



TILLAMOOK AAUW TIDELINES

FALL 2020

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CALENDAR

Monthly Mtgs. Via
Zoom 5:30 pm

Sept. 10

Oct. 8

Nov. 12

Jan. 14

Feb. 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

POLITICAL FORUM

OCTOBER 14,
6-8 pm

*More details to follow
in an email*

STATE AAUW

**Specials Project
Funds Committee:**
Pat Mumford

STEM Chair:
Kathy Gervasi

**Technology
Committee:**
Betty Diamond

**Chair of Nominating
Committee:** Kathy
Gervasi

AAUW Tillamook President's Message

We survived our summer break and now is the time to put our thinking caps back on. AAUW Tillamook has a reputation for carefully planning our activities, and then an unknown virus showed up to challenge our operations. We will survive. Luckily (skillfully) Nancy Kershaw has stepped forward to be our Zoom Master, and is helping us conduct our meetings to keep in touch with each other. We, at the Oregon coast, appreciate our salt water and breezes that help keep us safe.

We are proud of each of our members who wear their masks. Yes, it isn't comfortable, yes it isn't beautiful, but these safety precautions show we have respect for each other. National and state AAUW keep reminding us to not hold meetings in person, and Tillamook is ahead of the game.

We would also like to proudly announce Kelly Benson as our new Membership VP. With her knowledge and skills, we are in good hands. Our scholarship committee has a new chair, Patrice Rouska. This year we will need to be even more creative to fund new scholarships. AAUW Tillamook also gives Tillamook Bay Community College scholarships to local students through endowed funds at the college. The last of the 21 trees in the landscape of TBCC was sold. This is such an accomplishment. Thank you Marilyn Reynolds, another of our 50-year AAUW members.

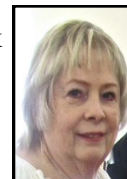
Remember, your dues were due in May, our grace period is about up. Please send your check for \$90 to Flo Simmons, our Dues treasurer, or let her know of your intentions. You can reach her at flosim@charter.net for arrangements. Our AAUW year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Each of you are valued. We can be proud to belong to an organization with such integrity.

Be thinking of ways you can contribute your skills to our goals and so many of our friendships last forever. Hope to "see" and "hear" you on Zoom, Thursday, October 8, at 5:30 pm. Nancy Kershaw, Zoom Manager, will send instructions. We are still trying to find the proper day of the week and time of the day to hold these meetings. Your suggestions are so welcome.

By President Susan
Pierce

2020 Political Forum by Webinar Wednesday Oct. 14th, 6-8:00 pm

- ◆ *Cribbins vs Anderson (State Senator Race)*
- ◆ *Weber vs Booth-Schmidt (State Rep. Race)*
- ◆ *Gomberg vs Sherman (State Rep. Race)*
- ◆ *McCraw vs Brown (Sheriff Race)*



2019-2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

President	Susan Pierce
Secretary	Nancy Kershaw
Finance VP/Treasurer	Sue Luce
Membership	Kelly Benson
Dues Treasurer	Flo Simmons
Communications VP	Kathy Gervasi
Program VP	Andrea Goss
Public Policy Chair	Lisa Phipps
Governance	Dion Bacon
Funds Chair	Jean Mong
Foundation Liaison	Marilyn Reynolds
TBCC Rep	Teresa Rivenes
Scholarship Chair	Patricia Rouska

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Tidelines/Web Page	Kathy Gervasi
Chocolate/Wine Event	(open)
Tech Trek	Emily Henry,
	Kathy Gervasi
Spelling Bee	Valerie Brace
STEM Recognition	Kris Lachenmeier
	Michelle Bradley
Book Clubs	Betty Diamond
	Marilyn Rigterink
	Andrea Goss
Memorial Trees	Marilyn Reynolds
Political Forum	Lisa Phipps

(All events pending)

We Are Strong and Creative!! By Kathy Gervasi

How are we handling our handling our present time of unrest and changes in our daily routines? I asked our Tillamook members to submit what they're doing to stay strong and creative. Here are some ideas you may want to try!

Nancy Contolini: I am surviving by walking on the beach with Sergio as much as possible (barring heavy smoke and rain and wind). This poem expresses it all for me:

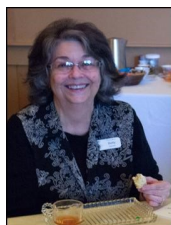
***I Go to the Shore by Mary Oliver**
I go down to the shore in the morning
and depending on the hour the waves are rolling in or moving out,
and I say, oh, I am miserable, what shall— what should I do?
And the sea says in its lovely voice:
Excuse me, I have work to do.*

Kathy Gervasi: It helps my brain, to organize my life by cleaning out drawers of old paperwork, decluttering closets and bookshelves and finishing projects (like hand quilting my Great-Grandmother's quilt from 1925!). But mostly I try to make human contact through Zoom coffee chats, Zoom college meetings, Zoom with grandchildren and family, or attend outdoor lunches. My sister and I talk for hours once a week.

