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January Branch Meeting

Afternoon Lecture and Tea

From Idea to Installation: The Museum Exhibition Process

Marcelle Polednik

Chief Curator, Monterey Museum of Art

Enjoy an afternoon at La Mirada, Monterey Museum of Art (MMA), when Marcelle Polednik presents a slide-illustrated lecture and “behind the scenes” account of the creation of a museum exhibition. Before arriving at MMA, Dr. Polednik was an Assistant Curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art, where she assisted in the preparation of the first major retrospective of modernist Oscar Bluemner. Since her arrival at MMA in 2006 she has organized a variety of thematic and conceptual exhibitions focusing on modern and contemporary art, California modernism, and photography. Her efforts to mine the riches of the Museum’s collection have culminated in significant rediscoveries and exhibitions, including *Henri Matisse: Jazz* and *Shifting Ground: Rediscovered Treasures of the Monterey Museum of Art*.

The program will be held in the lovely drawing room at La Mirada and followed by afternoon tea catered by Wild Plum. Bring a friend!

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Place: La Mirada, Monterey

Cost: \$16 (includes lecture and afternoon tea, non-refundable after Jan 25)

Reservations Deadline: Monday, January 25. Please see reservation form on **page 7**.



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AAUW's Mission
Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research..

AAUW's Value Promise
By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance..

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Although it is hard to believe, the first decade of the 21st century will be over when you receive this newsletter. And although women have made remarkable strides in their effort to achieve equality, some of the issues we still face and those that arise again require additional and continued efforts on our behalf. Women still have not achieved pay parity; reproductive rights are under assault; and work-life balance remains elusive for many women. Furthermore, larger numbers of older women rather than men live below the poverty line in this century. We should be proud of our organization's continued fight for equality for girls and women, in all areas of life! It seems to me that no matter what your position on any of these above issues, we as members of AAUW should support each and every girl and woman's right to be the best she can be. Don't we want that for our daughters, granddaughters, friends and ourselves? Thank you for maintaining your membership in this organization, and continuing this support.

In this new year we look forward to more remarkable programs, and hope to see you there. A big thank you goes to Sally Hekkers for coordinating our November program with the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum. And another round of applause for our gracious hostess, Melanie Shebalin, for the lovely setting her home afforded us for the Holiday Get-Together. Thanks to all of you, and all the other unnamed workers on behalf of our whole Monterey Peninsula Branch. My hope for this, our second decade of the 21st century is to continue to thrive as a branch, and to provide a valuable branch experience for each and every one of our members!

Sharyn

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Our 2009-2010 Membership Directory and Handbook is off the press and has been mailed to our members. **Sharon Hoffman** coordinated the Directory project, and we are grateful for the great job she did!

A membership directory is always changing, often because our members change their personal information. To keep your Directory up to date, please confirm or make the following corrections/changes in your Directory:

June Armstrong: Correct phone number is (831) 626-8156

Catharine Goldwasser: Correct address is 987 Coral Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953-2538

Joan Kiliany: New email address is joan.kiliany@comcast.net

Susan Steller Marsh: Correct spelling of her name is Steller and her correct email address is sesteller@aol.com

Phyllis Mosher: New email address is pebbleparadise@gmail.com

Kathleen Stacey: New email address is yecats123@comcast.net

Betty Van Meter: Correct address is 58 Country Club Gate, Pacific Grove, CA 93950-5048

If you have a correction or change, or if you haven't received your Directory, please call or email **Sally Hekkers**, 455-2852 or swhekkers@sbcglobal.net.

BOARD MEETINGS

Jan. 7, Feb. 4, 3 PM

Monterey City Library

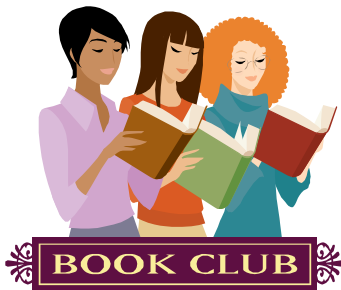
INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani
(bgoodcarolyn@gmail.com)

Monday, February 8, at 12:00 Noon
Luncheon and book discussion at the Local History Room, Park Branch, Harrison Memorial Library. Northeast corner of 6th and Mission.
Book: *The Painted Veil*, by Somerset Maugham
RSVP: Judy Cunningham at
jrc2900@msn.com

Tuesday, January 12, at 2:00 PM
Book: *America, America*, by Ethan Canin
At the home of Ann Wilson
RSVP: awilsonpb@gmail.com



EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(wallplus@aol.com)

January 21, at 7:00 PM
Book: *Loving Frank*, by Nancy Horan
Hostess: Barbara Scheele, 657-4264

February 18, 7:00 PM
Book: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Schaffer
Hostess: Marge Simmons, 622-9640

ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

January 26 Sorry, the cooking demonstration with Dorothy McNett is filled.

