



# WASATCH WATCH

**BRANCH MEETING on APRIL 11, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Cottonwood Presbyterian Church**

**1580 East Vine Street (6100 South)**

***Water, Our Precious Resource***



**Cynthia Bee, Outreach Coordinator**

## **Jordan Valley Conservation Garden Park**

Cynthia and the team from Jordan Valley’s Conservation Garden Park have pooled their collective expertise to create an entirely new approach to landscaping for Utah called “Localscapes”. Localscapes is a moderate approach to water wise design that’s founded on the best way to landscape for where we live. In addition to conserving water, Localscapes address other common landscape challenges such as reducing maintenance, increasing curb appeal, and improving landscape function. Tonight she’ll be teaching us how to “localize” our landscapes.

Cynthia Bee holds a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture from Utah State University. Over the past 20 years, she has worked at every scale of design and implementation in both the public and private sector. On the residential side, she’s designed landscapes for everything from multi-million dollar estates all the way down to a postage-stamp sized lot for a mobile home. Her true passion; however, is encouraging everyday homeowners to reimagine their own landscapes-- then teaching them how to move from plans to action. She is currently employed by the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District for just this purpose. In her presentation, she plans to review the statewide water conservation goals and progress and then discuss how we can move more effectively in the right direction. Since 65%+ of our drinking water supply is currently used to water landscapes, we’ll focus on adjustments homeowners can make to their landscapes to conserve water.

## **2016-2017 Officers to be Elected at the Branch Meeting**

President:	Brenda Clausen
President-Elect:	Teri Jewell
Program Vice Presidents:	Peggy Richards Eva-Maria Bates Carol Copene
Membership Vice Presidents:	Helen Nix Linda Page
Secretary	Jessica Miller
Treasurer	Jane Cooper
- -	Kathryn Horvat

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As the AAUW year is starting to wind down, I want to remind you of the upcoming meeting on April 11, 2016 presented by the Jordan Valley Conservation Garden on "Water, our Precious Resource". I will be out of town for that meeting and Dottie Bingman will be in charge.

You should have received an email with the proposed roster of officers for next year. The Nominating Committee has done a fantastic job and the slate of officers was accepted at the March meeting. Voting will take place during the April meeting, so I hope you will plan to be there.

The last meeting of the year will be the Awards and Installation Banquet at the Cottonwood Club in May. That is always a fun event and I hope to see everyone there.

Carolyn Wiggins



## **Wasatch Branch Calendar**

### **Thursday, March 10, 6:00 PM until Tuesday, April 19**

The Utah Women Artists Exhibition, Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City

### **Monday, April 11, 7:00 PM**

Branch Meeting at Cottonwood Presbyterian Church, 1580 E. Vine Street

### **Monday, April 25, 1:00 PM**

Board Meeting at Millcreek Community Center, 2266 E. Evergreen Avenue, Salt Lake City

### **Friday, April 29 – Saturday, April 30**

AAUW State Convention at the Cottonwood Club

### **Monday, May 9, 6:00 PM**

Awards and Installation Dinner at the Cottonwood Club, 1780 Lakewood Drive, Holladay, Utah (see information in this issue)

## 2015-2016 WASATCH BRANCH BOARD

President: Carolyn Wiggins

Co-Program VP:

Pat Eyre

Peggy Richards

Co-Membership VP:

Brenda Clausen

Helen Nix

Co-Secretaries:

Dottie Bingman

Ann Williams

Treasurer: Desta Aure

Appointed Chairpersons

AAUW Funds: Sue Nissen

Legal Advocacy: Sandra Roach

Public Policy:

Sharyl Smith

Trudy Duncan

Hospitality:

Colleen Alter

Lucetta Roy

Sunshine: Jane Cooper

Distinguished Woman Chair:

Eva-Maria Bates

Wasatch Watch Editors:

Carolyn Clarke

Kathryn Horvat

Communication: Ann Bjorklund

Photographer: Marilyn Shearer

Yearbook/Trifold:

