

American Association of University Women  
Whidbey Island Newsletter



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first weekend in May was our Annual Showcase of the Arts held at Coupeville Library. Thank you to Pat Lokanis and her team for another successful event. Many of our members participated as docents and nearly 200 people attended the two day Art Show and evening reception.

Our May Branch meeting welcomed Mary Jo Strain from the Whidbey Sounders Toastmasters Group. Four of her fellow Toastmasters joined us for her presentation. After Mary Jo's enthusiastic talk on the value of positive thinking, we held our Annual Meeting.

The slate of Officers nominated were:

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| Sue Norman & Christy Pedersen    | Co-Presidents  |
| Christina Moats                  | Vice President |
| Mary Ellen Loy                   | Finance VP     |
| Camille Brighten & Milli Stanton | Program VP     |
| Barb Bland & Ann Zimmerman       | Membership VP  |
| Alice O'Grady                    | Secretary      |

There were no further nominations from the floor and the 2015/2016 slate of Officers was elected unanimously. Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Linda McNamara, Pat Lokanis and Meg Eisenbraun for their efforts.

We still need a volunteer for Hospitality Chair. Alice O'Grady has held this position for the past few years and has served in a dual role with the Secretary position for the past year. She needs someone else to take over Hospitality. Please consider volunteering for this position. Contact Alice or myself if you're willing to provide this service.

Our June meeting concludes the 2014/2015 year with the Installation of Officers on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also be honoring several of our members as Named Honorees. Please remember to email or phone Pat Lokanis with your reservation, so we can give final numbers to Whidbey Golf Club.

Thank you to all the members for a successful 2014/2015 year in AAUW!

~ Christy Pedersen & Sue Norman

**JUNE PROGRAM**

**Installation of Officers  
Brunch**

Our June meeting is the annual Installation of Officers and brunch.

**Saturday, June 13th  
9:30 am Coffee  
10:00 am Brunch/Program**

**Whidbey Golf Club  
2430 Fairway  
Oak Harbor**

**Cost \$18.00**

**Reserve with Pat Lokanis  
by June 6th**

We encourage you to pay your annual dues at this meeting since this payment is due by June 30th.

*Dues for the year are \$72.*  
Please bring separate checks for the brunch and dues payment, both made out to AAUW.

**Pat Lokanis,  
Program V.P.**

**Showcase of the Arts**

We had another successful Showcase of the Arts on May 1st and 2nd at the Coupeville Library. The art entries were a bit sparse, however, as South Whidbey was unable to participate. We hope that will not be the case next year.

Thanks to all our members who worked on the show and to those who attended the Friday reception to show support for our project.

You reached out to new member prospects, were professional and pleasant greeters, and above all helped make the event fun and successful.

Thank you for your time and energy. Without volunteers like you, we cannot continue these great opportunities to reach out to students and the community. Photos of the event shown below.

~ Pat Lokanis & Camille Brighten



**Shutterbug Award** – Julissa Miller, above, OHHS, won this photography award for her photo “Sailboat in Oak Harbor”. The award is sponsored annually by AAUW member Nancy Hodges in honor of her father.



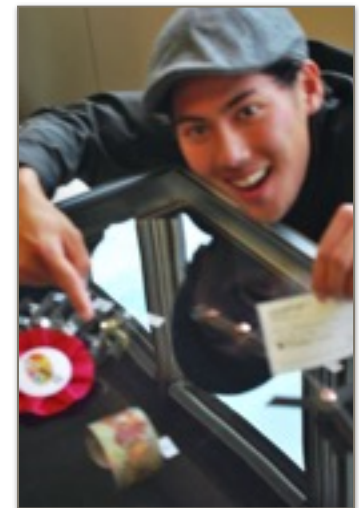
1st place Wall Art category Chris Stolmeier with “Strawberry Blond”, OHHS.



2nd Place Photography, “True Colors” by Carley Michaelis

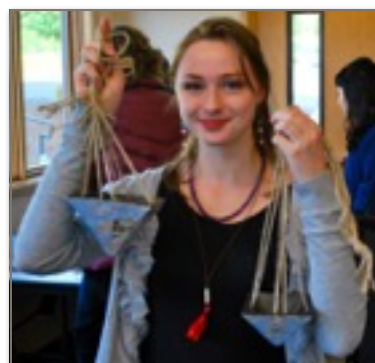


Above: 1st place Sculpture, “Layers of Time” by Alana Acosta, OHHS



2nd Place Jewelry, “Beauty Amongst the Smoke” by William R. Poe, OHHS

Right: 2nd Place Ceramics, “Triangle Dreams” by Meghan Gronback



Photos by Barb Bland

## Terrific Treasures Sale Slated for September

Terrific Treasures Sale is planned for Labor Day weekend this year. This will be the first fundraiser for AAUW's fiscal year 2015/2016. Remember that our branch now has its own designation as a 501(c)(3) charitable

organization. Your donations could be tax deductible if you claim write offs. Donations to the sale are being accepted now. Call Christina Moats to arrange pickup of your items.

