

APRIL MEETING

You Too Can Be a Good Judge of Art!

Presenter: Jennifer Terpstra
Professor of Art, UW-L

When: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Where: Ward Room, Cartwright
Center, UW-La Crosse

Breakfast Cost: \$10

Breakfast Menu:

Vegetarian egg bake (no cheese), bacon,
fruit, assorted bakery, coffee & hot tea.

*Please note: Anyone with dietary
restrictions should notify the person
taking reservations. The food service
will do their best to accommodate.*

Members who do not wish to come
to the brunch are welcome to attend
the program portion at no charge.

Registration 9:30 AM
Breakfast 10:00AM
Program 10:30AM

RSVP DEADLINE:

For cancellations or late reservations
please call Silvana at 608-788-0595
by NOON on MONDAY, April 4th.

“Materials + Meaning” will
explore ways of experiencing and
analyzing works of art, including
both historical and contemporary
examples. We will discuss a range
of work from representational to
abstract, decorative to functional,
and discover resources and venues
available locally and regionally.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

New Growth

Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Once again, Mother Nature fooled us into thinking spring was here with hints of buds growing and teases of warm weather. As I write this column, we have just experienced a winter storm that brought sleet, snow, and ice to our area. The good news is that at this time of year, the snow won't last long and pretty soon we will get to enjoy the new growth on the plants and trees.



April also gives us several opportunities to participate in various programs: Women Moving Ahead Conference on April 2, Equal Pay Day on April 12, AAUW-WI State Convention to be held the weekend of April 22 & 23, and WINGS workshop on April 28. Check out the details in this issue of the Current as well as the latest issue of Badger Briefs.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize Lois Gilbert for her contributions in March on moderating International Women's Day and for providing the daily write-ups for

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 4, 2016; 6:30 pm

Viterbo University Nursing Building,
Room 103. Meetings are open to any
member who is interested in attending.

Contact Carol at:

399-1751 or cfrobertson@charter.net
to place items on the agenda.

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New Growth... *(continued from page 1)*

Women's History Month in the La Crosse Tribune as well as coordinating the window display at Pearl Street Books. Thank you, Lois for all you do!

The Scholarship Committee has been very busy with the process of selecting our recipients who will be recognized at our Scholarship Reception on May 5. This will be the second year for the evening event and I invite all members to attend and meet these remarkable individuals. Thank you to all the committee members who diligently read and discussed the applications. This is not an easy undertaking and I applaud all of you for a job well done.

And, now that the scholarships are decided and money will be spent, it's time to think of Art Fair on the Green. The dates are July 30-31, 2016. The committee is hard at work to ensure another successful year. Without these efforts, we could not award as many scholarships as we do each year.

Thanks to all for your volunteer efforts!

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

New Member

At our March meeting one of the panelists from Women Writers, Ink who presented the program, joined our branch:

Susan Schuyler
335 19th St. S
La Crosse, WI 54601
608 317 6763
U-Missouri Columbia MA Journalism
sschuyler@gmail.com



Susan's mom Marian was a branch and Bookfellows member who passed on a few years ago. Susan is carrying on a long-standing tradition in the La Crosse branch of a daughter following in her mom's footsteps as a member.

Welcome Susan! We happily look forward to your participation.

So, the first dues payment for 2016/17 has come from our newest member. After March 15 new member dues apply to the upcoming year. The dues paying guidelines from national for new members are often confusing, but we do our best to comply.

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Born in Ann Arbor, MI, Jennifer Williams Terpstra is a painter whose work is inspired by travel and by patterns in nature, cartography, and in the built environment. Conceptually, her paintings acknowledge the tradition of landscape painting while alluding both to paper maps and place-based narratives.

Jennifer has been a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse since 1997, and has also served as an artist/teacher through the Vermont College of Fine Arts MFA program. Her work is included in public and private collections throughout the United States. A strong advocate for the arts, she has been an active member on arts boards at the state and local level. Educated at the Rhode Island School of Design (MFA, 1993) and Indiana University (BFA 1989), she has exhibited in one-person and group shows since 1989.

