

# Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

# In Touch

December 2019

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



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# December 3rd Giving Tuesday

Stanwood Camano Give

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December 5th Thursday 1:00 p.m.

December Board Meeting

Note Location Change

Stanwood Library

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# December 12th Thursday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Holiday Luncheon
Cama Beach Cafe
Cama Beach State Park
Discovery Pass Needed
Carpooling Recommended

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# December 19th Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Purses with Purpose Post-Event Evaluation Camano Library

Program contact: Carol Kayler VP of Program

# Message from the President

Mary Chesney

The holidays provide an opportunity to give to those who are in need. This year our branch made the decision to do act on this opportunity. At the holiday luncheon, we are asking all attendees to consider bringing an 8 color Crayola brand watercolor set. This was decided during the November general meeting after we heard Marianne McGarry-Bloom's report on our branch's involvement in the art docent program for the first grade at Stanwood Elementary. Jackie Olson reported on the difficulty some of the children had when participating in a watercolor activity. Some children had high quality watercolors (Crayola) while others were using a brand that had a much lower level of pigment resulting in a less than desirable final product. A decision was made to step in and provide enough Crayola watercolor sets so every child would have an equal opportunity to have quality materials for art projects. See more on page 2.

A quick note to thank all of you (over 50 percent of our members) who responded to the survey regarding our monthly meetings. The reasons for not attending were varied from travel to conflicts with other events including childcare (no doubt a grandparent duty) and illness. It was a surprise that no one indicated the need for transportation but one did say they don't attend evening meetings due to driving in the dark. A future survey will attempt to learn which topics would result in more people attending. As you may recall, one strategy we have implemented to promote attendance is offer the majority of our meetings via Skype. Please note, the December Holiday Luncheon will not be a Skype broadcast since it will not be held at the library. We continue to seek input from members to learn what we need to change or add in order to make the general meetings to meet the interest and be accessible to all members. See more on page 3.

Looking forward to seeing you and spending time together at the Holiday Luncheon on December 12.

# A Kaleidoscope of Activities

Martha Huyler

As you read this newsletter, you will find a kaleidoscope of activities offered on different days and at different times. Please take the time to see if any of these appeal



to you and make the effort to attend. If you have any questions about any of them, just contact the author of the article. Not every activity may be of interest, but hopefully you do participate. As you will find, these educational activities are also a great time to get to know each other better. While you are at it, consider sharing the newsletter and bringing a prospective member.

# **Future Events**

January 2nd Thursday 1:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting Camano Library

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January 9th Thursday 12:30 p.m.

Social Half Hour

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Camano Library

Program: Janelle Mastain from Flawless presenting "Women's Careers in Technology"

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January 27th Monday Lobby Day

Olympia

## **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

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

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



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

www.aauwsc.org

# Stanwood Camano Give on Giving Tuesday Terry Benson

Tuesday, December 3, is Giving Tuesday; our branch project is the "Science & Technology Camp for Girls." Our goal is to raise \$1900 to send two seventh grade girls



to Tech Trek next July.

On Facebook, please "like" Stanwood Camano AAUW to follow our announcements then "share" to promote our project or follow the link to go

directly to our branch page: www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw.

Here's how you donate on Tuesday, December 3:

- 1. Visit www.scgive.org.
- Select AAUW's "Science & Technology Camp for Girls" project from the list.
- 3. Scroll down and click on "read more."
- 4. Select your donation amount then "add to cart."
- 5. Your "shopping cart" is at the upper right part of your screen. Select "continue shopping" to give to another project or select "checkout".
- 6. Complete the information requested and pay with your credit card to complete your donation.

Hope to see you, your friends and your family helping out.

# Art Docent Program & Crayola Watercolors Mary Chesney

Marianne McGarry-Bloom has started a monthly art education program for 80 first graders at Stanwood Elementary School. At their first class this past month, Marianne, Jackie Olson, and Nancy Voelckers worked with the students on a watercolor activity. Jackie shared at our November meeting about the difficulty some of the children had when participating. Some children had high quality watercolors (Crayola) while others were using a brand that had a much lower level of pigment resulting in a less than desirable final product. After some discussion by the members a decision was made to step in and provide enough Crayola "8 color" watercolor sets so every child would have an equal opportunity to have quality materials for art projects. To help us achieve this goal, interested members are asked to bring Crayola "8 color" sets to the Holiday Luncheon.



