



The Branch



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April 2010

APRIL CALENDAR

Online Calendar at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

- Mar 27 Trekkers: 9:00 am**
Teatown Lake Reservation
Organizer: Irene Keyes (297-6686)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
 - 5 Word Games: 2:00 pm**
Hostess: Ginny Marcus (223-5246)
Coordinator: Eleanor Aronstein (462-6452)
 - 7 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm**
Hostess: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
 - 9 Daytime Literature: 10:00 am**
Book: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*
by Lisa See
Hostess: Raina Maisel (297-8466)
Coordinators: Diana Gleeson (229-8458)
& Tiz Hanson (229-9394)
 - 10 "The Branch" deadline for May**
 - 10 Trekkers: 9:00 am**
Poet's Walk & Montgomery Place
Organizer: Cathy Bala (227-7293)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
 - 15 All those books...: 7:00 pm**
Book: *Pudd'nhead Wilson*
by Mark Twain
Hostess: Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469)
Coordinator: Carol Loizides (452-3208)
 - 16 Art on the Go: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
TBA - weather dependent
Coordinator: Mary Coiteux (226-8275)
 - 16 Aventures en Soleil: 10 am**
FDR/Val-kill trail (rain date 4/17)
Parking at the entrances on Rt 9 and 9G so we can shuttle and not need to walk but one way - more to come.
Reservations: Judy Harkavy (471-4973)
Coordinators: Peggy Lombardi (635-9091)
& Ruth Sheets (473-6202)
 - 17 Trekkers: 9:00 am**
Hi-Line & Central Park, NYC
If interested notify Karen as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
 - 18 Membership Meeting** - see next column
 - 18 Gourmet: Out & About: 3:00 pm**
Writers' Tea, Locust Grove
Reservation: Saranne Ratner 297-9360
Contact: Jeanette Cantwell (452-4188)
- Calendar continued on page 2.*

Writers' Tea

After months of planning, the day has finally arrived!!
Please join us for an elegant Sunday afternoon High Tea.

April 18, 2010
3:00 – 6:00 pm

Doors open at 2:30 pm to view auction items.



Locust Grove

(Route 9, Poughkeepsie – more details at www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)



Our Writers

India Edghill: *Queenmaker, Wisdom's Daughter, and Delilah*

Tony Musso: *FDR & The Post Office: A Young Boy's Fascination & a World Leader's Passion*



Their books will available for purchase.

Our Tea

Enjoy beautiful surroundings; hear live music by professional tenor, John Vergilli; and taste the high tea delectables prepared by Cynthia and John Vergilli of the Historic Horton House. See the menu on page 2.

Silent Auction of handcrafts and services

All transactions are cash or checks - no credit cards.

Reservations [Deadline: April 5, 2010]

A literary benefit for the AAUW Scholarships Funds and Community Projects

Name _____

Phone _____

The cost is \$45 per person.

Enclosed \$ _____ for _____ attendee(s).

Checks payable to: **Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.**

[\$20 of the admission fee is tax-deductible]

Mail to: **Saranne Ratner, 7 Hamlet Court, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590**

Questions: 845/297-9360 or srteacher@optonline.net

Open seating or you may reserved tables for 10 persons.

Table reservations can be made by contacting Saranne Ratner.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support our scholarship funds and community projects, please write a check payable to "Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc." and mail it to Saranne Ratner at the address above.

Calendar Continued...

