



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
October 2023

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October Membership Meeting

Speaker: Bruce Barnes
Program: “Xeriscaping, Little or
No Irrigation Landscaping”



Wednesday, October 4
7:00 p.m.
Vert Club Room

November Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 pm
Vert Club Room
Roberta Lavadour, “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion”

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Notes & Announcements

October Membership Meeting, Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.
Vert Club Room. Bruce Barnes will speak on xeriscaping a yard.
He sent a description of his program:

While most of us have spent time and money on their yard and are proud of their green, mowed lawn, climate changes require that we save water. We will discuss some ways to save water and still have an attractive yard by replacing water-guzzling grass with flowers, rocks, honeybees, and lots of color. It's xeriscaping, and it's catching on. Take a look at the Episcopal Church's yard for one way of doing it.!

October Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 18, 5:00 p.m., at
Kate Ely's home. Branch members are welcome to attend.

October Lunch Bunch, Thursday, October 19, 11:45 a.m., at
Sarah's Sweet & Savory (former Eden's Kitchen). We were
scheduled to eat there in September, but it was closed.

Welcome New Member

Carolyn Hollrah-Ramig
713-598-5792
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Friends of the Pendleton Library Book Sale Convention Center, October 26-28

Thursday, October 26: 7-9 pm Members

Friday, October 27: 10 am – 8 pm

Saturday, October 28: 10 am – 2 pm

3-5 pm bag sale

**AAUW PENDLETON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Kathy Ward's home 9/6/2023**

Call to Order: Co- President Mary Davis called the meeting to order @ 6:40 pm

Minutes: June 10 minutes approved as distributed

Reports:

Finance VP Accounts and budget: Marlene Krout

Savings acct funds: \$9,815.08; Checking acct funds: \$972.41; Sue Waldman Special Projects Fund: \$8,214.17. There will be a \$10,000 deposit from Wally Waldman into the fund.

Marlene explained how the BMCC scholarship fund is managed. The college distributes the money every quarter and any leftover money rolls over to the next year as long as the student is still enrolled at BMCC.

There was discussion about the cost of membership in the Chamber of Commerce. It costs us \$170 the group rate. If we only joined as a single it would be \$50. The downside would be that someone would have to be the contact person and distribute the information to the membership. Susan Doyle said she would be glad to do this.

The decision was tabled until January when it is time to renew our membership.

Marlene Krout presented the budget for 2023-2024. Kate Mace made a motion that we approve the budget as presented. It was unanimously approved.

Finance VP: Kate Mace reported there are 33 paid members.

Program VP: Barbara Lund-Jones/Harriet Isom

Mary Davis updated us on the coming programs. They are finalizing things and will print the list in the newsletter.

Membership VP: Sue Petersen

Shape the Future is still an option for new members.

Communications VP: Joan Deroko

The phone tree has been resumed.

Appointed positions:

1. Karen King, the Northeast Oregon District Director, informed the group of the upcoming October 21 meeting at 11:00-1:00 pm in LaGrande featuring Miriam Munck speaking about Prague.
2. Stem Miriam Munck: Miriam is having trouble getting the schools interested in doing a project. She would like to have a committee formed.

Continuing business:

Memorial books Karen King: There are 3 members that we need to purchase memorial books for: Kathy Chaney, Karen Allen, and Alerita Burns. Karen is contacting family members for input on what type of book to purchase.

New business:

none

Announcements:

The EO forum series is starting in October. AAUW is responsible for the ticket table.

Next membership meeting October 4 @ the Vert 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:00 pm

Kathy Ward, Co-Secretary

News AAUW Members Can Use

By Co-President Mary Davis

Upcoming Events

Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30, Downtown Pendleton

Stop by the Historical Society between 1-6 pm to pick up information for the self-guided tour of historical buildings in downtown Pendleton. This is a rare and fascinating opportunity that will allow visitors to view not only the past but changes for the future.

Wednesday, October 4, 7 pm, Vert Club Room

This is the beginning of a new AAUW year so please join us!

Bruce Barnes will provide a timely and important program on xeriscaping, a style of landscaping that requires little or no irrigation. Bruce is the owner of Flora ID Northwest and for the last 18 years Bruce has created plant identification software for many organizations and public entities. Bruce and Dianne have also offered their Zoom account for many AAUW meetings over the last three years.

If you need a ride, please let Mary Davis know.

Wednesday, October 4, 11 am, BMCC Library

Noemi Sanchez from El Salvador will provide a community presentation followed by a Q/A on the issues affecting the decisions her country's women, men, and families make as they consider immigrating north. Noemi will be accompanied by Leslie Vogel, who will translate for her and has been here before when she accompanied a visitor from Guatemala. Since 1984 more than 350 International Peacemakers from 60 countries have visited the US.

Tuesday, October 10, 7 pm, BMCC Room ST 200

The topic of the first EO Forum for 2023/24 will be "Banned Books." The fee for all four of the lectures is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. The fee at the door is \$5.00. AAUW is a co-sponsor of these lectures. Our program is "Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women" and will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Karen King and Sue Petersen have signed up to be the AAUW members at the ticket desk for the October 10 forum.

Saturday, October 21, 11-1 LaGrande

The Northeast Oregon AAUW District Meeting will be held in LaGrande with box lunches provided. Miriam Munck will share experiences of her recent trip to the Czech Republic. Karen King has planned and coordinated this opportunity and will send an email for you to sign up to attend.

Other Notes

Book Bans: Saturday, September 23rd, Pendleton Public Library

On September 23, two AAUW members, Regina Braker and Joan Deroko, helped to provide an excellent program at the library on the history of book banning that started in Germany in 1933. The role of interactive dialogue to settle differences and actual books on display that are considered “banned” made for a thought-provoking and intriguing afternoon for the 38 attendees. The “banned books” were provided by Joan Deroko and were available free for anyone who wanted to take one.

STEM

AAUW member Miriam Munck is the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) coordinator for our branch. As such, Miriam works with local school districts and EOU to search for and encourage students and teachers to utilize local resources and develop further opportunities. If you would like more information or to become involved, please reach out to Miriam at miriam814@gmail.com. The Sue Waldman Memorial Scholarship Fund provides support for this program.

AAUW Board Meetings

AAUW Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 pm. The intent is to meet and conduct business within an hour. All AAUW Branch members are invited to attend Board meetings and are encouraged to do so.



NE OR DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, October 21, 2023

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Cook Memorial Library

2006 Fourth St, La Grande, OR

Speaker:

Professor Miriam Munck

“Prague & the Czech Republic”

Watch your email in early October for a registration/lunch order form. I will need an attendee count as well as your lunch orders.