



BRANCHING OUT



OCTOBER 2022

Penobscot Valley Branch Meeting!

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 7:00 PM **ZOOM**



Speaker: Cloe Chunn

Topic: Our Legacy for our Grandchildren

Cloe Chunn is a co-founder of the Maine Master Naturalist Program and the Penobscot River Paddling Trail. She helped start the Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition, and continues to work through it as the founder of its Natural Literacy Initiative and co-organizer of the Penobscot Bay Stewards Program. She is a Registered Maine Guide and author of *Fifty Hikes in the Maine Mountains* (W.W. Norton), a standard hiking guide for over 30 years. She enjoys exploring wild places, sharing them with others, and helping people understand our connection to the earth.

Susan Mehdi, author of the “The Great Silent Grandmother Gathering” was told by a respected Native American prophet that men have carried the world as far as they could, and it is up to women now.

Susan D’Angelo is setting up the meeting Zoom link and will email the link to members. Triad: Joanne Boynton, Janet Givens, Fran Haines

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following are tentative ideas for Zoom meetings:

December: Speaker from “Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors” (WIN)

March: Literacy Volunteers - success stories of immigrant women

May or June: Annual meeting - possible dinner depending on Covid

We welcome your ideas for meetings and speakers.

MEMBERSHIP - Mary Cathcart, Fran Haines

Thanks to all who have paid dues, we now have 23 members. Because of problems with the online new membership hub, National has extended the renewal deadline to November 30.

New member: Welcome to Katherine (Kat) Allen, Forest Ave., Orono. Kat is an Assistant Research Professor in the School of Earth & Climate Sciences, UM. Her educational degrees include: Case Western Reserve University, B.S., Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, M.Phil., and Columbia University, Ph.D.

PIZZA AND POLITICS - Susan Wishkoski

Our Pizza and Politics discussion group has met face to face outdoors during the summer. We enjoyed being able to socialize in person and to talk about top of mind issues. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 19 at 4** with the venue to be announced. Because we did enjoy meeting in person, I would like to continue to do so if at all possible. However I would like to hear from you and your concerns about this since COVID hasn’t really gone away. We can always go back to ZOOM. Please let me know what you think and enjoy the fall.

FUNDRAISING

We need fundraising ideas! Members have generously contributed to our fundraising efforts. However, we also support the Maine Women's Lobby Education fund, a local member scholarship, and Maine NEW Leadership. We have had to limit our non traditional women's scholarship to two \$500 scholarships this year. **Burby and Bates** in Orono will take your bottles and cans' refunds for AAUW.

AAUW of MAINE - Janet Givens

The Organizational Planning Committee will meet again in October to review feedback from branches regarding the reimagined state structure. Our Leadership Team agreed with the proposed changes.

Vote on November 8, 2022 "When women vote, we change the conversation."- AAUW

TREASURER'S REPORT - Fran Haines

Penobscot Valley AAUW FY '23 (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Budget status 9/30//22

Carry forward from prior year **\$1,471.72**

Resources

FY '23 dues paid FY '22	592.00
FY '24 dues paid FY'23	0.00
Scholarship Donation (Erhardt)	0.00
Scholarship fundraising	50.00
Burby and Bates	0.00
Donations (incudes \$82 state dues scholarship)	84.13
Interest	0.13

Total income **726.26**

Total resources **2,197.98**

Expenses

Dues FY '23 Nat'l (Includes \$62 member scholarship)	536.00
Dues FY '23 State(Includes \$15 member scholarship)	120.00
Dues FY '24 Nat'l pd.in FY '23	0.00
Dues FY'24 State pd. In FY'23	0.00
Newsletter/directory/ letter printing	0.00
Newsletter postage	0.00
Leadership team expenses	0.00
Membership expenses	10.00
AAUW funds \$10/member	0.00
Scholarship Marge Erhardt \$500 donation, \$300PVB	0.00
Non traditional scholarships (2@500)	0.00
Maine NEW Leadershiip (\$300)	0.00
Program costs	0.00
Project costs (including raffle basket)	0.00
Special projects	0.00
Maine Women's Lobby (\$50)	0.00

Total expenses **666.00**

Balance **\$1,531.98**