

## Catch a ride for WWU sculpture tour and member luncheon

October is always a good travel month, and Bellingham AAUW plans a field trip for our October meeting.

First, we will be treated to a tour of some of Western Washington University's sculpture, led by Gallery Director Sarah Clark-Langager. Following that, we will gather at the Hearthfire Grill, 7 Bellwether Way, for a no-host luncheon.

Ms. Langager, Ph.D, City University of New York, has been involved with acquisition and management of



Western's outdoor sculpture collection since its inception. She has met and worked with many of the artists. Her "insider knowledge" makes her the perfect tour guide.

Meet at 10 a.m. at the Western Art Gallery. Parking will be available in  
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*Susan Moen with Tech Trek camper Kimberly Keay.*

## Visit from Tech Trek camper highlights September meeting

*by Gwen Parker*

Kimberly Keay, one of four middle school students from Bellingham chosen to attend Washington AAUW's science camp, spoke about her adventure at the Sept. 14 meeting of Bellingham Branch AAUW. She attended as a way to say thank you to branch members for sponsoring her.

In a question and answer session, Kimberly said the all-girls experience was great. She had always wanted to be a doctor, but now knows the STEM field has many different career choices.

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She particularly liked hearing from women in STEM careers who came to tell the girls about the paths they had chosen.

Kimberly was emphatic in her opinion that AAUW should continue to sponsor the camp experience.

Miss Keay was an excellent spokesperson for Tech Trek - very well-spoken and poised, especially considering that she is just starting eighth grade. Thank you notes from our local campers were read, and all expressed that it was an exciting and worthwhile week on the Pacific Lutheran University campus. *(See second article on this page)*

### **Convention highlights**

In the second part of the program, Susan Moen gave highlights of the National Convention in New Orleans this June. She thanked the branch for giving her \$250 toward expenses for her trip. With her friend Tonna Kutner of Seattle Branch, they showed photos of the new AAUW National President Patricia Ho; Olympia Snowe, retired Maine Senator who received the AAUW Life time Achievement Award; and Lilly Ledbetter who thanked AAUW for their untiring help in passing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was the first bill signed into law by President Obama. Susan also had the fun of touring New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast with her Seattle AAUW friends.

The energy and enthusiasm which comes from going to national conventions showed in Susan's presentation. She challenged us to up our participation in state and national AAUW conventions. We are part of a large and wonderful whole.

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## More about our first Tech Trek

*by Susan Moen*

Fifty girls from all over Washington gathered during the week of July 21 – 27th for the Tech Trek program. It has been found that it is important to encourage young women to stay enrolled in the so-called harder courses in high school. It was so successful that next year AAUW-WA is considering doing two camps, one for each side of the state.

Four Bellingham 7th graders attended Tech Trek, a week long Camp at Pacific Lutheran University.

Here are comments they made in thank you notes to Bellingham Branch: ***"Thank you so much for sponsoring me to come to Tech Trek. I've had such an amazing week here at PLU."*** - Anna Row.

***"Thank you for choosing me for the most amazing and inspirational camp I have ever been to. It has been really awesome learning new things every day."*** - Fiona Zornes

Kimberly Keay came to our meeting to thank us personally. She was very grateful for the opportunity to learn. All the mothers that I spoke to after the camp said the girls were very excited and talked non-stop about their experiences.

To prepare for next year, we need a committee to invite students, interview them and decide on the ones to receive our sponsorship. We will also need letter writers to ask scientific businesses in the Bellingham area to sponsor a student. This year Pam Sankey, Lila Brumback and I headed up this project, working with the schools to identify candidates..

This was the first year for Tech Trek in Washington State. Cost to send each camper was \$1000. One of our Bellingham campers was sponsored with money from Ritzville Branch, which did not have a candidate to send.

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### **125 years of Fellowships**

To emphasize the importance and history of our scholarships, Susan showed us the video from the “Celebration of 125 years for Fellowships and Grants.”

Among the many women who used the funds wisely were Madame Marie Curie, twice the recipient of a Nobel Prize; writer, professor and filmmaker Susan Sontag; psychologist Joyce Brothers, and several women who became the first women presidents of various universities. Judith Resnick, the second female astronaut, was an AAUW Fellow. Rachel Carson was an awardee and used the money for her book, *The Silent Spring*. (Go to AAUW on YOU Tube to see this short video.)

### **About AAUW giving**

*By Susan Moen*

“One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013–14 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

“Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women.” --AAUW Web site  
This year so far we have given over \$2,500 to the state and national AAUW scholarships, and we have donated at least \$2500 to local scholarships. We acknowledge that individual women sponsor and give scholarships also.



Guest Tonna Kutner of the Seattle AAUW Branch, looks over our used book sale tables. Tonna assisted with our audiovisual equipment.

