

November Branch Meeting

Down East Magazine staff photographer, Benjamin Williamson, will share some of his beautiful, and sometimes very dramatic, scenic photography, Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at the Curtis Memorial Library Morrell Meeting Room.



If you haven't already seen Ben's work, you are in for a treat. He isn't your traditional landscape photographer. Instead of seeking places devoid of human presence, Ben likes to showcase our relationship to the environment through images that include man-made objects. A lifelong love of history and the weather have combined in images that feature classic Maine and New England scenery in beautiful light and unusual conditions.

Ben's images have been featured in galleries, magazines, book, calendars, and more. He primarily works around his home in Brunswick, focusing on the coastal character of neighboring Harpswell and communities and landmarks up and down the coast.

Lighthouses hold a special attraction, along with boats, trees, harbors, and historic architecture.

From the artist, "I love the idea of discovering the 'roots' of a place. Natural wonders stand beside man-made landmarks to captivate my imagination and inspire me to capture them. Through me you will see a world idealized and distilled into mostly simple scenes. My aim is to inspire hope and wonder, not to bring you down with the shortcomings of our social and political lives. I'll leave that important role to others. Come with me and see the world how I see it."

Message from Our Leadership Team

Helene Maraghy

With Maine's first "Indigenous People's Day" having been celebrated just two

days prior, our October 16 speaker at the Highland Green Community Center, offered us an opportunity to extend our focus on Native peoples and learn about the issues they face in their own communities and living among the greater community at large.

Mihku Paul, the offspring of a native woman raped by a white man, she told stories of her difficult start in life, the struggles she continues to face as a woman and as a mixed-blood Amerindian.

The audience of AAUW members with some spouses, as well as members of the Highland Green community, learned how Mihku has found healing and sense of self through her art and poetry and offered it as a way for all as a means to cope with issues we face in our own lives.

Our next membership meeting is November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Curtis Memorial Library. Our speaker will be Benjamin Williamson, staff photographer for Down East magazine.

If you have not previously seen Ben's work, you will be astounded by what he will be sharing with us. His work features scenes of Mid Coast Maine, lighthouses, dramatic sunrises, and moon shots, and other subjects taken in all seasons of the year. With the holiday season just around the corner, it will be a perfect opportunity for you to stake out the perfect gift for that special someone on your gift-giving list.

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Guest Speaker, Benjamin Williamson, Photographer

The World Through My Lens

Wednesday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Morrell Meeting Room

Curtis Library
Brunswick

Refreshments

Out to Lunch Bunch

Betty Fitzjarrald

The Out To Lunch Bunch will meet and greet on Friday, November 22nd at 11:30 a.m. at Antigoni's restaurant.

This will be a new restaurant for the group to try. Antigoni's is located at 232 Bath Road, Brunswick on the left as you turn into the Walmart parking lot.

The menu offers salads, pasta, pizza, hot subs and Italians.

Come and enjoy relaxing with fellow AAUW members before the busy holidays.

Please let Betty Fitzjarrald know if you are planning to attend.

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Knitting Group

Debbie Schall

How are you all doing on your Christmas knitting? Yes, Me too! So let's get together on Friday November 8, 1 p.m. at my house, 1 Rockrose Way, Brunswick, and do lots of knitting while we enjoy tea, cookies, and good conversation.

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

Calendar

- November 8 **Knitting Group**, Home of Debbie Schall, Brunswick, 1 p.m.
- November 13 **Book Group**, Thornton Oaks Library, 2 p.m., Discussion of *Educated* by Tara Westover
- November 19 **Board Meeting**, Seminar Room, Curtis Library, 2 p.m.
- November 20 **Branch Meeting**, Morrell Meeting Room, Curtis Library, 7 p.m.
- November 22 **Out to Lunch Bunch**, Antigoni's Restaurant, 232 Bath Road, Brunswick, 11:30 a.m.
- December 11 **Holiday Party and Greens Event**, Curtis Library 1904 Room, 5-6:30 p.m.
- January 8 **Book Group**, *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- January 27 **SAVE THE DATE for our Henry and Marty Luncheon!**