



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

November 2020

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November 5th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

November Board Meeting
Virtual via Zoom

November 12th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting
Virtual via Zoom

*Program: Diane Martindale
(Board President of San Juan
Islands Museum of Arts and Chair
of Washington State Arts
Commission) presents
Intersection of Art and Women's
Rights.*

Program information contact:

Kathy Cunningham
VP of Program

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Message from the President

Judy Prince

Our October general meeting featured an excellent program presented by S.A.F.E. (Stanwood Alliance For Equity). I was surprised that some of the members who attended were surprised that racism is alive and well in America – more specifically in the Stanwood Camano School District.

Another great event was the Candidate Forum held on October 14. Elaine Richards again lead the effort to present candidates for office to the voters. Jackie DeFazio was our moderator. This year there was the added challenge of presenting a virtual event. With the assistance of Chris Hansen of Stanwood Camano School District the event ran as smoothly as an in person event.

Both of these meetings took place virtually. This year, we are using Zoom for our meetings since some of our members were having problems connecting with Google Meet. Since the change, no one has reported problems with connecting! Please contact someone who attends our virtual meetings if you are not participating because we don't have in person events. If you don't know who that would be contact me.

There will probably be a holiday event at Cama Beach Café for those brave enough to go to an indoor event. Unless infections greatly increase there will be no restrictions on an event with proper distancing. More information will be coming closer to the time.

To close with a fun fact, my branch ID badge is at home with me. I was in such a rush to leave the meeting in February, that I didn't take it off.

Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!

Public Policy: Vote Vote Vote

Cathlin Starke

Ballots were mailed the week of October 12, 2020.

You can drop your ballot into an accessible drop box, open 24 hours a day, and open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3rd. These ballots are picked up by County Elections staff.

Drop Boxes:

Camano: County Annex 121 N. East Camano Drive

Stanwood: 9701-271st St. N.W.

To verify that your ballot has been received and accepted go to votervotewa.gov you can also see all the other elections in which you have participated."



Take a guess why "Monopoly" was chosen for the photo theme of this month's newsletter. Answer can be found within this issue. Happy Hunting!



Future Events

December 3rd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

December Board Meeting
Virtual via Zoom

December 10th

Thursday

Noonish

Holiday Luncheon
Cama Beach Café

Cama Beach State Park
Save the date and watch for details for in-person luncheon to celebrate the holidays.

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

www.aauwsc.org

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/>



November: Out of the Drawing Room

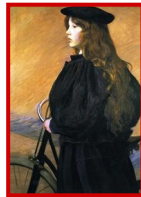
Kathy Cunningham

Our next general meeting is November 12 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Our Branch will welcome Diane Martindale and her unique slide show and discussion of how art has highlighted and provided historical documentation of the fierce struggle for women's rights. In viewing Diane's slides, it is amazing to me that we all will remember some of these political views prescribed by males, well into our adulthood. Well-credentialed and highly recommended, this will be a fun, teachable moment for all members and their guests.



OUT OF THE DRAWING ROOM and Into the Intersection of Art and Women's Rights is an interpretive slide show of the continuing struggle for women's rights and equal treatment under the law. Diane is a past president of the League of Women Voters of the San Juans, President of the board of the San Juan Islands Museum of Art in Friday Harbor, and Chair of the Washington State Arts Commission.

You are guaranteed to learn something about forgotten artists we should have known and learn something new about artists familiar and beloved. Women's issues were ignored or belittled for many decades which will not surprise anyone joining us. But the truth about women-led social movements in America is more interesting than fiction.



This talk is from an original piece of research by Martindale where she focused on American women artists and folk heroines.

Remember to forward any names and emails of interested guest attendees to President Judy Prince so that she may include them on her Zoom invitation.

I look forward to seeing all your wonderful faces!

Purses with Purpose 2021: We Need Purses!

Rose Olson and Mary Raymond

AAUW ladies, the time has come! Although we certainly want to encourage you to get out the vote, we also want you to GET OUT THE PURSES! PWP will possibly have a different look in 2021 but one thing is certain...we need merchandise! We are asking that each member contribute one new purse (with all tags attached, please!) and now is a good time to make that purchase with holiday sales coming up. We are fortunate also to live close to the outlet mall in Marysville where several high-end retailers (Coach, Tumi, Dooney & Burke, etc.) have stores. Not going out much? Online shopping is an effective way to shop and get great deals (macys.com, nordstromrack.com).



