

ASHLAND VISION



Golden Repair:

Kintsugi is the ancient Japanese art of mending broken objects with gold. The philosophy of kintsugi is one that values not only the beauty of an object, but the understanding that the object is more beautiful for having been broken.

**New 2019-2020
AAUW Ashland
Membership Directory
Available at September
Branch Meeting**

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AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Welcome Back!

We look forward to welcoming you all back after the summer break. We will be meeting at 10:30 am on Saturday, September 14th in the Rogue River Room at SOU. Please come as early as 10 am to enjoy some delicious refreshments and good company.

The September meeting is a perfect time to find out what is happening in our Branch. We will briefly discuss the results of our member survey. Representatives from our varied interest groups and other activities will be pleased to acquaint and entice you with what they offer. Perhaps this will be the year you join a new committee or pursue a new interest—maybe both?

We will have the 2019-2020 directories available for pickup. Chris Licata has worked remotely with her committee and designed us a stylish new cover.

Please join us on September 14th and help us kick off another fun and important year for our Ashland AAUW Branch.

When: Saturday, September 14, Social Time: 10 am, Meeting: 10:30 am-noon

Where: Rogue River Room, SOU

—Your Co-presidents, Pam Shay and Paula Wiiken

Calendar: 2019–2020

September 14, 2019

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Fall Welcome Back Meeting

Rogue River Room, Stevenson Union, SOU

Overview of the year,
Interest Group sign ups,

October 26, 2019

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room

Public Policy Presentation

November 23, 2019

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room

Meet Our New OSF Artistic Director

December 2019

Date, Time and Place TBA

Holiday Party & Maslow Project Fundraiser

January 25, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room

"Women & Money: The Quest for
Wealth-Life Balance"

February 22, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room

"Uftuddies: A Secret Women's
Society at SOU"

March 28, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room

"Diversity, Inclusion and Title IX at SOU"
Panel of SOU Presenters

April 25, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room

Election and Installation of officers,
Florence Schneider & Named Gift
Honoree Awards

May 20, 2020

WED., 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Celebration of Scholars

Rogue River Room,
Stevenson Union, SOU

June 6, 2020

SAT., 10 am - 2 pm

Annual Board Retreat

Location TBD

October Branch Meeting:

Legislative Update, October 26, 10:30 am

Mark your calendar!

District 5 Representative Pam Marsh will be our keynote speaker at the October 26th Branch meeting. The Salem legislative session lasted six months, with controversial issues in the news frequently -- funding to fight wildfires, firearms bill, Student Success Act, Title IX funding, vaccination bill, rent control and zoning bills, and more.

Rep. Marsh advocated along with other local legislators for legislation that would support Southern Oregon citizens. Some bills passed, others did not. Come hear Rep. Marsh tell us how "sausage is made in Salem".

**Where: Ashland Asante Community Hospital
Conference Room**



Dear Members,

Like many members, I came to Ashland from California where the state motto is “Eureka.” You will recognize it as the celebratory cry of the gold miner who found the gold nugget which ignited the Gold Rush of 1849. Now that motto

matches my growing up and living in California. I had a great life there, searching for golden nuggets and finding them in my wonderful career, friends, and family.

But the state motto of Oregon— “She Flies with Her Own Wings” —is more a fitting label for this part of my life’s journey and I believe it is appropriate for all of the members of our AAUW Branch. How wonderful is the thought that each member flies with her own wings! Independent, responsible, adventurous, and forward-moving. This describes the proud members of AAUW Ashland.

As we open another year, your Board has made some significant changes based upon your input from the spring survey. We will report on these in more detail at the September meeting, but the most significant one is regarding the place and time of our general meetings.

Starting in October, we are meeting on the fourth Saturday morning of each month through April at the Ashland Asante Hospital Conference Room at 10:30 am. There are no evening meetings. Easy to remember and calendar! The meeting room and parking at the hospital are easy to access and free of charge.

The September 14th opening meeting is an exception. While we will gather at 10 am and begin the meeting at 10:30 am sharp, it will be in the Rogue River Room at SOU. The Celebration of Scholars on May 20 will be our ONLY evening meeting and it, too, will take place at SOU.

I am excited about these changes and hope that many more members will attend because of them. Janet Troy and Kathleen Mackris, our new Program Co-Chairs, are working on creating fun, motivational programs that will inspire your monthly attendance.

Can we count on you to “fly with your own wings” and join us on September 14th? Meet old and new friends, sign-up for groups that match your interests, and help make plans that reinforce our mission. And bring a friend who might want to spread her wings, too!

