

## 58th AAUW Art Fair on the Green... July 30 & 31



Our AAUW Art Fair on the Green is right around the corner and committee members are busy arranging all the details.

It takes many people to make this event run smoothly so look at the volunteer opportunities Marla French, Volunteer Coordinator, has outlined on page 2. Remember, volunteers are needed to assist with Grounds, also; see page 5. This year we have a new food vendor. Be sure to read Betty Kruck's article on page 5.

If you aren't able to volunteer, you can still participate by contributing to the awards and scholarship funds. Jan Eriksen has outlined your options on page 2. The art fair is our main source of income to support the scholarships we give each year.

This event is a great place to find that unusual gift as well as buying artwork for your own enjoyment.

Please see page 3 for the list and pictures of the scholarship recipients this year. These awards and scholarships are made possible by your dedication and hard work on AAUW Art Fair on the Green.

Come out and support us on  
July 30 & 31!



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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

### Wrapping Up

*by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President*

Once again our branch has completed another successful year of programs, special events, enlightening study groups, and the awarding of \$25,000 in scholarships and grants. We have definitely lived up to the mission of AAUW by advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy and education. Through our efforts young women will be able to continue their education. We held our Scholarship Reception on May 5 and were rewarded with amazing stories of determination and perseverance from the recipients. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee members, especially Co-chairs Robert Richardson and Sharon De Cicco for their efforts. Even though Robert was unable to attend, his detailed preparations enabled us to carry out the program successfully. And a big thank you goes out to Program Chairs Silvana Richardson and Sue Heuer for making the arrangements for the reception.



Now we turn our efforts to AAUW Art Fair on the Green. The art fair committee is busy at work with artists, publicity, concessions, and all the other details that need to be dealt with as we prepare for the weekend of July 30 and 31.

Make sure you contact Marla French to let her know when you will be available to volunteer during the fair. The art fair is how we are able to award the number of scholarships and grants each year, so we appreciate the efforts of all our members.

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## Next Board Meeting

**Monday, June 6, 2016**

**6:30 pm**

**Location:** Michele Strange's house:  
2442 Redwing Rd. La Crosse  
Meetings are open to any member  
who is interested in attending.

**Contact Michele at:** 781-6962 or  
[mastrange@uwlax.edu](mailto:mastrange@uwlax.edu)  
to place items on the agenda.

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## Wrapping Up... *(continued from pg. 1)*

Our Branch is participating again this year in Artspire which will be held in downtown La Crosse by the Pump House on Saturday, June 11. We will have a booth promoting Art Fair on the Green. Stop by and say hello and if you have time to volunteer in the booth for an hour or two, let me know. The booth is open 10-5.

As our Branch takes a break from our regular meetings, be thinking of what activities you would like to be involved in over the next year. Or suggest an event/activity you would like to see us do.

Have a great summer and see you at the AAUW Art Fair on the Green July 30 & 31! Art Fair on the Green.

## Art Fair Volunteers Needed!

*by Marla French, Volunteer Coordinator*



### Looking for 40 to 50 Cheerful Volunteers!

Art Fair is just around the corner, and with it comes the need for you to step up and help where you can. Many spouses enjoy helping, so be sure to give yours that opportunity!

Both men and women are needed to help with “setting up and taking down.” Not all of these jobs require a lot of strength, so if you are available between 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. on Friday as well as 4:00 P.M. Sunday afternoon, perhaps this is something you can do.

We need six people (3 each day) who are available between noon and 2:00 P.M. to serve as booth sitters. This gives the artists that travel alone a chance for a short break for the restroom and to get some lunch.

The Raffle area is the place to be if you must avoid the sun. If you're an early bird volunteer like Jo Anne Revels and Ruth Ann Knapp, you've already contacted me, but we still need workers there on both Saturday and Sunday.

Finally, with 3 entrance gates, there is a big need for ticket sellers. 2 1/2 hour spots begin at 9:30 A.M. Saturday, and 9:45 A.M. Sunday. Shifts on Sunday are a bit shorter since we close at 4:00 P.M. that day.

***Please contact me by email ([mmfrench1959@gmail.com](mailto:mmfrench1959@gmail.com)) or phone (782-6589) if you'd like to help.*** Remember this is our big fund raiser of the year, enabling us to offer grants and scholarships to at least 20 recipients!

