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Madrona Marsh Guided Walk

Featuring guide and AAUW Torrance member Karen Peters

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 • 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for an interpretive nature walk at Madrona Marsh Nature Preserve. We will meet at the visitor center at 3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, 90503. We will tour the Native Plant Garden and Visitor Center and then head out to the Preserve for about a one mile walk. The trail is a dirt road used by the staff on golf carts. Bring binoculars. It may be muddy if we get more rain. Wear good walking shoes and long pants. Dress in layers for the weather. Rain does NOT cancel.

Optional: bring a sack lunch and enjoy the picnic tables in the parking lot after our walk.

Our guide, Karen Peters is a certified California Naturalist who volunteers at the Madrona Marsh, the South Bay Botanic Garden, the PVPLC, the Sierra Club, and the Cabrillo Whalewatch program. Marsh docent Celina Henderson will be co-leading.

BY RESERVATION ONLY RSVP: kpeters1009@gmail.com

The Madrona Marsh Preserve is thought to be one of the last remaining vernal freshwater marshes in Los Angeles County.

March is Women's History Month

March 15 is Equal Pay Day 2022, the date that marks how far into the new year all women must work to reach what all men were paid the previous year. Join AAUW in raising awareness about the damaging realities of the gender pay gap and the necessity of passing the Paycheck Fairness Act!

Join AAUW on **March 16** for our 66th UN Commission on the Status of Women parallel event—an expert panel discussion about gender and work, the double burden and expectations of women's paid and unpaid work, and solutions that support equity and success in the workforce. Register online today! https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZCldlmMCSMqHr5BMofY33A?emci=21533604-d39b-ec11-a22a-281878b85110&emdi=57202b7b-d69b-ec11-a22a-281878b85110&ceid=941716

The 2022 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held on **May 24-26**. Contact nccwsl@aauw.org now is the premier experience for elevating leadership, advocacy and equity for college women, with access to dynamic speakers, workshops and panels.

President's Message

Hello Torrance Branch!

Spring is just around the corner and with that, so is the opening of the 2022-2023 AAUW Membership drive. You will start getting emails with a link to easily rejoin for the new year, so be on the lookout for those.

With the loosening of mask requirements by the State and CDC, I think it is time to reassess our current "No In-Person AAUW Events." I know everyone is sick of having to do Zoom for every interaction and I hope we are moving into a time where we (vaccinated and boosted members) will feel comfortable to consider in-person events going forward. However, a hybrid option with Zoom should be available to accommodate those not comfortable at this point with meeting in-person. I want to thank all the interest groups for providing an option to continue to keep in contact for the last 18-24 months by providing Zoom.

Our first official in-person event is scheduled this month on March 19. Karen Peters is offering a guided walk at the Madrona Marsh. Karen is a docent and very familiar with the history and current information on the Marsh. Please contact Karen at kpeters1009@gmail.com to reserve a spot!

— Alice Matthews

Torrance Branch Leadership

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AAUW Mission Statement

The purpose of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographic location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

Membership

AAUW offers membership to all graduates who hold an associates or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Student affiliate status in AAUW is available for anyone now studying for a degree at a qualified institution. Until graduating with that degree, a student affiliate may participate in all AAUW activities except for holding office or voting.

Public Policy

• 2022 Legislative Agenda: 111 bills have been identified as aligned with AAUW's mission. The state Public Policy Committee will meet later this month to select 30-35 of those for our 2022-23 Legislative Agenda.

• Lobby Week: Over 110 members have registered to participate in **Lobby Week, April 11-15**. We are currently contacting legislative offices to schedule meeting days and times. Participants will be hearing from us shortly with information about our three top priority bills as well as meeting details. Please make sure members from your branches who signed up to participate in Lobby Week have put the mandatory training date of April 7 at 7:00 pm on their calendars.

• **Equal Pay Day, March 15**: The Public Policy Committee has posted a template for an EPD Proclamation. Also, we're excited to announce that Governor Newsom has signed an Equal Pay Pledge, which highlights investments and actions to advance pay and gender equity. Read the full pledge online: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/governor-signs-equal-pay-pledge-march-2022/>

• **Title IX 50th Anniversary Celebration**: Lots of exciting stuff going on around this significant anniversary. We're thrilled to announce that AAUW California is sponsoring a joint resolution to commemorate this landmark, AJR23. You can access the full language of the resolution online: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AJR23.

Santa Clara County Branch is hosting a virtual presentation on "Title IX – What You Don't Know Can Hurt You" on March 19 at 12:00pm. You can register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/title-ix-50th-anniversary-celebration-registration-262100649097>.

Finally, the state Public Policy Committee is working on a template proclamation that can be used with your local officials. We will be making that available to branches shortly.

• AAUW joined more than 60 organizations in calling on Congress to pass the Job Protection Act, a critical expansion of the Family Medical Leave Act.

