

BAYNOTES

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Celebrating our 90th year

Enjoying your summer? Meet up and stay connected with our Green Bay Area Branch over the summer.
All Branch members and guest are invited to attend all these planned events

Social Interest Group

Thursday, July 13

6:00 pm Social time 7:00 pm Concert
DePere City Band Concert at Voyageur Park. We will meet at 6:00 pm to socialize, bring a snack and drink. Concert at 7pm. Bring your own chair.

Art Study Group

Thursday, July 20

2nd Trip to the MARC CHAGALL exhibit at the RAHR-WEST MUSEUM. 9:30 a.m. carpool from Green Bay to Manitowoc (there is road construction on I-43)

Visit the Marc Chagall Lithographs Take time to look at the 38 lithographs; **Lunch at The Courthouse Pub, Tour the West Of the Lake Gardens** There are 6 acres of beautiful gardens started by the West family—self walking tour (weather permitting), **Ice Cream sundae** (The museum is FREE, but donations are always accepted).

CONTACT: Bev Braun 920-499-4961
bbraun5@new.rr.com if you can attend for docent and lunch count and carpooling.

Movie Goers Group

Monday, July 24

1:00 pm East Branch Library 2255 Main St.
Movie Matinee –THE QUEEN OF KATWE—a Ugandan girl sees her life change after being introduced to the game of chess - 2 hrs. I will be providing each of the AAUW members with an interesting packaged snack (from QVC). You are allowed to BYO closed cap beverage.

Afternoon Book Group

Tuesday, July 25

3:30 pm Reader's Loft
Book: Girl in the Tangerine Scarf by Mohja Kahf.
The story of a young woman growing up in Indiana as part of a Muslim family in the 1970's.

Tuesday August 22- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood a distopian tale written in the 1980's with uncanny relevance for today.

Aldente! Book of the Month Club

Thursday, July 27

5:30 pm Green Bay Distillery
Book: Euphoria by Lily King. Three anthropologists form a circumstantial friendship in the 1930s while studying tribes in Papua, New Guinea.

AAUW Branch Planning Meeting

Monday, July 17 5:30 pm

Sara Ramaker's home 2545 Oakwood Ave.

We would love to have all board members and at least one Group Co-chair attends, interested members, too. The first turnout was wonderful and I hope members will continue to feel welcome. Let me know if you are coming so I can plan for the food. (It will probably not be as grand as Linda's presentation last time. Thank you, Linda.) If you are not able to attend, please give me an update on the planning you have done.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Maryl Hitchcock & Janice McCarthy

Elma Anderson Receives her 40-year

Membership Pin: Elma Anderson lives in Two Rivers and has continued to support our branch. We join her in celebrating 40 years of membership in AAUW! During her membership, Elma was president for the Manitowoc/Two Rivers Branch and served on the state board, as well as many other positions. We celebrate and thank her for her continued support of AAUW. Cheers, Elma!

Membership Renewal Forms were mailed to all members in late April. We encourage everyone to complete the form and mail it with their \$75.00 dues as soon as possible. You don't want to miss out on all the exciting things happening in our branch. This will assure that the Membership Directory is complete and accurate.



AAUW Green Bay Area Branch is sponsoring a coach **Tour to the Art Institute of Chicago – Thursday, September 7th** to view the special exhibit that takes an in depth look at Gauguin's creative process and illustrates how he challenged cultural, geographic and material boundaries. Cost: \$75.00 includes bus ride, Art Institute entrance fee and Gauguin exhibit special ticket. Lunch will be on your own.

Bus will leave GB Park and Ride (on Hoffman Road) 6:30 am sharp. Back to Green Bay at 3:30 pm. A stop will be made on return trip for quick sandwich. Home: approx.8:30 pm.

Tickets are on a 1st come, 1st reserve basis (55 seats are available) No refunds.

Send reservation info and check for \$75 made out to GB Area AAUW to:

Janice McCarthy, Gauguin Exhibit; 2320 Canter Lane, #8; Green Bay, WI 54304.

Questions? Contact Linda at lindbird@icloud.com

A special thank you to Laura for opening her home for our June picnic, especially as the rain forced us inside. The rain did not dampen the mood of the gathering. We have great food and great laughs. Thank you, too, to our newly formed Social Group for organizing the event. As I announced at the picnic, we were treating this as a "practice". We would like the June picnic to be a yearly event and to use it specifically to attract new members. We would like each member to bring a possible member. We will extol the wonderful attributes of being an AAUW member. We are hoping this push, plus a discount on the first year's membership might boost our membership.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Sara Ramaker

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. I usually think of the summer as being a slow time for AAUW, but we have been on the move in so many directions I can barely keep up.

