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### Branch Program: *Bringing History to Life Through Fiction*

Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2005, 2:00 pm

Meeting Room  
Corvallis-Benton County Library  
645 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis

At our November branch meeting, we are fortunate to have Linda Crew give an illustrated talk about her recent book, "A Heart for Any Fate: Westward to Oregon 1845." The book is based on the history of a local pioneer family who made the trek westward and is told through the words of the young daughter.



Linda was born and raised right here in Corvallis, attended Garfield Elementary, Highland View Jr. High (now Linus Pauling Middle School), and Corvallis High School. She attended Lewis & Clark College and completed her BA in Journalism from the University of Oregon, 1973.

She loves forests and caring for trees. Her husband even gave her a pruning saw a couple years ago for her birthday which caused her son to remark "Wow, Mom. What a goofy hobby." To read more about Linda and how she approaches writing a book, go to her website at [www.lindacrew.com](http://www.lindacrew.com).

You'll be able to purchase her book "A Heart for Any Fate" at the meeting. Some of the other books she's written are "Brides of Eden" and "Children of the River".

She's a finalist for the Oregon Book Award and winners will be announced November 11th.

The meeting is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library & is open to the public, so tell your friends -- or better yet, bring them along!

-Nancy Sanderson, Coordinator

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# President's Message

President  
Jan Rounds, 754-7730



## Jan's Jottings

I hope your autumn is *falling* into place! (Sorry—I couldn't resist!)

A famous woman once said, "*To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.*" Can you guess who said that? (I'll tell you later!) But that quote got me to thinking about how important it is for each of us to find how to keep our own lamps burning; family, friends, hobbies, community involvement—whatever feeds us as individuals.

And even though our "year" has just begun it seems appropriate to look ahead to *keeping our lamp burning* as an AAUW branch. The Board needs your help with the "oil." (Please keep reading!) :-) You could provide some *oil* by saying, "Yes," if asked to help out on the Board or in other ways. (Please keep reading!) :-) Maybe you'd be willing to do a *lit-tle something!* And you know, we serve cookies at our Board meetings!

Fellowship and fun: when you agree to take an AAUW position you are given help. We don't just leave you dangling. And not only that, your responsibilities wouldn't start until July 1st, 2006. Serving on the Board is enjoyable and a wonderful way to get to know people better. For you newer members, this is a GREAT way to get to know people and the organization. (Have I said we serve cookies?) If you are willing, or just want to *discuss* the possibility—please call me @ 754-7730. (Guilt is not part of our group!)

On another note, you'll see a poinsettia order form and an article in this newsletter. Be sure to notice the order deadline. Buying an AAUW poinsettia is an easy way to add color to your home *and* support AAUW's Educational Foundation which offers grants and scholarships to women nationwide.

Have you guessed the source of the quote? It was Mother Teresa! Enjoy the fall colors, have a happy All Hallows' Eve—and oil your lamp!

**Jan Rounds**  
President

## *Caring and Sharing*

(Contact Jan Rounds at [donjan@peak.org](mailto:donjan@peak.org) with information)

**Mary Gisler** is seriously ill. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. I'm sure she'd appreciate a card from you.

Congratulations to **Mary Mills** who became a first-time grandmother to little Chad Mills born on Oct. 16.

## ACCOLADES FROM THE AAUW FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Fall Festival coincides with our seasonal drive to attract new members. It's the time we strut our stuff and show our neighbors we are proud to belong to such a wonderful women's organization. Committee members, **Yvonne Lee** and **Rosemary Cunningham**, would like to recognize our AAUW ambassadors who unselfishly gave of their time to represent us that beautiful September weekend: **Mary Mills, Val Krauss, Diana Cleveland-Boyle, Dorothy Ruff, Carolyn Simmons, Nelwyn Price, Irene Lilja, Stefani McRae-Dickey, Muriel Lawrence, Jan Rounds, Marty Jenkins, Mary Gisler, Pam Duren, Nancy Sanderson, Susan Gelberg, Charlotte Drost, Edie Lee, Jody Parker, Diana Bernstein.**



# Membership

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## Welcome New Members

**Dianne Jackson** is a native Oregonian. Her great grandmother came on the Oregon Trail. She received an AA degree in library technology while in Fullerton, CA, and spent 21 years in public library work. She ran the volunteer program, did graphics and worked in the curriculum department. Her husband is an OSU grad. They have 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters. In her spare time she enjoys reading and quilting. She and her husband have been in a CAR CLUB for 23 years. They enjoy racing, car rallies and touring. Dianne said "The Welcome Back Brunch was very nice". Dianne is interested in AAUW goals and pleased to join a group with like interests and activities. Pam Duren invited her .

