



*AAUW Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

# APRIL 2017

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30 Worldwide Pinhole Photo Day			<p>The Photo Group is looking for cookie/candy tins (with lids) or small boxes that can be made light-tight to make pinhole cameras. Please email Lynette Miller, <a href="mailto:lcmlillerstudio@gmail.com">lcmlillerstudio@gmail.com</a> if you would like to donate - thanks!</p>			

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## **From the Branch President**

**Wendy Haner**

Hello everyone,

Our February branch meeting was a resounding success, thanks to our program committee chairs, Marlene Shaklen and Susan Grabel for arranging to have Scott Dedman talk about the affordable housing needs in Buncombe County! The feedback I received from several women was very positive. We also had a number of guest that attended which is always enjoyable to meet ladies with varied backgrounds and diversity. We had over 65 at our luncheon which is growing by leaps and bounds along with our membership growing quickly thanks to you and Linda Beltran, our VP of Membership.

The National AAUW Board of Directors is currently considering a motion to increase AAUW's annual national membership dues from \$49 to \$59. If approved, the increase would go into effect starting July 1, 2018. Once a vote on dues has taken place in June, additional information regarding implementation, lifetime membership, and other details will be made available to members and leaders. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

Our AAUW State Convention is scheduled in Greensboro on Friday, March 31 and Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. I am excited to announce that our President Elect to be Rachel Sossoman will be joining me as we attend this upcoming conference. We will be joined by Melissa Johnsen, member of the National AAUW Board, who will lead a workshop on Reproductive Justice and address the broader context of the impact of the national election on women's rights. We will be sure to bring back information to share with everyone.

We all are thrilled with the slate of incoming officers for our branch this upcoming year. The nominating committee lead by Barbara Robinson has worked diligently to put together a slate of dedicated women to carry on the work of the

Branch next year, and we appreciate all their hard work. I am excited to be nominated to continue as President for this coming year. Voting for the new slate of officers will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at our branch meeting.

We have several upcoming events and programs that give us an opportunity to encourage women and girls. We are offering mentoring to women students at AB-Tech with Cindy Stephens, Stem Committee Chair heading up this project along with Pam Silvers (Asheville AAUW member) from AB Tech. We are also reaching out to college students at UNC-A with Jan Huskey, UNC-A Committee Chair and Dr. Jill Moffitt (Asheville AAUW member) leading this campaign and a workshop planned for Worthy Wage for 40 UNC-A students. Our branch is committed to aiding college women through scholarships, and these scholarships will be awarded soon to students at AB-Tech and UNC-A.

It is fundraising time and GEM has two scheduled. The first one is 'Treasure in our Attic' sale which will be held April 8<sup>th</sup> in Weaverville, and they are busy planning the annual GEM Fundraiser on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Fernhurst. These are just a few of the events and happenings that are scheduled before our summer hiatus.

Whew! With all these opportunities and many more happenings from the Advocacy committee to Diversity as well as more than 11 interest groups, it's no wonder our 190+ members have such wide circles of AAUW friends! We're glad you're one of them.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events. In the meantime, take care and we all will stand strong together.

Wendy Haner, President of Asheville AAUW Branch.

***"I confess that if I were king I would wish to make this scientific experiment. I would reform an abuse that cuts out, so to speak, half of humanity. I would allow women to share in all the rights of humanity, and most of all those of the mind..." Émilie du Châtelet, 18th century mathematician***

## Advocacy/Public Policy

The Advocacy/Public Policy Committee will hold several educational forums comparing the features of the current Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the changes proposed in American Health Care Act (AHCA). Our goal for these events is that attendees will have the knowledge to advise their US House of Representative and Senators how they hope our lawmakers will vote on these important issues.

Health care legislation is one of the biggest challenges facing the United States. The US Congress is currently debating whether to repeal and replace the current Affordable Care Act (ACA) with the proposed American Health Care Act (AHCA). What are the differences between these programs and how will your health care be affected under each? (Be sure to check out the list of seminars comparing the features of each on page 6)

The nonpartisan information will be presented by John Wingerter, MSW, Director of Insurance for the Council on Aging of Buncombe County. Mr. Wingerter will detail the features of the current ACA and proposed AHCA and answer specific questions from the audience. AAUW's goal for these events is that attendees will have the knowledge to express their opinions to their Representative and Senators.

We intend to hold these educational forums in 3 to 4 locations throughout Buncombe County and make them open to the public. At the writing of this information, one is scheduled for April 5 from 6 to 8 at the YWCA of Asheville multi-purpose room. Expect details from an email to be sent out to all AAUW members with information about dates, times and locations.