Online Calendar at www.aaupoughkeepsie.org

- 20 Cuisine:** 6:30 pm
Mexican
Recipes: Amy Schwed
Hostess: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
Coordinator: Betty Olson (889-4836)
- 20 Equal Pay Day** See page 5.
- 21 Bridge I:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Joan Fay (633-8856)
Coordinators: Linda Ronayne (897-9745)
& Mary Ann Ryan (897-9679)
- 22 Bridge II:** 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Hostess: Barbara Lemberger (635-8516)
Coordinators: Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org &
Janet White (462-6675)
- 22 Pins & Needles:** 7:30 pm
Sewing Projects, Pat Luczai & Dina Gleeson
Hostess: Dina Gleeson (229-8458)
Coordinators: Jane Toll (463-2712) &
Sue Osterhoudt (889-4469)
- 23-25 AAUW-NYS Convention**
- 24 Trekkers:** 9:00 am
Franny Reese State Park & Walkway Over the Hudson
Organizer: Pat Luczai (463-4662)
Coordinator: Karen Haynes (297-5700)
- 26 Manderley Literary Society:** 7:30 pm
Book: *The Given Day*
by Dennis Lehane
Hostess: Pat Poggi (452-9333)
Coordinator: Ellie Burch (297-7828)
- 28 Contemporary Literature:** 7:30 pm
Call Coordinator for details.
Coordinator: Ann Wade (229-5267)
- 28 Mah Jongg:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Hostess: Mary-Jo Cottrell (635-5175)
Coordinator: Amy Schwed (462-2269)
- 29 Organizational Development** 6:30 pm
Geeta Desai (297-7589) & Betty Harrel (462-2141)

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 11 Annual Meeting** Christo's, Anne Constantinople will address "Gender and Generation in American Philanthropy." See page 6.
- June 2 Program Planning Meeting**, 7 pm St John's Lutheran Church
- June 9 Mexican Cuisine - Its History, Culture and Background** with Chef and AAUW member Erika Kastel, 7 pm, St John's Lutheran Church
- Oct 23 2010 Woman of the Year**
- Nov 6 2010 Live Your Dream Girls' Conference**

Our Tea Menu

Prepared by Cynthia and John Vergilii
of the Historic Joseph Horton House circa 1752.
Music by professional tenor, John Vergilii

To Start:

Harney brewed tea

&

Scones:

scones with cranberries, coconut, and white chocolate with clotted cream

lemon scones filled with lemon curd

Then:

Platters of gourmet tea sandwiches:

Chicken salad with fruit and rosemary

Salmon salad with cucumbers and fresh dill

Egg salad with asparagus and pecans

Cucumber sandwich with onion cream cheese

Dutch tea sandwich with Speculaas Dutch spices mixed with cranberries, walnuts, cream cheese and a

pumpkin spread

Sweet Endings:

Assorted platters of gourmet cookies and Dutch tarts

FORSYTHIA NEEDED!!!!

Anyone willing to donate forsythia for the Writers' Tea, please call Carole Loizides (452-3208).

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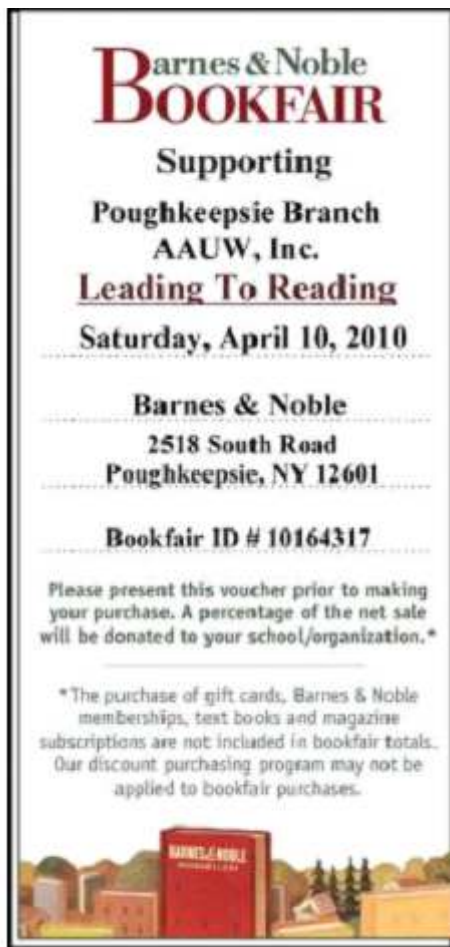
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SOCIALIZE, SHOP, AND HELP CHILDREN - April 10, 2010

Judy Linville *889-4802* judylinville@citlink.net



This year the Leading to Reading Committee is trying something new and we need your support.