## Art Fair Awards

*by Jan Eriksen*

The letters regarding contributions to the 58th AAUW Art Fair on the Green will be sent to all members via email.

The categories remain the same: Purchase Awards, Artists' Awards, Scholarship Fund, and Gift Certificates.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund and to the Artists' Awards fund are tax exempt. Checks for Artists' Awards, Purchase Awards, and Gift Certificates should be made payable to **AAUW Art Fair on the Green**.

Checks to the Scholarship Fund should be written to the **La Crosse Community Foundation**, with the notation “for AAUW Scholarships” in the memo.

Please contact Jan Eriksen for more information:  
[jperiksen@viterbo.edu](mailto:jperiksen@viterbo.edu)

## Member Cameos

A new feature in next year's issues of *The Current* will be “Member Cameos”; short articles about our members so we can find out fun and interesting facts about each other. Please look for an email during the year with some questions for you to answer and a request for a picture!

# Scholarship & Grant Awardees 2016

La Crosse Branch President Carol Robertson welcomed a large crowd to the 2016 Grants, Awards and Scholarships reception on Thursday, May 5, 2016. At turns joyful and touching, each recipient had the opportunity to speak after being presented with her award. Below are the awards given at the event.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Pat Staupe Memorial Scholarship:  
Chloe Gorman

Janet Isler Memorial Scholarship:  
Samantha Semanko

Karen Wilson Memorial Scholarship:  
Kemesha Harper  
Tera Peters  
Michelle Russell  
Heidi Svec

Graduating High School Senior Scholarships:  
Symone Board, Logan HS  
Nayelli Guerrero, La Crescent HS  
Amanda Jankowski, HOPE Academy  
Galadriel Krump, HOPE Academy  
Kemmesha Thomas, Logan HS

UW-L Scholarships:  
Elle Janssen  
Victoria Salfer

Viterbo University Scholarship:  
Angela Hoch  
Jasmine Malouff

Western Technical College Scholarships:  
Jeanne Berg  
Gina Garcia

AAUW Bridge Scholarship:  
Lori Jensen

La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Awards:

Grace Jacobs, La Farge HS

Elizabeth Rosendahl, La Crescent HS



*Extra Effort Award winners Grace Jacobs (left) and Elizabeth Rosendahl (right)*

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- Brighter Tomorrows, Sparta
- Diversity Project in Teacher Preparation
- HOPE Academy
- UW-L Self-Sufficiency Program
- YWCA



*Group photo of all award recipients attending the May 5th reception*

**Congratulations**



# Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

We welcome another new member for the 2016/17 program year!

Tita Yutuc  
916 Cliffwood Lane  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
312 636 5030  
UW Madison MA Social Work  
Badgers86@msn.com



Tita is the CEO of the Family and Children's Center. She joined at the Scholarship reception where students from Hope Academy, which FCC administers, received awards.



Robert Richardson is back involved in his branch responsibilities after several days at Mayo-Franciscan Medical Center experiencing adventures with his health. Thankfully he is making a fine recovery.

Effective June 1st, Michele Strange will have a new email address: mstrange@eagle.uwlax.edu. Please update your files!



## Found:

### The Perfect Gift for Graduates

You have something special to give new college grads: one year of free national membership! It's easy, and you can give AAUW memberships to as many recent graduates as you like.

## FabLab TV and AAUW



Tune in with the girls in your life to FabLab, a TV program that teaches and inspires girls in science, technology, engineering, and math. The show, which features AAUW as a collaborator, airs weekend mornings on your local Fox affiliate.

FabLab is scouring the globe for mind-blowing new discoveries, inventions, and innovations that are making the world a better place.

Check out WKBT (MyNet), Channel 6, at 8:30am.

## 2015-2016 Branch Name Grant Recipient



Congratulations to this year's Name Grant recipient, Silvana Richardson!

Jan Eriksen (L), Name Grant Chair, with Silvana (R)

Silvana, who is the Sr. Grace Clare Beznouz Professor of Nursing at Viterbo, has been very active on the scholarship committee for many years. She also serves as the campus liaison to AAUW from Viterbo. In that capacity, she has nominated promising students for funding to attend the NCCWSL conference and has assisted in recruiting new members. She is currently Co-Vice President of Programs for the branch.