February 26 We'll visit the **California History Room** at the **Monterey Library**. Dennis Copeland, Coordinator of the California History Room and Archivist, will give us a short orientation and presentation. He will include information about AAUW's history and contribution to the room as well. His presentation will begin at 10:30. Following our time there we'll proceed to lunch at the Monterey Fish House on Del Monte Ave. Make lunch reservations by emailing ann@wjdonaldson.com

Remember all are welcome to join us for this outing or to join the group at any time.

GREAT DECISIONS 2010

Our first meeting will be January 14th, 2.00pm at CANTERBURY WOODS. At this time we will discuss our topics for the meetings, and sign up for your topic of interest. (Usually 2 people to a topic). Coffee will be available for \$1.00 – to Canterbury Woods.

I am awaiting the delivery of the books, and I will notify all those of you who signed up for the group. Please call me if you have any questions – 649 4602. Kathleen Stacey

BRIDGE GROUP

Coordinator: Ann Donaldson
(ann@wjdonaldson.com)

This interest group has folded due to lack of members. (Call me if you want to play bridge some time! —Ann)

PUBLIC POLICY

TAKE ACTION

California women have had to pay 39% more than men for health insurance even for policies that do not cover maternity care. A new law signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarznegger prohibits this practice of arbitrarily charging women more than men. Thousands of calls and letters advocating this bill were received by officials --and officials responded.

Meaningful health care reform must be equitable to all women. A house prepared Stupak amendment would go further than current Federal law which bans the use of Federal funds for abortions. It would prohibit women who receive Federal subsidies from choosing a comprehensive health insurance which provides such services. It would force private insurance companies to eliminate abortion coverage for all members and would effectively institute what amounts to a domestic gag rule. Millions of women, including those in private plans, would lose the coverage they currently have. Reform should not come at the cost of a woman's reproductive health.

Shirley Jaster
Public Policy



Election Thank You

Thank you to the volunteers who worked at the November, 2009, election and earned \$800 for the AAUW MPB Local Scholarship Fund. Poll workers were Jack and Joann Branson, Sally Hekkers, Dolores Heyl, Joan Kiliany, Al and Susan Murphy, Sharyn Siebert, Margaret Smith, Betty Van Meter and Christy Yarr. Ruthann Donahue worked as the precinct inspector. In addition, Sheryl Mueller dedicated many hours to recruiting volunteers. Please generously consider assisting this fund-raising project by donating three or four hours to work in the June, 2010, election. Contact either Sheryl or Ruthann to be added to the list.

LAF Fundraiser at Macy's

The good news is that the members of AAUW sold almost 60 tickets to Macy's Community Shopping Day on November 4th. The bad news is that we did not finish in the top ten, but wait until next year! Since our membership is small in comparison to the other groups, I have a plan for 2010 which will help us do better. Until then I want to congratulate everyone for such a successful event as well as those who volunteered their time on the day of event; to all of you many, many thanks! Joann Branson

The **Friends of the Monterey Library**, 625 Pacific Street, are having their Chocolate and Wine Tasting Benefit Friday evening, February 19th. This tasty evening event promises a great Valentine's Day gift from you to your true love. We feature chicken mole, chocolate fondue, ice cream and other goodies courtesy of local bakeries, chocolatiers, and vendors plus our own best homemade cakes, cookies, and candies. Last year's participating wineries were Blackstone, Hahn, Planetta, Ventana and Terranova and this 2010 event promises equally good vintner participation. This is a sumptuous affair and benefits a very good cause, indeed. Enjoy a \$50 per couple evening of deliciously devilish contentment. Tickets available at the Library or from Joan Kiliany, 644-9344.

February Branch Meeting

AAUW MONTEREY BAY INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

invites you to attend

IBC LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker Laurie R. King, Mystery Writer

This award-winning author lives in Corralitos. She has written highly praised stand-alone suspense novels and a contemporary mystery series featuring San Francisco Police detective Kate Martinelli. She is also the author of nine mysteries in the Mary Russell/Sherlock Holmes series. Her most recent novel, **The Language of Bees**, was published in May 2009.

Also featuring AAUW-CA Speech Trek 2nd Place Winner from our IBC area

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2010

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Seascape Beach Resort, One Seascape Resort Drive, Aptos, CA (Meeting room will be listed in the main lobby)

Menu: Fusilli Pasta with Chicken, or Vegetarian Pasta. Side Salad, Tea or Coffee, and Dessert

Cost: \$20.00 (non-refundable)

Reservation Deadline: February, 12, 2010 Please see reservation form on **page 7**.