The mission of LTR is to get books into the hands of local children who might not be fortunate enough to have access to many books. Therefore, we have partnered with **Barnes and Noble in Poughkeepsie for an event on April 10th**. To help, all you have to do is shop! Bring the voucher you see here or pick one up that day at Barnes & Noble from one of the

LTR committee members. When you show it at check-out, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to AAUW for LTR. You may shop at www.bn.com using the same **Bookfair ID # 10164317** you see on the voucher above.

As an added bonus, **between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on April 10th, we will have volunteers reading to young children and story tellers weaving tales for the older kids.** It should be a fun day.

For more information or if you would like to help out in any way, contact Linda Roy at lmroy@mail@gmail.com. **We hope to see you on April 10th.**

GIRLS' CONFERENCE REUNION

marcine.humphrey@gmail.com

The first reunion for girls who attended the *Live Your Dream Girls' Conference* in 2008 and 2009 was held on March 12.

Our thanks to Bethany Hamilton who gave a workshop on using media with "wisdom." The girls were treated to pizza and ice cream and had a chance to reconnect, play games and discuss "communication." We are planning a second reunion – a spring brunch and if you would like to assist contact Marcine at aauwgirls@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Gloria Ghedini gloriaghedini@cs.com

In a recent conversation with my mother's priest, a Nigerian clergyman, I learned that more women than men are attending universities in Nigeria. However, there are no jobs upon graduation. The consequence is many people tend to follow a life of crime. When I pressed for women's education in rural areas, he told me that there are no statistics but agreed with me that probably there are very few rural women furthering their education. He also lamented the terrible strife between Christians and Muslims.

Thank you

Dear Pat,

I am most proud to be honored by the Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. by having my name on an Honoree Gift of \$500 to the Educational fund.

AAUW has given me many happy years with good friends, fun and constructive activities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Margaret Ruggeri

December 30, 2009

SAVE THE DATE!

Marcine Humphrey *485-7697* marcine.humphrey@gmail.com

November 6, 2010 -- The fifth *Live Your Dream Girls' Conference* will be held at Dutchess Community College! Yes, the fifth! We are seeking workshop facilitators and volunteers. Contact Marcine Humphrey if you would like to join in this amazing community project!

Thank you

To The Board of the Poughkeepsie AAUW, Inc.,

I am touched by your donation of \$500 in my name to the Educational Fund. Thank you very much.

I am pleased to be a member of the Poughkeepsie AAUW. And, I enjoy working with our members on the "Writers' Tea."

Very truly yours,

Lula Allen

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Pat Luczai, Educational Fund Co-VP, pat.luczai@gmail.com

Each year, thanks to the generosity of our members, our branch is able to make 'named gifts' to the Educational Opportunities Fund of AAUW. If you'd like to know more about this fund, or learn how to make a contribution, please visit the website at <http://www.aauw.org/education/index.cfm> This year, we are honoring four members, Lula Allen, Marcine Humphey, Bergie Lebovitch and Margaret Ruggeri, with \$500 gifts to the fund in their names.

Lula Allen

Lula joined our branch in 2007. Since then she has been active on the Diversity Committee, and worked on the 2008 Conference on Diversity. She enjoys attending the Gourmet Out & About dinners as well as the Monthly Programs. Her other activities involve volunteering at The Poughkeepsie Daycare Center. This year she is being recognized for her leadership as chairperson for the Spring Writer's Tea. Lula is pleased to be working with a very talented group of women on this important event.

