

AAUW Somerset Hills – JUNE 2024 – NEWS

| DATE | TIME | ACTIVITY | CONTACT/ HOST |
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| JULY 2024 | | | |
| Mon - Thu 7/22 - 25; & Mon 7/29 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Book Sale Collections** - Bernardsville Middle School Loading Dock, 141 Seney Dr., Bernardsville, NJ 07924 | Teri P |
| 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) | |
| Mon 8/7 | 4:00 PM | Pot-Luck Picnic for all Book Sale volunteers | XXX at Robin Marion's home. |
| Tues 8/6 | 7:00 PM | August Board Meeting* | Sharon Hayden's home |
| SEPTEMBER 2024 | | | |
| Tues 9/3 | 7:00 PM | September Board Meeting | Ginny Lyttle's home |
| Mon 9/9* | 6:00 PM | Evening Book Group-Panera | Pat Emanuele |
| Tues 9/10 | 5:00 PM | ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER/BRANCH MEETING** - In-person | 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 | Pat Emanuele |
| Tues 10/12 | 5:45 PM* | BRANCH MEETING - in-person at Long Hill Township Library* 917 Valley Rd., Gillette, NJ07933 | Your Vote Counts with a League of Women Voters Representative |
| Mon 10/21 | 9:30 AM | Morning Book Group**- in-person & Zoom | 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 10, 2024.**

The location, start time and registration instructions will be announced before long. There will be opportunities to car pool. Contact Sharon Hayden (908.229.6915 or [sharon.hayden323@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

**2023 AAUW SOMERSET HILLS USED BOOK SALE:**

Confirmed sale dates are August 1-3, 2024.

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. **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 8/1 | 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<br>3:00 - 6:00 PM | Book Sale Ends - Half price all day.<br>Charity pickups and Clean up                   |
| Mon 8/7  | 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM<br>4:00 - 7:30 PM | Clean up at BMS, return furniture to barn<br><b>Pot-Luck Picnic for all volunteers</b> |

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. 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.

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**NEW!! GREAT DECISIONS Group forming NOW!!**

*As you probably know, one of our special interest groups is called "Great Decisions," and follows a study of the Foreign Policy Association's yearly publication. Our group is open to all AAUW Somerset Hills Members and their partners. Historically we have been a mixed group of men and women engaging in lively, respectful conversations about some of the most difficult current foreign policy issues. We meet in person at the home of one of our members, and refreshments are served.*

**The topics to be discussed are:**

**American foreign policy at a crossroads.**

**Author: G. John Ikenberry**

**U.S. changing leadership of the world economy.**

**Author: Daniel Drezner**

**U.S.-China relations**

**Author: Jessica Chen Weiss and Ali Wyne**

**International cooperation on climate change**

**Author: Josh Busby**

**The future of NATO and European security**

**Author: Kori Schake**

**AI and American National Security**

**Author: Julie George**

**India: between China, the West, and the Global South**

**Author: Leslie Vinjamuri**

**After Gaza: American policy in the Middle East**

**Author: Daniel Kurtzer**

***\*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!***

***Based on the list of proposed articles, I think we are in for a good season!***

***Let me know if you will be joining,***

***Brigid Coakley***

***annisbear32158@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** 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](mailto: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            |

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|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Apr. 20 | <i>The Wharton Plot</i>  | Mariah Fredricks     | Ginny P. | ZOOM        |
| May 19  |                          | BOOK CHOICE          | Jackie   | Karen Brown |
| June 16 | <i>The Feather Thief</i> | Kirk Wallace Johnson | Jackie   |             |

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

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| 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   |
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\*Date different from original

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](mailto:jaa39@aol.com)) or **Lee Delitzscher** (908-647-4497, [ladybearlee@aol.com](mailto:ladybearlee@aol.com))

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