



In Touch

January 2020

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



www.aauwsc.org

January 2nd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting
Camano Library

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"

January 27th

Monday

Lobby Day

Olympia

Program contact:
Carol Kayler
VP of Program



Message from the President

Mary Chesney

Welcome to a new decade. Funny how when you are young time seems to move soooooo slowly. At this stage in life the movement of time is just the opposite, it's on overdrive. Where did the second decade of the new century go? I keep making plans, but the future seems to zip right past me before I even get started.

One item that should be on all our to do lists is be thoughtful about who we support among the candidates running for national office this election year. AAUW is apolitical meaning we do not take a stance on either political party but rather focus on issues that are of importance to women and girls. If enough of us demand our legislators pass legislation to protect women and girls from harassment, unequal pay, or attacks on our right to choose how we manage our reproductive health, we can make a difference, get changes made, and protections put in place. I know many of us have a strong dislike for politics. The haggling, rudeness and sometimes unprofessional behavior can be irksome but letting these kinds of behaviors keep us from being involved make us complicit in the continuance of this activity. I tell my students that although you entered the profession of nursing to heal people, you need to pay attention to policy. Policy drives the health of the public and we are all responsible to act. If we don't, nothing will change.

In a few weeks, you have the opportunity to act at the state level by participating in the annual AAUW Lobby Day in Olympia on Monday, January 27. As of the time of this writing, Washington State AAUW has announced that Steve Breaux of Planned Parenthood will speak "on a bill to provide comprehensive, scientifically accurate, and age appropriate sex education in Washington's public schools. The proposed curriculum will include information about the importance of consent in sexual encounters." Please visit <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/2019/09/07/2020-lobby-day-jan-27/> paragraph 3. The web site advises other speakers



may be scheduled depending on proposed legislation. Considering how rarely constituents contact their legislators, your presence can make a difference on how your elected representative votes. Consider carpooling to Olympia and go the night before. It could be fun by making it a girl's night out! If you decide to go, let our President-elect, Judy Prince, know. She will be attending and is planning on driving to Olympia on Sunday.

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>

P.S. Don't forget, you can virtually attend the January general meeting via SKYPE. If you can't find the previous information on how to use SKYPE, here is the link for our group.

https://1drv.ms/w/s!AuqFPuCW5Sjtq4Mo_DqgBFW-AyM28g

Future Events

February 6th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

February Board Meeting
Camano Library

February 13th

Thursday

12:30 p.m.

Social Half Hour

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting
Camano Library

Program: Shaina Holbeck will discuss her role with the Chamber of Commerce, women-owned businesses and how that is translating into women in local leadership, and finally she will share her knowledge of the local developing real estate trends for Stanwood, Camano and Arlington and the shifting demographics.

FUN FOR THE NEW YEAR

Find the "secret" word in this newsletter to qualify for a drawing ticket at our January 9 meeting. You will write the article topic of the secret word's location on your drawing ticket at the meeting.

Guaranteed prize to the drawing winner.

Secret word was included in the cover email for this issue.



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

www.aauwsc.org

January 9th: Janelle Mastain, Flawless

Carol Kayler

Do you ever wonder what kind of jobs young women in STEM will get after college? The tech world is changing fast and Janelle Mastain from Flawless Recruit will be giving us a presentation on the career opportunities that are available to women who pursue degrees in STEM. Janelle was a keynote speaker at the Seattle Women in Tech Conference this past August. This is sure to be a fascinating program, is open to the public, and is a *Shape the Future* event.

Bring a friend or a parent of a teenager on Thursday, January 9. Social Half Hour begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Camano Library.



Reduced Dues for Joining at January Meeting

Martha Huyler

Individuals joining our branch at our January 9 meeting get 50 percent off national dues! Join at the meeting and pay \$63.50 instead of the usual \$93 (\$29.50 for national, \$10 for state and \$24 for branch).

