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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy First Rain Everyone! It was so fortunate to not experience wild fires and smoky skies in our neighborhood this year. And, also good fortune, to have been able to safely meet with each other and several of our scholarship recipients at the Rivino Fall Dinner.

I am feeling hopeful about the continuing success of our Ukiah chapter. We have several wonderful new members, rejoined past members, and with the recent agreements with Mendocino College, we look forward to having student members before long. Perhaps we will even have a student on the Board! Please note that it is not a requirement to have a college degree to become a member of our AAUW chapter, so reach out to your friends who might be interested in supporting our efforts toward women's equality and education, and in the opportunity to meet new friends with interests in common.

Personally, I plan to send the information about our three program meetings to a few of my friends who might enjoy the programs, and maybe even be inspired to join AAUW at some point. I intend to copy the info about the programs from the yearbook and e-mail it to them.

BTW if you haven't picked up your yearbook yet, they are located on Kyle's front porch at 620 North Pine Street; pick it up anytime; and they will also be available at program meetings.

Important: Kristana is the new Hostess Chair and would appreciate help with the drinks/snacks and set-up at the meetings. Please call her (973-519-0091) to let her know you will be able to help on November 9, February 22 or April 19.

Happily looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Be well,

Sulin Bell

AAUW WEIGHS IN AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL

AAUW is actively lobbying for major legislation in Congress. Two bills sponsored by California representatives are of special interest.

Women's health: Reproductive rights are at serious risk in our country now. The *Women's Health Protection Act*, (H.R.3755), sponsored by Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27), has passed the House and is on the Senate legislative calendar. This urgent bill would protect abortion access.

Title IX: The Patsy Mink and Louise Slaughter *Gender Equity in Education Act* (GEEA) (H.R.4097), sponsored by Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-6), includes provisions for more resources, training, and technical assistance to support full implementation of Title IX. Also, AAUW staff are in close contact with Miguel Cardona, the new Secretary of Education, to reverse egregious Title IX policy changes made by the previous Secretary Betsy DeVos.

Support AAUW's work at the national level. You may sign up for the Two-Minute Activist by texting "AAUW" to 21333 to get Action Alerts via text.

What you need to know: AAUW California supports two congressional bills sponsored by California legislators.

What you need to do: Keep watch on the progress of these bills. You are encouraged to sign up for the Two-Minute Activist.

Val Muchowski
Public Policy Chair

UPDATES FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

by Kathi Harper, Co-Chair

Abortion Justice

Although the constitutionally-guaranteed right to an abortion has been systematically under attack for decades, it is currently in danger of disappearing altogether. As AAUW National recently noted: “Every person should have the ability to make their own informed decisions regarding their reproductive life. It is beyond time for abortion to be secured legally, funded fully, and equitably available for all who need it, when they need it, without shame or stigma.” With the recent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene in the onerous Texas case, it is clear that we can no longer count on the courts to protect this critical right. Congress must pass the *Women’s Health Protection Act*. Watch for Action Alerts from National, use them to keep pressure on your representatives and sign-up now for the 2-Minute Activist if you haven’t already done so by clicking here <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>.

Be sure to let us know if members from your branch participated in the Rally for Abortion Justice on October 2 along with Beach Cities, Palos Verdes, San Fernando Valley, Pasadena, Alameda and Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, and send pictures if you have them to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Legislative Updates

Four of our priority bills have been enrolled (passed by the Legislature) and are awaiting the Governor’s signature (he has until October 10):

SB 62 - requires fair pay, instead of “by the piece” payment, for garment workers

AB 367 - requires free menstrual products be provided in girls/women’s bathrooms in schools

AB 123 - increases paid family leave benefits to 65 – 75% of regular pay

AB 1074 - requires hotel and janitorial workers who have lost their jobs due the pandemic to be prioritized for hiring as businesses reopen

Economic Equity

October 21 is Latina Equal Pay Day—the day Latina women, who are paid just 57 cents to every white male’s dollar, finally catch up from the previous year. To help raise awareness, our coalition partner Stronger California is hosting a Latina Equal Pay Day & Essential Women Workers Virtual Summit. If you are interested in joining to learn more and hear from iconic civil rights leader Dolores Huerta, as well as California’s First Partner Jennifer Newsome, click here [register](#) to register.