If shopping for purses is not your thing, we will be glad to provide personal shopping services for you. Please send a generous donation with "purses" written in the memo line to: AAUW, PO Box 2652, Stanwood, WA 98292 and the Procurement Committee will find a purse that you would be proud to contribute.

In addition to new purses, we are also in need of "gently carried" handbags, so check your closets and ask friends to contribute as well. The goal for our auction is 200 excellent purses, and we need every member's help to reach that number. PWP is our major fundraiser to raise money for scholarships and Tech Trek and it certainly is work, but one important by-product of this group endeavor is engaging closely with fellow AAUW members and having fun. We would love to have more members --especially new members -- join us on the Procurement Committee!



FEMINISM

ENCOURAGES WOMEN TO
LEAVE their husbands,
KILL their children,
PRACTICE witchcraft,
DESTROY capitalism and
BECOME lesbians.



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* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2021

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Stanwood-Camano Give

Lois Ruskell

Title IX Liaison

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

Candidate Forum 2020

Elaine Richards

In partnership with Stanwood Camano News, this year's Candidate Forum was held October 14th as a Zoom Webinar. The Stanwood Camano School District graciously allowed access to their Webinar license and offered technical support during the Forum.

About 100 people watched the live event and many more have since viewed the on-line recording of the nearly 2-hour live event. Eighteen candidates from Stanwood, Island County and North Snohomish County were invited to participate. Nine local races were featured, including the US Congress Representative District 2, 10th Legislative District State Senate position and both 10th Legislative State House positions, two Island County Commissioner races, Snohomish County Judge Position 8 and Island County Judge Position 2, along with Snohomish County PUD District 1.

The Candidate Forum is a public service and tradition that AAUW intends to keep.

Giving Tuesday is December 1

Lois Ruskell

Tuesday, December 1, is Giving Tuesday, and our community is joining the effort through the Stanwood Camano Give program, www.SCGive.org.

Our branch is participating again this year with the "Inspiring Young Women in Science and Tech Careers" project. Are YOU on Facebook? If you are, please "like" our "Stanwood Camano AAUW" branch page to follow us then "share" so your friends can learn about our project too. If you are not a "friend" of our page please use the link below to visit and begin:

www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw

There will be promotions throughout November publicizing our project. We are asking all members to support this effort by sharing our Facebook post promotions beginning November 1 through December 1. More information about the prizes offered that day for online giving will be coming.

Friends from around the world can participate so please share, share, share...

Tech Trek 2021 Update

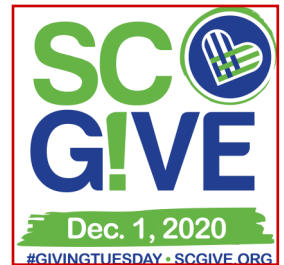
Mary Chesney

On October 22, a virtual meeting was held of the planning committee for Tech Trek and many of the branches who sponsor girls to attend camp.

The end to the pandemic is far from known and a vaccine remains on the somewhat distant horizon. With that in mind a lively discussion took place weighing the pros and cons of deciding if the in-person camp should be cancelled now or move forward with planning for a virtual as well as an in-person camp.

The in-person camp format is well defined and the camp director for the Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) site has only just begun looking into how a virtual camp might be formatted and the cost. Branch Tech Trek representatives offered numerous ideas about how virtual sessions could be formatted but also pointed out that selecting girls will be difficult. One of the criteria is the leadership skills of the candidate. Since classes are virtual, it will be difficult to make this kind of decision adding to that the added concern of contacting the teachers and how willing they would be to take the time to make recommendations given how overwhelmed they are.

It was decided the final decision of what type of camp to hold will not be made until the end of January at which time recruitment of potential campers will begin. It is going to be a very unusual recruitment and camping environment no matter what is decided.



Branch Beginnings: Janice S. Wilmot and Georgia B. Harris

Carolyn Spector

Our branch of AAUW was formed in Arlington in 1936 by a group of 16 women. This is one of a series of articles profiling the women who founded our branch.

