



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter

November 2025

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November Membership Meeting

Alina Blankenship and Craig Contor
“Masters of the Hunt:
Falconry for Sport and Conservation”



Wednesday, November 5
7:00 p.m.
The Foundation Room
Downstairs below the Parks & Rec Gym
501 SW Dorion

December Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 pm
Great Pacific
Addison Schulberg, “Educational Wine Tasting”

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2025-2026

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Co-Presidents Corner for November

By Susan Doyle, Co-President

Pendleton AAAUW is starting the holiday season with an activity-filled month. The NE District Meeting is November 1, our monthly membership meeting is November 5, EO Forum is November 18, Lunch Bunch is November 19, and our annual grapefruit sales is underway this month.

The upcoming membership meeting on November 5 has been moved from the Vert Club Room to the nearby Foundation Room because of a Vert scheduling conflict. In spite of the last-minute scramble, the program will be exceptional and feature a live falcon.

The next Eastern Oregon Forum (EO Forum) is on November 18 at the BMCC Library. Mary Davis is arranging for a panel on food insecurity, which is more critical than ever. AAUW Pendleton is one of the organizers of the forum that has offered this speaker series for at least the past thirty years.

Finally, we are in the midst of our annual grapefruit sales that supports the branch's BMCC scholarship. Hopefully you've contacted your buyers and are receiving the payments. Karen needs all receipts and payments by November 17 to place the pre-paid order. While it might seem like a time of pressure to get it all done, it is only once a year and is a significant benefit for the scholarship recipient.

I hope to see you at our upcoming activities. Happy fall.

Notes & Announcements

NE District Meeting: Saturday, November 1, at La Grande Public Library. Contact Kate Mace or Regina Braker to carpool.

November 5 Membership Meeting: Alina Blankenship with Sky Guardian Falconry and Craig Contor with CTUIR Fisheries Program will speak on falcon and fish conservation. **Dinner Divas** will meet at Hamley Steakhouse at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting.

November EO Forum: Panel on Food Insecurity, Tuesday, November 18, BMCC Library, 5:30 p.m.

November Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 5:00 p.m., Marlene Krout's home, 1214 NW Johns Ave.

November Lunch Bunch: Thursday, November 20, Nick's Corner Bistro, Echo. Carpool, 11:00 a.m. at Heritage Station Museum.

AAUW PENDLETON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2025, Vert Club Room

Call to Order: Karen King standing in for Co- Presidents called the meeting to order @ 8:20 pm
Number of members present: 14

Minutes: Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Officer Reports:

Finance VP Accounts and budget: Marlene Krout

Savings acct. funds: \$4,817.23 Checking acct. funds: \$2,410.19 CD: No report

Finance VP: Kate Mace: None

Program VP: Kate Ely

Next program is Nov. 5. The presentation will be by Elaine Blankenship on falconry for sport and conservation.

Membership VP: Sue Petersen

Sue would like someone to volunteer to assist her.

Communications VP: Delanne Ferguson: None

Appointed Positions:

Karen King, grapefruit: The prices will remain the same as last year at \$30 for a full box and \$15 for half a box. The distribution site will still be at Hodgen Distributing. Lists are being updated. Distribution date is TBD. If we sell over 500 boxes we will get a cost break.

Public Policy: Regina Braker gave a run down on what our AAUW state lobbyists are doing.

Continuing business:

NE District meeting: Regina Braker invited everyone to the district meeting in LaGrande on Nov. 1. They will be showing a film titled *Space, Hope, and Charity*.

Waldman Scholarships: Marlene Krout reported that 7, \$3,000 scholarships have been awarded. One recipient needs to delay their money until fall. BMCC scholarships applications are still coming in.

New Business: None

Announcements:

Board meeting Oct. 15, 5:00pm @ Kate Mace's home.

Lunch Bunch Oct. 16 Broken Barrel in Stanfield, Carpool 11:00 am.

NE Oregon district meeting Nov. 1, LaGrande public library, noon to 3:00 pm.