If you are interested in getting involved and learning more about Public Policy, please join us at our regular meetings on the second Friday of each month at the YWCA. Our next meeting is April 14 at 9:30. **For more information, contact Anne Sayers at [annesayers432@gmail.com](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com) or Kitty Schaller at [kittyschaller@gmail.com](mailto:kittyschaller@gmail.com).**

### AAUW BRANCH MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

**SPEAKER: ASHEVILLE POLICE CHIEF, TAMMY HOOPER**

First Baptist Church, 5 Oak St., Asheville, 28801  
(3rd Floor Dining Room)

11:30 Branch Meeting followed by  
Lunch and Speaker

**RSVP: Susan Grabel at: [susangrabel2@gmail.com](mailto:susangrabel2@gmail.com)  
or 828-505-3826 NO LATER THAN April 17th!**

Please note: You may attend the meeting without having lunch. However, members who reserve lunch, but do not attend, still owe \$12. AAUW is responsible for all ordered lunches.

**PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Due to a scheduling error at the First Baptist Church, our May 16th meeting and lunch has been changed to May 23rd!

Please mark your calendars with the new date. Thank you, Marlene and Susan



Tell your friends  
"Happy Birthday"  
and honor them with  
a gift to GEM.

### April Birthdays

- 4/1 Marlene Shaklan
- 4/8 Linda Nicodemus
- 4/8 Jeanne Smolkin
- 4/8 Jean Toxen
- 4/8 Barbara Weatherall
- 4/10 Pat Ashe
- 4/10 Pamela deMent
- 4/13 Helen McClintock
- 4/13 Maria Svehkova
- 4/14 Judy Duncan
- 4/134 Lisa Fields
- 4/14 Jill Preyer
- 4/16 Mary Lloyd Frank
- 4/16 Susan Hensley
- 4/24 Lou Moffatt
- 4/27 Barbara Mayer
- 4/29 Barbara Robinson

# Membership News Linda Beltran

## Time to Renew Branch Dues for 2017-2018!

**First, check your information in the directory** for accuracy (The most up-to-date information is on the website) If you are writing a check, make it payable to AAUW, include any updated info, and mail to **Linda Beltran, 11 Outlook Cir, Swannanoa, NC 28778** or give it to her at the next branch meeting. If you are paying online, be sure to email Linda any necessary changes at [LinBeltran09@yahoo.com](mailto:LinBeltran09@yahoo.com)

Here's how you renew online. If you have problems, call the AAUW Member Hotline at (800) 326-2289.

Go online to AAUW's Home Page at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

1. Click "Login" at the top of the page, enter your member id and password. Or click "need to register" if it's your first time logging in to the national website. Registering only takes a few extra steps and you are guided through these. If you regularly use this site, login may be automatic.
2. Click on the Member Services Database (MSD) at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on "Enter the MSD" (green rectangle)
4. Click on "Enter Member Services Database"
5. Click on "Renew My Membership" at the left.

You will be asked to pay dues by credit card. **That charge is \$73.**

**National AAUW's deadline to renew dues is  
June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

## New Members

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## UPSTREAMERS

go back  
to work  
in 2017

The AAUW Upstreamers, a SIG group of energetic outdoors-loving women, are gearing up for our 3 clean-up sessions this year at Reed Creek- and we want YOU to join us . We meet just 3 times a year to help keep the French Broad River clean and swimmable in conjunction with RiverLink, the well- known local organization whose main focus is keeping the French Broad and its tributaries and feeder streams environmentally clean and usable. Our area is a mile and a half stretch along the Reed Creek Parkway, right on Broadway across from the UNC-A campus.

We spend about 3 hours in wading boots, bright orange vests and old clothes and talk and laugh our way downstream as we play pick up-stuff with our pick-up sticks. Come join us in April, July and October for an easy but important job to save our stream and clean our environment. And you, too, can have your picture in the newsletter in a fetching outfit!

