

# Monthly Newsletter

BRADENTON  
WOMAN'S CLUB

January 2025



BWC has a heavy heart as we mourn the loss of our treasured longtime member, Sandra Rahn. She was a dedicated member for 62 years and served as club president from 2014-2016.

Sandra was a very special person, with a glow that many of us were lucky enough to experience. Her kindness and commitment to both BWC and her community left a lasting impact.

This picture captures a beautiful moment from our 2022 awards night, with Sandra and her daughter, Pam. Pam is pinning the 60-year membership pin on her mom, a testament to Sandra's incredible dedication to our club.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pam and the entire family during this difficult time. Sandra's memory and legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

## President's Welcome:

As we reflect on the past year, I am reminded of the incredible work we have accomplished together, the lives we have touched, and the lasting impact we continue to make in our community. Each of you has played a vital role in bringing our mission to life, and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your tireless dedication, generosity, and commitment.

In times of challenge, we have shown resilience, kindness, and unity, and it is these qualities that make our club so special. From our support of local organizations to our work with children, veterans, and families in need, we have made a tangible difference, and I am so proud of all that we have achieved.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am excited about the opportunities and projects that lie before us. With your continued involvement and passion, I know we will accomplish even more in the months ahead.

Thank you once again for all that you do. I am honored to serve as your president and look forward to all that we will achieve together in the future.

For the good our hands can do,



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Saturday, Jan 4th**  
**Bradenton Market**  
9-11:30am or 11:30-2pm

**Friday, Jan 17th**  
**Event Set-up**  
11am-2pm

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB  
Presents:  
6-11 PM  
Old Hollywood 1930's  
Black & White or Color  
attire encouraged  
BEST LAID PLANS  
AN OLD HOLLYWOOD WHODUNNIT  
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER  
\$75 Tickets  
JANUARY 18TH 2025  
★★★★★  
www.BradentonWomansClub.com  
1705 MANATEE AVE W BRADENTON, FL 34205

**Monday, Jan 20th**  
**BWC Monthly Meeting**  
Social 5:30, Meeting 6-7:30pm

**Saturday, Jan 25th**  
**Build Back the Beach**  
Shift 1: 11:00am-1:00pm  
Shift 2: 1:00pm-4:00pm  
AND/OR

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
Shift 3: 11:00am-1:00pm

## Important Reminders:

WE NEED HELP SELLING TICKETS for our **Murder Mystery Dinner**. Buy them here <https://shorturl.at/p4lg3> or contact Tammy to pay by check.

**We need a 5-6 volunteers** to work at the Murder Mystery Dinner. Email Tammy: [bradentonwc@gmail.com](mailto:bradentonwc@gmail.com)

Help promote our club and the Murder Mystery Dinner at the **Bradenton Market** on Jan 4th, 9-11:30am or 11:30am-2pm. RSVP to [bradentonwc@gmail.com](mailto:bradentonwc@gmail.com)

Help The Center of AMI with **Build Back the Beach**. Sign up here: <https://shorturl.at/sekvg>

**Bring your ARTS and CRAFTS to the January 20th Meeting!** Contact Fran at 941-212-9062 or [mrskain14@gmail.com](mailto:mrskain14@gmail.com) to let her know what you will be bringing.

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB IN THE  
**COMMUNITY**  
 THE GOOD OUR HANDS CAN DO

December was an extra special month for BWC's efforts in serving the community!



Mrs. Claus and her jolly elves spread some Christmas Cookie Cheer for the staff at **HCA Florida Blake Hospital, Manatee Memorial Hospital, and Tidewell Hospice House.**

Our busy baker members donated 169 dozen for delivery!



These beautiful stockings were delivered by some caroling club elves to **Magnolia on the Avenue.** Each included a festive handmade greeting card and all residents and staff received homemade cookies.



We had a great time at our **Holiday Social,** stuffing stockings for Christmas distribution to seniors and veterans!



It was a great day celebrating Christmas giving with **Grow To Give** and all the single moms and children who attended. Our members were honored to be able to provide presents for these families!



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**December Social Events**

We encourage you to attend our social events! You get a chance to bond with your fellow members, while representing our club in the community! This month we participated in the Old Manatee Candlelight Walk and the Winter Wonderland Event in downtown Bradenton.



**Upcoming Events**

**BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB**  
*Presents*  
 6-11 PM  
 Old Hollywood 323's Black & White or Gold attire encouraged  
**BEST LAID PLANS**  
 AN OLD-HOLLYWOOD WHODUNNIT  
**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**  
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Get ready to Step Back in Time... for an Old Hollywood Whodunnit!

**Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up...** Buy tickets for friends and family [HERE!](#)

**HELP US BUILD BACK THE BEACH**  
 ANNA MARIA ISLAND  
 JANUARY 2025

Be a part of something extraordinary! Organized by the Good Guardians Collective, Oyster River Ecology, Inc., and The Center of AMI to restore the stunning coastline of Anna Maria Island after Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Together, we can bring resilience and beauty back to our beaches!

