

**We'll be
Celebrating the Season
at Morrison Glass Art**

December 12
from 10 a.m. to noon
2111 Lincoln St.
(Between Kentucky and Virginia)
306-714-8732



Christopher Morrison and his office manager, Ellen, are eager to show off their studio, Chris's work, and the art of glassmaking.

Come prepared to find that holiday gift you have been looking for!

Don't forget your cookies for the annual cookie-noshing and exchange

(and maybe include a few extra for Chris and Ellen!)

See map on Page 2 for directions — the shop has moved a few blocks.

Greenery Sale totals ahead of last year

Final figures are not yet available, but it looks as if our annual fund-raiser for scholarships, the Holiday Greenery sale, is just slightly ahead of last year's effort.

We will have a better handle on the final amounts next month.

Thanks to our Superior Salespeople and several donations, it looks as if we have raised about \$1800.



Coming in January...

"Homelessness in Whatcom County" is the topic for our first meeting in the new year. Greg Winter, Director of the Opportunity Council and Kate Robertson, Team Leader of the Homeless Outreach Team, describe programs within the Opportunity Council that address this pressing challenge.

Mark your calendars for January 9 at the YWCA.

December meeting at Morrison Glass Art

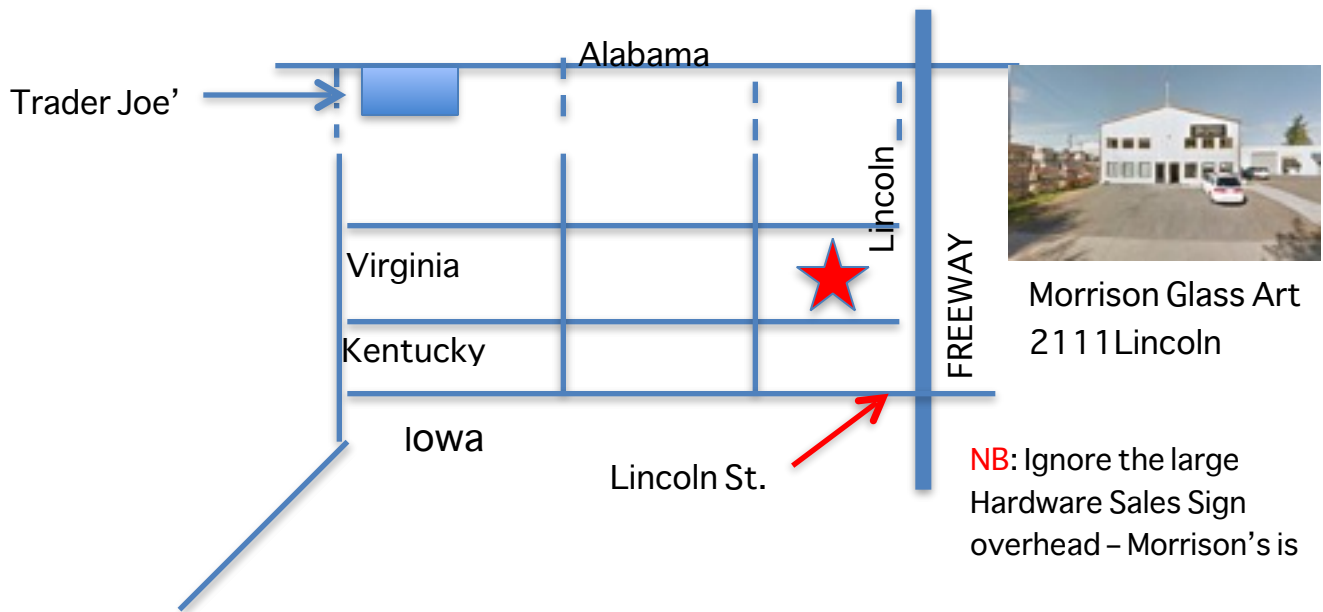
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The studio is in the education business as well as making art -- they have about 18 Western Washington University students taking glassmaking as an elective -- only three of whom are art majors. Many are in the sciences, which excites them because of a motion in congress to include art as the fifth STEM subject. So, educators, students and AAUW members are all on the same page.

The studio has a large area for their glassblowing and Christopher will do a demonstration for us. **Our cookies and coffee will be served in the large upstairs loft where classes are held and where we will hear a talk.** Much of the glass art is on display in the loft, as well as some downstairs. Pieces include some small, very giftable (!) items such as ornaments and drinking glasses.

The stairs to the loft are sturdy, with handrails. Anyone with difficulty on the stairs may, remain upstairs and look over the balcony when Chris does his demonstrations.

(submitted by Esther Golde)



For some reason, it is a little hard to notice the studio, coming from the North. The building is on the street that runs parallel to the freeway, behind Hardware Sales. There's a tall sign for Berk's towing right next door.

Interest Group News

Adelante! Book Club meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon on the fourth Thursday. The January 28th book will be a mystery novel, *Believing the Lie*, by Elizabeth George. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

"The Bookies" meet at 6:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Colophon Cafe in Fairhaven. The December 10th book is *The Garden of Evening Mists*, by Twan Eng Tan. We welcome all comers - please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526.

