



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

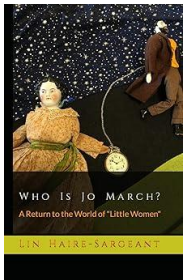
# News of Note

November 2024

## November Branch Program

**Author Lin Haire-Sargeant**  
**Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

We are delighted to welcome author Lin Haire-Sargeant for our branch presentation on Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm. Lin Haire-Sargeant is an Assistant Professor of Writing at Mass College of Art. She is also a playwright and involved in theater.



In her most recent book, *Who is Jo March?*; the protagonist disguises herself as a male soldier and runs off with neighbor, Laurie to connect with her father, Bronson, a Chaplain in the Civil War. Depicting tenacity and a willful spirit, she describes their journey. Lin, family and friends will narrate from favorite chapters and passages in the book.

[Carol Sullivan-Hanley](#)  
Program Co-Ordinator

Join Zoom Meeting

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## President's Message



I'm writing this as I look out my window at the beautiful fall colors on a lovely sunny day. I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy some time outside before the cool weather arrives. At our October Branch meeting Jess Obijuru, one of the two Curry College students who attended the AAUW NCCWSL in Spring 2024 shared some of the highlights from the Conference. She said that she is glad she had the opportunity to attend the conference as it helped to boost her confidence, allowed her to feel more comfortable stepping outside the box and to be more open minded. In addition she learned many life lessons such as "to understand that anything is possible if I put my mind to it and I should not let barriers prevent me from reaching my potential". Jess said that "each and every day that I walk into my classes, I hunger to learn, grow and challenge myself to be BETTER. I'm so grateful for attending the NCCWSL because it helped me to realize that no matter how big or small I start, there is a hope and a future waiting for me at the end of the tunnel".

Were you a fan of *Little Women* like I was? If so, then you will want to attend our meeting on November 12th. Local author Lin Haire-Sargeant will be our guest speaker at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. She will discuss her book *Who is Jo March?* Our annual holiday brunch will be on Sunday, December 8th at noon at the Tavern at the Weathervane Golf Club in Weymouth. At our January 14th Branch Meeting author, Kathleen Grissom will join us to discuss her book *Crow Mary*.

[Lynn Howard](#), President

# Membership Matters

November has arrived with a bang! It seems like we have been waiting for this important date, November 5th, for months. Voting is just a few days away. Every vote is important so we all need to get out there to vote. If you haven't read Patrice's October Public Policy information, it is important that you do so. She has carefully outlined part of Project 2025. It will have devastating consequences for our democracy and the lives of women and girls.



Now that many of us are presently involved in political discussions, it may be an ideal time to bring up with neighbors and friends the important work that AAUW does in supporting women and girls. An important issue AAUW is presently working on is Gender Pay Inequity. This is an issue that affects American families, the community, the states, and the nation. It is everybody's issue.

We have several excellent programs planned for this year focused on women. Some programs will be on Zoom and others will be in person. Do invite a friend to join you. Our goal each year is to increase our membership. Let's "Each one, Reach one".

[Anne Foley](#)  
Membership

## Public Policy

**We can't go back. Help us move forward!**

Many of us remember what it was like before Roe v. Wade, and we all understand the implications of the unconscionable legislation that is being enacted across many states in the aftermath of Dobbs: the consequences for women's physical and mental health, the dangers to healthcare, fertility, husbands, families, OB GYN doctors – and the deliberate disrespect for women.

Meghan Kissell, AAUW's Senior Director of Policy and Member Advocacy, has made a direct appeal to help us reach tens of thousands of voters about what's on the line in this critical election. Access to comprehensive reproductive care, including abortion, is crucial for women to pursue education and achieve economic independence!



**This November, 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 5,793 state legislative seats will be decided. In addition, 11 states have ballot measures to affirm access to abortion care.**

**AAUW members MUST raise their voices louder than ever before.**

**Help AAUW raise \$10,000 before the election** to make sure our advocacy can continue long after the polls close.

[Will you stand with us in this crucial fight? A gift today will help us reach tens of thousands of voters about what's on the line in this critical election.](#)

[Patrice Metro](#)  
Public Policy Chair

## Save the Date



Our Holiday Social will be held on Sunday December 8 at noon. We will be gathering at the Tavern at Weathervane Golf Club. We will be ordering off the menu and have individual checks. The address is 117 Clubhouse Drive, Weymouth. If you are coming, please let me know by Thursday December 5th by text or calling 781-267-1098 so I can make the reservation. Thanks!

[Sheila Doherty](#)  
Social Chair  
781-267-1098

## Book Discussion

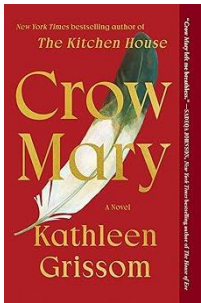


The branch book discussion group meets monthly from September-August on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

The November 19th book selection is *The Women* by Kristen Hannah.

Even you have not been part of the group before, we'd love to have you join us! Just let Lynn Howard ([lynnphoward97@gmail.com](mailto:lynnphoward97@gmail.com)) know and she will include your email in the Zoom link. If you can't join us for all of the monthly meetings just let us know if there is one or more, you'd like to be part of and you'll get the Zoom link.

The reading list is also posted on the branch web page under Activities. The direct link is <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2022/03/2024-2025-Book-List.docx.pdf>.



Our January 14th meeting will be our traditional all-member read. We will be reading *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom. The best-selling author will be joining our discussion via Zoom. Plan on attending this event. You won't be disappointed.

## Game Night is Back



All members are invited to the next Game Night at the home of Catharine Barnes on November 25th at 6:00 pm (note time change). Members will play a fun

game of their choice and snacks will be available. All are invited to have some fun, laughs and stress relief. [Email](#) or text (781 424-6151) to let Cathy know if you plan to attend.

## Rest in Peace Patricia Fae Ho



Patricia Fae Ho passed away peacefully after brief illness on September 29, 2024. Patricia served as national president and board chair of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) where she focused on equity issues such as Title IX, equal pay and access to STEM careers for girls and women. She was a past president of AAUW=MA and the North Shore Area branch. Patricia devoted her life to helping women and girls. In addition to AAUW, Patricia served on several boards. You may read the full details in her obituary found at <https://hawaiiobituaries.com/us/obituaries/hawaiiobituaries/name/patricia-ho-obituary?id=56575397>.

We will miss her leadership and her words of support. Patricia never failed to thank someone for even the smallest deed for AAUW. We thank you, Patricia, for a lifetime of service to women and girls. We send our condolences to her husband Galen and her two children. Patricia's memorial service will be on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am-1 pm. A light lunch will follow.

Visit our branch web page:

<http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/southshorearea/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWSouthShoreAreaMassachusetts>

Articles for publication in the South Shore Area branch newsletter, *News of Note*, should reach the editor, Hollie Bagley ([holliebagley@gmail.com](mailto:holliebagley@gmail.com)) by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month

# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## November 2024 Native American Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	1 All Saints' Day	2 All Souls' Day
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2 am	4	5 Election Day 	6	7	8 National STEM Day	9
10	11 Veteran's Day 	12 Branch Program 7 pm	13 World Kindness Day	14	15	16
17	18	19 Book Discussion 6:30 pm	20	21 Native Women's Equal Pay Day	22	23
24	25 Game Night 6:00 pm	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day 	29 Black Friday	30

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December 8, Holiday Social, The Tavern at Weathervane, Weymouth, noon

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