

**Author to speak at Oct. 8 meeting
10 a.m. at Mt. Baker Theatre
Encore Room**

The author of a new literary classic for young people, Annie Boochever, will be the guest speaker at the October Whatcom AAUW meeting.

The book, titled *Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich*, has received numerous literary awards and recommendations.

Now living in Bellingham, but born and raised in Juneau, author Annie Boochever offers personal insights into life in Juneau during the 50's. She will talk about how she came to write *Fighter in Velvet Gloves*, the only published book about Tlingit member Elizabeth Peratrovich, with the help of Elizabeth's only living child, now 87-year-old Roy Peratrovich Jr. Historical slides from the Alaska State Archives and the Peratrovich family will accompany the presentation, providing a rare glimpse into the personal life of Elizabeth and how she grew to lead Alaska and all of America in the battle for civil rights.

Annie Boochever grew up in Juneau when Alaska was still a territory. Following a career teaching music and library, she earned an MFA in creative writing for children and young adults. Annie's books, *Bristol Bay Summer* (Alaska Northwest Books, 2014), and *Fighter in Velvet Gloves* (University of Alaska Press, 2019) have won numerous awards, were selected as Notable Social Studies Trade Books and Alaska State Battle of the Books. *Fighter in Velvet Gloves* was included in the 2019 American Indian in Children's Literature list of best non-fiction books for young adults, and was selected to represent Alaska in the 2019 National Library of Congress Parade of States.

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Annie Boochever

Calendar of coming events

Oct. 8 General meeting at Mt. Baker Theatre Encore Room, 10 a.m. Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day with Alaskan author Annie Boochever.

Oct. 26 Meetup AAUW happy hour at SpringHill Suites, 4016 Northwest Avenue, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Bring a friend!

Oct. 27 AAUW Book Club, noon at Affinity Apartments dining room. Book is *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah.

Nov. 12 *Fingers crossed!* Our much-postponed **Vintage Tea and Fashion Show** is back on! 1:30-4:00 p.m. Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Public Policy corner

Catherine Chambers is now serving as our branch Public Policy volunteer. As such, she is participating on the state Public Policy Committee.

Catherine writes: “Some of our discussions have included a candidate comparison of the 2nd Congressional District election. There will be a sheet with the information at the next AAUW general meeting. We have been discussing AAUW priorities such as:

- Student Debt
- Title 1X clarification with a separate proposal on transgender students
- Pay Gap, which now includes part-time jobs as well as full-time employment
- Investing in STEM for women and girls
- Reproductive healthcare
- Voting rights

Webinars 2022 – The Economy Matters

October 11, Karen Dove, Executive Director of ANEW in Seattle, will speak on women’s access to well-paying jobs in the building trades. ANEW provides quality training, including apprenticeships and employment services to women and all people from underserved communities in Washington.

More about the Oct. 8 meeting

The Branch executive board plans to purchase copies of the Elizabeth Peratrovich story to give to our local middle schools.



College Pantry donations

We have resumed college pantry donations to the colleges in Whatcom County. The October donation will go to Bellingham Technical College. Please bring non-perishable food items or cash/check donations to the next general meeting.



Many thanks to Carol McKinney for spearheading this program last year.



Welcome to AAUW!

The Whatcom Branch of American Association of University Women invites you to join us.

Membership is open to college graduates and those with associate degrees from accredited schools. We offer speakers and various interest groups.

Our mission is to offer scholarships and support numerous programs to help women and girls gain equity in all areas of life.

Contact Lynda Buehring, goldrocket@aol.com



Arya Sabado

Shared history: From left, AAUW members Cathie Oberg and Margo Hammond discussed a shared bond with September guest speaker Dr. Regina Barber. Cathie and Margo are both WWU grads, and Regina has held several positions at WWU. Margo first met Regina at Spark Museum when Margo was on the museum board and where Regina started her radio show “Spark Science” on KMRE.



Emilxe Gonzalez

2022 Tech Trek alums hear from astrophysicist

Be open to new interests and possibilities as you move through life, Dr. Regina Barber advised our AAUW middle-school Tech Trekkers, when she spoke to them at the September AAUW meeting.

