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April Branch Meeting

Joanne Bollinger

Jrecently had the pleasure of chatting with our April speaker, Dawn McAndrews, who took on the position of Producing Artistic Director of Theater at Monmouth in late 2011. She is a delightful, down to earth woman who has wrestled with the issue of balancing career and home responsibilities, as have all of us. Dawn will speak to us from the



perspective of one who has spent a portion of her working life in the theater, perhaps one of the more difficult arenas in which to manage that balancing act. At the same time, she'll shed light on the challenges and pleasures of her new position plus I think she'll let us in on some enticing tidbits about the upcoming season at the theater.

Dawn is an accomplished director, producer, and educator who has worked at theatres across the country including Shakespeare Theatre Company, Steppenwolf Theatre, Arena Stage, Portland Stage Company, and Shakespeare Festival St. Louis. Recent

directing credits include *The Language Archive* (Public Theatre), *The Glass Menagerie* and *Three Days of Rain* (1st Stage) Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice* (The Orange Girls) and Timberlake Wertenbaker's *Antigone* (Saint Louis University). Theater at Monmouth credits include *The Mousetrap*, *On the Twentieth Century*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Henry IV, Part 1*, *Of Thee I Sing*, *Hamlet*, and *This Wonderful Life*. She served as arts education consultant for the National Endowment for the Arts, Theatre Communications Group, the Shakespeare Theatre Association, and the D.C. Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative's Ford Foundation Initiative among others. As founder of the Teaching Artist Training Lab, an initiative designed to increase the capacity of teaching artists working in both schools and community-based organizations, she has facilitated trainings on arts-integrated curricula and inclusive learning environments.

From 1994-2007 she taught Arts Integration for Elementary School Teachers at UCLA Extension and served as Adjunct Faculty in the Performing Arts Department at Saint Louis University. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in Directing and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance. Dawn produced the 2010 International VSA Festival in Washington, D.C. featuring artists with disabilities from 67 countries and 47 events in 18 venues reaching audiences of more than 500,000.

Dawn joined Theater at Monmouth as producing artistic director in October 2011. She lives in Harpswell with her partner Jim and their two fabulous boys, Max and Ewan.

April Branch Meeting Annual Meeting

Guest Speaker: Dawn McAndrews

Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Morrell Meeting Room
Curtis Memorial Library
Brunswick

Refreshments

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

Growstown School

Linda Clement

Please join us for the annual Clean-Up of Growstown School as we prepare for the opening of spring classes. We'll meet at the school, corner of Woodside and Church Roads, Brunswick, on Tuesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. Bring your own cleaning supplies, including a rake if you like to work outdoors. (Hopefully, the snow will be gone by then.) Wood for the stove, including kindling, is always appreciated.

We're fortunate to have Gaye Miller and Peg Newberg returning as Growstown's school mistresses. We're also grateful to start the year with new pinafores (thanks to Joanne McDermott, Nancy Worthington, Martha McBride and Marge Henry), slates (thanks to Sally Gray), Second Reader textbooks and enameled cups! Our successful Harvest Bake Sale helped make a number of these purchases possible.

Our first group of 19th century scholars arrives on April 25. To date, twenty one classes have registered to attend the school this spring. We're all looking forward to another good year.



Calendar

- April 11 **Book Group**, Thornton Oaks Library, 2 p.m., Discussion of *The Hare With the Amber Eyes* by Edmund deWaal, led by Joanne Bollinger
- April 16 **Growstown School Clean-Up Day**, Corner of Church and Woodside Roads, Brunswick, 9 a.m.
- April 17 **Annual Branch Meeting**, Curtis Memorial Library, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 **Knitting Group**, Home of Debbie Schall, 251 Woodside Road, Brunswick, 1 p.m.
- April 23 **Board Meeting**, Thornton Hall Activity Room, Brunswick, 4 p.m.
- April 26 **Out to Lunch Bunch**, Kennebec Tavern, 119 Commercial Street, Bath, 11:30 a.m.
- April 26-27 **AAUW State Convention**, University of Maine's Hutchinson Center, Belfast
- May 8 **Book Group Pot Luck Luncheon**, Home of Judith Johanson, Mere Point - 28 East Marginal Way, Brunswick, Discussion of *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah
- May 11 **Spring Breakfast**, High Head Yacht Club
- June 9-12 **AAUW National Convention**, New Orleans

Out to Lunch Bunch

Betty Fitzjarrald

Spring is here! The Out To Lunch Bunch will celebrate this welcome season by enjoying lunch together at the Kennebec Tavern, 119 Commercial Street, Bath, Friday, April 26th, 11:30 a.m..

Please join Sally Gray, who will be your hostess, and have fun watching the antics of the seagulls and ducks on the Kennebec River while dining together.

Sally's contact information: sallyagray1@gmail.com or 443-6516.

