

## In Touch

April 2011

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



### Our Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

#### April 4th

10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting  
Helen Smith's Home

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#### April 14th

7:00 p.m.

April Meeting

Merrill Gardens  
7212 265th NW  
Stanwood

Speaker: Judy Rogers, Co-VP  
Membership AAUW-WA

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#### April 16th

State AAUW Annual Meeting  
Bellingham

For more information contact:

Susan Blake  
Co Vice President, Program

LaVonna Ihde  
Co-Vice President, Program

### Message from the President

*Helen Smith*

Now that the forsythia and pink plums are out giving us hope that winter is past, I'm ready to go looking for tulips this week. While the wind blows and the rain comes down, there is sunshine in our future!

Through all this your organization is moving along like a well-oiled machine. Members have been meeting to discuss our 30<sup>th</sup> annual art show and its new possibilities. Others have been combing through the scholarship applications or organizing the high school scholars' recognition program. Last, but certainly not least, and much to my delight and relief, our bylaws committee has worked the kinks out of our bylaws! Thank you to: art show chairs: Kathy Cunningham, Nancy Roberts, Teresa Garrison; scholarship committee: Betty McCadden, Barbara Carroll, Bev Maxwell; high school scholars committee: May Palmer, Mary Raymond; and bylaws committee: Martha Huyler, May Palmer, Cathlin Starke for all their hard work.

As we move into April, let us consider inviting potential members to our April 14, 7:00 p.m. general meeting where we will again welcome our state membership vice-president, Judy Rogers. She will be giving us the latest on what's happening with AAUW in Washington state, as well as the nation organization.

Finally, I want to encourage those who are able to join us for the Washington State AAUW annual meeting at Western Washington University, Bellingham, on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a chance to see our state organization in action, welcome new officer candidates to our leadership, and see the connection between AAUW-WA and the branches it serves. Registration forms are in your spring issue of *The Evergreen Leader*. The deadline for registration is April 1. You can also find details on the [aauw-wa.org](http://aauw-wa.org) website.

We are arranging carpooling for those participating. Please contact Cathlin Starke or Georgi Proulx if you wish to carpool.

### Equal Pay Day

The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 12, 2011. This date symbolizes how far into 2011 women must work to earn what men earned in 2010.

Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color. Why should we care? Because when women earn less during their working life, they receive less in pension and social security benefits. Thus, retirement years can mean a much lower standard of living. With an average career wage gap of over a half-million dollars, women have less now and less later!

## Save These Dates

**May 2nd**

**10:30 a.m.**

Board Meeting  
Helen Smith's Home

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**May 12th**

**6:30 p.m.**

High School Scholar  
Recognition Reception  
Stanwood United Methodist  
Church

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**June 25th**

**2:00 p.m.**

Scholarship Recipient  
Reception  
Joyce Leak's Home



## AAUW-WA Annual Meeting

Since this is a non-convention year for AAUW of Washington, state leadership has planned a non-convention annual meeting.

Partnering with the College of Sciences and Technology at Western Washington University in Bellingham, we'll be joined by students and faculty for a day of celebrating AAUW. We'll share with them our commitment to equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy. Following a dynamic, multi-media, multi-generational program that will engage students and faculty as well as members, we'll have the opportunity to learn more about the exciting research taking place from the students and faculty who are involved. Again this year, our lunch speaker is an LAF plaintiff with an amazing story to tell. And at the end of the day, we'll be guests at a reception hosted by the college. Please join us for this exciting day! And you can check out the tulips on the way!



We'll be in the same building all day, and nearby parking is free. So (1) put your car pools together, (2) register (the form is at [www.aauw-wa.org](http://www.aauw-wa.org)) and (3) join us in Bellingham!

Our branch has several members planning on attending. Please coordinate with Cathlin Starke or Georgi Proulx for carpooling.

## Scholarship Message

Many of you might be unfamiliar with the process of selecting scholarship recipients.

We start in January with registering our scholarship with the Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation (S-CAF). They administer the funds for the scholarship, although they do not process the applications, our branch Scholarship Committee does. Long before the selection process begins the word about the scholarship must go out.

In February news releases go out to four local papers. Letters announcing the scholarship go to the four high schools involved (Stanwood, Lincoln, Lakewood and Arlington), the Community Resource Center and the local libraries. In March and April a reminder news release is sent to the papers. There is also an item in Roy Leshner's on-line newsletter. In the past we have sent e-mail and/or hard copy announcements to EVERY university, college, community college, and vocational school in the state. For the first time, this year we have sent an announcement to TheWashBoard.org. This is a new state-wide service that collates ALL scholarships at one site, making it a much less onerous task for applicants to locate a scholarship.

