

BAYNOTES

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FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12

(Note the change of date as to our usual third Monday)

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OUR BROWN COUNTY (1818-2018)

200th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF BROWN COUNTY

Neville Public Museum

210 Museum Place 920-44804460

5:30 pm – Social & light supper

6:00 – Presentation by Lisa Kain, Museum Curator, tour to follow



Please RSVP to Barbara Wilson – bannwilson315@gmail.com or 920-619-0930
that you are coming and if you are a Museum member.

Our Brown County exhibit celebrates 200 years of history focusing on the stories that make Brown County the place we choose to live, work, and play. We will learn, from Lisa Kain, Museum Curator, about the development of the exhibit and then walk through the exhibit to see the stories told by 50 artifacts, 50 photographs, 50 people and 50 places demonstrating the complex, diverse, and rich history of Brown County. Some of the women in our Dreamers and Doers Book, vol. I and vol. II are featured in this exhibit.

Brown County was established in 1818, becoming the first boundary lines west of the Great Lakes- that's 30 years before Wisconsin became a state! Over the past two centuries, the residents of Brown County have left their unique mark on the landscape of Northeastern Wisconsin.

Please park in the museum's parking lot and enter through the front door. Let the front desk staff know you are here for the AAUW event and if you are a member of the Neville Museum (Bring your museum membership card). We will then meet in a room down the hall for social time and presentation.

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

ART STUDY GROUP

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

Thursday, February 21 10:00 am

Sue Hendrick's home 711 Morris St. De Pere
Program: **NOVA film: Art of Origami, followed by a demo and make and take project headed by Sunshine Tourtillott and Marilyn Rabideau.**

Please bring a scissors and ruler. Jill Lauritsen is co-hostess.

Explore the high-tech future of the age-old art of origami as NOVA unfolds the secrets as it relates to the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). The rules of folding are at the heart of many natural phenomena, from how leaves blossom to how beetles fly. But now, origami is being adapted in designing new drugs, micro-robots and the space mission.

NOTE: March meeting will be Thursday March 14 instead of regular third Thursday. It is a studio tour and demonstration by polymer artist Joyce Fritz. <http://joycefritz.com/>. Her work will be for sale as well.

WINE STUDY GROUP COMING

Mary Barker & Maryl Hitchcock

Join us as Master of Wine, Jennifer Simonetti-Bryan teaches us everything about one of our favorite drinks: wine. We will be following the Great Courses' Everyday Guide to Wines and each month we'll learn about a variety of topics.

Meeting the first Thursday of every month at Sara Ramaker's home beginning March 7th

Please call Maryl Hitchcock 920-336-5173 or email Mary Barker – barker.mary@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

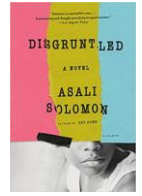
Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Wednesday, February 20 5:30 pm

Green Bay Distillery, 835 Mike McCarthy Way,
Book: **Disgruntled: A Novel** by Asali Solomon

Kenya Curtis is only 8 years old, but she knows that she's different. It's not because she's black — most of the other students in the fourth-grade class at her West Philadelphia elementary school are, too. What

Kenya does know is that her difference is connected to what her Baba calls “the shame of being alive.” Effortlessly funny and achingly poignant, Asali Solomon's long-awaited debut novel follows Kenya from West Philadelphia to the suburbs, from public school to private, from childhood through adolescence, as she grows increasingly disgruntled by her inability to find any place or thing or person that feels like home.



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

Monday, February 23rd 3:00 pm

Reader's Loft

Book: **Color of Water** by James McBride.

Who is Ruth McBride Jordan? A self-declared “light-skinned” woman evasive about her ethnicity, yet steadfast in her love for her twelve black children. James McBride, journalist, musician and son explores his mother's past, as well as his own upbringing and heritage.



MOVIE GROUP

Bev Braun

On Feb. 1 at 5:00 a.m., TCM will be running constant (a marathon of) Oscar winning and nominated movies. The movies will end on Feb. 28. Each day will have a theme but you will need to check your TV listings for the titles.



BRANCH COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Wendy Schmidt-Janosik

AAUW CLOTHING

As you know our AAUW branch offered the opportunity to purchase clothing with the AAUW logo. Several members didn't get to order and asked that we offer this again. There are three options available – a fleece vest, polo shirt, and v-neck tee shirt. The idea is to wear the clothing to get conversation going about our organization.