Marilyn Shearer

## PUBLIC POLICY

### Recognizing Equal Pay Day

April 12th is "Equal Pay Day." Sometime before the 12<sup>th</sup>, if you haven't already, take a few minutes to read this *New York Times* article, "As Women Take Over a Male-Dominated Field, the Pay Drops" The article, by Carol Cain Miller, discusses research that shows that work done by women pays less because women do it. Read the article here:

<http://nyti.ms/1R8vPP3>

As for local efforts toward pay equity, we have Senator Jani Iwamoto. For those who missed the public policy report at the February meeting, here is a recap of the Senate Bill 185, Labor Remedy Amendments, sponsored, heavily promoted, and guided by Senator Jani Iwamoto, member of the Salt Lake Branch of AAUW.

Senator Iwamoto, inspired by the same motivations as AAUW National in wanting to achieve pay equity for women, has taken less-direct, but, for Utah, much more effective approach than an "Equal Pay for Women" bill. SB 185 is a first step. Instead of a "pay equity bill, Senator Iwamoto created and sponsored a bill to support a wide number of groups, not just women. Her bill amends provisions related to discriminatory employment practices concerning compensation. If an employer has engaged in a discriminatory or prohibited employment practice, the employer will be required to stop the practice, provide relief to the complaining party by reinstatement of employment, back pay and benefits, any attorney fees, and/or costs.

According to the Senator, the bill provides an efficient, less costly, and fair process. It incentivizes those involved to resolve discriminatory court cases in Utah, rather than going to Federal court, where litigation costs are much higher. This bill applies to all protected classes, including groups based on race, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

In the SB 185, Senator Iwamoto included an appropriations request for an ongoing Anti-discrimination outreach and education position, a person dedicated to educating the public, both employer and employees regarding discrimination matters to help prevent discrimination from taking place. Included in the legislation, is a reporting requirement on the effectiveness of the Labor Commission and state law in addressing discrimination in matters of compensation.

Those of us tracking the bill through its 44-step(!) journey to the Governor's desk for signing, appreciate the tremendous effort of Senator Iwamoto and are pleased to learn that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel designated SB 185 as one of the "Selected Highlights of the 2016 General Session." We also look forward to Jani Iwamoto's strategic plan and next legislative moves.

Women's State Legislative Council of Utah

The WSLC held its final legislative meeting on March 16, 2016. Rep. Carol Spackman Moss and Senator Ann Millner gave the wrap-up, featuring a discussion of many bills of interest to us. Here is the link to the report: <http://wslcofutah.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/WSLCBulletin-Mar232016.pdf>

Sharyl Smith, with appreciation to Senator Iwamoto for details of the bill.  
Public Policy Co-chair

**AAUW Wasatch Branch  
Distinguished Woman**



**Susan R. Madsen  
Professor of Management  
Orin R. Woodbury Professorship in Leadership and Ethics  
Utah Valley University**

### Recap of the Program for the March 14<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting

By Marilyn Shearer

Thank you to McKenzie Scott, of Salt Lake County Aging Adult Services Outreach Program, who brought her knowledge, experience to us. She is a coordinator for and Medicaid and works with seniors with the goal of maintaining seniors in their homes. She counsels on insurance options and long term care options. McKenzie brought the 2015 Senior Resource Directories everyone. She discussed several of the many services through the Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services. The Senior Health Insurance Info Program (SHIP ) and the Medicare Patrol (SMP) is provided by staff and volunteers seniors with health insurance questions and provide assistance and education about healthcare fraud.



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The Senior Centers provide independent activities for both body and mind, with exercise programs, and a variety of classes and activities such as art classes, computers for seniors, languages classes, bridge classes, regular bridge games, and other board games, puzzles, books and newspapers. Lunches are served and transportation to and from the centers is available. Many seniors come every day to be with friends and keep their minds and bodies active. There are 19 Senior Center listed in the directory.

