

Vartanyan Winery chosen for June wine-tasting

Members had so much fun when we held our first wine-tasting event a few years ago at Vartanyan, that we decided to go back once again. If we should be so fortunate as to have good weather, we can take in the view of Mt. Baker as we sample wines and hors d'oeuvres. The location is in farm country very close to town.

Invite your friends - make it a party!
See our flyer on page 4 for complete information.



Wow!!

Eight local girls get nod for Tech Trek

by Susan Moen

AAUW Bellingham will be sending eight wonderful and excited middle school girls to Tech Trek in July. The Tech Trek Committee is very pleased to announce that the Seattle AAUW Branch has donated \$3600 of the money they have raised so that four more of our Bellingham applicants for Tech Trek can attend. Seattle AAUW has raised money to send seven girls to Tech Trek and will be sending three girls from one school

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Speakers for May 9 High School Scholars event will be familiar faces

Bellingham branch member Teizeen Mohamedali and former member Maggie Fuqua will talk about their paths to science careers at the May 9 High School Scholars Recognition event. It will begin at **10 a.m., at the SPARK museum**, 1312 Bay St., to honor local high school junior girls who are excelling in math, science and technology.

Teizeen was born in Kenya and spent most of her childhood in



Teizeen Mohamedali

different countries in Africa before moving to Washington State when she was 16. She got her BS degree in Environmental Science from Huxley College of the Environment at WWU and her MS in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University.

She currently works as an Environmental Engineer for the Washington State Department of Ecology.

She is a mother of a 2-year old daughter (and soon to be mother of two!), loves hiking, and has a variety of interests.

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HS Scholars event set May 9

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Maggie Fuqua, whom local members got to know when she was a student at Western Washington University, is now a senior research technician at Pacific Northwest Diabetes Research Institute in Seattle. She received her MS in Biology from Western in June, 2013.

Maggie has received a variety of awards, and was active in Western's Compass2Campus program.



Maggie Fuqua

Please come early, and bring food!

All indications are that we will have a large group of students and their families attending the High School Scholars event. Please be there to welcome our guests. As we do every year, the planners ask that you bring some delectable finger foods. The results are always delicious! Coffee is being donated by Western Washington University. 🍷🍷🍷

Seattle Branch supports Bellingham Tech Trek campers

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Since they have not yet completed their connections with other Seattle middle schools, they have generously offered to send four applicants from the Bellingham Branch. **Our unbounded thanks go to Seattle for their generosity.**

We are delighted that we could include 8 of our 12 applicants. We were blown away by the quality of the girls' applications and essays. Next year we may have to have a larger fundraiser to send more girls, as the popularity and word spreads about what a cool camp this is for 7th grade girls.

We will invite our campers, their parents and teachers to our September meeting.

This is the third year AAUW has offered Tech Trek science camp in Washington State. Whatcom County girls will spend a week at the camp, to be held on the Pacific Lutheran University campus in Parkland. For the first time, a second camp will be offered in the Eastern half of the state, at Eastern Washington University.

If you would like more information, please Google: Tech Trek WA.

Tech Trek campers named

The selection committee chose the following girls to attend PLU Tech Trek from Bellingham.

Fairhaven Middle School: Lennea DeVange and Elena Wolgamot

Kulshan Middle School: Susannah Bloom

Shuksan Middle School: Amanda Smith and Makenna Fowler

Whatcom Middle School: Anishka Duggal, Milan Gauthier and Pavonjeet Parmar

The alternates are Leigh Hjelmseth (Kulshan MS), Madeline Ellis (Kulshan MS), and Willow Charrier (Shuksan MS).

Thank you for the generous support from the AAUW Bellingham and Seattle Branches for providing the opportunity for these students to attend Tech Trek.

Bellingham Tech Trek Selection Committee

Museum tour and luncheon equal fun and informative day

It took two docents to handle the crowd of AAUW members and friends who attended the private tour of the Edward Curtis exhibit April 11 at the Lightcatcher Museum.

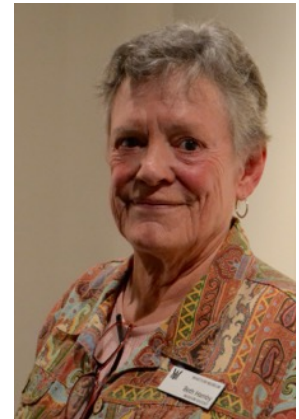


Whatcom Museum Docent Nola Lynch

Divided into two groups of a dozen or more, members heard docents Beth Hamby and Nola Lynch discuss the traveling exhibition of 40 original photogravures from Curtis's 20-volume work, *The North American Indian*, completed in 1930. (The entire set contains over 40,000 images.) The exhibit was organized by the Dubuque Museum of Art in Iowa.

For anyone who missed the tour, the Curtis exhibit is on display until May 10. One volume of Curtis's masterwork is part of the exhibit, and upstairs are two cameras similar to the ones Curtis carried on his photo excursions.

A somewhat smaller group of members reconvened after the tour, at Anthony's Homeport, for a no-host lunch and lots of conversation.



Whatcom Museum Docent Beth Hamby



From left, Lori Smiley, Barb Craig, Maggie Moore and Dianne Davis make menu choices at Anthony's Homeport Restaurant, after the museum tour.