Janice S. Wilmot was born on July 25, 1907 in Washington State. Her father was employed in various capacities, as an accountant, sales manager for a coal mine, and assistant manager for a cold storage company. Janice attended Garfield High School. The 1930 US Federal Census shows her living in Seattle and teaching in the public school system. She married Mack F. Barnette on June 30, 1930 in Seattle. By 1940 they were living in Arlington, where Mack was teaching history (Janice was not). They were the parents of a son, Mack J. T. Barnette, born in 1932. She died on April 14, 2002 in Seattle, where she was buried.

Georgia B. Harris was born on December 8, 1889 in Iowa. The 1905 Iowa State Census shows her living in Clayton Township, Taylor County, Iowa, as does the 1910 US Federal Census. By 1920 she was living and teaching school in Kent. The 1930 US Federal Census reveals that she was living with her mother in Arlington, where she was teaching high school. According to the Arlington High School yearbook, she had received degrees from the University of Washington and from Columbia University. Along with teaching social science, Georgia directed the Girls' Athletics. Girls' Athletics spent one quarter playing speed ball, one quarter playing volley ball, one quarter playing basketball, and the final quarter playing baseball, track and tennis. Georgia also served as Dean of Girls, and as advisor to Girls' League. Georgia continued teaching at Arlington High School through 1940. She also continued to be active in AAUW. In 1948-49, she was Treasurer of the State AAUW Board. Georgia died on March 12, 1976 in Seattle.

Personal note: Martha and I appreciate Carolyn's efforts in writing this series in the most spectacular way. An article series such as this makes our newsletter so much better than just sharing the monthly branch business. Our love and thanks go out to Carolyn with luck on her new adventure in Montana. ~georgi



December 10: Cama Beach Café

Kathy Cunningham

Our IN-PERSON branch Holiday luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 10, at Cama Beach Café in Cama Beach State Park. They are currently open for in-person weekend dining and carryout. The café has a large capacity room that can support distanced seating, although the number of attendees may be limited. As we go to press, I have not confirmed yet our continued availability for this luncheon. An email update will be sent to all members confirming arrangement details as they become known. For now, please calendar Thursday, December 10, and think positively that we will be able to see one another in person.

In Memoriam: Connie Hevley

It was shared at the beginning of October that a past member, Connie Hevley, passed away. She was fondly remembered by the branch as an energetic contributor to the art shows we held as our scholarship fundraiser back in the day.

Kathy Cunningham shares: Connie was an ongoing member and participant with our AAUW Art Show, which is how I met her. She offered her specialized beeswax candles for purchase to attendees, and thru her home studio in the Utsalady Beach community, where she lived with a burnt wood banner over her front railing that said, The House That Jack Built (her husband). She was a lovely and gentle spirited woman of many talents.

Carol Kayler was a friend of Connie's and reveals: Connie had Parkinson's and was a joy to visit sometimes sharing the same story 3 or 4 times in 30 minutes. She was just so sweet and loving. I looked forward to my hour a week with her and Jack.

Helen Smith remembers Connie: Kathy Cunningham and I also knew Connie in Shoreline Schools as she was head of the school district food service. If PTAs had spaghetti dinners we ordered through her. I know she was dealing with Parkinson's. I appreciated her so much as she was our connection with the artists when we were doing art shows. She offered her condo in Leucadia, CA as a auction item one year. Jerry and I visited Connie and Jack there one year when we were in San Diego.

Great memories of Connie indeed.



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Tammie Goodwin
Michele Simms

Movie Group

Movie Group is suspended during the social distancing period, but we hope you will join us for lunch and a movie when we once again can "see you at the movies."

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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LIKE our page to
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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.



Online book group will meet Monday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m. using Zoom. If you have not done so already, be sure to let Katie know if you want to join in. It works by invitation only, so we have to add your email address to the list beforehand. You will receive an email with a link to join the discussion. A little before 2:00 p.m., click the link and wait for us to acknowledge you. Be patient.

November 2

Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

The Age of Innocence, one of Edith Wharton's most renowned novels and the first by a woman to win the Pulitzer Prize, exquisitely details the struggle between love and responsibility through the experiences of men and women in Gilded Age New York. A wry, incisive look at the ways in which love and emotion must negotiate the complex rules of high society, The Age of Innocence is one of Wharton's finest, most illuminative works.

December 7

Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver

Unsheltered is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.-- Publisher's description.

