

## Hagerstown Branch

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### *AAUW Branch Meeting*

**Native Plants for Our Gardens**  
Washington County Agricultural Center  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
1:00 p.m.

**AAUW Officers:**

**President:**

Denise Fry

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Charlotte Trout

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Sheri Specht

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Ready for spring? Master Gardener Ann Aldrich's talk will focus on native plants for our gardens. She will cover plants for sun & shade and highlight those beauties found right here in Washington County and why we need them in our gardens.

Ann is a Washington County Master Gardener with a passion for landscape design and restoration. Her work experience includes: restoration director & senior advisor for Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy, the private partner to Rock Creek Park, DC in the restoration of Dumbarton Oaks Park, the wild garden designed by Beatrix Farrand for Mildred and Robert Bliss' Dumbarton Oaks Estate between 1920-1941; adjunct faculty for the GW Landscape Design program where she taught native plants and horticultural plant classes; 32 years with the Bureau of Land Management as a botanist, planner and manager. She has a masters from GW in Sustainable Landscape Design and a BS in Botany from the University of Michigan. She also attended RIT in biomedical photography and Kirkland College.



Black-eyed Susan

We will be meeting in the UMD Extension office conference room. First building on the campus of the Ag Center. Park in front (handicap) or in the lot to the right of the building.

**AAUW MISSION STATEMENT**

*"Advancing equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research".*

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## AAUW Newsletter

### **The President's Message**

As we settle into the winter months, I'm heartened to realize that slowly but surely sunset is pushing its way back toward the evening hours giving us just a glimpse of the longer daylight days coming our way. For this sun lover that knowledge keeps my winter blues in check as I know spring will be here soon! And with thoughts of spring in mind I hope you'll join us for our February branch meeting where we'll learn from a local master gardener about native species and perhaps pick up a hint or two to inspire our green thumbs.

I know by now most, if not all, of our members have heard the sad news of our longtime activist, past president and current treasurer Sheri Specht losing her battle with cancer. Sheri's family is planning a memorial gathering for sometime in the coming months. Once plans are solidified, we will get the word out but for those wishing to contribute in her memory the family is asking that donations be directed to our scholarships where plans are being made to give one of our awards in Sheri's name. (See "In Remembrance" section below).

Worker bees continue to prepare for our upcoming 57<sup>th</sup> Used Book Sale. Check the calendar for work dates and join one of the work groups. Put a hold on your calendar for April 18<sup>th</sup>, our set up Saturday, an all hands-on deck event where the more is the merrier.

Until I see you stay warm, be careful when out on the winter roads and sidewalks and remember to take the time to enjoy a warm cup of tea or hot chocolate!

Denise

### *CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - AAUW MARYLAND BOARD*

Consider joining the AAUW Maryland State Board - an enjoyable group who gets things accomplished! Share your talents by joining this team effort to implement the AAUW mission. We are seeking candidates to serve on the state board of directors for the following 2020-2022 positions: President, Program VP, Communications VP and Funds VP.

The members of the Nominating Committee are:

- Barbara Marder (Anne Arundel) [scubaesc@aol.com](mailto:scubaesc@aol.com) 410-578-9978
- Teri Bisceglia (Frederick) [tbisceglia3@yahoo.com](mailto:tbisceglia3@yahoo.com) 240-626-0655
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- Pat Crane (Easton) [chuckpat@goeaston.net](mailto:chuckpat@goeaston.net) 410-819-3653

**Please feel free to contact any nominating committee member** if you have questions or contact board members who currently hold the position in which you are interested.

**Contact any Nominating Committee member to express your interest in a position prior to January 30.**

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## Special Interest Groups



### Evening Literature

The Evening Literature group will meet **February 25 at 7:30 pm** to discuss The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis. Georgie Kauffman will be the hostess and reviewer. Please RSVP to her.



### Afternoon Literature

The Afternoon Literature Group will meet **February 17 at 1:30 PM** at the home of Andi Kautz. Judy Thompson will be the reviewer. Please RSVP.

### Second Friday Lunch Group

The Second Friday Lunch group will be meeting at **12:30 pm on February 14** for food and conversation at Wasabi (<https://wasabi8888.com>), 12813E Shank Farm Way, Hagerstown . Contact Barbara Irvine if you plan to go.