Other In-Home Care Services include: Meals on Wheels; short term respite services for caregivers to give them time away from their responsibilities; chore services such as lawn care and snow removal. Rides for Wellness provides transportation to medical and other critical appointments to adults 60+ who lack other transportation. A senior companion program uses senior volunteers to provide companionship.

An ombudsman program investigates complaints and concerns for those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The ombudsman deals with situations where needs are not being met, and helps to resolve problems. Ombudsman services are available to all in care centers and covers all ages in care facilities.

The Senior Resource Directory is available at all senior centers and in many other public places. For more information call 385-468-3200.

Join the Salt Lake City Branch for:

**“Unhappy Hour” Tuesday April 12th, 6:00 pm.**



Although we're calling this event an "unhappy" hour, we'll definitely enjoy getting together at Gracie's 326 South on West Temple, Salt Lake City to mark this Equal Pay Day. Consider wearing red to show how this issue puts women "in the red." Equal Pay Day symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned by the end of the previous year.

### The Utah Women Artists Exhibition

The Utah Women Artists Exhibition (UWAE) opened March 10<sup>th</sup> with a reception and awards ceremony at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC) 1355 W 3100 S, West Valley. Close to 200 people attended. \$9,600 in prize money was awarded to the winning artists in this juried show. If you missed the reception, the Exhibition will be open through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Monday through Thursday. Hours are from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM or by special arrangement. The show includes 76 works from 56 artists.

Many artists expressed their appreciation for this opportunity to have their works in an all women exhibition at such a lovely venue. There is much to see, admire, wonder about, laugh at, and be in awe of. These artists are very talented women!



**AAUW Best of Show Award**, Fiona Phillips artist, *In Cognito* From a picture taken at a family party photo gallery.



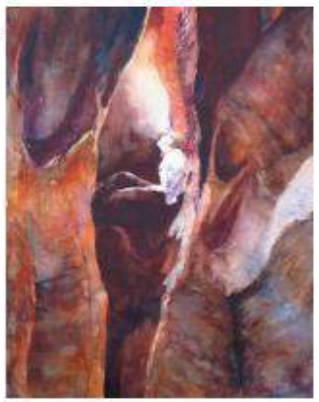
*Malala*, by Pilar Pobil, well-known local artist.



**AAUW Award for the Universality of Women**, Anne Morgan Jespersen, artist, with Tracey Collins, UWAE Committee Chair. *Tell Me What You're Telling Me*