The Shape the Future membership campaign is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate when they join AAUW at a public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of three free memberships annually.

Hope to see you and a guest at the January 9 meeting!



Stanwood Camano Give on Giving Tuesday

Terry Benson

The Stanwood-Camano Give project administered by SCAF (Stanwood Camano Area Foundation) on Giving Tuesday was a great success. Our branch project "Science and Technology Camp for Girls" brought in donations totaling \$1670. Although our goal was \$1900 this was a great response so close to our October Purses with Purpose. Thank you so much for those who donated.



Art Docent Program & Crayola Watercolors

Mary Chesney

Marianne McGarry-Bloom started a monthly art education program for 80 first graders at Stanwood Elementary School and reported the need for quality watercolors for the students. Response to this call was spectacular and 83 sets of Crayola 8 color watercolors were collected at our Holiday Luncheon.

The need remains so if you haven't donated a set yet please bring to the January 9 meeting or give to a friend to bring for you.

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).



Your 2019-2020 Board

President

Mary Chesney

President-Elect

Judy Prince

VP of Finance

Nancy Voelckers

VP of Finance-Elect

Jackie-Lyn Olson

VP-Membership

Martha Huyler

Membership Assistant *

Georgi Proulx

Secretary

Linda Lynn

VP of Program

Carol Kayler

Program Assistant *

Helen Smith

Public Policy

(open position)

Communications

Georgi Proulx

* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2021

(open position)

High School STEM Scholars

Leslie Moore

Scholarship Chair

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Tech Trek Chair

Judy Prince

Art Education

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Grant Committee

Norma Mouton

AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

Historian

Carolyn Spector

Diversity

Linda Lynn

501(c)(3) Compliance

Jackie DeFazio

Stanwood-Camano Give

Terry Benson

Title IX Liaison

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Newsletter Team

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. Carpools for the return trip home are scheduled to leave by 3:00 p.m. Carpools will leave Camano and Stanwood around 10:15 a.m.

Email Mary Pilkington or Lynda Buehring if you can join us. Hope you can join us.



Tech Trek Report

Judy Prince

We are at the beginning of Tech Trek candidate selection. The four middle schools (two in Stanwood Camano district and two in Arlington district) have received their information and nominating forms. Nominations are due February 1, 2020.

Currently, I am putting together the review committee to evaluate the applications and essays then interview each girl and her parents. I could definitely use some help. Perhaps you have had the fun of talking to middle school girls in the past. Would you like to do that again?

Mary Chesney and I are looking forward to an even response from the four schools and the excitement of making our selections from the nominations.

Please contact me if you would like to help; no experience necessary.



Program Schedule for 2020

Carol Kayler

Please plan on joining us at the following upcoming 2020 meetings.

February 13 Social Half Hour begins at 12:30 p.m. Camano Library.

Shaina Holbeck will discuss her role with the Chamber of Commerce, women-owned businesses and how that is translating into women in local leadership, and finally she will share her knowledge of the local developing real estate trends for Stanwood, Camano and Arlington and the shifting demographics.

March 12 Social Half Hour begins at 12:30 p.m. Camano Library

Maureen Stanton Title IX Coordinator at the high school level. She is the Director of Human Services for Stanwood Camano School District.

April 9 at 6:30 p.m. Dusty Cellars, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a nice glass of wine with friends while Dusty shares how she got started with the winery, what it took to make her dream a reality, and what sets Dusty Cellars apart as an award winning winery out of the 1000+ in Washington. Husbands and friends are invited.

May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

High School STEM Scholar Recognition

June 14 at 2:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

Scholarship Tea



Branch Beginnings: The Adventurous Marjorie Duryee

Carolyn Spector

Our branch of AAUW was formed in Arlington in 1936 by a group of 16 women. Their names are included in several historical documents about our branch, which are maintained at the Washington State Archives in Bellingham. This is one of a series of articles profiling the women who founded our chapter.

