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Art and Science of Textile Restoration

Monday, Jan. 25 • 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Forward into 2021 – Happy New Year, AAUW-HMB!

Freeing ourselves from the travails that were 2020, we now move toward the light that is 2021. At this new beginning, I want to acknowledge the blessings we have been given – the speakers of 2019, 2020, and now 2021, who have given us the gift their insight, wit, and wisdom. All speakers were found through personal connections. And now, in January, that personal connection and blessing continues.

On Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., our guest speaker will be **Beth Szuhay** of Chrysalis Art Conservation. Beth is the mother of a 2020 Tech Trek winner, whose participation was curtailed by the pandemic. However, Beth still offered to present to our group and

we are most appreciative.

Szuhay, previously Associate Conservator of Textiles for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, founded Chrysalis Art Conservation. She has worked on a diverse range of textiles, from large silk political banners to girlhood embroidery to historic dresses to archaeological fragments. She enjoys working with registrars, curators, and preparators in institutions, individuals with family heirlooms, and private collectors, as well as collaborating with conservation colleagues to find creative solutions to conservation problems.

This presentation will show varied talents needed for this work – knowledge of art history, science

of fabric properties, science of bug infestation and remediation, problems with heat and cold and light on antiquities, and more. It should appeal to a wide array of attendees; a large portion of our members are textile lovers.

Invite others and contact Peggy Rozhon for the Zoom link at prozhon@gmail.com.

Our next program will be Monday, Feb. 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This meeting is our annual Speech Trek contest. This year's topic is: "Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls?"

Peggy Rozhon, Program Vice President



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President's Message Happy 2021!

Staying home in 2020 helped increase my tech skills. I have learned to work with my computer more than ever. Let's hope with the vaccine and the shutdown at the end of 2020 that the virus recedes and lets us start living fully again.

Having AAUW general meetings on Zoom has been informative and given us a chance to see and chat with members. But I am looking forward to face-to-

face meetings in the library sometime this year.

AAUW California and national have made free webinars available. Be sure to take advantage of this resource by visiting [AAUW California](#) and the [national site](#) for lists of the webinars. Most are recorded and available to watch at your convenience.

Stay safe and well.

Suzanne Mau, President

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Outreach Committee

Do you know a branch member who could use a note of cheer or who is celebrating a milestone in her life?

The Outreach Committee is just an email away and they'd love to send a note for almost any occasion.

Please email Sheila Cresson at sheilacresson@gmail.com or Evie Tutorow at tutorowevelyn@gmail.com and they'll put a greeting in the mail right away.

Scholarship Applications Ready

The scholarship chairs are getting ready to send out applications for our AAUW scholarships in January.

To qualify, a young woman must be a graduate of one of the local high schools: Half Moon Bay or Pescadero. Because the branch awards scholarships to students who have completed all requirements to be entering their junior or senior status at an accredited university or college in the summer or fall of 2021, we are

sending applications to the classes of 2018 and 2019 for each school.

If you know a young woman who meets these requirements be sure to help her get an application. If she does not receive one automatically, she can email **Sheila Spieller** at sheilamspieller@gmail.com to request one or to ask any questions regarding the scholarship.

Sheila Spieller, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

Big Lift Collaborative

The Big Lift Collaborative is quietly working to provide educational opportunities for Coastside students.

The Boys and Girls Club sponsors learning pods for students who require wifi connections and a quiet place to study.

The Half Moon Bay Library is providing remote learning activities as well as lunches for those in need, books, and after-school science programs for third-through fifth-graders.

Debbie Silveria is continuing to plan for the Big Lift Summer Program, ever hopeful that it will take place. Partnerships of coastal organizations are working together to make it happen.

Applications are being made for grants. Coastside Children's Programs still provides limited day care, but has had to close some programs.

The Big Lift Collaborative is always looking for ways to help advance our local children's education. Educators are truly essential workers. Our community benefits from their efforts.

Sue Hatfield, AAUW representative

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our newest members: **Mary Jane (MJ) Brusher**, **Cynthia Chin-Lee**, and the Rev. Dr. **Bonnie Ring**.

