



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter

December 2020

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December 3, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Gwen Trice, Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center,
“My Voice: Building Space in Rural Oregon”**

December Program Notes

Located on North Main Street in Joseph, the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center gathers, catalogs, preserves, and interprets the history of Oregon’s early logging community of Maxville, Oregon, and similar communities in the Pacific Northwest that no longer exist. Maxville was a logging town 13 miles north of Wallowa and was home to about 400 residents at its peak, 1924–1933. It was the largest town in the county at the time.

For a detailed history of Maxville, see maxvilleheritage.org.



**You will receive an email from Dianne and Bruce Barnes
with the link to join the Zoom meeting.**

Please sign in at 6:45 so the meeting can start at 7:00.

January 7, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Colleen Sanders
“Indigenous Food Systems as Inherent Climate Resilience”**

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Co-Presidents' Corner for December

By Kate Mace

For some strange reason I have been finding myself revisiting Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel titles in my head lately. They seem so apt for these times like “Love in the Time of Cholera” (read “Covid”). And, “In the Evil Hour” as a comment on our political division and turmoil.

After having Bob test positive for Covid-19 in October, and we went into a two-week quarantine, “One Hundred Years of Solitude” came to mind. But, “Living to Tell the Tale” emerged afterwards (I should add that Bob is fine—very mild case—and I never got it).

So, to quote Marquez “The heart's memory eliminates the bad and magnifies the good.” Let us hope this is how we come to view 2020 as we move into 2021. I pray you have a “Merry Safe Thanksgiving” and a “Happy Healthy Holiday Season”!

Remember to count your blessings. I always do mine.



Membership and board meetings will be virtual each month according to the following schedule:

Membership meetings, first Thursday, 7 p.m.

Board meetings, third Thursday, 7 p.m.

AAUW Pendleton Branch Programs 2020-2021

December 3	Gwen Trice – “My Voice: Building Space in Rural Oregon”
January 7	Colleen Sanders – “Indigenous food systems as Inherent Climate Resilience”
February 4	Kimberly Jenson – “Oregon Women as Non-Citizen ‘Enemies’ During World War I”
March 4	Sarah Gardner – “Pollinators of First Foods Plants in the Blue Mountains”
April 1	Ellen Morris Bishop – “Confluence of Tribal Culture and Geology”
May 6	Mary Davis – “A Report from the UN Commission on the Status of Women”
June 3	TBD

AAUW Pendleton Branch
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
7:00 p.m. November 5, 2020 Virtual Zoom Meeting

Program: **Kate Ely**, program co-chair, introduced **Rebecca Hiers** of Sunrise Mediation whose talk was titled, “Finding Common Ground in these Polarized Times.” Rebecca discussed ways to defuse and also remove defensive barriers when talking with a person who on the surface appears to be angry about a topic and is thoroughly opposed to conversing. She included techniques to remove the defensive barriers allowing common ground to be realized. From there an honest dialogue would more than likely be able to take place. Her talk was especially welcomed with the events such as flooding, Covid-19, and national elections this year.

Kathryn Chaney, Co-President, called the business meeting to order at 7:56 PM.

Finance V–P: A report was read in lieu of Karen King’s absence: the checking account balance as of November 5th was \$2,457.16, and the savings account totaled \$8,160.55.

Kathy Ward reminded that all grapefruit sales money must be turned in by November 20th. There will be no other sales after that date. Tentatively the grapefruit distribution will take place on December 5, however, a firm date will be established as soon as the grower decides. We were reminded that if one does not sell at least 10 boxes, to please contribute \$5.00 per box (our profit) on the unsold boxes.

Kate Mace reported that a meeting will be arranged soon on the topic of the Vert, one of our meeting venues, to find out what is being proposed for the future.

Jill Heffner, our AAUW Funds representative, reminded us to have our contributions to her by December 15.

Looking ahead:

- The next board meeting is November 19 on Zoom, 7:00 p.m. No December board meeting.
- The next general membership meeting is December 3 on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Barnes, Co-Recording Secretary

Results of Membership Financial Query

By Kate Mace, Chair, and Kathryn Chaney and Karen King, Committee Members

After polling the branch seeking input on how we should proceed with our fundraising efforts, we have the result. I don't think any of us want to go back to being “nickel and dimed” all year requesting donations. We have reaped the benefits of our grapefruit sales for many years—a finite, one-time-of-the-year fundraiser—even though our profits have been dwindling each year as expenses have gone up. So, the majority of the members have chosen Option #2, which was:

Require each member to sell a minimum of 10 boxes or donate \$50 (\$5/box)

We do not want this to be a hardship if you can't afford to make the donation, so all we ask is that you make a contribution that you can afford—whatever amount.

Tips About Face Coverings

Oregon Health Authority

We know that wearing a face covering correctly—that is, over your mouth and nose—is one of the most effective ways to slow the spread of COVID-19. People in Oregon shared their tips to make wearing a face covering work for them. Here are some of their tips:

If your glasses are fogging up:

- Fold a tissue into a small rectangle and put in under the mask on the bridge of your nose.
- Raise the top of the face covering so that it's under the bottom edge of your glasses.
- Use anti-fog spray or cloths.
- Rubbing soap on your glasses, then wiping it off with a microfiber cloth without rinsing. This can also work for a clear mask that may be worn to make it easier for those who are Deaf or hard of hearing to understand.
- Put a piece of paper medical tape or adhesive bandage across the top of the mask.
- Rub a pea-sized drop of shaving cream on your eyeglass lenses to prevent fogging. Do not use shaving cream with moisturizers. Polish until clear.
- Use a bit of vinegar and hot water on the lenses.

To make it more comfortable:

- Repurpose swimsuits to make comfortable straps.
- Sew on the closure from a coffee bean bag, a pipe cleaner or twist tie from electronics packaging for a nose strip.
- Tie a string or ribbon to the elastic so the mask is secured around the head rather than behind the ears
- Slip your mask over the arm of your glasses (near your ear) to reduce pressure on your ears.

To remember your face covering:

- Wear it on a lanyard.
- Leave some extras in your glove compartment.
- Keep an extra in your bag.
- Keep it with your wallet and keys.

Val sewed buttons by hand using needle and thread onto her baseball caps, a winter hat, and a fleece ear warmer. If you place the buttons a little up and behind your ears, it solves three problems: 1) no painful ears 2) no slipping down the nose 3) less foggy glasses because the mask fits more snugly. Buttons need to be larger than shirt size, about 1/2" diameter or a little larger seems to be best.



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