

# February's General Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th

1:30

**Bornt Branch Library**  
948 State Street, Schenectady

**Speaker: Eleanor Aronstein**



**Program: Keeping Mentally Fit with Games!**

**A SPECIAL BONUS:** If someone joins our branch at the general meeting, she will be entitled to 50% off her National dues.

## Mark your Calendar



**Now-Jan. 26** – If you're interested in what motivates prominent women such as Gloria Steinem, Loretta Ross, and others to become involved in activism, sign up for the FREE Smith College course, [Psychology of Political Activism: Women Changing the World](https://www.edx.org/course/psychology-political-activism-women-smithx-psy374x-1) (<https://www.edx.org/course/psychology-political-activism-women-smithx-psy374x-1>). If you have questions or would like to discuss the course information, contact Robin Eddy at [rjeddy321@gmail.com](mailto:rjeddy321@gmail.com) or 346-1683.

### **February is** **Black History Month**

**Wednesday, February 1, 6:45 p.m.**  
Board Meeting, Niskayuna Town Hall

**Saturday & Sunday, February 4-5**  
***Friends of Schenectady***  
**County Public Library Book Sale**  
Saturday 9:00-5:00  
Sunday 1:00-4:00

**Wednesday, February 14**



**Wednesday, February 15, 1:30**  
General Meeting (see above)  
Bornt Library, 948 State Street  
Schenectady County Public Library

**Monday, February 20**



### **March is** **Women's History Month**

**Wednesday, March 1, 6:45 p.m.**  
Board Meeting, Niskayuna Town Hall

**Wednesday, March 15, 2:30 p.m.**  
General Meeting  
*She Called Him Raymond*  
Presentation by author Ray O'Connor  
McChesney Room, SCPL

**Friday-Sunday, April 21-23**  
AAUW NYS 2017 Convention  
DoubleTree, Syracuse



**Wednesday-Saturday, June 14-17**  
AAUW National Convention  
Washington D.C.  
<http://convention.aauw.org>

## President's Message

From time to time, I check in on my old branch - Poughkeepsie - to see what they are doing and what the current President is writing about. Well, I'm going to share some of Maria DeWald's thoughts with you this month. Maria wrote about leadership and that, like life, involves "a pendulum of experiences and feelings from exasperation to exhilaration to exhaustion to renewed energy and back again." That's a good description of what some of our hardworking Board members experience - so think about pitching in and helping out!

Maria then continues: "Exhaustion and exasperation came in the form of again realizing just how uniquely difficult it is to crack the glass ceiling of electing women to federal office. That continues to be one of the reasons AAUW's advocacy mission is more relevant than ever, that we need to continue to show all our girls, in the words of Hillary Clinton, they should 'never doubt that they are valuable, powerful and deserving' and not to lose faith in their dreams."

We do this through our scholarship program, through our sponsorship program for young women in leadership and through the programs which we present to our membership and our wider community.

We need the support and efforts of all our members to enhance and magnify our impact.

As Uncle Sam says, We Want YOU! ~ **Eleanor Aronstein**

## Join our Schenectady AAUW-Schenectady Board

As we develop our leadership team for 2017-2018, the Nominating Committee needs to know if you're interested in becoming part of a dynamic Board of Directors with a vital mission.

### We really need your help!

If you are willing to help, please contact Robin Eddy, 346-1683 or Bobbi Richardson, 650-5073

## Calling All AAUW Artists!

We hear about the gender gap all the time — in salary, in math and science fields, in leadership. But one of the most glaring and longstanding gaps is in the art world. For centuries, women artists were unrecognized, unencouraged, or even discredited simply because they were not men.

Today, things have changed ... some. Still, in 2012, only 4 percent of artists on display at the Metropolitan Museum were women. There remains just one major museum in the world dedicated solely to women artists. That's why we host an annual art contest to give women artists the equal attention they deserve.

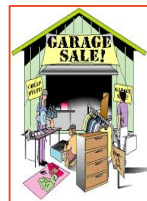
Want to share your artwork with thousands of AAUW members and the head of the National Museum of Women in the Arts?

