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“AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.”

The Joy of Gardening

Thursday, April 13, 2017
Waterford Public Library

6:15 p.m. Refreshments
6:45 p.m. Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. Program



Joy Molloy will share her appreciation of nature and gardening at the April meeting. She will describe the evolution of her program from “How I did things – Garden Related” to “The Joy of Gardening.” In preparation for a program she became deeply aware of how much the garden and nature mean to her. She will be speaking about life.

Her interest in horticulture began at a very young age as she played in her Grandfather’s garden. He planted peonies and iris along the side of his vegetable garden and he always grew sweet peas.

As a lifelong learner she is a member of the New London Garden Club, Mystic Garden Club, and the Herb Society of America, CT Unit. She has a BS degree from UCONN and entered a masters' degree program that allowed her to teach elementary school the year after graduation. She taught kindergarten in Hartford, Wallingford, and New London.

Beatrice Fox Auerbach: The Woman, Her World and Her Wardrobe

Thursday, May 11, 2017
The Spa at Norwich Inn

4:45 - 5:30 P.M. Social time
5:30 - 5:45 P.M. Meeting
5:45 - 7:00 P.M. Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Program

The New London Branch of AAUW will host Professor Laura Crow, who will talk about the remarkable journey of discovery during the development of the exhibition, *Beatrice Fox Auerbach: The Woman, Her World and Her Wardrobe*. Beatrice Fox Auerbach shaped not only G. Fox & Co. Department store, she shaped the city of Hartford and the State of Connecticut with her progressive policies. This presentation will take you back in time to Fox’s heyday. You’ll learn the story of this remarkable woman who made every visit to Fox’s so enjoyable and set the standard for customer service. You’ll also learn about her work with the World Health Organization and her friendship with Eleanor Roosevelt along with her remarkable interaction with her twelve grandchildren and how she



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April/May at a Glance

- April 13 Branch Meeting
- April 19 Book Discussion Group
- May 11 Branch Meeting
- May 17 Book Discussion Group
- June 21 Book selection meeting
- August 17 News & Views Deadline



President's Message



Greetings Everyone,
I'm sure we are all looking forward to spring, and our upcoming programs to which I hope many of you will be able to attend. It's been a weird winter for weather!

We have received a great deal of communication from AAUW national headquarters this year, particularly since our country's government has come under a new administration. I hope you check out the aauw.org web site regularly and have signed up for the policy and issues "Alerts", and the "Two Minute Activist" for new developments and advocacy actions you can easily take to make our voices heard. Besides current news on the web site, there is a wealth of information for officers, programs to promote AAUW public policy goals, and fundraising.

It is my hope that we can plan a community-based project for some time in 2017-2018. Last October we had a very successful mid-week luncheon fundraiser, and I propose that we use some of those extra funds to develop a project for middle or high school girls. AAUW has done a great deal of research on a number of pertinent topics in the last few years with project descriptions that we can review and evaluate for ideas that we think our branch can implement.

Finally, and to the end of expanding our branch "footprint" (known presence) in our communities, it is time to form a Nominating Committee that fills our current Membership VP (or Co-VPs), and consider a few additional formal offices, like Correspondence Secretary, and others to work with specific committees, for example: fundraising, publicity, and advocacy. Too many jobs are being handled by too few people, and we need to improve this to share responsibilities to continue to move forward. I have models from other branches that we can draw upon so that we don't have to "re-invent the wheel".

We have experienced members who are available to orient and counsel for those who are new in a role.

Please consider volunteering to be on the Nominating Committee so we can work on this immediately. Our Annual Meeting is soon upon us, and we have to vote before then. Please contact me or any one of the Board members.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Chantal DeArmitt, M.P.H.



Book Discussion Group



The April book is *Bittersweet* by Colleen McCullough. This is a change from our original selection. The discussion leaders will be Kim Blake, Ann Carroll, and Elizabeth Hume. The afternoon group will meet at 2 pm at the East Lyme Library and the evening group will meet at 7 pm at the Waterford Library on April 19, 2017.

The May book is *The Last Painting of Sara De Vos* by Dominic Smith. The discussion leaders will be Brigid Boettcher and Barbara Guerra. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on May 17, 2017.

The June book selection meeting will be at the Waterford Library at 6:30 pm on June 21, 2017. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a book or two in fiction, nonfiction, biography, mystery or whatever category--as long as it's a book that would make a good discussion book.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd

Hospitality

Thank you to the following members who signed up for refreshments for April:



- Deb Kirby--dessert
- Anna Mae Burr--fruit
- Susan White--cookies
- Chantal DeArmitt--cheese and crackers
- Jeanne O'Connell--cookies
- Edna Gilstad--coffee
- Gay Clarkson--juice

Thank you to everyone who contributed refreshments and paper goods this year.

Elizabeth Hume

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prepared them for life. This working mother was also one of the first female CEOs in the United States.

Laura Crow is an internationally known designer whose costumes have been seen in over 300 productions from Japan, Russia and China to Turkey and the Czech Republic as well as England, Europe and the United States. Her work is best known through her poetic realism designs for Lanford Wilson's productions on Broadway. Recently retired from the University of Connecticut where she was head of the theatre design program in the School of Fine Arts, Laura Crow is now focusing on creating a virtual museum for costumes and textiles from UCONN's 8000 piece historical collection.

A Fun Outing to the Ivoryton Theater

The AAUW play outing this year will be to the Ivoryton Theater in July to see *West Side Story*. The dates are July 5th through July 30th Wed through Sat evening and Wed and Sun matinee. If you are interested, please let me know and indicate what date and time is best for you. You may propose several dates and times to give me something to work with. I will attempt to accommodate everyone. Ticket prices will be \$45 or if we have a group of 10 or more may be \$35. The deadline for signing up to go is **May 1st**. I think this show will be very popular so the sooner we purchase our tickets the better our seats will be. Remember that once you commit to attending and I purchase the tickets you are responsible for the cost. My email address is margaret.b.wilhelm@sbcglobal.net. My phone # is 772-486-5221. My address is 10 Robin Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Meg

**New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017**

President Chantal opened the meeting at 6:50 pm. She welcomed all visitors.

There were no additions or corrections to the January minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account is \$5803.09, Savings Account is \$1104.46, CD is \$1736.93 for a grand total of \$8644.48.

Scholarship Committee: The Scholarship Committee will meet to decide how the funds will be dispersed.

Hospitality: Elizabeth passed around a sign-up sheet for April.

Book Group. This month book is *Circling The Sun* by Paula McLain. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm at the East Lyme Library. The evening group will meet at 7:00 pm March 15 at the Waterford Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shailor
Recording Secretary

**Beatrice Fox Auerbach:
The Spa at Norwich Inn
May 11, 2017**

Name _____ Guest _____

(Include food choice for all) Total Enclosed _____

Entrees: _____ Warm Grilled Salmon on a bed of baby vegetables with citrus dill dressing
_____ Chicken Francaise with a lemon white wine sauce

All entrees served with a house salad or mixed baby greens, dinner rolls, a starch and vegetable. Chef's daily dessert creation will be served with coffee or tea.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by Saturday, April 29, 2017 with your check made payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Kerry O'Keefe, 123 Wawecus Hill Road, Norwich, CT 06360



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