



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

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June 2026

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June 4th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

June Board Meeting
SCAF Building

June 16th

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

JAVA BREAK

Cookie Mill

*For Coffee and Conversation
Bring a Prospective Member*

June 28th

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting

Camano City Schoolhouse
993 Orchid Rd, Camano
Enter via Chapman Road



President's Message

Lael Williams

Summer is just around the corner! May was a joyous month celebrating the high school STEM scholars selected for their excellence in STEM coursework and meeting the girls selected for the summer Tech Trek camp. So many members contributed to the committee work and celebration. Thank you to everyone involved.

June 28 we look forward to the Scholarship Tea to see results of the Scholarship Committee's work selecting the young women who will enjoy their next year of education with our help.

It's been a delight to serve with wonderful members this year. I've learned so much about the work of our branch and how we come together in a variety of ways. I invite our new members and those who have "paused for a while" to get involved and help accomplish all that we need to do in 2026-27. Getting involved means learning more about one another, working on an important project for young women and their educations and connecting in ways that bring joy to your life. We can't accomplish our mission without you.

I hope to see you at the June 28 Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting to celebrate the culmination of our year of hard work, to elect our Board for 2026-27, and to vote on our Operations and Scholarship Budgets for 2026-27.

Enjoy your summer and see you at the August 13 BBQ Kickoff!

Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting—June 28

Marianne McGarry-Bloom, Karen Rogers

It is time to celebrate our AAUW-SC scholarship recipients. Three scholars with diverse interests and goals will be feted at our annual Scholarship Tea on June 28, Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the historic Camano City Schoolhouse. At the Tea you will hear the stories from our scholars: Hannah Good, Gwenyth Guico, and Zoey Houser. We hope you can join us for this gathering of support for our worthy scholars.



Following our scholarship presentation will be our annual meeting at which we elect our 2026-27 board and vote to approve the 2026-27 operating and scholarship budgets.

Supplying tea sandwiches, finger foods, flowers, punch, helping to setup. or RSVP for the guest count please contact Marianne McGarry-Bloom via email or phone.

Location: Camano City Schoolhouse, 993 Orchid Rd, Camano Island. Please enter at Chapman Road entrance.

Surplus purses from Purses with Purpose will be sold after the Scholarship Tea/Annual Meeting. Bring your checkbook and purchase your faves at discounted rates.

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Future Events

July 15th

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

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August 13th

Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

Kick Off BBQ

Camano Hills Pavilion

September 3rd

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

September Board Meeting

SCAF Building

September 10th

Thursday

September General Meeting



What's going on at AAUW-WA?

<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/activities-information/calendar/>

Visit our branch website:
www.aauwsc.org

Public Policy

AAUW Washington to keep up with happenings in the current legislative session and to learn about areas for action.

<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/actions-we-take/>

National AAUW Take Action

<https://www.aauw.org/act/>

Scholarship for 2026

Marianne McGarry-Bloom, Karen Rogers

The 2026 Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce our three recipients to whom will be awarded \$7,000 to further their educational endeavors. Thank you to Kathy Cunningham, Thea Wellington, Patti Pontikis, Lynda Buehring, Karen Rogers and Marianne McGarry-Bloom for the time and care they took to review the many scholarship applications submitted.

Hannah Good is a graduate in Political Science from Westmont College in California. Hannah is now pursuing a Master's degree at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. studying International affairs.

Gwenyth Guico is attending The University of Redlands in California studying Marine Ecology. Gwenyth will be studying in Turks and Caicos next semester to develop field and research skills that protect ocean ecosystems.

Zoey Houser is pursuing a degree in Social Work working with women and families in recovery, focusing on empowerment, trauma-informed care and long term stability. Zoey is attending Western's Fairhaven College.

We look forward to meeting Zoey and Hannah via Zoom at our Scholarship Tea, Sunday, June 28th at the Historic Camano City Schoolhouse. Gwenyth will be attending and presenting in person.

Set up time will be at 11:30 a.m. with our Tea beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please help setup or contribute food of your choice to celebrate our recipients.



