

The background of the entire flyer is a reproduction of J.M.W. Turner's painting 'Rain, Steam, and Great Bridges' (1844), which is often mistaken for 'The Starry Night'. It features a swirling, blue and white sky with a large, bright yellow sun or moon in the upper right corner. The foreground shows a bridge and buildings, though they are less distinct than the sky.

STARRY NIGHT

of Art and Wine

Art Sales | Wine Tasting
Silent Auction | Appetizers

November 3, 2023

4:00-7:30PM

NVAL | 48 Quartz Hill Road, Redding

Tickets: \$30 | Wine Tasting: \$10

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A Message from the President



The autumn season in Redding is always short. Summer drags on into October and before you know it, winter arrives in full force. But even though the weather doesn't always match the fall months, we still have some cool autumn breezes and all the seasonal celebrations.

Of those celebrations, my favorite is Thanksgiving. I appreciate the time for reflection and the opportunity to give gratitude its rightful place. In this space, I wish to recognize all the amazing leaders in our Branch, who over the last 81 years of our history have given generously of their time and resources, and especially their dedication to the mission of AAUW. On a

personal note, I am most appreciative of their advice, their assistance, and their encouragement. Our Branch does not exist in isolation, but relies upon a strong network of comradery and shared vision. I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue to build upon their service and collective efforts. Please join me in expressing your gratitude to them as well.

November is also historically the month of our Fall Fundraising event. Very much like last year's Art in the Park, we will return to the North Valley Art League in Caldwell Park for a "Starry Night" on November 3rd. This promises to be a wonderful event and I hope you will join us. Please know that we miss our annual Home Tour, and as soon as circumstances allow, we shall return to either a modified version or a new and exciting version! If you wish to be part of that conversation, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your Board members.

Remember that we will not have a Branch Meeting in November, but look for a delightful "Holiday Traditions" brunch December 9th.

In solidarity,
Maureen Chenoweth
AAUW Redding Branch President

You don't have to sign into our website to purchase online meal tickets for AAUW meetings. Follow these steps:

- Go to aauwredding.org
- In the white banner at the top of the page, click on *Payment*
- Scroll down the page until you see *Monthly Branch Meeting*
- Under *Meeting Cost*, click on the arrow until you come to the Option # stated in the newsletter (the costs of meetings vary).
- Click on the appropriate Option #.
- Click on the yellow *Add to Cart* button.
- You will be taken to a different page (*Your shopping cart*) where you can choose the number of tickets you want and are offered the choice to pay with PayPal or a credit card.

Once you have purchased your ticket(s), email Tammy Douse to let her know your name, how many tickets you've purchased and the names of any guests you are bringing. Tammy is the Social Committee Chair and plans the amount of food for each meeting based on how many are coming.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact: Carol Skill or Maureen Chenoweth.

We're going to have another amazing Starry Night!

Don't miss out!

Our fabulous fall fundraiser is Friday evening, November 3, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., featuring an art show, silent auction, and winetasting. The art show will also be open for sales Thursday, Nov. 2 - Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 - 4:00.

This is our branch's fundraiser for local scholarships!



Get your tickets now on our website's Payments page or at

<https://aauwredding.org/activities-special-events/starry-night-of-art-and-wine/>

The artwork will be available for viewing at the North Valley Art League Carter House Gallery from Wednesday, November 1st to Saturday, November 4th, from 11-4:00, so please drop by to preview the exhibit or take a second look!



Please save

Saturday, December 9th for our Holiday Potluck Brunch

at the Redding Library starting at 11:30 am. This is a fun time to share your favorite small bite appetizer, cookie or bar and be surprised by what appears!

We are looking for people who would be willing to hostess a table with seasonal decorations representing different winter holidays. If you are interested please contact Barbara Enochian.

You won't want to miss a surprise musical performance featuring some very young and talented musicians! This will be a festive finish to the year and a fun time with friends.

There will not be a branch meeting this month as we are all excited to go to the Starry Night Art Show and Wine Tasting Party on Friday, November 3rd from 4:30-7:30.

Upcoming Board Meetings

November 27

We meet at 5:30 in the Redding Library Community Room.