—Pam Shay, Co-president

2019-20 AAUW Ashland Branch Officers & Chairs

Elected Officers:

Co-Presidents: Pam Shay & Paula Wiiken

Financial Officer: Sonja Friedman

Dues Treasurer: Diana Quirk

Recording Secretary: Peggy Audibert

Parliamentarian: Sandra Coyner

Board Members-at-Large: Shirley Malcolm & Linda Thomas

Program and Project Positions:

Membership Chair: Catherine Lutes

- *Membership Welcoming Coordinator:* Claudette Paige
- *E-Communication Coordinator:* Maureen Wilson-Jarrard
- *Directory Editor:* Chris Licata
- *Contact Secretary:* Linda Moreland

Communications Chair: Ellen Fowler

- *Social Media Coordinator:* TBD
- *Newsletter Managing Editors:* Ellen Fowler & Pat Brewer
- *Newsletter Design:* Chris Licata (remotely)

Public Relations Chair: TBD

- *Photographer:* TBD
- *Chamber Liaison:* Donna Wright
- *University Partner Co-Chairs:* Mimi Pippel & Olena Black

Program Co-Chairs: Janet Troy & Kathleen Mackris

- *Celebration of Scholars Coordinators:* TBA
- *Interest Groups Coordinator:* Lyn Gutierrez
- *Friendship Circles Coordinator:* Elaine Sweet
- *Holiday Party:* TBD

Community Projects Chair: Carol Ryan

- *AWSEM Coordinator:* Carryl Breon
- *Maslow Project Coordinator:* Victoria Giffin
- *Scholarships Coordinators:* Wanda Chin & Kate Wolf-Pizor
- *Strong Women/Strong Girls:* TBD
- *WIN:* Carol Ryan

Fundraising Chair: Bessie Azari

- *AAUW Funds Chair:* Bessie Azari
- *Endowment Fund Chair:* Jean Conger

Facilities and Hospitality Chair: Mimi Pippel

Public Policy Chair & Board Liaison: Rotating

Strategic Planning Chair: Sandra Coyner

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Newsletter Team

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Designer:

Chris Licata

Photographers:

TBD

Readers:

*Alice Mallory,
Rae Otto, and
Sylvie Whitman*

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

AAUW Ashland Website:

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

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. 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.



On July 17 at Diana Quirk's lovely home, many members of the Board and some of our most recent new members came together for a wonderful potluck dinner. Such delicious food and drink! We sat at her very large table and shared stories and anecdotes and got to know each other better. Intimate and lovely!

On July 20, at the Higher Education Center in Medford, Catherine, Ellen Fowler, and Ginny Dugan "wo-manned" the Ashland AAUW table, where we had many, many visitors and really got to share what AAUW is all about and why it is important to us. Thirty-one people signed up as interested, so perhaps we will meet and greet new members from this connection. Many AAUW members are also OLLI members, so we also got to see lots of friends.



Left: Annette Lewis & Catherine Lutes. Right: Ellen Fowler, Catherine Lutes & Ginny Dugan

Don't forget our kick-off meeting is on Saturday morning, September 14, with gathering at 10 am, and the meeting itself scheduled to start promptly at 10:30 am. This meeting offers a wonderful start to the new year with a gathering of friends, sign-ups for interest groups, and an overview of things to come. You'll also be able to pick up the new 2019-2020 Member Directory. We hope you won't miss it!

Sadly, we lost several long-time members this year, including Carol Custodio, Margaret Karsten, Annette Pugh, Norma Stovall, Mary Robinson, and Suzanne Duncan. They will be missed by those who knew and loved them.

—Catherine Lutes, Membership Chair



Donor Spotlight: Suzanne Duncan

"Suzanne Duncan lights up a room instantly with her beautiful smile, her infectious laugh and a warmth of spirit that brings people together."



We want to express our thanks to Suzanne Duncan for her generous donation of \$10,000 to the AAUW SOU Endowment Fund and welcome her to the Platinum Society.

Suzanne Duncan joined our Branch in 2000 after moving to Ashland to live closer to her parents, Lou and Ed Montagne. She became acquainted with AAUW after meeting Janet Williams, a past president, and going on an AAUW garden tour.

Suzanne jumped right into leadership positions which included Membership Chair from 2001-03, Webmaster from 2003-4, Co-President 2004-5, Directory Editor 2005-2006, Parliamentarian, AAUW South District Director 2006-8, on Leadership Team 2007-2008, Contact Secretary 2009-2010, and served on the fundraising team and public policy team from 2010-2011.