**Florence E. Ware Award**, Katrina Berg, artist, with Nancy Mitchell, UWAE Trustee *Get You to Those Mountains*

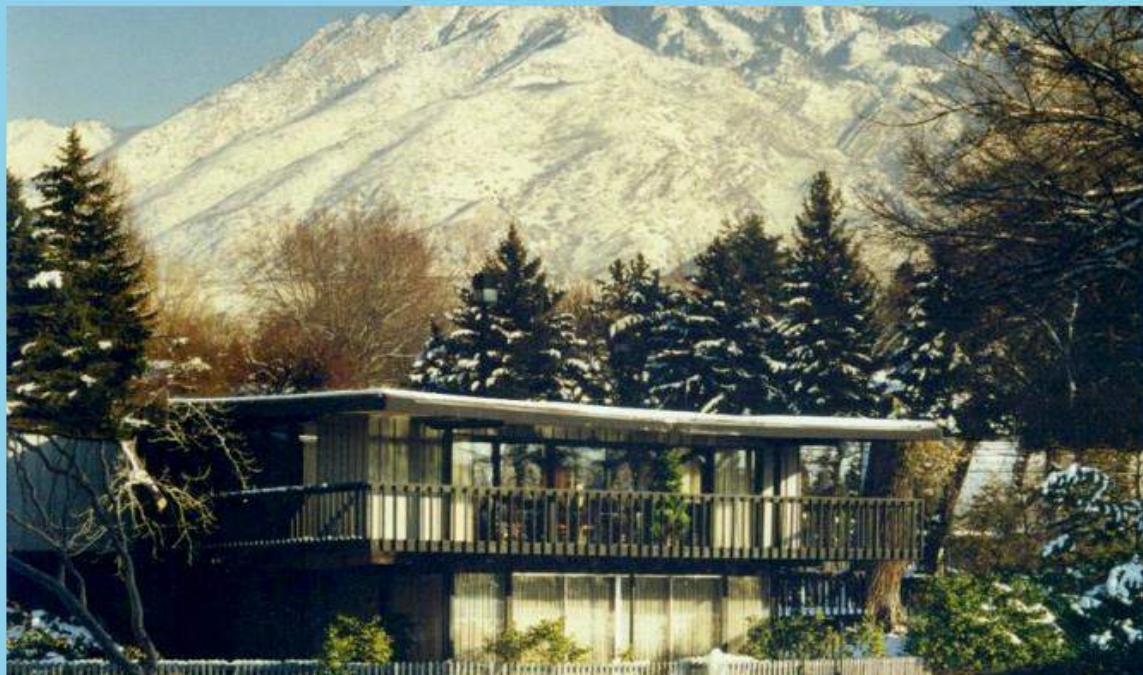


**Ruth E. Turner Award for Best Watercolor Depicting the Beauty of Nature** Bessan Swanson, artist *Tight Spot*



**Helen W. Allen Traditional Artwork Award**, Susette Gertsch, artist with Helen W. Allen's family, *Rest on the Trail*

# INSTALLATION DINNER



## MENU

**ROAST PRIME RIB OF BEEF with Au Ju  
House Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette or  
Creamy Vinaigrette  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Dessert - Mini Key Lime Pie / Mini  
Brownies**

(vegetarian entree available)

**WHAT: AAUW Installation Dinner  
WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016  
WHERE: COTTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
1780 E. LAKEWOOD DRIVE  
HOLLADAY  
TIME: SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 PM  
DINNER: 6:30 PM**

**COST: \$35.00**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
TO AAUW WASATCH BRANCH.  
RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1,**



## Convention & Annual Meeting – Full STEAM\* ahead!

April 29-30, 2016

Cottonwood Country Club

1780 E. Lakewood Dr., Holladay Utah 84117

All state and national members are invited to participate in this gathering with state and branch leaders. The \$50 registration fee includes Friday evening light refreshments, Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Along with branch updates, networking, and our annual meeting, there will be opportunities to hear about national projects and focus on increasing membership in our organization. Come join us!

**\* STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) plus Art = STEAM**

### Friday, April 29, 2016

3:00-5:00 PM AAUW of Utah Board Meeting

5:30-7:00 Leadership Training: Melodía Gutiérrez, AAUW Regional Field Representative  
Membership and Retention/Diversity (light refreshments)

### Saturday, April 30, 2016

8:00-8:30 AM Registration (continental breakfast)

8:45-9:30 One AAUW: Changing the Climate for Women & Girls: Janet Bungler, AAUW Finance Vice Chair

9:45-10:45 Annual Meeting (including reports of officers and committees; bylaws; nominations/election)

11:00 AM –

12:15 PM STEAM panel (Moderator: Amanda Barusch, SLC branch president)

**Science:** Tracey Collins, M.Ed., Utah Museum of Natural History

**Technology:** Cassandra Verbrugghen, Executive Director, Spyhop (youth digital media center)

**Engineering:** Stacy Firth, Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, Associate Instructor, U. of U.

**Art:** Cassandra Verbrugghen, Executive Director, Spyhop

**Mathematics:** Maggie Cummings, Ph.D., Dept. of Mathematics, U. of U.

12:30 – 1:15 Lunch

Recognition of Branch Distinguished Women

AAUW Fellow at U. of U. media presentation (submitted by Portia Strahan)

1:30 – 2:25

Workshop I: Sue Nissen & Kathy Horvat, Wasatch Br., Utah Women Artists Exhibition

