



# Women in Development of Northeastern New York

Building networks, sharing best practices, and  
working collaboratively for our collective success.

## Spring Program & Annual Networking Event “Special Events and the Role of the Volunteer”

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

**Registration Deadline: March 11, 2009**

Program: 3:00-5:00 pm • Networking Cocktail Reception: 5:00-7:00 pm

Location: Opalka Gallery at the Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Avenue, Albany (Free parking behind building.)

For the first time, WID is combining its spring program with its popular networking event in a great new setting.

Join us first for a dynamic panel discussion with lead staff and volunteers involved with three successful and very different special events. The discussion will explore staff/volunteer relationships in the development, planning, and execution of these events, as well as the histories and evolutions of the events themselves.

Following the program, you'll have a chance to connect with other development colleagues during a cocktail reception in the Opalka Gallery, the formal exhibition facility of The Sage Colleges. The mixer also features door prizes, professional portraits, and a “get to know your colleagues” activity.

### Panelists:

**Tamara Flanders**, Event Coordinator for the Community Aids Partnership of the Capital Region /CARES, Inc., will discuss the AIDS Walk. Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the walk draws 2,000 participants and last year raised \$120,000. Tamara will talk about the instrumental role that 500 volunteers play and she will also share how this event distinguishes itself from the many other walks in the Capital Region.

**Rob Saba**, Senior Associate Director of Leadership Gifts at the Albany Medical Center Foundation, will talk about “Dancing in the Woods,” a popular holiday black tie gala with a 25 year history that draws more than 1,000 attendees and raised nearly \$400,000 in 2008. The event is largely volunteer based with a core of approximately 60 volunteers and 2 volunteer event co-chairs that work in conjunction with the Foundation event planner. Rob will also discuss how successful reinvention has been key to the event’s longevity.

**Barbara Beauchamp**, HATAS volunteer, and **Natasha Pernicka**, CEO, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Capital Region, (formerly assistant executive director of HATAS) will discuss how volunteers, without dedicated agency development staff, have been integral to the inception and growth of the “HATAS Home Sweet Gingerbread Home and Gingerland Evening.” In its third year, this event has than tripled in proceeds, raising over \$22,000 in 2008. It involves a gingerbread house contest as well as a cocktail reception and auction of the houses.

### About Our Venue

The Opalka Gallery is the formal exhibition facility of The Sage Colleges. Its primary concentration is on work by professional artists from outside the region. An important aspect of the cultural life in the Capital Region, the Gallery frequently features multi-disciplinary projects and hosts poetry readings, recitals, and symposia, often in conjunction with its exhibitions. Visit [www.sage.edu/opalka/](http://www.sage.edu/opalka/).

**For more information about this program contact [membership@widneny.net](mailto:membership@widneny.net)**

Yes! I would like to attend “Special Events and the Role of the Volunteer and Networking Event” on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spots for WID members (at \$20/member) to attend \_\_\_ both parts \_\_\_ program only \_\_\_ networking only.
- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spots for non-WID members (at \$35/non-member) to attend \_\_\_ both parts \_\_\_ program only \_\_\_ networking only.
- I would like to become a member of Women in Development (\$60/annually).

### Please list the names of the people who will be attending this program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Member  Non-Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Member  Non-Member

### Please share your contact information.

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. Fee is inclusive for both program and networking event. If your schedule does not permit you to attend both, come to what you can. Price remains the same.

### Registration deadline is March 11, 2009.

Registrations made after this date will be assessed a \$5 late fee. Unpaid reservations will be invoiced regardless of whether someone is in attendance at the program. We thank you for understanding that WID must pay for every reservation made.

**Please send payment to:** Women in Development • P.O. Box 5871 • Albany, NY 12205 • [membership@widneny.net](mailto:membership@widneny.net)

**To register online by credit card, visit our website at: [www.widneny.net/programs.htm](http://www.widneny.net/programs.htm)**



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*WID* Program Announcement

**Save the Date!**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

**Women in Development of Northeastern New York Presents**  
**Spring Program & Annual Networking Event**  
**“Special Events and the Role of the Volunteer”**

**This year’s networking event is special!**

Join us for a mixer and cocktail reception in the state-of-the-art Opalka Gallery, the formal exhibition gallery of The Sage Colleges. We’ve also planned a fun ice-breaker so you can easily connect with development colleagues. Door prizes include a piece of fine glass art by award winning local artist, Scott Pernicka. And couldn’t you use a new professional photo? Have your photo professionally taken on location.

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**About Women in Development of Northeastern New York**

Founded in 1994, Women in Development of Northeastern New York was established by 12 women dedicated to promoting women in the fields of development, organizational advancement, and other related fields. Today, the membership has grown to over 140 women in northeastern New York, western Vermont and western Massachusetts. WID of Northeastern New York is part of an informal national WID organization.