Vote for Your 2026-27 Board at the Annual Meeting

Deb Narcisso

Our June 28 meeting includes more than celebrating our scholarship winners. To maintain a healthy branch we must approve an operating budget and scholarship budget and elect the officers to lead us in 2026-27. The slate of officers are offered below for your consideration:

President: Deb Narcisso

President-Elect: *Open Position*

VP Finance: Nancy Russell

VP Finance-Elect: Cathy Massimino

VP Program*: Lynda Buehring

VP Membership*: *Open Position*

Secretary**: Karen Walden

*-2 year term **- 2nd year of 2 year term

Appointed Positions for 1 year:

Communications: Georgi Proulx

Public Policy: Joanne Drewsen

Communications Assistant: Martha Huylar

NOTE: Without a President-elect or VP Membership, our branch cannot be successful. We need these voting members of the board for a healthy and thriving branch. If you are interested in either of these positions or can Co-Chair this position with a fellow member, please contact Deb Narcisso to discuss.



Stanwood-Camano (WA) Branch

Membership Corner—Renewing Your Membership

Lynda Buehring, Joyce Leak

Membership renewals are an important part of maintaining an active, engaged, and well-organized membership program. Keeping renewal information current helps ensure that members continue to receive benefits without interruption and allows the organization to plan more effectively. To support this process, a list was created showing each member's renewal date. This list provides a clear overview of upcoming renewals and helps identify which memberships need attention first. Having this information in one place makes it easier to send reminders, follow up with members, and reduce the chance of missed renewals.

Currently we have 31 members with fees due by June 30 and 5 that are expired or in the 90 day grace period. Please contact your membership team if you would like to know your renewal date for your planning.

At the June Branch meeting members will be asked to approve both the operating and scholarship budgets for the coming fiscal year. In addition, we will also be approving the Branch's annual contribution to National AAUW -- \$2,000 to The **Defend Higher Education Fund #4513**. This fund enables AAUW to elevate the critical higher education issues impacting women. It also provides strategic resources to students, staff and faculty on campuses and fuels investment in infrastructure and technology necessary to move AAUW's mission forward. Donations to this fund ensure AAUW can effectively fight on behalf of women on campuses across the country.

Approving this recommendation is appropriate because it aligns with AAUW's core mission—"advancing equity for women and girls by championing success in higher education"—a vital pathway to economic security. At the same time, it fulfills the promise made to the generous supporters of *Purses with Purpose 2026* that funds collected would go directly to our "scholarship fund for university scholarships, Tech Trek STEM camp, and our national organization."

As AAUW Chief Executive Officer Gloria Blackwell pointed out in the May 2026 edition of AAUW Mission & Action (emailed to all members), "The work ahead is especially important as higher education continues to face growing barriers that threaten access and opportunity for students across the country." Adding our voices to those of AAUW members across the country, we can make a difference!

2026-27 Operating Budget and Scholarship Budget Vote to Approve

Nancy Russell

At the Annual Meeting in June **members vote on the Operating Budget** for the fiscal year July 1 – June 30. Funding for this budget comes from AAUW Branch dues. Operating Expenses include Mandatory Expenses (Accountant, Insurance, Website), Outreach and Marketing Expenses (Programs, Candidates Forum, SCAF membership, etc.) and Technology Expenses (Accounting Software). With these increased expenditures – our Expenses far exceed our income.



The Stanwood-Camano **AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase AAUW Branch dues** to \$30. Member dues play a vital role in supporting our branch and the programs and services we provide. Over the years, the cost of serving members and offering meaningful programming has steadily increased, while branch dues have remained unchanged since 2008. The Board's decision to propose a modest \$6 dues increase is intended only to help narrow our annual operating deficit and keep our branch on a more stable financial footing. **Continued support for our Operating Fund Campaign** will also be essential to sustaining the work and opportunities our branch offers. To view the operating budget proposed by your Board, please see page 4.

Scholarship Budget

At the Annual Meeting members will also **vote on the Scholarship Budget** for the fiscal year. Funding for the Scholarship Budget comes from Giving Tuesday, scholarship contributions and the biennial Purses with Purpose event. The Scholarship budget funds: Tech Trek, STEM recognition awards, college scholarships and AAUW funds. See the Scholarship Budget on page 5 for details.

