

BAYNOTES

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FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING Monday, February 15 6:30 pm Via zoom



Our focus will be a look at
Racial and Police Policy Issues facing Green Bay
with a panel of leaders from
the Mayor's office, police department and the city.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89497805446?pwd=aHJ6RDhacmhMNXdRSGRJc1I2dDJFQT09>

Coffee and Conversation - Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m.

An informal meeting just to connect and catch up. One hour in length, but feel free to come and go.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87336139411?pwd=bExNYklwbzhwNnRhRDlkMEtkUVB2OT09>



Whine with Wine – Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

An informal meeting just to connect and catch up. It will be one hour in length.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88296602449?pwd=bkIydTZKdkdtdcmQvM0ISUStkeXdiZz09Br>

INTEREST/STUDY GROUPS

¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

Mary Barker & Sara Ramaker

Wednesday, February 17 6:30 pm
via Zoom

Book: The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Pecola Breedlove, a young black girl, prays every day for beauty. Mocked by other children for the dark skin, curly hair, and brown eyes that set her apart. She yearns for normalcy, for the blond hair and blue eyes that she believes will allow her to finally fit in



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Wendy Schroeder

Monday, February 22 3:00 pm
via Zoom

Book: Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving

For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan.



ART STUDY GROUP

Carolyn Reedy and Mary Woodbridge

*"Certain things catch your eye,
But pursue only those that capture your heart."*
Old Native American saying

The Neville Museum has four art exhibits now open

Reviving Traditional Arts of the Oneida: Open January 9 thru June 13. The exhibit highlights the cultural legacy of basketry, pottery and silverwork among the Oneida people.

The 106th Art Colony Exhibition: Open January 23 thru March 14.

The theme of this year's exhibition is "Art Gone Viral". The exhibit includes a total of 36 artworks from 25 artists. The works are reflections of overcoming difficulty while remaining optimistic for post-pandemic world.

Member Laura Fisher-

Bonvallet won first place for her "Polarized" fiber wearable



Polarized



Sandy Melroy

exhibited her "Change Happens" painted silk and embellished textile

www.nevillepublicmuseum.org to view the 106th Art Colony Gallery Guide

Green Bay Fine Arts School Student Art: Open January 9. The artwork is on display in the Hallway on first floor.

Youth Art Month: Open January 26 thru February 28. The artwork is on display on the Mezzanine.

The Art Garage also has an interesting exhibit that is also a fundraiser for them.

The exhibit "Doin' the Classics" was to challenge people to re-create famous works of art using whatever they could find in their house. View results on line at theartgarage.org or posters of the entries in the windows of the former Children's Museum at 301 N. Washington St and at Kavarna 143 N. Broadway.

CLEAN WATER STUDY GROUP

Carol Pearson

Tri-County Recycling: What Do I Do With? Use the Waste Wizard

To learn where to dispose of certain items, use the Tri-County's waste wizard. Type the name of a waste item, and they will tell you how to recycle or dispose of the item. The wizard also offers a curbside recycling quick guide to learn about disposal options.

[What Do I Do With — Tri-County Recycling](#)

A port, a power plant and partnerships: How Green Bay and Brown County could finally relocate the coal piles

Jeff Bollier, Green Bay Press-Gazette, Sunday, Jan. 31

GREEN BAY - A shuttered power plant, intergovernmental relationships and an opportunity to expand port operations have combined to move Green Bay and Brown County closer than ever to relocating the coal piles.

Green Bay mayors at least as far back as Roman Denissen (1959-1965) have sought a new location for the coal to address resident complaints about dust and other negative impacts on nearby neighborhoods while keeping it available for industries still using it.

But there's something more, too: Over the last century, the community's perception of the coal piles has evolved from another industrial use on a river lined with industry into a visible blight occupying acres of prime riverfront property just south of a revitalizing downtown Green Bay.

"In some respects, they're an indication of something really positive about Green Bay: We live on a working river and the port is essential to our economy," Mayor Eric Genrich said. "At the same time, it's a very visible blight. It's a complicated relationship we all have."

Read more in the Green Bay Press-Gazette, Sunday, Jan. 31

BRANCH COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Anderson

Jill Lauritsen is having surgery on her right ankle on February 12th. She'll be off work for 10-12 weeks. Let's each send her a funny get well card to keep her spirits up - Jill Lauritsen
310 N. Van Buren, Green Bay, WI 54313CO

Correction to the January Treasurer report:
Savings is \$7970.25 - sorry added one too many 0's in typing last month.

Branch Board Meeting Thursday, March 4 th 6:30 via zoom

Board Meeting Action

At its March meeting the Board passed a motion to recommend member Heather Phillips for one of the AAUW-WI scholarships to NCCWSL.

CO-PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Sara Ramaker

As a member of AAUW, I welcome with great joy the large number of women who will be joining the higher levels of the government if the new president has all his appointments approved. (No "Barbie doll" women, too.) I would not be forthcoming if I did not recognize that many are women of color. My hope is it is the beginning of a new era. I think it is wonderful!