Woman-Owned Restaurants

Would you like to celebrate Women's History Month by trying out a woman-owned restaurant? Here's a list!

<https://www.thrillist.com/eat/los-angeles/essential-women-owned-restaurants-los-angeles>

AAUW Community Hub

by Katrina Sun Breese
AAUW, Senior Director of Institutional Advancement

I'm very pleased to introduce the new AAUW Community Hub, your personal portal into AAUW. Thanks for your patience over the past week while we prepared this improved system, where you can manage your giving, membership, contact details and personal preferences with ease.

But first things first: We'd like you to create your account login. To access your account, visit <https://my.aauw.org> or click the "Log In" link at the top right corner of the AAUW website. The first time you log in, you will need to reset your password by clicking the "Forgot Password" link.

Once you create a password and log in, we hope you'll take the time to update your profile with us. You can do this by clicking "My Profile" in the menu on the left side of your "Personal Snapshot" screen. Visit our Systems Update page for more instruction and video tutorials.

As always, you'll be notified when it is time to renew, vote or take action on other important issues.

If you have additional questions or feedback, please reach out to connect@aauw.org.

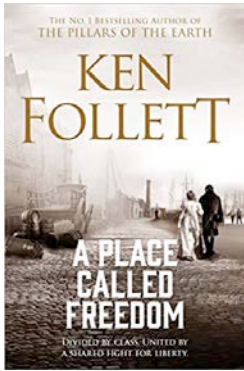
AAUW is committed to continuously enhancing our members' experiences, and I hope you find the Community Hub a valuable resource for doing that. Thanks again for your patience and cooperation. **3**

Diversity Book Group

Friday, March 18 @6:30p, Ann DuPuy's home

A Place Called Freedom by Ken Follett.

Set in 1767, it follows the adventures of an idealistic young coal miner from Scotland who believes there must be more to life than working down the pit. The miner, Mack McAsh, eventually runs away in order to find work and a new life in London. Eventually McAsh becomes a leader among the working classes of the city and becomes a target for those vested interest groups who do not share his point of view. McAsh is framed for a crime he did not commit and sent to serve seven years hard labour in the Colony of Virginia where he is forced to find a new life.



Film Group

Tuesday, March 8 @4:00p, Ann DuPuy's home

The Last Picture Show (1971) An American coming-of-age drama film directed and co-written by Peter Bogdanovich, adapted from the semi-autobiographical 1966 novel The Last Picture Show by Larry McMurtry. Set in a small town in north Texas from November 1951 to October 1952, the film was a critical and commercial success and was nominated for eight Academy Awards. In 1998, the



Library of Congress selected the film for preservation in the United States National Film Registry for being “culturally, historically or aesthetically significant.”

Film selections are typically available at Torrance, Redondo, and PV libraries as well as streaming services.

Evening (Afternoon) Literature

Tuesday, March 22 @2:00p, Dana Basulius's home

The Fountains of Silence, by Ruta Sepetys

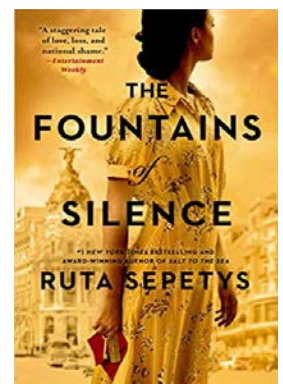
Under the fascist dictatorship of General Francisco Franco, Spain is hiding a dark secret. Meanwhile, tourists and foreign businessmen flood into Spain under the welcoming promise of sunshine and wine. Among them is eighteen-year-old Daniel Matheson, the son of an oil tycoon, who arrives in Madrid with his parents hoping to connect with the country of his mother's birth through the lens of his camera. An epic, heart-wrenching novel about identity, unforgettable love, repercussions of war, and the hidden violence of silence--inspired by the true postwar struggles of Spain.

Contact Betsy Adams or Gloria Liu by March 15 if interested in attending.

Coming in April: This How it is Always by Laurie Frankel, 2018

Paper Moon (1973) American road comedy-drama film directed by Peter Bogdanovich. It stars the real-life father and daughter pairing of Ryan and Tatum O'Neal as protagonists 'Moze' and Addie. Set in the midwest of the depression-era, Paper Moon follows Moses Pray and Addie Loggins — one a con artist, the other, the young girl who's the daughter of a woman who's just passed away. The pair meet when 'Moze' stops by the sparsely-attended funeral in Kansas of a woman he once knew (we never see her).

Tatum O'Neal received widespread praise from critics for her performance as Addie, earning her the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, making her the youngest winner in the history of the Oscars.



Educational Partnership Committee

Thursday, March 10 @6:30p, via Zoom

by Peggy Monga

A lot has been going on! The MOU was finally available from National and Alice Matthews and I read it and signed off. I requested a majority of residential spots and 2 virtual spots at camps. There were not any selections for specific camps at this time.

