



Marin Branch AAUW April 2019 Newsletter

Monet Presentation for Spring Tea April 13



For April's branch program Marin Branch member and Fine Arts Museum Docent **Julia Geist** will take us inside *Monet, The Later Years*, showing at the DeYoung Museum through May 27. Join us **Saturday, April 13, 2 to 4 p.m.**, for Monet and afternoon tea in the Key Room at Homeward Bound, Novato. Cost is \$22.50 for program, tea sandwiches, and scones, and reservations must be received by April 10. To attend, respond to the Paperless Post, which was sent to you about a week ago. Mail check for \$22.50, made out to AAUW Marin, to **Katherine Brinnier**, 905 San Pablo Way, Novato 94949, or use the PayPal link in the

Paperless Post invite. Questions: contact **Katherine Brinnier**, 415/ 382-8178 or brinnier@sbcglobal.net.

Super Ste(a)m Day 2019



More than 80 Marin middle school girls turned out bright and early on Saturday, March 2 at College of Marin for the 2nd Marin Branch AAUW/College of Marin STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Day. Following check-in, refreshments, and introductory remarks, the girls broke up for workshops on fascinating subjects led by college instructors. (At left, COM lab coordinator **Felicia Adebajo** leads a chemistry workshop.) Lunch was served by branch hostesses,

followed by a keynote talk by **Allison Oropallo**, industrial engineering instructor at Terra Linda High School. Much credit for the enjoyable and successful day to our branch volunteers: Chair **Dottie Burke**, and **Margaret Deedy**, **Claudia Gardner**, **Nancy Lubamersky**, **Beverlee Sandy**, **Dale Satake**, **Dianne Sheridan**, **Cherie Sorokin**, **Barbara Thomas**, and **Sue Torres**.

Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome to four new members. **Jax Harrison**, jax@jaxharrison.com, works at Jax Harrison - Communications, Greenbrae and is interested in creative writing, plays and more. **Denise Mahon** of San Rafael, goodmthr@hush.com, is a graduate of UC/Berkeley. **Angela Nuckles** of San Rafael, a.nuckles@yahoo.com, is a retired accountant, interested in learning about branch art tours, mahjonn, book groups, and local scholarships. **Sarah Pruden**, Sausalito, sarahpruden@gmail.com, retired college career counselor and Tam High School board member, is interested in current events, book groups, art tours, and movies.

AAUW Funds Program and Our Named Gift Awardees

Board members attending the annual AAUW Funds/Greatest Needs Campaign gathering March



9 at **Cherie Sorokin's** were treated to a generous afternoon buffet, and informative program. Speaker was AAUW American Fellow Speaker **Diana Juarez-Madera**, in a PhD program at Stanford, who enlightened attendees about aeronautical engineering. Also, our 2019 Marin Branch Named Gift Awardees, **Mary Mossteller** and **Heidi Scott** (at left) were roundly applauded for their extensive volunteering with Marin Branch AAUW. Following the meeting, our AAUW Funds Chair **Gerrie Young**, who organized this enjoyable afternoon event, mailed the branch annual appeal for the national funds

campaign. Your response is greatly appreciated.

More April and May Activities

Equal Pay Day Program April 1. Marin Branch AAUW partners with YWCA Marin for an online demonstration regarding negotiation skills on April 1 at YWCA offices in Marin. This is part of AAUW's Work Smart program, teaching women how to negotiate for compensation.

Equal Pay Day April 2. This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

Fresh Start Chef Events at Homeward Bound. The April 11 event for Chef Dustin Valette is sold out with a waiting list available. However the May 16 dinner featuring **Heidi Krahling** of Insalata's in San Anselmo, had a few seats left, though it also promises to be a sell-out. Dinner is 6:30 at Homeward Bound, cost \$60. If you would like to join the Marin AAUW table at these dinners, contact branch organizer **Dianne Sheridan**, traciinmarin@sbcglobal.net or 415/457-4149.

Theater-goers April 7. The group goes to the Magic Theater on Sunday, April 7, for the 2:30 matinee of *In Old Age*, fifth in the family cycle series by Mfoniso Udofia. Inf: contact **Nancy Van Horn**, Interest Group Chair, at 415-377-9565.

Art Tours Friday, April 26. AAUW Art Tours will visit the Frank Lloyd Wright Marin Civic Center on April 26. The group will join a public tour with Ilene Taekman, who is a long time docent at the Civic Center as well as with the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. The tour will include the conflict-riddled history of Frank Lloyd Wright being commissioned to design the Marin County Civic Center and fairgrounds, which exemplify his idea of "architecture for democracy." The group will spend time both indoors and outdoors, looking at the innovative architecture and talking about Mr. Wright's groundbreaking ideas and building techniques. The Tour lasts about 1-1/2 hours with an optional lunch to follow. RSVP Yes, only, to **Mardi Leland** (Llela@comcast.net; 415-891-8883).

May 7 Art Tour. May's Art Tour will be "*Early Rubens*" at the Legion of Honor on Tuesday, May 7. The exhibition focuses on Rubens' most innovative period, 1609 to 1621. Marilyn South will provide more details in mid-April to the Art Tours Interest Group and other interested members upon request. Contact Marilyn at mpsouth@mac.com

2019 Tech Trekkers Earn Scholarships to July Camp

Marin middle school recipients of Marin Branch scholarships for this year's Marie Curie Tech Trek camp at Stanford have been selected: **Jane Adams** and **Rowan Baechler** of White Hill Middle School, **Olivia Brewster** and **Emerald Lin** from Miller Creek in the Dixie School District, **Trinity Chancellor** of Willow Creek in Sausalito, **Kimberly Flores** and **Aleisha Malones** from Hall Middle School, and **Ruth Mondesir** of Davidson School in San Rafael. To become an AAUW Tech Trekker these girls were all nominated by school staff, then completed an application and wrote an essay which were all paper screened; there were 23 applications this year with 14 chosen for an interview with a branch committee headed by **Amy Anderson**, and including **Joyce Erlenbach**, **Priscilla Hopkins**, and **Ann Thomas**. We look forward to hearing from our young scholars about their adventures at the week-long STEM camp (science, technology, engineering, math) at our September meeting. This is a major AAUW-CA project and Marin Branch local scholarship donations support the program in southern and central Marin.

AAUW North Coast News

North Coast Leadership Conference. AAUW-CA is planning its annual Leadership Day for the nine North Coast Branches on June 1 at the Healdsburg Library. More details will follow in May that will include a menu for lunch and reservations.

Annual Amador House Tour April 13. Amador AAUW holds its 47th annual home tour on April 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the tour benefit the Amador Branch scholarship program for local girls and women. Tickets are \$25 and information is available on the website: amador-ca.aauw.net/home-tour.