

American Association of University Women Mission Statement:
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Hilton Head Island Branch AAUW Newsletter



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Branch Meeting:

Date: Sun 9/18/2011

Time: 4 p.m.

A FRIENDSHIP TEA

Place: Bear Creek Golf Club in Hilton Head Plantation. **BRING A FRIEND**

Program:

Bobbi Logan, the leader of the special interest group in Sun City called: "MOUNTAIN STRINGS" which is primarily a Mountain, or Hammered Dulcimer Group.

Members meet weekly to play. **Dulcimer** players celebrate a unique, authentic form of American music born in isolated areas of the **Blue Ridge** areas of the **Appalachian Mountains**. This music has been preserved and handed down across the generations and has been influential in many forms of contemporary music such as bluegrass, blues, etc. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and find out what will be happening in our branch, the state and the association this year.

(Reserve deadline: 9/9/11)

Message from our co- President:

Our AAUW membership is made up of many talented, committed and active women. This means that sometimes we move on to other activities until it is time to move again. I have spoken to some former members who are at this junction because of what we are offering.

This year we have many wonderful programs planned and our Trips and Treks is a drawing card. We plan to go to Auldbrass and SCAD for two of them.

Please make this a year to bring a friend and let's get back to being a strong organization. Also when we host the state convention next spring let's show what a great branch we have. Our role in the convention is very small, but important. We do the registration.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sept. 18th at Bear Creek Golf Club when we have a chance to hear a Dulcimer.**Mary Lou**.

TRIPS AND TREKS: (Pat Batten)

Check the Island Packet for information on the biennial tour of **AULDBRASS**, the **Frank Lloyd Wright** designed plantation in Yemassee. It's November 5 and 6. HHAUW plans on going **November 5**. Cost is \$85.00 for tour and \$15.00 for lunch. Reservations made on line at www.openlandtrust.org, or call **843-521-2175**. If you would like to go, please get your reservations in and let me know so I can keep a list for carpooling. **This masterpiece has public tours only once every 2 years.** It is 10-4 p.m. Picnic lunch is Noon-2pm at nearby **Tomotley Plantation**.

Upcoming General Meeting Dates:

10:00AM Social
10:30 AM MEETING

ALL AT THE SEABROOK ON POPE AVENUE, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.

Oct. 15: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

“BE SURE TO WEAR PINK”

Nov. 5: Pat Branning Cookbook author

Dec. 6: Holiday Lunch with Sun City BELL RINGERS (Chimes!)

Jan. 24: Pat Cano: Medicinal use of HERBS. HHI Herb Society to join us.

Feb, 4: SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH/FASHION SHOW. Hilton Head Country Club”

March 3: TBA Possible joint meeting with Beaufort AAUW with **Kim Likins** as speaker, a local politician on the Council, co-founder of the “Sand Box: or **Lisa Sulkes**, mayor of Bluffton.

April 21: Host for the State AAUW Convention.

May 5: Scholarship Award luncheon..location to be announced.

From the Public Policy Chair: Pat Batten
(843-341-6638)

Please check the **AAUW Website** for updates on our Public Policy Agenda. Anyone interested in further information, advise me and I will forward the **Washington Update** to you (This is an excellent overview of topics of interest).

DOROTHY ANDERSON’S JEWELRY EXCHANGE

Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry will be the beneficiaries of this unique exchange operated by our member and former branch president, Dorothy Anderson.

Please bring the jewelry that you no longer wear to our **general meetings** where it will be sold and the proceeds will be donated to the literacy organization.

You can also leave your gems at the SEABROOK of Hilton Head at any time in an envelope with Dorothy Anderson’s name on it.

AAUW WOMEN WRITERS’ BOOK GROUP

Come join our book group. We meet at the SEABROOK on Pope Avenue at **1:30 p.m. on Mondays**..except for the May luncheon which will be at Noon with discussion to follow. This is when we discuss new books for the following fiscal year..... Pat Batten is chairperson.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book/Author</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>
09/26	Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese	P. Batten
10/24	19th Wife by David Ebershoff	Linda Hennessey
11/14*	Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society By Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows	Margaret Bedford

*Due to Thanksgiving

No meeting in December

**An Important Message
From: Sandy Stern
Membership VP:**

If you haven't already renewed your AAUW Membership for 2001-2012 now is the time! Dues are \$70 per fiscal year (July '11 to June '12).

You won't want to miss another year of intellectually stimulating programs and fun with your AAUW friends, so please complete the membership form in this newsletter and mail it with your dues check to my attention,

Our national dues are now \$49 and the state dues will stay the same at \$10 and local HHAAUW is \$11.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to seeing you in September.

P.S. on Trips and Treks:

This group will resume in October. **Watch for e-mails about planned trips.** We will first go to SCAD in Savannah. Date TBA.

Then our next outing will Be a tour of the Parris Island Museum and lunch out.

We're open to suggestions as to where members want to go as a group and get to know one another better.....

