



# The Breeze

August 16, 2021 NEWSLETTER

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### AAUW Mission:

*To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

We mourn the loss of long-time member Mary Ann Merchant. She filled many critical roles in her years with Wooster Branch of AAUW, from president to coordinator of Out and About, and editor of our newsletter and membership booklet. Many will remember her best for her love of bridge and her willingness to pass on her knowledge to others. She will be greatly missed and our sympathy goes out to her family.

At a called meeting, the Wooster AAUW Board voted to dedicate this year's contribution to the AAUW Greatest Need Fund to Lois Freedlander and Mary Ann Merchant, two long-standing members who gave so much to the group. The Board also suggested that individual members might like to contribute to the AAUW Scholarship Fund at the Wayne County Community Foundation in their memories.

I know we're all glad that activities are beginning to get back to "normal." We may have to wear masks again but that's a small price to pay to protect all of us. AAUW events will be resuming in person for now but the Board has voted to continue to follow CDC guidelines for all activities taking place under the AAUW name.

Plans are in place for a new program year that will be filled with things to do with AAUW: interesting new programs are being planned; the book sale will be better than ever (more about that elsewhere in the newsletter); and there are opportunities for members to be as active as they choose.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the book sale.

Susie and Kris



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions, several of which Mary Ann Merchant so capably filled. Please contact Susie ([sslack@sssnet.com](mailto:sslack@sssnet.com)) or Kris ([kevans943@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kevans943@sbcglobal.net)) if you would like to volunteer or to learn more.

**Newsletter Editor:** *collect information from various members and compile a newsletter 4 times a year. We know that many of you English majors would be perfect for this, and you're welcome to ask another member to share the job with you! Double the fun!*

**Membership Booklet Editor:** *assemble all information printed in our yearly booklet and work with printer to publish it.*

**Coordinator of 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration:** *chair a committee to plan and implement events celebrating Wooster Branch's centennial.*

**Historian:** *collect and maintain historical data from local branch, contribute articles to newsletter about Wooster Branch history.*

**Cinema Date:** *organize movie and dinner nights for members at random times.*

**Out and About:** *research local places of interest and organize outings for members.*

# AAUW LITERARY GROUP BOOK SELECTIONS

## AUGUST 2021 – JUNE 2022



August 17, 2021: A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

Location: Dave Hauser Pavilion, Freedlander Park

Reviewer: Carolyn Kearney

September 21, 2021: Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly

Location: Home of Mimi Lewellen

Reviewer: Nicholette Rogers

October 19, 2021: West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Location: TBD

Reviewer: Letty Nault

November 16, 2021: Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Reviewer: Mary Beth Henthorne

December 2021: No Meeting

January 18, 2022: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Via Zoom

Reviewer: Barb Friedhoff

February 15, 2022: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Via Zoom

Reviewer: Susan Roberts

March 15, 2022: Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson

Location: TBD

Reviewer: Janice Baxstrom

April 19, 2022: The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

Location: Home of Jan Steinbrenner

Reviewer: Cathy Frame Stone

May 17, 2022: Book Selection Meeting

Location: TBD

June 21, 2022: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Location: Dinner Out at a location TBD

Reviewer: Don Ackerman

## BOOK SALE UPDATE



*Book sale co-chair Ed McKiernan with just a few of the many books waiting to be processed.*

After a year off due to the pandemic, the Annual Book Sale is back in business this year, we're happy to report. Workers are busy at our Thomen Court location on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 5:30-7:30, as well as Saturdays 10:00-noon. Additional workers are always welcome.

We have had a large and wonderful collection of children's books donated by Linda Kreider, long-time teacher and AAUW member. If you're looking for books for grandchildren or home schoolers, the book sale will be the place to go! At last count, we had at least 45,000 books cleaned, priced and boxed, ready to be transported to the Fairgrounds.

This year we're adding a **Preview Night** to the sale, Tuesday evening from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Admission will be \$10 per person and we hope to have a large turnout of shoppers and book sellers who want to get there for the best selection.

## SIGN UP FOR BOOK SALE SHIFTS

Remember how much fun it was to work at the book sale? In addition to helping AAUW raise funds for the scholarships we provide to women, it's a time to see AAUW friends as well as others from our community you might not have seen in a year or so! We and Kiwanis each have nearly 100 time slots to fill for the five days of the book sale and we're asking everyone to sign up for at least two slots, if physically able. Spouses and friends are very welcome to work with you or for you.

A sign-up sheet is being passed around at Literary gatherings, and Kay Rowekamp will be calling anyone who wasn't able to sign up at one of those times.

As the 1959 song said, "See You in September!"

## ***NEW MEMBERS***

Pat McDaniels

Pat is a former AAUW scholarship recipient from the 1980s! She graduated from Akron University in 1991 and Case Western in 1998 and directed foster care and home based treatment programs in Medina City until retirement in 2012, She has been a contract therapist for TalkSpace since 2017. Her hobbies include reading, dogs, writing, movies and thrifting/treasure hunting. Pat is interested in Literary, Book Markers and Out and About.

Janice Baxstrom

Janice is a former member and mother of three grown children. She was professor of English at OSU-ATI for 10 years and retired in 2019. Janice loves to quilt, read, knit, hang out with friends, visit her children and go to her camp in Maine every summer. She is interested in Literary and Book Markers.

Carol Roger

Carol graduated from Kent State with a bachelor's degree in Education, followed by a master's degree in Special Education. She taught students for forty years in a range of subjects and levels. She is a potter and enjoys walking in the woods, reading, viewing and experiencing art in places of the world, and listening to stories from anyone who wishes to share them with her. Carol is interested in Literary and Book Markers.

## CALENDAR

### BOOK SALE

Tuesday, September 28

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 30

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday, October 1

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 2

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

### LITERARY

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 19

7:00 pm

### CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Tuesday, October 5



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