The vendor requires a minimum of 12 pieces to place an order. After the order is placed it takes 7-10 business days to get the order delivered. **The most important thing learned is to order up to get the right fit.** The vest I ordered was too tight to wear a sweater or layer anything under it.

For more information about the clothing go to the Bay Area website <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/upcoming-events/> and click on "**Order your AAUW shirts here**". You will find an order form and specifics about the options. Remember Order up to get the right fit!

You can download the order form and return it to:
Mary Woodbridge
1315 Bond Street
Green Bay, Wis. 54303
Attention: AAUW Clothing

Deadline for your order is **February 13.** Make your check payable to **AAUW – GB Branch.**

Attention members who purchased an item of AAUW clothing in the past –

Wear (model) the item of AAUW clothing you bought to our gathering on 2/12, the 200th Birthday Celebration of Brown County. You'll be entered in a drawing to win a prize! So besides showing your AAUW support, you could be a winner.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Laura Fisher-Bonvallet

From Sara Ramaker:

In the past the branch scholarship committee was responsible for the advertising and awarding of our branch scholarships. For the last few years, we have been concerned, because we were receiving fewer and fewer applicants. We know there is a need out there, but have not found the vehicle to get the information to the right audience. The board decided to create a Scholarship Committee to review the situation and make recommendations on how to handle the scholarship process in the future. This was discussed and volunteers were requested at the last May luncheon. The Board is very happy to report on the changes to our scholarship process.

The committee consisted of Laura Fisher-Bonvallet, Katie Janosik, Mary Barker, Dotty Juengst, Liz Pierce, and Sara Ramaker. Laura discussed the scholarship possibilities with representatives of the UWGB, Bellin College and NWTC. The committee held several meetings and made the following recommendation to the branch board in August.

We have had problems with our present scholarship process. It requires a lot of time and effort to get information about the scholarship to the various schools. We have had fewer and fewer applicants. We are not satisfied that we are really reaching the people we would like to help. We need to change the process.

To apply for any eligible scholarship at any school, the applicant needs to complete only one application. One of the reasons we have not received more applications is that students do not want or have the time to complete another application. By allowing the college to do the selection, we will have a much larger group of applicants and be more likely to reach the people we want to reach.

Although we will not be part of the selection process, the branch establishes the criteria each college will use to select the applicant. We will

find out who was chosen and will be free to invite them to our May luncheon.

Another advantage of allowing the schools to do the selection process is that it is the method national prefers, because of concerns raised by the IRS that a member might use the scholarship to benefit herself. Although our branch has always taken particular steps to ensure that has not happen, this alleviates any IRS concerns.

We have determined to create 3 annual scholarships – one at NWTC, one at UWGB and one at Bellin College. (We have decided not to include St. Norbert College, because we have never had an applicant from that school, plus the college enrolls 99% traditional students.) Each scholarship will be \$1000, with \$550 of each coming from the AAUW Dreamers and Doers Fund at the Green Bay Community Foundation and \$450 from the branch. The criteria are as follows:

1. Must be enrolled at the college in a degree program;
2. Must be Junior or Senior level (must have two semesters completed at NWTC)
3. Strong preference is given to a female;
4. Must be enrolled full-time or part-time student with minimum of nine credits (minimum of 6 credits at NWTC)
5. Must be earning first Bachelor degree (Associate Degree for NWTC);
6. Must have financial need;
7. Must have a minimum Grade Point Average (

We have contracts with each of the schools. We have met with the Green Bay Community Foundation representatives. They indicated there is unlikely to be a problem receiving its approval for the changes, because many of their organizations use a similar approach. We have forwarded to them copies of the agreements. We will need to have the scholarship funds forwarded by June 1 of each year.

The board thanks the efforts of all who worked on the scholarship committee, particularly Laura who has worked closely with the schools and has kept this project moving. We believe this is the appropriate approach and look forward to continuing to support women in this area.

Now all we need to do is figure out more ways to raise the money for these scholarships

Check out our scholarship webpage <https://greenbayarea-wi.aauw.net/scholarships> to find a listing of scholarship recipients since 1972. Many thanks to Mary Barker for making this possible!

SUNSHINE TOURTILLOTT NEEDS YOUR VOTE!

Branch member Sunshine Tourtillott has an entry in this year's **AAUW Art Contest**.

Her piece is a digital photograph titled. **Abandoned School House**. She needs our votes to win!!!!

