



October Membership Luncheon



And the crowd begins to gather: Above, early arrivals for the October Membership Luncheon, Pam Sankey and Jean Cox-Treverton, talk Tech Trek; while behind them, Washington State AAUW President Judith Prince chats with former Bellingham Branch President Carol Simmer (in red). Judi is also pictured at left below. Above left, current Bellingham Branch President Susan Moen poses with members Arlene Pilcher (seated) and Lori Smiley. The banquet room at Anthony's Hearthfire Restaurant was filled to overflowing by the time everyone arrived.

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November program: Crossing Divides

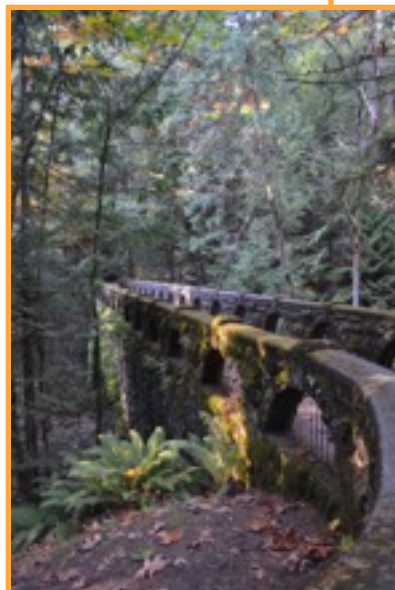
At our November 12th meeting, **Miale Jose, Director of the Stir Center, and Shevell Thibou, Director of the Teaching and Learning Academy at WWU**, will lead an exercise that lets us share diverse views and build community. We will work in small groups, and discuss a chosen issue.

The Stir Center and the TLA at WWU are two organizations in Bellingham that work to bring together people with different perspectives. Both organizations facilitate dialogue - the Stir Center brings together different political perspectives, and the TLA brings together students, faculty, staff, and community members to enhance WWU and the community beyond. Come and participate in a session where diverse views are welcomed and aired, and divides are crossed.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Bellingham YWCA, 1026 N. Forest St.

Members with last names beginning with A through L are asked to bring finger foods.

Coffee and tea will be provided.



Get your 2016-2017 Bellingham AAUW Members Handbook!

The new membership handbook will be available at the November and December general meetings. It contains contact information for all members, plus information on our Branch projects, scheduled meetings, interest groups, and more.

Thanks to Esther Golde for preparing the booklet, and to Helene Berg-Kolin and Sue McDonald for their help in gathering information and copy editing.

Handbooks not picked up at the next two meetings will be mailed.

Welcome to our board meetings

All branch members are welcome to attend the monthly executive board meetings, generally held the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning at 3:45 p.m. We gather in the meeting room at Terra Organica, 1530 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham.

New Bellingham Branch member Nora Abelite has scheduled two readings of her humorous tribute to her family Thanksgiving experiences. It is titled, "The Pardon of Tom Turkey Number 72." She will read at Creekside Open Mic at the library in Sudden Valley on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. and at Open Mic at Village Books on Monday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m.



PUBLIC POLICY

Plan to participate in AAUW Lobby Day events in Olympia on January 30, 2017. It's very important to vote; but if we truly want to have influence, we have to follow up with conversations with legislators.

Washington State AAUW board members will help with making appointments and give talking points regarding legislation important to us.

If enough of us go, then each individual member can choose whether or not she wants to speak during the appointment. Whether or not you speak, your presence gives more weight to our position. When you go, it appears many people are there talking to legislators. But, the reality is that relatively few people make the trip and that gives even more influence to those of us who do.

Make sure our voices are heard. Join us January 30. More details to come in January. Contact Susan Moen who will be going to the LOBBY DAY.



November -

- 1 Monica Ackerman & Cherilyn Jackson
- 16 Ingeborg Paulus
- 17 Nancy Lord
- 28 Mary Jane Vetter
- 30 Arlene Pilcher

Interest Groups

Adelante! Book Club meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon. The combined Nov/Dec meeting will be December 1st, and the book will be *Cherokee Rose*, by Tiya Miles (recipient of a recent MacArthur "Genius Grant"). Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

Reel Movie Lovers

We meet for a matinee on the third Sunday of most months - October's get-together was cancelled for several reasons. Bellingham Branch members will be notified of the exact movie, time, and location for the event in an email the week before the showing.