AAUW has a Superior Rating for Fiscal Responsibility and excellent use of charitable donations. This year National awarded an average of \$15,500 per scholarship winner. This money also funds grants like the \$10,000 given towards developing Tech Trek in Washington State. Three of these fellowships were given to women in Washington State. AAUW National has three active designated funds: Bonnie J. Dunbar, PhD Washington State Research and Projects Fund #4352, Mary Lou Hughes Research and Projects Grant: Fund #4362 and Tech Trek Washington Fund #4371. When the time comes for donations for the year, please consider gifts to one of these funds.

*Member profile...***Transfer member is finding a new career in retirement**

You've heard of people who are "glass half full" instead of "glass half empty." And you've heard of people who turn lemons into lemonade. One of our new Bellingham Branch members goes it one better: her glass is full of lemonade! She has a way of turning some of life's setbacks into plusses.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Jean Cox-Treverton moved with her family to San Rafael, in Marin County, CA, when she was nine. As a child, she loved to play with paper and scissors, paints, rubber stamps and paper dolls. She says she was never good at drawing, but loved to cut and paste.

As Jean grew up, she decided she wanted to teach, and got her degree in American Studies, a multidisciplinary major that included sociology, history and English. She minored in anthropology. But: she graduated at a time when there were no teaching jobs available. So, she went to work for a title company, working as a title officer and escrow officer for 25 years.

Then, she was offered a job training employees to use a new software developed for the title insurance business. This was a form of teaching, and she did that for 13 years, getting to the point where she was training other trainers.

The training job kept her on the road, sometimes as much as 40 weeks a year. One day, she happened to run across some rubber stamps by artist Mary Engelbreit. She used them to create a little book for a friend, and that was the rebirth of her passion for paper crafts. Over time, she learned new techniques from the Internet, and refined her work.

Eventually, a series of corporate mergers left her without a job. But instead of looking for work, she looked into retirement, found out she could do it, and moved to Bellingham. She lives with her dog Gwynne in a house that she is decorating with a French flair. With an eye for the interactions of color and pattern, she is creating what is obviously the home of an artist.

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## Member profile ... Jean Cox-Treverton

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And art books are what she creates, at a long table filled with colorful papers, bits of ribbon, beads and more. She has been accepted as one of the artists who will display and sell their work at the Allied Arts annual December Art Festival. Her days are currently filled with building up inventory to sell.



Artistic ability obviously runs in the family. Her daughter Juliana is an artist. She fell in love with Norway and a Norwegian, and has an art gallery there, where she sells her drawings and paintings. Recently, she also became a tattoo artist, developing her own patterns. She has a large following for this new line of art.

Jean first joined AAUW in the early 1970's, when she and a friend, who both had three-year-olds, joined for a chance at adult conversation. She has been a newsletter editor, historian, worked with international relations, and led a book group. She maintains a dual membership, so that she can continue to "attend" a book club that has been going for more than 30 years. She goes to meetings via Skype. She is very proud to have been a Named Grant Honoree, and for receiving an award for newsletter excellence.

Jean has a sister and a niece in the Bellingham area, and a grandson in California. She and her daughter visit between Bellingham and Norway as often as they can. Jean says she loves the clean, sweet-smelling air of the Pacific Northwest, and we love that she has joined our AAUW branch!



## Interest Groups

### Adelante! Book Club

Meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon on the fourth Thursday of the month. Book for October is *A Difficult Woman* by Alice Kessler. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

### Dames Who Dine

Contact: Lori Smiley 360-739-1379 for time and place.

### Do-It-Yourself Walking Group

The former Women Who Walk and Wine is closed, but persons who wish to meet at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Bellwether, are encouraged to do so. There is no leader at this time.

### PM Book Club

The Evening Book Group meets at 6:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month downstairs in the Colophon Cafe in Fairhaven. October book is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, by Rachel Joyce. We welcome all comers. Please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526.

### Simplicity Circle

The new Simplicity Circle will meet on the third Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Next meeting will be Oct. 21. The group will follow the book *Simplicity Lessons* by Linda Breen Pierce for its discussions. Discussion leaders will rotate. Meetings will be held at the home of Helene Berg-Kolin, 3104 Vallette Street. RSVPs are required to Dianne Davis at [diannedavis46@gmail.com](mailto:diannedavis46@gmail.com) or call 206/719-8212 or to Helene at [hbergkolin@gmail.com](mailto:hbergkolin@gmail.com) or 360/392-8856.

## Think Beyond the Branch

By *Connie Dunkelberger, State Nominations Chair*

AAUW members are noted for community involvement and volunteer for a lot of projects. Volunteer leaders make their communities stronger and more vibrant by bringing AAUW's mission to life at the local level, with branch projects and programs. They also work with other organizations and the work doesn't carry the AAUW name, yet fulfills our mission. There is nothing wrong with this, but if we had more of our branch members involved at the state and national levels of our organization we could make a greater impact for equity for women and girls.

