

# 60TH AAUW ART FAIR ON THE GREEN... JULY 28 & 29



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 new food vendors. 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. Marilyn Hempstead and Susan Johnson have 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 28 & 29!



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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

### Passing The Gavel

by Michele Strange, AAUW-La Crosse Branch President

Last night our AAUW board held it's transitional joint meeting. We had 11 members attend and we covered a lot of topics. We welcomed Margaret Wood as our new program co-chair. Unfortunately, our other new member is moving to Iowa and has resigned as Secretary. Fortunately, our interim secretary, Jo Anne Revels, volunteered to accept the position. The board unanimously agreed!!

This past year our program chairs Lois and Silvana brought us some wonderful programs. Last year's Art Fair brought us great weather and large crowds which helped us award a record amount of \$30,000 in grants and awards. The awards ceremony provided uplifting, heartfelt stories from the scholarship winners.

Thank you to Scholarship Co-chairs Robert Richardson

and Sharon De Cicco for their hard work in coordinating the process of advertising, selection of candidates and the awards reception.

Now we move on to this summer's Art Fair on the Green, which will be held July 28-29th. We need everyone's involvement to make this

art fair successful, so mark your calendars and contact Marla French to schedule time to volunteer at the ticket and raffle booths. Your help is most appreciated.



I want to thank everyone I worked with these past two years as president. It's been an honor to serve all of you. Jan Eriksen is ready to assume her new duties and I know that she will be a wonderful president.

Thanks again for all you do!

# Art Fair Volunteers Needed!

by Marla French, Volunteer Coordinator

Have you set aside the last weekend in July for the Art Fair on the Green? If you're new to AAUW, it's a pretty big deal for us. It's our main fundraiser for the many scholarships and grants we award each spring. This year we awarded about \$30,000 to many deserving women and organizations.



To make the event a success, however, requires many, many volunteers. Folks are needed for setting up and

taking down, as well as selling tickets at the three entrance gates and the Raffle. If you're a veteran art fair worker, you probably have your favorite job, and I'll do my best to get you to your spot. As Volunteer Coordinator, that's my job.

You can make my job easier by contacting me first. If I don't hear from you, expect an email or phone call in late June, and a more panicky one mid-July if I don't have all the positions filled. Specifically, set up is Friday, July 27th. The fair itself is the 28th & 29th, with take down/clean up at 4:00pm Sunday, July 29th. Ticket selling and Raffle sellers work 2.5 hour shifts beginning at 9:30am both Saturday and Sunday. You will be sitting under a canopy, so the sun shouldn't be an issue....the heat could be. An added bonus, in addition to the pleasure of helping, is all the Kettle Korn you can eat.

Please contact me (Marla French) at 782-6589 or mmfrench1959@gmail.com. You can also phone or text me at 608-385-7432.

## 2018 AAUW National Bylaws Amendment Vote Results

### AAUW Bylaws Voting Results

Proposal Topic	Pass	Percent Affirmative
Proposal 1. re: Staggered Terms	Yes	92.97%
Proposal 2. re: non-AAUW Members on Board	No	48.67%
Proposal 3. re: Degree Requirement	No	44.48%

\*Bylaws amendments require a two-thirds vote.

Thank you for voting on the three proposed amendments to the AAUW Bylaws in the 2018 National Bylaws Amendment Vote. We had a great turnout this year with over 17 percent of eligible members participating in the vote, more than three times the 5 percent required by our bylaws. Thank you for making your voice matter on these important issues.

