



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

May 2019

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



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May 2nd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

May Board Meeting
Camano Library

May 9th

Thursday

Note Evening Time

7:00 p.m.

General Meeting
Stanwood United Methodist Church
27128 102nd Dr NW
Stanwood

*High School STEM Scholar
Recognition and Introduction of
2019 Tech Trek Campers*

Program information contact:
Carol Kayler
VP of Program



Message from the President

Leslie Gitomer

As most of you know, I am passionate about STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. I had an exciting career as an engineer and would like to see other young girls follow this path. I have been involved in Tech Trek selections for the entire time I have been a member of our local AAUW branch.

Every year while selecting the girls I always wish there was something more we could do for young girls interested in STEM. The scholarships for camp are great, and all the girls we have sent have really benefited from the experience. In recent years since our fundraising has increased, we have been able to send more girls, but I worry about the ones we couldn't send. How will that affect their future? Hopefully they continue their interest. As a result I always research other local opportunities and share them with the girls when we send them a letter informing them of our camp selection results.

There are some local AAUW groups that do host one day STEM workshops that are partially sponsored by AAUW. The name of this event is called Expanding your Horizons, <https://www.evhn.org/>. The branches partner with a university, college or community college and supply organizational support and volunteers to host the event. The AAUW Edmonds SnoKing group this year hosted one such event in partnership with Edmonds Community College. To view information about the event that was held in March check out this link <https://www.edcc.edu/evh>. This event is held during the school week and generally a school district will sign up to send a number of girls and provide bus transportation.

Skagit community college has also held a similar event this year (also during the school week) in partnership with Skagit STEM, <http://www.skagitstem.com/spotlight-on-women-in-stem/>. It would be great if we could convince our school district to send girls to one of these two events next year.

There is also an event on May 4 put on by Western Washington University in Bellingham. The name of this event is called GEMS, Girls in Engineering, Math and Science. <https://ee.wvu.edu/youth-programs/programs/gems-academy-girls-engineering-math-science>.

Another idea I had is possibly hosting monthly STEM events at our local library. There are resources on the national AAUW website for some of these activities. <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/stem-programs-for-girls/#curriculum>. In the past, I was also involved in a program that Boeing Engineers used to take to the local Everett Schools called a "World in Motion." Some of that curriculum would work well in a library unit. Snohomish STEM is another local organization that hosts events throughout the year, <https://www.snohomishstem.org/about/>.

As you can see the possibilities to do more are endless. I wanted to put this information out there to plant some ideas for the future.

Hope to see you all on the evening of May 9 when we honor our High School STEM scholars and introduce our lucky Tech Trek campers for this year.

Future Events

June 6th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

June Board Meeting
Camano Library

June 23rd
Sunday

1:00 p.m.

Scholarship Tea
Stanwood-Camano Community
Resource Center

*Presentation of the 2019
Scholarship Winners
and Election of Officers*

Are You Ready to See the Future?

Helen Smith

High school STEM scholars and Tech Trek candidates will be our guests at the May 9 meeting to be held again this year at the Stanwood United Methodist Church.

We will honor eleven high school girls from three area high schools for their outstanding scholarship in their STEM courses. We will also be awarding the eleven Tech Trek camperships to seventh grade girls from four area middle schools.

The reception will begin at 7:00 p.m. Members are requested to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to help set up.

We are very excited to welcome Michelle Totman as speaker for the evening. Michelle did her undergraduate work at UC Davis receiving a degree in Environmental Biology and Management with a double minor in Geographic Information System (GIS) and Soil Science. Her Master's Degree was in Soil Science from Washington State University. She currently works for the Tulalip Tribes as the GIS Specialist for the Natural Resources Department.



AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

VOTE 2019

Voting Deadline is May 14
6:00 p.m. ET

Please refer to the email sent to you in early April with your log in and pin number.

Questions? Contact:

connect@aauw.org or
800.326.2289

10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. ET

It is suggested that you review the candidate qualifications from the email link "Candidates for the 2019 Board of Directors" before you proceed to vote.