Please review the two budgets and direct your questions to VP Finance, Nancy Russell.

Reminder – Pay Your Dues by June 30th

All members whose membership dues are due by June 30th are urged to pay \$110 on time; the cost will increase to \$116 on July 1 if approved by the membership. If your dues are due, you have received an email from National AAUW. Please mail a check to the AAUW P.O. Box 2562 in Stanwood or pay online at the AAUW national website.



Public Policy Update!

Joanne Drewsen

Stay involved year round with issues that are important to you – national, state, and local. Refer to the May newsletter for ideas about how to do that!

Operating Budget for 2026-27

Nancy Russell

Below is the Operating Budget for 2026-2027 presented by the Board for vote of approval by the membership at the June 28th Annual Meeting. Please review before the meeting and direct your questions to the VP Finance , Nancy Russell.

Operating Budget for 2026-2027	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	7/1/2025 - 4/30/2026	7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027	
	Budget Approved	Projected	Budget Proposed	
Operating Income				
Branch Dues	\$ 1,368.00	\$ 1,466.93	\$ 1,770.00	a
Dues Assistance Fund	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ -	
Holiday Luncheon - net	\$ -	\$ (8.25)	\$ -	
Operating Account Campaign	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,041.00	\$ 1,000.00	b
Total Income	\$ 2,368.00	\$ 2,501.68	\$ 2,770.00	
Operating Expenses				
Technology Expenses				
Communications Software (Zoom)	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Accounting Software	\$ 300.00	\$ 348.00	\$ 350.00	
	\$ 475.00	\$ 348.00	\$ 350.00	
Mandatory Expenses				
Accountant Fee	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Annual Filing Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Liability & D&O Insurance	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	c
Office Supplies (PO Box, Stamps, Copies)	\$ 225.00	\$ 221.38	\$ 225.00	
Domain Name	\$ 25.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00	
Website (3 year)	\$ 85.00	-		d
	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,078.38	\$ 1,082.00	
Outreach and Marketing				
Branch Programs	\$ 500.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 500.00	
Candidate's Forum	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Marketing & Publicity Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Women's Expo	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	
SCAF Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	e
	\$ 950.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 1,100.00	
Total Unfunded Expenses	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 2,111.38	\$ 2,532.00	
Net Income	\$ (212.00)	\$ 390.30	\$ 238.00	
Funded Expenses				
Dues Support	\$ 200.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 200.00	
State Meeting Registrations	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
	\$ 300.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 300.00	
Total Net Reduction	\$ (512.00)	\$ 282.30	\$ (62.00)	
a = 59 members x \$30				
b = Includes operaing fund campaign as part of budget to attempt balanced budget				
c = D&O due in May				
d = paid every 3 years / scholarship budget pays a third of expense. Due in 2028 - \$388				
e = SCAF is new as separated budgeted item in 2026-2027				

Scholarship Budget for 2026-27
Nancy Russell

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Scholarship Budget for 2026-2027				
	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	7/1/2025 - 4/30/2026	7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027	
	Budget (Approved)	Actual + Projected	Budget (Proposed)	
SCHOLARSHIP				
Income				
Donations - non-designated	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Donations - Tech Trek	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,805.00	\$ 3,000.00	a
Interest Income	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00	
Total Income	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 14,030.00	\$ 3,100.00	
Expenses				
Tech Trek	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,600.00	b
STEM Gifts	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
Scholarship Admin/Printing	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	
WebHosting	\$ 45.00		\$ 50.00	
College Scholarships	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	c,d
Auction Software Subscriptiion	\$ 868.00	\$ 853.73	\$ 940.00	
AAUW Economic Security Fund (#4449)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (#9110)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
AAUW Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
AAUW Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 34,163.00	\$ 32,478.73	\$ 31,240.00	
a = SC Give 2026 projected proceeds				
b = Six Students @ \$1,600 each				
c,d= Three Scholarships @ \$7000 each awarded June 2026 - will be paid July/August 2026 (2027 scholarships will be awarded June 2027 and paid July/August 2027.)				
(Since we are on a cash basis reporting, the June 2027 scholarships will show on 2027-28 budget)				