Contact Barbara Robinson at [baritar16@gmail.com](mailto:baritar16@gmail.com) or call 828-230-7113 to be added to date notification list

## New Members

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**Get the Facts - The gender pay gap is real, and it hurts women and families.**

- Among full-time, year-round workers, women are typically paid 80 percent of what men are paid.
- African American women are typically paid 63 percent of what white men are paid.
- American Indian and Alaska Native women are paid 58 percent of what white men are paid.
- Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders women are 60 percent of what white men are paid.
- Latina women face the largest gap, making 54 percent of white men's earnings.
- When you account for all factors known to affect pay, women are still paid almost 7 percent less than men just one year after college — and the gap only grows from there.
- The Equal Pay Act hasn't been updated since 1963.
- Louisiana has the worst pay gap in the United States.
- Equal pay bills have been introduced or are pending in more than 30 states.
- The gender leadership gap is responsible for part of the gender pay gap.

**AT THIS RATE, YOUR**



**MIGHT HAVE FAIR PAY.**

## New Members

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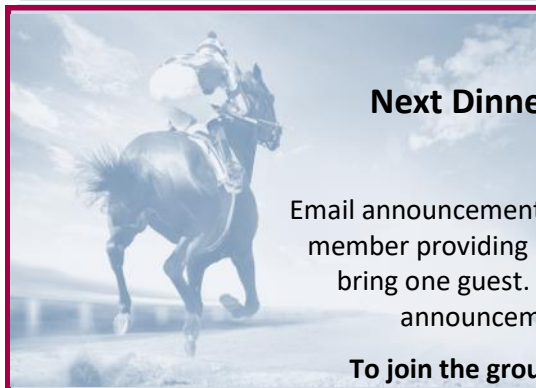
## International Dining

**Next Dinner - 144th Kentucky Derby Day, May 6**

**(Best of the USA, July 2)**

Email announcement is sent out about 3 weeks before the event, with host member providing recipes or suggestions for the potluck. Members may bring one guest. Reservations are taken as received after the email announcement is sent to International Dining members.

**To join the group, email Jeanne Smolkin, [jsmolkin@gmail.com](mailto:jsmolkin@gmail.com)**



## Hot Topics From The Board...

Our board is supporting a new initiative, the **Diversity Committee**. Our national AAUW has a diversity and inclusion task force focused on supporting states and branches in implementing diversity and inclusion efforts. We want to be one of these branches!

### Our Diversity Committee is planning to:

- 1- provide members info about opportunities to learn about and support all of Asheville,
- 2- look for natural collaborations with diverse groups in Asheville,
- 3- reach out to our members at UNCA and
- 4- support inclusion within and beyond our branch.

We're just getting started, so please join us in this exciting new effort. For more information contact Eleanor Lane, [elane@northstarlane.com](mailto:elane@northstarlane.com) Next meeting 4/3, 10 am **INFO**

**6.7 % of women graduate with STEM degrees; Only 0.4 % of teen girls plan to major in Computer Science...**

Get involved with our new STEM Initiative. Contact Cindy Stephens to find out what you can do!

[cstephens30@thefhc.net](mailto:cstephens30@thefhc.net)

[Click here](#) to view April S.T.E.M. events in Asheville, or scroll to page 13

## S.T.E.M.



AAUW Members shared experiences March 2 with Hangar Hall students on Women in the 21st Century Day



**Dr. Shirley A. Jackson**

was the first African American woman to receive a Ph.D. in 1973 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in physics. Dr. Jackson conducted breakthrough basic scientific research that enabled others to invent the portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cells, fiber optic cables, and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting. Dr. Jackson now serves as the eighteenth president of

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



## Book Groups & 2017 Selections

### Cocktails And Books (CAB)

This discussion group meets at Metro Wines, 169 Charlotte St. the first Monday of each month, from 4:30 to 6 pm for wine and conversation. For more information or to add your name to the list of members, contact group leader Anne Reis [annereis2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annereis2@sbcglobal.net)

Date	Book
April	<u>Commonwealth</u> —Ann Patchett
May	<u>Marriage of Opposites</u> —Alice Hoffman
June	<u>The Orphan Master's Son</u> —Adam Johnson

### Literatae

NOTE: Meetings are the first Wednesdays of most months, at 1:00. Please RSVP to the host to let her know of your presence or absence. The discussion leader also brings goodies. Contact: Jean Toxen, [jtoxen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtoxen@bellsouth.net) or 828-891-2864 (H).

