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

September Pot Luck and Branch Meeting

Deborah Cravey

2012 marks the 50th anniversary of Rachel Carson's revolutionary work, *Silent Spring*. This book led to the banning of harmful pesticides, the creation of



Rachel Carson

the Environmental Protection Agency, and most importantly laid the groundwork for the modern environmental movement. Ms. Carson has inspired generations of women to pursue environmental and scientific causes. At the September 24 meeting, our guest Annie Gilmore will speak about Ms. Carson's legacy in Maine, how her work has inspired women of all ages and how it is relevant today. Ms. Gilmore is a contractor for the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge in Wells. Her work revolves around planning events celebrating *Silent Spring's* anniversary and conducting outreach to spread its messages of interconnectedness and environmental activism. Her degree in Environmental Studies and multiple

seasons at the refuge have given her a deep appreciation for environmental advocates, especially exceptional ones like Rachel Carson herself.

The Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1966 and now spans over 5500 acres of pristine native habitat. Managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, it is one of 556 national wildlife refuges throughout the country. The refuge was named after Rachel Carson in honor of her love of the Maine coast, which inspired many of her early writings. Rachel



Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge

Carson wrote *Silent Spring* to teach the world about the dangers of the unrestricted use of noxious pesticides, namely, DDT. At a time when citizens, let alone women, were unlikely to speak up, Ms. Carson broke barriers and defended her work, paving the road for generations of women to come.

Join us on September 24 to learn her story and how it has changed the world for women and for all. Cider and socializing will start off the evening followed by our Annual Harvest Supper. Look for further details, and reservation information, inside.

September Branch Meeting

Speaker: Annie Gilmore

Rachel Carson's Legacy in Maine

Monday, September 24, 5:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church

320 Church Road

Brunswick

Harvest Supper - \$15

Growstown School

Linda Clement

AAUW members and friends stepped forward this summer to help with needed projects for Growstown. Joanne McDermott, Nancy Worthington and Martha McBride made pinafores for our young scholars to wear when they spend a day at the one-room school. Sandy Perry is next in line to receive the pattern and begin her sewing. If anyone else would like to help with this endeavor please contact Linda Clement.

Betty Fitzjarrald found and purchased enamel cups and Sally Gray located slates. Needed First and Second Readers may soon be available from Norlands. After 29 years of operation many items for our living history program have been in need of replacement and we're delighted to have met with such recent success!

New signs are being made by Carrot Signs and plans for painting the school building are well underway. Phil Dionne is in charge of this project and Hancock Lumber is donating the paint and supplies. We are grateful for all the support received from so many!

Mark your calendars now for the third Annual Harvest Bake Sale and Open House at the school to be held Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will support the school. . . details will follow in the October Newsletter.

Calendar

- September 12 **Book Group**, Thornton Oaks Library, 2:00 p.m.
- September 21 **Knitting Group**, Home of Debbie Schall, 251 Woodside Road, Brunswick, 1:00 p.m.
- September 24 **Branch Meeting**, United Methodist Church, Brunswick, Social, 5:30 p.m.; Supper, 6:00 p.m.; Program, 7:00 p.m.
- September 25 **Board Meeting**, Thornton Hall Activity Room, 4:00 p.m.
- October 10 **Book Group**, *The Woman Behind the New Deal* by Kirsten Downey
- October 11 **Branch Meeting**, Thornton Oaks, Brunswick 7:00 p.m.
- October 13 **Annual Harvest Bake Sale and Open House**, Growstown School, Brunswick, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Book Group

Judith Johanson

We are having the first meeting of the book group at Thornton Oaks Library on Wednesday, September 12, at 2 pm. I am hoping that everyone will bring a book to share that they would like to have us discuss this winter. We will as usual vote on 7 books to be discussed, the dates for the discussions are, all Wednesdays: Sept. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 14; Jan. 9; Feb. 13; Mar. 13; Apr. 10; May 8. The May meeting is usually a luncheon meeting, and the date is subject to change if necessary. On October 10 we will be discussing *The Woman Behind the New Deal* by Kirsten Downey, led by Frances Caswell. We always pick the October book the year before.

New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact me at 725-6102 or jjwhimbrel@comcast.net.

Knitting Group

Debbie Schall

The knitting ladies will start up their season on Friday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. at my home, 251 Woodside Road, Brunswick. We welcome new members to join us for knitting, tea and cookies, and lots of conversation. You are welcome to bring along any knitting project you are currently knitting or wish to start. Some of our members knit items for *afghans* for

afghans, a humanitarian and educational people-to-people project that sends hand-knit and crocheted blankets and sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, and socks to the people of Afghanistan. Our knitters recently sent off a box of hats and mittens that they had completed over the summer.

If you are interested in knitting but need some help, we have several experienced knitters in the group who would be happy to share their knowledge.

FMI: contact me at dmschall@comcast.net or 725-7693.

Out to Lunch Bunch

The Out to Lunch Bunch will begin its year in October. Please check the October newsletter for details.

Harvest Bake Sale

The second annual Harvest Bake Sale and Open House at the Growstown School will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are looking for members to make baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles, etc. Please be prepared to sign up at the September branch meeting. This fund raiser will support the branch Growstown School Living History Program.