## Art Fair Awards

by Marilyn Hempstead & Sue Johnson  
Awards Committee

***It is time again to think about donations for the art fair. A letter explaining options and a contribution form were emailed to each member. This year there are two opportunities for you to support the art fair.***

### Artists' Awards

***Member contributions are a primary source of funding for the four artist awards. A pair of art experts determines three of the awards. The fourth is the Peoples' Choice Award determined by vote of attendees. In total, \$1000 of award money is given to the artists helping to maintain the high quality of exhibitors at the Art Fair on the Green. It is an incentive to new art fair participants as well as to returning artists.***

### Scholarship Fund

***This fund is replenished each year through both Art Fair ticket sales and direct contributions. In 2017 the La Crosse branch of AAUW gave close to \$30,000 in scholarships to area students as well as in grants to non-profit educational organizations.***

***We are also requesting members to suggest businesses or corporations that would be likely to support scholarships. Please send suggestions by June 13th to Marilyn at marizah@yahoo.com. We will follow up in communicating with the organization.***

# Scholarships & Grants 2018

## AAUW Members' Cause-to-Celebrate

Only 24 of our members were able to join us for the reception on May 10, at Viterbo University. We wish that number had been 80. The recipients said "thank you" in ways we cannot recapture in these written words. All members would benefit from hearing our recipients speak and from realizing these scholars and agencies will continue to break barriers! Their stories refreshed and inspired all in attendance!

We began the reception at 6pm with check-in, delicious fruits and desserts, and meeting/greeting. Thank you Kristen, Jo Anne, Silvana, Carol, Erica, Lois, Michele, Marilyn, & all the members who interacted with our 42 guests

Erica orchestrated the group picture, and then we moved into the auditorium for the program.

Thank you Michele (valedictorian), Sharon (emcee), and Carol (salutatorian) who delivered and personalized the program. We heard amazing, well-considered stories from women whose confidence levels and articulate deliveries deserve amplification. At 7:56pm, we closed the evening.

Thank you S&G Committee members who researched agencies nominated for grants, read the scholarship applications, and selected the amazing cadre of recipients.

Thank you Art Fair Committee members and all the AAUW members who make the Art Fair a success and, thereby, provide the proceeds we use to (1) award our grants and scholarships and (2) facilitate barrier breaking for decades to come!

Sharon DiCicco & Robert Richardson, *Co-Chairs,  
Scholarships and Grants (S&G) Committee*

And S&G Committee members:

Betty K, Carol R, Francie B, Lora A, Marilyn H, Mary O, Michele S, & Silvana R.

## Scholarship Recipients

\* *Tribune Extra Effort*: Chelsea Chen (Luther HS) and Kya Fish (La Farge HS)

\* *Graduating High School Seniors*: Halle Burkhalter (Onalaska HS), Ryan Haefs (La Crescent HS), Maria Martell (Central HS), Mikayla McHugh (Onalaska HS), Ya Thao (Holmen HS), and Nicki Wood (KEE HS)

\* *Janet Isler Memorial*:  
Sophia Woychik (Viterbo: Spanish Education)

\* *Karen Wilson Memorial*:  
Angie Mattison (UW-L: Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies)

\* *AAUW Bridge*:  
Kathryn Thoen (UW-L: Student Affairs Administration)

\* *UW-L*: Marissa Cepress (Biomedical Health Sciences), Taylor Harmon (Radiation Therapy), Mark Moralez (Political Science/Economics), Mackenzie Schieble (Marketing), and April Wolford (English Education)

\* *Viterbo*: Karen Dascent (Biology), Melissa Edgar (Biology), Sr. Sarah Nakyesa (Nursing), Eucharia Okey (Nursing), Kelsi Rufenacht (Nursing), and Sydney Schmutzer (Elementary Education)

## Grant Recipients

\* Brighter Tomorrows of Sparta, HOPE Academy, New Horizons, Self-Sufficiency Program, WTC Pathways/ Student Assistance, and YWCA Teen Lead.

\* *To attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders*:  
Awarded to Kathryn Draper (UW-L)



Group photo of all award recipients attending the May 10th reception



# Membership News

by Marilyn Hempstead, Chair

## Welcome

to two NEW MEMBERS for the 2018/19 fiscal year.

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Both Jeanne and Susan found us on the website. We look forward to getting to know them.