Jennifer lives in La Crosse, Wisconsin, with husband Mark and son Nathanael.



Jennifer Williams Terpstra

STUDY GROUP	MEETING DAY/TIME	CONTACT PERSON
Bookfellows	3rd Wednesday of month at 2:00pm	Liz Wing, 782-7963
Scholarship Bridge/Card Games	TBA	Sharon DeCicco, 788-5356
Contemporary Authors	3rd Tuesday of month at 2:00pm	Alice Ross, 788-4206
Hearth & Home	meeting occasionally, see below for details	Sharon DeCicco, 788-5356
AAUW in Action	Various times & locations; please see below for current one	Erica Koonmen, 366-1509

Study Group News

HEARTH & HOME

Hearth & Home study group meets periodically to explore new ideas, culinary experiences, fun activities and our area through visits to local businesses or in-home happenings. If you are interested in planning a program for the group or if you would like to head it up, please contact Sharon.



H&H members enjoying dinner at Savory Creations. March 2016.

Find us on
Instagram



Check out
our branch
Instagram
page!

Our social media intern, Chloe, has set us up on Instagram and has been posting regularly. You'll find the Women's History Month daily blurbs from the La Crosse Tribune that our branch provides as well as inspiring quotes and pictures. Be sure to follow us!

<https://www.instagram.com/aauwlacrosse/>

AAUW IN ACTION



Next Meeting: Friday, April 15, 1:30pm
Great Harvest Bread Co, 58 Copeland Ave, La Crosse

Upcoming activity: WINGS (Women Interested in Going to School) will be Thurs, April 28 at the Myrick EcoPark Center from 8:30am-1:30pm. Branch members are invited to help by providing snacks & lunch; a sign-up sheet will be available at the April 9th general meeting.



Registration is open now thru April 22nd. Forms are online at our website: www.aauwlacrosse.org or by emailing us at aauwlacrosse@hotmail.com for more info. Cost is free and childcare is provided.

We welcome new members!



Our Women's History Month display at Pearl St. Books

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Public Policy Chair

AAUW Represented in High Places

- On March 2nd, AAUW was honored to be invited to a celebration of Women's History Month with First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden. Linda Hallman, AAUW CEO, attended.
- Actress Patricia Arquette co-hosted a pre-Oscar 'Dinner for Equality', attended by Lisa Maatz, AAUW V.P. of Government Relations.

Supreme Court Vacancy

One third of U.S. Presidents have appointed a Supreme Court justice in an election year, and six Presidents have filled Supreme Court vacancies during the lame duck period.

In spite of the Constitution's directive to hold a hearing and vote on a nominee, this U.S. Senate has refused to carry out its duty. In early March there also continue to be vacancies in 9 circuit court and 66 district court judge seats due to floor votes blocked by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Many issues that affect women and their families need to be addressed by our judicial system.

Please contact our senators Ron Johnson, 202-224-5323, and Tammy Baldwin, 202-224-5653, and urge them to uphold their constitutional responsibility.

Also remind them that your vote will be affected by their actions while in office.



Equal Pay Day-- April 12, 2016

Our Branch Activity:



April 12 will be recognized around the country as Equal Pay Day. The date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Natalie Leuck, our UW-L AAUW Public Policy Intern, has arranged a table

inside the front doors of the **Cartwright Center on April 12 from 10:00 – 2:00**. AAUW and UW-L students will pass out cookies with a piece cut out to represent the bite out of women's wages, and we will distribute information about the gender pay gap. Equal Pay Day will also be displayed on the neon sign at the front of the Cartwright.

If you are willing to supply some cookies for this event, please contact Betty Kruck, krux@mwt.net, or Carlene Roberts, camcar876@gmail.com. Please stop in at the Cartwright and see our display, banner, and pink Equal Pay Day t-shirts.

