

AAUW Somerset Hills – August 2024 – NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/HOST
		SEPTEMBER 2024	
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* Prezzo Restaurant 50 Mt. Bethel Road Warren, NJ	Please RSVP to Bonnie Gould , 4 Valley View Drive, Basking Ridge NJ 07920 The dinner cost is \$49. Checks payable to AAUW Somerset Hills DETAILS BELOW
Mon 9/16	9:30 AM	Morning Book Group In-person and Zoom	Jackie D'Alessio
		OCTOBER 2024	
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	League of Women Voters Carol Harvey Presenting DETAILS BELOW
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			

SAVE THE DATE:

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

Prezzo Restaurant - 50 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren NJ 07059

Dinner and wine/beverages will be served. Cost: \$49.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

- **Why AAUW?** - A brief history about why we joined, why you rejoined and why AAUW makes a difference.
- We will host our RVCC scholarship recipients and our local librarians, present our donations from the proceeds of our 2023 Annual Used Book Sale!
- We will introduce our 2024 Somerset Hills Branch “Agent of Change,” a local individual who exemplifies our AAUW values in the course of serving those in our local area. Our donation to RVCC is made in honor of our Agent of Change.
- Our 2024 Named Grant Honoree will be announced. The honoree is a member who has served the Branch in a significant way. Our donation to the AAUW National is made in honor of our Grant Honoree.

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

There will be opportunities to **CARPPOOL**. Contact Sharon Hayden (908-229-6915)

sharon.hayden323@gmail.com if you are willing to drive or you need a lift.

OCTOBER PROGRAM PREVIEW!

The October program will be a presentation by **Carol Harvey from The League of Women Voters**. From a non-partisan perspective. She will discuss with us the major issues at stake in the upcoming elections, such as Project 2025, Supreme Court ethics and potential changes, certification of elections, and gerrymandering. Bring your questions as we dig into these important issues. Coffee, tea, and other refreshments will be available at 5:45 in the meeting room at the Long Hill Library.

A BIG Book Sale THANKS for a nice job done by all from Teri and Bonnie...

Our 2024 Sale grossed over 24K in sales with money still coming in. It looks like we'll end up better than last year. That we are still able to successfully take on a project of this size is truly a blessing and a real service to our local community. We know that our cashiers handed out at least 974 yellow exit tickets to those who purchased books at the sale. That figure does not count book dealers who checked out in bulk, or the teachers who shopped early on Wednesday or the Choice room where another 339 tickets were given out. See pictures below!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Please welcome the following new members to the AAUW Somerset Hills:

Elizabeth Faulkner, Gillian Fisher, Lorraine Heinen, Christy Lamagna and Janice Oursler

HINDU TEMPLE TRIP BEING PLANNED:

Bonnie Gould is looking to see if there is interest in planning a group visit to the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham (<https://usa.akshardham.org>), the largest Hindu temple in the United States. Please email or text Bonnie your interest (bonniegould@verizon.net, 908-285-8385). Possible dates: Saturday 10/19 or 10/26 or 11/23.

Entry is free but requires a timed entry pass. A group visit (requires a minimum of 15) is an ideal way to learn about Hinduism and enjoy the temple's exquisite Indian art and architecture. The Shoyona Restaurant on the grounds serves an all-vegetarian cuisine and is a nice way to experience some traditional and authentic tastes of India.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Please notify the committee if you know of a member whose life circumstances are such that they could use a little SUNSHINE. The committee will 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)**

GREAT DECISIONS - Group forming NOW!!

Anyone who is interested in joining **Great Decisions for the 2025** season should email Brigid Coakley - annisbear32158@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.

GOURMET GROUP-Delicious food and great company!!

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

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 NJ NEWS: Upcoming on-line event!

October 8, 2024 7:00 PM

Fighting Hate: Telling our Stories

Statewide Virtual DEI Program – Panel discussion with Q&A

Click to register for this ZOOM event

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocuvqjgjHNDwePUdq2eH-2R8b9IlmkR#/registration>

Visit their website for news from AAUW NJ- <https://aauwnj.org/>

AAUW NATIONAL NEWS: Join Us! for the **AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference:**

Connecting Voices from the Everglades to the Northern Border-Sept. 27-29, 2024

Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center, 1000 Virginia Center Pkwy, Glen Allen, VA 23059

REGISTER NOW! <https://aauwatlanticregionalconference.com/>

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

MORNING BOOK GROUP: 3rd Mon @ 9:30 AM; Chair Jackie D'Alessio jgline@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 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. 21	<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
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EVENING BOOK GROUP: 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>The 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				

Snapshots from the Book sale!!! (Sheila Brown Klinger photos)



We do make a difference!



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