**Diana Cleland-Boyle** is a former AAUW member. She has called Corvallis home for the last 21 years. She is also lived in the mid west, North Carolina, Baltimore, and Portland. She is a graduate of St. Ambrose Univ., and has been an educator, business owner and career counselor. Diana is a talented artist and belongs to 3 professional groups. She shows and sells her work in the valley and Portland. She is also involved with "Quilts from Caring Hands". Her other interests include reading, travel, and searching out new adventures. She has 3 daughters and 11 grandchildren. Six of these grandchildren are from adoption. Ask her about these children. We welcome her back.

**Janet Elizabeth Jarvis** has that delightful accent that tells us she is from England. She has lived in Birmingham, London and many parts of the US. She moved from Sunnyvale CA. in 1993, to Corvallis. She has a National Certificate of District Nursing from the UK and an RN degree from California. She and her husband, Denis, have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Janet is a dedicated volunteer. She serves with Meals on Wheels and is an associate chaplain at Good Samaritan Hosp. When not busy as a "super volunteer", she enjoys gardening, music, poetry and staying in touch with family and friends via e-mail. Janet calls herself, "a citizen of the world". She has family in Australia, US, and the UK. Muriel Lawrence brought Janet to the Sept. brunch.

**Sharon Reese** is a graduate of Linfield in McMinnville where she received a BA in music education. She has taught music at the elementary school level. Most of her life was spent in the McMinnville area. While her husband was living, they resided in Yamhill, Portland, and Arizona. She has a son in Corvallis and a daughter in Ohio. Four grandchildren complete her family. Most days you can find Sharon at the Timber Hill Athletic Club. She is there 4 or 5 times a week. Her other interests include bridge, reading and a trip to Las Vegas for fun! She joined AAUW right out of college and learned to play bridge through the McMinnville branch. She learned of our branch through Laura Gleaves, with whom she plays bridge. She is already a member of the Afternoon Reading Group.

**Imelda M. Cannon** is welcomed as another new member from England. She has lived Canada and Washington State. Now, in Philomath, she says, "We are still in throes of migrating to Oregon". She has a BS in zoology and taught biology at the high school level in England and Canada. She also received a BA and MA in English from the Univ. of Washington and taught at the community college level for 9 years. Her husband is a retired anesthesiologist. They have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. She enjoys reading, music and opera. Trips to the UK are at least yearly. They visit relatives and take in theatre and opera. She says, "I joined AAUW to protect my brain from atrophying. I am 77 and still learning". Bravo to Imelda. Once again, Pam Duren brought us another new member.

### New Member Coffee



Please circle November 5 at 10 a.m. on your calendar. Diana Bernstein has once again offered her lovely home for the event. All branch members are encouraged to come and greet our newest members and "catch up" with old friends. A special invitation to new members, **Jody Parker, Marilyn Kolar, Camille Gudger, Candy Pierson-Charleton, Patti Dunning, Diana Cleland-Boyle, Kelly Volkmann, Dianne Jackson, Janet Jarvis, Sharon Reese, Imelda Cannon, Sue Kunda, Linda O'Hara and Ellen Copeland.**

Diana lives at 10 NW Edgewood Drive in Corvallis. There will be tasty treats to tempt all attendees!



## November is National American Indian Heritage Month

### The Creation of National American Indian Heritage Month -- A brief history

Source: U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very first proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, KS, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of N.Y. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

The National Park Service has a wonderful website which combines details about Indian history with specific historic places listed in the National Register. See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/indian/>.

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## Public Money is for Public Schools

President Bush is proposing to give public money for private and religious schools as part of relief package for Hurricane Katrina, from which there are 370,000 displaced students. Now is not the time to push forward divisive, ideologically driven programs that do not serve the needs of all students. Private and religious schools are not required to observe federal nondiscrimination laws, such as Title IX. Private institutions are allowed to discriminate on the basis of religion, gender, disability and language proficiency. AAUW opposes the creation and use of school vouchers in all forms and believes public funds should only be used for public education. Vouchers are taxpayers' dollars spent according to the policies of a private school board – not the decisions of a democratically elected and publicly accessible school board. Private and religious school voucher programs weaken the public school system by diverting already scarce funds needed for teacher training, smaller class sizes, expanded support services, and improved facilities.

Please go to the AAUW website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) and contact your legislators regarding the school vouchers.

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**FYI: Below is an article sent from Association and also our AAUW of Oregon. It highlights a vital link to other educated women around the world.**

### **The International Federation of University Women (IFUW): OUR INTERNATIONAL SISTERS**

Did you know that as a member of AAUW, you are also a member of the International Federation of University Women? Our relationship to the international organization has been very much on the front burner over the past months, as budgetary constraints have called into question AAUW's ability to meet the dues commitment to IFUW. Nevertheless, the delegates to the 2005 Convention in Washington endorsed our continued participation in and support of our international obligations.