- 01/23 **Someone Knows My Name**
by Lawrence Hill Freddie Hodges
- 02/27 **Unbroken**
by Lauren Hildebrand Bev James
- 03/26 **The Paris Wife**
by Paula McLain Mary Gumerman
- 04/23 **Caleb's Crossing**
by Geraldine Brooks Johnnie Lee Witt
- 05/20 **Book selection luncheon** . No book discussion. We will choose books for next year. Details to be announced in the Spring (3rd Monday).

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2011-2012:

Meetings are at 1:30 p.m. at the CC of Hilton Head. All are Wednesdays, a change from previous Tues.

September 14, 2011
October 26, 2011
November 30, 2011
January 11, 2012
April 11, 2012

Any member can attend the board meetings.

Notes from NATIONAL AAUW:

The 2011 National Convention in Washington, DC was a huge success, with more than 800 people attending. Enjoy convention **highlights** online including video testimonials, new AAUW videos, workshop and skill-building materials, and more. Don't forget to save the date to join us **June 9-12, 2013 in New Orleans!**

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders provided a life-changing experience for more than 500 college women thanks to your support. Check out the inspiring testimonials from attendees and view other **highlights** of this amazing leadership conference. Start planning now to work with your local colleges and universities to support student attendance in 2012.

Peggy Wood: I want to again than **AAUW** for the honor of being selected a scholarship Recipient. This school year finished out with a “bang” as I successfully maintained my 4.0 in the nursing program. It was the most challenging thing that I have ever accomplished, and I am very proud of this.

I have had some curve balls thrown my way, as well. Due to some financial and personal situations that arose, I was unable to go to school this summer. This threw my whole program of study out-of-whack, and I had to reorganize. Added to this some family circumstances have arisen in the past couple of weeks, and it looks as if I may be relocating to Texas within the next 12 months. Considering the road ahead and my responsibilities connected with these situations, I’ve decided to make a course correction with my studies. I will be finishing my Associates of Arts in June and then transferring to pursue a degree in Communications with a minor in Spanish. This degree aligns more with my background and will allow me to take advantage of my career experience. If I end up staying in this area, I will most likely continue this course at USCB.

It seems my life story is a dissertation of ebbs and tides but am able to roll with the punches in spite of it all. I am still standing, and at peace with it all and grateful to have the opportunity to continue with my education.

FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR: **Donna Bafundo:**

Updates on our 2011 Scholarship Recipients:

Mary bridget Maddan, the recipient of our \$1500 scholarship and Peggy Wood, the \$1000 recipient have forwarded updates on how they are progressing with their studies and applying their awards to advance their educational and career goals. Our fund raising efforts to support local women are having a profound impact a, as you will read below:

Mary Bridget Madden: I am quickly finishing my graduate work at USC School of Library and Information Science, with concentration in school media. July '11 was very busy as I finished my 10th class and worked on my online portfolio. This Fall I will take a class visiting a school media center in 10 days throughout the semester.

In Spring '12, I will finish my work and complete an internship working with a school media specialist, the teachers and the students for at least 20 days while I visit their classrooms and collaborate with teachers on lesson plans. My AAUW scholarship will financially aid me to get thru the fall semester. I am extremely excited about finishing my coursework. I started graduate school in Jan '09 when my daughter was one year old. Since that time I have taken one class per semester, two per summer and had another baby and worked throughout it.

May '12 will be an exciting time as I finish my internship, graduate from USC and look forward to teaching full time. Thank you kindly for helping me through this fantastic time in my life.



Hilton Head Branch AAUW

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM



Dues are due July of each year. If you have not paid your dues for 2011-2012, please do so by mail to: Sandy Stern, Membership Chairperson: 2 Bayley Point Lane, Hilton Head Island, S. C. 29926...or give Sandy a check at the September 18th kick-off meeting. Thank you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ (Cell): _____ E-Mail: _____

COLLEGE (s) ATTENDED: _____

YEAR: _____ DEGREE(s): _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR A BOARD POSITION: Yes___ No___

COMMENTS:

ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS YOU WOULD LIKE AAUW TO PROVIDE:

Dues are: \$70 of which: \$49 is National; \$10 is State: and \$11 is HHAAUW Branch.

THE HILTON HEAD BRANCH OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A

FRIENDSHIP TEA

Date: Sunday, September 18, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB @ HILTON HEAD PLANTATION

Bring a friend to share in fellowship and refreshments while we learn more about our plans for the upcoming year. We will be entertained by Bobbi Logan, Leader of the Sun City "Mountain Strings". She will play her Dulcimer and give us some information about this unique form of American music.

M E N U

Homemade scones w/clotted cream, preserves & lemon curd
Fresh Fruit
Assorted Finger Sandwiches
Variety of Small Sweets
Domestic Imported Cheese Tray
Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee
Cash Wine Bar

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Catering by: "Two Tomatoes Catering"

R.S.V.P. WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO Hilton Head AAUW to:

Pat Batten, 9 Cartgate Drive, Hilton Head, S.C. 29928 by September 9, 2011.

NAME: _____ Phone #: _____

Guest (s): _____