Then we wait. Applications are usually slow coming in with a crescendo the day before and the day of the deadline. After the deadline is passed, the application with essays, transcripts, and letters of recommendation are collated and copies made for each committee member. Each of us studies the applications and prepares to defend her choices when we meet as a group. That process can take different paths. Sometimes we all have ranked the applicants the same, and sometimes we have had to decide on the basis of points. We are always aware that we are dealing with these applicants' futures.

After we make our choices, we send letters to each of the applicants telling those who we did not choose why, and congratulating those who were chosen. The winners are invited to the recognition tea. This year the event will be at the home of Joyce Leak on June 25th at 2:00 p.m.

We also know that we would not be in this important position were it not for all of the efforts of those working on the art show. What we do is like the frosting on the cake, and there would be no place for frosting if it were not for the "cake" underneath. So thank you for all you do. You all truly put the energy in the AAUW mission statement.

Scholarship Committee Members:  
Betty McCadden, Chair  
Barbara Carroll  
Bev Maxwell

## Your 2010-2011 Board

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### Public Policy

Go to:

AAUW Washington to keep up with happenings in the current legislative session and to learn about areas for action.

[www.aauw-wa.org](http://www.aauw-wa.org)

AAUW Action Network for Congressional items regarding the national issues for action.

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>

Joyce Leak  
Public Policy Leader

## National Women's History Museum

*Taken from AAUW Action Network Email 3/24/11*

Think Women's History is Worth Talking About? Then Support the National Women's History Museum!

Last year, we asked our e-advocates to raise their voices in support of the National Women's History Museum, the organization working to secure support and permission for a privately-financed museum near the National Mall dedicated to celebrating and teaching about the lives, achievements, and contributions of American women. Now, legislation allowing the museum project to move forward is about to be reintroduced.

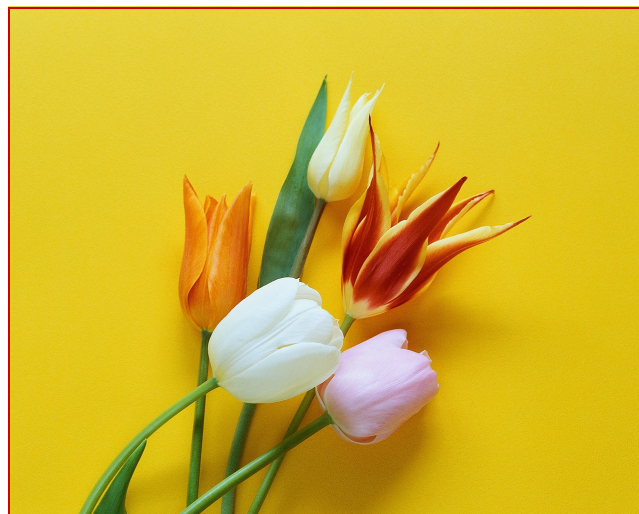
Congress' blessing for the museum was almost granted last year, but there were two hold-outs -- two senators took it upon themselves to prevent the passage of the museum legislation. Sens. Jim DeMint (R-SC) and Tom Coburn (R-OK) weren't really clear on why they put a 'hold' on the museum bill, sponsored by their colleague Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME). They did send Collins a message indicating that they felt the museum would be redundant with several other "women's" museums, including the Quilters Hall of Fame and the National Cowgirl Museum (neither of which are in Washington, D.C.). DeMint may have also mistakenly thought the museum would be all about abortion; he did receive a letter from an ultra-conservative "women's group" opposed to the museum on those grounds.

The history of women in America transcends quilting and cowgirls. It's downright offensive to claim the only thing a museum about women's history has to say is about reproductive rights.

The National Women's History Museum would be dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history. It would not cost taxpayers a dime-- the purchase of the land and the construction, outfitting, and maintenance of the museum would be up to the NWHM institute. AAUW strongly supports this endeavor; after all, we recognize the importance of remembering how far women have come and honoring those who have played an integral part in getting us here. And too often, women's history is absent from textbooks, curricula, memorials and other museums' exhibits.

By celebrating the achievements made by American women in a museum in Washington, we provide real inspiration to the young women and girls visiting our nation's capital.

Urge our representative, Rick Larsen, to cosponsor and support the National Women's History Museum (NWHM) Act when it is reintroduced in the days to come.



