

August 2021

Celebrating 97 Years of AAUW in Monmouth!

Presidents' Report

Nancy Buban and Sarah Henderson

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." In this quote, Angela Davis has a twist on the age-old slogan from the Serenity Prayer. Though we are nonpartisan, we are not values neutral. We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state, and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination.

As we begin our 97th year of AAUW in Warren County keep in mind that we still have much to accomplish. We will continue to follow AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Thank you to officers and committee chairs who have arranged diverse programs for 2021-2022. Each contribution was greatly appreciated.

The Adelante book discussion group will once again offer a list of books for the year and invites those interested to join the discussion. Film group remains "on hold" because of reluctance to "cram" everyone into my TV room. We are hoping that the college will have films that we can attend, and, in the past, the Orpheum has shown films of interest like the documentary RGB. We will keep members posted when films will arise.

Kathy Lowe-Arthur has once again graciously offered her home for the August 16th Kick off Potluck at 6:00. Thank you, Kathy, for hosting once again. After a difficult year of zooming, familiar faces will be a welcome sight. Please join Sarah and me for the gathering.

Nancy

Program

Michelle Holschuh Simmons

On **Monday, August 16th at 6:00 PM** please join us at Kathy Lowe-Arthur's house for the **kick-off meeting and potluck**. If you need Kathy's address, please email Michelle at michelle.h.simmons@gmail.com. Please bring a dish to pass. Sincere thanks to Kathy for her gracious hospitality!



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Treasurer's Report

Judy Diemer

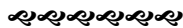
The checking account balance at the end of our fiscal year (June 30) was \$1643.16.

I requested assistance by the national office in filing the Monmouth Area Branch IRS 990 form for the FY and received email confirmation that the request had been approved and paperwork completed.

Liability insurance renews 8/22 and a check of \$267 for the annual policy was mailed 7/15.

Checking account balance as of 7/31 is \$1376.16.

Film Group



Looking for a place to meet.



¡Adelante! Book Group

Jan De Young

Book group will convene on Zoom on Tuesday, August 24th to discuss "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid. Since three of our book group members have or will have moved away, we may continue to meet on Zoom. We'd love to have other branch members join us!



Congratulations!

Jan DeYoung

Congratulations to Lisa Morrow, who received an Honorable Mention award for her painting "Edge Crossing" at the Art from the HeARTland show at Buchanan Center for the Arts. And congratulations also to Vera Fornander, who was the winner of the drawing for a gift basket containing art from three local artists.

Love Letters

Jan De Young & Kristyne Gilbert

If you haven't made reservations to see "Love Letters" at BCA on August 13-15, please do so now! It's a sweet play with two characters. Our own Vera Fornander will be appearing in one performance and Mary Osborne at another, as will Sarah Henderson's husband, John. Check the BCA website to see who is performing at which time, as the cast is different for each show! Friday and Saturday at 7:00, Saturday and Sunday at 2:30. Doors open 30 minutes before each performance.

More info: Get your tickets at the Buchanan Center (64 Public Square, Monmouth) for "Love Letters". Limited seating! \$5 for BCA members, \$10 for non-members. Cast: Tom Best & Vera Fornander 7:30pm Friday August 13; Al Kulczewski & Jan Penn 2:30pm Saturday, August 14; Mary Osborne & John Henderson 7:30pm Saturday, August 14; and Tom Lietsch & Carolyn Suda 2:30pm Sunday, August 15. Doors open at 7pm or 2pm, for a cocktail!



For our historical record

Jan De Young

I am still looking for any minutes, treasurer's book, clippings, award certificates, or other AAUW branch materials that should be in the Archives at Monmouth College's Hewes Library. If anyone has anything that should go into the archives, please let me know. I will be happy to pick up any materials. Or bring them to the potluck on August 16th. Thanks!



From Buchanan Center

Kristyne Gilbert

ART FROM THE HEARTLAND

Featuring all mediums from 29 local and regional artists, the exhibition is on view through August 27, 2021. Don't wait until the last minute. See you in the gallery!

TIN CUP MURAL

It won't be much longer until Tin Cup mural is complete. Want to be a part of the arts and create alongside Rebecca Quick & Kendall Thompson? Stop by 226 S. Main Street, 2:30-5pm Wednesdays through the end of August. Make your mark on our community!

AUDITIONS: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Auditions will be held for "A Christmas Carol" on September 8, 9, and 12 at the Wells Theatre on the Monmouth College campus, 700 E. Broadway. Auditions are 6:30pm-8:30pm on September 8, 5:30-8:30pm on September 9, and 1-3pm on September 12. Callbacks will occur at 3pm on September 12, if necessary.

Auditions are open for all ages, from elementary school age and up. Director Mel Delbridge is committed to diverse casting and performers of all races, gender identities, neurodivergence, and abilities are encouraged to audition.

For students and adults, requirements are 16 bars or 30 seconds of a Christmas carol or hymn, which can be sung a cappella or with recorded music and reading from sides which will be available at the audition or may be requested in advance. Auditionees may perform a 1-2 minute classic or contemporary monologue as well, but monologues are not required.

Photos will be taken at auditions, but actors may bring photos and resumes, if they have them. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin October 3, and production is November 19-22.

For more information, to request sides, or schedule an audition appointment, please email Gabbay Madu at gmadu@monmouthcollege.edu.

COMMUNITY ARTS ACCESS GRANTS

DEADLINE: Friday, August 20, 2021

Buchanan Center for the Arts is accepting grant proposals from local arts and nonprofit educational organizations. Applications will be available **beginning Friday, July 2**. Grant funds are designated to support artists and nonprofit arts and educational organizations in Warren County. All eligible grant proposals are reviewed by a four-member peer panel. Community Arts Access grants are available for visual, musical, performing, literary, and interdisciplinary arts projects that provide community-based programming.

Projects or programs must make a concerted effort to serve diverse and under-represented populations. Grant applications and guidelines are available at the Buchanan Center for the Arts, 64 Public Square, Monmouth, or online at bcaarts.org under the "Special Events" tab.

Kristyne Gilbert

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Building Community through the Arts

Remember to enjoy the journey.



Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Association Web site: www.aauw.org

AAUW-Illinois Web site:

<http://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

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