

57th AAUW Art Fair on the Green... July 25 & 26



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 couple of new food vendors. Be sure to read Betty Kruck's article on the new choices 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 26 & 27!



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Wrapping Up

by Carol Robertson, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Our branch has completed another successful year of programs, special events, enlightening study groups, and the awarding of \$27,000 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 continue their education. We experimented with having a Scholarship Reception instead of a Brunch and from all accounts, it was a successful change. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee members, especially Co-chairs Robert Richardson and Sharon De Cicco for their efforts. And a thank you to Program chairs Marla French 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 25 and 26. Make sure you contact Marla to let her know when you will be available to volunteer during the fair. We have new artists and new food vendors this year so don't miss it!

Our Branch is participating again this year in Artspire which will be held in downtown La Crosse by the Pump House on Saturday, June 13. We will have a booth promoting

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Next Board Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2015

4:30 pm

Location: Viterbo University,
Room TBA

Meetings are open to any member who is interested in attending.

Contact Carol at: 399-1751 or
cforbertson@charter.net to place items on the agenda.

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

Art Fair on the Green. Stop by, 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 25 & 26.

Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, VP Membership

Since the last newsletter we have gained two new members. They joined after March 15th so are already paid up for the next year.



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Both Marlene and Sheri were formerly members of our branch. We are glad to have you back. And thanks to Sue Heuer for encouraging them. We are grateful for all who joined the past year and look forward to gaining new members in 2015-2016.

Art Fair Volunteers Needed!

by Marla French, Volunteer Coordinator

Once again, we need your help at the Art Fair on the Green. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th, beginning at 9:15am on Saturday and 9:30am on Sunday. The grounds close at 5:00pm Saturday and 4:00pm Sunday. Shifts are generally 2 1/2 to 3 hours long.

There will not be a concession stand this year. The committee decided it was only fair to our vendors to allow them to sell soda, where they make a good profit. We will, however, sell bottled water at the information area.

The areas we need your help are selling admission tickets, working in the Raffle area, and floating relief persons for our artists. If you have served in any of these areas in the past and would like to do so again, just let me know. Also, if you have a spouse/partner/friend who is willing to help, their help would be greatly appreciated. We'll gladly sign you both up.

Please contact me at 782-6589 or mfrench000@centurytel.net.

Art Fair Awards

by Jan Eriksen

The letters regarding contributions to the 57th 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

Program ideas needed for next year *by Sue Heuer*

It is not too soon to start thinking about next year's programs. Several of last year's program topics were suggested by you. If you have any ideas for programs please don't procrastinate but dash off an email to me or Silvana Richardson.

Also we would appreciate any feedback on the Scholarship Reception.

Scholarship & Grant Awardees 2015

La Crosse Branch President Carol Robertson welcomed a large crowd to the 2015 Grants, Awards and Scholarships reception on Thursday, April 30, 2015. At turns joyful and touching, each recipient had the opportunity to speak after being presented with her (or his, for the first time!) award. Below are the awards given as well as some pictures of the event.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Pat Staupe Memorial Scholarship:

Kara Schultz

Janet Isler Memorial Scholarship:

Sadie Williams

Karen Wilson Memorial Scholarship:

Darcy Lenz

Graduating High School Senior Scholarships:

Heather Berg

Abbey Hammes

Autumn Reppe

Katherine Stein

Kruse Family Memorial Scholarship:

Sadie Hill

Mary Frick Memorial Scholarship:

Lauren Schnurbusch

Marissa Eckrote

UW-L Scholarships:

Austin Kilburg

Rachel Bunnell

Viterbo University Scholarship:

Lauren Smith

Western Technical College Scholarships:

Alexis (Lexi) Goodman

Gao Hlida Lee

La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Awards:

Cecilia Mendoza, Brookwood HS

Abbey Williams, La Farge HS

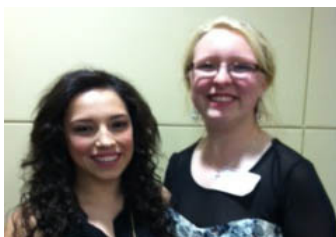
Continuing Extra Effort Scholarships:

Bridget Schams

Natasha Walleser

AAUW Bridge Scholarship:

Der Xiong



Extra Effort Award winners Cecilia Mendoza (left) and Abbey Williams (right)

GRANTS & AWARDS

Nat'l Conference for College Women Student Leaders:

Laura Covelli, Erin Decker, Leah Freund

UW-L Art Award: Stewart Stehly

Brighter Tomorrows, Sparta

HMOOB Cultural & Community Agency

Professional Development Award:

