

## Tech Trek participants and WWU Professor on tap for September 13 meeting

September brings visions of school lunch boxes and new No. 2 yellow pencils to most of us.



Bellingham Branch of AAUW will expand on those thoughts at our first meeting of the season, with a talk by **Dr. Rebecca Bunn, Professor of Environmental Sciences at Huxley College, WWU.** She will speak on “Women in Science,” and about encouraging young women to study for careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

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

Also, our Branch’s **TechTrek Scholarship recipients** are invited to attend and discuss their experiences at the July summer camp. They are Tessa Kilcine, Emily Newcomer, Julia McCarty and Bianca Squillante.

**We will set up our book sale table**, so if you have been reading over the summer and need to off-load some books, bring them along to the meeting.

**Our board members will provide coffee and snacks.** Come and reconnect with your AAUW friends after the summer hiatus, and think about bringing a friend or two!



## Biggest crowd yet for June wine-tasting

Over 50 people attended the June 21 wine-tasting and fundraiser at Mt. Baker Vineyards. Sunny weather enhanced the fun.

Downstairs, guests visited the buffet table and tasted selected wines. They could also wander over to the main tasting room for other sips, or take a tour of the winery with owner Randy Finley.

Upstairs, guests enjoyed the sunshine on the balcony, listened to guitarist Chad Nuckles-Flinn, and viewed artwork displayed by several AAUW members. Lila Brumback and  
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**Wonderful Winery Workers--**From left, AAUW members Dianne Davis, Sue McDonald and Jo Pullen sell wine and tickets for the wine-tasting event at Mt. Baker Vineyards.

## Art show adds new dimension to wine-tasting event

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Cathie Oberg displayed their handmade jewelry, Suzanne Thorp brought some of her quilting, Jean Cox-Treverton showed her handmade books, and Ruth Norman and Gwen Parker displayed their photography.



**Sunshine on the balcony** -- Friends Robin Preisinger, left, and Liz Wright, our wine-tasting event chairperson, enjoy the view from the Mt. Baker winery balcony.

The quilt donated by Cheri Jackson to raffle off for scholarship funds, also was on display, as were three gift baskets that garnered lots of attention.

The board is happy to say that our net profit for our scholarship fund was \$1799.

Thanks to all who attended. Stay tuned for what we decide to do next year! We are always eager to hear suggestions for improvements, and new ideas.



Suzanne Thorp's quilts were among items on display at the wine-tasting.

**Welcome Back!!**

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer, and that your batteries are recharged and full of energy for the AAUW season! We had a busy 2013-2014 year, but can point to a growing number of scholarships given, educational forums supported, and students encouraged: We sent students to *Tech Trek*, gave funds to *Girls Go Tech*, gave scholarships at four post-high school institutions, supported *Elect Her - Campus Women Win*, held a panel discussion on *equal pay* that was well-attended by community members...I could go on, but you get the drift! **SO**, let's equal or better the record this year, and **Have Fun** doing it!

--Gwen Parker, Bellingham Branch president.

## How about some “Coffee and Conversation”?

An idea for a new interest group has been floating around for a few months now, so let’s pin it down to a time and place:

Members are invited to meet just to chat over coffee or tea. This will be totally informal, with no RSVP required. Please come to either or both of the get-togethers each month.

Initially, meetings are set the third Friday of the month at 3 pm at The Woods Coffee shop in Barkley Village (near Regal Cinema) and the fourth Saturday of the month at 11 am at the Public Market building on Cornwall Avenue, across from Arlis’s Restaurant. (**NOT** the Farmers Market on Railroad Avenue.) Come enjoy the company of other AAUW members, and bring a friend.

Participants will be able to change the times or locations to suit the majority. These two coffee shops were chosen for central locations and lots of free parking!

If you have questions, or just want to be sure you won’t be the only one there, call Gwen Parker, 933-4314.



### Officers installed

Because May and June meetings were special events (High School Scholars Recognition and Wine-tasting) installation of Branch officers was postponed until the last Saturday in June. Old and new officers and some committee chairpersons met at the home of Gwen Parker to hold the installation, and discuss the coming year.

Pictured from left are Helene Berg-Kolin; Hope Rollis, new treasurer; Sue McDonald, new membership co-chair with Helene; Gwen Parker, president, and Lila Brumback, secretary. Susan Moen and Pam Sankey continue as program chairs. Also attending were Liz Wright, former membership co-chair, Tech Trek committee person Esther Golde and Academic Chair Carol Simmer.



Some of these birthday wishes are belated - but are warm, nonetheless!

**July:**

- 2 Helene Berg-Kolin
- 3 Carol Simmer
- 24 Lynn Bellinger
- 25 Ruth Stone Glaser
- 26 Catherine Oberg

**August:**

- 3 Esther Golde
- 15 Elsie Heinrick
- 24 Pam Sankey

**September:**

- 2 Cynthia Shepard
- 3 Margo Hammond
- 12 Catherine Chambers
- 20 Lila Brumback



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**Looking forward to October....**

“What is Personal History?”  
 Learn about different ways to capture your own life stories, or those of your loved ones, in order to preserve family legacies for future generations. If we don't, our stories will surely disappear with us. Personal historian Sara Geballe will offer fun prompts to trigger memories and get our stories flowing. She will also explain how a professional personal historian can facilitate the process of writing a memoir book or a legacy letter.

# Interest Groups

## Adelante! Book Club

Meets at Arlis’s Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon on the fourth Thursday. September 25th book is *The Rebellious Life of Rosa Parks*, by Jeanne Theoharis. Ruth Norman will be the discussion leader. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

## New Group!! Coffee and Conversation

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## 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. Sept. 11th book is *Benjamin Franklin, an American Life*, by Walter Isaacson. We welcome all comers - please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526.

## Dames Who Dine

Currently on hiatus, but a few new diners would get this “on the table” again!

### You are 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.

Please join us!

### Margaret “Peggy” Moore (1926 - 2014)

Longtime Bellingham Branch member Peggy Moore, age 87, passed away on July 12, 2014. She was graduated from Bellingham High School in 1944 and from the University of Washington in 1949 with a BA in Home Economics. She joined AAUW in 1971. She had a long career as a dietitian working for many hospitals, nursing homes, and elder care facilities. Peggy married Bill Moore in 1949. They had two children, son Dan and daughter Rosemary, six grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughter Rosemary Moore-Rinehart, and brother Roger Sorensen.