

AAUW Art Fair on the Green



July 28-29, 2012

UW-L campus

Saturday: 10am- 5pm

Sunday: 10am- 4pm

Admission: \$4.00

The AAUW Art Fair on the Green is only one month away and it appears that all of the preparation is going well. We look forward to many new artists in addition to our returning artists and a new concession stand. You may notice advertising in a few different publications this year. It is necessary to always keep looking for new attractions to keep our patrons interested. This is our major fundraiser of the year so your help will be needed for ticket selling, working at the raffle or selling concessions. Our branch has been able to increase our scholarships due to the steadily increasing revenue from the last several years of higher profits. We should all take great satisfaction seeing so many young people benefitting from our scholarship program. The art fair committee thanks all of you who will be helping and/or donating to the AAUW Art Fair on the Green!

by Pat Staupe, chair

Please see page 2 for information on how you can help!

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Passing The Torch

by Marilyn Hempstead, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Now my name will be second last in the list of presidents for the 2012/13 directory as Carol Robertson assumes office July 1st. In the list, which begins with 1922, I counted 15 of us past presidents who are members. In 1964 Ruth Nixon (now Nixon-Davy) was elected and in 1974 Dorothy Dedo became president and on down. We La Crosse Branch members have staying power!

It speaks to the effectiveness of the branch as a whole: past presidents, all other officers and members. In my three years, the accomplishments were due to the board, committees, study groups and contributions of individual members. Placing our scholarship foundation with the Community Foundation was a major innovation and has proved beneficial. New projects have been added because of AAUW In Action and our ongoing endeavors such as Art Fair and the scholarship program are strong.

Carol, now you wield the gavel for this vital organization. I am glad to have served in that role and honor tradition by stepping into new roles working with all the dedicated members I so enjoy and appreciate.



*Passing the torch:
Outgoing President Marilyn
Hempstead (left) to incoming
President Carol Robertson (right).*

Membership *by Carol Robertson*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Membership VP for the past 2 years. It was a pleasure to recruit and welcome new members. Thanks to all of you who recommended a prospective member. Welcome to Marilyn Hempstead in her new role as Membership VP

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AAUW Art Fair on the Green Opportunities

Awards: *by Jan Eriksen*

Thanks so much to those of you who have sent in contributions! If you haven't yet done so, it's not too late to make your donation to one of the art fair categories, although we can only guarantee that your name will appear in the program for contributions received by July 5. Here are the categories:

Artists' Awards: Two qualified judges, on Saturday, make the determination about winners for Best 2-Dimensional Art, Best 3-Dimensional Art and Best Green (environmentally friendly) Art. Meanwhile, Art Fair attendees vote by secret ballot on who should earn the People's Choice Award. Winners are announced Sunday morning and cash prizes awarded.

Purchase Award Program: You can become a Purchase Award patron by committing a minimum of \$100 to be spent on an artist's work. Artists receive a Purchase Award sign to place in their booths; you get the satisfaction of supporting an artist and keeping quality art at future Art Fairs. You have the opportunity to shop before the fair opens on Saturday.

Scholarship Fund: Donations to the Scholarship Fund are tax exempt. They, along with other funds raised at the Art Fair, enable the La Crosse Branch of AAUW to award over \$20,000 on scholarship and stipends to area college students and educational organizations.

Gift Certificates: Gift certificates are great for summer weddings and birthdays. They are available for a minimum of \$25 and then in \$5 increments. Gift Certificates can be used both days of the Art Fair at any of the artists' booths. They cannot be used, however, to pay the gate fee or to purchase concessions.

To make a contribution to any of these categories, please send your check to AAUW Art Fair on the Green, PO Box 2112, La Crosse, WI 54602-2112. Make checks for the Scholarship Fund out to the La Crosse Community Foundation, with the notation "for AAUW scholarships"; other categories: make checks to: AAUW Art Fair on the Green.

Concessions: *by Betty Kruck*

AAUW will sell water and soda at the AAUW Art Fair on the Green. Donations of water and soda will be appreciated. There are plenty of specials on water and soda with the arrival of summer and the upcoming 4th of July celebrations. The concession committee is collecting bottled water and cans of diet and regular Pepsi, Coke, 7-Up, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist and iced tea. If you have a pack to contribute, it can be dropped off at Catherine Roraff's home, or call Catherine, 608-782-2215, and she will arrange for someone to pick it up. If you plan to bring your contribution to the art fair, please let Catherine or Betty Kruck know what you plan to bring so we can make our final purchases.

People's Food Co-op will be selling cold sandwiches and salads, and the Little Shop of Cheesecake will be selling frozen cheesecake on a stick and fresh squeezed orange juice. On Sunday, new vendor Crepes Jeanluc will be making and selling buckwheat and dessert crepes.

Volunteers: *by Marla French*

There are still plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer at the Art Fair, either Saturday, July 28, or Sunday, July 29th. With three gates selling tickets again this year, your options are many. (If the heat is an issue, the new State Street entrance offers a bit more shade, and probably won't be quite as hectic.) Shifts for food, tickets, and the raffle area are similar in length - from 2 to 2 1/2 hours, beginning at 9:30am for ticket selling and 10:00am for the other two. The fair runs until 5pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday.