Knitting Group

Debbie Schall

We will get together on April 19 at my home, 251 Woodside Road, Brunswick at 1 p.m.

For those ladies who like to knit but don't have a current project, Afghans for Afghans has just announced their newest campaign. They need **Wool Sweaters**, knitted or crocheted, for Trust in Education's female students at their new school in Farza, **plus** wool socks, mittens and hats for

students, street children, and internally displaced people in Afghanistan -- ages 7 - 16 years. This is the first campaign for this accomplished organization. Trust in Education (TIE) is a U.S.-based non-profit, grass-roots organization that delivers educational, economic, and health care assistance to villages in Afghanistan. TIE's school for girls in Farza is opening this spring. Afghans for Afghans wants to give a new, colorful, and cheerful wool sweater to each girl for their first winter in their new school.

FMI, please contact me at dmschall@comcast.net or 725-7693. We also welcome non-knitters to join us for tea and cookies and conversation.

Book Group

Please note the changes in the books chosen for April and May. April's book is *The Hare With the Amber Eyes* by Edmund deWaal, and May's book will be *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah.

FMI, please contact Judith Johanson at jjwhimbrel@comcast.net or 725-6102.

State Convention Basket Raffle

It's time to create another lovely goodie basket!

For those members new to the branch - each year we bring one or two themed baskets filled with donated items to the state convention in April, where they are raffled off with the proceeds going to national AAUW Funds.

This year our basket theme will be *Stonewall Kitchen*



Products. Anything and everything they make will be welcome additions, and there are many local stores that carry the tasty items. Please bring your donations to the April 17 meeting. The state has asked us to make smaller baskets so they will be easier to handle and will offer members more chances to win. Our branch hopes to fill at least two.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the April meeting, and you do not have to be present at the state convention in Belfast to win. We've had basket winners from our branch every year, and if you do win, one of our members will bring a basket home to you.

Co-Presidents' Letter

Joanne Bollinger

Greetings to each and every one of you. Many thanks to all who attended the March meeting, which wasn't quite what we had planned, but your gracious co-operation made for a most pleasant morning. If you weren't there, perhaps you didn't know that our speaker, Liz Doucett, woke up that morning with the flu and could barely croak out a few words. A bit of scrambling ensued and we came up with Plan B: Betty Hartley shared her work with asylum seekers from Burundi, I told about my upcoming volunteer stint in Zambia, and Charlotte Price had at the ready the excellent documentary, *What I Want My Words to Do to You*. Those who chose to stay found it a very moving, powerful story of women writers in prison.

My **Dawnbreaker** arrived a couple of days ago with details about the State Convention in Belfast. I plan to go up on Friday, April 26, but I think others will drive up for Saturday only. Let's have a great showing from Bath-Brunswick for what promises to be an inspiring time. I have room for three passengers. Does anyone want to bunk with me?!

Just have to say this: You're a great bunch! We have so many willing workers -- whether as Board members, Growstown

Proposed Budget 2013-2014

	Proposed 2012-2013	Actual 2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014
INCOME			
Dues	\$670.00	\$690.00	\$700.00
Fundraisers			
Greens Event	\$1,800.00	\$1,865.00	\$1,900.00
Donations	\$500.00	\$436.00	\$73,000
Other Income			
Bake Sale	\$500.00	\$675.00	\$500.00
Supper Income	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$150.00
State Convention			
	\$3,620.00	\$3,831.00	\$3,980.00
EXPENSE			
Insurance	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
Hospitality	\$60.00	\$62.00	\$60.00
Meeting Expenses	\$250.00	\$260.00	\$250.00
Speakers	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Growstown School	\$250.00	\$667.00	\$200.00
Newsletter	\$200.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
State and Reg'l Mtgs			\$5,000.00
State Convention	\$150.00	\$9.00	\$150.00
AAUW Funds	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Local Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$1,496.00	\$1,500.00
President	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Treasurer	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$10.00
Membership	\$100.00	\$141.00	\$150.00
National Convention	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$350.00
	\$3,620.00	\$4,114.00	\$3,980.00

workers, knitters, refreshment providers -- that it makes Team Joanne's job easy. Then there's the fun of Out-To-Lunch Bunch and the stimulation of our book group. Share the joy and keep on bringing your friends.

Please join us on April 17th for the short Annual Meeting at the Curtis Memorial Library during which we will vote on the 2013-2014 Budget and have our Election of Officers. I predict that you will find Dawn McAndrews' presentation most enjoyable. Bring your basket contributions and be ready for a surprise announcement. For all of those reasons, I would be thrilled to see a roomful of AAUW-ers that evening.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for the 2013-2014 year:

Co-Program VPs: Charlotte Price
Deborah Cravey
Membership VP: Betty Hartley
Treasurer: Martha McBride