IFUW represents 150,000 women graduates in 77 countries. It works largely through the triennial conference, which serves to set goals for the Federation, educate participants on women's issues, and provide opportunities for networking among members of the national federations and associations (NFAs) that make up IFUW. The next triennial conference is scheduled for 2007 in Manchester, England. Although the number of members on AAUW's voting delegation is limited, you need not be a voting member to attend, to present a paper to the interdisciplinary seminars, to conduct a workshop on a topic related to the theme of the conference, or to participate in the meetings and social activities. IFUW's current Action Programme is *Women: Agents of Change*.

IFUW is in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and works closely with UNESCO, Unicef, and UNIFEM to achieve its goals. Through its programs of advocacy, development of new national organizations, and support for women in developing countries, IFUW plays an important role in improving the lives of women throughout the world. A major focus of IFUW from its beginning in the aftermath of World War I has been on improved international understanding and world peace.

Since its birth, IFUW has relied heavily on the support of AAUW, both in terms of leadership and financially. We make up the lion's share of the 150,000 members, yet too many of our members are only dimly aware of the impact we have on the world through IFUW. If you would like to know more about what IFUW is doing, please go to its web site, [www.ifuw.org](http://www.ifuw.org).



## FLOWERS FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Yes, I know that the holidays are a couple of months away but it's not too early to think about decorating your house with big, beautiful, colorful poinsettias plants from Peoria Gardens. Plants can be ordered by sending in the form below, with your check, to me. Or simply make a tax deductible contribution to the AAUW Educational Foundation (as described below). Either way your contribution will be very much appreciated!

The Foundation provides scholarships and grants for women and supports various research projects concerning women and girls.

Orders have to be placed by **Monday, October 31**. The poinsettias can be picked up at the December 9th Holiday Tea at the home of Shirley Wirth. If you cannot pick up the poinsettias yourself, perhaps a friend will do it for you, or they will be delivered to you.

If you prefer not to purchase a plant, you can still participate in this holiday fundraiser by sending a **tax-deductible** donation made payable to "AAUW Educational Foundation."

If there are any questions, please call either Marge Bromley (757-7722) or Dorothy Ruff (929-4629) Co-EF Chairs.

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### Corvallis AAUW Poinsettia Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

8 1/2" Poinsettias @ \$10.00 each Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

Remit order and check payable to: "Corvallis AAUW" and send to:  
Marge Bromley, 2675 NW Roosevelt Pl., Corvallis OR 97330

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I would not like a plant, but I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make THIS SEPARATE check payable to "AAUW Educational Foundation"  
and remit to Marge Bromley, 2675 NW Roosevelt Pl., Corvallis OR 97330.

# Interest Groups



## Afternoon Literature Group

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Carolyn Simmons, 758-0271  
[CrCAROLYN@aol.com](mailto:CrCAROLYN@aol.com)

### **November 8**

*Land of Sheltered Promise* by Jane Kirkpatrick

Hostess: Charlotte Drost  
1084 NW Charlemagne Place  
753-7253

Reviewer: Charlotte Drost



## Evening Literature Group

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Mills, 745-7961  
Shirley Wirth, 754-7186

### **November 2**

*Breaking Clean* by Carol Blunt

Hostesss – Ann Brodie  
3145 NW Seneca  
757-1728

Reviewer – Ann Brodie



## Gourmet Group

**November 18** will be the seasons's first Gourmet Dinner. The table for this German meal, indicative of fare in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is full, but keep in mind the next dinner date, January 28th. More about this in the December newsletter.

Your Gourmet Committee: Christine Cantey, Denise Nervik and Brenda Rowley



## No-Host Lunch

Once again, lunch goers will meet for friendship, food, and fun on the 3rd Thursday in **November**, the **17th**, at **11:45 a.m.** We will gather at **McGrath's Fish House** (Circle @ Hwy. 99). Great soups, salads, and more at a warm and cozy location.

Hope you can drop in for a bite. Just come, or you can contact me, Carolyn Simmons, at 758-0271, or [CrCAROLYN@aol.com](mailto:CrCAROLYN@aol.com)

# Events Calendar

OCT	Activity		
31	<b>Poinsettia Order Deadline</b>		See Page 6 for order form
NOV	Activity	Time	Location
2	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Ann Brodie, 3145 NW Seneca
5	New Member Coffee	10:00 a.m.	Diana Bernstein, 10 NW Edgewood Dr.
8	Afternoon Lit Group	2:00 p.m.	Charlotte Drost, 1084 NW Charlemagne Place
14	Board Meeting	12:30 - 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of 9th & Walnut
15	Newsletter deadline		
17	No-Host Lunch	11:45 a.m.	McGrath's Fish House, Circle Blvd.
18	Gourmet Group	7:00 p.m.	Marilyn Roland, 4099 Live Oak Place
19	Branch Program	2:00 p.m.	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
DEC	Activity	Time	Location
9	Christmas Poinsettia Tea	4 to 6 p.m.	Home of Shirley Wirth, 3994 NW Boxwood Dr.
15	Newsletter deadline		