But I am a cynic and a history buff, so I must point out: When times get tough the old male order likes to call out women. It has happened in business and government many times. Why? two reasons: 1) Men do not take the jobs, because they do not want to risk failure; 2) Women take the jobs, because they know this maybe the only chance they will get and they are not afraid of failure. Am I saying women in

tough times are braver? No, I just think women instinctively know their chances are few and maybe they are willing to risk more. If I had a chance to live my life over, I would study this phenomenon and maybe I could tell you the "answer". I wish these new women nothing but success. At least they take their jobs knowing the man at the top has their back.

I was fortunate to get my COVID19 vaccination just after we stood in respectful silence as Lady Gaga sang the national anthem. I listened to President Biden's inaugural speech as I waited the 30 minutes to insure I did not have an allergic reaction. As I left the hospital, I felt so happy and so hopeful that I worried I might burst. I felt a great burden lifted from my shoulders. But AAUW's fight won't be over until every woman has an equal chance at everything in this society. It is not over until every little girl can achieve her greatest dreams. I sometimes ponder why we just don't that. Can you imagine a world where all could compete with one's ideas and accomplishments only? The world would have to be a better place if we did not lose so much talent to poverty, discrimination and war. Perhaps we are finally on the right track.

Mea Culpa, for the January Film Night! Although Lindsay and I had successfully shown the film in a test Zoom meeting before that night, when she had an unexpected meeting and I took the film, it would not work on my Mac. I subsequently learned that Macs do not allow playing of films over Zoom, because of copyright protections. I tried to find a way around it, but I have not been successful. Bev Braun has the DVD of the film, The Hate U Give and she is happy to share it. Just let me know and I will drop off the film. I am sorry to mess up the evening.

Branch Officers Needed!

Every year at this time, it is time for all of us to start thinking about the AAUW spring elections. For those in board positions, you need to think if you will continue or if you wish to try a new position. If

you have not had a board position for a while, it is time to take your turn. This year is a great time to take an officer or chair position. Why? Because as our Branch Board kept saying this year, "There are no 'rules.'" This means you can shape each of the positions into what is comfortable for you. You can always choose to do as much or as little as you want. I think you will find that the work is interesting and very rewarding and begin to see it less like "work" and more like "fun." If you are wondering about what positions there are, just look at the first page of your directory. I would be happy to talk to anyone about any of the positions. Change is healthy for every person and organization. To step out of your comfort zone and do something to help others is the bet you can do for your brain and your mental health.

AAUW-WI Public Policy Committee

Sara Ramaker

The Public Policy Committee has had three meetings. The first to brainstorm what issues we want to focus on this year. Several were raised: 1) Needs of caretakers, workers who have children and/or other care responsibilities. The Wisconsin University System has a committee that is exploring options of what programs, guidance, etc. can be put into place to help these caregivers. As AAUW supports education and women, this is a good topic to pursue. I will keep you informed of any developments. 2) Ending Gerrymandering: AAUW-WI passed a resolution seeking to end gerrymandering several years ago. Given the timeliness and the need to protect voting rights, this is another topic that the committee will focus upon. The first item of business is to encourage members to support the email letter writing campaign of LWVWI. Additional information may be found in these BayNotes.). We will no doubt be asking you over and over again to contact your state legislator requesting nonpartisan districting. Note: Our April Branch meeting will focus on the issues of Gerrymandering.

www.gbfilmfestival.org



Check their website for virtual or in person tickets and films.

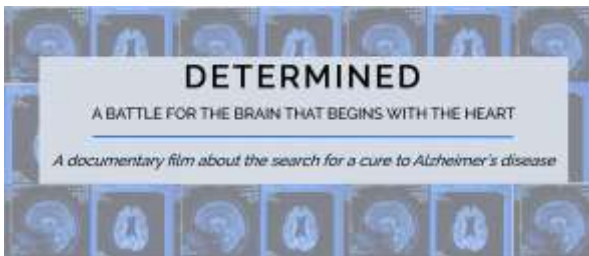
Begins February 27th

A note from Therese Barry-Tanner -

DETERMINED

I am sharing an update on DETERMINED (documentary on Alzheimer's) with you as it relates to AAUW in GB.

We showed them the rough cut and collected and discussed their written feedback. It was very helpful to us and we implemented some of the suggestions. The GB AAUW Chapter is thanked by name in the credits of the film at the end.



We are proud to announce DETERMINED has been selected to be **part of the Green Bay Film Festival**. DETERMINED will be available to watch on your favorite device from February 1 to February 28th. Information on tickets is available here:

<https://online.gbfilmfestival.org/checkout/subscribe/purchase>

The Adelante Book Group read Liza Mundy's **Code Girls** which focuses on American women code breakers in WWII. If you read the book or are interested in this fascinating topic there is a talk given by Munday and her research at the National Archives. Hear recorded interviews with 3 of the women in the book.