Dione Bacon: I decided to declutter by first donating some large furniture. What a domino effect that caused and a purge began! Since I'm streaming more, I got rid of the DVDs, VHS videos, CDs and cassettes. Cleaned out binders,, clothes closets, addressed 200 post cards to mail out to my Democratic precinct neighbors, and learned more about my new Apple lap tap. I want to start doing yoga and Thi Chi, go on walks, learn Spanish through the Library's Mango program, and read. I hope to visit my son and his family more, since they moved from Chicago to Seattle.

Andrea Goss: When we were first asked to sequester ourselves, who would have guessed that it would be for 8 months or more? I was off work for 6 weeks, the YMCA closed, our band couldn't practice, no AAUW meetings, no hosting people at my house, etc. So what was I going to do with all my extra time? I had a quilt I have been wanting to make for a few years, but I knew that if I started it, I wouldn't finish it in my lifetime. I knew we'd be back to "normal" life in a month or so. I decided to start it and finished it! I wouldn't have believed in a hundred years that I would finish a Q-size quilt in a few weeks. It's so beautiful and I'm not going to use it until after I show it at the County Fair in 2021 which I have never done before. I also wrote 4,000 letters to people across the country, encouraging them to GET OUT AND VOTE!

The Whodunit Mystery Book Club



This Book Club has changed its meeting dates from the 4th Monday of the month at 6 PM to meetings on the **2nd Monday of the month at 1:30 PM.**

The current membership includes the following: Nora, Andrea, Phyllis, Birgitt, Nancy, Carolyn, Carol, Dione, and Betty. Masks/shields are required

and locations will be announced at a later date.

Books chosen for discussion this year are primarily by female mystery writers, most of whom have won or been nominated for national and international literary awards. The following authors will be discussed: Kate Wilhelm, Linda Barnes, Liane Moriarty, C. J. Box, Laurie R. King, and Laura Lippman.

Future plans: The book group is hoping to have three local mystery writers visit and share some insights regarding their creative processes or projects.

Text Betty Diamond at 503-457-3170 for more information.

PROGRAM REPORT by Andrea Goss

As Program Chair for AAUW, I am trying to think creatively about our virtual meetings. We are now meeting on Zoom the second Thursday in the evening at 5:30 instead of lunch. Unfortunately, we haven't met for many months.

I really miss seeing you all, and as Program Manager, I realize that we have a lot of fantastic members with interesting stories to tell. For the next few months I would like to get to know some of our newer, less-known members better. I am going to ask three members each month to share their history and their lives with us. Each will give us about seven minutes of their time to share things that are fun about their background; what motivates them in their career; maybe a bit about their birth family and/or their current family; hobbies, loves, hates; political and/or religious background; really just anything they'd like for us to know about them. Hopefully, it will motivate each of us to get to know them better and to be motivated by their stories.

I'm hoping this will be fun and energizing. BEWARE I may call on you soon. Think about what you'd like to share and want to have AAUW members know about you! I'm sure we all have an interesting story to tell.

TBCC Scholarship Winner

Dear Tillamook AAUW,

It is my great pleasure to share with you that there were 20 applications for the AAUW Endowed Scholarship at TBCC this year. It was a wonderful group of deserving students with one who rose to the top and was awarded a scholarship.

Angela Nadeau will receive a \$3,580* scholarship in your organization's name.

Your support is getting her one step closer to her dream. Under normal circumstances, we would invite you to our Mildred Davy Memorial Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon in October but due to COVID-19, we are considering new ways to celebrate our amazing scholarship donors and students. Please watch for an alternative event or celebration details in. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are so grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Britta Lawrence
TBCC Development Director

* There were funds remaining from the previous year's award that we are including in the award total for this year. That is why the total award amount may look different from the fourth quarter statement.

Dear Members of AAUW,

I wanted to say, from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for making me the recipient of the TBCC Foundation AAUW scholarship. It is hard to find the right words to show how grateful I am to receive this. Having financial support allows me to have less distractions and allows me to focus on my studies. Thank you again for this amazing award. I feel truly honored to have won this scholarship, especially from such an amazing organization of empowered women. As I continue my educational career, I will always remember the opportunity given to me during such difficult times.

Best Regards,

Angela Nadeau


To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your generous contribution towards my educational pursuits. I am extremely thankful to be a recipient of the \$1,500 Tillamook AAUW Scholarship Award, and anticipate immense positive outcomes as a result of such an honor.

Come September, I am excited to be joining the student body of Oregon State University as a part of both the school's College of Forestry and Honors College. Following my passions of learning, I will be majoring in Natural Resources under the Forest Ecosystems and Society option. I am also looking forward to exploring other interests and challenges within the university environment throughout my undergraduate studies and further.

With your support, my dreams are becoming reality. Your generosity has brought me closer to reaching many of my goals and aspirations, and with the financial burdens associated with higher education mitigated, I can make the most of this next adventure. All thanks to you, there is more surety in my future, and without a doubt, my life has been changed for the better. I could never thank you enough for the opportunities you have given me. It feels insignificant to only be able to say a few words, but still, thank you!

With utmost gratitude and sincerity,


Karissa Hadermann

(Karissa attended our Tillamook Tech Trek Camp when she was thirteen years old.)