Reel Movie Lovers meet for a matinee on the third Sunday of each month. Bellingham Branch members will be notified of the exact movie, time, and location for the December 20 get-together in an email the week before the showing. Save the date if you are interested! **(Anyone who does not wish to receive email information about the movies, please email Gwen Parker to opt out.)**

Dames Who Dine, anyone? This group has fallen by the wayside, but the board would love to see a few members revive it. It was a monthly evening meal, meant to give members a chance to sample a variety of cuisines. Call your friends???



What we learned about parrots

Intelligent and sensitive, but able to do serious damage with their strong beaks. Large or tiny, colorful or drab - these are all ways different species of parrots may be described.

Parrot fancier **Kira Derhgawen**, our November guest speaker, was not out to persuade anyone to take on ownership of a parrot - at least not without a lot of education on the process. Kira told her AAUW-Bellingham audience that the birds need a lot of care and companionship, and can be harmed by things such as breathing household cleaning sprays.

She said she has been pecked numerous times, but usually when the bird is frightened or in pain. One also told her "Sorry," after it had caused her some pain.

An interesting tidbit is that just as most people are right- or left-handed, many parrots have a dominant foot, which they use to feed themselves. 🌿🌿🌿

Out and about — in Bellingham and beyond

by Gwen Parker, Newsletter Editor

Put Hycroft on your list for next year!

For years, Carol Simmer has been inviting AAUW members to accompany her to a holiday bazaar in Vancouver. This year, I took her up on the offer to attend Christmas at Hycroft.

Hycroft is a magnificent Edwardian Mansion originally built for Alexander Duncan McRae, a leading Canadian businessman and politician. It was purchased in 1962 by the University Women's Club of Vancouver.

After Carol and I had visited all three floors, I wished I had begun counting fireplaces when I first entered. I can remember at least five, and I am sure there were more - each one different. Construction began on Hycroft in 1909. According to the Hycroft Web site, the estate consisted of the present house and coach house, stables, a swimming pool, an Italian garden, a tea house, pergolas, statuary, and a children's playhouse. When the McRae family moved into Hycroft in the summer of 1911 it quickly became the hub of the Vancouver social scene. The parties held at Hycroft were legendary, and the guest book read like a Who's Who of the 20's and 30's containing names of visiting royalty, well-known business associates, politicians and the social elite of Vancouver.

In 1942, during the Second World War, the children had grown and left. The McRaes gave Hycroft to the Federal Government for one dollar for use by the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs as a convalescent hospital for war veterans. Mrs. McRae died soon after and Senator McRae died in Ottawa four years later.

In 1962 the five-acre property was subdivided and the stables were demolished. This made it possible for the UWCV to purchase part of the estate which included the 30-room house, coach house, mews cottage and surrounding grounds. The building had been empty for two years, unheated and without any basic maintenance. A club member told us that local children sneaked in to skate on the hardwood floors.



Bellingham Branch member Carol Simmer is reflected in a mirror as she studies one of the many holiday displays in Hycroft Mansion.

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Out and about

Hycroft and more....

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Through many volunteer hours, along with furniture donations from generous members and friends, the Club members turned Hycroft into a home once again. It is regularly rented out for weddings and corporate events.

The cost to maintain the mansion is high, but it is a labor of love and pride for club members who continue the work of preserving this piece of Vancouver history. 🌸🌸🌸



WWU President's Christmas party

On December 1, Bellingham Branch President **Susan Moen** represented our group at the annual holiday party given by Bruce Shepard and his wife, Cyndie. Once again, there was good music, good food, good conversation, and Cyndie's 77 decorated trees! 🌸🌸🌸

We're a little "Unhinged"

In November, a handful of Bellingham Branch members heeded an invitation from our executive board to attend a docent tour of the Whatcom Museum exhibit, "Unhinged," at the Lightcatcher Building. Curated by **Barbara Matilsky**, who spoke to our group several years ago about her "Vanishing Ice" exhibit, the current show explicates the use of books as an art form. It showcases a variety of styles and processes. Many artists carve old volumes or twist their pages into unique designs. Others make their own books in different formats, such as accordion, concertina or pop-up, and most include the artists' message, be it about human rights, the environment or other concerns.

The exhibit is open through January 3. 🌸🌸🌸

Visit Jean's display at Allied Arts

Our talented branch member, Jean Cox-Treverton, is displaying her handmade books and other work at Allied Arts' annual Holiday Festival of the Arts. It runs through Dec. 24 at 4145 Meridian St., next to the Burlington outlet.



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.

Don't forget the Back to Work Boutique!

If you do any closet-cleaning, either pre- or post- Christmas, don't forget that the YWCA accepts good used clothing for women who are trying to enter the workforce, but who need appropriate attire.

Handbooks available at December meeting in Morrison Glass Studio

Our branch handbooks for 2015-2016 will be available at the December meeting, for those who did not pick them up in November.

Handbooks still unclaimed after Dec. 12 will be mailed out. But, save us the postage, and come enjoy the glassblowing exhibit!

December Birthday Girls

8th Marian Boylan

9th Varya Grace Fish

12th Carol Lawrence

19th Gwen Parker



Welcome, Linda!

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Bellingham Branch member, Linda Doninno.

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