Sign up [HERE!](#)

**BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB**

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**1705 Manatee Ave W  
 Bradenton, FL 34205**

# Member Spotlights



**Tanya Kissel**  
 Jan 4th  
**Sari Lindroos-Valimaki**  
 Jan 6th  
**Barbara Mercer**  
 Jan 15th  
**Becky McSwain**  
 Jan 19  
**Aziza Lawal**



**WELCOME**  
**NEW MEMBERS**  
 Tell your friends of the great work we do and invite them to join us!

Terrie Adams  
 Eileen Bryson  
 Marcy Hofeditz  
 Meghan Jones  
 Luz-Maria Lambert  
 Lynn Lavigne-Quinn  
 Mimi McCammon  
 Vicky Palomo  
 Rexy Sharp

## You can enter your arts and crafts under the following categories:

Category #	Category Name & Description - CRAFTS
1	Rising Talent - This category is open only to Juniorettes. Items may be any craft or art following the same rules as shown below.
2	Ceramics - From a mold. (For hand built/wheel thrown, enter in Category #43 Forgotten Crafts.)
3	Clay - Any project sculpted or covered with 85% or more of clay.
4	Mosaics - Hand built, any medium
5	Glass - Actual stained glass or fused glass
6	Jewelry - Bead weaving with a needle
6A	Jewelry - metal (bass, silver, copper, etc.)
7	Beadwork - Other than jewelry
8	Painting - Wood, Clay, Glass, Metal, China etc.
9	Decoupage/Dimensional Collage - Decoupage objects or 3-dimensional collages. (See Category #75 for FLAT collaged & framed pictures.)
10	Miniatures - Anything on small scale except paintings. (See Category #80 for Miniature Painting)
11	Paper crafts - Card making, stamping, etc.
12	Paper crafts - Quilling, Paper Mache, 3-D, paper sculptures, etc.
13	Scrapbooking/Memory Books - Handmade
14	Scrapbooking/Memory Books - Digital
15	Baskets - Hand-woven
16	Natural Materials /85% natural - Shells, sand, pinecones, gemstones, leaves, palms, etc. (See Category #15 for hand-woven baskets)
17	Recycle Materials - Bottles, cans, boxes, bags, etc.
18	Floral/No live materials - Silk, etc.
19	Wood Craft (carving, building, turning). No larger than 36-inches on any side.
20	Wreaths - All occasions
21	Ornaments - All occasions
22	Doll Making - China or cloth
23	Doll Clothes - May be displayed on doll
24	Knitting - Clothing - all ages
25	Knitting - Afghans, etc.
26	Crochet - Clothing - all ages
27	Crochet - Afghans, etc.
28	Hand Embroidery - Threaded needle, crewel, ribbon, etc. - no machine embroidery
30	Needlepoint and Petit Point - Needle work done with the same stitch throughout so as to resemble tapestry
31	Cross Stitch - Counted
32	Cross Stitch - Stamped
33	Fabric Craft - Felted, applique, quilted or machine embroidery, i.e., potholders placemats, wall hangings, table runners, etc.
34	<b>Quilting - 100% hand pieced and quilted</b>
35	Quilting - 100% machine pieced and quilted
36	Quilting - Both machine and hand work.
37	Family Sewing - All ages
38	Special Event Clothing - All ages (wedding, christening dress, etc., including costumes)
40	Group Entries - Any craft done by 3 or more club members
41	Combination - Blending of two or more crafts (A 3 X 5-inch card listing the categories used MUST be attached.)
42	Open Category - Item does not qualify for any other category (A 3 X 5-inch card describing the craft MUST be attached.)
43	Forgotten Crafts - Candle wicking, macramé hardanger, heirloom sewing, hand built/wheel thrown ceramics.
44	Weaving

## ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTY MEMBERS!

Our Club Arts Contest is January 20, 2025

- Winners will move on to the District 14 Arts Meeting, on Feb 19th at St. Petersburg Woman's Club.
- Winners from there move on to the state conference in Orlando in April!
- Questions, contact Arts Chairman Fran Kain at 941-212-9062

Category #	Category Name & Description - ARTS
70	Painting - Oil
71	Painting - Acrylic
72	Painting - Pastel
73	Painting - Watercolor
74	Drawing - Charcoal, Colored Pencil, Black & White, etc.
75	Mixed Media/Collage - A combination of any two or more of the first four divisions, and/or FLAT materials to form a framed picture.
80	Miniatures - Any medium of the first four divisions, being no larger than 4 x 6, including frame.
90	Photography - Our World Up Close - Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that are larger than life. Some common examples are bugs or parts of flowers.
91	Photography - Natural Wonders - Use wide angles and panoramas, or changeable landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista.
92	Photography - Reflections - Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.
93	Photography - Living the Volunteer Spirit - These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one.
94	Photography - Florida - Images of people, places, events etc. unique to our state.