Harvest Supper

Our fall tradition continues with the annual Harvest Supper kicking off another AAUW year. This is a great time to renew friendships and to welcome new members and guests.

Our co-president Joanne McDermott is leading the event, and she needs more help. Several members have already volunteered to make food, but we need two more tossed green salads and a few more bakers of dessert bars, such as lemon, pumpkin or apple. Members who donate food do not pay for their supper. We could also use another couple of gals who would be willing to help with set-up and clean-up.

Contact Joanne if you are willing to help at 729-0685 or vjmcdermott@aol.com.

Reservations

Please make supper reservations by September 19. Contact Deborah Cravey at 373-1749 or gmcdbc18@comcast.net

Harvest Supper

Monday, September 24

United Methodist Church, Brunswick

5:30 p.m. Cider and Socializing

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Branch Meeting and Program

Menu

Vegetable Lasagna

Tossed Green Salad

Warm Crusty Bread

Assorted Home Baked Dessert Bars

Coffee and Tea

\$15

Membership News

Betsy Schmidt

We currently have 65 members including three new members: Betty Hartley, Martha McBride, and Nancy Nellis. They will have a star on their name tags at the September meeting, so please welcome them and introduce yourself.

The membership booklet will be out at the October meeting and only paid members will be included.

If you have not paid your 2012-13 dues, you may bring your check for \$69 to the September meeting.

Co-Presidents' Letter

Joanne Bollinger

I'm sitting at my table in Eagle Harbor, MI on a hot summer day, yet anticipating the opening of our AAUW year, trusting that we'll have a cool "autumnny" evening for our Harvest Supper on September 24th. The Board has put together plans for a marvelous meal while the Program Committee guarantees a fine time with Anne Gilmore from the Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge. As always, this occasion is very special as we renew our friendships, enjoy the produce from local gardens, and grow and learn together. Look for details elsewhere in this letter.

My thanks to the Board -- especially the other Joanne -- for carrying on in my absence, with special gratitude to the Program Committee, headed by Charlotte Price and Deborah Cravey, for planning a varied, fascinating series of programs and activities for 2012-2013. You will benefit to the degree that you are able to participate, so join us as often as possible!

One final thought: There are a number of members who find it difficult to attend, either because of transportation difficulties or health reasons. When the directory is issued in October, look at the membership list and think about what you might do to help out those women who gave much to our branch in earlier years. We are the largest branch in the state, thanks in part to those who came before, but also because we have so many vital, interesting women who care about our present and future -- and each other.

Hoping to see you on the 24th.

Branch Website

The branch website is updated monthly and lists the current month's calendar, all the programs for the year, and the most recent newsletters. Please refer to it if you misplace your newsletter. The new site is at bathbrunswick-me.aauw.net. It can also be accessed through the National AAUW site at www.aauw.org.

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ARTS COLUMN

Pat Forsyth

Something new and exciting to start the year! Announcing "Culture Club-Portland". The Portland Symphony Orchestra is thrilled to announce an exciting arts education initiative that will benefit thousands of children in Portland. The Culture Club, a collaborative partnership between the PSO, Portland Museum of Art, Portland Ovations, and Portland Stage, will provide K-12 students from the Portland Public School district with consistent access to the partnering arts institutions and their programs, free of charge. Generously funded by an anonymous donor, the Culture Club will develop a child's lifelong relationship to the arts in a meaningful way. The Culture Club has been in the works for over a year. The program, which will be administered by the Portland Education Foundation, will begin serving students in the upcoming 2012 school year.

BROADWAY PERFORMANCES IN PORTLAND

West Side Story Friday Nov. 9th, 8 PM and Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2 pm and 8 pm. Merrill Auditorium

Disney's Beauty and the Beast Friday, Jan. 4th, 7 pm and Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1 pm and 7 pm. Merrill Auditorium

The Midtown Men: 4 stars from the original cast of Jersey Boys, Thursday, Feb. 14th, 7:30 pm Merrill Auditorium

Rock of Ages Sat. March 30, 2013, 8pm Merrill Auditorium

Hair Friday, April 19th, 2013, 8 pm Merrill Auditorium
Call PortTix: 207-842-0800 for all of the above

COUNTRY FAIRS

Common Ground Country Fair Sept. 21-23 568-4142

Cumberland County Fair Sept. 23-29 829-5531

ART MUSEUMS

Bowdoin College Museum of Art, *William Wegman: Hello Nature*, July 13- Oct. 21

Farnsworth Art Museum *Impressionist Summers: Frank W. Benson's North Haven and Jamie Wyeth, Rockwell Kent and Monhegan* explores how rugged Monhegan Island inspired the work of Wyeth and Kent Through Dec. 30th

Portland Museum of Art *The Portland Society of Art: Winslow Homer's Legacy in Maine* examines the artistic relationship between the painter and his close friend, the architect John Calvin Stevens and the early years of the Portland Society of Art Through Jan. 13, 2013

BOSTON

Madame Butterfly Boston Lyric Opera, Citi Performing Arts Center, Shubert Theatre, November 2-11

How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Musical Citi Performing Arts Center, Wang Theater, Nov. 23 - Dec. 9