Suzanne was also instrumental in planning many of our programs, co-chaired the Honors Scholarship Brunch and co-chaired the Garden Tour in years 2004-6. Her garden was on a Garden Tour. She organized refreshments for our annual garden tour over many years. In 2003 our Branch honored Suzanne with the Named Gift Award and in 2009 she was honored with the tenth Florence Schneider Award.

Prior to her time in Ashland, Suzanne raised son Matthew and daughter Anne and followed her husband John's career with Exxon research and Arco exploration. They moved often to cities in Texas, Colorado, Jakarta, and Manila.

Suzanne's passion was working with volunteers in museums, libraries, and to travel with John. In Jakarta she participated in study groups and took visitors on tours sponsored by the Indonesian Heritage Society. She did research on sites as part of helping to update a published Jakarta guidebook. A significant part of their lives involved international entertaining with people from China, Russia, Japan, England, and the US.

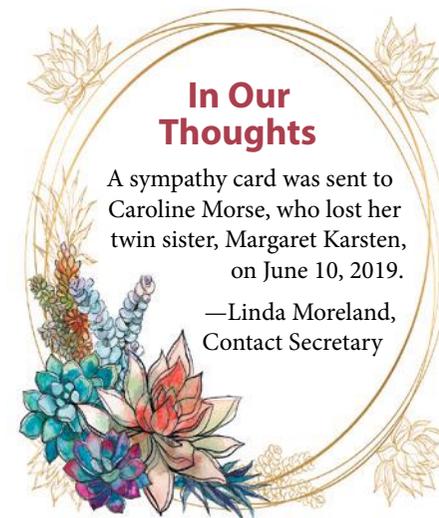
When asked to name a couple of highlights as a member of AAUW, Suzanne said "Scholarship work, camaraderie, and the opportunity to be proactive." She wants to encourage new members to become involved with Branch activities which will open many doors and develop long term friendships.

Suzanne Duncan passed away on July 20th. She remained beautiful and peaceful throughout her final hours, while demonstrating the stamina of a woman who always wanted to walk just one more mile.

In Our Thoughts

A sympathy card was sent to Caroline Morse, who lost her twin sister, Margaret Karsten, on June 10, 2019.

—Linda Moreland,
Contact Secretary



In Memoriam

Members and former members who passed this summer and are remembered with fondness and for their contributions to our Branch:

Ann Stein,
May 28, 2019

Margaret Karsten,
June 10, 2019

Norma Stovall,
June 15, 2019

Anne Novina,
July 11, 2019

Suzanne Duncan,
July 20, 2019

\$1,000,000



March to a Million... *Ensuring Education for the Future*

We invite you to join us in an exciting opportunity! Our Ashland AAUW Branch has been challenged to raise \$500,000 in bequests and cash gifts to the SOU Endowment Fund. A generous, anonymous donor has pledged a \$500,000 bequest to match any monies we raise up to that amount. That means that we could potentially establish a \$1 million SOU Endowment Fund that would annually provide several SOU scholarships in perpetuity! Your gift, now, of cash and/or a bequest to the SOU Endowment Fund will continue to have an impact on higher education for women in the Rogue Valley forever!

Thanks to a very generous donation to the SOU Endowment Fund, Suzanne Duncan is a member of the Platinum Society. We want to thank Suzanne for her support.

So come join us now and be part of the future! For information on how to give a cash gift or how to set up a bequest to the SOU Endowment Fund, please email or call Jean Conger, Endowment Committee Chair.

Endowment Reception on October 16

Do you have questions about our “March to a Million” campaign or how you can participate in this exciting opportunity? You are invited to attend a reception on Wednesday, October 16th from 5pm to 7pm at the home of Diana Quirk. On hand will be Cristina Sanz, Southern Oregon University Foundation Director of Development, who will update you on the SOU endowment fund progress and be available to answer any questions you might have. This special evening will be hosted by the Endowment Committee and is limited to 15 participants. Please RSVP to Jean Conger before September 30th.

Charitable Partners

These two members have pledged to make a donation to either the AAUW/SOU or AAUW/RCC Scholarship Fund every time an AAUW member uses their services or refers someone who uses their services. We thank them for their generosity and dedication to AAUW.