One of our original founding members, Marjorie Ann Duryee was born in Everett in 1913. Educated at Mills College in California and the University of Washington, Marjorie taught English, World History and Physical Education at Arlington High School from 1935 to 1937. It wasn't long before she left for Europe, studying at the Institute of International Studies in Geneva and traveling throughout Europe. Worried about the rise of Hitler, she returned to the U.S. in October 1938.



The purchase of her first camera in 1937 inspired her to become a photographer; in later years, she won numerous awards at regional and national shows. During WW II she worked as a journalist for the American Red Cross; in 1944 she became editor of the Red Cross magazine *Boomerang*. During these years, she lived in the Netherlands East Indies, New Guinea, Manila and Tokyo. When military security prohibited photographs, she made sketches of the places she visited.

After the war, she became interested in painting and moved to New York City where she enrolled in the Art Students League. In the 1950's she added writing to her artistic repertoire, while continuing to pursue photography and painting. With the help of her brother and sister-in-law, Marjorie built a 20' x 30' cabin at Priest Point, where she lived for many years. This was no easy feat: all materials had to be trucked in, and the three together poured the foundation, raised the walls, installed the roof and finished the interior. It became a quiet retreat between her travels, with windows

overlooking Possession Sound and few neighbors.

When she decided to return to Europe, instead of flying or sailing on a passenger ship, she went to the docks in Everett and secured passage on a freighter headed for Spain via the Panama Canal. After doing so, she went home and packed for the trip, and was on board the freighter that night. During the nearly one year she spent in Spain, Marjorie wrote a series of travel articles for the *Everett Herald*.

Marjorie continued to write, paint and take photographs for the rest of her life. In 1967 she was featured in a one-woman show at the Monroe Fair. In the late 1970's she traveled to Europe again, staying in Oxford and London for a year. She is one of the women profiled in The Snohomish County Women's Legacy Project. Marjorie died in 1992 of complications from Alzheimer's disease and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Everett.

Joint State AAUW Regional Meeting in Vancouver

AAUW-WA Facebook Post

Reserve April 17-19, 2020 on your calendar. This will be a record breaking important regional meeting inviting AAUW'ers from Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii. We are also inviting AAUW members from across the US. The program team is already working on the events. At the Heathman Lodge.

We will recognize the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage at Saturday's dinner. Bring your suffrage white to wear that evening. Judith Entwistle, Bellingham branch, has a terrific outfit that includes purple and gold as well as white. There will also be a program focused on women's history. Other speakers are still being negotiated.

<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/2019/07/13/2020-multi-state-aauw-convention/>

Correction to Robin Hanks' interview in December 2019 issue: It was Robin's husband, Richard, who went back to UCR while acting as Mr. Mom and got his B.A. and then went on to get his M.A. and PhD and worked as a journalist, archivist and professor. Robin stayed with Metropolitan Water District until she retired.

My apologies for the error. ~georgi

Scholarship Budget for 2020

At the January 9 meeting we will be voting on our Scholarship Budget for 2020. A copy of the proposed budget is below for your review in preparation for the vote. AAUW Funds will be distributed as was done in 2019: \$2000 to Education Fund and \$1000 to Legal Advocacy Fund.

Comments, questions and discussion are welcome at the meeting, but if you have questions prior to then please contact Nancy Voelckers, Treasurer.