Enter the **2017 AAUW Art Contest** by **Jan. 31** at <http://www.aauw.org/contests>.

If you enter, let Eleanor know so that she could notify our members to vote for your work.

## Spring Garage Sale

We are planning a spring garage sale again at Maxine Borom's house. For this sale to be a success we need items to sell.



Perhaps you could designate a box or bag to start collecting items that you no longer need or want for the sale.

This is a wonderful opportunity to declutter your home. We will let you know in next month's VISIONS the date of the sale.

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

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## Study and Interest Group Meetings for February, 2017

If you're interested in attending a meeting, contact the leader.



### Book Chat

Leader: Ellie Rowland (250-4302)

**February 9, 2017, 7 p.m.**

Hostess: Maxine Borom

Book to be discussed:

**The Underground Railroad**

### Book Exchange 1

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi (280-5623)

No regular meetings

### Book Exchange 2

Leader Ellie Rowland (250-4302)

No regular meetings

### Couples Gourmet

Leaders: Faith Weldon (393-0048)

Pat Terry (372-8431)

**February 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Theme: Lydia Bastianich - Italian

Co-Hostesses: Barbara Piliere

Pat Terry

### Diverse Topics

Leaders: Barbara Aldi (372-4802)

Gerri Pinkerton (346-4560)

**February 20, 12:00**

**Program:** Lunch at Scarboroughs Rd.

497 Old Niskayuna Road

### Modern Literature

Leaders: Joan Bergin (399-1861)

Mary Delory (393-6811)

**February 13, 7:00 p.m.**

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Reviewer: Barbara McAvoy

Hostess: Toni Walsh

Location: 113 Alexander Ave., Scotia

Co-hostess: Grace Riccobono

### Mah Jongg

Leader: Dottie Potchnik

**February 13, 1:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Maxine Borom

Location: 2171 Foxhill Drive

**February 27, 1:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Jackie Mendini

Location: 5 Durham Court



### Quilting

Leader: Marguerite Pileggi (280-5623)

**February 28, 1:00 p.m.**

**Program:** Pixels to Pixie - Marguerite

**Hostess:** Toni Walsh

113 Alexander Ave., Scotia

### Science Topics

Leader: Nancy Walden (280-8065)

**February 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Kathie Armstrong

Location: 135 Glen Eddy Drive

Program: Mini Topics presented

by Winnie Balz and Nancy Walden

### Varied Interests

Leaders: Reba Mehan (374-7886)

Carol Reynolds (377-3856)

**February 9, 12:30 \* Note the change**

### Book Sharing

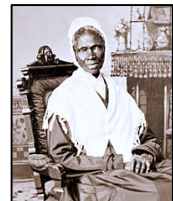
Hostess: Pat Buczkowski

451 Rudy Chase Dr., Glenville

Co-Hostess: Mildred Creasy

## ***In Honor of Black History Month***

The U.S. women's suffrage movement had its roots in the abolition movement.



### Facts about Sojourner Truth

~ Isabella Baumfree was born a slave in NYS in 1797. She changed her name in 1843 to **Sojourner Truth** because she told friends, "The Spirit calls me, and I must go" then traveled and preached about the abolition of slavery.

~ She spoke only Dutch until she was 9.

~ She was sold 4 times and had at least three of her children sold away from her. She escaped with her infant daughter in 1826.

~ She was the first black woman to win a court case against a white man in 1828 to recover her son.

~ She campaigned for abolition and women's rights, and is well known for her speech, "Ain't I a Woman?" at the 1851 Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio.

~ The reverse side of the new \$10 bill will honor Sojourner Truth along with Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott who were instrumental in the passage of the 19th Amendment.



#### VISIONS

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#### AAUW's MISSION

AAUW Advances Equity for women through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

#### AAUW's VISION

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

#### AAUW's PROMISE

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and educational barriers to so that all women have a fair chance.

#### IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICE AAUW VALUES and seeks diverse membership.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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