

AAUW Somerset Hills – JULY 2023 – NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/ HOST
JULY 2023			
Mon - Thu 7/24 - 27; & Mon 7/31	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Book Sale Collections** - Bernardsville Middle School Loading Dock, 141 Seney Dr., Bernardsville, NJ 07924	
Mon - Thu 7/24 - 27; & Mon - Wed 7/31 - 8/2	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Book Sale Sorting** - Bernardsville Middle School	Save these Dates - PLEASE!
AUGUST 2023			
Thur - Sat 8/3, 8/4 & 8/5	12 - 8 on 8/3 & 8/4; 9 - 3 on 8/5	Book Sale Days** (see detail below)	
Mon 8/7	4:00 PM	Pot-Luck Picnic for all Book Sale volunteers	at Robin Marion's home.
Tues 8/29	4:30 PM	August/September Board Meeting*	
SEPTEMBER 2023			
Mon 9/4	7:00 PM	Evening Book Group	Michelle Conover
Tues 9/12	5:00 PM	ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER/BRANCH MEETING** - In-person	
Mon 9/18	9:30 AM	Morning Book Group**	Jackie D'Alessio

NOTE: Change from usual time, date or place marked *.
All activities presented via Zoom unless marked **.

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SAVE THE DATE:

Our **ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER** will be held on **September 12, 2023 starting at 5:00 PM.**
Place and registration instructions to be announced later.
Mark your calendar now to be sure you won't miss it.

2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Just a few members have not yet renewed for 2023-2024. If you are one of them, **please help Teri out by attending to this today.**

Here's how you can renew:

- Make out a check to 'AAUW Somerset Hills' and mail it to Teri Passarello, 63 Village Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. For Regular Membership the dues are \$115.

Teri will submit your renewal into the National membership system.
 Directory information updates (i.e. Telephone/Email/Address changes), can be included with your check.

Thanks to those who have already paid their dues!

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Dr. Eileen K. Jaffe - We are deeply saddened by the death of our Branch member, Eileen Jaffe, who passed away suddenly at her home on June 15, 2023. [Please click here to read her obituary.](#)

See the end of this newsletter for additional membership updates.

AAUW NJ NEWS: Our State affiliate provides support to local branches and equity projects and related programming. Please be sure to read the **monthly Newsletter from AAUW NJ** when it arrives in your email. Check the AAUW NJ website: aauw-nj.aauw.net for additional information.

2023 AAUW SOMERSET HILLS USED BOOK SALE: Confirmed sale dates are August 3-5, 2023.

All the dates for this year's sale have been confirmed with the Somerset Hills School District Administrator and donations and sorting will begin on Monday, July 24 at 141 Seney Drive, Bernardsville. The next **Book Sale Committee meeting via Zoom will be on June 29nd at 10:00 AM**. If you wish to be included please contact Teri Passarello to be sure you get the Zoom link.

See the Calendar above for dates and times for Donations and Sorting. Sale dates and times are as follows:

Thur 8/3	9 - 11:59 AM	Entry #s Distributed
Thur 8/3	12 - 8:00 PM	Book Sale Begins (Price plus 25% premium in the Main Room)
Fri 8/4	12 - 8:00 PM	Book Sale - regular prices
Sat 8/5	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Book Sale Ends - Half price all day. Charity pickups and Clean up
Mon 8/7	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM 4:00 - 7:30 PM	Clean up at BMS, return furniture to barn Pot-Luck Picnic for all volunteers

It is Teri & Bonnie's goal to have every member of our Branch involved in some way. Please call, text or email, Teri Passarello (908 313 8421, SomersetHillsAAUW@gmail.com) or Bonnie Gould (908 285 8385, bonniegould@verizon.net) to get more specifics on how you can help.

Each of us doing at least a small task makes it manageable and FUN as we accomplish this substantive and useful effort. We are looking for help keeping the tables in order and helping customers and for those who prefer to sit, we need "door minders" at the entrance and exit doors.

HELP WANTED:

Please consider how **YOU** might help the Branch. We need people in the following roles:

BRANCH PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR:

Receive email alerts from the AAUW-NJ Public Policy Director regarding NJ Legislation that could affect gender equity, and/or the creation of a more secure world for women and girls. Pass information along to interested members so they may take action in a timely way and exert significant influence over policy.

Please contact Becky (908-213-1539, beckyh@enter.net) for further information about this opportunity.

BRANCH TREASURER:

Are you comfortable with numbers and interested in learning the ins and outs of managing our Branch Budget? Teri Passarello will ease out of this responsibility in the Fall, continuing to serve the Branch in many other ways. A six-month transition period is expected.

