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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.”

Make Some Fall Greeting Cards

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Note we have changed our meeting night

Time: 6:15 p.m. Refreshments

6:45 p.m. Business Meeting

7:00 p.m. Program

Place: Waterford Public Library



The September program will feature fellow member Rory Wilson with a hands-on craft project. Join us to make three greeting cards — one fall theme, one Halloween theme, and one Thanksgiving theme.

Rory Wilson is a retired virologist, high school science teacher, and church office manager who has worked as a freelance artist for the past 50 years. She has been a commercial graphic artist and taught adult art and crafts classes. She works in many different mediums, and occasionally teaches at Florence Griswold Museum, where she studies drawing with Sam Swap. She currently resides in Norwich, and is active in several community organizations.

September at a Glance

- September 20 Book Discussion Group
- September 27 Branch Meeting
- September 28 News and Views Deadline



New London Branch of AAUW will Continue

The Program Committee met over the summer and have decided to continue with our branch for another year. We are going to try different activities this year based on feedback from the survey sent out. Instead of monthly programs at the library we are suggesting outside activities including some daytime events. For September and October our meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday at the Waterford Library. The dates for the monthly programs will vary from month to month. A general schedule of the upcoming programs follows:

- Wednesday, September 27 7:00 pm
Fall Greeting Cards - Waterford Library
- Wednesday, October 25 7:00 pm
League of Women Voters President, Joanne Moore will speak about voter services
- Sunday, October 29 (for Nov) 2:00 pm
Steel Magnolias Niantic Bay Playhouse
Note we will be purchasing a group of seats together so be sure to reserve yours with Jeanne O'Connell ASAP
- Saturday, December 9 12:00 noon
Holiday Luncheon - Langleys
- Sunday, Date and time TBD
Movie TBD at the Garde followed with a discussion at a later afternoon date
- Saturday, February 17 2:00 pm
Knit so as to turn water: a history of New England's maritime knitting Waterford Public Library -co-sponsored with the Library
- Wednesday, March 13 7:00 pm
The Life and Times of Louisa May Alcott with Ruth Crocker Waterford Public Library, co-sponsored with the Library
- April date and time TBD
Performance TBD at the Ivoryton Playhouse
- Saturday, May 11 12.00 noon
End of Year Banquet location TBD

Complete details for each program will be available in the monthly newsletter and on the branch website at <https://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/>. Be sure to bookmark the website on your computer or other device for the most up to date information about branch activities. You will find copies of the latest newsletter, information about upcoming programs, and copies of reservation forms for special events. The Calendar page has a complete list of books and dates for the book discussion group. The scholarship page has information about how to apply along with an application.

The September newsletter will be mailed to the current members with subsequent newsletters being sent via email. If you prefer to receive a print copy please send your name and address to Gale Bradbury, 12 Heritage Dr. Stonington, CT 06378 with four first class postage stamps to cover the cost of mailing. Our budget will not support mailing them each month.

Hospitality



In September, the board will bring the refreshments. Come to the meeting--bring a friend--enjoy some great refreshments!

Elizabeth Hume



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Book Discussion Group



The September book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Kim Blake will be the discussion leader. The book group will meet on September 20, 2023 at the Waterford Library from 2-4 pm.

The October book is *Gallows Lane* by Lisa Hall Brownell. Elizabeth Hume will be the discussion leader. We will meet at our regular place and time on October 18, 2023.

Books are available at the Waterford Library. A complete list of books for the year is listed below and included on the branch website at <http://newlondon-ct.aauw.net/calendar/>.

- September 20, 2023 *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann
- October 18, 2023 *Gallows Road* by Lisa Hall Brownell
- November 15, 2023 *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
- December 13, 2023 *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

- January 17, 2024 *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennet
- February 21, 2024 *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams
- March 20, 2024 *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
- April 17, 2024 *The One-in-a Million Boy* by Monica Wood
- May 15, 2024 *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

Welcome back to everyone. I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.

Elizabeth Hume

May Luncheon

Members enjoyed a nice lunch last May at the recently renovated Lighthouse Inn in New London. Entertainment was provided with members of the musical group Flute Loops. We were pleased to have several daughters join their mother at the event.



Back L - R: Lisa Drzewiecki (Kathy), Katie Hayden (Edna), Janet Carden (Edna), Sandy Gordon (Kathy), Pam Shepherd (Kathy) Front L-R: Kathy Shepherd, Edna Gilstad

Steel Magnolias

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Niantic Bay Playhouse 279 Main Street, Niantic, CT

DIRECTED BY ERIN SOUSA-STANLEY

The play is a classic show about a group of strong-willed women living in a small Southern town. It tells the story of their friendship, heartache, and triumphs. Come and experience a show that will leave you laughing, crying, and feeling inspired.



Reserve (# of) _____ seats for _____

Ticket price \$25 Seniors 65+; Adult \$27.

Please return reservation form by **Monday, October 2** with your check payable to AAUW New London Branch, to Jeanne O'Connell, 6 Lantern Lane, Niantic, CT 06357

NOTE: Seats are limited - if we do not have a notice of interest from you, please be sure to let Gale Bradbury know ASAP (gbradbury292@gmail.com or 860-917-7483)



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