



AAUW Poway Penasquitos Branch

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Cover to Cover by Pam Meyer

May 15, 2021
23rd Annual
Cover to Cover
Re-entry Women
Scholarship
Fundraiser



Enjoy a morning of listening to two great authors during our first ever virtual Cover to Cover event. If you haven't purchased a ticket, you still have time! The cost is \$25, and all the proceeds

from this annual fundraiser goes to the Re-entry Women Scholarship fund. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for all the information you need to purchase your ticket. Register here:

https://cover_to_cover_fundraiser_2021.eventbrite.com/. This year's program will be presented via Zoom, so please share the opportunity with everyone you know - your friends are welcome to participate and do not need to live in California!

Our authors:



Louise Penny (born 1958) is a Canadian author of mystery novels set in the Canadian province of Quebec and centered on the work of francophone Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec. She has written 16 novels following the career of Armand Gamache. Currently, she is working with Hillary Clinton to write a political mystery novel.



Lisa See (born 1955) is the author of many acclaimed novels, and her most recent novel, *The Island of Sea Women*, is about the free-diving women of South Korea's Jeju Island. *Booklist* called *The Island of Sea Women* "stupendous, enthralling and engrossing." Jodi Picoult has given her praise: "Lisa See excels at mining the intersection of family, friendship and history, and in her newest novel, she reaches new depths exploring the matrifocal *haenyeo* society in Korea, caught between tradition and modernization."

Three Things You Need to Know About Public Policy from Kathleen Harper, Director, and Sue Miller, AAUW Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs

Our first ever (virtual) Lobby Day was a huge success! 111 AAUW members from 68 branches visited 36 Assembly and 23 Senate offices, and the Public Policy co-chairs visited with the Governor's staff. Many offices were familiar with AAUW, and we had a great opportunity to educate those who weren't, as well as to advocate for our top-priority bills. Please thank your branch members for their participation.

The Public Policy Committee has completed its review of the bills for this legislative season, and the 2020-21 <u>Bill Tracker</u> can now be found on the website under Public Policy/Legislative Advocacy/Bill Tracking.



Rose and Desert Garden Tours at Balboa Park by

Jeanene Cook

Now is a great time for a self- or guided tour of the Inez Grant Rose Garden and/or Desert Garden in Balboa Park. Both gardens are adjacent and located along Park Blvd. across from the Ruben H. Fleet Center and the Museum of Natural History. The Rose Garden displays 130 varieties of roses on a three-acre site. The roses are at their best in April and May. The Desert Garden contains more than 1,300 plants from around the world on 2.5 acres. Both gardens are open daily and are free. For more info see www.balboapark.org, download the app Rediscovering Balboa Park or visit the Visitor Center & Gift Shop in the House of Hospitality at 1549 El Prado, open daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day), (619) 239-0512. For free guided tours of the Central Mesa, where the gardens are located, meet at the Visitor Center every Tuesday at 11 a.m. For more information call (619) 239-0512.





Travel Group Travel Chat In-person! by Pam Ames

Mark your calendar for our first Travel Chat in person on Friday, May 21, 12 p.m. at Cordiano Winery. They have a large outdoor patio and spectacular view, and they are very strict about Covid protocols. All people in the party MUST be there for seating at 12 p.m. You must RSVP to me by May 18 at the latest. Group size may be restricted. Cordiano Winery is located at 15732 Highland Valley Rd., Escondido, CA 92025 and their website is https://www.cordianowinery.com/. To reserve your spot, email Pam at pamames123@gmail.com or call 619-889-6229. If you are not a member of this group but would like to be included, please email Pam at pamames123@gmail.com.

Membership Matters by Pam Ames, Membership Chair

Have you renewed your membership? If you have decided not to renew, please let me know so that the reminders will cease. As of early April, we've received about 30% of our membership renewals. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at pamames123@gmail.com. I hope all of you will renew now.

Tech Trek - Come Join Us! by Ellen Dillon

This year we will have 3 Tech Trek camps. They will all be virtual and we're looking for volunteers for all 3 camps. Our branch is sending 10 campers this year (7 from this year and 3 we selected last year). The girls are all very excited to attend the camp!

Heidi gave a presentation with slides at the March 10 branch meeting about volunteering. We recruited some of you already and we thank you for that! If you missed the March 10 meeting and want to watch her presentation, go to our website here. Under the "Members Only" section, go to "Zoom Meetings" and the link for the March 10 meeting is at the top. Heidi's presentation starts at the 41:43 time on the program. The section with her slides is a separate link on the webpage called "Tech Trek Handouts/Slideshow PDFs."

If you wish to volunteer for Tech Trek this year, you can help with one camp, two camps, or all three. The camp dates are June 21-25, July 12-16, and July 26-30. To view the daily camp schedule, click here.

