

Final Fling of the season!

*Wine-tasting only weeks away
on June 20*



**Do you have your tickets?
Have you invited your friends?**

Margarita Vartanyan will welcome us for an afternoon of music, wine-tasting and fun at Vartanyan Estate Winery, 1628 Huntley Road, Bellingham, from 2 to 5 p.m.



We will again be selling raffle tickets for unique goody baskets put together by some of our interest groups and the executive board. Basket themes this year are "Whatcom County Bounty," "Country Picnic" and "Book Lover's Delight." **We will receive 20% of bottle sales from the event, to aid our scholarship fund.**

This is a major fund-raiser for Bellingham Branch, and a delightful way to socialize with other members and friends. **If you have questions, please call Liz Wright, 360-671-5518. The sooner tickets are purchased, the easier it will be to plan** for the right amount of delicious hors d'oeuvres to serve with the wine. See our flyer on page 7 for full details.



From the photo album: In both photos on this page, guests enjoy the wine and the view at our 2012 wine-tasting at Vartanyan Estate Winery. Join us for a repeat on June 20, 2 to 5 p.m.

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High School Scholars Recognition Day draws SRO crowd

Twenty-two young women from local high schools were present at the May 9 High School Scholars Recognition Event, to receive certificates for excellence in mathematics, science and technology. Family and friends of the students, plus some teachers and counselors, joined AAUW members to fill the auditorium at SPARK Museum. Brad Johnson, Associate Dean of the College of Science and Engineering at Western Washington University, welcomed the scholars and guests on behalf of WWU, one of two sponsors of the event. Tana Granack, SPARK program director, also welcomed guests and



Keynote speakers for High School Scholars Event were Teizeen Mohamedali, left, and Maggie Fuqua.

invited them to tour the museum. The museum was our second sponsor.

Other special guests were Peter Donovan, Development Director of BTC Foundation; Anne Bowen, Executive Director, College Advancement and Foundation, WCC, and Judi Edwards, Secretary, AAUW-WA.

Keynote speakers were Bellingham Branch member Teizeen Mohamedali, an environmental engineer with the Washington State Department of Ecology, and Maggie Fuqua, Research Associate II with the Allen Institute for Brain Science. Maggie is a former Bellingham Branch member. Both women talked about their paths to rewarding jobs in science and math. They were available to speak with students and their families after the formal event. Many families took advantage of the opportunity to tour the museum. ***(More on pages 3, 4 & 5)***



Honored students gather with keynote speakers Teizeen Mohamedali and Maggie Fuqua, for a group photo. Individual photos of the young women were sent to their respective schools.



Bellingham High School: Madeline Smith, Makayla Stahl and Katherine Kindlund



Blaine HS: Lila Diana Faulhaber



Lummi Nation HS: Karlee Cooper



Lynden HS: Christina Stanfield and McKenzie Oliver



Lynden Christian HS: Brittany TeVelde and Lea Huizenga



Ferndale HS: Lauren Taylor, Anissa DeLeon and Rylie Brown

A dazzling dozen: Some of the young women honored at High School Recognition Day, for their excellence in science, technology and/or mathematics. **Not pictured from these schools:** Blaine - Madison Detmar and Chloe Kae Foster; Lynden Christian - Sarah Ann Ball.



Nooksack Valley HS: Taylor Manske



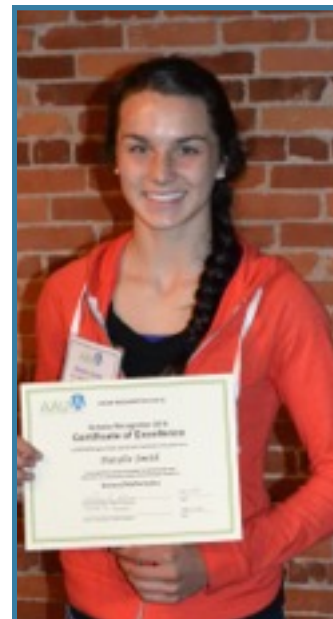
Squalicum HS: Kira Smith



Meridian HS: Mayte Ramirez-Hernandez and Makayla Fox



Windward HS: Kaitlin Chandler and Rhiannon Ayley



Mt. Baker HS: Natalie Smith



Sehome HS: Stephanie Ford, Katherine Cunningham and Katrina Dank

Talented ten: More outstanding High School Scholars.

Not pictured from these schools: Mt. Baker HS - Elizabeth Baddeley and Danielle Parmer; Nooksack Valley HS: Brianna Turner and Olivia Berkan; Squalicum HS - Christina Kim, Kim Dorr and Rachel Dorr.

We could not have done it without you!

The success of our May High School Scholars event rests on the willingness of members to pitch in and help. Special thanks to Committee Chairs Carol Simmer and Jean Cox-Treverton in making contact with the schools and the nominated students. Many hours go into coordinating the event. Special thanks to Esther Golde for making our certificates and nametags, Teizeen Mohamedali for program design, Sharlene Joshua and her husband Joey, for organizing the refreshment tables, and to all the members who provided delicious food and support the day of the event.

Thanks also to our keynote speakers, Maggie Fuqua and Teizeen Mohamedali. More thanks go to our other speakers and presenters, Jean Cox-Treverton, Sharlene Joshua, Susan Moen, Pam Sankey and Margo Hammond.

Once again, we thank Tana Granack and all the staff of SPARK Museum for giving us the use of the building, the free tour for students and their families, and lots of help with set-up for the event. Thanks also to Western Washington University's College of Science and Engineering, for helping set up the audio-visual elements.

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.

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Bellingham Branch Endowment for WWU

New figures released by Western Washington University show that our fund has grown to \$90,825. Distribution for scholarships from this endowment for the 2015-16 school year will be \$3,294.



New wreath sale manager needed

After two years of leading the effort, Dianne Davis has stepped down as chair of our annual holiday wreath sale. We owe her a large debt of thanks for taking on the task, but now we need someone else to step up to this position.

The good part is that we have a vendor, and an established method. We just need someone to do the organization, assign jobs, choose a pickup location, etc. As always, splitting the job between two people would work well.

If you can do this three-month activity, please contact Susan Moen, susanmoen@comcast.net - if we have a highly successful sale, we would not need to add a third fundraiser next year.

Happy Birthday!

Barb Craig — June 2

Ruth Norman - June 22

Susan Moen - June 25



Installation of officers set

New officers for Bellingham Branch will be installed at the next board meeting, an end-of-year session set July 11 at the home of outgoing President Gwen Parker.

Interest Groups

Adelante! Book Club

Meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon, usually on the fourth Thursday. The **June 25th** book will be *The Pregnancy Project*, by Gaby Rodriguez.

Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

Coffee and Conversation

Will meet the *third Friday* of the month (**June 19**) at 3 pm at The Woods Coffee shop in Barkley Village (near Regal Cinema) ...and the *fourth Saturday* of the month (**June 27**) 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 **June 11th** book will be *Second Person Singular*, by Sayed Kashua.

We welcome all comers - please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526.

Planning underway for next season's programs

A visit with our Tech Trek attendees, a workshop on getting rid of clutter, perhaps a movie at the Pickford? Maybe a talk on choosing locally grown foods, and certainly a December celebration...

These are just some of the ideas being worked on for next year's programs. Stay tuned!

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 them 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.

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