Election Results: The new national board is as follows: Julia Brown (Chair – New Mexico), Peggy Ryan Williams (Board Vice Chair – Vermont), Joanna Amberger (Hawai), Susan Barkley (Florida and Missouri), Janet Bunger, (Utah) Melody Jackson (Virginia) Melissa Cooke Johnsen (Colorado), Dot McLane (Pennsylvania), Leah Sakacs (Ohio), Cheryl Sorokin (California), Mandy Stevens (Oregon), Mary L. Zupanc (California). The appointed members are Karen Kirkwood (Minnesota), Eileen Menton (Maryland) and Susan Nenstiel (Pennsylvania). I am pleased we have representatives from several different states.

As for the amendments and resolutions, everything passed except for following three proposals: three proposals: (1) removing the educational component requirement for membership, (2) the creation of a special membership class for those without the educational degrees, and (3) reducing the quorum requirements. No change won by a strong vote. I was surprised how many of the people who voted on other issues did not vote on these issues. They were key membership issues to have no opinion. I am disappointed that the membership did not vote to change the educational requirements. I am also disappointed in the voter turnout in general and for Wisconsin, in particular – only 10.96% of Wisconsin members took the time. Twenty-seven states and protectorates had better turnout than Wisconsin. The highest turnout was in Puerto Rico - 20.69%. Our branch did all we could to encourage voting. Only one member took advantage of our “Voting Party.” For an organization working to effect change in the political world, it is disappointing how little interest the membership has in its own governing process.

There is some great news. The changes resulting from the election do NOT require any revisions to the Bylaws. (Did you hear my delighted screams when I read that email?)

Our New Group Organization: We have had a lot of activity since our May Meeting and Linda Birder announced our new “group organization”. It is exciting to see how many members have become active in one or more of the various groups. Some of the activities of the groups are as follows:

Art Group: Study, experience, embrace all types of art in monthly discussions, hands on creation, museum visits, studio tours.

Dreamers and Doers Volume II: This group had a writing workshop in June and is planning a second writing workshop on July 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sara Ramaker. Anyone can come and write for an hour or two. We are nearly half done with our second volume and can use additional writers. Please contact Dotty Juengst for more information. You can also write profiles on your own.

Afternoon Book Club: The afternoon book club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm at Reader’s Loft.

¡Adelante! Book Club: This book group is meeting monthly and reading the books by female authors identified in national’s ¡Adelante! Book club. We have had two meetings and read two great books. It meets at the Green Bay Distillery where dinner is ordered and the book is discussed. . The next meeting is Thursday, July 27 at 5:30p.m. The book is Euphoria by Lily King. For more information, contact Mary Barker or Sara Ramaker, co-chairs.

Scholarship: Liz Pierce and Laura Fisher-Bonvallet, Co-Chairs

Social Group: Plan small and large group events to bring the branch together in a social setting.

STEM: No action

Social Justice: The Social Justice Group had its informational meeting. It was decided that there were so many issues. The first issue we would address is going to be water quality, because at the state convention a resolution was passed adding water quality as a state issue. Our first Social Justice activity will be a Wine and Whine event on October 12. We will discuss the use of bottle water and write letters to our legislators on the issue. This group will organize the April 16 meeting and it will be a speaker from the local group, The Green Bay Backers, to discuss the present state of the Green Bay.

Movie Goers: To plan movie events that entertain, educate and foster discussion. Movies are viewed in the theater, libraries, and homes. Events planned each month.

Human Trafficking: This group is exploring the best way for our branch to support the work being done in our community on this subject. A meeting will be organized in August. Contact Liz Pierce for more details.

Pay Equity: no action

Women's Health Issues:

If you have not joined one of the groups, we encourage you to join at least two. Active participation is lots of fun and is what AAUW is all about.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Events you should know about

Understanding Homelessness Panel

Thursday, July 13th, 6PM

Badger State Brewing Company

Homelessness in Green Bay and all around Northeast Wisconsin has gone largely unnoticed. Many misconceptions and myths surround the journey and challenges these individuals face. Join panelists at 6 pm for open discussion and networking. The panel will start at 7 pm.