Thank you, Silvana, for all you do!

## YWCA and Football!

What do sweaty, tough football players have in common with an organization that focuses on serving some of the most vulnerable people in our community? One word: heart. "The values of YWCA La Crosse align very well with ours" says Dan Bridges, Asst coach and majority owner of the River City Rough Riders.



The River City Rough Riders are part of the Northern Elite Football League (NEFL), an adult Amateur Semi-Pro football league. They have adopted YWCA La Crosse as their charity of choice for 2016.



The team will raise money on behalf of YWCA La Crosse through various activities including an event featuring raffles, open to the public, that will be held at the Onalaska American Legion on **Friday, June 24th at 7:30pm.**

There will also be a game dedicated to promoting the work of YWCA La Crosse on **Saturday, July 9th, 2:00pm** at Paul Giel Field in Winona, where the team plays. Tickets can be purchased for \$8 at the game. YWCA La Crosse invites all to come out, represent us and support the team!

## FROM THE TREASURER

*Kristen Foehner*

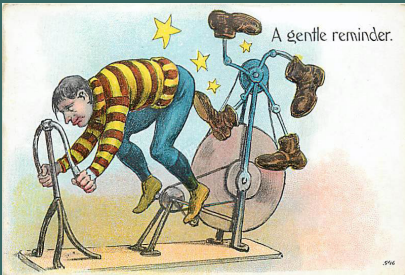
### Financial Report as of May 20, 2016

Checking Account .....\$9,435.54

CD's .....none at this time

Scholarship Bridge .....\$400.02

## Dues Reminder



Please note that the deadline for membership dues is June 30, 2016.

Dues are still \$70 of which \$46 is tax-deductible.

More information of dues breakdown can be found on the renewal form or by contacting Kristen. Please submit the form and a check for \$70 before June 30th.

My mailing address is:

Kristen Foehner  
4104 Beverly Dr  
Onalaska, WI 54650

# Art Fair on the Green Information

## Concessions

*By Betty Kruk, Concessions Co-Chair*



The same 6 food vendors at the 2015 art fair will return for the 58th AAUW Art Fair on the Green; Crepe JeanLuc, Sandberg Valley Meats, L & L Kebab House, Roncalli Newman Parish Bread for the World, Cabin Coffee and Cowboy Kettle Korn. In addition, we are welcoming the Nutman Company as a food vendor. AAUW will sell only bottled water. If you would like to donate bottled water, please bring it to the concessions area on Saturday or Sunday, or contact Betty Kruk, [krux@mwt.net](mailto:krux@mwt.net) or 608-689-2222 to make arrangements for pick-up or drop off locations. Please let Betty know if you have water to donate so accurate plans can be made for purchasing bottled water.

## Art Fair Grounds Help Needed

Spring is in the air, summer isn't far off, and the Art Fair is fast approaching. The grounds committee needs help in these areas:

- 1-set up on Fri. morning
- 2-closing fences at the end of Fri. and Sat.
- 3-opening restrooms each morning
- 4-helping artists & food vendors with their grounds needs Fri.- Sun.
- 5-collecting garbage at the end of the day on Sat.
- 6-take down at the end of the fair on Sunday.
- 7-directing artist traffic Fri afternoon and opening & closing on Sat & Sun



We have a wonderful crew of volunteers, and 'many hands makes light work', but we could still use a few more to help direct traffic, especially on Sunday.

Set up, on Friday, 29th, involves measuring and staking out artist spaces, placing tables and chairs where needed, putting up the AAUW tents and placing signs around the neighborhood.

We still need people for Sun. the 31st take down from 4 to 5 or 6 p.m. Spouses, teen or young adult children, and friends have been a great addition in the past.

I look forward to hearing from each of you so we can build our teams. Please reply by e-mail to me or to Marla, the Volunteer Coordinator.

Thank you!

Susan Fabian, Grounds Chair  
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**AAUW’s Mission**

*AAUW advances equity for women  
and girls through advocacy,  
education, philanthropy, and  
research.*

*For 130 years, AAUW members have  
examined and taken positions on the  
fundamental issues of the day —  
educational, social, economic, and  
political. Our commitment to our  
mission is reflected in all aspects of  
our work.*

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