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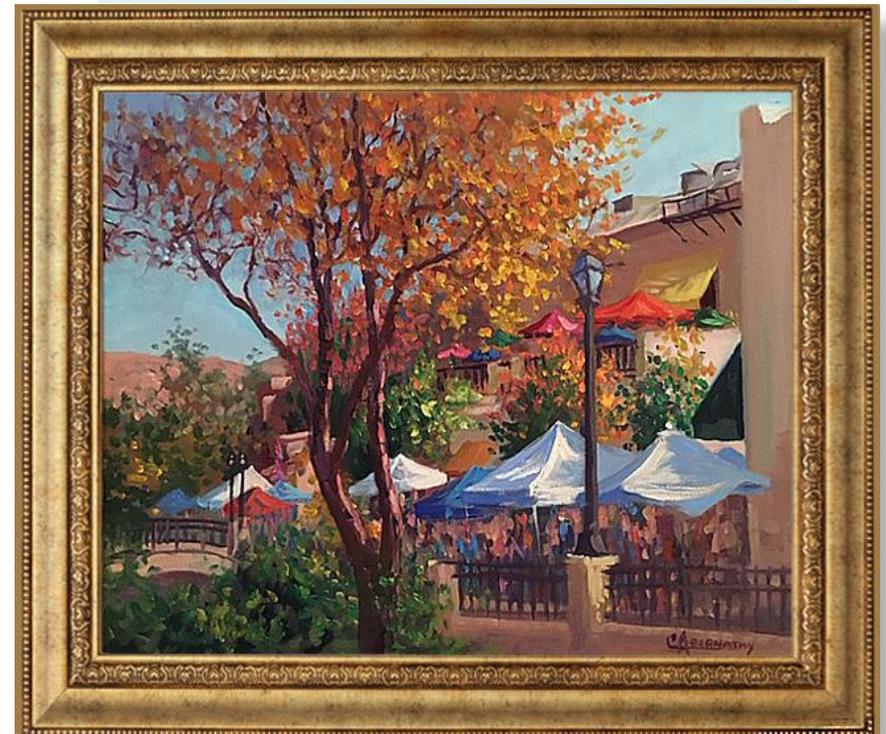
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Love Beautiful Art? Here's a Special Opportunity

Here's a chance to take home an original work of art while helping to fund the “March to a Million” campaign. The Endowment Committee is raffling off this beautiful painting to raise money for our expenses.

Don't miss this opportunity to own this original painting by award winning visual artist and poet—and Branch member-- Charlotte Abernathy.

Raffle tickets will sell for \$5 each or three for \$10, and will be available at AAUW Branch meetings on September 14th and October 26th.



From the JUNE 29, 2019 Planning Retreat

Membership Survey

Sandra Coyner presented results of the membership survey, noting it confirmed the membership's strong value of the AAUW mission advocating for women and girls, specifically for their education, equal opportunity, and social justice. 72 respondents stated that it was important to be involved with other women, and to participate in the Branch programs and activities. The full survey report will be discussed at the next Board meeting, August 26.

Communication

Bessie Azari suggested that all forms of social media – email, texts, Facebook, phone calls, etc. – be used to encourage and enhance participation in AAUW events. Ellen Fowler, Communications Chair, will give prominent position in the Newsletter for activities, and also noted that the Newsletter is now delivered to members electronically with no further print editions.

Strategic Plan

Sandra Coyner discussed and detailed the importance and function of strategic planning within our branch and how it uses the AAUW National's strategic plan to develop a working document. A committee will be formed to create/develop a strategic plan for 2019-2020.

Finance

Sonja Friedman distributed the financial report and the budget for 2019-2020. Income is estimated at \$9,035 and expenses at \$8,425. Upscale Sale revenue totaled \$14,074 which will be distributed to the Scholarship Fund with 50% funded in 2019, 50% funded in 2020.

OLLI Open House

OLLI will hold an Open House on Saturday, July 20 at Rogue Community College. Ashland AAUW will be represented by Catherine Lutes, Membership Chair, Ginny Dugan, and Ellen Fowler.

Meeting Schedule

Scheduled Branch meetings will be held at Ashland Community Hospital Conference Room, except September Welcome Back meeting and the Celebration of Scholars, to be held at SOU. Board Meetings will continue to be held at the Ashland Public Library on the fourth Monday of the month.

Open Board Positions

The following positions are currently open for volunteers: Member-at-Large, PR Chair, Photographer (multiple), Celebration of Scholars chair, and Holiday Party Chair. Contact Paula Wiiken if interested.

Endowment

Jean Conger stated that the Endowment Committee will be sponsoring a raffle of a painting by AAUW member Charlotte Abernathy. All monies are to be donated to the Endowment Fund, which enables scholarship funding to SOU and RCC women.

—Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary



AAUW Medford Branch

September Branch Meeting

Saturday, September 7, 10 am - 4 pm, Rogue Credit Union (McAndrews & Poplar)

Program: "Blue Zones – Why are these people so healthy?" presented by Diane Hoover

AAUW Grants Pass Branch

September Branch Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 9:45 am Fruitdale Grange Welcome Brunch



15th Annual Kitchen Tour

Saturday, October 19, 9:30 am-4 pm

<https://grantspass-or.aauw.net/events/kitchen-tour/>

AAUW Hoedown Fundraiser
at Bayer Family Estate
 11663 Agat Road • Eagle Point
Saturday, September 28, 2019,
6:00 to 9:00 pm

Southwestern Buffet by Chef Alan Jackson
Music by Hwy. 99 • Line Dancing Instruction
Souvenir Wine Glass • Glass of Wine/Dessert
Bayer Wines & Beer for purchase
Silent Auction showcasing
Rogue Valley Wines

\$65.00 per person

AAUW Hoedown
 Tickets Available Online at:
eventbrite.com/e/aauw-hoedown-tickets-58603114493
 This event is tax deductible.
 (EIN# 47-3323286)
 All proceeds provide scholarships to women in Jackson County.
 Table reservations, call:
 541-621-4916
 541-499-0350

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 pm, usually at the home of Ed Perkins. Look for a group e-mail.

Coordinator: Diane Novak

OPERA meets the first Tuesday of each month at 4 pm at the home of Ed Perkins. Our next meeting is September 3. The opera will be announced by email. Bring an appetizer or potluck dish, and wine or other beverage to share.

Coordinator: Nancy Kramarenko

PLAY READING meets the 3rd Friday of each month at Annette Lewis's home.

Coordinator: Annette Lewis

SHAKESPEARE AT OSF meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3 pm at Barbara Willson's home. We read aloud those plays being performed at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and share interesting information regarding both the subject being read and the writing itself. We invite everyone to join us from 12:30-3 pm, and enjoy a social time ½ hour before we begin. If you would like further information or to join our group, please contact Barbara or Peggy Audibert.

Coordinators: Michaelae Rae and Peggy Audibert

Book Groups

BRAIN BOOKS meets on the 4th Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Ashland Public Library Guanajuato Room. On September 24 we will continue our two-part discussion of "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed" by Jared Diamond (2005), which examines more than a dozen societies that faced collapse because humans were squandering their environmental resources. Some blundered into self-destruction, but some averted disaster. What's the difference? What can we learn for today?

Coordinator: Sandra Coyner

DAY NONFICTION We meet on the 1st Wednesday at 1 pm. Our next meeting is September 4 at the home of Priscilla Arnold. Priscilla will lead us in discussing "Down the Great Unknown" by Edward Dolnick.

Coordinator: Linda Lipkind

DAYTIME FICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in members' homes. In September we will read "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Currently we are not accepting new members due to the size of the group. For information, please call

Coordinator Colleen Patrick-Riley.

EVENING NONFICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. On September 18 we will meet at the home of Sunny Anderson to discuss "Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup" by John Carreyrou.

Coordinator: Ellen Fowler

MONDAY EVENING BOOKS On Monday, September 9 at 7 pm Caroline Morse will host and lead the discussion of "The Kurdish Bike" by Alesa Lightbourne.

Coordinator: Shannon Stuver

THURSDAY EVENING MYSTERY meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

Coordinator: Phyllis Fernlund

Games, Genealogy, Knitting & Dining

BOARD GAMES will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 pm, with Charlotte Abernathy hosting.

Coordinator: Sylvie Whitman

GENEALOGY GROUP We meet at 1:30-3:30 pm on the 4th Thursday at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. Our next meeting will be on September 26. 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 We meet on the second Thursday of each month from 1-3 pm, at the home of a member, where we work on hand projects and talk about the news of the day. On September 12 we will meet at Peggy Audibert's home. If you would like more information, or to join our group, please contact

Coordinator: Peggy Audibert

POTLUCK DINNERS Our first Potluck Group Dinner of the year will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 6 pm at the home of Elaine Sweet. Please bring a dish to share and a bottle of wine if you drink wine. The potlucks are casual but you do need to RSVP in order have a chair for your use.

Coordinator: Elaine Sweet

Check Out Our Interest Groups!



We have many Interest Groups for our AAUW Ashland Branch members to consider. Please review the descriptions of the current groups in this issue. As you can see, there are many fun and interesting opportunities. Interest Groups give us the time and opportunity to engage in our specific interests, explore new interests, to be with friends, and to make new friends.

If you have an interest that is not reflected in our current offerings, it is possible for you to start your new Interest Group. Just contact me and we will discuss your idea.

During our first membership meeting on September 14, there will be sign up tables where you can meet the Interest Group coordinators. They will be available for you to ask questions as well as sign up for the groups that are available.

If you are not able to attend the September meeting but want to sign up for an Interest Group or groups, please contact me, Lyn Gutierrez, or the coordinator of the group in which you are interested.

—Lyn Gutierrez

