

AAUW Somerset Hills – JULY 2024 – NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/HOST
JULY 2024			
Mon - Thu 7/22 - 25; & Mon 7/29	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Book Sale Collection** Bernardsville Middle School Loading Dock, 141 Seney Dr. Bernardsville, NJ 07924	Teri Passarello
Mon - Thu 7/22 - 25; & Mon - Wed 7/29 - 31	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Book Sale Sorting** Bernardsville Middle School	Save these dates-PLEASE! Plan to assist with this vital task!
AUGUST 2024			
Thur - Sat 8/1, 8/2 & 8/3	12 - 8 on 8/1 & 8/2; 9 - 3 on 8/3	Book Sale Days** (see detail below)	Teri Passarello
Mon 8/3	5:30 PM	Pot-Luck Picnic for all Book Sale Volunteers	Robin Marrion's home Basking Ridge, NJ
Tues 8/6	7:00 PM	August Board Meeting	Sharon Hayden's home
SEPTEMBER 2024			
Tues 9/3	7:00 PM	September Board Meeting	Gynny Lyttle's home
Mon 9/9*	6:00 PM	Evening Book Group- at Panera Basking Ridge	Pat Emanuele
Tues 9/10	5:30PM	ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER/BRANCH MEETING** In-Person	Bonnie Gould (Location TBD)
Mon 9/16	9:30 AM	Morning Book Group**	Jackie D'Alessio
OCTOBER 2024			
Tues 10/1	7:00 PM	October Board Meeting	Brigid Coakley's home
Mon 10/7	6:00 PM	Evening Book Group- Panera, Basking Ridge	Pat Emanuele
Tues 10/12	5:45 PM*	BRANCH MEETING In-person at Long Hill Township Library 917 Valley Rd. Gillette, NJ 07933	Your Vote Counts-An Eye on the November Elections Presented by a member of the League of Women Voters
Mon 10/21	9:30 AM	Morning Book Group** In-Person and Zoom	Jackie D'Alessio
NOTE: Change from usual time, date or place marked *.			

OFFICERS ELECTED Unanimously!

The following officers were elected at the May 14 membership meeting:

Ginny Lyttle-President, 2 year term

Bonnie Gould-Treasurer, 1 year term

Sharon Hayden-Membership, 2 year term

Arlene Inglis and Brigid Coakley-Programs , 2 year term

Brigid Coakley-Secretary, 2 year term

Michelle Conover-will be taking on the creation and distribution of the newsletters

2023 AAUW SOMERSET HILLS USED BOOK SALE:

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 22 at 141 Seney Drive, Bernardsville. If you wish to be included in any Book Sale Committee meetings, 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 8/1	9 - 11:59 AM	Entry #s Distributed
Thur 8/1	12 - 8:00 PM	Book Sale Begins (Price plus 25% premium in the Main Room)
Fri 8/2	12 - 8:00 PM	Book Sale - regular prices
Sat 8/3	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 3:00 - 6:00 PM	Book Sale Ends - Half price all day. Charity pickups and Clean up
Mon 8/7	7:00 AM - 1:00 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER will be held on September 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM..

The location registration instructions will be coming soon.

There will be opportunities to **car pool**. Contact Sharon Hayden (908.229.6915 or sharon.hayden323@gmail.com) if you are willing to drive or you need a lift.

Mark your calendar now to be sure you won't miss it.

NEW!! GREAT DECISIONS Group forming NOW!!

Anyone who is interested in joining Great Decisions for the 2025 season should email Brigid Coakley (annibear32158@aol.com) before October. The books need to be ordered by the second week in October for us to get our discount. Barring another pandemic, meetings will be held in person at members' homes, as was done before Covid drove us all into seclusion. Refreshments will be served, and members will take turns leading the discussions.

**If you are a current member, please make sure to sign up again. If you have never been a member of Great Decisions but would like to join for our discussions this coming season (January 2025-May 2025), please let me know. We will be happy to welcome new members!*

Gourmet Group-Delicious food and great company!!

