



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
April 2021

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April 1, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Ellen Morris Bishop,
Editorial and Conservation Photography
“Confluence of Tribal Culture and Geology”



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.

May 6, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mary Davis
**“A Report from the UN Commission
on the Status of Women”**

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2020–2021

Co-Presidents

Kathryn Chaney 379-9997
Kate Mace 276-1006

Communications Vice President

Michelle Sitz 276-6838

Finance Vice President

Karen King 278-2151

Co-Membership Vice Presidents

Mary Davis 983-2481
Joan Deroko 310-9175

Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Kate Ely 278-1997
Barbara Lund-Jones 969-9123

Co-Recording Secretaries

Karen Allen 276-2943
Dianne Barnes 969-0660

Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison

Marie Hall 379-5250

Bylaws

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AAUW Funds

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Grapefruit

Kathy Ward & Karen King

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Co-Presidents' Corner for April

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since the pandemic began, but it's no surprise that the Pendleton Chapter of AAUW has thrived anyway. Despite the obstacles, we have carried on with a successful fundraiser, STEM projects, and excellent meetings with fascinating presenters.

Our use of the virtual platform for meetings offers the opportunity to include many from other branches and guests or members who may not otherwise be able to attend. Our meetings have been educational. We have benefitted from wonderful, presenters this year with more to come. Kudos to the program committee.

Our nominating committee completed the challenging task of filling board positions for our next year. We are grateful for their efforts. As always, please promote membership when you have an opportunity.

—Kathryn Chaney, Co-President

AAUW Funds

Jill Heffner, Pendleton Branch AAUW Funds Chair, reports that Pendleton (OR) Branch recently received a letter from Kimberly Churches, Chief Executive Officer of AAUW, thanking branch members for "...your contributions to AAUW! Your generosity fuel AAUW's critical mission work during these exceptionally challenging times."

Other excerpts include:

Sadly, women and their families are losing vital ground. Just months after women became the majority of the work force for the second time in U.S. history, they are suffering the heaviest economic fallout from the COVID19 pandemic. Women are overrepresented in the hardest-hit industries and shoulder a staggering two-thirds of the nation's \$1.54 billion in student-loan debt, with women of color bearing the greatest burden....

We'll push elected officials to raise the minimum wage, keeping millions of families from living in poverty. We'll demand laws and policies that ensure women have access to equitable compensation, paid leave, equal educational opportunities, and loan-forgiveness options....

With your support, we can and will realize a fairer future for the next generation. Thank you for standing strong with AAUW!

AAUW – PENDLETON BRANCH
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
7:00 p.m., March 4, 2021

The General Membership meeting was held via Zoom because of Covid-19 restrictions. Nineteen people were present including one guest and the guest speaker.

For the Program: Co Vice-President of Programs Kate Ely introduced Sarah Gardner, who is the Science Lab Coordinator at Blue Mountain Community College and owner of Beecology Consulting LLC. Her topic was “Pollinators of First Foods in the Blue Mountains.” She gave details of a study she recently completed for the CTUIR. She discussed her project which involved looking at four different first foods and how they were pollinated. She summarized what could be done in order to maintain or increase the pollination success.

Call to Order: Co-president Kate Mace called the general business meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Approved as printed in the newsletter.

Finance: Karen King reported that the checking account had a balance of \$1,254.88. The savings account had a balance of \$10,160.96. She indicated she paid the \$170 dues for the Chamber of Commerce and \$11.00 for a book of stamps. This next month she will write a check for \$350 for the BMCC Scholarship. The check for the Vert was cashed.

Officer/Project Reports:

Program: Ellen Morris Bishop will be our guest speaker for the April Branch meeting. Her topic will be “Confluence of Tribal Culture and Geology.”

Nominating Committee: The Committee work is ongoing. There was a plea for members to consider running for Co-President and Financial Vice President.

STEM Project: The project will be for 6th graders and will occur in the school. The students will be separating copper flakes from granite, both manually and chemically.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 18, 2021 – AAUW Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom.

April 1, 2021 – AAUW Branch Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Zoom, Ellen Morris Bishop, “Confluence of Tribal Cultural and Geology.”

April 15, 2021– AAUW Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Allen, Co-Recording Secretary

Slate of Officers for 2021–22

**To be voted on at the May Membership Meeting,
all terms are two years.**

Co-President: Susan Doyle
Co-Program Vice Presidents:
Harriet Isom
Barbara Lund-Jones
Co-Membership Vice Presidents:
Kate Ely
Sue Petersen
Co-Finance Vice Presidents:
Marlene Krout (Branch)
Kate Mace (Dues)
Co-Secretaries:
Jill Heffner
Kathy Ward

Annual Dues Campaign Begins in April

The AAUW membership year begins July 1 and All renewals are due by June 30. The collection of membership dues begins in April each year. This year dues officer Karen King will send an email in early April to each member with the renewal form as well as a link to renew with national online if you so choose. National dues, the major amount, have gone up \$3, so the total dues, with state and branch, will be \$87.

Program Notes for April 1 Zoom Meeting

Speaker Ellen Morris Bishop lives in Enterprise, Oregon. Bishop's photographic, teaching, and interpretive company is Terranes, LLC. As we become a more urban, urbane, and technologically driven society, it is essential to re-establish our ties to landscape and place. Bishop tries to accomplish this through both images and words, as well as interpretive work. With a Ph.D. in geology, and specialization in the exotic terranes of the Northwest, it is natural that Pacific Northwest landscapes--their geologic history and ecosystems--are her specialty.

More than any other science, geology is engaged with story. Geologists are, of necessity, yarn-spinners with a long reach in time. But even in papers that herald stunning new discoveries, the story is often obscured to general readers by scientific terms and academic text. Bishop's mission is to unveil these stories through images and understandable words that tell the science in rich and compelling detail.

Visit her website at *ellenmorrisbishop.com*

Equal Pay Day 2021 for All Women is March 24

March 24, 2021 is the day when women's pay "catches up" to what men were paid by December 31. Currently women are paid .82¢ for \$1.00 men are paid.