The state nominations committee is looking for candidates for officers for the 2014-15 term and invite all members to review the resources available on the AAUW website and consider becoming a candidate for an officer at the state level: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/leader-essentials/> The officers up for reelection in April of 2014 are: President, V.P of Membership and V.P of Finances. You will find the candidate application form at: <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/members/resources/leadership-resources/nominations/>. The nominations committee member for the Northwest District is Sue Moses of the Port Townsend Branch, she is able to answer questions you may have about becoming a candidate.

If you are a new member of AAUW and want to learn and increase your leadership abilities please go to: <http://www.aauw.org/get-involved/>. Here you will find many ways to be involved at all levels of our organization, some of the items take very little time, however they will make a big impact toward the mission.

### Fall Fundraiser Time!

Most of you have already received an email with a flyer and order form for our very easy and successful *wreath sale fundraiser*. Last year we sold 10 crates, so the company will give us a discount if we can sell just one more crate this year.

Dianne Davis is once again organizing this event. She says the order has to go in on Nov 12 and we'll get delivery right after Thanksgiving.

Be thinking about whether or not you could sell some wreaths, buy one for yourself, or buy some to give as gifts.

This year all orders must go directly to Dianne via e-mail or a completed order form.

Please contact her for forms and flyers, if you have not received yours:

Dianne Davis 206-719-8212, [diannedavis46@gmail.com](mailto:diannedavis46@gmail.com)



## Happy Birthdays!

September:

- 2 Cynthia Shepard
- 3 Margo Hammond
- 12 Catherine Chambers
- 20 Lila Brumback
- 22 Roy Giordano
- 29 Peggy Moore



October:

- 10 Victoria Lord
- 12 Margaret Philbrick
- 16 Louise Bjornson
- 18 Hope Rollis
- 20 Maggie Moore
- 21 Sherry Thompson

## Invitation to Surrey/White Rock Bursary Foundation Luncheon Sunday, October 20th, 2013

“We would like to invite members of your Bellingham Club to the Surrey/White Rock Bursary Awards Luncheon on Sunday October 20th. Two awards of \$3000 each will be made and we hope that the young women will attend and speak briefly about their courses and community involvement. We always enjoy our visit with your members and look forward to that again this year.”

*Ann-Marie Steenge*

*President Surrey/White Rock Bursary Foundation Board*

12 noon Social time

1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:45 p.m. Speaker: Ross Laird, PhD, Kwantlen

Polytechnic University "The Next Wave is Already Here: Technology, Learning, and the Future"

Tickets: \$40.00 Canadian

Place: Morgan Creek Golf and Country Club, 3500 Morgan Creek Wy, Surrey

**(Carpooling will be organized by Carol Simmer, 961-4519. Meet at the Ferndale Transportation Center, exit 262 off I-5. Time to be determined.)**

***Please contact Carol before Oct. 9 to make arrangements: 360-380-0517***

## Plans for sculpture tour and luncheon

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Western's Lot 10G, or parking is free on Saturdays in the gravel lots at the south end of campus. The Fine Arts Building is along East College Way, accessed from Bill McDonald Pkwy.

Members should dress for an outdoor walk with comfortable shoes and weather appropriate clothing. We will hope for a beautiful autumn day!

Anyone wishing a ride should contact Liz Wright, 360-671-5518

[lswrights@gmail.com](mailto:lswrights@gmail.com)

or Suzanne Thorp, 360-384-0970  
[sthorp5@comcast.net](mailto:sthorp5@comcast.net).

We are aiming for a 12:30 start time for lunch. **(Members who don't want to do the tour are welcome to attend only the luncheon.)**

Please RSVP for the luncheon to Liz Wright, by Oct. 9.

### You are Welcome!

Anyone possessing a four-year bachelor's degree or two-year associate's degree is welcome to join AAUW. You are encouraged to attend two or three meetings while deciding whether to join.

**We support equity for women and girls in all endeavors.**



### **Thanks to our friends at Spark Museum!**

Carol Simmer, left, and Sue McDonald presented a \$250 check to Spark Museum mainstays Tana Granack, second from left, and John Jenkins. Tana is Operations Director and John is co-founder and CEO. For the past several years, the museum has given their space and the time and service of their employees to help us present our High School Scholars Recognition Event, which recognizes high school junior women for excellence in math, science and technology.

As a token of our appreciation, Bellingham AAUW presented the museum with a donation to help upgrade the audiovisual facilities in their meeting room.

### **“AAUW - Empowering Women Scholarship” now in place at NWIC**

Thanks to the hard work of Sharlene Joshua, Carol Simmer and Sue McDonald, we now have an agreement to provide a scholarship at Northwest Indian College, on the Lummi Reservation.

Colleen Baker, Donor Advancement and Foundation Relations, wrote: “We really appreciate your dedication to bringing this scholarship to fruition and providing opportunities for Native American Students.”

If our funds will allow, \$500.00 will be given to a student with intent of completing an associate or bachelor's degree at NWIC. This will be given at the beginning of each Winter quarter. AAUW will be involved with the selection.



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