From the email select "Vote Now".

This takes you to a information confirmation page.

Confirm then "Start Voting".

Follow the directions on the page and it will take no time to finish.

If you cannot locate the voting email from Kim Churches call the number above for help.

Happy voting.

Visit our branch website for forms, newsletters, and upcoming events.

www.aauwsc.org

PWP Tickets Available NOW!

Cathlin Starke

As of May 1, it is 158 days until our BIG Bi-Annual fundraiser!! NOW IT'S TIME TO SELL TICKETS!

Hi all—I am writing this to try to answer some basic questions you may have, and to let you know I will coordinate receiving your checks for tickets, assigning your table(s) and mailing out your ticket(s) to you.

Please call Cathlin Starke if you have any questions about our fundraiser.

This event is a private, "by invitation" event; it is not open to the general public. We can accommodate 176 guests. Tickets are \$35 each and include lunch and wine at each table. Tables seat six and eight; you can buy a table, or half a table, or individual tickets. I will process ticket requests in the order your checks are received. Mail your check payable to "AAUW Stanwood-Camano" with "PWP" in the comment line to Cathlin Starke.

Tickets are non-refundable. This event sells out quickly, and I will keep a "wait list."

Please email me the name, address, telephone number and email for each ticket holder as soon as possible as we will build a data base to speed guest checkouts.

As you are thinking about who to invite, our "ideal" guest is someone who totally supports our AAUW goals and is willing to give generously to support university and Tech Trek scholarships for Stanwood, Camano and Arlington students.

Some history: we did our first PWP October, 2013. It funded scholarships for the next two years. October 5, 2019 will be our 4th PWP—and bigger and better than ever! Thanks to our generous community!

From our 2013 PWP through our 2019 year, we will have funded 15 student university scholarships, and 37 student scholarships to Tech Trek—positively impacting the lives of 52 Stanwood, Camano and Arlington students! University scholarships have been in the \$3000 to \$4000 range, and Tech Trek around \$950 per student—all through our combined efforts dedicated to making this a fun and successful event!



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* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2019

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Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

Pay Parity – Closing the Gender Gap

Cathlin Starke [from aauw.org]

Please reach out and share this with all the people you know: family, friends, neighbors — anyone who wants pay parity and success for the women in their lives.

Simply go to www.aauw.org and click on *Work Smart On Line*.

AAUW, with the help of grants from national companies, has developed a free on-line course on job search, interviewing, and negotiating salary. It can be downloaded to any mobile device or computer, and is an amazingly easy to use tool!

Please spread the word!



Purses with Purpose: Volunteers Needed

Lynda Buehring

Purse Spotters: We need volunteers to act as spotters for the live auction portion of our event. Must be able to hear and be comfortable shouting out to draw attention to the bidders and final winner. This is a good job for husbands if they want to be part of the excitement.

Food Servers: We have confirmed the assistance of two adult volunteers who will help serve the meals with the students. We still need more adult volunteers to assist the student servers. Again, another good job for a husband.

Raffles: We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the event. No cash or credit processing will be involved only recording the last name, bid number, and quantity sold. Guests will retain one part of the two part ticket.

Procurement Assistance: Additional volunteers are still needed to assist the procurement committee with getting items for live auction purses.

Silent Auction Purses: Our goal is 250 purses for the silent auction of which five will be displayed with extras and may end up in the live auction. We currently have 170 silent auction purses.

Live Auction Purses: Our goal is 35 live auction purses; we are currently at around 32.

Glass Purse Centerpieces: Our goal was 24 glass purse centerpieces and we have reached our goal.

Live Auction Items for Purses: We still need items to go with the purses to create "a package" for live auction. The items can be dinners, art, getaways, or themed items.

All members are invited to our PWP Steering and Planning Committee meetings on May 21 and June 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Camano Library.

Thank you again for your generosity and support in helping to change the lives of others.



