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Black Bears in Connecticut

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

Note: The Zoom information for all branch meetings will be found on Page 3



Join Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple as she talks about black bears, focusing on the natural history of black bears in Connecticut, an

overview of black bear habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction and current research efforts. She also provides practical recommendations for optimum co-existence with our black bear population. Black bear artifacts are shared with the audience.

A native Texan, Ginny Apple was one of the first full-time women sportswriters in the country, who left the field mid-career to pursue a path in communications/public relations.

Through the years she has hiked, climbed, kayaked, skied and poked her way through the outdoors and developed a passion for all things natural.

A move to the middle of the woods in Barkhamsted over 15 years ago brought her into an environment filled with bears and other wildlife. Living in a

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Program to be Determined

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

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We are waiting to hear back on a possible speaker for March. If necessary we will try to rearrange with our April speaker. In the interest of getting the February information out I am sending you the newsletter. I will send an update for March once we have it settled.

February/March at a Glance

- February 11 Branch Meeting
- February 16 Book Discussion Group
- March 11 Branch Meeting
- March 16 Book Discussion Group
- March 25 News & Views Deadline



Branch News

Thank you all for your feedback as we decided how to proceed with the New London Branch of AAUW. Members overwhelmingly wanted to continue as a branch through this year and reevaluate in June about what to do going forward. Members have been working together to make that happen. Programs have been scheduled on Zoom through April with a possible May Banquet outdoors at Langleys on May 13. The book group will continue to meet on Zoom through June. The pandemic has made it impossible to meet in person and meeting on Zoom is difficult or impossible for some of you. I am cautiously optimistic that we can all be vaccinated over the next few months and perhaps return to some sense of normalcy (whatever that is) by early fall.

Members News

I would like to suggest we start a column with member's news to share - happy or sad. Have you welcomed a new grandchild in to your life or perhaps there has been a wedding in the family or how about a birthday – particularly a milestone one. I was sad to see we recently lost a long time member, Ann DeRosa at the age of 93. Ann was a regular participant in the book group and as one member said she always had an interesting comment to add often because she lived through the era that was being discussed. Do you have a memory of Ann you would like to share?

I hope you all had a chance to read the article about Gay Clarkson in the winter 2021 issue of *The Lillian*, the Connecticut state AAUW newsletter. If you missed it click [here](#) for the newsletter or go to <https://aauw-ct.aauw.net/newsletters/>.

Send your member news to me by email, fax or mail.

February Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker double booked herself for February 11. Rather than cancel she asked if the other group could join in with us. They are from the Harwinton Garden Club and she said it would be a small group. Since we also have a small group I felt it would be ok and have invited them to join us. After the program is over I suggest we have a brief meeting with our members.

AAUW Election Comment Period Now Open

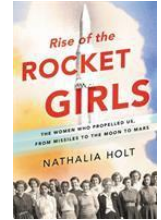
It's your AAUW, and your voice counts. It's time to comment on and propose changes to the AAUW bylaws and Public Policy Priorities. Through February 5, AAUW members can provide thoughts and comments on the proposed changes to the AAUW bylaws as well as suggested revisions to the Public Policy Priorities. To learn more and submit your feedback, please visit the [election page on the AAUW website](#).

Book Discussion Group



The book group will meet on Zoom on the third Tuesday of the month. The Zoom login information will be found on Page 3. The information is the same for all sessions through May of 2021.

The February book is *Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Holt. Copies of the book are available at Waterford Library but must be picked up curbside. Call the library at 860-444-5805 to schedule a time for pickup. We will meet on Zoom February 16, 2021 at 3:30 pm.



The March book is *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. Books will available at the Waterford Library. The Zoom meeting will be on March 16, 2021.

Elizabeth Hume



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house surrounded by Peoples State Forest, she observes a large population of Black Bears and supplies field notes and photographs on them to DEEP bear biologists. Her affinity for this magnificent creature led her out west to participate in a Grizzly research mission in Montana and to become a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Her focused expertise is on Bears, Bobcats, Bald Eagles, Beavers and Coyotes, although she volunteers on numerous wildlife projects, including helping with necropsies on road kill animals and gives talks on a variety of other animals and birds.

She is a member of the Barkhamsted Conservation and Economic Development Commissions, on the Boards of the Farmington River Watershed Association, the Friends of American Legion and Peoples State Forests (FALPS), the Friends of Connecticut State Parks and volunteers regularly with the Barkhamsted Historical Society (BHS) and maintains the Town's Facebook page as well as that of FALPS and BHS. Just to keep her creative juices percolating, she has a side business, *Murder Without Pain*, where she writes murder mystery games based on historical subjects and runs them at country inns, corporate parties and fundraisers.

Topic: AAUW New London Branch Meetings

Every month on the Second Thursday,
until Apr 8, 2021, 3 occurrence(s)
Feb 11, 2021 07:00 PM
Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM
Apr 8, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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**New London Branch AAUW
Special Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2021**

Members Present: Judy Acker, Gale Bradbury, Brigid Boettcher, Kathy Greene, Elizabeth and Kathy Hume, Claire Long, Jeanne O'Connell, Gloria Pontious, Kathy Shepherd, Linda Shailor, and Meg Wilhelms.

Members via Zoom gathered at 7:00 pm to discuss the future of the New London Branch of AAUW. Everyone would like to see the branch continue as is. It was suggested that the next meeting be a social get-together with no scheduled speaker. Also suggested was that day meetings might be attractive to the membership.

As a program possibility Gale said that she would ask a presenter, whose subject is about native animals, to see if she was available. Jeanne suggested another speaker and she would look into that possibility. She said that after writing two checks for \$1,000 each for two scholarships, there was \$1,952.84 in the checking account, which could cover the cost of future speakers.

Barbara Guerra and Irene Finkelstein expressed their wish to continue as an AAUW branch.

Gale will send out a reminder of the January meeting as well as the book group meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shailor

Topic: AAUW Book Discussions

Every month on the Third Tuesday,
until May 18, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)
Jan 19, 2021 03:30 PM
Feb 16, 2021 03:30 PM
Mar 16, 2021 03:30 PM
Apr 20, 2021 03:30 PM
May 18, 2021 03:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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