All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. The agenda will be emailed one week prior to each meeting.

If you wish to speak to an agenda item at the meeting, please contact President Maureen Chenoweth.

There is no Board Meeting in December.

PUBLIC POLICY-DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION

Did you know that the Public Policy Committee of AAUW CA not only tracks bills that enhance and ensure equity for women and girls and much more, but they also sponsor legislation?

It is exciting to report that an AAUW CA co-sponsored bill, AB 1078, which deals with “preserving historically accurate and representative curricula for public schools in California” has been signed into law by the governor. You can track all the bills that AAUW CA supports here: [Bill Tracking](#)

Speaking of CA public schools...

There is a movement across the country, as well as here in California, to install school board members who want to ban books, censor curricula, and establish policies that are harmful to LGBTQ+ and other minority students. The School Board Project (SBP) subcommittee has been formed to develop steps that branch members can take to help monitor and protect our schools. On September 21, the AAUW CA Public Policy School Board Project webinar presented this project. There is a toolkit which has resources, checklists, how to seek out candidates for school boards, how to support a campaign, how to evaluate a school board meeting and speak effectively at one. There were also hints on diffusing difficult situations and how to protect yourself. If you missed this webinar, you can access it here: <https://youtu.be/08hRjvBBkFI>

And if you have not yet responded to the SBP survey, which asks questions about YOUR school districts, take a moment and do so. You can find the survey [HERE](#).

Finally, **November 25** is the U.N. **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**. Violence against women is a global issue, a human rights violation, a consequence of discrimination and persisting inequalities between women and men. Prevention is possible and essential. Find out more here: <http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>

What you can do....

- Track CA bills that AAUW-CA is supporting.
- Take the School Board Survey and watch the SBP webinar.
- Support the elimination of violence against women.

Penny Harris

Public Policy, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair



Members of the Walking Group attended the Think Pink 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, Oct 7th, at the Sundial Bridge to support this worthwhile effort! In addition, AAUW Redding hosted an information booth at the Sundial Bridge on October 19th. Hats off to our devoted volunteers Frances, Penny, Gail, and Maureen!



Drama Divas -- November 8th, 1-4 p.m. Hostess: Debbie Spiess

Drama Divas will be reading *What the Constitution Means to Me* by Heidi Schreck. This is the 2017 American play that premiered on Broadway on 3/31/2019 at the Hayes Theater with Schreck herself in the leading role. Over the course of the play, Schreck addresses themes such as women's rights, immigration, domestic abuse and the history of the United States. Schreck varies the time period in which the play takes place, performing some scenes as her modern self and others as her 15-year-old self participating in Constitutional debate contests.

Debbie Spiess will be providing tasty treats and beverages so please RSVP. This promises to be an entertaining and thought provoking afternoon of reading and conversation. I have 10 copies of the play and everyone will have a chance to read.

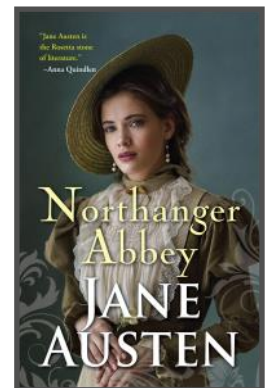
This group is open to all AAUW members with an annual fee of \$11 to cover receiving the plays and postage. Questions or to check if you have already paid? Contact Tammy Douse.

December 6th: Hostess needed
January 3rd: Hostess needed



November Book Group Tuesday, November 14, 2:00 pm Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

Step into the enchanting world of Jane Austen's "Northanger Abbey," a delightful novel that blends romance, humor, and social commentary. Follow the spirited Catherine Morland as she embarks on a journey of self-discovery, love, and the quirks of human nature.



In this coming-of-age tale, Austen masterfully satirizes the conventions of Gothic literature while exploring the intricacies of friendship and societal expectations. As Catherine ventures into the fashionable society of Bath and the mysterious halls of Northanger Abbey, readers are treated to a delightful blend of wit, intrigue, and unexpected turns of fate.