Here's how the voting works:

The art contest winners are chosen by AAUW members. This year, AAUW is giving special preference to submissions that reflect our mission and values. The images that receive the most votes will appear on note cards that are mailed to tens of thousands of AAUW members across the country.

You must be a current AAUW member or affiliate when voting opens in order to vote in the 2019 AAUW Art Contest. The voting period is February 12–February 26, 2019.

Click here to vote - [AAUW Art Contest](#)

Members may VOTE ONE TIME for their 10 favorite images. During the contest, members can log in online and see which entries they've voted for. Rally votes for your favorites by sharing with other members!

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

Mary Schmidt

Thank you again, to everyone who participated in the LAF fundraiser at our Holiday Luncheon in December. Below is one of many causes AAUW supports with our donations.

AAUW has signed on to two amicus briefs challenging the Trump administration's contraceptive coverage rules: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Donald J. Trump, et. al and the State of California v. Health and Human Services, et. al. The Trump administration issued final versions of two proposed Interim Final Rules that rolled back the Patient Protections and Affordable Care Act contraceptive mandate by exempting organizations with religious or moral objections. This means organizations would not have to provide insurance that covered contraception; women would have to pay extra for insurance that covered anything related to birth control.

As an amici, AAUW stands with other amici organizations trying to persuade the courts that no-cost coverage of safe and reliable contraception is critical for women's professional and educational success, health and wellbeing. These briefs advise the courts of relevant additional information the courts may wish to consider when deciding these cases. AAUW believes that the exemption rules will cause extreme harm to hundreds of thousands of women who work for religiously-affiliated nonprofits, such as hospitals, colleges and universities.

AAUW believes it is extremely important to stop these exemption rules because no-cost contraceptive coverage is vital to a woman's ability to plan to enter, remain and grow in the workplace and/or higher education. The ability to obtain no-cost contraceptive coverage is in direct relation to AAUW's core values of access to education, leadership, and economic security.



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Sara Ramaker

So glad the bad weather waited until after our January soup and film night. I do so thank Bev for all her organization and the great film, Sandy for offering her warm home and being such a gracious hostess, to Sue for her help with the set of the food and to all who brought the delicious food. It was such a feast. It was so much fun learning about and trying the official Congressional navy bean soup, too.

I congratulate the scholarship committee on its accomplishments. Our annual scholarship is an important part of the work of the branch. These changes to the process will change the focus of the scholarship Chairs for next year. Perhaps you have some ideas and would like to serve as a co-chair.

Dotty Juengst has organized a wonderful opportunity our members to see the special exhibit celebrating the two hundredth years of Brown County. It is particularly appropriate for our groups as we have members featured in the exhibit.

I hope you all were safe and warm this last week. I had great plans to get lots of AAUW things done, but I found the cold made me just want to sit under a blanket and read. I also had an interesting book. Jamie Bernstein's book about her father. I like memoirs, loved Bernstein's musicals and with the discussion of all their friends who were all "musical" names I knew, I was hooked. I can sympathize with all the people caring for children, because my puppy, Pippi, has been so bored. When she is bored, she looks for mischief. So, after three days in the house, I cannot say my "to Do" pile went down as much as I wanted it to. Even though I am retired, I still love "snow days" and feel they are a chance to relax and regroup. It is like the song in "Castaways", "Don't cry about bad weather, enjoy it. Each moment is a treasure, enjoy it." Yet, let us hope the worst of winter is over and we do not miss any meetings because of weather.

Finally, we must look to the future. We need a new president. Three years is enough for anyone. I do still plan to take another position, but do not want to do this job another year. It is time to think of all our positions and whether you have an interest in serving as an officer or chair. I know I have learned so much and had some wonderful opportunities because I served as president. Yes, it is work but it is lots of fun, too. I hope you are all considering what you can do to keep this branch active, with interesting programs, great book discussions, interesting art programs, and fun adventures. When we call to ask you, say, “Yes.”

Request from Sandy Melroy
Arti Gras



Arti Gras 2019 will be March 9 and 10th at a new location, the KI Convention Center, downtown GB. This is a wonderful way to see and buy fine art from over 100 artists, enjoy performances from a variety of local dance and vocal entertainers, and support the non-profit organizations who display in the cultural corner booths.

Tickets are \$7 in advance at Festival Food Stores and \$10 at the door. Parking is available in the multi story garage with easy walkover bridge.

We need VOLUNTEERS to help with several parts of this fabulous community event

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2652730/false#/invitation>

We all know the importance of the arts in our community – and I appreciate your interest in what is definitely a passion of mine!