Your 2025-2026 Board

President

Lael Williams

President-Elect

Deb Narcisso

VP of Finance

Nancy Russell

VP of Finance-Elect

(open)

Co-VP of Membership

Lynda Buehring, Joyce Leak

Secretary

Karen Walden

VP of Program

Mary Pilkington

Assistants: Linda Demetre,

Mary Raymond*

Public Policy

Joanne Drewsen

Communications

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2026

Georgi Proulx, Mary Raymond

High School STEM Scholars

Linda Demetre, Lael Williams

Scholarship Chair

Karen Rogers

Tech Trek Chair

Mary Chesney

AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

Candidate & Issues Forum

Kathy Cunningham

Historian

Helen Smith

Diversity

Katie Farrey

Stanwood-Camano Give

Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

Sunshine

Anne Milton

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler



DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

This year we are focusing on mental health with definitions and resources from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

"Millions of people in the U.S. are affected by mental illness. It's important to measure how common it is, so we can understand its impact - and so we can show that no one is alone." NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Upcoming Opportunities:

June:

Caribbean American Heritage Month

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

National Immigrant Heritage Month

June 6th, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Stanwood Camano Pride, Freedom Park, Camano Island <https://www.stanwoodcamanopride.com>

June 17th LGBTQIA+ Equal Pay Awareness Day

June 19th Juneteenth

June 20th, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., NAACP Juneteenth Community Celebration, Martha Lake Park, Lynnwood

<https://naacpaowsac.org/event/juneteenth-community-celebration-2026/>

June 20th, 11:00 a.m., Camano Island Library, Songs of the Heart with Native American Flutist Peter Ali <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/v2/events/69f4da231d82f930d3cb51f9>

July 26th National Disability Independence Day - July is Disability Pride Month

Tech Trek 2026

Mary Chesney



I know this year's group of campers will have a wonderful experience and we will hear all about it in September. Since summer of 2019 I have had the pleasure of being involved, in some way, with Tech Trek (TT). First I was a Dorm Mom, an eye-opening experience. As I often say, within five minutes of the campers arriving I wondered where this was when I was 13. In 2020 I helped with camper selection and from 2021 through this year, I have been the Branch Coordinator. Now it is time for the next person to have the honor of leading the selection process for our camp. I will continue to be involved with TT at the state level. I look forward to helping with the transition to the next TT Coordinator.

Below are the 2026 campers; Preesha Mohsin was the recipient of the Doris Taylor Campership.



Left to right:
Phoebe Sison
Charlotte Payette
Louisa Williams
Brooke Helpfrey
Preesha Mohsin
Stella Smith

Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Lynda Buehring, Linda Lynn

Movie Group

Meet for a movie at our local Stanwood Cinema. Watch for an email invitation.

Suggestions are encouraged.

Anne Milton, Georgi Proulx

JAVA Break is held monthly alternating between the third Tuesday and third Wednesday 10:00 a.m. at the Cookie Mill. Please save the date, bring a friend!

Our gatherings are a special time with friends to share memories and thoughts we usually don't have time to share at general meetings. Let's share a mug and great conversation... you never know where it's going to take us...!

Nancy Voelckers, 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



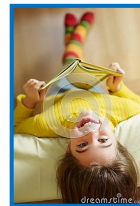
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Book Group

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.



Monday June 1, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Georgi Proulx

The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hammer

"Describes how a group of Timbuktu librarians enacted a daring plan to smuggle the city's great collection of rare Islamic manuscripts away from the threat of destruction at the hands of Al Qaeda militants to the safety of southern Mali."

Monday July 6, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Joyce Leak

Two Books:

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

"An incomparable adventure story, it is a vignette of a turbulent, yet hopeful epoch in American history, defining the experience of a nation in voices often satirical, but always authentic."

James by Percival Everett

"A retelling of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view."