Through her nuanced characterizations and keen observations, Austen paints a vivid portrait of Regency-era England, highlighting the aspirations and vulnerabilities of her protagonists. Catherine's personal growth and eventual understanding of the world around her make "Northanger Abbey" a timeless classic.

With its clever wit and timeless charm, "Northanger Abbey" continues to enchant readers, inviting them into a world of genteel society, where love and misunderstandings intertwine, and where Jane Austen's timeless wit reigns supreme.

Leader: Carolyn Chandler
Hostess: Frances Cole-Boyd

**If you are interested in attending please contact Frances Cole-Boyd
by November 10.**

The Walking Group

November 2023 Schedule

The Walking Group has been stepping out!

In October, members participated in the St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk and the Think Pink walk. We enjoyed a beautiful fall day in Lassen Park, along the Manzanita Creek Trail, in addition to enjoying local trails. More fun opportunities await us in November. Please contact Frances if you would like to join us.



Tuesday Walks (8:00 am meeting time):

- 11/7 Chemise Peak OR Hornbeck Trail. We will meet at Raley's on Lake Blvd.
- 11/14 Clover Creek Preserve (parking lot at Shasta View & Venus)
- 11/21 Anderson River Park
- 11/28 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway parking)

Saturday Walks (8:00 am meeting time):

- 11/4 Sundial Bridge
- 11/11 Churn Creek Trail (meet at Lema Ranch Shasta View/Hemingway parking)
- 11/18 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway parking)
- 11/25 Senior Center (2290 Benton Drive)



Wine and Brews

Wednesday, November 8th at 4:30 PM

Come join us at

Casa Rios Grill on Hartnell Avenue

Enjoy delicious food, wine, beer, and Agave margaritas.

Please RSVP to Nancy Randall by Monday, November 6th

Travel Interest Group

Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 pm at Karline's Restaurant

Travel interest group will not be meeting during November and December but will return on Wednesday, January 24th. Our presenters in January will be Maureen and Wayne Chenoweth, sharing their recent trip to Oregon. They traveled by car, starting from southern Oregon ending along the Columbia River Gorge, taking in some remarkable sights.

Travel group is open to all interested members. If you are a new member to AAUW or a member who has never come before, I would like to extend a personal welcome to you to join us for these wonderful adventures. All travel interest group events are dinner meetings held at Karline's restaurant in Redding. A reservation is needed to attend by contacting Judy Bush.

For more information contact Chair Judy Bush.

Travel tip: Wear comfortable athletic shoes at airports that slip on and off easily. They help make it easy to get from one side of the airport to the other especially when there are tight connections.

Women's Issues Group Tuesday, November 14 at 5:00 pm



At our next meeting the topic will be The Stem Gap. As noted on the AAUW website, "When it comes to 'innate' abilities, there's zero evidence to support the notion that boys are better at math and science. Yet these limiting stereotypes persist." More information can be found at <https://www.aauw.org/issues/education/stem/> Please bring questions and comments. Snacks will be provided. RSVP to

Frances Boyd-Cole, as space is limited.

The Women's Issues Group met in October and discussed Workplace Sexual Harassment. Were you aware that 34% of female employees say they have been sexually harassed by a colleague? Of those who have been sexually harassed, 37% said it disrupted their career advancement. Claudia Goldin, the economist who is being awarded the Nobel Prize for her work on gender disparity in the workplace, received a shout out from the group.

Chair: Frances Cole-Boyd

Theater Arts

This Holiday Season when you reach out to our wonderful community theaters, add to your possibility the Redding Performing Arts Society at 3274 Bechelli Lane and the Shasta College campus theater. When making your choice at any theater, if you prefer a matinee, be sure to get your tickets ASAP. ENJOY! Contact Pat Williams or Gwen Knaebel, Theater Arts Coordinators, with questions and ideas!

*Please warmly welcome
our new members:*

Sheryl Roscoe

Nikki Blum

See Contact Page for full information.

Past Presidents

First Thursday Monthly Luncheon will be November 2nd, 11:30 am
Olive Garden, Dana Drive. Please RSVP Noella Pearson by October 31st.



Past President's Luncheon, October 5th at C.R. Gibbs.

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