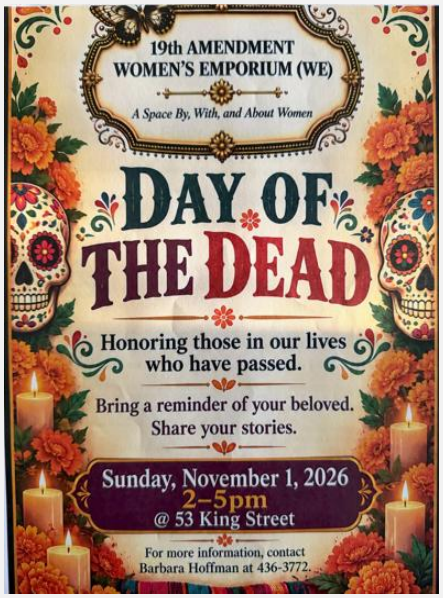
The **World Oddities** Expo (Nov. 14 & 15) is a traveling oddities festival….. a peculiar paradise where weird thrives! They pride themselves on being an all-inclusive artisan and small business fueled mega-convention. Featured are artists, vendors, performers, educators, and guest speakers who create a macabre and magical experience for all!

**RMSC Holiday Bazaar**

On Nov. 21-23 the Rochester Museum & Science Center will be celebrating 54 years of their **Annual Holiday Bazaar Arts & Crafts Sale**! The Holiday Bazaar is a juried show with five floors of displays across the RMSC campus. A spectacular variety is available, with more than 150 exhibitors showcasing creative fine arts and unique crafts: ceramics, jewelry, glass, woodwork, paintings, photography, fiber arts, floral crafts, and more!




## Dia de los Muertos




Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and in many areas of the United States. The holiday centers around gatherings of family and friends to honor and remember loved ones who have passed away. Similar to Spiritualist teachings, the spirits of our loved ones are not considered to be far away. They are welcomed with joy through celebrations filled with flowers, smiling skeletons, sweets and candies, favorite foods, music, and other meaningful offerings.

In Rochester, several events are held from October 30 through November 7.

Oct. 30 – Casa Hispana at 4245 East Ave., Nazareth University, 4:30-6:00 PM

Nov. 1 – 19th Amendment Women's Emporium sponsors this event at King Street Collective, 53 King Street, 2-5 PM

Nov. 1 – Grand Opening and Special Events at Dia De Los Muertos new restaurant, 3679 W. Henrietta Rd., beginning 11:00 AM

Nov. 7 – Celebrate with the Rochester Spiritual Society at Brighton Town Park, Carmen Clark Lodge, 12-5 PM



# To Do in Rochester
# November 2026



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| Oct. 30 - Nov. 7 | **Dia de los Muertos, (see information above)** |
| Nov. 2+ | **Frontiers of Impressionism**, Memorial Art Gallery |
| Nov. 3-8 | **Alicia Keys' Hell's Kitchen,** Rochester Broadway Theatre League, 885 E. Main St. |
| Nov. 6-7 | **Raiders of the Lost Arc,** Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre |
| Nov. 7 | **New Horizons Symphonic Band Fall Concert**, Calking Rd. Middle School, 1899 Calkins Rd., 3:00 PM (free) |
| Nov. 11-15 | **Anomaly Film Festival,** The Little Theatre, Anomaly is thrilled to announce the first 3 feature films in their festival lineup for 2026: No Rest For The Wicked, The Peril at Pincer Point, and Light Pillar |
| Nov. 14-15 | **World Oddities Exposition**, Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 East Main St. Rochester, 11AM-7PM |
| Nov. 21-23 | **Holiday Bazaar,** Rochester Museum & Science Center |
| Nov. 25 | **The Nutcracker,** RPO and Rochester City Ballet |
| Nov. 25 – Dec. 27 | **A Christmas Carol,** Geva Theatre |
| Nov. 27-29 | **The Nutcracker,** Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra |
| Nov. 28 | **Santa Train Rides to the North Pole,** Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum |
| Nov. 28-29 & 30 | **Emmet Otter's Jug Band Christmas,** OFC Creations Theatre |





## November 2026
## Cottage Calendar

- **11/1, SUNDAY, Bills vs. Rams:** 1:00 PM on CBS
- **11/6, 13, 20, & 27, FRIDAY, Friday in the Park:** 4-6 PM; located will Be sent via e-blast each week
- **11/9, MONDAY, Bills @ Vikings:** 8:15 PM on ABC/ESPN
- **11/10, TUESDAY, Craft & Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Cove
- **11/11, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM, Peppermints Restaurant
- **11/15, SUNDAY, Bills @ NY Jets:** 1:00 PM on CBS
- **11/16, MONDAY, Book Club:** 6:30 PM, Cottage 1303; Contact Jim Galvin at 585-270-8145; *Kim* by Tayari Jones
- **11/22, SUNDAY, Bills vs. Dolphins:** 1:00 PM on FOX
- **11/24, TUESDAY, Craft & Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Cove
- **11/25, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM, Peppermints Restaurant
- **11/26, THURSDAY, Thanksgiving**
- **11/26, THURSDAY, Bills vs. KC Chiefs:** 8:20 PM on NBC
- **12/4, FRIDAY, Ladies Lunch:** 1:00 PM at The Village Inn, Caledonia; Contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009
- **12/10, THURSDAY, RR Dining Out:** 5:00 PM, Redd Wood, contact Barbara DeOca at 813-892-1219 or bdeoca@aol.com