Panelists include: Alexia Wood, Executive Director of St. John's Homeless Shelter; Chris Lashock, Client Services Coordinator of Homeless Connections; and Carrie Poser, Director for the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care. Come be a part of the change you wish to see in your community.

Downtown De Pere Art Walk

Friday, July 14 and August 18, 2017

4:00 - 8:00 pm

Businesses will host dozens of artists on both sides of the Fox River during the evening. There is no admission fee and tickets are not required to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs. July 13 6:00 pm Social Group/De Pere City Band Concert

Mon. July 17 5:30 pm Branch Planning Meeting

Thurs. July 20 – 9:30 am Art Study Group/Rahr West Art Museum Manitowoc

Mon. July 24 1:00 pm Movie Goers: East Branch Library

Tues. July 25 3:30 pm Afternoon Book Group

Thurs. July 27 5:30 pm Aldente Book Group

Tues. Aug. 22 – 3:30 pm Afternoon Book Group

Thurs. Sept. 7 – Art Institute of Chicago tour



A great article in FranklyGreenBay magazine – July issue <http://www.franklygreenbay.com/> Thank you Sandy for all the work you do in the community and for our branch

Meet the Artist: Sandy Melroy



In what mediums to do you work?

I am a textile artist with a background in fashion merchandising and a degree in teaching Home Economics.

When were you first interested in art and at what time did you know it would be a part of your life?

My Tennessee heritage is the reason for my southern accent, even though we have relocated 13 times to follow my husband's career with Kimberly Clark. I am most joyous over our family – raising four sons who have recently married and now started adding precious grandchildren to our family. Along the journey, I kept my career in teaching by offering textile related classes in communities and by establishing a home-based sewing business.

We lived in the UK for eight years and were greatly blessed by the kindness of the British people, the opportunity to travel and to feel our world as 'one.' Along with teaching, I have always enjoyed taking classes and volunteering in community projects. I served on numerous non-profit board of directors and looked for creative outlets in every place we lived. In England, I found my current passion, painting and creating art on silk fabric and started my business, Silk Sensations.

From where do you draw inspiration?

Although silk is a very adaptable medium and I have framed/embellished the silk into many art pieces, my business started with a focus on painting wearable art – most specifically Silk Scarves. They are individually painted, signed and numbered and available in galleries. To date, I have painted 1,745 scarves, so they continue to be a favorite! The flora and fauna found in nature is my most passionate form of inspiration and can be viewed on my website, silksensation.wix.com/silk-sensations. The shapes, colors and surprising blend of subtle and bold design by our Creator never ceases to amaze me.

How much of a role has living in Northeastern Wisconsin played in your work?

Moving back to the US from England, directly to De Pere, was a bit of a shock – our youngest son started College and I was left with a 'what now' for my direction. Participating in communities has always been important to me, and yet, a community needs to make way for newcomers. The greater Green Bay community is growing steadily in appreciating the arts and I was quickly offered an opportunity to connect with creative people as a founding board member for the ARTgarage. I served as chairperson for the Art Meets Heart public art project for 5 years which allowed over 300 people per year to come together in making a community art piece – the last of which is a 'flight' of aluminum airplanes, installed on a floor to ceiling sculpture in the grand lobby of Austin Strabel International Airport. Each community art piece is more important to me than any art piece of my own. It's incredible to hear people's stories of why they create art and what visual expression of their experiences means to them.

Where can others go to see your current work?

I am very honored to belong to the Green Bay Art Colony, the oldest art group in Green Bay, founded in 1915. We are a diverse group of women artists who are actively growing their art forms and promoting art in the community through exhibitions and scholarships. This spring, the Art Colony installed a permanent art exhibit at the YWCA in Green Bay in the Patricia Baer room. Marilee Jahn

wanted to celebrate the memory and personal mission of her sister, Lela Jahn, and graciously sponsored this exhibit to honor the legacy of strong women in the community 'who give of themselves to support and lead the way for others.' The exhibit features 15 pieces of original art by the Green Bay Art Colony members and some inspiring quotes to celebrate the global empowerment of women.

If you have a favorite quote or words of advice you'd like to share, what would they be?

I am energized and inspired by the synergy that happens when a cross section of our community comes together to create art and lift up our public spaces. Art is for every person of every age. May we never cease to appreciate what creativity does for our community or cease to make room for fresh ideas!

For more of Melroy's work visit Silk Sensations at SilkSensations.Wixsite.com/silk-sensations.