The Crayola "8 color" sets are not expensive. The smallest number of sets available on Amazon is 2 for \$6. Sets are also available for as little as \$2.75 (bulk pricing for 24 sets on Amazon). Perhaps you could contact your friends and go in together to buy a bulk box and split the cost. If you aren't able to attend the Holiday Luncheon, Crayola watercolors will be accepted at the January 9 meeting.

# January 9th: Janelle Mastain, Flawless Carol Kayler

Join us at our monthly meeting January 9 for a presentation by Janelle Mastain, a Lead Technical Recruiter and Account Manager for Flawless Recruit - a boutique recruiting agency that focuses on hiring technical talent in Seattle and San Francisco. Over the course of her career, she has hired for startups and nonprofits, as well as some of the enterprise companies in our area.

Janelle has recently discovered her true passion within recruiting focusing on Diversity and Inclusion hiring. She's had great success partnering with HR departments and Engineering Leadership to provide guidance and insights to create an inclusive interview process that is conducive to attracting a diverse talent pool. She's a true advocate for Women in Technology, and always goes the extra mile to help "bridge the gap" when she works with women who are underpaid or undervalued in their jobs.

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# **Activity Leaders**

Purses with Purpose 2019 Lynda Buehring Norma Mouton

**High School STEM Scholars** Leslie Moore

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Terry Benson

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Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

# Save the Date: January 22, 2020, Day Tripper Lynda Buehring

Please save Wednesday, January 22, for a Day Tripper outing to the Pacific NW Quilt and Fiber Art Museum in La Conner. The tour of the museum and history on the historic home will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last about 45 minutes. Cost per person is \$5.00 for a group of 8 or more. After the tour, the group will have lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Nell Thorn in La Conner.

After lunch there will be time for shopping or visiting other places of interest. Return trip home will be ready to leave by 3:00 p.m. Carpools will leave Camano and Stanwood around 10:15 a.m.

Hope you can join us.

## Lobby Day: January 27, 2020

Save the date, Monday, January 27, to attend Lobby Day in Olympia. Meet for breakfast with AAUW Washington leadership and our lobbyist, Pam Crone, to discuss the issues to discuss in the afternoon meeting with our state representatives and senators.



Here is the link to the Evergreen Leader with registration form and other information.

## https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2019/11/AAUW-WA-Evergreen-Leader-Fall-2019-final.pdf

If you would like to attend please contact Mary Chesney to coordinate arrangements for travel.

# Skype: What is That?

Skype is for connecting with the people wherever you are via mobile and/or personal computer. (www.skype.com)

In an effort to include members that are not free to attend the programs and meetings but are available via WiFi to "watch" and "interact", Mary Chesney has initiated Skype as a viable option for YOU to participate.



In addition to Mary attending past board and PWP meetings via Skype, our November meeting was the first meeting available on Skype. Involvement was light but that is not dissuading her; Mary is committed to circulating information on this new technology to all of our members with the hope that it catches on.

If you have a Skype account and would like to attend, send Mary an email before the meeting to let her know of your interest, and she will watch for your account the day of the meeting and enable you to virtually attend. If a vote takes place during the general meeting, you will be able to cast your vote using the comment option.

The directions to set up a Skype account and how to log into our AAUW account can be found at this link:

https://1drv.ms/w/s!AugFPuCW5Sjtg4Mo DggBFW-AyM28g

# Branch Beginnings: Our First Branch Officers

Carolyn Spector

Celeste Gertrude Moll Murphy was elected first president of the Arlington Branch of AAUW, in April 1936. Born in Washington in 1901, Celeste graduated from the University of Washington with a major in Liberal Arts. While at the U.W., she served as Junior Class Representative to the Board of Control, ASUW. She covered sorority news for the Tyee yearbook, and was a member of the Women's League and Alpha Chi Omega. Celeste was a member of the Junior Prom Committee, the Charity Committee, and Tolo Club, and chaired the



Women's Executive Council in 1923 (representing the Women's League). She was a reporter for the U. W. Daily. After graduation, she married Harold Murphy, also a graduate of U.W. They had a son and daughter. The couple moved to Portland, but later returned to Snohomish County. Celeste died in 1981 and is buried in the Arlington Municipal Cemetery alongside her husband.

