



**AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter**  
**March 2012**

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**March Membership Meeting**

Program: "Poetry Panel"  
Betty Lynch Husted and Pamela Steele



March 3 (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m.  
No-Host Lunch at Prodigal Son  
Hostess: Harriet Isom

**April Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Community Room behind the Library**

**CONVENTION WORK PARTY**

Please come and help put the convention packets together!

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER for March

By Jill Heffner

## 2011–2012 Pendleton AAUW Leadership Team:

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Jill Heffner	278-4791
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Hurray! Spring is in the Air! And we are rapidly approaching the 2012 AAUW of Oregon State Convention held *right here* in Pendleton!

### HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR REGISTRATION YET?

What an excellent opportunity for members of the Pendleton Branch to attend a State Convention! We don't have to leave the comfort of our homes. We don't have to travel hundreds of miles. We don't have to worry about weather or gas prices or time off! The Convention is here!

### DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR AMAZING WOMEN!

There will be extraordinary speakers: Kate Brown, Oregon's Secretary of State; Bobbie Conner, Director of Tamastlikt Cultural Institute and incoming Chair of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian; and Cynthia Miller, AAUW Director of Marketing.

There will be interesting and informative workshops: "The Perfect Meeting and How to Make it Happen"; "Negotiation Skills for Women Leaders"; "The ABCs of Marketing your AAUW Branch"; Making Choices for Eating Well"; "Oregon Women, Where are we now?"; and "Traveling the AAUW Web Site."

### TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A STATE CONVENTION!

Join the Enrichment Tours on Friday afternoon and learn more about Pendleton. Watch the movie *From Cheyenne to Pendleton: the Rise and Fall of the Rodeo Cowgirl*. If you are a branch officer, attend the appropriate counterpart sessions to share with and learn from other branches. Celebrate AAUW Funds at the Saturday night Awards Dinner "Honoring Ourselves and the Women who Came Before." Join in Sunday morning for a Nature Walk with Betty, June, and Kate Ely, or Guided Meditation with Kate Botorff, or Yoga with Katrina Dielman.

There will be SO MANY THINGS to DO and HEAR and LEARN!



**SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION NOW  
FOR AN OPPORTUNITY THAT ONLY  
COMES ALONG EVERY TEN YEARS!**

## AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 4, 2012

### Prodigal Son

We gathered at the Prodigal Son with 23 members, one guest and our two speakers. We were hosted by Jan Bruning.

President Jill Heffner called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with the reading of an article on free speech while the waitress took our orders. She introduced Michele Sitz, who was very pleased to present a check to the Eastern Oregon Youth Strings Program. Lisa-Marie Patterson, executive director of the Eastern Oregon Symphony, accepted the check for \$1,000 with Tasha Sitz and Haval Norman, who are young teachers in the program.

Our program was presented by Brendan Decicio and Daniel Kubishta from Helix High School who placed 3rd in a National History Day competition. Helix has competed for eleven years, and these two won 14th place two years ago and then placed 3rd last year. Their film was on the influence of the Ku Klux Klan in Oregon during the 1920s affecting a law passed that would require all children to attend public school. It would have ended parochial schools in the state. The Supreme Court struck it down. Excellent program and great kids!

Our introductions this month were to say our name and what our favorite cut flower is and keep it short. We followed her directions! Jill also introduced June Whitten who was named Woman of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce First Citizens Banquet.

1. Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
2. Finance report presented by Gail Plute, Finance VP. The balances as of February 1 were: checking, \$964.77 and savings, \$6,595.82. Scholarship money to BMCC will be paid before the first of July. It will be a \$1,000 scholarship this year.
3. Jill, who is on the State Board, reported that state dues are probably going to go up by \$5.00 next year as there has been no increase since 1993. She talked about how little \$5 actually is.
4. The next meeting will be at the Prodigal Son on March 3rd with a presentation by two poets.
5. Susan Badger Doyle was absent but Jill announced that the next Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 at the Salsa Fresh on Thursday, February 16. There will be a Board meeting that evening.
6. Jill reported that the program for our convention in April is all in place. We still need volunteers and people volunteered on the spot, so Friday afternoon is now covered.