If you have a spouse or friend who enjoys helping out, they are very welcome. Please either email me - mfrench000@centurytel.net or call me at 608-782-6589.

And more Volunteers: *by Carlene Roberts*

Workers are also needed for both the set up on Friday morning and take down immediately after the fair ends on Sunday. Please contact Carlene Roberts if you are able to lend a hand. 608-788-0868 or camcar5@earthlink.net.

LAF Update *by Bev Bodine, Chair*

A big thank you for everyone who participated in this Spring's Community Days fundraiser. The final numbers are in:

\$850.00 received from member purchases and in-store sales of booklets; \$229.33 received from Herberger's as a bonus for our participation. This brings the total funds raised to \$1,079.33.

Special thanks also to those who assisted with in-store sales both before and during the Community Days event: Marla French, Erica Koonmen, Carol Robertson, Jean Petri, Michele Strange, Carlene Roberts, Marcia Wine and Bev Bodine.

A check will be sent in the Fall to the Legal Advocacy Fund to support their mission of combating sexual discrimination in higher education and in the workplace.



AAUW State Convention Report

April 27-28, 2012 Janesville, WI

by Carol Robertson

Marilyn Hempstead, Pam Thiel, and I attended the AAUW State Convention in April. The theme was REAP: Research, Education, Advocate and Philanthropy. We started with the Branch Exchange on Friday evening where we heard what other branches are doing. Marilyn shared what our branch has accomplished this year and shared how our efforts have contributed to over \$23,000 in scholarships being awarded.



Mike McCabe, Executive Director, Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, was the speaker for the evening. He gave a most enlightening talk on how the non-partisan watchdog group tracks the money in state politics. They have fought government corruption and work for reforms in the political process.

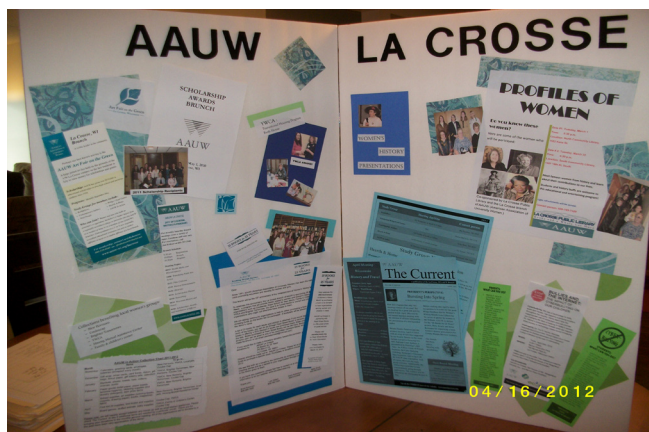
Saturday morning started with a brief business meeting after which **Sarah Harder** gave the Keynote speech. Sarah is a former AAUW President who has been involved in social change at the grassroots level for 40 plus years. She is from Eau Claire and walked us through the changes in women's causes throughout the years. Her activism is an inspiration and a reminder that nothing ever comes easy and we as women must continue to stand up for what we believe.



In the morning breakout sessions, Marilyn and I attended one on "Organizations, Leadership, and Crisis Management". We were fortunate to hear **Maggie Braun**, who with her husband directs an all girls' camp. Maggie was the recipient of the National AAUW 2011 Career Development Grant and graduated this year from Viterbo U with a M.B.A in Business Management. She shared her research on leadership styles focusing on gender differences and how to use this research in the training of camp professionals. We hope to have Maggie share her experiences with us at a meeting in the coming year.

The remainder of the day was filled with district meetings and ended with a talk by Cindy Miller, Chief, Marketing and Communications, AAUW. She had some helpful ideas on how to market your branch in your local area.

All in all, it was a privilege to attend and hear more about the State AAUW. I felt as I did when I used to attend seminars for work: many times it is not just what you learn from the day, but that it validates what your organization is doing. Our local branch should feel very good about what we do on a year to year basis. Thank you for the opportunity to attend.



Our branch "Brag Board" displayed at the convention.

2012-2013 Board La Crosse Branch

Elected Officers

President	Carol Robertson
President Elect	Open
Vice-President Program	
Co-chair	Pat Markos
Co-chair	Marla French
Vice-President Finance	Michele Strange
Vice-President of Membership	Marilyn Hempstead
Secretary	Jean Petri

Appointed Board

Scholarship Co-chair	Robert Richardson
Scholarship Co-chair	Sharon De Cicco
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Historian	Marilyn Hempstead
By Laws	Dottie Kruse
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LAF (Community Days	Bev Bodine
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College/University Relations	
UWL	Pat Markos
Viterbo	Silvana Richardson
WTC	Jean Petri
Diversity	Sarah Koehler
Callers	Sarah Stuber
Newsletter	Erica Koonmen
Web Master	Open

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Scholarship Bridge	Sharon De Cicco
Art Fair	Pat Staupe
Directory	Robert Richardson

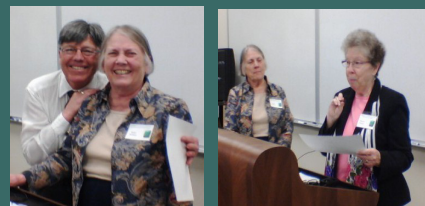


Past President Pam Thiel swears in members of the new board as the gavel is passed.
(L-R) Jean Petri-Secretary; Marilyn Hempstead-outgoing President/incoming VP Membership; Carol Robertson- incoming President; Pam Thiel; Michele Strange-VP Finance.

