

Private Tour of Exhibition of Paintings by Rosemarie Beck

Monday, February 9, 11:00am to 12pm

Lincoln Hall, foyer at **Broadway Entrance** (NOT Park Blocks Entrance], Portland State University,
1620 SW Park Ave
(lunch after tour for those who are interested)

Patricia Schechter, professor of U.S. women's history at Portland State University (PSU), has offered to give the Portland AAUW branch a cook's tour of the Rosemarie Beck art exhibit that she is co-producing with PSU's art history faculty member, Sue Taylor. Rosemarie Beck (1923-2003) was an American modernist painter with a realist style influenced by Impressionism and, in particular, Paul Gauguin, Edgar Degas, and Paul Cezanne. Starting in the late 1950's, Beck reworked the terms of abstract painting around figurative painting and the human body. Collected by the Whitney, Corcoran and Hirshhorn museums, her work has had limited exposure on the West Coast.

Rosemarie Beck lived and worked in Greenwich Village, and sexual politics in New York City served as a context for her feminist standpoint. Her paintings have much to tell us about post-war modern art, the sexual and ethnic politics of the New York avant garde, and feminism before the women's movement. The following link is for a blog containing fun behind-the-scenes images and background regarding the exhibit. <http://rosemariebeckexhibit2015.blogspot.com>.

Come join us for this exclusive tour! If you have questions, call Rose at 703-731-9666.

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A Message from Our Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2015! We find ourselves both looking back at 2014 activities and looking forward to a productive 2015 for the Portland Branch. As highlighted on the newsletter cover, this month do plan to join the PSU tour of paintings by Rosemary Beck, an American modernist painter. Also our study and interest groups are into high gear with new books, plays and experiences. We are intelligent women who enjoy learning from each other.

As you may remember from previous newsletters, our branch has taken on a strategic fundraising plan to assist the AAUW Funds campaign and our Portland Community College (PCC) scholarship program. Thank you to Joyce Kligman and Judy Holt who spearheaded our efforts to raise AAUW Funds at last December's Holiday Luncheon. It was not only a lovely event but a profitable one, due to the generosity of you, our members.

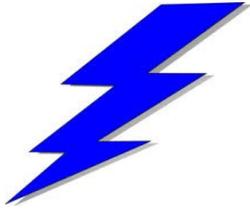
This month we are excited to announce a new fundraising approach for our PCC scholarship program – we are putting the *FUN* back into fundraising. In the past years, we awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a female PCC student with interests in STEM-related studies who is in her second year with plans to attend a four year school. Past awardees have included returning women and single mothers who needed this award to pay for such important expenses as books, childcare and transportation. This February we are undertaking a new approach to raise more funds so we can increase the number of scholarships we offer to women students at PCC.

Traditionally we have held a wine fundraiser where we sampled and bought wines, with the owner donating 10% of the sales to our scholarship program. Now, in order to maximize our fundraising and expand our attendee outreach to more non-members (friends, spouses, neighbors, etc.), we are offering smaller, unique and more intimate events hosted at members' homes over the upcoming year. We have tailored these events to capture different interests and tastes, with each offering an enjoyable way to support our PCC scholarship program. The minimum tax-deductible donation will be \$25 per person with each hostess personally donating food and services for this cause. For more information about what events are being offered this February and in the upcoming months, please see pages 3-5.

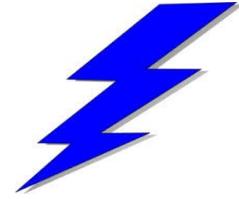
To each and every one of you, many thanks for providing a strong foundation from which the Portland Branch will continue to develop and grow. We hope to see you soon at our 2015 activities.

Co-Presidents, Ilga Ross and Barbara Spencer

News Flash!



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PCC Scholarship Fundraisers

This year we are trying something new for our scholarship fund. We all love our social time, small meetings, twig meetings, and . . . food. Combining all of these, we will have various events in members' homes throughout the year. **All events are open to friends, significant others, or anyone who might be interested.** Each event is planned by the hostess, so we will need to read the fine print re: the menu, who to contact to reserve space, and what to bring. Reservations will be needed so that hostesses can plan for you and your guests.

There will be a \$25.00 minimum donation for each person per event. Checks should be written to the Portland Community College (PCC) Foundation, with a note indicating Portland AAUW 002. Of course, you can always donate more.

Watch for specific events in this and future newsletters. The first two events are described on pages 4 and 5; page 7 provides information on hosting a future fundraising event.

Already planned for this year are:

February 17 . . . Mardi Gras Party hosted by Sharon Brabenac and Judy Holt

February 28 . . . High Tea hosted by Barbara Spencer

April 11 Moroccan Dinner hosted by Linda Loftin and Diane Winn

July 10 & 17 . . . Music in the park with happy hour hosted by Ilga Ross

All events will have limited space - ---- so **RSVP early. AND DON'T COME ALONE!!**

***Kick up your heels and kick off the Portland Community
College Scholarship Fundraising year***

Mardi Gras is a holiday that belongs to everyone! Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday is the last day of the carnival season, so join Judy and Sharon for a party that supports the AAUW scholarship fund. Please invite friends, significant others, and potential members . Find out if 2015 is to be your year of good fortune.