Save the date if you are interested, and feel free to offer suggestions on something you would like to see. Contact: Liz Wright, 671-5518.

Something New?

Issaquah has a Bunch for Lunch - or we could do an occasional craft - lets talk about this at the November meeting. Contact: Susan Moen.

Holiday Greenery sale results

Good going, everyone! We won't have a final tally for a few more weeks, but after placing our order, it looks as if **we will clear over \$2100, at least \$300 more than last year!** Many buyers indicated they were pleased to know the proceeds go toward scholarships.

Nearly half of our membership participated, plus one member from a different branch. There were also some donations.

Thanks to all who helped with this project. We will let you know what day wreaths will be available for pickup, as soon as the vendor schedules delivery.

*Hope Rollis
& Gwen Parker,
Greenery Project
Chairpersons*



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.



Christmas at Hycroft 2016

This is the 44th year the University Women's Club of Vancouver has presented Christmas at Hycroft at the beautiful Edwardian McRae mansion called Hycroft. It is located at 1489 McRae Ave., Vancouver, B.C. Three floors of the mansion are decorated in the splendor of the season and over 25 local crafters and vendors fill the spaces. The courtyard and grounds are busy with activity and entertainment and the traditional "Kitchen Creations" is located in the Coach House. Hycroft is open November 17th thru 20th, daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information is found at ChristmasatHycroft.com. A fee, in Canadian currency, is charged at the door.

Call Carol Simmer, 360-961-4519 to sign-up for car-pooling. Carol may or may not be available to provide a car but she can give good directions to Hycroft. It is not difficult to find but will take at least one hour of travel from Bellingham, depending upon the border traffic. Bring your passport!





Deck the Halls!

From left: Hope Rollis, Nancy Lord and Liz Wright were among 12 women who volunteered to make decorations for an AAUW-sponsored Christmas tree, which will be displayed with others at Whatcom Museum’s Old City Hall building. Our theme will be *AAUW Celebrates Women in STEM*. The museum kicks off its holiday festivities on Nov. 30, when Santa will visit, there will be a pop-up store, and of course, our tree will be on display with about 20 others.

Then, **our December meeting** will be at the Old City Hall, where we can view all the decorations, enjoy our own coffee and cookies, and then trek over (one block) to the Lightcatcher to take in one of the fabulous exhibits there. Look for more information in the December newsletter.

Out and about in Bellingham....

Members attend scholarship events at WCC and BTC

Our Academic Liaison, Carol Simmer, has been busy attending foundation meetings, first at BTC, with Branch President Susan Moen and our scholarship recipient **Kiersten Radden-Wold**.

For the WCC Foundation event, AAUW was represented by Carol, Jean Cox-Treverton and Elsie Heinrick. Our scholarship recipient at WCC was not able to be present, but we will meet with her at a later date.

From left, Carol Simmer, BTC scholarship winner Kirsten Radden-Wold, and Susan Moen.



**100th AAUW-Bellingham
Celebration set for October 2018
Let's get going!**

The Centennial Celebration for AAUW-Bellingham's 100th birthday is set for October 2018. It is time to prepare! A small committee is about ready to announce the venue, but the planning of many parts of the celebration need to be started NOW. Planning committees include:

- Programming - speakers?, videos? slide show? music?
- Decorations
- Invitations - locating former members and designing invitations to all
- Marketing - news articles, activities to promote awareness, etc.
- Historical organization - archives research, etc.
- Others to be determined

Please tell any of the AAUW Board members what you want to work on and your ideas for the event! General committee meetings for the Centennial will be regularly scheduled bi-monthly (or more) until the event!

**Welcome,
New Bellingham Branch
Members!**

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new members,
Susan Gelhar and Nancy Lord.

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