January 4

The Bone and Sinew of the Land by Anna-Lisa Cox

The American frontier is one of our most cherished and enduring national images. We think of the early settlers who tamed the wilderness and built the bones of our great country as courageous, independent--and white. In this groundbreaking work of deep historical research, Anna-Lisa Cox shows that this history simply isn't accurate. In fact, she has found a stunning number of black settlements on the frontier--in the thousands. Though forgotten today, these homesteads were a matter of national importance at the time; their mere existence challenged rationalizations for slavery and pushed the question toward a crisis--one that was not resolved until the eruption of the Civil War.--Provided by publisher.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

We Need a Historian!

Due to a move to Montana, Carolyn Spector resigned her position as Historian, and we are looking for her replacement. She has spent many hours collecting and organizing our branch photos and historical documents and establishing a committee to assist her. That committee will continue but needs leadership. As individuals, the current committee has other commitments in the branch that prohibit them from taking on the leadership. If this position interests you please let Judy Prince know of your availability.

Answer:

On November 5, 1935, a year before our AAUW branch was founded, Parker Brothers introduced the world to Monopoly.

General Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2020

Program: Presentation by S.A.F.E. (Stanwood Alliance for Equity) regarding systemic racism and the effects on our local and surrounding communities.

Call to Order: President, Judy Prince, called the meeting via Zoom to order at 2:11 p.m.

23 attendees: Judy Prince, Jackie DeFazio, Jackie Olson, Helen Smith, Norma Mouton, Nancy Roberts, Joyce Leak, Doris Taylor, Gay Campbell, Kathy Cunningham, Katie Farrey, India Nishi, Lois Ruskell, Lynda Buehring, Nancy Voelckers, Elaine Richards, Martha Huyler, Joanne Drewsen, Georgi Proulx, Jeanie Garrioch, Rose Olson, Judy Trammell, Jeryl McDonald

Minutes: September 10, 2020 Meeting – Jackie DeFazio motioned to approve minutes as printed in the September newsletter; Jeanie Garrioch seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer – Jackie-Lyn Olson reviewed the financial reports emailed to the board. Our current balance of both accounts is \$55,746.70 as of September 30, 2020. Activity for September: five dues renewals and interest income. Heritage account will be closed on October 14 when the CD reaches maturity and the funds moved to Coastal. Scholarship Budget will be presented to the board on November 5. Kathy Cunningham moved to pay \$125 from Program budget to SAFE as honorarium; Norma Mouton seconded; motion passed. Motion to accept financials was made by Martha Huyler; Jackie DeFazio seconded, motion approved.

Recommendation from the board to revise our 2020 Scholarship Budget to give the \$3000 in full to the Greatest Needs of National. Joyce Leak moved; Norma Mouton seconded that all \$3000 goes to Greatest Needs fund at National AAUW; motion passed. 2021 Scholarship Budget will be presented to the board November 5 and to the membership in the January 2021 newsletter for approval at January 14, 2021 general meeting.

Candidate Forum: Elaine Richards reported that we're a go for the Candidate Forum webinar for October 14. Practice sessions are being held successfully

President-elect: The board was informed of Lynda Buehring's resignation from the President Elect position at the regular board meeting October 1, 2020. India Nishi agreed to accept the position of President Elect and was appointed to the vacancy with the full support of the board members and general members at the General Membership meeting on October 8, 2020.

Historian: Judy Prince announced we still need a historian and quickly since Carolyn Spector is leaving soon and has possession of the historical documents.

PWP: Jackie DeFazio presented that PWP is on track for October 2021. Committee is dual planning for virtual and in-person auction in preparation for possible continuing social distancing. First need is purses requesting high quality newer purses in all price ranges. If you would prefer to give money for the procurement committee to purchase for you please contact Rose Olson. Chairs needed for ticket/invitations and grant committees.

Book Group: Judy Prince shared book group is meeting successfully via Zoom.

Program Recording: Katie Farrey asked about the recording of today's program and how to promote it/pass it along. Judy Prince will email her recording to Katie.

Adjourn: Katie Farrey moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Cunningham seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx
Secretary



May your stuffing be tasty.
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy have a nary lump.
May your yams be delicious,
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs.
Take time for a little Monopoly. ~Happy Thanksgiving