Marcine Humphey

After retiring from teaching, Marcine joined AAUW in 2003. Anyone familiar with the highly successful "Live Your Dreams Girls' Conference" will know of the outstanding leadership Marcine has provided. During its 5th year, she is serving as co-coordinator and notes that she "does not do this alone" and has been "fortunate to have worked with some pretty awesome women." Marcine has also worked on the Diversity Committee, the 2008 Conference on Diversity, and continues to serve on the Equity for Life Committee. You will also recognize Marcine as the current Public Policy Chair and she has enjoyed keeping our members informed on national initiatives and events. She wants everyone to know that "the best part of AAUW is the new friends I have made! As a member of AAUW, I have gained so much!"

Bergie Lebovitch

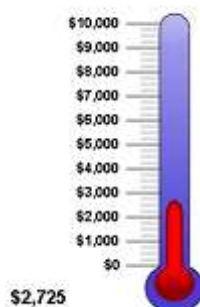
The Poughkeepsie Branch isn't big enough for the recruiting talents of Bergie Lebovitch! A member for 4 years, and for the last 2 years, she not only serves as our own Membership VP, but has expanded her horizons to serve at the state level as well. Thanks in large part to the efforts of Bergie, we continue to increase our membership at an impressive rate... 307 and counting! Bergie feels that the camaraderie and commitment of the AAUW members in making our world a better place for all women and girls, has made and continues to make The Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc. the number ONE Branch in the COUNTRY!

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Margaret Ruggeri

Margaret left the area several years ago to settle in an assisted living facility near her son in the Schenectady area. Despite her distance, she continues to remain a loyal member and to keep up with our activities via *The Branch*. She commented that "you are doing a lot!" We are honoring Margaret for her continued interest and support. Her actions show that she "walks the walk" when it comes to living the values of AAUW. Some of you may remember reading about Margaret when she reached her 50th AAUW anniversary, and heard about her efforts to encourage her former home health aide to further her education. I am pleased to report that in 3 months, Margaret's health aid will receive her RN. Congratulations to Margaret for being a champion of higher education and an inspiration to others.

DCC Endowment Fund



Our DCC Endowment Fund continues to grow. Send contributions to:

Mary Louise Van Winkle
61 High Acres Drive
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Checks payable:
"Poughkeepsie AAUW, Inc."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Beyer *462-0345* imbchanel@aol.com

After what seems like endless winter with event cancellations, piles of snow and power outages, the longer days and warmer sunshine are so very welcome. Our lavish spring Writers' Tea promises to be a wonderful way to begin the season. Lula Allen, Mary Coiteux, and their hard-working committee are having fun meeting the authors, planning the delectables, arranging things at Locust Grove, and getting their pictures taken for the newspaper! There are some exciting silent auction items (look for something hand-made, soft and gray with silver thread) and there will be beautifully decorated tables (with Roseville and forsythia – maybe even pussy willows) to share with your friends. Some are reserving a full table for ten; many are coming on their own or with a spouse. Either way, the committee is making sure all will feel comfortable and will enjoy the day. Don't forget to make your reservation with Saranne Ratner by April 5th.

Our next spring event will be our annual meeting and dinner where our branch celebrates our achievements for the year and gets to meet the new officers. A delicious dinner at Christo's is being planned by Sue Osterhoudt and her committee. A special guest, Anne Constantinople, retired psychology professor at Vassar College, will speak to us on insights she has gained from her studies of philanthropy in America.

So, plan to share your spring with your friends at AAUW. That's always where the "action" is!

PUBLIC POLICY

Marcine Humphrey marcine.humphrey@gmail.com

Equal Pay Day is April 20, 2010

"Pay Gap = Women at a Discount"

With all the wonderful activities planned for AAUW Poughkeepsie this April, it might be easy to forget Equal Pay Day.

Idaho's House of Representatives has unanimously passed a bill requiring the state to recognize "Equal Pay Day" each year. The bill was introduced by Rep. Anne Pasley-Stuart (D-Boise) in hopes of bringing attention to the continued wage gap between men and women. Way to go Idaho!

The U.S. Department of Labor Statistics data would be used to determine exactly what day will be considered "Equal Pay Day." As a means to demonstrate pay inequity, the day is set to change each year based upon the amount of days it takes a woman to earn as much as a man during the previous year.