Vice President Alice Satre was born in Minnesota in 1892, lived in Choteau, Montana, and moved to Washington in 1915. Following graduation from the U.W., she taught in the Choteau area where in 1918 she co-chaired a pie social to raise money for the Red Cross. Returning to Washington, she lived on Depot-Logan Road in Stanwood while teaching. She taught at Longview and Everett, as well as Arlington. She served as publicity chair for the Arlington PTA in 1940. At Arlington High School she taught English, served as advisor to the school newspaper, and directed at least one play at Arlington High School. She was elected vice president of the Washington Classroom Teachers Association in 1947. Alice never married. She spent her last years at Josephine Sunset Home and after her death in 1981, was buried in the Anderson Cemetery in Stanwood.

Georgia Harris, Secretary, was born in Iowa in 1890 or 1891. Handwritten Branch records report that she graduated from Colorado University, but an Arlington High School yearbook indicates that she had both a B.A. and an M.A., graduating from the U.W. and Columbia University. While it is not known when she moved to Washington, by 1920 she was living and teaching in Kent. A few years later, she was teaching Social Science, Girls' Athletics, and serving as Dean of Girls at Arlington High School. She was also advisor to the high school Girls' League. Georgia remained strongly committed to AAUW, serving as State Board Treasurer in 1948-1949. She died in Seattle in 1976.

Treasurer Livola Alice Meyers was born in King County in 1904, the daughter of Norwegian immigrants. She attended Queen Anne High School, participating in French Club and Girls' Club; her motto was "Tis great to be an inspiration to others." At the University of Washington, she studied Liberal Arts. At Arlington High School, she taught mathematics, and served as Freshman Class Advisor. By 1939 she was the Senior Class Advisor, which judging by the student activities and achievements she supervised, could almost have been considered a second job! In one year, this class, under her mentorship, produced the play "Charley's Aunt," planned the Senior Ball, gave a Mothers' Tea, gave the Valentine party for Juniors, and held Pep and USO assemblies; in addition, 3 seniors were in the all-school play, 8 lettered in football, 4 lettered in basketball, 6 lettered in tennis and 1 lettered in debate. Twelve of the class were in the Honor Society, and one senior girl was first in the county for Essay and Oratorical contests. Liv later moved to Renton, where she taught mathematics until her retirement. By 1952 she had taken classes at the University of California and Columbia University. In 1955, she was serving as Secretary-Treasurer for the Washington State Mathematics Council. By 1960 she was head of the Mathematics Dept. at Renton High School. Liv never married. She passed away in 1990.

These women shared the ability to support themselves by virtue of their education, at a time when many people lacked the education or skills to do so. We can all be proud of their accomplishments and their commitment to women's education, which helped motivate the founding of our branch back in 1936.

**Movie Group:** Join us for lunch and a movie Georgi Proulx

Tuesday, November 19, our movie group attended the picture, "Harriet", an emotional, spellbinding movie about Harriet Tubman. We determined we should have met for lunch after the movie because "Harriet" stimulated conversation that needed more time than we spent sharing our comments while saying our goodbyes.

Kathy Cunningham: "The poignancy of Harriet's story and the desperation of the enslaved was narrated without an overly heavy hand in politicizing the horridness while the narration held the fire of her words and inspiration. The power of song was woven throughout Harriet's story: the sorrow in the church scenes and the goodbyes and the call to freedom she signaled."

Netflix will release the DVD in December. Georgi will be setting up a viewing and lunch when she receives the DVD probably in January. Kathy suggests that you may want to read up on Harriet Tubman in preparation for the discussion that will follow. She recommends the following:

The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War by Andrew Delbanco

The Bone and Sinew of the Land. America's Forgotten Pioneers & The Struggle for Equality by Anna-Lisa Cox

#### Meet Our Members

Robin Hanks

Born in Riverside, California, Robin shares, "I spent my childhood growing up in Riverside when the population was 47,000. Today it is seven times that at 330,000. I had an older and younger sister. My Dad was the foreman at a local manufacturing plant, and my mom was a housewife. We had a nice middle class home in a great neighborhood where we could walk to school, and I lived there through high school. My mom went back to college when my younger sister started school and graduated from the University of California Riverside with a Teaching Credential and eventually worked at UCR teaching teachers. My sisters and I all graduated from college."