Perhaps you are the person to lighten her load?

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BUYING BOOKS as gifts or for yourself?

At this time of year we are all looking forward to seeing what's available at the Book Sale. If you want to be sure of getting just the specific title or topic you have in mind, search on the **ThriftBooks.com** website.

This company continues to be a valuable partner helping us to reap the benefit of books donated for our annual sale and not sold immediately. They can be a great source for YOUR book purchases!

AAUW BOOK CLUBS: Please contact Jackie or Michelle, the coordinators, to be put on the list to receive a Zoom invitation for whichever Book Club meetings best fit your schedule, have titles that attract you or simply suit you best.

MORNING BOOK CLUB: 3rd Mon @ 9:30 AM; Chair Jackie D'Alessio jqline@reagan.com

In 2023-24 the Morning Book Group will meet in a combination of in-person and ZOOM meetings. The in-person meetings will also be available on ZOOM. Members will assemble for socialization at 9:00 AM with the Book Discussion beginning at 9:30 AM.

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	REVIEWER	HOME OF/ZOOM
Sep 18	<i>Catch 22</i>	Joseph Heller	Jackie D'Alessio	Cynthia Schneider
Oct 16	<i>Yellow Wife</i>	Sadequa Johnson	Ginny Pasternak	Kathryn Daut
Nov 13	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Bonnie Garmus	Laura Palmer	Laura Palmer
Dec 11	<i>Bully Market</i>	Jamie Fiore Higgins	Kathryn Daut	Ginny Pasternak
Jan 15, 2024	<i>The Unlocked Path</i>	Janis Robinson Daly	Janis Daly	ZOOM
Feb 19	<i>The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post</i>	Allison Pataki	Jackie D'Alessio	ZOOM
Mar 18	<i>Eliza Scidmore</i>	Diana P. Parsell	Cynthia Schneider	ZOOM
Apr 15	<i>Horse</i>	Geraldine Brooks	Karen Brown	ZOOM
May 20	Book Selection for 2024 - 2025		Jackie D'Alessio	Karen Brown
Jun 17	<i>Heresy</i>	S.J. Parris	Arlene Inglis	Arlene Inglis

EVENING BOOK CLUB: 1st Mon @ 7:00 PM; Chair Michelle Conover, chellemartin@hotmail.com

In 2023-24 the Evening Book Group will continue to meet on ZOOM, except for the book selection in June.

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	REVIEWER	
Sep 4	<i>The Other Einstein</i>	Marie Benedict	Pat Emanuele	ZOOM
Oct 2	<i>Belonging (A Daughter's Search for Identity Through Loss and Love)</i>	Michelle Miller	Maryjane Weiss	ZOOM
Nov 6	<i>The Last Russian Doll</i>	Kristen Loesch	Ginny Pasternak	ZOOM
Dec 4	<i>Remarkably Bright Creatures</i>	Shelby VanPelt	Michelle Conover	ZOOM
Jan 2024 - date to be decided	<i>The Last Confessions of Sylvia P.</i>	Lee Kravetz	MaryLee Waldron	ZOOM
Feb 5	<i>Horse</i>	Geraldine Brooks	Susan Frantz	ZOOM
Mar 4	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Bonnie Garmus	Maryjane Weiss	ZOOM
Apr 1	<i>Lady Clementine</i>	Marie Benedict	Pat Emanuele	ZOOM
May 6	<i>Carnegie's Maid</i>	Marie Benedict	Ginny Pasternak	ZOOM
Jun 3	Book Selection for 2024 - 2025			In-person!

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS from Co-President BONNIE GOULD:

Are you ready to reduce your plastic waste?

Join millions of people globally who are meeting the challenge for a Plastic Free July®.

Sign up with your email at <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/> and receive motivating messages weekly in July with tips and tricks and first-person success stories from others.

We can ALL help have cleaner streets, safer oceans and beautiful communities!

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**2022-2023 DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

There will be a new directory published in the Fall but in the meantime please update yours with these additions and changes.

New members:

**Elta Johnston**

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GA State University MA 1970

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**Sharon Hayden**

42 Village Drive  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
[sharon.hayden323@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.hayden323@gmail.com)  
Queens College (CUNY) BA 1978

908-229-6915

Change of email:

Please update your directory with a new email address, other information the same, for Branch member, **Florence Senyk** - [florencesenyk1@gmail.com](mailto:florencesenyk1@gmail.com).

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