Poughkeepsie Branch
of the
American Association of University Women, Inc.

Writers’ Tea & Benefit Auction
A Benefit for the AAUW Scholarship Funds,
Community Service Initiatives and Events

Sunday, April 15, 2018
2:30 - 6:00 pm
The Links at Union Vale
Lagrangeville, NY

Logo by Mary Coiteux
Mihai Grünfeld was born in Cluj, Romania where he lived with his family until he was eighteen. In January 1969 he and his older brother traveled to Czechoslovakia and from there escaped to Austria. This was the beginning of a long journey, which took him to Israel, Italy, Sweden, and Canada in search of a home in the West. Eventually he settled in the United States.

He obtained his Ph.D. from University of California at Berkeley and is a professor of Spanish and Latin American Literature at Vassar College since 1987 where he teaches in the Hispanic Studies Department.

His autobiography *Leaving – Memories of Romania* was published in 2008, and was translated and published in Spain as *Irse* (2011). He finished work on a novel entitled “The Dressmaker’s Son,” and together with Sarah Levine Simon adapted the novel to a play entitled “The Dressmaker’s Secret,” which enjoyed a successful one month run with sold out houses in February-March 2017 at 59E59 Theaters in New York.


Lazarre has taught writing and literature at the City College of New York, Yale University and Eugene Lang College at the New School, where she created and directed the undergraduate writing program and served on the full-time faculty for many years. She lives in New York City where she teaches writing privately to individual students.

Lazarre’s essays, articles and reviews have been published in newspapers, magazines and journals, and collected in many anthologies over the past forty years. She has won awards for her fiction from the National Endowment for Arts and the New York Foundation for Arts.

Additional information can be found on the Writers’ Tea page at [www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)
Writers’ Tea & Benefit Auction Program

Silent Auction: Enjoy a glass of champagne or light drinks and an assortment of passed hors d’oeuvres as you peruse our silent auction. Bid on handcrafted items and services donated by our members, local businesses and craftsmen. Checks, cash or credit cards. Auction will end before the tea service starts.

Book Sales and Signing

Tea Service will begin

Welcome: Lula Allen and Linda Roberts, Event Co-Chairs

Remarks: Maria DeWald
President, Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.

Presentation: Jane Lazarre
Introduced by Linda Laurie

Intermission: Purchase raffle tickets only

Tea service will continue

Presentation: Mihai Grünfeld
Introduced by Leatham Mehaffy

Announcement of Auction Winners: Linda Roberts

Pick up of all items won at the auction

Questions for the Authors

All those interested in asking questions of our authors, Mihai Grünfeld and Jane Lazarre will have ample time both before the tea and during their presentations. Signed books will be available for purchase.
The Writers’ Tea & Auction Committee
Lula Allen, Co-Chair
Linda Roberts, Co-Chair

A tremendous thank you to the event subcommittees, and all of the AAUW members who have helped make today’s program possible.

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Silent Auction / Raffle Contributors

We are grateful for the generous donations by our AAUW members, friends and local businesses who make this auction possible. The auction donors are listed below.

The contents of the raffle basket were also donated by AAUW members, friends and local businesses. A list of these donors is posted at the raffle table.
AAUW Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

A partial list of Mission-based Poughkeepsie Branch activities follows:

Scholarships

On the national level, we contribute to the AAUW Funds which supports one of the world’s largest sources of funding for university graduate women. More than $3.7 million is awarded annually. A part of these funds is the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) which works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

On the local level, we provide two $600 scholarships to Dutchess Community College for students planning to continue their studies at a four-year institution. An annual scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland is provided to a woman from one of our local colleges.

Our Community Service Initiatives:

Court Watch: Promotes greater accountability by observing judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, and other justice system personnel, helping to ensure that women are treated fairly throughout the legal process.

Days for Girls: Working with other local groups, DfG creates sustainable hygiene kits for girls in developing countries and refugee camps so they might attend school every day of the month.

Expanding Girls’ Horizons: Focuses on the development of leadership skills, community service, conflict resolution, public speaking and arts and crafts, in collaboration with the Girl Scouts.

Leading to Reading: Supports numerous literacy programs by providing books, reading kits, volunteer classroom readers and other support services throughout the community. Since it began, LTR has distributed 30,000+ books! LTR was recently honored by CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the UN).

Live Your Dream Girls’ Conference: Presents a one-day workshop for 6th and 7th grade girls to promote sisterhood, foster healthy decision-making, nurture a vision for the future, and build each girl’s confidence. Funded by AAUW and co-sponsored by the Association of Women at Dutchess Community College.

Mothers Project: Provides parenting education, social and emotional support, and connection to community services for underserved mothers in the Poughkeepsie area.

STEM: Supports educational programs to encourage girls and young women to pursue studies in STEM fields. Current projects include Math Buddies, and a partnership with Marist College and Liberty Partnership to provide STEM-focused after-school programs for at-risk students.