

AAUW Somerset Hills – MAY 2023 – NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/ HOST
MAY 2023			
Mon 5/1	7:00 PM	Evening Book Group	Michelle Conover
Tues 5/2	4:30 PM	May Board Meeting	
Tues 5/9	7:00 PM	BRANCH MEETING - In-person & Zoom	Introducing Us to the Local Chapter of Room to Read with Nicole Smith
Mon 5/15	9:30 AM	Morning Book Group - Book Selection for 2023/24	Jackie D'Alessio
Thur 5/25	10:00 AM	Book Sale Committee Meeting	
JUNE 2023			
Mon 6/5	7:00 PM	Evening Book Group - Book Selection for 2023/24	Michelle Conover
Thur 6/8	5:30 PM	Trip to Sustainable Haus , Summit	Bonnie Gould
Tues 6/13*	4:30 PM	June Board Meeting	
Mon 6/19	9:30 AM	Morning Book Group	Jackie D'Alessio
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 - 8:00 PM 8/3 & 8/4 All day 8/5	Book Sale Days (see detail below)	

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

MAY BRANCH PROGRAM – Introducing Us to the Local Chapter of *Room to Read* with Nicole Smith **Tue May 9, 7:00 PM – In-person at Bernards Township Library and on Zoom**

Nicole Smith, current leader of the New Jersey Chapter of ***Room to Read***, will share with us her passion for the organization and the reasons she got involved in furthering this organization's mission to bring literacy, secondary school scholarships for girls, and local language books to over 20 countries around the world. Nicole, a Far Hills, NJ resident and a member of our Branch, was raised in an entrepreneurial family, focused on hard work with an emphasis on service. She received her BBA in finance from UT Austin and worked in business. She married and raised five children in Basking Ridge. She has volunteered with Nourish NJ, the Girl Scouts and Room to Read. She also hosted the radio show 'Happy to Help' through the Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce, which focused on the value of volunteerism.

This meeting will be held in person at Bernards Township Library, 32 S. Maple Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ and will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

Participants who choose not to attend in person are welcome to register for the Zoom meeting at <https://somerseethills-nj.aauw.net> or scan the QR code on the attached flyer. The Zoom room doors open at 6:30 pm for gathering and socializing. Members of the public are warmly invited to join the group for this intriguing **FREE** program.

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SAVE THE DATE:

Our Annual Awards Dinner will be held on September 12, 2023. Place and time TBA. Mark your calendar now to be sure you don't miss it.

2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Teri would very much like to have all renewing members paid and up to date before the Book Sale process begins. **Please help her out by attending to this soon if you haven't already done it.**

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, for Friends of the Branch the dues are \$55, and for Life Members and Dual Membership the dues are \$43. Checks can also be brought to the May meeting at the Library, where there will be a box on the table next to the meeting room entry door. 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.
- Payment can be sent using your bank's Zelle transfer feature. Use AAUW as the recipient and 9083138421 as the secondary recipient info. Teri will submit your renewal into the National membership system.
- Submit your renewal online via the National AAUW website, <https://www.aauw.org/membership/>

Thanks to those who have already paid their dues!

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**AAUW NJ NEWS:** Please be sure to read the **May Newsletter from AAUW NJ** when it arrives. Check the AAUW NJ website: [aauw-nj.aauw.net](http://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 May 25th at 10:00 AM.** If you wish to be included please contact Teri Passarello to be sure you get the Zoom link.

We will not be participating in Bernards Township Charter Day this year. See the Calendar above for dates and times for Donations and Sorting. Sale dates and times are as follows:

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

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](mailto:SomersetHillsAAUW@gmail.com)) or Bonnie Gould (908 285 8385, [bonniegould@verizon.net](mailto: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.

## RVCC SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

SH AAUW Members Brigid Coakley, Susan Frantz, Teri Passarello and Sheila Brown Klinger (aka Shelly Brown) represented the Branch at the Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) Foundation's Scholarship Reception on April 20, 2023. Money raised by the Book Sale supports our annual RVCC scholarship donation, a tradition of many years. They found it very impressive listening to the students that were honored.



Pictured here from left are Michael Marion, Executive Director of the Foundation, Brigid, Susan, Teri, and Michael McDonough, President of RVCC, at right.

Photo by Shelly Brown, for The Bernardsville News.

## HELP WANTED:

Several opportunities at this time for you to assist the Branch. Please consider how **YOU** might help?

### PROGRAM IDEAS for 2023-2024:

A proportion of programs at AAUW Branch Meetings should align with the AAUW mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls and AAUW's public policy priorities. The Program Committee will be meeting soon to make arrangements for the upcoming program year. **Do you have an idea for a program they should consider? Have you attended something elsewhere that you'd like to recommend? Please contact Bonnie Gould, 908-285-8385, [bonniegould@verizon.net](mailto:bonniegould@verizon.net) ASAP.**

### BRANCH MEETING LOGISTICS/TECH SUPPORT:

Are you comfortable with Zoom and other computer technologies, and interested in learning the ins and outs of managing our Branch Meetings? Teri Passarello has done an outstanding job managing this aspect of our in-person and virtual gatherings for a good while now, but she would appreciate having someone provide support and back-up. Perhaps you are the person to assist her?

Please contact Teri (908-313-8421, [teripass@me.com](mailto:teripass@me.com)) or Becky (908-213-1539, [beckyh@enter.net](mailto:beckyh@enter.net)) for further information about this opportunity.

## BUYING BOOKS as gifts or for yourself?

**ThriftBooks.com** continues to be a valuable partner helping us to reap the benefit of books donated for our annual sale. 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](mailto:jqline@reagan.com)

| DATE    | TITLE                          | AUTHOR        | REVIEWER         |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| May 15  | Book Selection for 2023 - 2024 |               |                  |
| June 19 | <i>Catch 22</i>                | Joseph Heller | Jackie D'Alessio |
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**EVENING BOOK CLUB:** 1st Mon @ 7:00 PM; Chair Michelle Conover, [chellemartin@hotmail.com](mailto:chellemartin@hotmail.com)

| DATE   | TITLE                          | AUTHOR | REVIEWER |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| June 5 | Book Selection for 2023 - 2024 |        |          |
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**ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS from Co-President BONNIE GOULD:**

We hope YOU will join the group for a fun, sustainable, interactive activity planned for **Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 pm.**

Members of AAUW Somerset Hills will gather at Janette Spezio's **Sustainable Haus**, 221 Broad Street, Summit NJ 07901.

We will enjoy an in store evening craft event and a chance to learn about zero waste and creating a healthier, low waste home.

Cost is: \$30 which includes a sandwich, snacks, beverages and craft supplies. We'll meet at 5:30pm at a centrally located place to carpool. Please reserve a spot with Bonnie at [bonniegould@verizon.net](mailto:bonniegould@verizon.net).

**2022-2023 DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

Please update your directory with a new address for Branch member, **Florence 'Flo' Cox.**

She can be reached now at:

84 Cold Hill Rd.,  
Mendham, NJ 07945

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