



Fascinating fashions:
Nora Abelite, above,
stands with her French
gown and accessories.
Jean Cox-Treverton
displayed her wedding
dress, at right.



Vintage fashions and surprise video greet members at October meeting

Oh, how times have changed! In celebration of Bellingham Branch's 100th year, fashions from several decades since our inception were on display at the YWCA for the Oct. 14 meeting. From the gowns pictured at left to tie-dyed tee-shirts from the 70s, every item invoked stories from times past.

Also, the Centennial Committee had a surprise in store. Students at Western Washington University have been putting together an oral history video about Bellingham AAUW, and a first cut was shown by one of the students, Katherine Atkins. The video included commentaries from some of our long-

time members, Elsie Heinrick, Cathie Oberg, and Mary Jane Vetter.

After the meeting, members regrouped at The Five Columns for our annual Membership Luncheon. 🌿 🌿

Ready for some Greek dishes —
From left, Mary Jane Vetter,
George Edwards, Judi Edwards
and Monica Ackermann chat at
The Five Columns Restaurant.





Greenery sale keeps on giving!

Thanks to everyone who turned in orders for the Holiday Greenery fundraiser.

First estimates are that we will bring in about \$2280.

A big thank you goes to Kathy Cole and Susan Moen for running this project. Proceeds will support our local scholarship programs.

Wreaths, swags, etc., can be picked up at Kathy Cole's house, on a date to be determined when the distributor's shipment arrives.

November meeting to feature return visit from local author

Bellingham resident Candace Wellman will discuss her recently published book, *Peace Weavers: Uniting the Salish Coast Through Cross-Cultural Marriages*, at the November 11 branch meeting. She was in the midst of research for the book when she spoke to branch members several years ago. According to her online biography, producing her manuscript took 18 years.

Wellman holds a B.A. in Sociology from Washington State University and a B.Ed. in History/Secondary Education from Western Washington University, and has pursued graduate work in sociology.

Her biography goes on to say, "While helping researchers at the Washington State Archives, Candace Wellman discovered that about 90 percent of all marriages in Whatcom County's early decades were cross-cultural. The husbands included nearly every community founder and official. Yet when she studied the written chronicles, only white women were mentioned as founding mothers. It seemed many historians considered the indigenous women to be unknowable, unimportant, and uninteresting. She became determined to illuminate the hidden history surrounding these relationships.

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.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., at the Bellingham YWCA, 1026 N. Forest St. Members whose last names begin A-L are asked to bring a tray of finger foods to share.



Tech Trek Update

- **Second Camp added at PLU**
- **Generous donors named**

by Pam Sankey

Fundraising for the 2018 Tech Trek Camp has begun. The committee is contacting local businesses, service clubs and individuals who might be interested in supporting a full or partial scholarship for a camper. **Thanks to generous contributions from member Judith Edwards, and local business Wilson Engineering,** we are off to an encouraging start. A heartfelt Thank You to both, and to an anonymous branch donor whose donation last year has been a big support to our program.

Bellingham Branch is planning to fund four young women again this year. Optimistically we would like to send five students and, if fundraising is successful, six students would be very exciting! Since an additional camp has been added for the 2018 summer there will plenty of room for campers. **There will be two camps at Pacific Lutheran University, July 8-14, and July 15-21.**

The camp at Eastern Washington University is July 29-Aug. 4.

Thank you to everyone who bought or sold holiday greenery for our fundraiser, and to those with suggestions for contributors. If you know businesses or individuals who would be interested in considering a contribution please contact Pam Sankey. We have brochures, solicitation letters, and information about Tech Trek to share. More information is available at the Tech Trek Website <http://techtrek-wa.net> and <http://www.aauw-wa.org>. We are happy to meet with interested individuals as well.



Inside Schools, the Bellingham Public Schools Newsletter for Fall, 2017, has an article about Tech Trek on page 9 which features “our” 2017 campers: Mimi Baydek, Riley Wolfe, Natasha Oster and Charlie Matthews.

More of “our” girls in Inside Schools.....

Also on page 9 of the Bellingham Public Schools newsletter is an article listing students recognized in the National Merit and National Hispanic Scholars competitions. Two of our 2017 High School Scholars are listed: Brynna Kilcline and Morgan Gass. Congratulations!

Do you have your handbook?

If you have not picked up your new membership handbook, it will be available at the November and December meetings. The book is a very handy phone/address list and AAUW fact book. 🌸 🌸 🌸 🌸

Women of AAUW and WWU forge closer ties

by Susan Moen

Encouraging Different Pathways to Success was the theme for an October brown bag lunch co-hosted by the Bellingham Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Karen W. Morse Institute for Leadership (KWMIL) with financial support from Western’s Gives and Grows Committee.