Date	Book	Host/Leader
Apr. 5, '17	<u>The Remains of the Day</u> by Kazuo Ishiguro	Fusako Krummel 146 Hillside #42 28801
May 3, '17	<u>Women of the Smokies</u> by Courtney Lix	Jean Toxen 41 Sourwood Dr. Mills River 28759
June 7, '17	Book Selections	Pat Argue 107 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Mills River 28759

*"There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." - Joseph Brodsky*

### Tea Time Books

This book discussion group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 2 pm at the homes of various members; all are welcome; for this month's book and location or to obtain more information, contact group leader Juanita Spanogle at 258-0096 or [jspanogle@aol.com](mailto:jspanogle@aol.com)

Date	Book	Location
April 27	<u>Orphan Train</u> by Christine Baker Kline	Janet Lance, 3001 Timber Trail 28804 505.8192 c208.569.5318 <a href="mailto:janlance@aol.com">janlance@aol.com</a>
May 25	<u>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</u> by Rachel Joyce	Andriette Kinsella, 75 Haywood St. # 713 Asheville 28801 243-1996 andriettek@bellsouth.net
June 22	Book Selections	Juanita Spanogle, 19 Stony Ridge 28804 258.0096 <a href="mailto:jspanogle@aol.com">jspanogle@aol.com</a>



## Picture Page



Above Mr. Scott Dedman, Director of Mountain Housing, speaking at the February Branch Meeting, *Right* Prospective and New Member Social March 20



*Left* Mary Ellen Lewis shares her knowledge of Dorothea Lange at the March Photo SIG.



*Right* a pinhole image by Molly Keeney from last year's Worldwide Pinhole Photography Day. Our April Photo SIG meeting will coincide with a Brown Bag Lunch Talk about Pinhole Photography at Black Mountain Center for the Arts Friday, April 28 at 12 noon



### MEMBERSHIP WELCOMING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our last Branch meeting had 60 participants - 20 of them guests - as well as new and prospective members! We want to make everyone feel comfortable and welcome. As a Membership Volunteer you'll wait at the reception table and help take charge of newly arrived guests, invite a new member to sit at your table, and introduce her to other members. If you would like to meet and greet new and prospective members at Branch meetings and Special Events, please contact **Linda Beltran** at [linbeltran09@yahoo.com](mailto:linbeltran09@yahoo.com) or call 828-575-9964. You will be contacted a day or two before the event to help. It's a fun thing to do!

## **GEM Volunteers Now Accepting Items for the GEM Fund Garage Sale - "Treasures From the Attic"**

**GEM volunteers are now accepting items for the upcoming "Treasures from the Attic" — the GEM Fund's garage sale scheduled for Saturday, April 8.** From now through April 1, volunteers will be accepting items for the spring garage sale — new or gently used items for home and garden — clean, presentable, and, if applicable, in good working condition. Consider housewares, kitchen and table ware, linens, artwork, frames, collectibles and whatnots, tools, books, CDs, DVD's, books, fashion accessories. Unless it is something special, we are not accepting articles of clothing nor large pieces of furniture. In addition, we will not accept tube TV's. Unless you have made special arrangements with Karen Mauro (ktminnc@gmail.com), items must be small and light enough for one person to lift. Please refer to the email announcement for more information. You may drop off items at the following locations:

### **Central: home of Susan Grabel**

115 Gracelyn Road  
Asheville 28804  
828-505-3826 susangrabel2@gmail.com

### **South: home of Karen Mauro**

136 Pennsylvania Road  
Mills River 28759  
828-891-5963 ktminnc@gmail.com

### **North: home of Millie Massey**

(2/15— 2/23; 3/18—4/1)  
26 Mountain Meadow Circle  
Weaverville 28787  
828-645-4513 themillster@frontier.com

### **Home of Nini Abbott (2/24—3/17)**

25 Highland Pointe Court  
Weaverville 28787  
828-658-4195 niniabbott@gmail.com

### **Northeast: home of Marilyn Kolton**

(after 3/4)  
18 Ridgeview Drive  
Asheville 28804  
828-259-9461 LDWMKD@aol.com

### **East: home of Ruth Slawson**

11 Craftsman Circle  
Asheville 28805  
828-545-3397 rslawson65@gmail.com

### **Black Mountain: home of Sherry Brown**

295 Ninth Street  
Black Mountain 28711  
828-357-8455 sherrysaerie@gmail.com

**Be sure to contact these folks beforehand to make sure there will be someone home to accept your items.**

**Saturday April 8, 9-2  
Lake Louise  
Community Center**



### **The YWCA Empowerment Center**

could use puzzles and games for children ages 5-10, Classroom plants for science observations, child-proof plastic scissors (10-15) , in addition to art supplies.