Monday August 3, 2:00 p.m. Location To Be Determined

Atmosphere by Jenkins Reid

"Joan Goodwin has been obsessed with the stars for as long as she can remember. Thoughtful and reserved, Joan is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy at Rice University and as aunt to her precocious niece, Frances. That is, until she comes across an advertisement seeking the first women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program. Suddenly, Joan burns to be one of the few people to go to space. Selected from a pool of thousands of applicants in the summer of 1980, Joan begins training at Houston's Johnson Space Center, alongside an exceptional group of fellow candidates. As the new astronauts become unlikely friends and prepare for their first flights, Joan finds a passion and a love she never imagined. In this new light, Joan begins to question everything she thinks she knows about her place in the observable universe. Then, in December of 1984, on mission STS-LR9, it all changes in an instant."

Monday September 14, 2:00 p.m. Location To Be Determined

The House of Doors by Tan Twang Eng

"The year is 1921. Lesley Hamlyn and her husband, Robert, a lawyer and war veteran, are living at Cassowary House on the Straits Settlement of Penang. When "Willie" Somerset Maugham, a famed writer and old friend of Robert's, arrives for an extended visit with his secretary Gerald, the pair threatens a rift that could alter more lives than one. Maugham is beleaguered: Having long hidden his homosexuality, his unhappy and expensive marriage of convenience becomes unbearable after he loses his savings-and the freedom to travel with Gerald. Lesley, too, is enduring a marriage more duplicitous than it first appears. Maugham learns of Lesley's past connection to the Chinese revolutionary, Dr. Sun Yat Sen. A mesmerizingly beautiful novel based on real events, The House of Doors traces the fault lines of race, gender, sexuality, and power under empire, and dives deep into the complicated nature of love and friendship in its shadow."

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

High School STEM Scholar Recognition

Lael Williams, Linda Demetre

This year's High School STEM Scholar Recognition was held on May 14 at Stanwood United Methodist Church. We filled the hall with families and honorees and branch members who enjoyed a variety of snacks and desserts. The speaker was Jennifer Snow-Boscolo who spoke about her world-wide job experiences as an engineer and as HR Vice President at Terex Corporation's Genie Division. She shared valuable advice for the girls to try new things and don't give up; you never know when one adventure leads to a more valuable one for you. The Tech Trek campers and their families were also in attendance and benefited from sharing the evening with the honorees as well.

Photographs courtesy of Martha Huyler.



Arlington High School:
Jessica Estrada- Salgado, Science
Bailey Hitzel, Science
Samanta Moore, Science
Annelise Acero Rosas, Science



Lakewood High School:
Kaitlyn Hatter, Technology
Sophie Barrett, Math
Kinsey Lichty, Engineering
Naomi Koon, Science



Stanwood High School:
Lily Swanson, Science
Jordan Rancourt, Science
Whitney Longspagh, Technology
Aliana Coburn, Math

Day Tripper—Seattle Waterfront Adventure Lynda Buehring, Linda Lynn

The Day Trippers enjoyed a cheerful spring outing that combined discovery, scenery, and time together in one of the Northwest's most iconic destinations. On May 20, the group of nineteen members and guests traveled from Stanwood to downtown Seattle by bus and light rail, making the journey itself part of the day's fun. Along the way, participants also learned more about how to use public transit, giving many a new sense of confidence about traveling beyond their own communities. With waterfront views, a relaxed walking route, and plenty of chances to browse, chat, and explore, the trip offered an easy and enjoyable way to experience the city without the stress of driving. The Seattle Waterfront and Pike Place Market provided a lively backdrop filled with local character, public spaces, and classic Seattle atmosphere.



After arriving in Seattle, the group made its way from Westlake Station to the waterfront, where everyone enjoyed fresh air, city views, and time to take in the sights at a comfortable pace. Some spent time exploring Pike Place Market, while others admired the scenery near the Seattle Great Wheel and along the shoreline. Lunch at The Fisherman's Restaurant on Pier 57 added another highlight to the day, giving the group a chance to relax together over a meal in a scenic waterfront setting. Just as importantly, the outing created opportunities for conversation and connection, and several participants came away having met new friends. Altogether, the trip was a memorable mix of learning, companionship.