Branch Dues are Payable Now

Martha Huyler

Attention all members! Membership dues for the 2019-2020 year are payable. The amount is \$93 (\$59 for national, \$10 for state, \$24 for branch). Please consider paying early so our treasurer has time to process your checks and send in our payment before June 30.

Please mail check made out to "Stanwood-Camano AAUW" to Stanwood-Camano AAUW, PO Box 2652, Stanwood, WA 98292, or pay at the May 9 meeting via check OR pay via credit card (small fee will added to cover credit card charges).



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

An informal gathering of members with time and interest to participate in a variety of outings.

Lynda Buehring
Mary Pilkington
Patti Pontikis

Movie Group

Join us for lunch and a movie. Suggestions welcome.

Anne Milton
Georgi Proulx

Book Group

Open to all members. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.

Katie Farrey



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stanwoodcamanoaauw](http://www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw)

LIKE our page to
follow us then

SHARE to increase
our visibility in
the community.

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

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for Congressional items
regarding the national
issues for action.

[http://capwiz.com/
aauw/home/](http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/)

Book Group

Katie Farrey

The Book Group is open to all members. Books are available through Sno-Isle Libraries. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.



May

WHAT: Beartown by Fredrik Backman

WHEN: Monday, May 6, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Lilija Tushinski's Home

June

WHAT: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towels

WHEN: Monday, June 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Pilkington's Home

"In 1922 deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery" - Provided by publisher.

July

WHAT: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

WHEN: Monday, July 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Joyce Leak's Home

"Presents a true account of the early twentieth-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

Day Trippers: May 30, Friday Harbor

Lynda Buehring

May Day Tripper details are below. Please firm up reservations no later than May 10 by emailing Lynda Buehring to secure a reservation. Guests are welcome.

Carpools leave Terry's Corner and Stanwood at 7:30 a.m. (Lynda Buehring, Norma Mouton and Donna Joudrey will drive and Linda Lynn will drive with guest from Bellingham.

Ferry leaves Anacortes to Friday Harbor at 9:30 a.m. arriving Friday Harbor at 10:35 a.m. Ferry Round Trip Adult: \$13.75, Senior over 65: \$6.85 . Ferry leaves Friday Harbor at 6:25 p.m. arriving Anacortes at 7:50 p.m.

San Juan Transit Tours & Charters will pick us up at Friday Harbor Ferry Terminal: Tour Cost for 15 people \$20.00 per person, plus 5.00 each for the tip.

10:35: Picked up from Friday Harbor Terminal

10:50: Arrive at American Camp Tour Interpretive Center, drive to South Beach for Beach walk if desired

12:00: Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm

12:45: San Juan Vineyards. \$10 charge for 4 tastings of wine, but it is waived if you buy a bottle of wine

1:15: Downriggers for Lunch. This is where SJ Transit will drop us off and this part of the tour ends.

2:30: Friday Harbor Chocolates & Ports

3:00 to 6:00: Everyone will be on their own for shopping and touring the downtown area. Return to ferry for boarding by 6:00 p.m.

Scholarship - Nearing Finish Line

Anne Milton

We are nearing the end of the scholarship season with a May 15 deadline for applications. Kindly mark your calendars for the annual "Scholarship Tea" scheduled for Sunday, June 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the Stanwood-Camano Resource Center. We are anticipating a larger group this year due to our own expanded membership and the fact that we will be awarding four scholarships for the first time in our branch. Typically each award recipient invites their parents, grandparents and siblings.

We will be very appreciative if members could bring desserts; a sign up sheet will be distributed at the May 9 meeting.

The scholarship committee is comprised of six members and all will be very busy the last week of May reviewing and ranking the candidates in accordance with weighted criteria.

We look forward to seeing you at the Scholarship Tea, celebrating the winners and meeting their families.



Women's Expo Success

Photographer: Martha Huyler

This year's Women's Expo held on Saturday, April 27, at the Camano Center was very successful for our branch. We welcomed two new members: Susan Knipe and Tracy Gilroy and collected several contacts for possible future membership.