## CONDOLENCES

Former member Mary Reiman passed away in April after an extended nursing home stay. She was a librarian in Washington D.C. before the return to her native La Crosse. For several years

she was THE CURRENT editor and was always willing to reserve the community room at Washburn on the Park for board and branch meetings. Her sister Kathy is a branch lifetime member. The two carried on the family AAUW tradition as their grandmother helped organize the La Crosse branch and served as its first president.

Our sympathy to Kathy and the Reiman family.



## BEST WISHES

Lora Anderson, who joined our branch last summer and served on the Scholarship Committee, will be moving to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, because of family circumstances. We will miss her energy and willingness to participate in our projects. Her contributions this past year are very much appreciated. May all go well for Lora and her family.



## CONGRATULATIONS

To member Roz Schick on winning this year's Conductor Wanabee contest for the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra.

# 2018 Art Fair Committee

Chair.....	Carol Robertson
Artist Co-Chairs.....	Erica Koonmen, Sharon DeCicco, Cindy Mischnick
Awards.....	Marilyn Hempstead, Jan Eriksen, Susan Johnson
Concessions.....	Betty Kruck, Michele Strange
Grounds.....	Susan Fabian, Sarah Koehler, Robert Richardson
Hospitality.....	Mary Hall
Program.....	Robert Richardson
Publicity.....	Marian Schiesser
Raffle.....	Karen Landstrom, Sarah Stuber
Vounteer Coordinator.....	Marla French
Treasurer.....	Bev Bodine



## SCHOLARSHIP BRIDGE COORDINATOR NEEDED

Sharon De Cicco is appealing to the membership for someone to help coordinate Scholarship Bridge. Several members already assist with the background work. Sharon tallies scores and announces winners at the end of the year, Kristen receives the money to play and writes out the checks for the winners. One of the couples (non-AAUW members) does all of the paper work and will continue to do that.

What we need is someone who calls the couples who played last year and see if they will continue to play this year. It's about 30 calls during the month of June. In addition this person should also try to find more players and find partners for couples where one partner quits and the other one wants to continue. The person who did this for years passed away this spring.

The tournament makes about \$500 a year for scholarships. The bridge players are dedicated to the mission of adding to our scholarship fund and most of them have been playing for many years.

Without your help, this project may be difficult to continue. Please contact Sharon, 788-5356, if you have questions or are willing to volunteer.

## FROM THE TREASURER

Kristen Foehner

Financial Report as of  
May 21, 2018

Checking Account..... \$11,967.15

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

Scholarship Bridge..... \$200.00

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## It's renewal time

by Kristen Foehner, Treasurer

This is a reminder that it is time to renew your AAUW membership for next year (2018-19). The deadline for membership dues is **June 30, 2018**.

Dues are now \$80.00 of which \$56.00 is tax deductible. Additional information on the breakdown of dues can be found on the membership renewal form (sent last month) or by contacting Kristen.

Please submit the form and a check for \$80 made out to AAUW La Crosse Branch before **June 30th**.

My mailing address is:

Kristen Foehner  
4104 Beverly Drive  
Onalaska, WI 54650

Thank you!

# Art Fair on the Green Information

## Concessions

By Betty Kruk, Concessions Co-Chair

AAUW will continue to sell bottled water at the art fair. Donations of bottled water will be appreciated. They can be dropped off at the art fair during art fair set up on Friday, July 27th, or please contact Betty Kruk for a drop off location prior to that date. The food vendors this year will be:

Pang's Kitchen (*new vendor*)  
Crepe Jeanluc  
Wisconsin Meat Company  
Newman Bread for the World  
Family Fun Food & Drink (*new vendor*)  
Cowboy KettleKorn LLC  
The Nutman Company USA, Inc  
Main Squeeze Fruit Juice (*new vendor*)  
Cabin Coffee



## 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, 27th, 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 29th 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 : [susa530@gmail.com](mailto:susa530@gmail.com)



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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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