Growing up she remembers, "I was very independent and spent a great deal of time with my girlfriends in the neighborhood and their families. I was in Girl Scouts, went to a summer camp during the 4th and 5th grades and loved being on my own. My sisters, friends and I joined the National Charity League "Ticktockers" which had a mission of fostering mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. I participated in that organization from the seventh grade until I graduated from high school and consequently worked many hours at the California School for the Deaf, which was very near my home."

Robin attended California State Universities San Diego and Fullerton graduating with a BA in Art. "I met my husband in high school and while we went to different colleges we got married in 1972 and continued to live and work in Riverside. I had two children and lived in a home next to the University of California Riverside. My children were able to attend a neighborhood preschool and walk to elementary school just as I had. I had a career job with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, so my husband became the primary caregiver for the children. I went back to college at UCR earning a B.A., M.A., and PhD over the next few decades while working as a journalist, archivist and professor. We helped the children obtain their undergraduate degrees and one became a lawyer and the other a pharmacist. We stayed in Riverside until 2014, when we sold our home and retired to the Pacific Northwest."

Robin has been in the Stanwood/Camano area for five years this past August and is "brand new" to AAUW. She joined because "I like the people I have met who are members, and I really enjoyed listening to the eighth grade students that attended the STEM camp -- a very worthy and motivating cause." She jumped right in volunteering at Purses with Purpose this past October.

Robin's hobbies and interests are art, nature, architecture, history, and genealogy. "Most of our travels have been in the United States or Canada."

## What would surprise us about you?

I have a small book publishing company called Coyote Hill Press.

## What advice do you have for AAUW members?

To remember it is a little uncomfortable to be a new member.

## What advice do you have for girls today?

Keep fighting for equality and the right to be treated respectfully no matter what.

# Book Group Tale from November 4th

Kathy Cunningham



Hosted by Thea Wellington, with treats including pumpkins of clementine and celery stems offered by Kathy Cunningham (who learned this at a 5 year old birthday party!), the discussion of <u>Lincoln in the Bardo</u>, was thoughtful and evolved thru a video replication of final interaction between the main characters, to discussions of whether or not ghosts of those we loved come back.

Don't miss our next Book Group December 2 at Martha Huyler's home to discuss <u>The</u> Great Gatsby and Rebecca.

Come for stimulating discussion and warm fellowship whether you read the book or not.

# 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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# **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.



#### **December**

WHAT: The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

WHEN: Monday, December 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Martha Huyler's Home

The Great Gatsby: This quintessential novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers. The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island at a time when The New York Times noted "gin was the national drink and sex the national obsession," it is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.- Provided by publisher.

<u>Rebecca</u>: The second Mrs. Maxim de Winter recalls the chilling events that transpired as she began her new life as the young bride of a husband she barely knew. For in every corner of every room were phantoms of a time dead but not forgotten--a past devotedly preserved by the sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. With an eerie presentiment of evil tightening her heart, the second Mrs. de Winter walked in the shadow of her mysterious predecessor, determined to uncover the darkest secrets and shattering truths about Maxim's first wife--the late and hauntingly beautiful Rebecca.- Provided by publisher

# **January**

WHAT: The Island of the Sea Women by Lisa See

WHEN: Monday, January 6, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Jackie DeFazio's Home

The Island of Sea Women is an epoch set over many decades, beginning during a period of Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s, followed by World War II, the Korean War and its aftermath, through the era of cell phones and wet suits for the women divers. This beautiful, thoughtful novel illuminates a world turned upside down, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children. A classic Lisa See story--one of women's friendships and the larger forces that shape them--The Island of Sea Women introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives"- Provided by publisher.

## **February**

WHAT: Becoming by Michelle Obama

WHEN: Monday, February 3, 2020, 2:00 p.m. WHERE: Marianne McGarry-Bloom's Home

In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. Michelle Obama describes the early years of her marriage as she struggles to balance her work and family with her husband's fast-moving political career. She takes us inside their private debate over whether he should make a run for the presidency and her subsequent role as a popular but oft-criticized figure during his campaign. [This book] takes us through modest Iowa kitchens and ballrooms at Buckingham Palace, through moments of heart-stopping grief and profound resilience, bringing us deep into the soul of a singular, groundbreaking figure in history as she strives to live authentically, marshaling her personal strength and voice in service of a set of higher ideals. In telling her story with honesty and boldness, she issues a challenge to the rest of us: Who are we and who do we want to become?--Dust jacket.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

# General Meeting Minutes - November 14 2019

**Call to Order:** President, Mary Chesney, called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. She shared thoughts of care for Linda Lynn and her husband, Gary, during this time of his recovery.

