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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS - Field Trip

Instead of a program and speaker in April, we will be taking a field trip on Tuesday, April 8th to the National Museum of Women in the Arts at 1250 New York Avenue, NW, in Washington.

No special tour has been arranged. We plan to meet at the museum at about 11:00am. If you decide to go on your own, you do not need to wait for the group. Head on into DC and enjoy! Admission to the museum is \$16 for adults under age 70 and \$13 for those 70 and over.

If you would like to go on the Metro with the group, please meet at 9:30 am in the outer parking lot at the Vienna Giant Food near the PNC Bank. We will take the necessary number of cars from there to the Dunn Loring Metro Station.

Then, we will take Metro to the Metro Center Station, where we will exit at 13th and E Streets (follow the signs for that exit). When we come out of the station on the escalator, we will take a right turn to head toward the museum, which is about a two-block walk.

A cab for five passengers from the Giant to the museum would cost about \$60 each way, which can be shared by those wanting to take this mode of travel.

SAVE-THE-DATE: Plans are in the works for a picnic in May to mark the last of the Branch's program. More details and exact date to come . . .

Questions? Contact Co-program VP

2025 VIENNA AREA BRANCH ELECTION REPORT

The Annual Vienna Area Branch Business Meeting was held during the branch fundraising event on March 15th. A quorum was present, and no candidates were nominated from the floor. The following slate was submitted by the Nominating Committee and was approved by voice vote.

The AAUW Vienna Area Branch elected the following members for terms running from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

Finance Officer:

Last summer, he performed the financial review of our FY24 finance records. This introduced him to many of the forms and procedures used by AAUW. In addition, he has filled the position of treasurer for numerous other organizations.

Membership Co-vice presidents:

They currently are completing the membership chair responsibilities completing the term of the previous office-holder.

Questions? Contact Co-vice-president,

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Is it time to renew your membership? It depends.

Later In April, many of you – but not all – will start to receive reminders to renew your AAUW membership for the new fiscal year. Your expiration date depends on when you joined. **There is no need to renew until you receive an email reminder from AAUW.**

How much are the dues?

Dues for most of you are \$99, which covers the following:

Vienna Area Branch, \$10
Virginia State, \$15
National AAUW, \$74

Life members pay only branch and state dues. Dual members pay additional dues; if you are unsure of how to renew your dual memberships, contact the Vienna Area Branch Finance Officer. Remember that the national dues are entirely tax-deductible if you plan to itemize your tax deductions in 2025. State and branch dues are not deductible.

To renew online with a credit card

Go to www.aauw.org and click on Log In. After logging in, scroll down and click on the orange “Renew” box. From there, click to renew your National membership, your Vienna Area Branch membership, and your Virginia State membership. After transmitting your credit card information you will receive an email from AAUW acknowledging your renewal.

To renew by mailing a check

Write the check for \$99 payable to AAUW Area Branch. Because we will have a new Finance Officer as of July 1, 2025, please mail your check as follows:

- If sent for arrival by June 30, mail check to
- If sent on or after July 1, mail check to

Questions? Finance Officer until June 30 - Finance Officer starting July 1

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW opposes the dismantling of the Department of Education, in no uncertain terms. The AAUW Virginia State Board sent the following letter to let Congressman Scott know. Please let your [senators and representatives know how you feel](#).

The Honorable “Bobby” Scott
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

District Office
2600 Washington Ave, Suite 1010
Newport News, VA 23607

Dear Congressman Scott:

On behalf of the over 1000 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Virginia, including your constituents in our Hampton and Newport News branches, I write to you today in your capacity as Ranking Member of the Education and Workforce Committee to ask you to oppose the recent actions of the administration to destroy the Department of Education.

This year, AAUW of Virginia is celebrating its 100th year of advocating for equitable access to public education. The recent actions of the Administration endanger this century of progress, and we fear will send us back to the days of separate but equal — which was anything but.

The President knows he cannot unilaterally dismantle the U.S. Department of Education through executive order; however, this reckless action is part of a deeply troubling agenda to dismantle public education through cuts and chaos. Since most of the DOE's budget is spent through the Office of Federal Student Aid, by slashing funding, stripping oversight, and creating disorder, this administration is deliberately undermining America's future leaders' ability to access and complete higher education. The consequences will be devastating for low-income students, first-generation college-goers, and communities historically marginalized in education.

AAUW calls on Congress to reject this cynical attack on the U.S. Department of Education and to uphold its essential mission: ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has access to a high-quality education. We will not stand idly by as public education is placed on the chopping block. We expect Congress to protect the future of education in America.

The members of AAUW of Virginia know we can count on you to do everything in your power to ensure an education system that respects and nurtures all students. We are happy to meet with you and your staff at any time to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

President
AAUW Virginia State Board of Directors

Vienna Branch Members Continue Their Lobbying

The Vienna Area Branch continues to support two very important AAUW initiatives: lobbying twice a month on AAUW priority issues, and contacting our Congressional representatives by email or phone to present brief messages that relate to those priorities. If you want to see what lobbying is all about, just contact our branch.

If you would like to do something that is quick and easy, sign up to be a [Two-Minute Activist on the AAUW website](#). You will get an email approximately twice a month with a suggestion of what to tell your legislators about a current issue. You can even use the supplied wording, so it takes little effort but supports women and girls in a big way.

Questions? Contact Public Policy Chair

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Tuesday Morning Literature Group

Group Coordinator: **Normal Schedule:** Third Tuesday of the month, 9:30am
Socializing: 9:30-10:00am

When: **Tuesday, April 15, 9:30am**

Where: Home of

Please let our hostess know if you will be there.

Book: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. We follow an African-American groom from Kentucky in 1850, a New York City art gallery owner in 1954, and in 2019 a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and a Nigerian-American art historian, who unexpectedly connect through their shared interest in the horse--one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

May Book: *The North Woods* by Daniel Mason.

Brown Bag Book Group

Group Coordinators:

Normal Schedule: Last Wednesday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00pm. No meeting in the months of July and August.

When: **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 1:00 – 3:00pm**

Where: Home of

Please let our hostess know if you will attend.

Book: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

Capturing the paranoia of the McCarthy era and evoking the changing roles for women in post-war America, *The Briar Club* is an intimate and thrilling novel of secrets and loyalty put to the test amongst the occupants of a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital.

May Book: *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

Non-fiction Book Group

Group Coordinator:

Normal Schedule: Second Monday every other month at 7:00pm

When: No meeting in April

Where: N/A

May Book: *A Torch Kept Lit: Great Lives of the Twentieth Century* by William F. Buckley, Jr.
Discussion leader will be Gail Rosner.

Great Decisions Program with the Foreign Policy Association

Group Coordinator:

Normal Schedule: Third Sunday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00pm. No meeting in the months of July and August, November and December.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2025 2:00 – 4:00pm

Where: Home of

Please let our hostess know if you will attend.

You will receive a reminder about a week before the meeting.

Topic 4

India: Between China, the West, and the Global South

The group always welcomes new participants! Please contact Connie Cjdillman67@gmail.com if you need information on how to obtain materials for this year's topics.

Movie Meet-ups

Group Coordinator:

Normal Schedule: Fourth Tuesday of the month. No meetings in July or August. Please contact the coordinator to be included on the distribution list.

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 for the early show

Where: Cinema Arts Theater

Film is selected when the theater publishes its films and schedules on its website. Those who can stay afterwards have lunch together at First Watch, in the shopping center. Group Coordinator will convey this information in a reminder email.

BE A PARTICIPANT, NOT AN OBSERVER

“Start where you are, Use what you have, Do what you can.” Arthur Ashe

AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status.