MJ lives in El Granada and graduated from San Jose State University.

Cynthia lives in Half Moon Bay and graduated from Harvard University.

Bonnie lives in Moss Beach and attended Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Boston University.

We look forward to having the opportunity to meet them in person in the not too distant future.

Thank you to **Judy Buckland**, **Chris Green**, and **Allene Zanger** for the referrals.

Kathleen Freitas, Membership Vice President



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Save the Date

Monday, Jan. 25
General Monthly Meeting
via Zoom
7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22
General Monthly Meeting
and Speech Trek
via Zoom
7 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 15
General Monthly Meeting
via Zoom
7 p.m.

Monday, April 19
General Monthly Meeting
via Zoom
7 p.m.

Monday, May 17
General Monthly Meeting
via Zoom
7 p.m.

Saturday, June 18
Recognition Luncheon
11 a.m.

*Please check calendars
on the [AAUW-HMB](#),
[AAUW-CA](#) and [AAUW](#)
websites for updates,
additional events and
announcements.*

Speech Trek Changes Format

The Speech Trek team has changed the format of the contest at the branch general meeting on Feb. 22. All presentations will be live on Zoom that evening instead of by previously recorded video.

Three students will make their presentations, after which the judges will meet separately to consider the speeches. While they are deciding, branch members will have a chance to interact with the students through Zoom. Afterward, the judges will announce the winner.

A video of the winning speech will be sent to AAUW California. The top three speeches from throughout the state will earn a slot to present their winning local entry during the AAUW CA convention in April, again through Zoom.

Paulette Eisen has been working with the students and is very pleased with their hard work and interest. **Allene Zanger**, Speech Trek Co-Chair, and **Carol Joyce** will handle all of the technology for the presentation.

Mary Vargas, Speech Trek Co-Chair

I Voted. Now What Happens?

Each state counts all the votes received by the deadline and certifies the count as accurate. In all but two states (Maine and Nebraska), the candidate with the most popular votes gets all of that state's electoral votes. A slate of electors who support the winning candidate is named – two for the state's senators and one for each representative, which totals 55 here in California. These electors met on Dec. 14 within each state to formally cast their votes for President and Vice President. There are a total of 538 votes in this collective Electoral College, 306 of which were cast for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

Three days after the new 117th Congress is sworn into office on Jan. 3, the representatives meet to hear Vice President Mike Pence formally affirm the Electoral College results. Two weeks later, on Jan. 20, Biden and Harris will be inaugurated.

More women will play important roles in the new administration. In addition to our first woman Vice President, a number of women have been named to cabinet posts. Also,

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden – a vocal advocate for public education – plans to continue teaching as a professor of English at Northern Virginia Community College even as she takes on her duties as First Lady.

A number of women's rights issues will remain prominent. Under Title IX, any institution receiving money from the federal government must open all programs to both males and females. Some young women want to play football. Sarah Fuller, a senior at Vanderbilt University, stepped in when the football team was short a placekicker, becoming one of the first women to play college football. She made the winning kick.

Reminder: State AAUW will conduct a Title IX webinar on Jan. 11 ([register here](#)) and a Virtual Lobby Day on March 24. Please note: **The last day to register to participate in Lobby Day is Jan. 8 and a training webinar will occur beforehand on March 22.** Please see last month's Tidings for further details.

Mary Vargas, Public Policy Chair

Holiday Gift Exchange and Car Parade



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Thanks to all of the members who turned out on a damp morning for the holiday gift exchange and car parade!

1. **Barbara Von Glahn** shows off her festive side. 2. **Peggy Rozhon** and **Barbara Von Glahn** keep their distance. 3. **Nancy Evans** and **Mary Sheridan** exchange gifts. 4. **Nina Nelson** and **Nancy Evans** ready to exchange gifts.