On October 20th, nine AAUW members joined more than 20 professors, grad students and staff of Western Washington University for a brown bag lunch in the solarium of Old Main. While Rebecca Bunn, PhD, AAUW's liaison with Western, set these meetings in motion, she is on sabbatical, so was not present. This was an opportunity to network and support each other in the development of our professional careers and personal lives. In addition to building community, we are seeking input on ways AAUW and KWMIL can support career development for early faculty, women, underrepresented groups, and graduate students on the WWU campus.



The discussion was lead by a panel of five women. Pam Sankey represented our Branch and spoke of the ways she looks for avenues to continue helping students in the Bellingham area. Karen Stout, head of the Karen W. Morse Institute for Leadership, asked many probing questions, and our members offered comments from their many years of being in the work force. For example, AAUW’s Inge Paulus, retired professor from Western, talked about the discrimination she experienced in her area of criminology. AAUW offered to run a Start Smart program targeting graduate students. Our offer was accepted by Karen Stout, who will work with Catherine Chambers to facilitate this, hopefully this spring.

Similar events will be held once a quarter to help the women professors start networks for support. We were most happy and challenged to be a part of this.

AAUW members attending: Judith Entwife, Inge Paulus, Mary Jane Vetter, Susan Moen, Catherine Chambers, Sandy Randall, Heidi Hawkins, Pam Sankey, Esther Golde and Cathie Oberg. This is a way to further our commitment to a closer connection with Western. 🍷🍷

	Carol Lawrence	Dec. 12th
	Gwen Parker	Dec. 19th
	Nora Abelite	Dec. 27th



New Bellingham Branch member Judy Fruhbauer and newly returned member Roni Lenore show the ornaments they created.

Work or play?

Branch members create ornaments for a special tree

Like last year, our December meeting will be held at the Old City Hall Museum. On Nov. 2, interested members gathered at the Lake Padden Estates Clubhouse to make decorations for one of the many Christmas trees displayed as part of the museum's holiday festivities.

Our theme this year celebrates our branch's 100th year, with paper doll clothes from the past 10 decades.

Thanks to Esther Golde and Jean Cox-Treverton for gathering the materials needed for the work party, and to Susan Moen for arranging use of her community clubhouse — and the pizza!

December meeting facts

Our usual second Saturday meeting date will slide to Dec. 16.

All members are encouraged to bring enough cookies to both eat and exchange. There will be a holiday sing-along (led by Robin Kagan) and tour of the museum's display of Christmas trees decorated by different local groups - including AAUW!

Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the board room on the second floor of Old City Hall, 121 Prospect St. Those who have trouble negotiating a lot of stairs are advised to enter from the back side of the building. There are a few stairs to go down, but you will have close access to the elevator.



It brings back memories: As AAUW members and guests cut and pasted, many reminisced about the hours they spent playing with paper dolls when they were children.



Check out our Web site!

Visit <https://bellingham-wa.aauw.net>

Branch President Judith Entwife has a new President's Message (under "About Us")

INTEREST GROUP NEWS

YA GOTTA HAVE ART !

A newly formed interest group is taking advantage of local art shows, museums in the area, special art projects and the incredible sculptures of our city and campus. Please contact Susan Moen if you are interested in joining other members to view the shows and possibly have lunch to complete the outing: susanmoen@comcast.net, or 206-399-4909 cell. (She will be in China for part of November.) Susan is the one who organized our first outing to the *People of the Sea and Cedar* exhibit at Bellingham's Lightcatcher Museum. Unable to curb our enthusiasm about that exhibit, our AAUW group went on to tour the amazing Haub Exhibit of Western art, a look at the "wild West" through the eyes of Russell, O'Keefe and other artists. Any member can propose a date and meeting place. This will be a flexible format.

ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

AUTHOR TO ATTEND ADELANTE! MEETING

Local author CJ Prince will read from her chap book entitled, *Mother May I*, at the Nov. 30 Adelante! Book Club meeting. The book chronicles her growing up years.

Nora Abelite will lead the discussion of poetry by two local poets, Ms. Prince and Carol McMillan, whose chap book is titled *Red Walls, White Water* and is about her raft trip down the Colorado River when she was 70 years old.

The book group meets (usually) monthly at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon. The Nov. 30 event is a combined November/December meeting. Newcomers are welcome.
Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

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