

March Branch Meeting

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'Radical' Suffragists in Maine & America

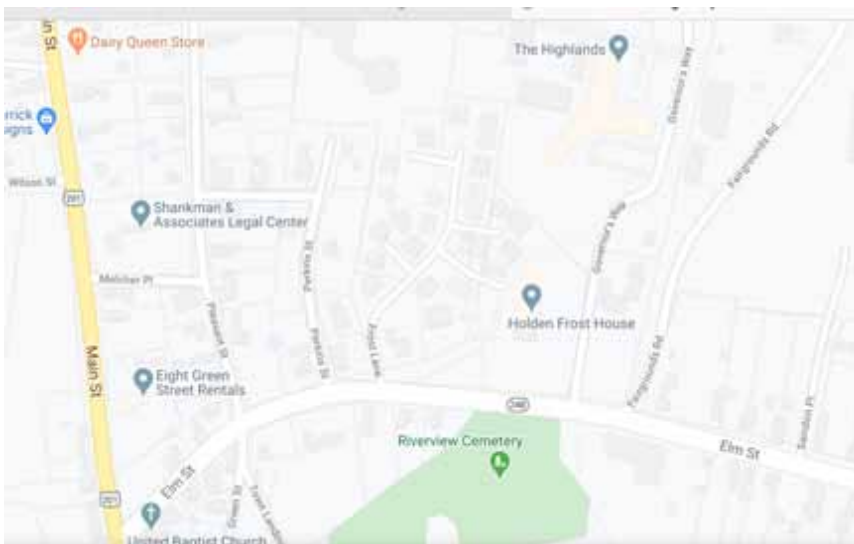


ANNE B. GASS

Author of *Voting Down the Rose: Florence Brooks Whitehouse & Maine's Fight for Women's Suffrage*

Anne will speak about the suffrage efforts of her great-grandmother, Florence, the subject of her book. Florence was a Maine novelist, painter, vocalist, and mother of three sons when she first joined the suffrage movement. Anne will explore Florence's life up to 1914 and her leadership in moving suffrage forward in Maine, joining forces with national leader Alice Paul in a desperate, last-ditch effort to ensure that the Maine legislature ratified the 19th Amendment that would give women voting rights.

Directions to Holden Frost House, Topsham



From Our Leadership Team

Karen Bragaw

The January/February meeting highlighted the Beecher sisters and their efforts to advance education for girls in the 1800s. It was especially appropriate considering Harriet Beecher Stowe's connection with Brunswick. Cathi Belcher is a dynamic speaker and obviously had done much research on her topic. Many thanks to Debbie Schall and Carolyn Ingraham for organizing the event.

In March we are going to do something slightly different with a "Brown Bag" luncheon on Wednesday, March 18th. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. for AAUW members at the Holden Frost House. Bring whatever you want for your lunch, and we will have about 30 minutes to socialize and eat. At noon the presentation will start and the public is invited to join us. Although Holden Frost is part of The Highlands, it is entered from Elm St. in Topsham (see map). The building is accessible, and there is an elevator to the meeting room on the second floor.

Our speaker, Anne Gass, has a close connection to the Women's Suffrage Movement. Her great grandmother was Florence Brooks Whitehouse, a leading organizer in the Maine movement. She talks about the women who made it all happen a hundred years ago with humor and affection. Anne received a BA from Reed College and an MA from the University of Maryland.

Please join us for this very special program.

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Guest Speaker, Anne B. Gass
Wednesday, March 18, 11:30 a.m.
Holden Frost House, The Highlands
7 Academy Lane, Topsham
Brown Bag Lunch

We are repeating the OTLB note from last month as there is still time to reserve...

Out To Lunch Bunch

Betty Fitzjarrald

The Out to Lunch Bunch will gather at Scarlet Begonias, 16 Station Ave., Brunswick on Friday, February 28. I look forward to seeing AAUW friends after my long winter visit with family in the northwest.

Please let me know if you plan to attend. Call 442-9780 or e-mail bfitz831@gmail.com

Calendar

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| February 28 | Out to Lunch Bunch , Scarlet Begonias, Brunswick, 11:30 a.m. |
| March 11 | Book Group , Thornton Oaks Library, 2 p.m., Discussion of <i>Foreign Correspondent</i> by Geraldine Brooks |
| March 13 | Knitting Group , Home of Debbie Schall, 1 p.m. |
| March 18 | Branch Meeting, Brown Bag Lunch , The Highlands, Holden Frost House, Topsham, 11:30 a.m. |
| March 24 | Board Meeting , Curtis Library Seminar Room. 2 p.m. |
| April 8 | Book Group , <i>After the Eclipse</i> by Sarah Perry |
| April 15 | Branch Meeting |
| May 1-2 | AAUW Maine Convention , Waterville |