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The Last Green Valley It's Where we Live

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Waterford Public Library

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

Join us in April to learn about the Last Green Valley with Bill Reid. Mr. Reid will inspire you to enjoy the outdoors as he discusses this National Heritage Corridor with a rich history in a surprisingly rural landscape.

Bill Reid is the Chief Ranger for The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. He has worked for The Last Green Valley, Inc. for 16 years. As Chief Ranger he conducts programs and outreach events throughout the region and coordinates the work of more than 40 Volunteer Rangers.

Bill is the go to person for information on exploring the natural and cultural resources within The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. In the spring of 2009, he organized and led 8 weeks of paddling on several rivers in the region from Mashapaug Lake in Massachusetts to Avery Point on Long Island Sound. On behalf of CT DEEP Wildlife Division, he also organizes the mid-winter bald eagle survey within the

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May Banquet With a subset of the Flute Loops

Saturday, May 6, 2023
Lighthouse Inn
New London
12:00 Noon



Please note our May Banquet has been moved to a Saturday luncheon.

Celebrate with us as we complete another year of the New London Branch of AAUW. Join us at the Lighthouse Inn and catch up with fellow AAUW members.

Entertainment will be provided with a small subset of Flute Loops. The Flute Loops is a community-based adult flute choir that provides a variety of performance opportunities as well as music education experiences aimed at improving the enjoyment and longevity of member's flute playing. Directed by Erin Vivero, Flute Loops plays throughout Connecticut and enjoys combining music with theatrics. The group is designed to accommodate any skill level and give adults an opportunity to learn and perform in a comfortable and supportive environment with professional coaching. A live

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April/May at a Glance

- April 12 Branch Meeting
- April 19 Book Discussion Group
- May 6 May Banquet
- May 17 Book Discussion Group



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26 CT towns in the National Heritage Corridor and assists in monitoring bald eagle nests in the region. Bill lives with his wife Julie in Putnam, CT and has two grown children and 6 grandchildren.

Book Discussion Group



The April book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray. Nancy McDonough will be the discussion leader. The book group will meet on April 19, 2023 at the

Waterford Library from 2-4 pm.

The May book is *The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel* by Kati Marton. Jeanne O'Connell will be the discussion leader. We will meet at our regular place and time on May 17, 2023.

We will discuss a meeting to choose books at our April meeting--possibly June 14th or 21st.

Books are available at the Waterford Library.

Elizabeth Hume



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"audition" may be required solely for placement purposes. Past performances include: The National Flute Association Convention, Gillette Castle, Marlborough Arts Center, Glastonbury Farmer's Market, Colchester Tag Sale On The Green and more.



A Flute Loops Holiday performance in 2021!

Hospitality

We will need refreshments for our April 12th branch meeting. I will call members to bring juice and cheese and crackers.

Thank you to all the members who brought refreshments this year.

Elizabeth Hume

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Program Recap

Members enjoyed two excellent programs in February and March which were co-sponsored with the Waterford Public Library. In February, Elizabeth Wood, Director of the Stonington Historical Society spoke about new research into the life of Venture Smith, an enslaved person who was able to buy his freedom and the freedom of his wife and children. In March we were treated to a portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt with author and historian Carol Cohen. During the first half of the program Ms Cohen as Eleanor walked us through her invitation to participate as a delegate to a newly formed human rights committee. The second half of her presentation featured life lessons and quotes of Eleanor learned during her life.



New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023

Gale Bradbury opened the meeting by welcoming members and the public who came to hear the program on Venture Smith which was co-sponsored with the Waterford Library. She reviewed the history of AAUW and said that brochures were available for those who are interested. She announced that the March meeting will also be co-sponsored with the library. The program will be about Eleanor Roosevelt presented by author and historian Carol Cohen.

Book Group. Elizabeth Hume said that the next meeting will be held February 15th at the library.

Scholarship Committee. Kim Blake stated that \$1,000 was awarded to a return-to-college candidate who is attending Three Rivers College in the nursing program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shailor



May Banquet at Lighthouse Inn with a subset of the Flute Loops Saturday, May 6, 2023



Name _____ Guest _____

(Please list initials of each person beside the food choice)

Total Enclosed _____

Entrees: _____ Chicken Piccata with Roasted Rosemary Potato & Seasonal Grilled Vegetables

_____ Vegetarian Pasta Alfredo with Julianne Grilled Vegetables

All meals include a house tossed salad Coffee, tea and dessert. Cash bar available.

Price of meal including tax and gratuity \$40.00

Please return reservation form by Tuesday, April 25, 2023 with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357.

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