Sarah Koehler

HOPE Academy

UW-L Self-Sufficiency Program

YWCA



2015 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders attendees Laura Covelli, Leah Freund and Erin Decker

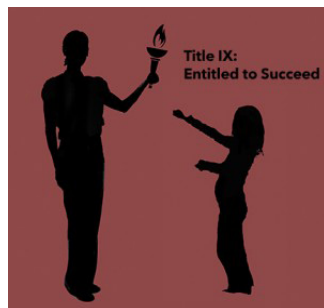
congratulations



Group photo of all award recipients attending the April 30th reception

WI State AAUW Convention Report *By Carol Robertson*

The AAUW –WI State convention was held April 24 and 25 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. The theme was “Title IX: entitled to Succeed” and captured AAUW’s commitment to empower girls and women across their lifespan.



Pam Thiel and I were able to attend and enjoyed the speakers and the workshops that were presented. Jesse Garcia, sports reporter and author of “My Life with the Green and Gold” was the keynote speaker Friday night. Jesse was the first female sports anchor in WI and one of the first females to host a sports program. She shared stories of her life as a female reporting on Wisconsin’s sports heroes.

Saturday brought the start of the business meeting and a panel on Title IX legislation and compliance. The keynote speaker at lunch was Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the WI Supreme Court, who gave an enlightening talk on how her job affects our everyday lives. We should pay attention to what happens in the courtrooms across our state as what gets decided can make an impact on our lives.

Workshops on Media Use, Title IX, How to help women run for office, Membership STEM and the Trek program, and Campus Connections (university partners) filled the afternoon. In between the workshops, the business meeting was conducted. A note of interest is that the proposed redistricting for branches was not approved so the Board will be reviewing the feedback and will then come back with another plan.

It was a good convention and gives branches an opportunity to share ideas and network. Next year the convention will be held in Madison.

I would encourage members to think of attending some or all of the sessions. We may be asked as a branch to assist with the planning.

Public Policy

By Carlene Roberts, Chair

Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act

February was the 22nd anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), our only law designed to help citizens balance work and family life. But the FMLA leaves out 40% of the work force, and often provides only unpaid leave for illness, care of ill family members, or the birth or adoption of a child. Many who qualify for unpaid leave cannot afford to make use of it.



AAUW supports the Family Act, also called the Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act. This would create a national insurance program funded by employees and employers contributions. These nominal contributions would provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave for those who qualify.

Please contact our elected representatives and urge them to co-sponsor the Family Act.

2014-2015 Branch Name Grant Recipient



Congratulations to this year’s Name Grant recipient, Carol Robertson!

We thank Carol for her many contributions to the branch including serving as president for 3 years (so far!).

Carol’s also taken on the Art Fair on the Green Chair position so she’ll be able to keep busy this summer when there are no branch board meetings to chair.

Thank you, Carol, for all you do!

*From the Treasurer
Michele Strange*

Financial Report as of April 20, 2015

Checking Account\$12,738.36

CD's

none at this time

Scholarship Bridge\$320.02

Dues Reminder

Please note that you may now begin renewing your AAUW membership for next year (2015-16). Deadline for membership dues is June 30, 2015.

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 Michele. Please submit the form and a check for \$70 before June 30th.

My mailing address is:

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Art Fair on the Green Information



Concessions

By Betty Kruk, Concessions Co-Chair

This year our art fair will have the following six food vendors: Cowboy Kettle Korn; Cabin Coffee selling energy bars and oatmeal along with their coffee; Crepes Jeanluc featuring buckwheat and wheat crepes with assorted fillings, French pastry tarts and Macarons; Roncalli Newman Bread for the World selling strawberry shortcakes, root beer floats and strawberry and hot fudge sundaes; L & L Kebab House with lamb or chicken gyros and Sandberg Valley Meats selling pulled pork and brisket sandwiches with chips. A couple of the vendors asked to sell tea, lemonade, water, and soda pop. The art fair committee decided to let the vendors sell the drinks while AAUW will sell bottled water from the AAUW Information Booth, and perhaps elsewhere on the art fair grounds. **We are asking for donations of bottled water only this year.** If you have donations of bottled water, please contact Michele Strange, mstrange@uwlax.edu, 781-6962 or Betty Kruk, kruk@mwt.net, 608-689-2222

Art Fair Grounds Help Needed

By Carlene Roberts, Grounds Co-Chair



Spring is in the air, summer isn't far off, and the Art Fair is fast approaching. Sarah Koehler, Susan Fabian and I are in charge of Grounds, which means:

- 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-and 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, 24th, 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 26th 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.

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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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