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Out of Lemons, Lemonade: Resilience as a Way of Life

Speaker: Dr. Mary Virginia Orna
Professor Emerita
The College of New Rochelle

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Time: 12:00 PM via [Zoom](#)
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Dr. Mary Virginia Orna, will be our NY ACS MetroWomen Chemists' annual seminar speaker. Please join us via Zoom next Wednesday, 9/22, at 12 pm. As described below in her Speaker Bio, Dr. Orna continues to have an eclectic and extensive career in chemistry, ranging from Professor Emerita to entrepreneur.

Biography: Mary Virginia Orna, Ph.D., is Professor Emerita of Chemistry, College of New Rochelle, New York. Her academic specialties are in the areas of color chemistry and archaeological chemistry. Her more recent books include *The Chemical History of Color* (2013), *Science History: A Traveler's Guide* (2014), *The Lost Elements: The Periodic Table's Shadow Side* (2015), *Sputnik to Smartphones: A Half-Century of Chemistry Education* (2015), *Carl Auer von Welsbach: Chemist, Inventor, Entrepreneur* (2017), *Chemistry's Role in Food Production and Sustainability: Past and Present* (2019) and *Archaeological Chemistry: A Multidisciplinary Analysis of the Past* (2020). She has thirteen other authored, co-authored or edited books on chemical education and the history of chemistry to her credit. She is also the recipient of numerous chemical education and service awards, the latest being the American Chemical Society 2021 HIST Award "for her original research in the area of color and pigment chemistry." In 1989, she was designated the New York State Professor of the Year, and in 1994 she served as a Fulbright Fellow in Israel. Her hobby is constructing crossword puzzles; she has contributed many of these to the New York Times. She is a religious of the Ursulines of the Roman Union.

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