Membership meeting: Nov 5 @ 7:00 pm in the Vert. Special guest Claudia Gray.

Dinner Divas, Nov 5 @ 5:30 pm, Hamley's.

Indigenous Market @ Wildhorse Casino on Oct 10-11, 4-7 pm.

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:35 pm

Kathy Ward, Co-Secretary

Welcome New Member

Susan Fisher-Alexander
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NE District Meeting Saturday, November 1 Community Room, Cook Library, La Grande Noon-3:00 pm

The meeting of NE District Branches will feature showing the film *Space, Hope and Charity*, an independent documentary film about Charity Woodrum, a young woman from rural Oregon. She was a non-traditional university student, raised in poverty, the first in her family to graduate from high school. In her mid-20s, she was married and nine months pregnant when she decided to return to school to study physics. Then, her dream of becoming an astrophysicist was nearly derailed when she suffered a devastating tragedy. With help from friends old and new, she found her way back to the distant galaxies where she feels most at peace.



November is Grapefruit Selling Month!

LUNCH BUNCH REVIEW OCTOBER at the BROKEN BARREL in STANFIELD.

Jill Heffner

What a great day for a road trip! What a great place for lunch! Thursday, October 16, was a gloriously sunny, warm fall day when Jill, Kate, Marlene, Shannon, and Susan squeezed into Jill's Toyota RAV4 and toodled on down the interstate for lunch at the Broken Barrel in Stanfield, **highlighted in the Oct0ber 17 episode of "America's Best Restaurant."**

The Broken Barrel is a relaxed, friendly, accommodating bar and grill. Although it doesn't accept reservations, it did for us—there is only one seating area without high tables and barstools, and it was reserved for us. We're special!

We enjoyed the relaxed, friendly atmosphere. It was cozy and comfortable. Service was good; Jacob was courteous and went above and beyond when serving us. Although there were lots of menu choices, two of us chose the veggie sandwich, two of us enjoyed the pulled pork, and Kate had a chocolate milk shake. There was enough pulled pork on my sandwich that I took half of it home and the next day I made sandwiches for both Bob and me. I would definitely order it again!

We enjoyed the Broken Barrel last year and we did again. It's on our "Eat and Repeat List." Oh, and did I mention there is a darling, up-scale little boutique "Fun Fashions Boutiques" across the street? Two of us bought purses, one bought a topper, and the other two pledged to return. (Can you guess who bought what? 😊)

November Lunch Bunch: Nic's Corner Bistro, 201 W Main St, Echo. Thursday, November 20. Meet at Heritage Station at 11:00 to carpool...unless the weather changes our plans!



Jill Heffner, Kate Mace, Shannon Van Kirk, Marlene Krout, and Susan Doyle at Broken Barrow.



November 5 Program Notes

“Masters of the Hunt: Falconry Sport and Conservation”

Alina Blankenship, Sky Guardian Falconry

Craig Contor, CTUIR Fisheries Program

Alina Blankenship, Master Falconer, Sky Guardian Falconry, and Craig Contor, Project Leader, CTUIR Fisheries Program, will showcase hawks and falcons and discuss their role in predator control of fish-eating birds to help fish populations recover. Alina will bring a falcon.



Alina Blankenship is an Oregon Master Class Falconer with Sky Guardian Falconry who flies abatement and has completed several hundred educational programs. Sky Guardian Falconry, a female-owned business, provides a humane and sustainable solution to nuisance birds and wildlife in any situation. Learn more at skyguardianfalconry.com