**Please bring donations to General AAUW meetings, drop off at the Y , or email Eleanor Walther [etbuckly5@gmail.com](mailto:etbuckly5@gmail.com) for pick up.**

**The children thank you!**





## April Calendar Details

### AAUW Diversity Committee Meeting

Monday, April 3 at 10:00am at Robbie Madden's home, 118 Church Street in Black Mountain. Contact Eleanor Lane, [elane@northstarlane.com](mailto:elane@northstarlane.com).



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING • MATH

### STEM Meeting

Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at the home of Cindy Stephens 39 Sherwood RD AVL, 28803 [cstephens30@thefhc.net](mailto:cstephens30@thefhc.net)

Advocacy/Public Policy will meet on **Friday, April 14 at 9:30** at the YWCA. Please join us to learn more about how you can be involved. Contact Anne Sayers, [annesayers432@gmail.com](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com) or Eleanor Lane, [elane@northstarlane.com](mailto:elane@northstarlane.com).

### Lunch Bunch - Friday, April 14, 11:30a.m.

Blue Dream Curry House,  
81 Patton Ave, Asheville.

Reservation Deadline Wed. April 12, 12 noon.

Contact Sherry Brown - [sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com)  
or 828-357-8455



### History Study Group

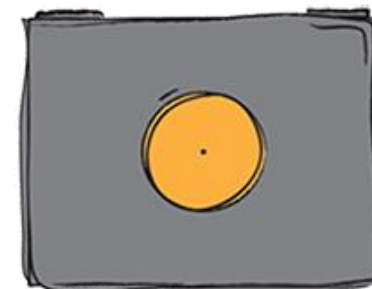
**Tuesday April 18** We will take a Spring Field Trip to the Cradle of Forestry in the Pisgah Forest off the Blue Ridge Parkway at 1p.m. The 6500 acre Cradle of Forestry Historic Site was founded in 1898 by Dr. Carl Schenck, chief forester for Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate. This was the very 1st forestry school in America. We will visit the Discovery Center and walk a beautiful and paved trail to historical buildings. Optional lunch at the Pisgah Inn Restaurant on the parkway 11:15a.m. RSVP Sherry Brown. [Sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:Sherrysaerie@gmail.com)

Photo Group - 2 photo events for April - both take place at Black Mountain Center for the Arts, 225 W. State St. Black Mountain ([Directions](#))

**Friday April 28, 12 noon** - Brown Bag Lunch Talk on Pinhole Photography, & how to make your own pinhole camera

**Sunday April 30, 1-4pm**- try out your camera or borrow one of the many on hand to make your own pinhole image for **Worldwide Pinhole Photography Day!**

Contact Lynette Miller  
[LCMillerStudio@gmail.com](mailto:LCMillerStudio@gmail.com)  
[aauwphotog.weebly.com](http://aauwphotog.weebly.com)



**Worldwide Pinhole Photography Day**

**Sunday April 30 1-4pm**

No photography experience necessary! Kid-friendly, cameras available to borrow, and it's FREE!

### World Affairs - Next Meeting **Thursday May 18**

Please contact Eve Miller [828-299-8107](tel:828-299-8107) or [vehohio@yahoo.com](mailto:vehohio@yahoo.com) for additional information.

## Standing Interest Groups and Activities

*Please remember to notify the hostess or group leader if you plan to attend this month's meeting so they can predict attendance and so that you can be apprised of any last-minute changes!*

**Advocacy & Public Policy Group:** This group works to underscore AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls. We act as a liaison with the AAUW National and North Carolina Public Policy Programs and work locally to increase awareness and take action that brings about social change to improve the lives women and girls in our community. The Advocacy and Public Policy Group will support only issues that are non-partisan and align with national AAUW. For more information, contact Anne Sayers at [annesayers432@gmail.com](mailto:annesayers432@gmail.com) or Eleanor Lane at [elane42@charter.net](mailto:elane42@charter.net). New members are always welcome.

**AAUW Upstreamers:** This group works with Riverlink to clean up a stream at Reed Creek Park near UNC-A three times a year. For more information contact Barbara Robinson at [baritar16@gmail.com](mailto:baritar16@gmail.com) 230-7113.

**CAB Book Group:** The "Cocktails and Books" discussion group meets Metro Wines the first Monday of each month, from 4:30 to 6 pm for wine and conversation. To get more information or to add your name to the list of members, contact group leader is Ann Reis, [annereis2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annereis2@sbcglobal.net)

**Film Buds:** This film discussion group meets the second Monday of each month from 5:30 to 7 to discuss first-run films; attendance is limited to the first 20 current group members who make a reservation with the group leader, Beth Ellers. Because of the large size of the group, new membership is closed, but note that the Film Fans group discusses the same film and is open to new members; to obtain this month's film selection, location, and other information, contact Beth Ellers at [slark1@att.net](mailto:slark1@att.net). Participants bring pot-luck supper.