DIRECTIONS from Monterey • Carmel

Take Hwy 1 North to Santa Cruz and exit Larkin Valley/San Andreas Rd. Turn right at San Andreas Rd. At stop sign, turn right at Seascape Blvd and continue until the road ends. Turn left to go to Seascape Resort Lobby

Parking:

The easiest parking is the main building, underneath, as close to the lobby elevator as possible. Then one can go right on to the meeting area. We have been on both the second and the third floor, but a quick peek out of the elevator should be enough for the people with walking problems to find out.

Special Donation in Memory of Nadine Winslow, former District Director who passed away in Fall of 2008. If you would like to make a donation to the Stanford's Tech Trek program in memory of Nadine and receive a tax deduction, make out a check for the desired amount (suggesting minimum \$5.00) to: AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund (AAUW-CA SPF). Jane Amaral will make sure that the Camp Treasurer gets these checks. Funds will be donated to Stanford's two Tech Trek camps and used to purchase something that would enhance each girl's experience. Nadine would have liked that very much.

March Branch Meeting**PANETTA AND COLEMAN TO HONOR AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS****Save the date! March 27, 2010**

The Asilomar State Park and Conference Center will honor AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch for their contributions to Local Scholarships at a special program on March 27, 2010. The program will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Women's History Month by presenting two dynamic speakers and honoring two of our own for their contributions to AAUW and Local Scholarships. Ruth Coleman, Director of California State Parks, will give the Welcoming Address and discuss the role for volunteers in building and saving California State Parks. Sylvia Panetta, Director of the Panetta Institute and the Sylvia Panetta Scholarship Fund, has indicated that she very much wishes to participate in this event and has tentatively accepted our invitation, schedule permitting, and will confirm in the first part of 2010. Ms. Panetta will address Building Women Leaders through

Education. This program will also honor Betty Van Meter for her long dedication to and development of the AAUW Ruth Vreeland MPC Scholarships and the AAUW CSUMB Scholarships. In addition, Past AAUW-MPB President Mez Benton will be honored for her dedication to AAUW Public Policy Issues and coordination of the Sylvia Panetta Scholarship Fund at MPC.

The program will be held at Asilomar Conference Center and will begin at 10:30 AM. Lunch (~\$15.00, optional) will follow the program. The program is open to the public. Watch The Messenger in March for information on lunch menus, reservations and handicapped parking and park transportation.

Our Branch President, Sharyn Siebert, submitted the following article to the CA AAUW for the CA newsletter (you may learn something about your own branch).

Due to our branch's significant influence on our Monterey Peninsula service area, 50 years of our scrapbooks have been archived in the California Room of the Monterey Free Library, making them available for scholarly research.

Our branch general meetings regularly make use of the extensive resources in our area, hosting meetings featuring speakers such as: the Commander of the Presidio of Monterey/Defense Language Institute--Col. Sue Ann Sandusky; Belle Yang, a Carmel Valley author; and the former executive director of the National Steinbeck Center and son of a member, Steven Hoffman.

Two of our upcoming meetings have special significance for women. Womens' History Month will be cele-

brated by us on the grounds of Asilomar Conference Center, which was designed by Julia Morgan--the only woman architect with 2 buildings honored by registration on the National Register of Historic Resources. The talk is entitled "Building Women's Leadership through Education" and will feature Ruth Coleman, Director of California State Parks. For our upcoming May meeting, co-sponsored with Monterey Peninsula Newcomers club (formed by a former member), we are hosting Dr. Renee Snow, a member of the Santa Cruz branch and daughter of a longtime member, speaking on financial literacy for women. Her talk is entitled Money Matters: Protecting Yours in This Economy. Renee is both a PhD in Psychology, and is a Certified Financial Planner.

I hope some of this information can get disseminated to other California branches to show how vibrant our branch, founded in 1926, still is!

Sharyn Siebert
Monterey Peninsula Branch
President

January Reservation Form

From Idea to Installation: The Museum Exhibition Process, Jan. 27, 2010

Name _____ Phone _____

Enclosed find check for \$ _____ for _____ person(s) at \$16 each

Cost: \$16 for lecture and tea Make checks payable to AAUW-MPB



Send check to Pat Gotch, 1114 Kenet Pl, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Reservation deadline: Monday, Jan. 25th Reservations are not refundable after Jan. 25.

February Reservation Form

Inter-branch Luncheon, Feb. 20, 2010

Name _____ Phone _____

Enclosed find check for \$ _____ for _____ person(s) at \$20.00 each

Cost: \$20.00 Make checks payable to AAUW-Monterey Bay IBC

Send check to Jane Amaral, 409 Larkin Valley Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076

Reservation deadline: Friday, Feb. 12th (No refunds for cancellations)



More SAVE THE DATES

April 24
11:30 AM

LAF: Speaker Judge Albert Maldonado
Pebble Beach Community Room
Pot Luck Luncheon

May 16
11:30 AM

Money Matters: Protecting Yours in This
Economy. Speaker: Renee Snow PhD, CFP
Café Stravaganza, The Crossroads, Carmel

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