



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

May 2022

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**May 5th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.**

May Board Meeting
SC Community Resource Center
9612 271st Street NW, Stanwood

**May 12th
Thursday
7:00 p.m.**

United Methodist Church
27128 102nd Dr NW, Stanwood
*High School STEM Scholar
Recognition & Introduction of
2022 Tech Trek Campers*



Message from the President

India Nishi

Greetings everyone. By the time you read this, our signature event, Purses With Purpose will have taken place. It's so exciting to know that after the months and months of planning, hard work, and the uncertainties of Covid, we have finally reached the finish line. Merely saying thank you to all of you who made this happen doesn't seem sufficient. It was truly a team achievement, led by our fantastic chairs, Jackie and Gay. I hope they are both sitting with their feet up and relaxing when they read this!

Our April meeting featured Mary Jennings, a local librarian turned newspaper writer. She gave an informative and entertaining presentation on local history of the Stanwood-Camano area. Our board initially talked about skipping the April meeting, given that PWP was taking place, but one member, Martha Huyler, talked us into asking Mary Jennings to speak. Thanks Martha, I am so glad that you did. While listening on Zoom to the presentation, I scanned the faces of the other attendees. Mary was such a great story teller, that the audience looked like they were on the edge of their seats, with big grins on their faces. Great fun!

Now that PWP is behind us, it feels like our year is winding down, with just a few more meetings and activities to go. But, they are important activities, and I hope everyone is looking forward to them. May is our month to recognize our local high school STEM scholars, as well as introduce the middle school girls who have been selected to attend Tech Trek this summer. I was fortunate enough to help out with some of the Tech Trek interviews, and was impressed with the girls we chose. They were smart, confident, creative and caring. They had great ideas about how they would like to use their STEM knowledge in the future. It's comforting to know that we have a generation of young women ready to take challenges on and make our world a better place.

Next, our Annual Meeting and Scholarship Tea will take place June 26 when we honor our 2022 scholarship winners and have the opportunity to select next year's officers, as well as approve our budget. The nominating committee, finance team, and board have worked hard to bring a slate of officers for you to vote on, and to ensure that our budget reflects the goals we have for next year – continuing our excellent programs, as well as sustaining and hopefully growing our membership. We'd love to see as many of you as possible at this meeting!

Finally, I know that many of you are interested in renewing your memberships. We will have to ask you to wait just a little longer, as National is still working on their new membership data base. We will notify you as soon as we learn that it is ready. Thanks for your patience!

Cheers!

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Future Events

June 2nd
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

June Board Meeting
SC Community Resource Center
9612 271st Street NW, Stanwood

June 26th
Sunday
1:00 p.m.

Scholarship Tea & Election of
Officers for 2022-2023

Camano City Schoolhouse
993 Orchid Road
Camano Island

Please enter at the Chapman
Road entrance



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

May 12 - High School STEM Scholars Recognition

Kathy Cunningham

Our May meeting is always one of our yearly favorites because AAUW Stanwood-Camano celebrates some talented scholars in Science and Technology fields. Students from local high schools have been selected to receive special recognition by our branch for their achievements in STEM fields .

Please join us on May 12, 7:00 p.m. at Stanwood United Methodist Church for the recognition of our twelve High School STEM scholars and introduction of 2022 Tech Trek campers.

Our speaker is Maggie Flickner, a 2021 Tech Trek teaching assistant and 2018 camper from Port Susan Middle School.



2022 Scholarship Update

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Scholarship Season is in its second phase. April 30th was the closing date for applications, and the Scholarship Committee will review and announce the three recipients' names in late May.

The Scholarship Tea honoring our recipients is Sunday, June 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Camano City Schoolhouse. Those of you who wish to participate in our Tea by supplying tea sandwiches, flowers, punch, etc. please contact Marianne McGarry-Bloom via email or phone.

Mark your calendars for June 26 and RSVP to Marianne McGarry-Bloom so that we can get a head count for the event.



Tech Trek Selection

Mary Chesney

I am pleased to announce that following a second search expedited by the counselors at Port Susan and Stanwood Middle Schools, we will be providing camp scholarships for seven girls to a residential Tech Trek camp.

The girls will be introduced to members at the High School STEM Scholar Recognition on May 12. After having to avoid in-person meetings because of the pandemic for two years, I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to be able to introduce these wonderful and exceptional young women to the membership. Please make it a "do not miss" date on your calendar.



Public Policy: Equal Pay Day

Judy Prince

Equal Pay Day symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. 2022 Equal Pay Day was March 15. But because the pay gap varies significantly among different communities, other Equal Pay Days have been added to the calendar to reflect that fact that many women must work far longer into the year to catch up to men.