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Our Support of AAUW National through AAUW Fund

As a branch, we made a donation of \$5,750 to AAUW Fund in 2020. Despite the challenges of fundraising during the pandemic, our donation was only \$250 less than last year. Our ability to continue to support AAUW National is because of the generosity of our members and community during Coastsides Gives and the creativity of the Theater Bash committee to envision an online fundraiser, Zoomtique. Many thanks to the volunteers and donors who made Coastsides Gives a success, to the Zoomtique team, and to those who bid on the items

generously donated by members and the community.

I also want to thank our members who donated directly to the AAUW Fund. Through the third quarter of 2020, which includes October donations, individual members donated a total of \$1,024.

Our branch donation to the AAUW Fund was given to the Greatest Needs Fund, which “allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it’s needed most.”

The AAUW Funds committee

comprises **Carol Joyce**, AAUW Funds Vice President; **Diana Kalos**, **Mary Alice Pearce**, and **Mary Sheridan**. They decided to donate the entire amount to the Greatest Needs Fund in light of the challenges facing AAUW National in the face of the pandemic.

Once again, I want to acknowledge all the effort and support that enables our branch to support AAUW’s mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Carol Joyce, AAUW Funds Vice President

Thanks to the Woman Who Saved Our Hands

To protect her fine china and avoid having to hand-wash them herself, **Josephine Garis Cochrane** set out to invent a better dishwashing machine.

She worked on the design in a shed behind her home, and her invention included a wire rack on which to place the dishes, a wheel, a boiler, and water pressure to make it operate efficiently.

Her invention was displayed at the World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893, where the judges awarded it the highest prize for “best mechanical construction, durability, and adaptation to its line of work.”

Josephine filed her first patent application on New Year’s Eve, 1885. That next year, with the aid of a young mechanic named **George Butters**, she worked to bring the first prototype to life.

Although not the first to invent a dishwashing machine, hers was the first to use water pressure rather than



Josephine Garis Cochrane

scrubbers to clean the dishes, and it had racks specifically fitted to hold the dishes in place. Previous machines required the user to pour boiling water over the dishes.

Just after Christmas 1886, Josephine received U.S. patent no. 355,139 for her “Dish Washing Machine.”

Josephine continued improving her dishwashing machine after receiving her initial patent, which ultimately received a second, posthumous patent in 1917. She was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2006.

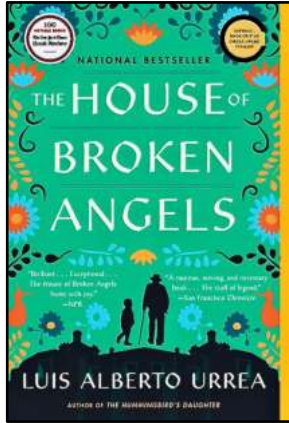
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Wikipedia reports.

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					New Year's Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Martin Luther King Day	Great Decisions 5:30 p.m.	Inauguration Day			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	General Meeting 7 p.m.			Evening Book Group 7 p.m.		
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Some Interest Groups Still Going Strong

Evening Book Group: The participants will Zoom in for *The House of Broken Angels* by **Luis Alberto Urrea**. The meeting starts



promptly at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28. **Nancy Evans** will lead the discussion. If you are not a member of this group, but would like to join in, please email Nancy Evans at egnancy@comcast.net.

Other books coming up are *The Weight of a Piano* and *Fly Girls*.



Great Decisions: We're Zooming Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Our November topic looked at



how China is cleverly working its way everywhere in the world through a mandate they call Belt and Road Initiative. We focused on

the void left by the U.S. in Latin America, where China is building relationships through large infrastructure projects.

Next topic we will discuss is the relationship with an old ally: the Philippines. There are YouTube links to the topic so you don't have to have the book for this. Further information is available at fpa.org.

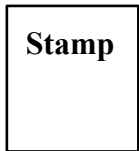
If you're not already on the list, contact **Barbara Von Glahn** and she will send you the details. We always have interesting discussions and opinions!



Other groups have been meeting intermittently over Zoom. Check page 4 of your 2020-21 branch membership directory for a list of interest groups and how to get in touch.



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