## Leaders for Branch Activities

**AAUW Educational Foundation and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund**  
Jackie DeFazio

**2011 Art Show Co-Chairs**  
Kathy Cunningham  
Nancy Roberts

**High School Scholars**  
Alanna Stone

**Scholarship**  
Betty McCadden

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**Public Relations**  
Kathy Cunningham

**Public Policy**  
Joyce Leak

**Candidate Forum**  
Alanna Stone

**Newsletter Team**  
Send Your News to:

Georgi Proulx

Martha Huyler

## Meet Our Members

*Diane Cohn*

Born in Seattle, Washington Diane grew up in the Mount Baker neighborhood attending John Muir grammar school and Franklin High School until the beginning of her senior year when her family moved to Southern California. Diane attended Beverly Hills High School graduating in summer of 1950. Growing up she reports, "I had a very wonderful childhood growing up in the Mount Baker neighborhood and made many friends. Being a girl in that era was a lot of fun".

She went to Los Angeles City College and UCLA for two years later attending design school and graduating in Interior Design. "I have been in the Interior Design field for nearly 40 years. I am also a volunteer in many organizations and if there is a degree for volunteerism I should have one!"

Diane lived in Southern California for 35 years. Married and had five children, four girls and one boy. "I lost my youngest daughter when she was two years old. In 1963-64 I lived in Long Beach, California (where my children were born) then moved to Fullerton, California and had a wonderful beach home in Newport Beach, California where we spent most summers and vacations."

Her hobbies are gardening, golf and traveling. "I have expanded my gardening talents to my wonderful small garden on Juniper Beach, Camano Island. I have joined the Camaloch Golf and Country Club when I first moved to Camano Island. This year I am Captain of the Ladies 18 Hold Golf Club. I have done extensive traveling around the world both in my first marriage and during the last 25 years with my husband, Jerry. We will continue on this path as long as our health is good. I am interested in the cultures of many countries and have done two Polio Missions for Rotary both in Ethiopia and Uganda Africa."

"I am a very open and friendly person and like to participate in activities within the community. I guess I would say I do not like to cook, but love to entertain. Fortunately my husband is a great cook and loves cooking. We have lived in our present home for 13 years. As a child my grandparents had a summer cabin down the beach from where I live now."

Diane has been a member of AAUW for many years joining when "Darlene Epstein asked me to help on decorations for the art show. Probably around 10 years ago". She joined to help her friend and wanted to make new friends. "I also thought AAUW was a very worthwhile organization for women and our issues." Her activities are working on the art show decorations and food preparation.

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

***Keep your head high and be very proud of who you are and what women do in this world. We have come along way and will keep working to make our place a better life style.***

What advice do you have for girls today.

***Try to do as much as possible in the community. Start small and keep adding to your interests. Meet people who you admire and try to achieve a good balance in your lifestyle.***



## Special Branch Activities

### Book Group

Terry Benson

### Day Trippers

Susan Blake

## Branch Information

Now you can easily access the following on our branch website-

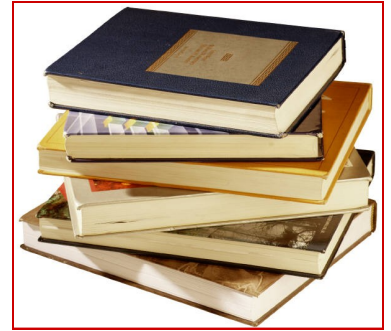
[www.aauwsc.org](http://www.aauwsc.org)

- Current and past newsletters
- Branch By-laws
- Reimbursement Form
- Program Schedule
- Email webmaster for current membership roster



## Book Group

The Book Group is open to all members. Books are available through Sno-Isle Libraries or can be purchased at the Snow Goose Bookstore at a 10% discount. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.



### April

WHAT: Sula by Toni Morrison

WHEN: Monday, April 4, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Joyce Leak's Home

### May

WHAT: Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

WHEN: Monday, May 2, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Kathy Cunningham's Home

For more information, contact Terry Benson

## Be a Day Tripper!

Please contact Susan Blake with your ideas for future group outings.

## AAUW-WA Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Challenge

Thank you to the generosity of Stanwood-Camano branch members, we have contributed \$278.00 to the AAUW-WA LAF challenge.

\$173 was collected at the Branch meeting in March, and another \$105 was mailed to Jackie DeFazio.

Our total is actually more than \$5 per member though the donations came from a portion of our membership. More importantly, the funds will support the important work of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Thank you again to all who contributed!

Jackie DeFazio  
Branch Leader for EF and LAF

## Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Helen Smith.

Theresa Metzger, Executive Director, Stanwood Camano Area Foundation, was our guest speaker. Theresa explained the mission and scope of the community foundation, and gave us an update on the work to bring the YMCA to Stanwood. Additional information is available at [www.s-ccs.org](http://www.s-ccs.org).