**Film Fans:** This film discussion group meets the **second** Thursday of each month from 12-1:30 pm at the River Ridge Apartments Club House; film is the same as that discussed by the Monday Film Buds group. Members bring their own lunch; open to new members; for the film selection of this month's meeting or to get more information, contact group leader Beth Johnson at [JOHN-SON1ea@earthlink.net](mailto:JOHN-SON1ea@earthlink.net).

**History Study Group:** Open to all AAUW members. Field trips to sites of historical interest will be planned, and meetings with speakers knowledgeable on a variety of subjects of historical significance will be sought and scheduled. Meetings and trips will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meeting times will be variable based on tour and/or speaker schedules. Contact Sherry Brown of information and reservations. [sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com)

**International Dining Group:** The International Dining Group is composed of AAUW members who enjoy sharing great cuisine and conversation, with a dash of history, storytelling and personal experiences. Member may bring one guest. Dinner is pot-luck, with menu suggestions from the host. Dinners are approximately every other month. For more information, contact Jeanne Smolkin at 828-254-4789 or [jsmolkin@gmail.com](mailto:jsmolkin@gmail.com).

**Literatae Book Group:** The book study group meets the first Wednesday of every month at homes of members; for this month's location Jean Toxen at [jtoxen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtoxen@bellsouth.net) or 828-891-2864 (H).

**Lunch Bunch:** The Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering for lunch on the second Friday of each month at 11:30 at a different area restaurant. The Lunch Bunch is open to all AAUW members who wish to be added to the reservation list. Be sure to contact Sherry Brown by noon the Wednesday before at 828-357-8455 or [sherrysaerie@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysaerie@gmail.com) to reserve space and get directions to the restaurant.

**Photography Group:** The Photography Group is open to anyone with an interest in photography—with or without a camera. The group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday at 1pm though field trips/events may necessitate changes. More information at our website [aauwphotog.weebly.com](http://aauwphotog.weebly.com) or email Lynette Miller at [lcmlerstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lcmlerstudio@gmail.com).

**Tea Time Book Group:** This book discussion group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 2 pm at the homes of various members; all are welcome; for this month's book and location or to obtain more information, contact group leader Juanita Spanogle at 258-0096 or [jspanogle@aol.com](mailto:jspanogle@aol.com).

**World Affairs Group:** A group for study and discussion of world events. Study meetings follow on the third Thursday in January, March and May at 2 p.m. Please contact Eve Miller ([evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com](mailto:evhigginsmiller7@gmail.com) or [828-299-8107](tel:828-299-8107)) for additional information.

## April S.T.E.M. Events

### Science in the Streets

**WHEN** 4/7 (Fri) 4:30pm to 6:30pm     **WHERE** 43 Patton Ave Asheville, NC 28801

Come out and enjoy Asheville's first ever Science in the Streets! All throughout downtown Asheville

science stations will be set up and ready for visitors to engage with hands-on science activities....[More Info](#)

### Mountain Science Expo: The Nature of Design

**WHEN** 4/8 (Sat) 10:00am to 5:00pm     **WHERE** 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way Asheville, NC 28806

You might be thinking, 'What does science have to do with art?' Well, what about the Fibonacci Sequence? Andy Goldsworthy? Georgia O'Keefe? Audubon? Each of these connect nature, art, and science....[More Info](#)

### Physics Faire

**WHEN** 4/13 (Thu) 11:30am to 1:00pm     **WHERE** One University Heights Asheville, NC 28804

Do you think you understand falling boxes, spinning weights, or reflecting light? You may be amazed by how tricky these things can be. Join the UNC Asheville Society of Physics Students on the quad...[More Info](#)

### Statewide Star Party: Lookout Observatory

**WHEN** 4/21 (Fri) 8:00pm to 11:00pm     **WHERE** Campus of UNC Asheville, Asheville, NC 28804

Join the Astronomy Club of Asheville and the UNC Asheville Department of Physics for an astronomical evening! View double stars, nebulae, clusters and galaxies through a variety of telescopes at...[More Info](#)

### Celebrate STEM

**WHEN** 4/22 (Sat) 9:00am to 3:00pm     **WHERE** 175 Bingham Road Asheville, NC 28806

