



Bessie Azari and Paula Wiiken, co-chairs

Upscale Sale Success!



Our Upscale Sale was a successful fundraiser and community event. The proceeds from the yard sale, bake sale, and wine raffle were approximately \$14,000. All three sales exceeded earnings from the 2016 sale.

“Congrats on such a well organized and successful sale. We worked hard to create an event that members could be proud of and benefits women scholars.”

-- Sunny Anderson

“We used our skills to help the next generation succeed. Isn't that a great reward?”

--Paula Wiiken

We thank the many members who brought the Ashland AAUW spirit of generosity and goodwill and their time and treasure.



Our thanks to:

Steering Team members: Gretchen King, Pam Shay, Carole Forgan, Priscilla Arnold, Carol Ryan, Kathleen Mackris, Sonja Friedman, Paula Wiiken and Bessie Azari.

Section leaders: *outdoor* – Gretchen King and Diana Quirk, *linens* – Priscilla Arnold, *jewelry* – Annette Lewis, *toys and pets* – Sonja Friedman, *housewares* – Katharine Lang, *clothing and shoes* – Pam Shay, *books* – Sandy Burd, *furniture, art and rugs* – Paula Wiiken and Bessie Azari

Publicity: Janet Troy, Carol Ryan

Bake sale and café: Kori Calvert, Nancy Kramarenko, Ginny Dugan, Diane Novak, Carryl Breon, Ellen Fowler, Peggy Audibert, Catherine Lutes, MarLyn Barrick

Wine raffle: Cheryl Goldman, Jean Conger

Photographs: Richard Brewer

Signs: Mimi Pippel

Storage: Kathy Gorman

Pricing stickers: Laurie Carter

Finances: Diana Quirk, Sonja Friedman, and Paula Wiiken

Flyer design: Chris Licata

Volunteers who priced and worked the sale

Members who baked

Members who donated items

Members who caravanned donations from Kathy's storage and to Goodwill

Thanks to all! Well done!

—Paula Wiiken, Bessie Azari, co-chairs



Diana Quirk, Gretchen King & Ginny Dugan



Priscilla Arnold



Pam Shay & Sonja Friedman



Jean Conger & Cheryl Goldman



Vicky Giffin & Catherine Lutes



Carole Florian & Carol Mockridge

AAUW Medford Branch*Saturday, June 8, 10 am - 4 pm***Spring Garden Tour**

Medford's 11th Annual Garden Tour features six gardens. The two Jacksonville gardens are on the same street. One is a historic home with minimal lawn created by the professional landscape designer-owner. The other is an eclectic mix of propagated plants, gift offerings of friends, and rocks re-purposed from other areas of the property.

The Medford gardens include a half-acre property planted within the past two years, pollinator-friendly and requiring little water. Art by Northwest Glass Artist Randy Perkins is on display here. The second Medford garden welcomes you with serene Asian touches and the calming sound of water. The third and northern-most garden is newly designed with plants selected for their ability to thrive under low moisture conditions while providing a wide range of colors and textures throughout the year. The fourth garden is the site of a "Hospitality Garden" where you can relax under the pergola with a beverage and a sweet.

Go to <https://medford-or.aauw.net/garden-tour/> to see details and addresses for the six gardens.

Tickets are \$20 (free for children 12 and under) and can be purchased at any Grange Co-Op Retail Store, at the Blue Door Garden Store in Jacksonville, at Penny and Lulu's Studio Florist in Medford, **and at any of the gardens on the day of the tour.** Please, no pets.

AAUW Grants Pass Branch*Saturday, June 15, 10 am to 3 pm
Riverside Park***Frog O'Faire Children's Festival**

The festival is the Grants Pass Branch's gift to the community, providing free entertainment and educational enrichment opportunities for Grants Pass children. More than 25 activity booths provide children with a day full of fun.

"Gag Rule": Undermining Women's Health Care

Enacted during the Nixon administration with strong bipartisan support, the Title X Family Planning Program is a cornerstone of women's health care in the U.S. Focused on providing family planning and related preventive health services, it prioritizes the needs of low-income or uninsured people who might not otherwise have access to such care.

Every year, more than 4 million women, men, and young people visit approximately 4,000 Title X-funded health centers for basic preventive health care, including cancer screenings, birth control, STD screenings, pregnancy testing, and general women's health exams. Many patients who rely on these centers for their health care are people of color, LGBTQ people, and people in rural areas.

Consistent with accepted medical and ethical standards of care for informed consent, Title X-funded providers routinely offer pregnant patients counseling on and referrals for all their options, including adoption, prenatal care, and abortion. Although Title X program funds cannot be used to perform abortions, health centers that offer Title X-funded services have been permitted to separately provide abortions using non-federal funds.

However, the Trump-Pence administration has proposed a new "gag rule," under which Title X-funded providers would be prohibited from offering counseling or referrals for abortion, forcing medical professionals to knowingly withhold important information from their patients. The proposal also requires "complete financial and physical separation" between facilities providing services funded via Title X and those providing abortions.

This gag rule would extend to the entire Title X network, including community health centers, hospital-based clinics, and health departments. If many of these facilities are eliminated from Title X funding, remaining provider networks would face huge challenges in trying to absorb new patients, risking a loss of care.

AAUW opposes this new gag rule, which was slated to go into effect in May 2019. In April, a federal judge issued an injunction temporarily blocking the rule from being implemented.

But we have already seen the effects of such a policy. The administration imposed a "global gag rule" in early 2017, banning overseas groups from receiving U.S. global health funding if they so much as mention abortion-related services. Organizations are disqualified from receiving U.S. assistance even if they use their own funds to provide legal health services.