Welcome!
Bellingham AAUW offers scholarships and supports numerous programs which help women and girls gain equity in all areas of life.
Anyone possessing a four-year bachelor's degree or a two-year associate's degree is welcome to become a member.
We enjoy a wide variety of programs and events, as well as each other's company.

Good wine and good company.....

Join Bellingham AAUW for a wine-tasting party at Vartanyan Estate Winery



- Sample Margarita Vartanyan’s wines, made on-site with her family’s Armenian traditions and experience.
- Pair your wine with hors d’oeuvres chosen by AAUW members to complement the wines.
- Listen to live music
- Buy raffle tickets for unique goody baskets

Saturday, June 20, 2015

2 to 5 p.m.

**Tickets \$30 per person - includes
five wine samples**



Tickets sold in advance will be held at the door. Checks payable to Bellingham AAUW. Hand checks to your AAUW representative or mail to: Bellingham AAUW, P.O. Box 29862, Bellingham, WA 98228 Tickets also available at the door.



Directions:
From Woburn Street, turn right onto Mt. Baker Hwy. Go 2.8 miles, then turn left onto Noon Rd. Go 0.8 mile and turn left onto Huntley Road. Destination is up hill and to the right -- 1628 Huntley Road, Bellingham (360) 756-6770
Questions? 360-671-5518

Proceeds will help provide scholarships to women attending Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham Technical College and Northwest Indian College.

Vartanyan Estate Winery will donate 20% of bottle sales to AAUW for scholarships.

Interest Groups

Adelante! Book Club

Meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon, usually on the fourth Thursday. The **May 28th book** will be *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

Coffee and Conversation

Will meet the *third Friday* of the month (**May 22**) at 3 pm at The Woods Coffee shop in Barkley Village (near Regal Cinema) ...and the *fourth Saturday* of the month (**May 23**) at 11 am at the Public Market building on Cornwall Avenue, across from Arlis's Restaurant.

PM Book Club

The Evening Book Group meets at 6:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Colophon Cafe in Fairhaven. The **May 14th book** will be *Boomerang*, by Michael Lewis. We welcome all comers - please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526.

**Happy Birthday
to Pat Draper!
May 5**

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“Out and about” in Bellingham

Girls Go Tech “sparks” a lot of interest

Bellingham Branch has received a big “thank you” from Whatcom Community College representatives Lori Gardner and Trish Newbold for our financial support and volunteer help at WCC’s annual day on campus for middle school girls. A computer lab class and a lesson on electricity gave each girl a chance for hands-on experience in science, with plenty of help available from WCC teachers Tran Phung and Christy Saunders.

Twenty-three girls attended the event which helps them explore careers in technology fields. Guest speaker was NASA Astronaut Wendy



NASA Astronaut Wendy Lawrence

Lawrence, who told the students, “Don’t sell yourself short. Don’t give up before you try.” Lawrence, who has been to space four times, also told the girls that her own 25 years of hard work were “worth it, to live my dream and see the view of Earth from space for the first time.”



Instructor Christy Saunders, left, and student assistant Jamilla Kaya give pointers to GGT participants.



Instructor Tran Phung helps GGT students with electrical wiring.

Fun for book lovers....

As a follow-up to the tour of the Edward Curtis exhibit at the Whatcom Museum, several AAUW members attended the April 27 lecture by Timothy Egan at Mt. Baker Theatre. Egan is author of a new book on Curtis. The plan was to all sit together...but a huge crowd foiled our attempt! 🐦🐦🐦

Are you really tired of filling out the AAUW membership form year after year?

Here’s a tip: If your address, phone number, etc., have not changed, you don’t need to rewrite them — a “SAME” will do.

What the executive board **does** need is the checklist of what committees and groups you are interested in for the coming year. **Membership Matters!! Please renew!!**

American Association of University Women

2015- 2016 Dues Bellingham Branch

Please complete this form and submit with your dues. Send by mail to:
AAUW, Bellingham Treasurer, PO Box 29862, Bellingham, WA 98228-1862

Membership Data Sheet for Branch Directory

Please fill in items as you wish them to appear in the annual Directory/Handbook for Branch Members.

Name: _____ Birthday: _____
(Not for handbook; month & day only!)
 Address: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Association Dues:

(National \$49, State \$10, and Branch \$11 = \$70,
Life Members pay \$21 for local & state dues only,
50 Year Honorary Life Members pay \$0)

AAUW Local Scholarship Donation _____

(Make check to AAUW Bellingham) Total: _____

**College/University Attended, with
Degrees/Major/Date:**

1. _____

2. _____

(Use the back of this form if necessary)

Committees/Interest Areas

For AAUW board use, not for handbook/directory. Please check areas that may interest you.

COMMITTEES:

Academic/Scholarships:

- Scholarships
- Projects

CFUW Sister Branch/W. Rock Liaison

Communications:

- Newsletter
- Publicity
- Website

Fund Raising :

- Wine Tasting
- Wreath Sale

High School Scholars

Historian

Hospitality

Membership:

- Book sales
- Sunshine

Nominating Committee

Phone Committee

- Programs**
- Public Policy**
- Tech Trek**

INTEREST GROUPS:

- Adelante (Lunch Book Group)**
- Bookies (Evening Book Group)**
- Dames Who Dine**
- Other suggestions**

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