AAUW - STANWOOD CAMANO 2020 - SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET	2019 Budget (approved)	2019 Actual (thru 11/30)	2020 Budget (proposed)
Income			
Donations-non-designated	2,000.00	1,010.00	500.00
Donations-Tech Trek	2,000.00	1,150.00	3,000.00 a
Interest income	200.00	221.16	700.00
Total Income	4,200.00	2,381.16	4,200.00
Expenses			
Tech Trek	-7,600.00	-10,450.00	-11,000.00 b
STEM expense	-200.00	-161.90	-200.00
Scholarship Admin/Printing	-150.00	-89.22	-150.00
College scholarships	-16,000.00	-16,000.00	-16,000.00
AAUW Education & Training Fund	-2,000.00	-2,000.00	-2,000.00
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund	-1,000.00	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total expenses	-26,950.00	-29,701.12	-30,350.00
Net before 2019 PWP	-22,750.00	-27,319.96	-26,150.00
2019 PWP			
PWP income		51,350.00	
PWP expenses		-7,367.49	
Net PWP		43,982.51	
Net after PWP			
Total Scholarship Budget	-22,750.00	16,662.55	-26,150.00

a - Includes \$2,000 Giving Tuesday estimate

b - 11 students at \$1,000 each, cost increase of \$50 pp

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

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



www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw

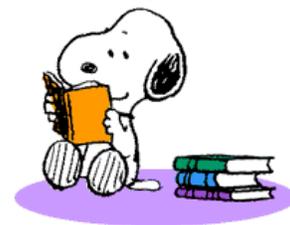
LIKE our page to
follow us then
SHARE to increase
our visibility in
the community.



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.



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.

March

WHAT: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

WHEN: Monday, March 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: (To be determined)

In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned - from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren - an enigmatic artist and single mother - who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community. Little Fires Everywhere explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood - and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster--Provided by Publisher

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

Central Sound Regional Science & Engineering Fair Needs Judges

Gary Foss

I am a retired Boeing engineer, science education activist, and charter volunteer for the Central Sound Regional Science & Engineering Fair (CSRSEF). Since we organized it in 2010, the Fair has grown in size by 1100% to become the largest regional high school science fair in Washington. It has showcased the work of over a thousand students from around the Puget Sound area. About half of these students are young women. Our research shows that a large percentage of them go on to science and engineering study and eventual careers.



Shown in the photo above are the students who won awards at our fair this year. If our research of previous years is an indication, about 40% of these students will be admitted to the University of Washington majoring in science or engineering. Some of them will leverage their science fair success into admission at Stanford, MIT, Harvard, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, etc. One girl in this picture was accepted to MIT, Caltech, and UW, but chose to go to Harvard, majoring in computer science.

The Fair is open to all high school students from King and Snohomish County attending public, private, or homeschool. It provides an incentive for students who've performed scientific research or engineering design to present and discuss their work with professionals from their field of study. This lets them experience firsthand the professional practices of working scientists and engineers, and for many, it's a life changing event.

In 2019 the Fair was attended by 273 students, a staff of 15 volunteers, and over 100 judges. In 2020, the fair will no longer be sponsored by Bellevue College. To continue the state's largest regional science fair for high school, we have formed a non-profit foundation to raise funds. We intend to continue holding it at Bellevue College, but will have to pay for the expenses in the future.

We hope you can help us in two ways. We need funding, and we need judges. We are fortunate this year that Starbucks Coffee Company has generously offered to cover half of our expenses. The other half we are trying to raise from other local companies and organizations. A sponsorship in the range of \$1000 to \$5000 will help us continue an event that has attracted hundreds of girls to STEM careers. We credit sponsors with their logos at the fair and on our website and thank them in the printed program and news releases.

We are also looking for volunteer judges for the next fair on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Judges have the opportunity to meet some talented students who have a passion for science. They're eager to share their work with experts and hope to receive encouragement. For some students, this is their first contact with a science or engineering professional. Part of the judge's role at the Science Fair is to be an ambassador for the profession, encouraging these students to become the STEM leaders of tomorrow.

Students overwhelmingly say that interactions they have with the judges are the best part of the Fair experience. Likewise, judges find their discussions with these outstanding students to be a positive and uplifting experience. One female student wrote to us this year: "I was a participant in the 2017 CSRSEF competition....it set me up for my future in ways I never could have imagined....helped me make it into the University of Washington.....gained life skills like self-confidence and leadership....because it showed me how to network and speak with professionals, I was able to get a couple of incredible internships over the past two summers."

