



AAUW Somerset Hills - AUGUST NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/HOST
		 August 	
		Thanks to all who made the 75th Book Sale A HUGE success! See below for some great details and	
		 September 	
9/8	6:00 pm	Evening Book Group Panera Basking Ridge	Ginny Pasternack
9/9	12:30pm	 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon* Vintage Tavern 342 Valley Rd. Gillette, NJ	Bonnie Gould
9/15	9:00 am	Morning Book Group	Jackie D'Allessio

***September Luncheon:** Our annual dinner will be a 12:30 pm luncheon this year. It will be held at Vintage Tavern, Gillette NJ on Tuesday, September 9th where we will hand out our Book Sale gifts as we gather to begin our next program year. Look for an announcement coming soon!



NOMINATIONS are NEEDED FOR “WOMAN AS AGENT OF CHANGE” AWARD!!

Board members have chosen the recipient of this award for the last three years, but we are asking members to make nominations this year. An agent of change is a local woman who has made a significant impact on her community through her work, her volunteerism, and her life. If you remember, last year's recipient was the Watchung Boro President who has worked to get programs going for seniors and children, and she spearheaded the remodeling and updating of the Watchung Library. Prior recipients were a local newspaper woman and a local mayor. Please contact Bonnie Gould with any questions or your nomination.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE HAS EXCITING PRESENTATIONS PLANNED!

Topics include: An on-site look at Climate through the eyes of a K-8 Charter school; DEI; Louis Bamberger-department store innovator; travelogue with Robin Marion; Ladies at the Crossroads of the

Revolution; Alzheimer's information and more. Look for the final list in the new directory and future newsletters.

☀️🌸 **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

AAUW BOOK GROUPS:

Please contact Jackie D'Allessio (3rd Monday - mornings) or Ginny Pasternak (1st Monday - evenings), the coordinators, to be put on the list to receive information for whichever Book Group meetings best fit your schedule and your interest in titles. For a full list of dates and titles, go to our website: <https://somerseethills-nj.aauw.net/> Look under "Interests."

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!

Membership renewal continues!! Pay your dues now!!

Send your dues - \$117 (check payable to: AAUW Somerset Hills) to:

AAUW Somerset Hills
P.O. Box 5
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Contact: Sharon Hayden (sharon.hayden323@gmail.com) (908-229-6915)



Another Successful Book Sale is in the Bag!

Our 2025 Sale is finished and there's still money coming in. We are closing in on grossing \$27K! For sure, we have done better this year than we have done in the last few years.

And that ...

we are still able to successfully take on a project of this size is truly a blessing

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a real service to our local community. We know that our cashiers handed out at least 1060 "yellow" exit tickets to those who purchased books in the Main room. That figure does not count book dealers who checked out in bulk or the Choice room where another 399 "purple" tickets were given out. That's says, we are proud to contribute our Book Sale proceeds to the Raritan Valley Community College Scholarship Foundation, our local libraries and other national and state AAUW charities. As a reminder, our Bylaws dictate that all funds beyond our nominal expenses go to charity.



All hands on deck!!! A great crowd and creative way to carry books!



The clean up crew!!!!

👏 It takes many hands to make this work. Thank you to all who participated! 👏

What about a 2026 Book Sale?

Now is the time for us to think about what the future holds for us in continuing our Book Sale. Come to a meeting at 9:30am, Thursday, 10/23/2025 at Bonnie Gould's (4 Valley View Drive, Basking Ridge 07920) and be prepared to explore together what each of us can reasonably commit to in supporting a 2026 Book Sale -- with the planning work starting in May 2026 and the active work for the sale being from: July 27 to August 6, 7, 8, 10, 2026.

At this point, we are looking for a new Co-Chair or team leaders

Thanks to my co-chair and good friend, Teri Passarello, who is stepping down as Co-Chair.

Bonnie Gould - 908-285-8385

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