This year, these dates have been designated using a new methodology: The COVID-19 pandemic pushed many women, especially women of color, into part-time or seasonal work, or out of the workforce all together. Because of this, past methods of calculating the wage gap fell short of accurately capturing the full picture.

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Equal Pay is this month, May 3, 75 cents for every dollar paid to white males. Some room for improvement here. If Asian American women were removed from this calculation; I think the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women might be closer to the end of the year. Black Women's Equal Pay Day is September 21, 58 cents for every dollar. Indigenous Women Equal Pay Day is December 1, 50 cents, and Latina Equal Pay Day is December 8, 49 cents.

If the goal of Equal Pay Day is to raise awareness about the gender wage gap it has certainly been met.



Your 2021-2022 Board

President

India Nishi

President-Elect

Nancy Voelckers

VP of Finance

Jeanie Garrioch

VP of Finance-Elect

Open position

Acting VP of Membership

India Nishi

Assistant: Martha Huyler*

Secretary

Georgi Proulx

VP of Program

Kathy Cunningham

Assistant: Judy Prince*

Public Policy

Judy Prince

Communications

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2022

Gay Campbell, Jackie DeFazio

High School STEM Scholars

Open position

Scholarship Chair

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Tech Trek Chair

Mary Chesney

Art Education

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

Historian

Helen Smith

Diversity

Katie Farrey

Stanwood-Camano Give

Mary Raymond

Sunshine

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler



PWP 2022 Won and Done!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the development, setting up, or working the event for a very exciting, fun, and successful day. Preliminary numbers reflect an excellent return for our efforts rivaling 2019's event. Below are some photos of the day courtesy of Martha Huyler, our branch photographer. We are developing a page on our branch website dedicated to the event. A link will be provided to you when it's ready for viewing and sharing with your family and friends.

Well done and excellent job to EVERYONE!



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Open position

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
Marianne McGarry-Bloom



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Book Group

Katie Farrey, Marianne McGarry-Bloom

All members are invited to join the Book Group whether you have read the book or just want to join the conversation. Please contact Katie Farrey if you want to be added to the email list. We are currently operating on a month-to-month basis with a Zoom link and plans for in person gatherings underway .



May 2nd, 2:00 p.m.

It All Comes Back to You by Beth Duke via Zoom

"Veronica "Ronni" Johnson, licensed practical nurse and aspiring writer, meets the captivating Violet in the assisted living facility where Violet requires no assistance, just lots of male attention. When she dies, she leaves Ronni a very generous bequest only if Ronni completes a book about her life within one year. As she's drawn into the world of young Violet, Ronni is mesmerized by life in a simpler time. It's an irresistible journey filled with revelations, some of them about men Ronni knew as octogenarians at Fairfield Springs. Struggling, insecure, flailing at the keyboard, Ronni juggles her patients, a new boyfriend, and a Samsonite factory of emotional baggage as she tries to craft a manuscript before her deadline. But when the secrets start to emerge, some of them in person, and they don't stop, everything changes. "

June 6th, 2:00 p.m.

How to Fly in 10,000 Easy Lessons by Barbara Kingsolver
WHERE: Home of Joyce Leak

In her second poetry collection, Barbara Kingsolver offers reflections on the practical, the spiritual, and the wild. She begins with "how to" poems addressing everyday matters such as being hopeful, married, divorced; shearing a sheep; praying to unreliable gods; doing nothing at all; and of course, flying. Closing the book are poems that celebrate natural wonders--birdsong and ghost-flowers, ruthless ants, clever shellfish, coral reefs, deadly deserts, and thousand-year-old beech trees, all speaking to the daring project of belonging to an untamed world beyond ourselves.

July 11th, 2:00 p.m.

A Knock at Midnight: A True Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom by Brittany K Barnett

WHERE: Pavilion at Camano Hills

"An urgent call to free those buried alive by America's legal system, and an inspiring true story about unwavering belief in humanity--from a gifted young lawyer and important new voice in the movement to transform the system. Brittany K. Barnett was only a law student when she came across the case that would change her life forever--that of Sharanda Jones, single mother, business owner, and, like Brittany, Black daughter of the rural South. Brittany's riveting memoir is at once a coming-of-age story and a powerful evocation of what it takes to bring hope and justice to a system built to resist them both."

For more information, contact Katie Farrey or Marianne McGarry-Bloom.

Easing Back into Day Trippers: Stories of Our Mothers

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." (Poet William Ross Wallace). Come share stories and poems of our mothers at the historic Camano City Schoolhouse, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Storyteller and branch member, Marianne McGarry-Bloom, will lead an interactive evening on the eve of Mother's Day. Bring your stories, pictures and poems of your mother or woman of influence for an exchange of memories, laughter and tears.