According to new data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the gap between men's and women's median earnings widened slightly between 2007 and 2008, from 78 percent to 77 percent for full-time, year-round workers. Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer to receive the same amount of pay. In recognition of this inequity, Equal Pay Day will be marked on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

Please do not forget this symbolic day when women's wages catch up to men's wages from the year before.

One year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens.

TAKE ACTION! Fair Pay is even more critical today, not simply to family economic security but also to the nation's economic recovery. Urge your senators to take the next critical step in the fight for pay equity by quickly passing the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.182).

Support Responsible Education About life (REAL) Act (H.R. 1551/s.611)

This bill authorizes Federal funds for state to offer comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate sexual education in the schools. The REAL Act is a comprehensive approach to sex education that promotes abstinence but includes information about contraception. The bill encourages family communication and teaching young people the skills to make responsible decisions about sexuality, and explore components of a healthy relationship.

There are currently three separate federal programs to fund abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, there remains no federal funding specifically for comprehensive sex education. Become a "two minute" activist today! Visit www.aauw.org and click on "Advocacy" and "Take Action."

BRANCH OFFICER ELECTIONS

Betty Harrel, Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee has been working for several months to select a slate of officers and fill appointed board positions for the coming two years. We are very pleased indeed to present the following slate for 2010-2012:

President Geeta Desai
Secretary Ginny Marcus
Treasurer Barbara Van Itallie

Other officers will continue to serve the second year of their term. A vote will be held at the May 11, 2010 Annual meeting, after which the new officers will be installed. Work is continuing on the appointed board positions

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Bergie Lebovitch *298-4045* blebokovi@yahoo.com

YOU....Did IT!!!

The Fabulous Platinum Poughkeepsie Branch is Number ONE in the NATION, Again....

You brought in 42 new members between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009

From Jan. 1, 2010 to date (3/15/10) we have 17 new members...lots of room to grow....

Keep those names, phone numbers and emails coming—We need another plaque and gift certificate and you need recognition in the Association Hall of Fame! Why not check out the www.aauw.org website for the Hall of Fame, use your membership number, find your name and the number of new members you have brought in over the past three years! There are quite a few of you who have brought in 5 or more members and have joined my NYS group of "Bergie's Angels" who proudly wear a specially designed, by our own Jane Toll, Key to the Future pin. At the NYS Convention in Cooperstown, NY, my "Angels" will be attending a special recognition reception.

Have you ever noticed that the older you get the faster the time goes??? It's time to think about renewing again. The dues are remaining at \$75.00 for the year. Again, \$62.00 of that is tax deductible. For any of you who have joined March 15, 2010 and forward to June 30th, you do NOT have to renew until next year (2011). The rest of us, must renew by May 30th-Why??? This year, we have 3 free memberships "up for grabs" from those who get their dues into Liz Moesel by May 30th! The drawing of the 3 lucky winners of the \$49.00 refunds will be at the general meeting in June. Good luck to you all.

Please join me in:

Welcoming aboard!

Mellany Bagtas

Joan Henry

Susan Goldsmith

Leslie Quick

Welcoming Back!

Denise Bolds

MAY ANNUAL MEETING

Sue Osterhoudt *889-4469* sosterhoudt@yahoo.com

"Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone." ~ Gladys B. Stern

So we are saying:

Thank you! Merci! Gracias! Asante! Dank je!*

Please join us at this special event celebrating the women and accomplishments of our branch!

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Cash Bar 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Christo's

155 Wilbur Blvd.,

Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Guest Speaker: Anne Constantinople, election and installation of officers, and much more!

Cost: \$40.00 (this is the cost of the meal)

Make checks payable "Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc."

Mail to: **Barbara Van Itallie**

17 Croft Road

Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Checks must be received by May 4th.