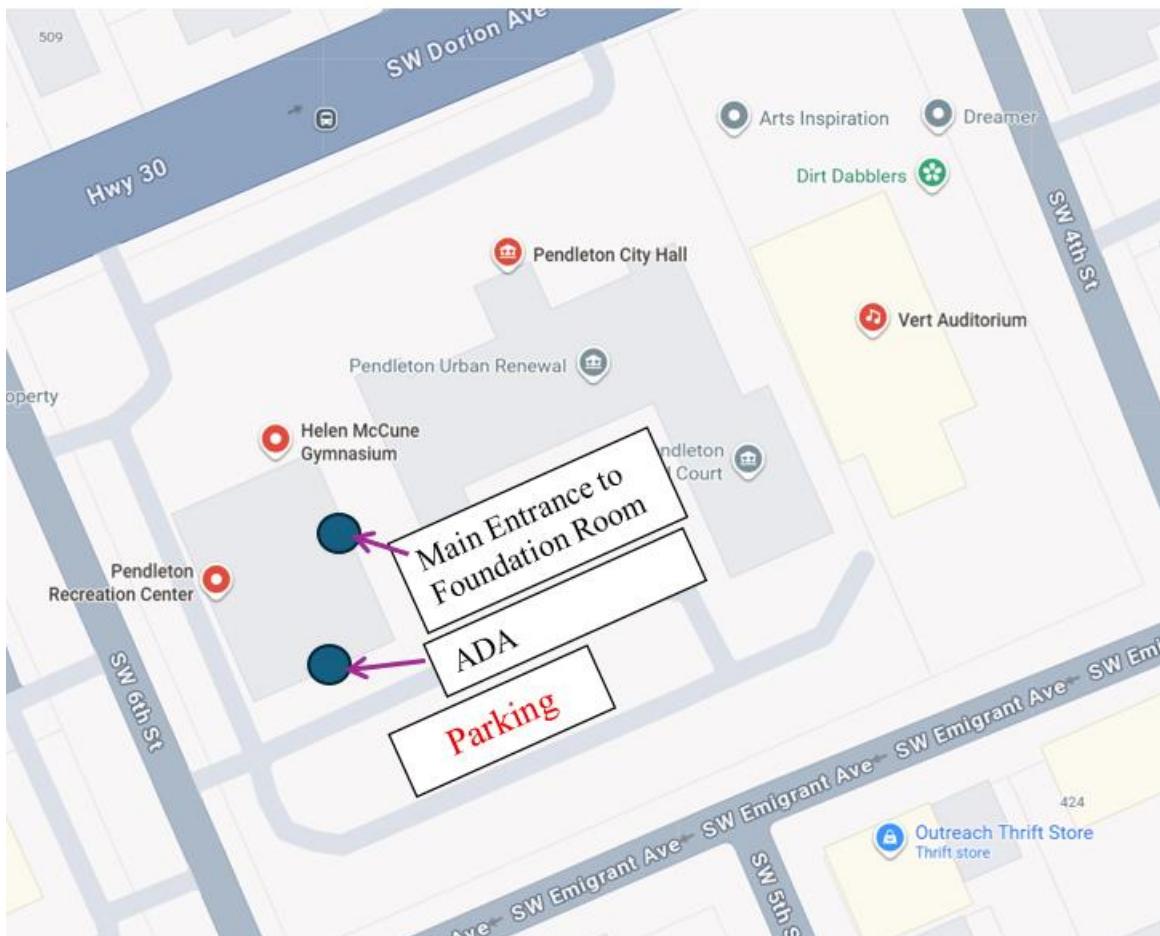
Craig Contor is a Fisheries Project Leader at CTUIR whose career and personal interest center on salmon, trout, steelhead, and their habitats in the Pacific Northwest. He works collaboratively with people at the local, state, tribal, and regional levels.



There will be a special guest at our November 5 meeting. Claudia Gray, longtime AAUW of Oregon leader, will speak to us during the business meeting about AAUW Legacy Circle and honor branch members who are Legacy Circle members.

The cost of this program exceeds our program budget, so at the business meeting following the program we will ask for donations to help cover the cost. Please consider bringing a donation or sending a check afterward to Marlene Krout to support this excellent and informative program.

Map for the Foundation Room



The Foundation Room is beneath the Pendleton Recreation Center gym at the west end of the Vert-City Hall- Library complex at SW 6th and Dorion. However, it has awkward access at the main entrance with stairs down to the room, but there is ADA accommodations at the south end of the building through a boxing gym. There won't be any boxers or basketball players to interrupt our program.