**Survey:** Mary Chesney shared the results of the survey emailed in October. 41 people (50% membership) responded. Results: Half of the respondents did not attend the September or October meetings. It is still being determined why members are not coming to meetings. Collection of data will continue at the December luncheon. The survey remains open if one missed the initial invitation. Email Georgi Proulx for second emailing.

**Holiday Luncheon** at Cama Café on December 12: Tickets on sale for \$26 each. New for this year – Table Decoration Contest. Georgi Proulx asked for signups to decorate a table. Guests will vote on their favorite, and a prize will be awarded to the winner. There is no budget in the ticket price for supplies; decorations will be taken home by the decorator.

**Minutes:** September 12, 2019 Meeting – Martha Huyler motioned to approve minutes as printed in the October newsletter; Cathlin Starke seconded; motion passed. October 10, 2019 Meeting – Joyce Leak motioned to approve the minutes as printed in the November newsletter; Mary Anne Schradi seconded; motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Voelckers presented the financials for October. As of October 31, 2019 the balance in Operating and Scholarship accounts was \$78,928.94. Included in Nancy's report was a comparison report showing budget amounts to actual expenses. She explained this total was after 2019 PWP and all bills and credit card fees have been paid. \$40,000 will be invested in an 11 month CD at Heritage Bank this week. Rate is 1.8%. Cathlin Starke motioned to accept the report; Mary Pilkington seconded; motion approved.

Nancy reported net proceeds for 2019 PWP including the grants is \$52,252.51. Grant amounts: Tulalip \$4000 and Stillaguamish \$7000. The net proceeds for 2017 were \$41,006.

Nancy also shared that she and the board are working on the Scholarship Budget that will be posted in the January 2020 newsletter for membership review and voting approval at the January 9 meeting.

**Join Us via Skype:** Mary Chesney informed the group that meetings are now available via Skype. Link and instructions were posted in the November newsletter. The directions to set up a Skype account and how to log into our AAUW account can be found at this link: <a href="https://ldrv.ms/w/s!AuqFPuCW5Sitg4Mo">https://ldrv.ms/w/s!</a> AuqFPuCW5Sitg4Mo DqqBFW-AyM28q or contact Mary with questions.

**Stanwood Camano Give:** Terry Benson shared our branch participation in this year's Giving Tuesday through the Stanwood Camano Give program on December 3. Our project is raising \$1900 for two Tech Trek campers. Please like our Facebook page and share our posts promoting Giving Tuesday and our involvement in it. An information flyer with instructions and the description of the prizes was also distributed.

**Art Education:** Marianne McGarry-Bloom described the Art Education program that she, Nancy Voelckers and Jackie Olson gave to the first graders at Stanwood Elementary School this past month and their plans to return next week to continue with a workshop on the element of art line. The project will be creating a maple leaf rubbing. There was lots of excitement from the students and teachers. Jackie was surprised that for many this was the first time using watercolor paints and the quality of the supplies was not consistent. Her recommendation was they all should be using Crayola for the best pigment. After discussion Jackie Olson motioned that members bring Crayola "8 color" watercolor sets to the December luncheon to gift the students in the workshop; Jill Johnstone seconded; motion passed.

**Branch Leadership:** Mary Chesney discussed the open leadership branch positions: Chairs for the 2021 PWP and Public Policy. It was announced that Marianne McGarry-Bloom has accepted the Scholarship Chair position and will be working closely with Anne Milton, previous Scholarship Chair. Job descriptions are being assembled for all board and leadership positions to include the monthly commitments.

**Good of the Order:** Cathlin Starke asked for members to consider joining the Friends of the Camano Island Library. Martha Huyler shared that with membership the new benefit to holding a library card is that the card holder receives a \$7 per week credit for printing at the library: color and black/white.

**Adjournment:** Nancy Voelckers moved to adjourn the meeting; Martha Huyler seconded; motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx for Linda Lynn, Secretary