There will be no refunds after May 4th and your check is your reservation

Menu choices to be made that evening:

Filet Mignon - Demiglace Sauce

Breast of Chicken Francese - Egg Battered

Filet of Salmon, Grilled - Dill & Dijon Sauce

Vegetarian entree

Stuffed potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Dessert & Coffee, Tea

* English, French, Spanish, Swahili, Dutch

LITERARY NOTES - Short Story Authors

Cathy Kinn cathy@kinn.org

Diane Browne-Sterdt, guest columnist

Our struggling world is filled with women who are mothers....and, in many situations, mothers maintain their inner strength and their nurturing even as their bodies, their families and their communities are torn apart. Two excellent short story writers, **Colm Toibin** and **Jayne Ann Phillips**, focus their small literary gems upon mothers as central characters.

Both Toibin (pronounced "toe-bean"), an Irishman, and Phillips, a woman from West Virginia, are notably sensitive writers who explore their maternal characters' ability to handle loneliness, shame, illness, and losses with generosity and grace. Their adult children try to hold on...and to move on...with uncertainty and beautifully portrayed regret. Their mothers are often quietly strong and effective, no matter how frail.

Colm Toibin has been a novelist, journalist and playwright, and "Mothers and Sons" is his first collection of short stories. He has written about people at different pivotal moments in their

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lives, and he believes that the relationships between mothers and their sons reveal something unique and important about them. Toibin grew up in a diversified family, in which his parents spoke in a different language from his. He has claimed in interviews that he learned to pick up the tone in conversations...i.e., where things that were not said were most important. "One Minus One", and "A Priest In The Family" are two especially fine stories in Toibin's collection: melancholy in tone, a mother's strength and grace only indirectly apparent (but undeniable), and a son's regrets poignantly portrayed.

Jayne Ann Phillips was writing prolifically in her twenties, and she had the admiration of great writers such as Tillie Olson, Raymond Carver and Nadine Gordimer. Her focus has been on lonely, lost souls, and in "Souvenirs," a particularly excellent story (in a collection entitled "Black Tickets"), she has written about a gravely ill mother who needs the help of her son and daughter, yet must--and does--answer their needs instead. Her daughter tries to give what she can via cards and flowers, while her son maintains a "takeover," distant approach. As neither can really take away any of the pain and grief, it is the generous and graceful mother, nearing death, who holds everything together.

I hope that you will have the enriching experience of reading stories by these two talented writers, Toibin and Phillips.

New York State AAUW Convention

Peggy Kelland, AAUW-NYS VP Program, *297-0507*

Come to convention at the historic **Otesaga Hotel, April 23-25**, in Cooperstown!! Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, will be the keynote speaker. Enjoy a wonderful piano recital and many other interesting events! It's a great opportunity to meet other women from around the state, learn more about AAUW initiatives on behalf of women and girl, enjoy the camaraderie of your Poughkeepsie AAUW friends and, not to forget, try belly dancing! Go to www.aauw-nys.org to register or call Peggy or Linda Beyer.

SOLEIL PLANS BROOKLYN BRIDGE WALK

Marcine Humphrey *485-7697* marcine.humphrey@gmail.com (new)

Join us for the Big Onion Walking Tour of The Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn Heights on **Saturday, May 1, 2010**.

The tour leaves at 1 pm from the edge of City Hall Park and should end by or before 3pm at the Brooklyn Heights promenade.

On this tour, we will cross the Brooklyn Bridge and recount the dramatic story of how it was built. We will stroll the Heights to explore the rich architectural, social and literary history. Stops could include abolitionist Henry Ward Beecher's Plymouth church, examples of 19th century architecture and sites associated with Walt Whitman, Truman Capote, Arthur Miller and Emily Roebling. The tour concludes on the Promenade in Brooklyn Heights with a spectacular view of downtown Manhattan. The cost is \$20 and is limited to 25 participants. You can reach me at 845/485-7697 or marcine.humphrey@gmail.com (new)

Car pools and transportation notes will follow sign up! Join us.