Below are photos of our booth and the members serving the branch by welcoming the public and sharing the positive things about being a member of Stanwood-Camano AAUW. Thank you for participating.



Martha Huyler, Ramona Hall,
Elaine Richards, Georgi Proulx



Morning Shift: Ramona Hall and Elaine Richards



Afternoon Shift: Kaye Sodt and Carol Kayler

General Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2019

The social half hour began at 5:00 p.m. with member-provided finger foods and coffee.

The topic of the program was "Cruising with Confidence". At 5:30 p.m., Carol Kayler introduced our speaker, Dawn Mettler.

President – call to order: Leslie Gitomer called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests announcing that we still need a Treasurer-elect for the 2019-2020 year. Members are welcome to self-nominate for this position.

Secretary – Approve Minutes from March member meeting: Cathlin Starke moved to approve the minutes and Jackie DeFazio seconded; the motion was carried.

Finance – review March budget: Nancy Voelckers provided a handout with the March, 2019 reports: Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss YTD Comparison, and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. We have a \$48,044.21 balance; the expenses for the month were \$9500 for Tech Trek, \$100 for our table rental for the Women's Expo event, \$49.21 for Branch Programs, and \$287.64 for a three year contract for the Branch website. Income for the month was \$21.19 interest, and \$24.00 for Branch dues. She reiterated the need for a Treasurer-elect.

PWP – updates and request to members for purses and volunteers: Leslie told us that they still need more purses and are looking for volunteers to work at the event. Lynda Buehring reported that they have almost 170 silent auction purses, and are getting closer to the live auction target. She is encouraging new member participation to attend the steering committee meetings and to volunteer at the event. Cathlin Starke announced that ticket sales will begin on May 1, and we will be attracting women in the community who share our values in education. The event is on October 5, 2019. To order tickets, write a check to Stanwood Camano AAUW, and write PWP or Purses with Purpose on the comment line. 176 non-refundable tickets will be available, and entire tables for six or eight may be purchased. Beginning August 1, she will maintain a wait list. Please collect and provide full names, addresses, phone, and email addresses for your guests. The vendor, PB&J will do all of the processing and enter that information into a data base. Upon arrival, each guest will give PB&J a credit card to expedite purchases during the event.

Programs – upcoming meetings: Helen Smith reminded us that the next general meeting will be our annual meeting to honor our twelve High School Scholars and eleven Tech Trek recipients, and will be held at the Stanwood United Methodist Church. We need a new speaker, as the previously scheduled speaker will be out of town. Cake will be served along with a fruit plate or two. Two parking lots are available, one that is shared with the Floyd Center, and one is on the North side of the church building. The program starts at 7:00 p.m.; please arrive at 6:30 to help by greeting the students and their parents, volunteering for other duties, and mingling with our guests.

Membership – updates, Women's Expo, Dues: Martha Huyler encouraged everyone to bring guests to meetings and reported that we have a table at the Women's Expo. Membership dues are now due.

Tech Trek Program – selection process complete, camp volunteers: Terry Benson told us that they interviewed fifteen girls and their parents and chose ten girls. Then an unexpected donation came in, enabling us to pay for an eleventh girl in honor of Betty McCadden. We have met our dorm monitor obligation, but the program needs more adult volunteers. Leslie and Judy Prince both spoke about what a great experience it was.

Scholarship – Deadline is May 15: Leslie reported that the process is now underway to award four \$4000 scholarships this year to recipients who are college juniors or above. The deadline for applications is May 15, and candidates will be selected by June 5. The annual scholarship tea will be held, probably on June 23 at an undetermined location. We need a volunteer to host this event at their home.

High School STEM: Girls are selected, and preparations are being made for the May meeting.

Public policy –updates: We received an email from AAUW National to vote for officers and policies. Cathlin urges us to read the resumes of the candidates then vote for those who will uphold the AAUW values.