Ann Wilson, VP Finance, gave her report. We have \$4356.31 in our checking account. Donations and sales of brownies at the Snow Goose Festival at Four Springs Reserve garnered \$119.15 for the branch.

Kathy Cunningham thanked the branch membership for their willingness to try new activities and support our efforts at the Snow Goose Festival. The snow really reduced guests at the festival, but response to AAUW was very positive. Kathy met several new artists who are interested in our art show.

President Helen Smith advised that our nominating committee has identified candidates for two of the three open positions and will complete their search in the next week or so.

Helen reminded the group to check their *Evergreen Leader* for the registration form for the state AAUW annual meeting in Bellingham on Saturday, April 16. The cost is \$30 and includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Helen encouraged members to participate in this event which replaces the state convention this year. It was agreed that Helen will vote all three votes for state officers on behalf of our branch. Cathlin and Georgi will provide carpools; call them if you would like a ride.

The High School Scholars Recognition will be May 12, at the United Methodist Church 6:30 p.m.-please note the place and time change.

Mary O'Connor mentioned that one of our previous high school scholars just graduated with a degree in physics and is now pursuing post-grad work in nuclear engineering.

Mary O'Connor, VP Membership, has arranged for a table at the Women's Expo at the Camano Senior and Community Center on April 30 from 10:00-4:00 p.m. Six volunteers are needed to staff our table and encourage new memberships. Contact Mary to sign up for a time.

Helen presented the LAF challenge to the group on behalf of Jackie DeFazio. Helen "passed the hat" and donations were collected. Checks may be sent to Jackie, made out to "AAUW LAF."

Susan Blake, Co-VP programs, asked that members contact her to bring refreshments to the new membership meeting on April 14, 7:00 p.m. at Merrill Gardens. Helen encouraged each member to bring a new member. Cathlin suggested that sending each guest a copy of our last newsletter is a good recruiting tool.

Alanna Stone mentioned that Friends of the Library is holding a poetry slam at Leatherheads restaurant on April 12. There will be a \$100 prize; Alanna has additional information for those interested in participating.

Joyce Leak, Public Policy Chair, encouraged members to support HB 1366. Washington State AAUW also supports this bill.

Helen adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Cathlin Starke  
for Jo English



## Activities in Other Local AAUW Branches



### AAUW-Port Townsend's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Kitchen Tour

Start planning now to enjoy the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW Kitchen Tour in Port Townsend, Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



*This year explore Port Townsend's waterfront history, taking you back to 1888 when the Cracker Factory was built and now re-invented as a gorgeous artist's loft with a gourmet chef's kitchen, right in the heart of downtown.*

*Cracker Factory photo courtesy AAUW-PT*

Eight captivating kitchens await...two in downtown Port Townsend, four Uptown and two more on the outskirts of town. For example, the Cracker Factory kitchen and a stunning remodeled contemporary beachfront kitchen are downtown. Because these six kitchens are so close to each other, think about walking or biking this year. The only Tour driving you have to do is to Port Townsend's outskirts to an exceptional new solar, green-built home and a wonderfully successful remodel.

This is a tour to be shared with a friend so come and spend the weekend. Six kitchens are close enough to walk or bike to, and there are many places to have lunch close-by. Try a new restaurant or coffee shop. Walk by the new Northwest Maritime Center at the end of Water Street downtown and enjoy the water and mountain views. This is the time to enjoy Port Townsend and its wonderful setting.

Walking tours and "experience" raffles are new this year. Your "Kitchens Afoot" walking tour map takes you by Port Townsend's great Victorian homes, beautiful gardens and glorious water and mountain views on your way to the next kitchen. Experience raffles let you buy experiences rather than things, while contributing to AAUW's education scholarships.

Start at the Hospitality Center at 9:30 a.m. located at the First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin St. Buy day-of-Tour tickets for \$18; get your Tour Passport; attend a kitchen design seminar about beautiful and functional kitchen design that fits your lifestyle. Refreshments are available. Be sure to pick up a "Kitchens Afoot" walking tour map and buy "experience" raffle tickets. For example, one "experience" raffle brings a chef to your home – he brings the food plus his own pots and pans – to prepare a marvelous dinner for you and your friends and do the clean-up.

Get creative ideas for your own kitchen projects and be inspired by all you experience, knowing that the Tour proceeds directly support AAUW-UWF's local education projects.

Tour information and \$14 advance tickets: 360-385-2224

*The Kitchen Tour is sponsored by the Port Townsend branch of AAUW and the University Women's Foundation of Jefferson County, a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. All proceeds from the Kitchen Tour support AAUW-Port Townsend's education scholarships and community projects in East Jefferson County.*