The three types of volunteer positions needed are: Logistics Coordinator, Build Coach, and Social Coach. The Logistics Coordinator works the week before the camp (distributing kits to girls). The Build Coach and Social Coach work online with the girls during the camp. If you would like information on the qualifications and duties of the Logistics Coordinator before signing up, click here. If you would like information on the qualifications and duties of a virtual coach (either build or social) before signing up, click <a href=here. Or, if you'd rather give one of us a call and ask us about the positions, we're happy to talk with you!

There is a \$250 stipend offered for the Build Coach position and a \$200 stipend offered for the Social Coach position.

If you wish to volunteer, please fill-out the <u>online application</u> which includes the position(s) and date(s) of camp you want to volunteer for. There is no exact deadline for applying, but the Camp Director has said "until positions are filled." She suggests getting your applications submitted as soon as possible.

If you have further questions, a <u>FAQ sheet</u> has been set-up by the Camp Director Mary Isaac. The section relevant to volunteer positions starts at question #12 (scroll down).

Please contact Aresa, Heidi or Ellen for further information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN POWAY PENASQUITOS BRANCH

Diversity Statement

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, leadership, and research.

AAUW's Value Promise

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

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Games Group Raises \$200 by Debbie Boyd

The Games Group raised \$200 for our Scholarship Fund with our Zoom event. Thanks to the twelve women participating: Ilene, Michele M, Stephanie, Marie, Joan, Peggy, Aresa, Harriet, Vicki, Pam and an extra contribution from Lyn. We had great fun coming up with words for Outburst, led by Lyn Johnston. We were challenged with words beginning with various letters in Scattegories, led by Marie Dye. I led Pictionary and we had good laughs drawing words like frog and cupcake. Prizes were won by Michele, Marie and Pam.

Our next game day will be Monday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Harriet Gerza's outside patio. If you would like to join the Games Group please e-mail Debbie Boyd at travelstardebbie@yahoo.com. If you would like to hostess a game on Zoom, please let Debbie know. Everyone is welcome to join us for FREE for our monthly Game Night.



One of the most important parts of Tech Trek is not the camp itself, but all the wonderful women of all ages who will contribute their precious and limited time to so many girls' futures!



2021 Virtual Tech Trek Camp Volunteer Positions

AAUW-CA is offering three week-long virtual camps in June and July of 2021. Organizers are looking for a combination of adult coaches (AAUW members) and Near-Peer coaches (TTAG members) to assist during the virtual camp sessions. Minimum requirements for TTAG is 14 years of age and two years since your Tech Trek Camp experience.

The planned schedule includes a core class every morning with breakout sessions. At noon there is an inspirational speaker, and in the afternoons there are two workshops on various STEM subjects, with more opportunities for breakout sessions. Plans for evening sessions are still underway.

BUILD COACHES: will guide girls in designing and building the technical portions of their project and

- complete 4-6 hours of hardware training prior to camp
- are able to commit to all 5 days of the week, from 8:30 am -12:00 pm
- lead a group of 4-6 girls in building projects, supported by a Lead Technical Instructor
- are prepared to complete the final project

SOCIAL COACHES: will guide girls in the social aspects of completing their project and

- complete 2-4 hours of instruction prior to camp
- are able to commit to all 5 days of the week, from 8:30 am -12:00 pm
- take attendance, monitor engagement and ensure the girls complete required tasks, such as surveys
- are responsible for guiding group of 4-6 girls by defining some project elements and criteria, completing surveys, taking attendance, monitoring engagement and ensuring the required tasks are completed (supported by a Lead Social Instructor) If a Social Coach wishes to assist in the building, she may also take the Build Coach training (recommended).

WORKSHOP COACHES: will lead girls in post-inspiration debriefs and afternoon workshops (two) and

- · complete any training associated with Workshop activities prior to camp
- lead debriefs and assist workshop presenters in breakouts sessions during the afternoon
- take attendance, monitor engagement and ensure the girls complete required tasks, such as surveys
- intervene in limited discipline issues, e.g., interruptions, inappropriate language, non-participation
- participate in (up to) eight workshop sessions (1:30 5:15 pm daily)—two a day for four days, plus a 5:30 pm debrief
 - some flexibility as to the choices and timing of assigned workshops
 - Evening sessions available from 7-8:30

Stipends are offered to coaches. Background Checks may be required, as determined by AAUW.

YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE ANOTHER COACH HELPING YOU!

Applications for the Coach positions are open now until sufficient candidates brought onboard.

Please consider being available for more than one week.



23RD ANNUAL POWAY PENASQUITOS AAUW

COVER TO COVER FUNDRAISER

FOR RE-ENTRY WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS



MAY 15, 2021 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.