The resource list below was part of Mary Jennings presentation at our April 14 general meeting. It was thought that some of you might find it useful if the history of our area is of interest to you.

Resources for Researching Stanwood-Camano Area History

Compiled by Mary Jennings, MLIS for the AAUW Meeting of April 14, 2022

Books - Most of these books are out of print but many are available at local public libraries, the Stanwood Area Historical Society (in-house use only) and online used book retailers.

- The Stanwood Story, Volumes I-III by Alice Essex
Stanwood Camano News - 1971, 1975, 1998
- The Victoria Community "Then and Now" by Agnes Molstad
Self-published - 1976
- Camano Island: Life and Times in Island Paradise by Art Kimball and John Dean
Stanwood Camano News – 1994
- Camano Island by Karen Prasse and the Stanwood Area Historical Society
Arcadia Publishing as part of the Images of America series – 2006
- Stuck in the Mud by Penny Hutchison Buse
Snohomish Publishing Company – 2011
- Exploring Camano Island by Val Schroeder
History Press – 2014
- The Beaches of Camano Island by Jason Dorsey
Sunnyshore Studios – 2016

Online – There are many online resources for researching local history. Here are some of my favorites:

- historylink.org
- tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/whoware/history
- washingtonhistory.org
- goskagit.com
- heraldnet.com
- census.gov
- Wikipedia is always a great starting point to gain an understanding of a subject

Places to Visit – We are fortunate to have wonderful museums and archives in our own backyard.

- Stanwood Camano News – The newspaper archives go back well over 100 years. Call ahead to schedule research time at 360-629-2155.
- Hilibulb Cultural Center of the Tulalip Tribe – A must-see collection of the history of the area's Indigenous people. Visit the website or call 360-716-2600 for more information.
- Stanwood Area Historical Society – The SAHS offers Research Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. at the Eldridge Center. Visit their website or call 360-629-6110 for more information.

Podcasts – Podcasts are a great way to learn about history while on the go. Here are two I listen to regularly:

- Stuff You Missed in History Class – A wide-ranging collection of engaging history subjects.
- The Resident Historian – Pacific Northwest history hosted by KIRO Radio's Resident Historian (and my baby brother!) Feliks Banel.

Exploring History Articles by Mary Jennings Online: goskagit.com/scnews

Follow me on Twitter @journalist_cam

General Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2022

Program: Via Zoom; Mary Jennings, MLIS, librarian to reporter.

Attendance: (15) India Nishi, Nancy Voelckers, Jeanie Garrioch, Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler, Judy Prince, Lynda Buehring, Nancy Roberts, Christa Baltsch, Jackie DeFazio, Joanne Drewsen, Joyce Leak, Helen Smith, Doris Taylor, Judy Trammell. Guest (1): Mary Jennings.

Call to Order: India Nishi called meeting to order at 1:56 p.m.

Secretary: Georgi Proulx presented March 10 general meeting minutes as published in April newsletter for approval. Motion to approve the March 10 minutes: Jeanie Garrioch moved, Judy Prince seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer: Jeanie Garrioch reviewed the financial reports for March accepted by the board on April 7. Operating account had \$3458.86. Total assets are \$64,437.14.

Member Recognition: India Nishi recognized Nancy Roberts and her Nominating Committee: Joyce Leak and Mary Raymond.

Nominating Committee: Nancy Roberts introduced the slate of officers for 2022-23:

President-elect: Jackie-Lyn Olson
VP Finance: Judy Trammell
VP Finance-elect: Judy Prince
VP Program: Rose Olson
VP Membership: Joanne Drewsen

Appointed Positions for 1 year:

Program Assistant: Doris Taylor, Mary Raymond
Membership Assistant: India Nishi

Finishing the 2nd year of their Two Year Positions:

President: Nancy Voelckers Secretary: Georgi Proulx

PWP: India Nishi announced that set up is Friday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. or a bit before; please help. There are 12 tickets left. Jackie DeFazio shared that credit cards need to be registered to shorten the check in process.

Membership: India shared there will be a change in how we renew our membership online. Community Hub has replaced the previous process. Don't renew yet; wait for our email letting you know it's ready.

Scholarships: India Nishi reported for Marianne McGarry-Bloom scholarship applications are due the end of the month. Please encourage those individuals that are not related to you to apply. This year we're awarding three \$6000 scholarships.

Tech Trek: India Nishi reported we have interviewed five girls for camp and will be interviewing two more next week. We need one adult volunteer to accompany the girls we're sending. Judy Prince explained the need for an adult as a dorm monitor escorting the girls during camp activities. Teachers are needed as is a qualified health aid.

Adjourn: Jeanie Garrioch moved to adjourn the meeting; Nancy Roberts seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx
Secretary



We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.
~Randy Pausch