A Whidbey Island  
Fundraiser for  
STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIPS

**GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2015**  
**TIME 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Home decor, kitchenware, small rugs

Accessories, handbags, jewelry

Collectibles, housewares, art

**Terrific Treasures Sale**  
AAUW Annual Fundraiser

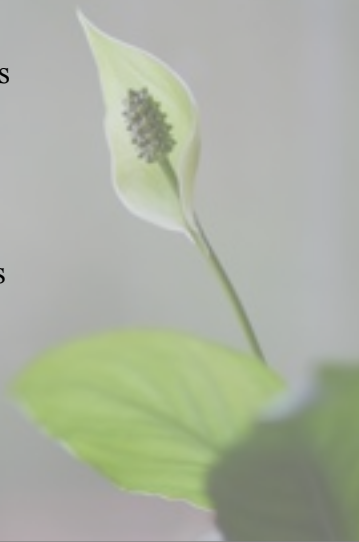
**In Memoriam**

I am saddened to share the news of Curt Bland's death on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Curt was the husband of our Membership Vice President, Barb Bland. I also knew Curt as a member and supporter of the Oak Harbor Friends of the Library.

Our thoughts are with Barb at this difficult time.

~ Sue Norman

**Special Interest Groups****☒ Gourmet # 2**

"Baker's Dozen"

Fri, June 5th, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Vonnie Secketa.

*Theme: Father's Day*

We will gather together to enjoy a meal of our father's favorite dishes.

Group Leader: Pat Lokanis

**☒ International Affairs**

June 19th, 10:00 a.m.

Coupeville Library

*Russia and the Near Abroad*

by Oxana Shevel

Chapter 1

Discussion leader: Vonnie Secketa

Chair: Mary Pattison

**☒ Two Mile Hiking Group**

Wed., June 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Two Mile Hikers Group will meet at the new Whidbey Coffee, 980 Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor, a block west of Midway Blvd.

We will have a brief coffee clutch to discuss the next month's meet up before walking. Even if you don't want to walk, come clutch and plan with us. To get on the walkers list please contact Camille Brighten.

**☒ Garden Group**

Tues June 9th, 11:00 am

Tours of the gardens of Louise Abbott & Deborah Heg, both in Greenback. Start at Louise's garden. Please carpool due to limited parking. The Coupeville Garden Club will be touring simultaneously. Lunch to follow probably at the Greenback store.

Event Leader: Babette Thompson

**☒ Book Group #1**

June 1st - *Before I Go To Sleep*, by S.J. Watson

July 6th - *The Widow Wave*, by Jay Jacobs. (\*See Note Below)

August 3rd - *The Girl On The Train*, by Paula Hawkins.

\* On July 6th, author Jay Jacobs will visit our group. We have invited him to stay after the meeting for a pot-luck salad luncheon. Please join us. It would be great to have many here for the author's talk, even if you can't stay for lunch!

Book Group #1, the original book group, continues to meet on the first Monday of each month, 10:00 am at Cathie Estes' home. All visitors are welcome to join us.

Please refer to our website [aauw-whidbeyisland.org](http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org) for additional Special Interest Groups, advance scheduling and other information.



**Happy Birthday to Members born in June thru August**

Pattison, Mary	06/02
Teker, Virginia	06/04
Hoernig, Valerie	06/05
Gust, Kelly	06/06
Lamson, Celia	06/07
Cave, Betsy	06/10
Gervais, Jean	06/17
Moore, Judi	06/18
Sayers, Karen	06/20
Nichols, Betty	06/23
Grone, Wanda	06/28
Taverne, Anne	06/29
Estes, Cathie	06/30
Zimmerman, Ann	07/03
Mackaman, Sarah	07/04
Jordan, Betti	07/13
Moats, Christina	07/19
Leandro, Marisa	08/07
Little, Erlene	08/09
Christiansen, Clare	08/12
Hodges, Nancy	08/15
Pedersen, Christy	08/15
Eisenbraun, Meg	08/17
Haynes, Sarah	08/19

Articles are due to Diane Peters, Editor, by the 20th of each month.

**Calendar of Meetings & Events**

**June 13th, Sat. 9:30 a.m.**

Installation of Officers Brunch  
Whidbey Golf Club  
*Annual dues are due at this time*

**July and August**

We take these two months off, although some Special Interest Groups do still meet.

**Planning Ahead for 2015-2016 Calendar Year**

**September 5th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Terrific Treasures Sale  
Christina Moats is now collecting items for the sale.

**Useful Links:**

AAUW National  
<http://www.aauw.org>  
AAUW National  
<http://www.aauw.org/author/aauwnational/>  
AAUW of WA State  
<http://aauw-wa.aauw.net>  
AAUW Whidbey Island  
<http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org>  
*Or do a search for more options.*

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