Evidence has shown that the global gag rule leads to increases in health center closures, unsafe abortion, unintended pregnancies, women dying from pregnancy-related complications, and infant and child deaths. As Planned Parenthood notes, "We should be ending the global gag rule—not importing a version of it to the U.S."

—Mary Renaud, Public Policy Team

INTEREST GROUPS

Contact the Coordinator to join a group.

Arts and Language

AFTERNOON MOVIE GROUP meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to watch a movie at the Varsity or Ashland Street Cinemas. We meet in the lobby 10 minutes before the selected movie begins. If you wish, we can discuss the movie at a local hotspot afterward. The selected movie and the time are announced by email. *Coordinator: Jean Conger*

MUSICALS meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:30, usually at the home of Ed Perkins. Look for a group e-mail. *Coordinator: Diane Novak*

OPERA meets at 4 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the home of Ed Perkins. Our next meeting is June 4. We will be meeting throughout the summer. The opera will be announced via email, approximately one week before each meeting. Bring food and wine or other beverage to share. Questions? *Coordinator: Nancy Kramarenko*

PLAY READING will continue to meet the fourth Friday of each month at my house at 4 pm. We will begin reading “The Iceman Cometh” by Eugene O’Neil on June 28. *Coordinator: Annette Lewis*

SHAKESPEARE AT OSF will start up again in the fall with the 2020 OSF Shakespeare plays. *Coordinators: Michaelae Rae and Peggy Audibert*

Book Groups

BRAIN BOOKS will continue to meet during the summer on the 4th Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm, at Ashland Public Library. Books to be discussed are: June 25: “Farsighted: How We Make the Decisions That Matter the Most” by Steven Johnson (2018). Big decisions are often made too quickly, without regard for many variables and multiple possible outcomes. Why? What are better ways? July 23: “The Inner Level: How More Equal Societies Reduce Stress, Restore Sanity and Improve Everyone’s Well-Being” by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett (2019). August 27 and September 24: “Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed” by Jared Diamond (2005). *Coordinator: Sandra Coyner*

DAY NONFICTION We will meet throughout the summer on the 1st Wednesday at 1 pm. On June 5, Terrie Jensen will host and lead our discussion of “The Birdman and the Lap Dancer” by Eric Hansen. On July 3, Maria Geigel will host and Diana Quirk will lead our discussion of “The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America” by Timothy Egan. On August 7, Janet Curry will host and Debra Barth will lead our discussion of “American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America” by Colin Woodard. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkind*

DAYTIME FICTION meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month in members’ homes. Currently our group size is so large we are not accepting new members. In June, we will read “Pachinko” by Min Jin Lee. We will not meet in July. In August, we will read “Edgar & Lucy” by Victor Lodato. For information please call *Coordinator Colleen Patrick-Riley*.

EVENING NONFICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. We do not meet during the summer, but we will resume on September 18, book and location to be determined. We welcome new members! Contact Ellen Fowler for more information. *Coordinator: Ellen Fowler*

MONDAY EVENING FICTION On Monday, June 10, we’ll be meeting at Cheryl Goldman’s home to discuss “Beautiful Animals” by Lawrence Osborne. Cheryl will lead the discussion. On Monday, July 8, we’ll be meeting at Jean Conger’s home to discuss “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult, and Jean will lead the discussion. And on Monday, August 12, we’ll be meeting at Margaret Dole’s home to discuss “Fates and Furies” by Laurent Groff, and Sherri Morgan will lead the discussion. *Coordinator: Shannon Stuver*

THURSDAY EVENING MYSTERY The gathering will take place at 7 pm on Thursday, June 13, at the home of Sally Peterson. The title to be discussed is “Climate Fear” by Fred Vargas *Coordinator: Rosemary Adalian*

Games, Genealogy, Knitting & Dining

BOARD GAMES meets the 4th Wednesday at 7 pm and will meet all summer: June 26 with Jean Conger hosting, July 24 with Kori Calvert hosting, and August 28 with Sylvia Whitman hosting. RSVP to the host. *Coordinator: Sylvia Whitman*

GENEALOGY GROUP We will meet throughout the summer: 1:30–3:30 pm on the 4th Thursday at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. Our meetings will be on June 27, July 25, and August 22. Any AAUW Ashland member interested in genealogy is invited to join us in sharing family histories, stories, photos, and research tips. Beginners and experienced family researchers are equally welcome. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkind*

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS meets the 2nd Thursday from 1–3 pm. *Coordinator: Peggy Audibert*

POTLUCK DINNERS will get together on Sunday, July 14, at 3 pm at the Sweet’s. The Sweet’s will BBQ the meat (bring a vegetarian option if you need it), with guests bringing salad, beans, potato, vegetable, or dessert. Please bring wine or beer if you drink them. As always, you need to RSVP to Elaine in order to have a chair. *Coordinator: Elaine Sweet*



May 2019

Celebration of Scholars

The AAUW Ashland members hosted the reception for the scholars, friends, family, faculty and staff, and donors.



Gretchen King, outgoing Ashland AAUW co-president, commenced the Celebration



Wanda Chin introduced scholarship recipients and their mentors, family, and faculty in the audience.



AAUW Ashland Scholars 2019-20 (standing) from Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University were honored at the Celebration of Scholars.



RCC President Cathy Kemper-Pelle (left) and SOU President Linda Schott (right) congratulated and encouraged the women scholars.



Scholarship recipients and mentors



Some members of the Scholarship Committee



SOU faculty members: Dr. Alma Rosa Alvarez and Dr. Brook Colley were present to support SOU scholars.



Scholarship recipients' family members and friends





Priscilla Arnold, emcee, introduced each of the mentors who, in turn, introduced her scholar.



Pam Shay, AAUW Ashland Co-President, gave closing remarks.

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month. Photos of interest group activities are welcome.

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<http://ashland-or.aauw.net>

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There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.