The next Board meeting is February 16th at 7:00 PM at Karen King's house. Jill read her report to State on our Branch.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

# NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Eastern Oregon Forum:** The next EO Forum of 2012 is Tuesday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m. at BMCC, Science and Technology Building, Room 200. The program will be Peter Walker, “Land Use Planning from an Eastern Oregon Perspective.”

**March Lunch Bunch:** The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, March 15, at the H & P Café in Echo. Meet at the Heritage Station Museum at 11:15 to carpool.

**March Board Meeting:** Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m., at Jill Heffner’s home, 3303 SW Ladow, 541-278-4791, [bojnill@oregontrail.net](mailto:bojnill@oregontrail.net).

## Dues Increases to be Voted On

Two issues of dues increase will be voted on at the branch meeting on March 3.

AAUW of Oregon has requested to raise its dues by \$5.00. The State dues have not increased since 1993. We will vote on this at our March branch general meeting, and the result will be how our branch delegates will vote at state convention. The Board concurred with the State’s request, and so at our branch meeting board members will speak to the need for this increase before the actual vote.

The Board further suggested that we raise our own dues by \$1.00 to make the total a nice round \$75.00. Karen King will present this increase at the March meeting and we will vote on that also.

## Congratulations, June Whitten!

June Whitten was named Woman of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce’s 2012 First Citizens Banquet, January 20, at the Wildhorse Casino & Resort.

From environmental stewardship to elementary education, June was honored for her devotion to many causes. As a retired teacher she has been involved in several organizations for decades, including Oregon Trail Manor, the Umatilla Morrow Schools Federal Credit Union, the American Association of University Women, and Pendleton Bird Club.

Betty Klepper met June through AAUW about 30 years ago. Betty said she is amazed at how long June has worked on so many causes, including Umatilla River cleanups and volunteering to read to elementary students, and said her biggest impact has been with Oregon Trail Manor, a home for low-income seniors.

# Program Notes for Saturday's Program

The program on Saturday, March 3, will feature two outstanding area poets. Both are widely recognized and published. Some of their works are included below.

## Bette Lynch Husted



Bette Lynch Husted lives in Pendleton. Her most recent book is *Lessons from the Borderlands*, a collection of memoir essays about the ways social class, gender, and racial history have influenced her daily life both in and out of her English classroom.

Her poetry collection *At This Distance* (Wordcraft of Oregon, 2010) followed a chapbook *After Fire* (Pudding House, 2002), and her first collection of memoir essays, *Above the Clearwater: Living on Stolen Land* (OSU Press, 2004) was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award and the WILLA Award in Creative Nonfiction.

She has been a Fishtrap Fellow and received a 2007 Oregon Arts Commission Award. She's grateful that Pendleton still has not only independent bookstores but also a thriving public library, and when she's not practicing T'ai Chi or watching birds, you might find her there working on her first novel.

## Pamela Steele



Pamela Steele lives in Echo. She has an MFA from Spalding University in Louisville (2004). She is a reading specialist and teaches at Highland Hills Elementary in Hermiston. She also teaches composition classes at BMCC.

Her published books are *Paper Bird*, a poetry collection (Wordcraft of Oregon, 2007) and *Greasewood Creek*, her first novel (Counterpoint Press, 2011). Her poems have been published in *Louisville Review*, *Rattapallax*, *Heartland Review*, *Motif*, and her favorite, *High Desert Journal*.

Awards for her work include Jim Wayne Miller Poetry Prize and *Paper Bird* nomination for an Oregon Book Award. Her novel *Greasewood Creek* has been reviewed in *Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, and *Elle* magazine.

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