

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for all 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

CALENDAR

December 10, Thursday	Envision the Future STEM Resource Fair, Bridgewater State University, 2:30 PM Call Lynn Howard to volunteer
December 13, Sunday	Holiday Social, noon Daniel Webster Estate, Marshfield Sheila Doherty – 781-848-8122 Greenharbor11@verizon.net
December 15, Tuesday	Book Group, 7:00 PM Call Nancy Yellin for details
December 17, Thursday	Girls' Game Night, 7 PM Home of Sandy Carle Scarle12@aol.com
January 12, Tuesday	Branch Meeting, 6:30 PM Allerton House, Hingham
February 9, Tuesday	Branch Meeting, 7:00 PM Weymouth High School Five STEM Camp attendees report
April 9, Saturday	STEM Conference for Girls Weymouth High School Call Lynn Howard to volunteer

HOLIDAY SOCIAL A Victorian Christmas

On Sunday December 13 at noon we will be touring the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster Street, Marshfield. This is a great time to see this lovely Victorian house as it will be decorated for the holiday season. The tour is \$8 for seniors and \$10 for the general public – to be collected at the door that day. Around 1:00 I will be expecting you to arrive at my house, 115 Bay Avenue, Green Harbor for "high tea". A \$5 donation will be collected at my house for the cost of the food at the tea. Please let me know if you are coming to my house as I need to plan the food.

Sheila greenharbor11@verizon.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

Abigail Adams

Our November branch meeting, “Keeping Memories Alive” was excellent. Thanks to Sandy for arranging for a great speaker (Tamy-Fee Meneide) and inviting Delta Kappa Gamma sisters to join us for a memorable program.

We have reached our 2015 goal for AAUW Funds. Thanks in part to a very successful paint party hosted by Sheila and Michael Doherty. Our NCCSWL fund is also doing well for 2016, since some of the funds raised were placed there. Thanks to all who attended and made donations.

A special thank you goes to Fran Schlesinger for keeping us updated on AAUW by-laws.

There is a very interesting article in the Fall 2015 *AAUW Outlook* on page 10, “Coding the Future” by Elizabeth Bolton. Our branch is keeping up with STEM activities. Keep February 9th and April 9th dates available to attend our very own STEM programs.

Please plan to join us for our December 13th Holiday Social,

Good wishes are sent out to all for a wonderful 2015 holiday with family and friends.

Ruthanne

SOCIAL

On Tuesday January 12 at 6:30 we will be meeting at the Allerton House, 15 Condito Road, Hingham for a light supper and book discussion. As we do for Pot Luck, please let me know what you will be bringing to contribute to our meal.....Don't forget to bring along your place setting, whether it be china or paper. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Again, let me know if you are coming so that we have enough tables and chairs.

Thanks, Sheila greenharbor11@verizon.net

BOOK GROUP

Book Group will meet on December 15 at 7:00 PM. Location:TBD

We are reading "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng.

New York Times Bestseller · A New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice and winner of the Alex Award and of the APALA Award for fiction.

NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY:

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“Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet.” So begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos. A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.

CULTURE GROUP

We are planning a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, on the morning of Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Carpools will be arranged. Let Pat Laidler know if you want to go.

Class Distinctions: Dutch Painting in the Age of Rembrandt and Vermeer From nobles to merchants to milkmaids, Dutch artists in the time of Rembrandt and Vermeer portrayed all levels of society in masterful detail.

Organized by the MFA, this groundbreaking exhibition proposes a new approach to understanding 17th-century Dutch painting. Through 75 carefully selected, beautifully preserved portraits, genre scenes, landscapes and seascapes borrowed from European and American public and private collections—including masterpieces never before seen in the United States—the show reflects, for the first time, the ways in which paintings represent the various socioeconomic groups of the new Dutch Republic, from the Princes of Orange to the most indigent.

Class distinctions had meaning and were expressed in the type of work depicted (or the lack thereof), costumes, a figure's comportment and behavior, and his physical environment. Arranged according to 17th-century ideas about social stratification, paintings by artists such as Rembrandt, Vermeer, Jan Steen, Pieter de Hooch, Gerard ter Borch and Gabriel Metsu, are divided broadly into three classes—upper, middle and lower—and within them, into sub-groups.

Nobles, merchants, and milkmaids are among the figures in the thematic groupings, reflecting the social order of the new Dutch Republic. Viewers are encouraged to look closely at the images for clues that differentiate a mistress from a maid, or might distinguish a noble from a social-climbing merchant.

A final section explores the places where the classes in Dutch society met one another. Opportunities for these encounters arose in the city and the country, winter and summer, indoors and out, at leisure or at work, on the threshold of a house or of a business. Paintings depicting the meeting of the classes are among the liveliest of the era. Three table settings of objects used by each class (including salt cellars, candlesticks, mustard pots, and linens), but diverging in material and decoration—highlight material differences among the classes. The accompanying publication features essays by a team of distinguished Dutch scholars and exhibition curator Ronni Baer, the MFA's William and Ann Elfers Senior Curator of Paintings.

STEM UPDATE

The AAUW South Shore Branch and The Envision the Future STEM Team participated in the FACE the Future event at the Weymouth High School on September 26th where we shared information about our STEM events. Our next event will be on Thursday, December 10th at Bridgewater State University from 2:30-5:30 at the Envision the Future STEM Replication Fair. At our February 9th Branch meeting the five Weymouth students who attended the Envision the Future STEM Camp at Bridgewater State University this past summer will share their experiences and their plans for the future. Finally on April 9th we will host our third annual STEM Conference for girls at the Weymouth High School from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are available to volunteer on December 10th or April 9th please contact Lynn Howard at lynnphoward82@comcast.net or 781-901-9120

Thank you for supporting our STEM Activities! Lynn Howard, STEM Chair