Once the MOU was completed, the on-line system went live for Torrance Branch. I submitted the nominations via a spreadsheet for our six schools, a total of 30 nominees.

To inform the nominees and their parents about Tech Trek and how to apply, we held 2 zoom sessions, on Sat., Feb. 19 at 10 am and Wed. Feb. 23 at 4 pm. 24 of our 30 nominees attended along with several parents and educators. Three others who could not attend were sent an audio version. Many thanks to Karen Peters, Alice, Gloria Liu and Margot Sullivan for hosting and being our emcee for the programs. Thanks also to TTAG members, Paola Zagaceta, Sarah Solares, Anushka Bhave and Vivian Nguyen, who told the girls about their experiences at camp and virtual camp in previous years.

Once the nominations were in the system, the families began receiving the links to the first form, the Parent Certificate. So far I have received 12 Parent Certificates, where the parents give permission for their daughters

to apply to Tech Trek. Once that is done, a link is sent for access to the Application which includes the essay. The due date, which had been Feb. 28, was changed to March 10.

Besides the on-line form, we will send a Questionnaire to the girls who have applied. This gives us a more rounded look at our girls than the Application does. In addition, we will be asking for a Letter of Recommendation for each girl from her math or science teacher, as we have in the past.

Reading will start about March 21. So if you can be a READER, let me know. Just email me at filmgroup@eathlink.net. We have 6 schools, and still need some volunteers. Now that we have a due date, we can really schedule our Reading. You will have to read and sign off on the VOLUNTEER CONDUCT CODE. I have sent the link for this code to our EPC members already, but if you are not member, I will send it to you. This should be done well in advance of receiving the reading materials.

Thanks to Michele Freck, many donors have been sending in their checks. We are so fortunate to have dedicated donors and I think it is a tribute to the worthiness of the Tech Trek program over so many years.

LACIC

Sunday, March 13 @2:00-4:00p, via Zoom

LACIC is comprised of 15 branches in Los Angeles County, who meet to connect with one another, with AAUW-CA, and with other like-minded organizations. March's guest speaker Lisa Maatz (AAUW Public Policy). Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86791832612?pwd=UjRvVG40QkVvSUhsQ3FCQmFIRnE1UT09>

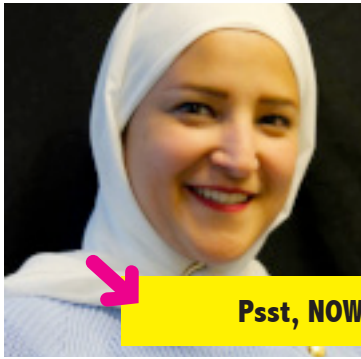
Note: March 19 at 1:00pm San Fernando Valley Branch will be hosting American Fellow Irma Ortiz. She is earning her Ph.D. in Plant Molecular Biology at UC Riverside and concentrating on plant immunology. If interested, contact ginnyaauw@gmail.com to register.

Women In Transition (WIT)

Wednesday, March 2 @7:00p, via Zoom
by Susan Negrete

Celebrating a Dozen Years of WIT Connections!

Non-Zoomers: You can dial in, listen and participate!
For future meeting questions, contact Susan at 714.402.1322



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March 19**



Psst, NOW NOMINATING for Next Year...

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**Saturday, April 30
AAUW Annual Virtual Event
registration opens on March 19**

March Bdays

Eunice Hargrove March 28

**Monthly Programs
In Progress for 2021-2022**

After a lengthy and fun planning meeting during the summer, the dates of proposed programs have been identified for 2021-2022 year. Care was taken to not hold meetings *only* on Saturdays, per the request of members who reserve that time for religious observance. No weekday programs will be held during standard working hours, per the schedules of our working members. The programs will be a mix of in-person (vaccinated attendance) and Zoom gatherings. ALL MEMBERS are warmly encouraged to attend and invite guests.

2021

- Sun 9/19 1:00 pm Columbia Park, Welcome Back Picnic
- Wed 11/10 6:30 pm Beach Cities program on Zoom
- Sun 12/19 2:00 pm Holiday Party hosted by Judy Hill

2022

- Sat 1/29 2:00pm Featured Speaker, Violence Policy Center
- Sat 2/26 10:00 am Preserving Japanese Farming in South Bay
- Sat 3/19 10:00 am Madrona Marsh Walk with **Karen Peters**, RSVP required
- Sun 4/24 2:00 pm TBD
- Fri 5/6 4:00 pm Restaurant TBA, Happy Hour, *Seis de Mayo*
- Sat 6/11 9:30 am Depot Restaurant, Installation brunch

Find Out More

<https://torrance-ca.aauw.net/calendar/> • www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy/

www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/ • www.aauw.org/resources/programs/tech-trek/



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