

## THE HEART OF THE ARROWHEAD

AAUW Hibbing Branch Newsletter

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*"I believe the rights of women and girls is the unfinished business of the 21st century."*

*– Hillary Clinton*

### President's message —

***Happy Fall Everyone!***

***Welcome to the start of another amazing year for Hibbing AAUW. This year will be the branch's 100th anniversary! Board members have been working very hard to bring you some excellent programs this year, including a big celebration for year 100. We are excited to have meetings at some new venues as well.***

***We are very excited to welcome some new members, so hopefully you'll all get a chance to welcome them at an upcoming meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all again this year!***

*Sara*



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## AAUW Hibbing Branch Programs for 2023/24

(Follow the AAUW–Hibbing FB page for location updates)

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|-------------------------|---|--|
| September 21<br>5:30 pm | Aloha Oe! Welome to a new AAUW programming year, with entertainment by Hibbing’s own Mike and the Ukuladies.  | Mike’s Pub<br>413 E Howard St. Hibbing                   |
| October 26<br>5:30 pm   | Creative Cartography! Christina Dando, associate professor of Geography, shares research from her forthcoming book into women-generated, participatory mapmaking, with special reference to our AAUW Arrowhead map. | TBA  |
| November 16<br>5:30 pm  | Kids These Days : Learn what Angela Zavodnik and Youth in Action, are doing to build a stronger, brighter future.   | TBA  |
| January 20<br>5:30 pm   | TBA   | TBA  |
| February 15<br>5:30 pm  | No Limits: Angelique Fredrickson, retired biochemist and corporate program manager, shares her adventures in adaptability while pursuing a second career after retirement.  | TBA  |
| March 14<br>5:30 pm     | Centennial Celebration! Join Jan Carey, AAUW MN president and an all-star cast for music, readings and memories from AAUW’s first 100 years.  | Crescendo Orchestra Studio<br>214 E. Howard Str. Hibbing |
| April 4<br>5:30 pm      | Adventure with a Capital W: an evening with Doris Kolodji, the Assumption School educator who guides women of all ages to personal growth in the BWCA.  | Valentini’s Supper Club<br>Chisholm                      |
| May 16<br>5:30 pm       | Spotlight on Mental Health: Natalie Johnson, from Ketamin North Infusion Center, discusses new perspectives on science-based treatment for PTSD and Trauma.   | TBA  |



## Northland Gathering!

The Duluth branch is hosting the annual Northland Get-Together. Their program, “View from the Top: Women Leaders,” highlights leadership issues presented by women from various fields including environmentalism, local government, academia, ministry, legal affairs, and public

health and features a special presentation by award-winning Ojibwe author, scholar, and AAUW Duluth Co-President, Linda LeGarde Grover.

SAVE the DATE: Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9:30 am—3:30 pm, The Coppertop Church (First United Methodist Church) 230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth, Minnesota.

Registration Form is including on the next page.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2023 Northland Gathering**  
Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
At the Coppertop Church (First United Methodist Church), 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth

**View from the Top: Women Leaders**

The 2023 Northland Gathering, hosted by AAUW Duluth, focuses on leadership issues for women in a variety of fields including health, local government, ministry, science, environmentalism, and academia.

**Highlights:** Welcome from Mayor Emily Larson, two panels with women leaders, and a presentation by award-winning author Linda LeGarde Grover. Further details forthcoming.

Contact Duluth Branch Co-President, Angela George, [Angela8744@msn.com](mailto:Angela8744@msn.com)

## AAUW NORTHLAND GATHERING FALL 2023

*Saturday, October 7, 2023*

The Coppertop Church (First United Methodist Church)  
230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth, Minnesota

AAUW Duluth is excited to host the 2023 Northland Get-Together and share this exceptional program of women leaders!

**THEME:** "View from the Top: Women Leaders" highlights leadership issues presented by women from various fields including environmentalism, local government, academia, ministry, legal affairs, and public health and features a special presentation by award-winning Ojibwe author, scholar, and AAUW Duluth Co-President, Linda LeGarde Grover.

### SCHEDULE:

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|----------------------|--|
| 9:30 - 10 a.m.       | Registration and breakfast treats  |
| 10 - 10:15 a.m.      | Welcome from Co-Presidents Angela George & Linda LeGarde Grover, Mayor Emily Larson, and AAUW State President Jan Carey  |
| 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.   | Break-the-ice activity   |
| 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.   | Reimagining Leadership – Panel 1 –Moderator: Katie Joseph-Johnson<br>Dr. Barbara McDonald, President, The College of St. Scholastica<br>Linnea Mirsch, Director, Public Health and Human Services, St. Louis County<br>Jodi Slick, Founder and CEO, Ecolibrium 3 |
| 11:45 a.m. - 12 noon | Break  |
| 12 - 1 p.m.          | Reimagining Leadership -- Panel 2 – Moderator: Karen Keenan<br>Janet Kennedy, President, Duluth City Council<br>Rev. Maggie Nancarrow, Rector, St Paul's Episcopal Church, Duluth<br>Rebecca St. George, J.D., City Attorney, City of Duluth                     |
| 1 - 2 p.m.           | Lunch, catered by woman-owned Magnolia Café in Carlton<br>(Vegan and gluten-free options available—Please indicate below.)   |
| 2 - 2:30 p.m.        | Presentation by Linda LeGarde Grover<br>"Ojibwe Women: Tradition and Indigenous Feminism"  |
| 2:30 p.m.            | Closing Comments and Optional visits to Enger Tower and Hawk Ridge   |