Gloria L. Blackwell
AAUW Chief Executive Officer

Gloria, in addition to her role as CEO, is also AAUW's main representative to the United Nations. Among her many accomplishments is her 15-year management of AAUW's highly esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and overseas.

Gloria has also been the driving force behind AAUW's signature programs, including its salary negotiation trainings, which have reached nearly 190,000 nationwide. She has worked on pay equity initiatives with public officials in Washington D.C., New York City, Boston and Pittsburgh, as well as with numerous other state and municipal partners. She also worked with the National Science Foundation to increase girls' participation in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Most notably, Gloria has significantly expanded the AAUW's outreach to girls and women of color.

Before joining AAUW in 2004 she was the director of Africa education programs at the Institute of International Education (IIE). She also managed fellowships programs during her decade at IIE and has held positions as a Peace Corps staff member and volunteer in Africa. She holds a master's degree in education and human development from the George Washington University, a bachelor's degree in international affairs from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and studied at the American University in Paris. Gloria is committed to supporting opportunities and empowerment for women and girls globally.



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Celebrate!

Gifts From Home

Paintings, Sculpture, Jewelry,
Quilts, Scarves, Woodworks,
Glass and more.

Created by local artists.



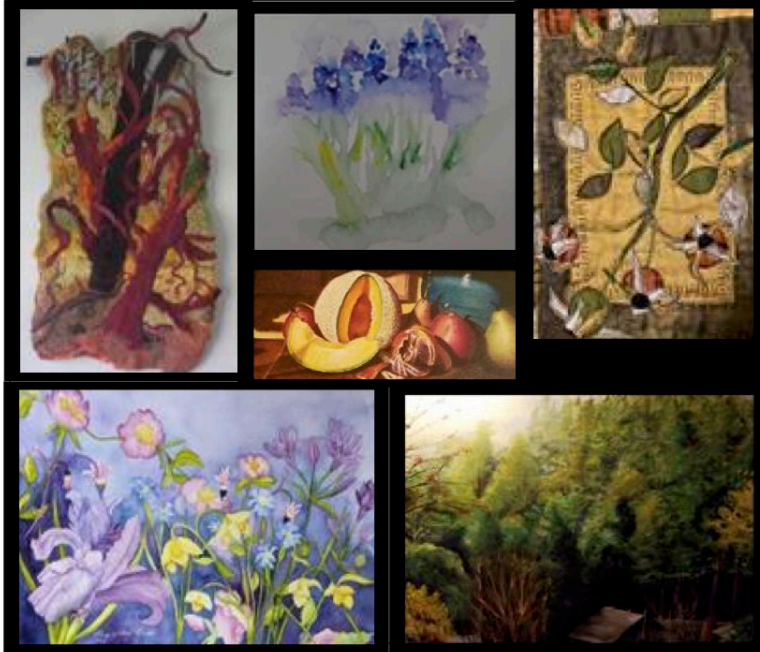
November 5 thru December 29



Art Center
Ukiah

11am - 5pm Tuesday - Saturday
201 South State Street Ukiah 462-1400





Mendocino County Art Association's member artist's *Annual* show

MCAA is the oldest art organization in Mendocino County, established in 1972. Members include artists working in many disciplines from acrylics to quilting and every medium in between. This shows the depth and breadth of this talented group. See for yourself throughout the month of November.

**November
2021
at the
CORNER
GALLERY**

201 So. State Street
Ukiah



*First Friday
Art Walk
November 5th
5:00 - 8:00*

Gallery Hours
Tuesday – Saturday
11 - 5