The photographs used in this month's newsletter issue are the flowers of the waterfront park. May was a lovely time to catch the world flush in the colors of spring.



Stanwood-Camano Branch Celebrates 90 Years

AAUW Organizational Hierarchy

Martha Huyler

For 90 years, the Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW has been going strong.

National AAUW

The national AAUW organization was started in 1881 in Boston by a small group of women college graduates led by Dr. Marion Talbot. Originally known as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA), the organization wanted to persuade colleges to be more accepting of women and to support the achievements and activities of educated women. The movement grew across the country, as local branches and state organizations were formed.



Washington State AAUW

Suggestion to form the Washington Division was made by AAUW. Washington already had more than 10 branches: Seattle 1904, Tacoma 1907, Spokane 1909, Yakima 1910, Pullman 1917, Bellingham 1918, Grays Harbor 1919, Walla Walla 1921, Lewis County and Cowlitz County 1923, and Olympia 1925. Oregon Division had been formed in 1925, greatly aiding Washington branches to follow suit.

On January 27, 1927, a group of women of Washington state, at the invitation of the then AAUW Cowlitz County Branch, gathered in Longview to form a Washington Division of AAUW. The Conference was held for the purpose of forming the state organization. The headquarters were the Monticello Hotel. The two-day conference was held in the Assembly Room of the Longview Public Library. Several members of Oregon State Division attended, as did Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, National President of AAUW.

Stanwood-Camano Branch

Our branch of AAUW was formed in Arlington in 1936 by a group of 16 women. Later, the branch became known as the Arlington-Stanwood branch, and eventually what is now known as the Stanwood-Camano Island branch. Branch leadership continues to interact with Washington State AAUW sharing experiences and learning opportunities.



<https://aauw-seattle.org/about/branch-history>

<https://www.aauw.org/about/history/>

AAUW Washington "Honoring our History and Heritage", Barbara Sando, 24 August 2013

Program Schedule for 2026



June 28	1:00 p.m.	Scholarship Tea/Annual Meeting, <i>Camano City Schoolhouse</i>
August 13	4:00 p.m.	Annual Branch Picnic, <i>Camano Hills Pavilion</i>
September 10		General Meeting, <i>Probable evening meeting/Tech Trek</i>

General Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2026

Program: High School STEM Scholar Recognition was held at Stanwood United Methodist Church to honor the STEM scholars and meet the Tech Trek 2026 campers. The speaker was Jennifer Snow-Boscolo who spoke about her world-wide job experiences as an engineer and as HR Vice President at Terex Corporation's Genie Division.

Call to Order: The meeting was opened by President Lael Williams at 8:15 p.m.

Membership – It was announced that the majority of our branch's members' dues is due on June 30, 2026. Payment reminder notes will be sent to those affected members. They were urged to pay before July 1 to avoid paying the proposed \$6 Branch dues increase effective July 1st. Members may pay by check to our P.O. box or online through the AAUW website.

Purses with Purpose Auction – Georgi Proulx suggested that we sell the 50 unsold auction purses at the Scholarship Tea in June. There were some unsold bottles of wine from the auction, too, that will be sold for \$5.00 each after the meeting.

Library Levy – Kelli Bragg from the Camano Island Library Association would like to set up a date to come speak at one of our meetings about the upcoming Library Levy. It was determined that we will not have time before the election to do this. This is a levy renewal. Encourage your friends to vote in this election on August 4th.

Tutoring at Stanwood Elementary – Georgi Proulx shared that Dagny Albano from Stanwood Elementary asked that we ask our members to participate in a tutoring program at their school. The volunteers would tutor students in grades 3-5 in Literature and Oral Skills and in K-2 in math. Georgi said she would meet with Dagny and come prepared with more information for our June 4th board meeting.

Day Trippers – The Seattle Waterfront trip is coming up on Wednesday, May 20th.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by President, Lael Williams at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Walden, Secretary



Every sunset in summer feels like the world is smiling back at you.

Wishing You A Happy Summer!

~Georgi and Martha