**A Mardi Gras Dinner Party featuring
traditional New Orleans selections**

Signature cocktail and Appetizers

Main course including jambalaya

Desserts, soft drinks and coffee



- Date:** February 17, 2015
- Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM
- Place:** 18650 Old River Drive, West Linn, Oregon 97068
(Judy Holt's home)
- Number of Guests:** limited to 20
- Guests requirements:** Festive attire; bring your own wine or beer
- Hostesses:** Sharon Brabenac and Judy Holt
- RSVP:** Judy Holt jholt58@gmail.com 503-387-5602

Minimum tax deductible requested donation: \$25.00 per person
Checks made out to PCC Foundation with note: Portland AAUW 002

***Put on your hat and gloves and come to the second
Portland Community College Fundraiser***

This PCC Scholarship Fundraiser will honor the memory of a great lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, and pave the way for a future great lady, our next Portland Branch PCC Scholarship Winner.

“A woman is like a tea bag – you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

**An Afternoon Tea in tribute to Eleanor
Roosevelt**

with assorted teas, sandwiches, scones and desserts



- Date:** February 28th
Time: 12 noon to 2 pm
Place: 3277 NE Skidmore St, Portland
(Barbara Spencer’s home)
Number of Guests: Limited to 8
Guest Requirements: Bring an Eleanor Roosevelt quote for discussion
Hostess: Barbara Spencer
RSVP: Barbara Spencer baspen013@earthlink.net
503-477-7372

Minimum tax deductible requested donation: \$25.00 per person
Checks made out to PCC Foundation with note: Portland AAUW 002

Study and Interest Groups February 2015. . . .

Interest groups that are not at capacity welcome new members. They are indicated by an "(open)" below. Call the contact person for more information and to RSVP. And to start a new group, just contact Donna Pregill, 503 292-8659 or dmp503@gmail.com.

Art Enjoyment (open)

Second Wednesdays
Date: February 11
Meet at 12:15 in the café of the Portland Art Museum
Contact: Julie Skinner, 503-762-1094

Breakfast in Bridgetown (open)

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated
Date: February 12
Sanborn's, 3200 SE Milwaukie Ave.
Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403

Classics: Past, Present and Future (open)

Third Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Date: No meeting in February
Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503-901-0162

Curtain Call (open)

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts
Date: February 12
The Seven Wonders of Ballyknock
Lakewood Theatre, 368 S. State St., Lake Oswego
Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403

Digital Age (open)

Learn the technology you want to know
Usually fourth Friday, 10 am
Date: February 27
Location and hostess: TBD
Contact: Ilga Ross, 503-692-6602

First Tuesday Reader's Theater (open)

Coffee 10:00, performance at 10:30
Date: February 3
A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur by Tennessee Williams
Old Church-1422 SW 11th and Clay, \$8
Contact: Judy Holt, 503-387-5602

AAUW Happy Hour (open)

A time to relax, chat and nibble
Date: February 26, 4 pm
Cerulean, 1439 NW Marshall
Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503-222-2423

Literary Comments and Criticism I (open)

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am
Date: February 26
The Last Chinese Chef by Nicole Mones
Hostess: Anna Elliott
Contact: Kate Skelton, 503-335-7140

Literary Comments and Criticisms II (open)

Third Tuesdays, 12:00 noon
Date: February 17
The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
Discussion Leader/Hostess: Sue Trotter
Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637

Literary Comments and Criticisms III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am
Date: February 10
The Land of Spices by Kate O'Brien
Hostess: Sue Trotter

Modern Fiction

Last Tuesday of the month, 12:00 noon
Date: February 24
The Light Between the Oceans by M.L. Stedman
Hostess: TBD

Movie Mavens (open)

Monthly meetings to select and discuss movies
Second Friday, 1 pm
Date: February 13
Hostess: Suzanne Fleming
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Non-Fiction Book Group I

Third Wednesday, 9:30 am
Date: February 18
The Citizens of London by Lynne Olson
Hostess: Kathe Hart

Non-Fiction Book Group II (open)

Third Friday, 7 pm
Date: February 20
Flash Boys by Michael Lewis
Hostess: Joyce Lew
Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338

Sleuth Sisters

Fourth Wednesday, lunch and discussion
Date: February 25, 12:30 at Albertina Kerr
Murder on Monday by Ann Purser
Contact: Jane Lancaster, 503-284-1670

Wimpy Walkers Eager Eaters

First Friday or Saturday, 3-4 miles with breakfast/lunch
Date: February 7, 10 am
Meet at NE 42nd and Senate St. (Hollywood MAX station)
for an easy walk through the Laurelhurst neighborhood;
lunch to follow
Contact: Linda Loftin, 917-660-1368

Consider Hosting a Scholarship Fundraising Event

As described on pages 3-5 of this month's newsletter, this year we are having small events in members' homes to raise funds for our PCC Scholarship. Although our current "line-up" of events to date is varied and impressive, WE NEED YOU to consider hosting a small gathering to support this effort.