The link is (her talk starts at about 9 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29a5UHVuf4U>

STATE AAUW CONVENTION VIRTUAL

The 2021 AAUW-WI Convention committee is getting excited about how the convention is shaping up. Watch for details in the next issue of *Badger Briefs*. We also have a website available with more information being added as we get it. You can visit the site now. aauwstateconvention.com Registration will begin on March 1. You will be able to register for the sessions you would like to attend on the site. This is your chance to attend all or part of convention for free. No registration costs, or travel and lodging costs. You will need to bid on some of the items that branches will be putting in the online auction. More details on that soon. We are hoping to make this a convention with the largest attendance ever. "See" you there



Jessica Michna created "Women Who Dared" for the 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment. "Cristabel and Emmeline Pankhurst, Susan B. Anthony, Emma Davisson, Elisabeth Cady Stanton; some names you may recognize, others you may not. Jessica will be presenting on Saturday afternoon. Don't miss it.

FAIR MAPS: People's Map Commission

The People's Map Commission, is a nonpartisan group of Wisconsin citizens, created by Governor Evers to draw the districts after the 2020 census. Members of the Commission have been conducting virtual public forums in each of the districts in Wisconsin. These forums have focused on two things: 1) comments from citizens regarding districting and 2) presentations on various aspects of districting by experts. The Commission has hired the experts to educate themselves, but have offered through these open forums the same education to all Wisconsin citizens. You may not want to hear all the comments, but the instruction has been very worthwhile. The next meeting is February. Here is the most recent announcement:

People's Maps Commission Seeks Public Comment

1st Congressional District public hearing to occur on Feb. 11

MADISON —The People's Maps Commission will hold a virtual public hearing at 5:30-8:45 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 11, 2021, to seek public input on the upcoming redistricting of legislative maps from constituents of Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District. Although the Feb. 11 hearing will focus on the 1st Congressional District, all Wisconsin residents are encouraged to watch and participate. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing must register in advance by visiting the People's Maps Commission website [HERE](#).

The hearing is the Commission's sixth in a series of at least eight meetings, one for each one of Wisconsin's eight congressional districts. The virtual public hearing will include testimony from subject matter experts and also provide Wisconsinites the opportunity to express how they have been affected by legislative redistricting and share their ideas for how Wisconsin can work together to achieve fair maps.

The deadline for registering to comment during this hearing is 5:00 p.m. Tues., Feb. 9th, 2021. Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority to residents of Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District.

For anyone unable to join the virtual hearing, written comments are strongly encouraged. Written comments can be submitted at any time using the feedback form available on the People's Maps Commission website [HERE](#). Written comments will be reviewed by the commissioners and are public record.

Selected by a three-judge panel, the Commission is a nine-member nonpartisan redistricting commission charged with drawing fair, impartial maps for the state of Wisconsin. More information about the Commission, its members and its activities is available [HERE](#).

Every 10 years, each state redraws their legislative and congressional districts using data from the decennial census. In addition to the data from the 2020 U.S. Census, the Commission will use information gathered during the public hearing process to prepare new maps. It will then be up to the Legislature to take up and approve the maps created by the Commission.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the People's Maps Commission will host virtual public hearings for each of Wisconsin's eight congressional districts. Agendas and additional details will be announced in advance of future meeting dates.

The hearing dates are as follows:

- Thursday, February 11 – 1st Congressional District
- Thursday, February 25th - 6th Congressional District
- Thursday, March 11 - 2nd Congressional District

Individuals interested in watching previous hearings can find the recordings [HERE](#).

REFLECTIONS ON WHAT IS PATRIOTISM

Sara Ramaker

After the attack on the Capitol, I had a memory on Facebook, the anniversary of the first Women's March. It got me thinking and I wrote the following:

Compare and Contrast:

Trump supporters rejected our governmental systems. They sought change through terror and intimidation: in Michigan, with guns threatened the

legislators inside the capital and planned to kidnap the governor; In Georgia, with death threats against government workers doing their jobs. They attacked the Capitol, smashing windows, physically attacking people, while yelling, "Hang Pence." American flag tossed. Trump flag raised. They stole computers, ransacked offices and desecrated the very symbol of our government and democracy. They killed a Capitol officer.

2016! Women are equally angry about election results. Trump, president despite losing the popular vote, posed a real threat to women's rights. Women organized the first Women's March on Washington, D.C. Results: thousands marching against Trump in cities all over the world.

I attended the march in Chicago. This is how I described the march in my Facebook post: "The Chicago March inspired me. 300,000 people gave up a beautiful day to tell the world how important this country and our democracy means to them. They are unwilling to offer excuses why they do nothing. Unlike reported, it was not all wealthy white women. There were people - men and women- of all walks of life, many different nationalities and many various issues presented - from women's rights to immigration to the environment to saving our parks! The most important message was civility and love for diversity in our country. It was returning our country to a caring one. It was that love can accomplish and hate destroys. It was about feeling safe and accepted and treated with respect in a crowd of 300,000 men and women and children. Finally, it was like getting a big hug and told go out and keep working for the U.S. you want, because we want it, too." No destruction, no violence, no arrests. What did come out of it was a determination that we need more women in government. Women did not tear down the government system, but rather used it very effectively. In the next election cycle, history was made - the highest number of women ever were elected in one year. This is what real Americans,

real patriots, do when things do not go their way at the polls.

(I had to cut it significantly to submit it as a letter to the Editor Press Gazette and Milwaukee Sentinel. We will see if it is published.)