The gourmet group meets once a month, with members taking turns hosting a delicious meal, and great company. If you are interested in joining this group please reach out to Kathryn Daut-kathryn.daut@aol.com <kathryn.daut@aol.com>

AAUW NJ NEWS: Did you read your email copy of the May 2024 **Equi{tea} - the monthly Newsletter from AAUW NJ**? A notable event on June 15 was the recognition of NJ's First Lady Tammy Murphy and Democratic Majority Leader Senator Teresa Ruiz as the **AAUW NJ 2024 Women as Agent of Change Honorees**.

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](https://www.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 Pat, 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 2024-25 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
Sept. 16	<i>The Violin Conspiracy</i>	Brendan Slocum	Ginny P	Ginny Pasternak
Oct. 21	<i>Heaven and Earth Grocery Store</i>	James McBride	Bonnie	Bonnie Gould
Nov.18	<i>The Address Book</i>	Deirdre Mask	Susan	SusanFrantz
Dec. 9*	<i>Remarkably Bright Creatures</i>	Shelby VanPelt	Cynthia	ZOOM
Jan 20	<i>The Covenant of Water</i>	Abraham Vergese	Merry	ZOOM
Feb. 17	<i>The Women</i>	Kristin Hannah	Jackie	ZOOM
Mar. 17	<i>The Book of Everlasting Things</i>	Aanchal Malotra	Cynthia	ZOOM
Apr. 20	<i>The Wharton Plot</i>	Mariah Fredricks	Ginny P.	ZOOM
May 19		BOOK CHOICE		Karen Brown
June 16	<i>The Feather Thief</i>	Kirk Wallace Johnson	Jackie	Jackie
*indicates change from 3rd Monday to 2nd Monday				

EVENING BOOK CLUB: 1st Mon @ 6:00 PM; Chair -Pat Emanuele, pae197@yahoo.com

In 2024-25 the Evening Book Group will meet in person at the Panera, 25 Mountain View Rd. Basking Ridge. (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, April, May, June) HOWEVER *Jan, Feb, March meetings will be ZOOM only.

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	REVIEWER	Location
Sept. 9*	<i>The Wharton Plot</i>	Mariah Fredericks	Ginny P.	Panera
Oct. 7	<i>The Firekeeper's Daughter</i>	Angeline Boulley	Ginny L.	Panera
Nov. 4	<i>An unfinished Love Story</i>	Doris K Goodwin	Mary Lee W.	Panera
Dec. 2	<i>The Bard and the Book</i>	Ann Bausum	Susan F.	Panera
Jan. 6	<i>Ireana's Children</i>	Tilar Mazzo	Maryjane W.	ZOOM
Feb. 3	<i>Th Women</i>	Kristin Hannah	Michelle C.	ZOOM
March 3	<i>The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women who Helped Win World War II</i>	Denise Kiernan	Sara T.	ZOOM
April 7	<i>The Art Thief</i>	Michael Finkel	Pat E.	Panera
May 5	<i>Becoming Madam Secretary</i>	Stephanie Dray	Ginny L.	Panera
June 2	BOOK CHOICE			Panera
*Indicates change from 1st Monday to 2nd Monday				

Our Deepest Sympathy: It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dorothy Collins. She passed away on June 25, 2024 peacefully at home. Dorothy was with our Branch for over 30 years and was active in Great Decisions and the Bridge group. Funeral services will be held at a later date. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

Don't forget to alert the **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE** if you know of a member whose life circumstances are such that they could use a little SUNSHINE. They can extend a supportive connection on behalf of the Branch!

Please contact **Jean Aurnhammer** (908-227-3861, jaa39@aol.com) or **Lee Delitzscher** (908-647-4497, ladybearlee@aol.com)

AAUW does make a difference!!!

Thank you note from Michael Marion for NCCSWL



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