You can host (or co-host) a picnic, dinner, lunch, brunch, movie night . . . Let your imagination run wild! Whatever you can imagine would make a fun/enlightening/pleasant event and help provide women at PCC who plan to continue their education with necessary funds to do so. There is no minimum number of guests required for you to host an event. Any number—from 4 to 400—would be great!!



For further information, contact Judy Holt jholt58@gmail.com or 503-387-5602

Holiday Luncheon Recap 2014

The annual Funds Luncheon in December was again a successful event, thanks to our members for attending, bidding, and donating. Also thanks to those who volunteered. We appreciate your time and talents organizing, selling raffle tickets, checking bids, welcoming guests, and entertaining us.

We were able to send \$2865 to the AAUW Funds as a result of the auction(\$895) and direct donations (\$1970).

Again thank you for supporting the AAUW Funds.

Slate of Officers for 2015-2017

The nominating committee, headed by Kathe Hart, is pleased to put forth the following slate of officers for the Portland Branch of AAUW for the period 2015 to 2017.

Membership Vice President: Rose Toufexis

Treasurer: Ann Copeland

Co-Program Vice President (2015 term only): Diane Winn

Study Groups Vice President: Donna Pregill

Director at Large: Karn Hill

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting on March 7th, provided that the nominee has given prior agreement in writing. Many thanks to the members of the nominating committee—Kathe Hart, Linda Stern, Jane Lancaster, Eleanor Krause and Maxine McComas.

“Let’s Read Math” Completes Its Term at Buckman School

On December 18, branch member volunteers held the last of seven one-hour after-school sessions at Buckman School. An AAUW “Program in a Box”, “Let’s Read Math” was our STEM project for this year. The goal of “Let’s Read Math” is to help elementary school children talk about and enjoy doing math. Arrangements were made through Impact NW and their SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) program.

During each hour, a math-related storybook was read to our 16 first and second grade students, followed by hands-on activities and construction of a take-home project. The ten branch members involved in the program were Suzanne Fleming, Kathe Hart, Joyce Kligman, Ilga Ross, Kate Skelton, Linda Stern, Kathryn Symmes, Sue Thomas, Judi Wandres and Louise Williams.

Diane Meisenhelter, Buckman Community SUN school site manager, wrote: “It has been wonderful having you work with this group of kids.” She asked if they could to use our curriculum in the future. We readily agreed and donated the materials and supplies to Buckman, since AAUW members’ commitments prevent us from doing the program again.

Thank you to the STEM Committee and branch members who provided financial support. In addition to time and expertise, we donated \$200 worth of supplies—books, scissors, rulers, crayons, and math manipulatives—to this very worthwhile endeavor.

If you are interested in volunteering, go to Impact NW at www.ImpactNW.org to explore the many opportunities. Buckman School especially needs after-school tutors for grades three through five. If you can assist, contact SUN coordinator Diane Meisenhelter at 503-858-0230 or dmeisenhelter@impactnw.org.

Introducing New Members of the Branch

Karn Hill

After settling into Portland, I researched various lifelong learning options, as well as opportunities to meet interesting women. Happily, AAUW meets both needs. I was so impressed with the variety of activities and thus far have met many welcoming women.

The better part of my life has been spent in the Midwest. I attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL and upon graduation taught in the Chicago area for a number of years. I then moved to Minneapolis where I raised my family. The League of Women Voters and several volunteer activities, including The Minneapolis Children's Theater and the Minnesota Opera, were my main focus outside the home.

About 10 years ago I moved to Florida, where I joined the Palm Beach County LWV and became very active in The Life Long Learning program at FAU as a student and volunteer.

Now I look forward to being a part of the Portland AAUW.

Liz Estabrooks

Liz began her social service work in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault in 1993 and began consulting in 1998, working with clients that include the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, authors of Oregon's Guidelines for Executive Gender-Responsive Programming for Girls, Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, and the Battered Women's Justice Project.

As a consultant, she spent 13 years creating and delivering training on violence against women, diversity, and gender- and culturally- responsive services. Her work has involved guiding communities and organizations through the process of creating strategic plans and development of programs and policies.

In 2012 Liz was invited to sit on the Department of Veterans Affairs National Domestic Violence Task Force and in 2013 was selected as a Fisher-Cummings Washington D.C. Fellow. She owns her own consulting firm based in Oregon and recently returned from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where she was involved with Edmonton Police Services on a project to reduce recidivism among high risk violent and/or sex offenders.

Liz holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Gender Studies and Political Science from Eastern Oregon University and a Master of Science in Social Work, Policy, from Columbia University in New York.

Member Update

Ann McKinney has a new address:
4015B SE Evergreen
Portland, OR 97202

AAUW Program Schedule 2014-15

February

9th—Program event: Paintings of
Rosemarie Beck

17th—Mardi Gras fundraiser

28th—High Tea fundraiser

March 7

General membership meeting

April

11—Moroccan dinner fundraiser

17-19—AAUW of Oregon Convention at
Eagle Crest



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