Workshop II: Melodía Gutiérrez, AAUW Elevator Speech

2:35 – 3:30

Workshop III: Nancy Mitchell, SLC Branch “Women STEAM Ahead”

Workshop IV: Melodía Gutiérrez, AAUW Elevator Speech

3:45 – 4:30

Reports (additional committees not reporting earlier) Poster Session

Celebration of the Branches (Summary of Branch Reports Poster Session)

Installation of Officers

Invitation to 2017 State Convention: Wasatch Branch

Closing Resolutions

4:30

Adjourn

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Hotel Accommodations (reserve by April 11th)

**Hyatt Place**

3090 E. 6200 S., Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

Call the Hyatt reservation team at [1-800-993-4751](tel:1-800-993-4751) or

book online using your personal booking link: [http://www.cottonwood.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp\\_id=G-AAUW](http://www.cottonwood.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=G-AAUW)

Room rate: \$99/night (king or double queen)

Available April 28th-May 2nd.

The Hyatt was selected because it is close to and has easy access to the Cottonwood Club.

The Hyatt provides a shuttle service.

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**AAUW of Utah Convention & Annual Meeting Registration Form**

April 29-30, 2016

Cottonwood Country Club, Holladay, UT 84117

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ National Member Only ( )

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee is \$50 and must be received by April 20, 2016 (or \$55 for late registrations).

Send this completed form and check payable to AAUW SLC to Paula Rokich, Registrar

3406 South 3650 East

SLC, UT 84109

For questions, contact Georgette Kapos (801-540-0101) or Kathy Boyer (801-581-0211).



## Interest Group Schedules

*Following is a schedule for current interest Groups of Wasatch Branch. If you wish to participate, let the contact person know. New members are always welcome, and knowing how many to expect is helpful for those hosting an event.*

**Bridge:** We will meet on **Monday, April 18**, at 7 p.m. at the home of Desta Aure, 10227 Hickory Point Drive, Sandy, UT. Contact Leona Blackbird to arrange to play. All skill levels are welcome.

**Daytime Book Group** will meet on **Thursday, March 3**, at 11:30 a.m. at Helen Nix's clubhouse, across the street from her condo; 1349 Pantera Lane (1300 East and about 3700 South) Salt Lake City. The book discussion will be *The Marriage of Opposites*, by Alice Hoffman. The following month, the group will meet on **Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. at Connee Gates' house, 2560 Cavalier Drive (2560 E-7305 S), Cottonwood Heights. The book being discussed is *The Price of Salt*, by Patricia Highsmith, which also now has a movie tie-in called *Carol*. Bring a sack lunch to the meetings; dessert is provided. For information, call Jane at 801-571-2350, or email Jane Cooper at [janecooper1@msn.com](mailto:janecooper1@msn.com).

**Evening Book Group:** The April meeting will be on **Monday, April 4**, at the home of Carol Hottman, 7043 Iron Blossom Lane, Cottonwood Heights. The book being discussed is *All the Light we Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 2, at 7:30 pm at Colleen Alter's home, 1235 E. 6385 South, Salt Lake City. The book is *The Silver Star*, by Jeannette Wallis. Please bring suggestions for next year's selections. Contact Leona Blackbird for more information.

**Meet and Eat** Meet and Eat in April is going to be at La Casa del Mole, **Wednesday, April 27** at 11:45 a.m. The address is 2477 East Ft. Union Blvd. (7200 South). Call Carol Copene by the Tuesday before so she can make reservations or contact her by email at [ccopene@comcast.net](mailto:ccopene@comcast.net).

**Genealogy Group:** The next meeting of the group will take place on **Wednesday, April 27**, at the home of Kathy Horvat, 515 S 1000 East, Apt 307, at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining this group, or for more information, contact Carolyn: [cclarke@xmission.com](mailto:cclarke@xmission.com).

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**Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

**Value Promise:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

**Vision Statement:** AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.