Name Grant Awards 2012

Congratulations to

Robert Richardson and Michele Strange. They were recognized at the scholarship brunch as name gift recipients. The national AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund will receive \$1000 in their honor.



Robert with Katie

Katie presenting to Michele

Thanks to Katie Webster who took nominations and with the help of her committee made the selection.

Membership News



Best Wishes to Tom Strange who recently suffered a stroke and is now recuperating at their home under the good care of Michele, our finance VP.

Happy Birthday Title IX

Title IX turns 40 on June 23 — and AAUW has been there every step of the way!
AAUW was instrumental in the passage of Title IX in 1972.



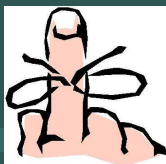
To celebrate, AAUW is hosting events including a Title IX briefing on Capitol Hill, a birthday party and a blog series on AAUW Dialog.

From the Treasurer *Michele Strange*

Financial Report as of June 20, 2012

Checking Account\$13,523.40

Scholarship Bridge.....\$ 617.77



Dues Reminder

by Michele Strange, Treasurer

Please remember that now is the time for renewing your AAUW dues.

Dues are \$70; of which \$46 is tax deductible. Make checks payable to AAUW La Crosse.

The deadline is June 25th. Please mail it to me at:

Michele Strange, Finance VP
2442 Redwing Rd.
La Crosse, WI 54601

Janet Isler Bequest

by Marilyn Hempstead

Attorney Roger Imes sent a notice that the last of the Janet Isler Estate is distributed. The AAUW fund in the Community Foundation received \$4,545.09. This is in addition to the \$20,000 received in 2011. Our scholarship fund keeps growing.

We had the first recipient this May for the Janet Isler Memorial Scholarship.

2012 Scholarship Recipients

by Robert Richardson, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee

Our branch awarded the following \$1,000 scholarships and \$1,000 grants. The recipients were recognized on May 5, 2012, at a brunch at Viterbo University in the School of Nursing Building.

Central High School Senior/Graduate: *Dallas Kammel*, accepted to WTC
Holmen High School Senior/Graduate: *Autumn Ritter*, accepted to Viterbo
Logan High School Senior/Graduate: *Gao Seng Yang*, accepting to UW-L
Onalaska High School Senior/Graduate: *Allison Jensen*, accepted to U of Minnesota
La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Award: *Bridget Schams*; Aquinas HS, accepted to UW-Mad.
La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Award: *Erika Walsh* of Brookwood HS, accepted to WTC
Continuing Extra Effort Award Student: *Katie Przybylla*, Winona State Early Childhood Education Major

Continuing Extra Effort Award Student: *Kim Wroblewski*, Viterbo English Literature Major
Karen Wilson Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students: *Nancy Carlin*, UW-L

Social Work

Karen Wilson Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students: *Maria Stahl*, Viterbo MBA

Janet Isler Memorial Scholarship: *Julie Acker*, UW-L Elementary Education Major

Doris Frick Memorial Scholarship: *Sara Kamoske*, UW-L Math Major

Doris Frick Memorial Scholarship: *Rebecca Peot*, UW-L Math Major

UW-La Crosse Continuing Student: *Susan Fabian*, Women's Studies Major

UW-La Crosse Continuing Student: *Kali Kramolis*, Biology/ Bio Med Major

UW-La Crosse Continuing Student: *Paj Nra Yang*, Biology/ Bio Med

Viterbo University Continuing Student: *Alexandria Behringer*, Social Work Major

Viterbo University Continuing Student: *Jodie Haney*, Biology/ Pre-Med Major

Viterbo University Continuing Student: *Halley Ayers Molstad*, Nutrition/ Dietetics Major

WTC Continuing Student: *Christine Columbus*, Occupational Therapy Assistant Major

WTC Continuing Student: *Thao Nguyen*, Occupational Therapy Assistant Major

UW-L Self-Sufficiency Program: Accepted by Director: *Andrea Hanson*

HMAA/Hmoob Paj Ntaub Circle: Accepted by Representative: *Dorothy Her*

Hope Academy of Western Wisconsin: Accepted by Director: *Dr. Trisha Branard*

National Conference College Women Student Leaders: Selectee: *Emily Carlson*



Some of the scholarship and grant awardees at the May Scholarship brunch.



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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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