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### Register by September 15

Send registration information and a check for \$35 made out to AAUW Duluth to:  
Marilyn Toscano, 24 Garden Street, Duluth, MN 55812

(Note: Ten \$10 grants are available. If needed, submit your \$25 registration fee to the address above.)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you plan to participate in an optional activity:



Enger Tower \_\_\_\_\_



Hawk Ridge \_\_\_\_\_

# AAUW Community Bus Trip to Jersey Boys

at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater



**DAY & DATE:**

Saturday, September 23, 2023

**TIME:**

Leave Memorial Building at 7:00 am.

Lunch at 11:30 followed by the show!

**COST:**

\$125.00

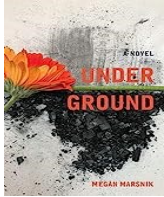
for lunch, play and bus

**ASAP: Call or Text Mary at 218-969-1675 to reserve your seat**

*Jersey Boys* won Tony and Olivier awards for best musical. The show follows the lives of Frankie Valley and the guys who made up the Four Seasons as they went from being blue collar boys from New Jersey to stardom. Songs include “*Sherry*,” “*Big Girls Don’t Cry*,” “*Can’t Take My Eyes Off You*,” “*Dawn*,” and “*My Eyes Adored You*.”

## LITERATURE GROUP SETS READING LIST.

Hostess/location will be posted as an Event on AAUW Hibbing FB page.



**SEPTEMBER 26** (Sunrise Bakery;  
2:30pm)

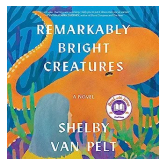
Under Ground  
by Megan Marsnik



**Date/location TBA**

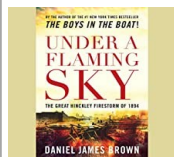
DEMON COPPER  
HEAD

by Barbara Kingsolver

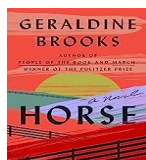


**OCTOBER 24**

Remarkably Bright Creatures  
By Shelby Van Pelt



**NOVEMBER 28** Under a Flaming  
Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of  
1894 by Daniel James Brown



**JANUARY 23** HORSE  
by Geraldine Brooks

## “BE THE ‘U’ IN AAUW”

As AAUW approaches a national member bylaws vote to change its Membership Requirement, AAUW MN has developed a Membership Marketing Campaign to notify the public of who we are and why.

Branch Presidents and leaders will receive the following information and disseminate to branch members.

Members are being asked to participate by submitting a photo, with member first name, branch or city of residence and answer the question:

“Why are **you** the ‘U’ in AAUW ?”

Here are some examples of answers:

- because we are unified by AAUW’s Mission of equity for women and girls
- because we are united as a strong voice for women’s rights
- because we provide scholarships for underserved women and girls
- because we unanimously empower women
- because we’re unstoppable.

Submissions will be published as Digital Top Push Down ads in e-editions of MN newspapers. Campaign proposal will be offered to Star Tribune, Pioneer Press, Duluth Tribune and Rochester Post. A new AAUW MN membership brochure is being created and postcards are being designed for general public distribution.

AAUW MN State budget will cover the costs of the membership campaign.

# AAUW NATIONAL NEWS



AAUW members representing Central region states will convene the second in-person regional states AAUW Conference, October 19-21, 2023 in St. Louis, MO. Previous regional conferences occurred in Kansas City, MO in 2016 and a ZOOM regional meeting in 2021.

“Celebrating AAUW: Reaching New Heights Together” is the theme for the conference. The conference will be held at the Drury Plaza Arch Hotel, 2 South 4th Street, St. Louis, MO.

The complete conference schedule, registration form and application for Swap Shop sessions will arrive soon to state presidents and will be distributed immediately to state branches and members.

If members cannot attend, the planning committee requests personal, branch or state donations be made to support the financial costs of the event. Any amount of support will be greatly appreciated.

Remit to: Lois Domsch, 3349 S. Scott Ave., Independence, MO 64052—

Paid to: AAUW Central Regional Conference.