Discussing her own path from Lynden schools to Running Start to scientist, inclusion specialist and communicator, she reminded her listeners that while you can’t always control what happens, you can always try to use it for your own growth. She also spoke of moving to a job as NPR’s *Short Wave Scientist* in Residence. She contributes original reporting on STEM, and guest hosts the show.

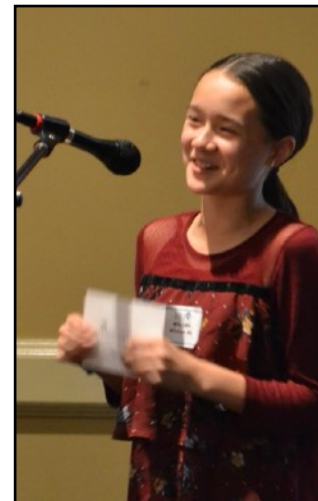
Each of the Tech Trek campers spoke about their experience at the two-week STEM camp. The coding class, Professional Night and marine biology were favorite events.



Lucia Carlson-Prandini and Dad Damian



Rayana Jackson



Mika Long

AAUW Book Club

Our book for October is *The Four Winds*, a novel about the Dust Bowl, by Kristin Hannah.

Our turnout for book club has been pretty low. We would love to hear any input on how we could change things to make it easier for people to attend. It is the fourth Thursday of most months (with the November/December meetings combined to work around the holidays.) We meet in the dining room at Affinity Apartments (3930 Affinity Lane.)

Contact Kay Davin for directions on how to get in the front door at Affinity. 520-907-0746—Please email your thoughts to Gwen Parker -

parker.gwen@comcast.net



Scene from a soiree: From left, Suzanne Thorp, Carol Simmer, new member Carolyn Kinne and Robin Kagan share a laugh at the September get-together at SpringHill Suites. Next soiree there is Oct. 26th.



Spread some sunshine!

Do you know an AAUW member who is ailing or has suffered a loss? If so, please email our Sunshine Lady, Suzanne Thorp, who will mail a card from our branch. sthorp5@comcast.net



Happy
Birthday
to
Maggie
Moore

October 20

November is Tea Time!

—Time to act quickly! For all of you that have been waiting - good news! We DO have tickets available for the AAUW TEA AND VINTAGE FASHION SHOW on Saturday, November 12 from 1:30-4pm at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Tickets are being sold at the original price of \$35. Call your table captain or Judy Fruhbauer, 720-837-3379 to check on previously purchased tickets, or to buy more.

So much planning and creativity has gone into this tea! A traditional English tea will be served with scones and tea sandwiches. If you're lucky, you'll be the one to go home with the Suffragists's replica tea pot for your table. Instead of a bouquet at the table, an amazing team of women made a delightful tea themed gift for each guest.

And the gift basket raffle! Nine of them, all valued well over \$250. Your ticket number may be called for an incredible collection of quality items: Spa Day, Gifts of the Northwest, Tasty Tour of Italy and a special one that includes BOTH an overnight stay AND a San Juan cruise! That one is worth well over \$500! Such fun - you can purchase an arm's length of tickets for only \$20! Remember to tuck some cash or a check into your bag to buy that winning ticket. Buy raffle tickets for

Traditional English Tea & Fashion Show



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FABULOUS
Raffle Baskets



All proceeds from this event will go toward scholarships for women attending local colleges and programs for Whatcom middle and high school girls excelling in their STEAM classes.

a friend that's not attending! One of our members secured a replica of the hand bag Susan B. Anthony carried (from the museum named for her in New York) to also be included in the raffle!

Louise Sager, of the Ferndale Historical Society has been collecting garments for many years. The models in the Vintage Fashion Show this year will be wearing clothing styles from 1860-1960, focusing on the era of the Suffragists.

Three former students at Western compiled a very interesting slide show about the events that happened as women fought for the right to vote.

This tea is in honor of the women who won the right for women to vote. Of course you can **come in apparel from that era** to enhance your experience! See you there!

Thank you!

Several people deserve our thanks for going the extra mile for Whatcom AAUW.

Judi Edwards has been updating our website. Still a work in progress, but much more up to date now!

Judy Fruhbauer, Kathy Jenkis and Esther Golde have hung in there for two years to keep our planned Fashion Show alive. Looking forward to it in November!

....and, to **all our members** for their support!



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