FYI APRIL CULTURAL EVENTS

Mary Coiteux *226-8275* mcoiteux@frontiernet.net

*By far the most exciting cultural program this month is the **Writer's Tea on Sunday, April 18th from 3-6pm. So many folks have worked to make this a truly gala event. You don't want to miss it!***

ART & FILM:

Through April "Triple Whammy" - three solo shows. FRANC PALAIA will present, "Sojourns: 100 + Color Photographs: Two Continents." JOANNE KLEIN takes her use of color off the canvas onto the perimeters of the space in her installation "Saturation." BILL RYBAK will install a variety of works exploring the language and imagery of his peculiar take on the relationship between Citizen and City. 12pm-6pm. G.A.S. Gallery, Poughkeepsie

4/10/10 The Tivoli Artist's Co-op's group member show.

"Whatever Works on Paper" is an exhibit of drawings, etchings, monotypes, watercolors, photographs, pastels and collages. Opening reception: 6-8pm. Tivoli, NY

4/17/10 23rd Annual National Juried Photography Exhibition. Photography and photo/mixed media. Opening Reception 4- 6pm. Mill Street Loft presents **"Exposure"** a juried high school photography exhibit in collaboration with **"Photoworks '10,"** for professional photographers, at the Barrett Art Center.

4/16/10 "Singin' in the Rain" (1952). Pre-show music on the Bardavon's Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ by The New York Theatre Organ Society, 7pm. Fee.

LITERATURE:

through April, "Mark Twain and Huckleberry Finn," an exhibition of letters, artwork, manuscripts, books and articles relating to the works of Mark Twain. Vassar College Library

4/3/10 "Calling All Poets" is now in its eleventh year!

Featured Poets: Dr. Nicholas Samaras & Glenn Werner. 2 poem open mics. 8pm. Fee. Howland Cultural Center, Beacon.

4/10/10 "Shakespeare for Kid" presented by the Hampstead Stage Company. CENTER's annual Shakespeare Festival. Saturday Morning Family Series. 11am. Fee. Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck

4/22/10 Dramatic Readings. "A Sense of Wonder." From the writings of Rachel Carson. 7pm. Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film, Martel Theater, Vassar College. Free

MUSIC:

4/10/10 Hudson Valley Philharmonic. **"Pastorale"** Concerto with the Van Cliburn Silver Medalist. 8pm. Fee Bardavon.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Throughout April, Take the early-bird tour of Roosevelt's Springwood! Tours limited to 8 people. National Park Service for free reservations (800) 967-2283

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4/8/10 Author Neil MacFarquhar, the former New York Times' Middle East correspondent and the current New York Times' United Nations bureau chief, discusses **"Happy Birthday from Hizbollah: The Case for Change in the Middle East."** Sanders Classroom Spitzer Auditorium (room 212). Vassar College. Free

4/17/10 Join Scenic Hudson staff and veteran volunteers to learn how to help maintain Scenic Hudson's magnificent parks as a member of the **Volunteer Parks Patrol.** 10am-12 noon. Mount Beacon. Free.

4/22/10 Join an **Earth Day Clean up at Mount Beacon** from 10am-1pm. It is interesting to note that Mount Beacon is the most visible summit for miles around, providing the defining backdrop for the local communities. Its prominence made the mountain an important factor in the Revolutionary War, when George Washington's troops set signal fires to communicate vital information about British troop movements.

4/24/10 The Dutchess County SPCA, The Beacon Barkery and the City of Beacon invite all dog lovers to **"Beacon Barks!"** The Animal Shelter Appreciation Day event will include a Parade of Dogs and dog lovers, a blessing of the Animals, and dozens of dogs available for adoption. 11am-3pm, Main Street, Beacon

4/24/-25 Hudson Valley 40th Anniversary Earth Day Celebration at the Dutchess County Fair Grounds. 10am-5pm. Fee.

Check your email each day!
Discover all the wonderful events that
are happening in AAUW!
See you at the Writers' Tea, April 18, 2010!

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. Officers 2009-2010

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