YWCA Activity:

Wednesday, April 6th, 5-7PM

Stolpa's Stein Haus

324 Jay Street La Crosse

Equal Pay is something that we

know is still not a reality. But do you know how unequal the system actually is? Join us for Equal Pay Monopoly and see how easily you navigate through an unequal system.

www.facebook.com/FeminismOnTapLaCrosse



AAUW WI State Convention

Let's celebrate 95 years of empowering women and girls!

April 22-23 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison.

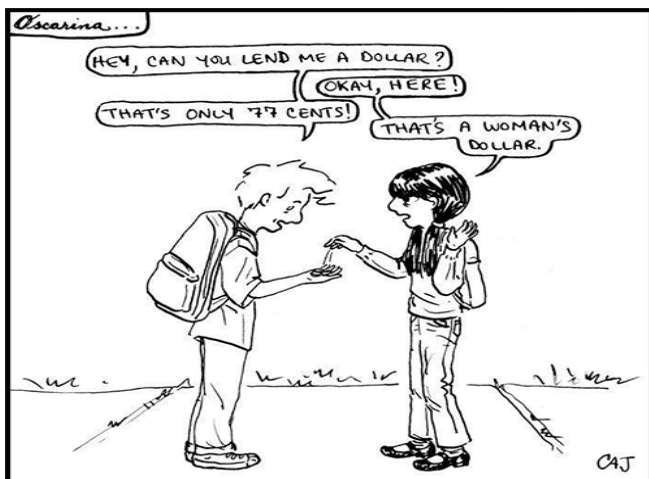


Leadership is the theme and there are many exciting speakers!

- Friday Evening: Presentation of RESPECT, the Musical Journal of Women

- Visit by AAUW National President Patricia Fae Ho
 - Panel on Emerging Young Leaders
 - Workshops

Registration details at aauw-wi.aauw.net



FROM THE TREASURER

Kristin Foehner

Financial Report as of March 20, 2016

Checking Account\$10,349.58

CD'snone at this time

Scholarship Bridge.....\$900.02

Women Moving Ahead

Plan to attend on Saturday,
April 2 from 8:45am-4:00pm.

Women Moving Ahead is a coalition of various university and community groups (of which we are a part). This conference "Making It!" will be filled with stories, practical information and networking opportunities.

Even if you are not in the workforce, come and share your experiences with younger women as they start their journeys.

For full information and registration, visit <http://womenmovingahead.org/>

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moving ahead



Art Fair on the Green

The Art Fair on the Green will be held the weekend of July 30 & 31. Be thinking of what you would like to volunteer for that weekend. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone! Especially needed is another committee member to work with the artists.

New this year is a Sweepstakes package offered in partnership with Explore LaCrosse. Check out their website and if you have friends coming for the weekend, they can win a package that includes dinner at The Mint and a 2 night stay at Holiday Inn Express downtown.

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YWCA Circle of Friends

by Michele Strange



The La Crosse YWCA is sponsoring its annual Circle of Friends awards luncheon on Wednesday, April 20th. June Reinert mentioned to me that it would be nice to have an AAUW table. Given our collaboration with the Y, I agreed with her. So I am organizing the effort. The lunch is from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the La Crosse Center—South Hall Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 each. I will collect the money and send in the names.

I already have 6 names for a table of ten. Won't you join us for the event? Please RSVP to mstrange@uwla.edu or by phone (781-6962) **by April 1st**. You can mail the money to me at 2442 Redwing Road, La Crosse, 54601. Please indicate if you have dietary preferences: Vegetarian; Gluten Free; or Other (Please Specify items).

Election Day Volunteers Needed April 5

by Teri Lehrke, City Clerk, City of La Crosse

I'm looking for Election Day Volunteers.

I would like to have volunteer greeters at every polling place in the city. Greeters welcome the voters, check the "greeter list" to see if the voter is registered and direct them to the proper line. If not registered, they check a "street listing" to determine if they are in the correct polling place and direct them accordingly. A minimum of four hour shifts is preferred.



If you are interested, please email me at Lehrket@cityoflacrosse.org, indicate the hours you would like to volunteer and preferred location.

I appreciate any time you can offer.



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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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