**Celebrating AAUW**

ARKANSAS | ILLINOIS | INDIANA | IOWA | KANSAS | MICHIGAN | MINNESOTA | MISSOURI | OKLAHOMA | TEXAS | WISCONSIN

**REACHING NEW HEIGHTS** *together!*

**AAUW Central States Regional Conference**  
October 19-21, 2023 • St. Louis, Missouri  
Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch

**Featuring**

**Gloria Blackwell**  
CEO of AAUW  
Keynote Speaker

**Lisa Maatz**  
Public Policy &  
Organizational Consultant  
Keynote Speaker

**Plenary and breakout topics:**

- Voting Rights and Issues
- Reproductive Rights and Women's Health
- Equity and Inclusion
- Succession Planning and Leadership
- Women's Economic Security • pay Equity
- AAUW and The Future!

Full conference details at [aauw-mo.aauw.net](http://aauw-mo.aauw.net)

**ADVOCATING UNDER THE ARCH**

**CONFERENCE DETAILS**

**AAUW Central States Regional Conference**  
**CELEBRATING AAUW - REACHING NEW HEIGHTS TOGETHER!**  
October 19-21, 2023 • St. Louis, Missouri

Welcome: 1:00pm (Central) on Thursday, October 19th  
Farewell: Noon on Saturday, October 21st

**Venue** **Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch**  
Room rates \$221 per night for 2 queen beds (max. occupancy 4).  
Additional \$27/night for covered parking. Call Drury at 314-231-3003 or visit [DruryHotels.com](http://DruryHotels.com) for more information.

**Registration** **Conference Registration**  
Early bird registration: \$200/person before September 16th (\$225 thereafter). **Registration forms available July 1st.** Registration fee includes conference meals.

**Bonus** **Swap Shop Sessions**  
Casual sessions to network and share great ideas. Branches and states can submit their favorite projects, ideas, and programs. Top selections will be presented at the conference and others shared on websites.

Join your fellow AAUW members from 11 central states for three days of education, inspiration, great ideas, fun, and friendship in exciting *St. Louis!*

Contact: Karen Francis • [karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com) • (314) 223-4235

**INSPIRE • LEARN • IMPACT • CELEBRATE**

# GET READY TO CELEBRATE!

## HIBBING BRANCH—100 YEARS

March 14, 2024

Crescendo Orchestra Studio

214 E. Howard Street, Hibbing, MN



A committee is being formed to mark the 100th anniversary of the AAUW Hibbing branch. Events, publicity, newspaper articles, special programming and utilizing social media outlets will most likely be on the committee's agenda.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to achieve 100 members on our 100th anniversary?

For 100 days, could we submit featured AAUW information in the Mesabi Tribune and publish on the AAUW Hibbing FB page?

Let's challenge our creative brains and brainstorm ideas. Let's make some noise and let the public know AAUW's greatest. There will be cake to celebrate!

Mark your calendars!



AAUW Hibbing Annual Book Sale - April 19,20,21, 2024, National Guard Armory, Hibbing, MN

\* Hauling - April 13

\* Sorting April 13-18

\* Selling- April 19, 20, 21

Books for the 2024 AAUW book sale will be accepted through Tuesday, October 31. Call 218-340-2639 for information where to donate.

Donations will again be accepted, at the Armory, in April 2024, at specific times.

When we work together, we have fabulous sales! Barb



## AAUW-Hibbing Branch Officers: 2022-23

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>President</b>     | <b>Sara Merfeld</b>                        |
| <b>VP Membership</b> | <b>Marcella Schwecke</b>                   |
| <b>VP Programs</b>   | <b>Gretchen Wright &amp; Becky Kapella</b> |
| <b>Secretary:</b>    | <b>Kathy Laffin</b>                        |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>    | <b>Julie Takkunen</b>                      |

If you know of an AAUW member who needs a get well, sympathy, or congratulatory card, please let me know, and I will send one. Marilyn Kaeli, marilyn.kaeli@gmail.com or 218-263-3431

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Follow AAUW

AAUW MN Newsletter, THE PINE—Summer 2023 issue; Fall 2023 issue coming soon.

READ IT @ <https://aauw-mn.aauw.net/>

THE AAUW MN PINE newsletter is published approximately 4 times/year and distributed to branch presidents who in turn forward to members. Archived issues are available on the AAUW MN website.

Don't forget to mail the newsletter to a friend or prospective member.

**Print it, address it, fold it, stamp it, mail it - It's that easy!**

## AAUW-Hibbing: Committees & Chairs

**Programs**, Gretchen Wright & Becky Kapella

**Public Policy**, Stefanie Carlson

**By-Laws**, Sara Merfeld

**Membership**, Marcella Schwecke

**Book Sale/AAUW Funds**, Barb Wojciak

**Scholarships**, Shanna Eskeli & Sara Merfeld

**Cultural Interest**, Mary Enge & Peggy Vidmar

**Historian**, Mary Petron

**Projects**, vacant

**Reservations**, Linda Manney & Sue Moody

**Future Collegians**, Sue Moody & Lynn Stish

**Literature**, Patty Miller

**Special Funds**, Jeannie Brandstrom

**Sunshine**, Marilyn Kaeli

**Newsletter Editor/FB Administrator**, Jan Carey



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