Judges are needed for about 5 hours on Saturday morning (approximately 8 am to 1pm) and the fair will provide a light breakfast and box lunch. Judges for all categories are needed, but we frequently find a shortage in these areas: Behavioral and Social Sciences, Environmental Science/Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering.

Judge registration is open NOW—It takes about 2 minutes to register and create a login and another 10 minutes to fill out the rest of the registration that includes questions like:

- Which categories are you interested in judging
- Potential conflicts
- Current employer
- Degree
- If you are willing to judge special awards (often content specific)

The online registration form for judges can be found at:

https://centralsound.stemwizard.com/public_site/judge_register

General information about judging at the fair can be found under the judges tab at:

<https://www.centralsoundfair.org>

Thank you in advance for helping us attract more girls to STEM and cultivate the next generation of STEM leaders!

General Meeting Minutes - No Minutes for December due to Holiday Luncheon

Future Day Trippers

Lynda Buehring

FEBRUARY, 2020 -- To be determined

MARCH 21, 2020, Saturday, is an outing to Bellingham for an AFTERNOON TEA AND VINTAGE FASHION SHOW celebrating the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the Women of Whatcom County, sponsored by the Bellingham AAUW Branch.

1:30 - 4:00 p.m. at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Cost is \$35.00. Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com

Proceeds from the event will go toward Bellingham AAUW branch scholarships for women attending local colleges and programs for Whatcom middle and high school girls exceling in STEM. There will be a raffle for gift baskets and a raffle for a "Susan B. Anthony Purse". Carpooling arrangements will be forthcoming.

APRIL, 2020 will be a trip to Seattle to see the GEORGIA O'KEEFFE EXHIBIT AT THE SEATTLE ART MUSEUM. Plans are being prepared for a docent tour of the exhibit. Watch for more later on the actual date and times in April.

MAY 21, 2020, Thursday, will be a special event at the Historic Camano Schoolhouse to hear our very own Marianne McGarry-Bloom give her encore presentation of: "SONGS AND POETRY OF WAR AND PEACE". This was performed for Veterans' Day to high acclaim. Tentative time is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. More information to come.



Celebrating the Holidays

Photographer: Martha Huyler



Our annual Holiday Luncheon was a big success. 36 members and 5 guests celebrated the fellowship of the season with a wonderful meal, fun games and lively conversation. Each table centerpiece was an original design decorated by a member of our branch. Patti Pontikis won the prize for her centerpiece and memorable story behind her decorations. Participants went home with a folded paper star and a glass snowflake ornament.



Karen Van Lier, Mary Chesney
Patti Pontikis, Judy Prince



Cathy Massimino, Carolyn Spector
Mary Raymond, Leslie Gitomer

Celebrating the Holidays—continued

Photographer: Martha Huyler



Mary O'Connor, Marianne McGarry-Bloom,
Darlene Dubay (guest)



Kathleen Tredo (guest)
Mary Phylpo (guest), Tracy Gilroy



Darlene Dubay (guest), Mary Ann Schradi



Kaye Sodt, Judy Prince



Martha Huyler, Anne Milton, Georgi Proulx



Mary O'Connor, Jackie-Lyn Olson
Nancy Voelckers

Celebrating the Holidays—continued
Photographer: Martha Huyler



Jackie DeFazio, Gay Campbell



Robin Hanks, Mary Pilkington



Joanne Drewsen, Patti Pontikis



Val Nelson, Terry Benson



Carol Mason (guest), Norma Mouton



Elaine Richards, Janet St. Clair

Celebrating the Holidays—last but not least

Photographer: Martha Huyler



Mary Chesney, Katie Farrey

May the tears you cried in 2019 water the seeds you're planting for 2020.
Wishing You All a Happy and Prosperous New Year !

~Martha & Georgi