Coneflower, Bee Balm and Black-eyed Susan

### Nominations

The elections committee for officers to serve our local branch from July 2020 to June 2022 is currently accepting nominations from the membership for the following offices: President, Membership VP, Public Policy VP, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Interested members should contact any of the committee members (Susan Latimer, Judy Chaney or Marilyn Young) by **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### In Remembrance

The family of Sheri Specht is asking those interested in making of a memorial donation to send donations to AAUW Hagerstown in order to support a Memorial Scholarship in Sheri's name. Sheri was always involved in our branch and particularly in our scholarship programs which assist girls and women with their college tuition. Checks should be made payable to AAUW Hagerstown and sent to our current president, Denise Fry. A note in the memo line about the purpose of the check would be most appreciated.

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### **State Convention**

Wouldn't you love to spend a spring time weekend in Annapolis? The state AAUW convention is March 21. It is exciting to see what is happening at state and hear about national level projects. And by March it will be much better weather there than here!!!

Check your calendar and look for details in the Marylander. Plan to stay over the weekend and dust off the snow. Susie and Marty and others have been to the state convention. We even handed out flyers for one. It is great fun!!

(I do hope some others will plan to go. I would like at least a roomie.) - Marty Amrhein

### **AAUW-MD State Legislative Day and Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) Briefing for the 2020 Maryland General Assembly**

Thursday, February 6, 2020

**9:00am–4:00pm** AAUW-MD Members attend scheduled meetings with their representatives

**4:30pm–6:30pm** MLAW Legislative Reception and Briefing  
House Office Building, Rooms 170/180, 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis

Please join us to advocate for equal pay and paid family leave with your state legislators. AAUW-MD advocates from across the state, and members and leaders from other statewide advocacy organizations, will use our collective voices to urge Maryland General Assembly members to pass meaningful legislation for women and families.

[Click here to register for AAUW MD State Legislative Day](#)

After your meetings, join other AAUW-MD members at the [2020 Legislative Agenda](#) briefing with MLAW coalition members. AAUW-MD is on the MLAW board and has endorsed the MLAW agenda. Come to the reception to hear state legislators discuss issues important to women. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. There is no charge to attend the event, but please register early as registration is limited. Last year's event "sold out" quickly.

[Click here to register for the MLAW Briefing](#)

For more information please email Erin Prangle, AAUW-MD State Public Policy Chair, at [erin.prangle@gmail.com](mailto:erin.prangle@gmail.com).

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**Recipe of the Month - Submitted by**

**Activity Calendar for February 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3 Book Room 10:00 AM <hr/> Board Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5 Book Room 10:00 AM	6 MD Legislative Day	7	8
9	10	11 Book room 1:00 PM	12 Book Room 10:00 AM	13	14 Lunch Group 12:30 PM Wasabi	15
16	17 Book room 10:00 AM <hr/> Afternoon Lit. 1:30 PM	18	19 Book Room 10:00 AM <hr/> Branch Meeting 1:00 PM Ag Center	20	21	22
23	24	25 Book room 1:00 PM <hr/> Evening Lit. 7:30 PM	26 Book Room 10:00 AM	27	28 Party Bridge 11:15 AM	29

**Recipe of the Month - Strawberry White Chocolate Chip cookies  
Submitted by Densie Fry**

1 Strawberry flavored cake mix  
½ cup oil

2 eggs  
2 cups white chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 °F

Stir together cake mix, oil and eggs in mixing bowl, fold in chips. Spoon onto cookie sheet covered with parchment paper. Bake 8 to 10 minutes until edges slightly browned. Remove from oven and allow to cool before enjoying.

**Perk Up Your Houseplants – Tip from  
Cam Corbin**

Save your teabags and let them dry out. Tear open and fluff up the leaves. Store in a small container and add about a quarter teaspoon to each houseplant periodically. Alternate with other fertilizers.



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### **Calendar of Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location / Hostess</b>	<b>Time</b>
Mon. Feb 3	Board Meeting	WCTA Office	7:00 p.m.
Thur. Feb 6	Md. Legislative Day	Annapolis	9:00 a.m.
Fri. Feb 14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Lunch	Wasabi	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Feb 17	Afternoon Lit.	Home of Andi Kautz	1:30 p.m.
Wed. Feb 19	Branch Meeting	Wash. County Ag. Center	1:00 p.m.
Tues. Feb 25	Evening Lit.	Home of Georgie Kauffman	7:30 p.m.
Fri. Feb 28	Party Bridge	Nick's Airport Inn	11:15 a.m.