Old Business: AAUW State Meeting in Bellingham on April 12-13.

New Business: The Stanwood Camano news contains an article about member Katie Farrey, who has started a social justice book group. Cathlin has accepted the position of Membership Chair for the Camano Island Library Friends. She brought applications for those who wish to become Friends. Martha announced a free microchip clinic for dogs and cats at CASA on Saturday, April 13.

Adjourn: At 7:05 p.m., Kaye Sordt moved to adjourn, and Doris Taylor seconded. The motion was carried.

Respectively submitted,

Lynda Lynn, Secretary

Day Trippers Karla Matzke's Fine Art & Sculpture Park, April 12, 2019

The April Day Tripper event on April 12 was to Karla Matzke's Fine Art & Sculpture Park for a presentation by the artist followed by a tour of her gallery and outside gardens featuring her ever-changing collection of outdoor sculptures.

The following members were present and are pictured left to right: Linda Lynn, Mary Raymond, Elaine Richards, Doris Taylor, Val Nelson, Nancy Leuschel, Mary Pilkington, Bonney Lemkin. Kathy Cunningham was the photographer. Artist, Karla Matzke, is in the front.



Day Tripper: Learn Raku, September 17

Mary Pilkington

Since we do not meet in the summer, we are announcing a Day Tripper for September 17, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park learning about the Raku process. RAKU (an ancient way of making pottery) is an easy and exciting art-making process. No prior experience is necessary.

Decorate a pre-made bowl and watch it fast-fired into a beautiful work of art as you wait. The process is quick, exciting, and, above all, FUN! You will go home with a beautiful bowl which you decorated. Mary Pilkington and other AAUW members have attended these workshops and highly recommend them.

Cost: \$54.35 (including tax) for a standard bowl (approx. 6" diameter), \$81.53 (including tax) for a larger bowl (approx. 8" diameter). If we have 18 people sign up, our group will make up the entire workshop. If less than 18 sign up, we will be in the workshop with other attendees. *Please see the flyer on page 8 with more details.*

If you are interested, please make out your check to MATKZE FINE ART GALLERY for either a standard bowl or larger bowl and mail it as soon as possible to Mary Pilkington at 510 N. Waynes Ridge Circle, Camano Island, 98282. We must pay for the class to be registered. These classes are very popular, limited in size, and fill up quickly.

Carpools will be arranged from Terry's Corner.



Never go cheap on your bed or your shoes. You will be in one or the other your entire life.

~David Schaner

Learn the Raku Process (a fun time with clay)

at

Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park
2345 B Janche Way, Camano Island, WA 98282

Create Art — No Experience Necessary — Decorate a pre-made bowl and watch it fast-fire into a beautiful work of art as you wait! The process is quick, exciting, and, above all, FUN!

Raku (an ancient way of making pottery) is an easy and exciting artmaking process. You will be proud of your own beautiful and unique art bowl to take home or share as a gift!

At this **Fun With Raku** event you purchase a unique handmade clay bowl and decorate it with colored glazes and designs that you select. Your art bowl is then fired quickly and removed hot from the kiln and quickly smoked and cooled using a process called raku. This process brings out the unique and surprising colors of your handiwork.

Instructor Brian Somers is a fine artist with over 40 years of creating art. Brian's pottery will be available for purchase.



Dates: **TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

Time: 1pm to 4:00. (3 hours)

Cost: \$50 standard bowl \$75 Larger bowl

Inv # 4.35 # 6.53 w/ tax

Reserve your space (groups welcome)

*SEND YOUR CHECK MADE OUT
TO: MATZKE FINEART GALLERY
TO MARY PILKINGTON
50N. WAYNES RIDGE GRILLE, CAMANO ISLAND*

*Come early to check out the Gallery Show
and walk the ten-acre sculpture park!*



Select
Your Bowl



Glaze
Your Bowl



Fire
Your Bowl



Enjoy
Your Bowl