PRESENTED ON EVENTBRITE

LOUISE PENNY AUTHOR OF THE SIXTEEN MYSTERY NOVELS FEATURING
CHIEF INSPECTOR ARMAND GAMACHE

LISA SEE AUTHOR OF ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN, SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN

Fundraiser Cost: \$25

ORDER YOUR TICKETS: https://cover_to_cover_fundraiser_2021.eventbrite.com/

QUESTIONS: AAUWBOARD@GMAIL.COM

AAUW POWAY PENASQUITOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2021



May 6 th 1 st Thursday 6:30 pm	Great Decisions – Leader: Marie Dye 858-538-1689 mdye@san.rr.com	"Struggles over the melting Arctic" There is a changing opinion within the U.S. government toward engagement with the Arctic region. Because of climate change, large sheets of arctic ice are melting, exposing vast stores of natural gas and oil. With Russia and China already miles ahead with their Arctic strategies, can the U.S. catch up? Discussion leader: Janice Heather	RSVP: for ZOOM link Marie Dye 858-733-2850 mdye@san.rr.com Interested in joining the group? Email Marie Dye by May 4 th to receive an invite to the discussion.
May 15 th Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Cover to Cover Co-chairs Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 pamela.me4@gmail.com Pam Ames 619-889-6229 pamames123@gmail.com	Re-entry Women's Scholarship Fundraiser Online event Authors: Louise Penny and Lisa See More info in the Adelante!	The ZOOM link invitation will be sent to those who have purchased tickets for the event the day of Cover to Cover. Look for it! For more information email: aauwboard@gmail.com
May 17 th Monday Different time 1:30 p.m.	Games Group Debbie Boyd 858-486-4390 travelstardebbie@yahoo.com	Harriet Gerza has volunteered to host an outdoor Game Day on her beautiful outdoor patio. You must call or email to reserve your place. Play games and just have lots of fun!!	Email: Debbie Boyd travelstardebbie@yahoo.com 858-486-4390
May 18 th 3 rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.	3 rd Tuesdays with Books Leader: Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict In 1909, Clementine steps off a train with her new husband, Winston. An angry woman emerges from the crowd to attack, shoving him in the direction of an oncoming train. Just before he stumbles, Clementine grabs him by his suit jacket. This will not be the last time Clementine Churchill will save her husband. Lady Clementine is the ferocious story of the ambitious woman beside Winston Churchill, the story of a partner who did not flinch through the sweeping darkness of war, and who would not surrender either to expectations or to enemies. Discussion Leader: Amanda Roth	RSVP: Pam Ames will send the ZOOM invitation. You want to read the book and join the group? Email Pam Ames by May 16 th
May 21 st Friday 12 noon	Travel Group Pam Ames 619-889-6229 (cell) pamames123@gmail.com	Cordiano Winery 15732 Highland Valley Rd Escondido	You MUST have a reservation with Pam Ames to attend per winery strict Covid protocols. Call or email Pam Ames 619-889-6229 pamames123@gmail.com

May 24 th 4 th Monday 1:30 p.m.	Mystery Book Group Leader: Pamela Meyer 619-855-4071 pamela.me4@gmail.com	A psychological thriller. Mix Cellini has just moved into a flat in a decaying house in Notting Hill, where he plans to pursue his two abiding passions supermodel Nerissa Nash and the life of serial killer Reggie Christie (hanged fifty years earlier for murdering at least eight women). Mix's eighty-year-old landlady has an intriguing connection to Christie. When reality intrudes into Mix's life, he turns to Christie for inspiration and a long pent-up violence explodes chilling and complex puzzle as it unfolds. Discussion leader: Pam Ames	RSVP: Pamela Meyer will send the ZOOM invitation. You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Pam Meyer by April 24 th
May 27 th 4 th Thursday 7 p.m.	Thursday Evening Book Group Leaders: Ann Morgan 858-484-5290 annmmorgansd@yahoo.com Berina Pennington 858-484-3603 berina@san.rr.com	Love & Other Consolation Prizes By Jamie Ford For twelve-year-old Ernest Young, a charity student at a boarding school, the chance to go to the World's Fair feels like a gift. But only once he is there, amid the exotic exhibits, fireworks, and Ferris wheels, does he discover that he is the one who is actually the prize. The half-Chinese orphan is astounded to learn he will be raffled off—a healthy boy "to a good home." The winning ticket belongs to the flamboyant madam of a high-class brothel, famous for educating her girls. There, Ernest becomes the new houseboy Discussion Leader: Marie Dye	RSVP: Ann Morgan will send the ZOOM invitation. You have read the book and want to join the group? Email Ann by May 25 th
Different Saturdays 1st Friday (alternate months) 9-11:30 am	Hikers Gayle Ziaskas 858-484-7596619-855- 4071gzia@aol.com Garden Gals Jeanene Cook (Acting) 858-487-9215 Jeanenec@san.rr.com	Happy Hikers We hope the hikers are continuing to walk either on their own or with family members or close friends. Garden Gals We hope the garden group is enjoying virtual garden tours or locally when allowed to be open.	Gayle Ziaskas Right now, the Happy Hikers are continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings. Jeanene Cook Right now the Garden interest group is continuing to follow COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings.