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Laguna Beach Festival of Women Authors

MARCH 28 LAGUNA BEACH LITERARY LUNCHEON

Annual event celebrates women authors during National Women's History Month

Come join us Saturday, March 28, to celebrate our 33rd Annual Literary Luncheon Festival of Women Authors! Refresh your spirits with stories from the authors, visit with friends, meet new people, and enjoy a delicious gourmet lunch at the beautiful Surf & Sand Resort. You'll enjoy hearing three outstanding award-winning authors: **Jill G. Hall, Maggie Shipstead, and Rufi Thorpe**. Read about these fabulous authors on page 3.

The Day Begins at 10:45am: Take time to meet the authors and buy their books, bid on Silent Auction items, and buy Raffle tickets for great prizes including a \$4,200 Persian rug! An outstanding array of items has been assembled for you to bid on, so bring your checkbook or credit card (cash works too!) and have fun in the Silent Auction. The Literary Luncheon is a major fundraiser giving us a chance to further AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through education, research and advocacy.

Message for Ticket Buyers: If for any reason you are unable to attend the event having already purchased a ticket, please contact Susan Kent who says, "Since this is a fundraiser, we would like to see every table full! Although you will not be refunded, it does give the opportunity for others to attend the event and partake in the Silent Auction and hear the wonderful line-up of professional authors. Thank you in advance for your consideration."

If you are unable to attend, please send a monetary donation, support our branch projects or underwrite some of the event expenses. So do what you can to help make this a big successful event. The Literary Luncheon Committee thanks you for supporting and investing in the future for women and girls.

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See Calendar on page 8 for more complete information.

WHEN:	Saturday, March 28, 10:45am – 2:30pm
WHERE:	Surf & Sand Resort, 1555 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach
COST:	\$95 postmarked by March 20; \$110 afterwards if space available. Make checks payable AAUW-LBF, mail to AAUW-LBF, P.O. Box 189, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. Credit card (\$3 fee): go to http://bit.ly/LiteraryLunch . Hit the upper right green "Tickets" button to purchase tickets.
PARKING:	Mention AAUW to the valet & get ticket validated for discounted fee.
QUESTIONS:	Audrey Locke, adsaxonlocke@gmail.com , or Farie Momayez, drfarie@yahoo.com .

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is definitely in the air. For AAUW Laguna Beach, that means get your reservations in for our 33rd Annual Literary Luncheon, held at the gorgeous Surf & Sand Resort in Laguna Beach on Saturday, March 28. We have lined up three award-winning women authors to talk about their latest books: Rufi Thorpe, Jill G. Hall and Maggie Shipstead. You should have received your invitations by now. If not, contact Jean Brotherton, our amazing branch matriarch, at jeanlagunabeach@cox.net. You can pay by check or by credit card at <http://bit.ly/LiteraryLunch>.

As you all know, the Literary Luncheon is traditionally our biggest fundraiser of the year. Funds we raise from ticket sales, silent auction bids and raffle tickets all go to support efforts to advance our mission: to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. For our branch, this means supporting not only national education scholarships but also our major local outreach programs: summer STEM programs for middle school girls (Tech Trek) and our new Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG), tutoring at El Morro Elementary School (TLC), salary negotiation workshops for college women (Start Smart) and scholarships for high school and college women, not only for financial support but also for women to attend the National College Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

We have been busy for months preparing for the best Literary Luncheon ever. Now we need your help. Please invite your friends, new and old members and women who might be interested in becoming members. Corral a table for ten of your friends and neighbors or just come alone and make some new friends. This is always a time to celebrate our branch community in a beautiful, relaxed setting and to demonstrate our shared support as women for women and girls through the power of education. For further details, please check our website. Farie and I look forward to seeing you there!

Lesley Danziger
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PROFILES OF WOMEN ARTISTS SALON

Three members presented their artwork to an overflowing audience on Sunday, February 23, at the home of Johanna and Gene Felder. This was the 11th year for this popular salon. Ellen Rose entertained members with her memories growing up and explained how visiting a circus influenced her paintings and how her painting interests evolved. She brought a large circus painting to show participants. Her advice to new artists is to paint a series rather than a rooster one day, a landscape the next day and a portrait the third day. Katie Slattery, a pen and ink illustrator, shared sketches and work from her travels around the world in a van as a young married woman. She always travels with a sketch book to capture the images she likes, and she shared her new sketches of scenes in Vietnam. Loren Harris-Heller is a painter of flowers and figures, and also explained how she creates mosaics. She brought several large colorful canvases to share. Everyone agreed that it was an excellent salon.



Ellen Rose, Loren Harris-Heller, Katie Slattery

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- Anything endorsing a political party or political candidate. AAUW is legally nonpartisan and cannot support or endorse any candidate or party.
- Anything that could be offensive on the basis of race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, age, or any similar grounds.
- Anything that is not in line with AAUW's mission.

2020 FEATURED AUTHORS



JILL G. HALL is the author of two historical novels, *The Black Velvet Coat*, an international Book Award Finalist for Best New Fiction, and *The Silver Shoes*. Her poems have appeared in a variety of publications. According to one source, “Jill creates novels with unforgettable characters whose lives, though generations apart, are inexplicably intertwined, which gives you the qualities you want in great stories -- mystery, suspense, and romance.” She is a seasoned presenter at seminars, readings, and community events, and also an artist and workshop facilitator. Jill lives in San Diego.



MAGGIE SHIPSTEAD is the New York Times best-selling author of the novels *Astonish Me* and *Seating Arrangements*, which won the Dylan Thomas Prize, and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for First Fiction. A third novel, *Great Circle*, is on its way. She is a graduate of Harvard and the Iowa Writer’s Workshop, and she was a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford. A frequent contributor to *Travel + Leisure Magazine*, Maggie is an avid traveler with a special passion for the polar regions. In 2012 and 2018, she was a National Magazine Award finalist for fiction. Maggie lives in Los Angeles.



RUFI THORPE grew up in Southern California, attended Eugene Lang College in New York at the age of 16 where she majored in literature and creative writing. She was accepted as a Henry Hoyns Fellow at the University of Virginia’s MFA program. After some fun years of teaching composition to undergraduates, she sold her first novel, *The Girls from Corona Del Mar*, that was long-listed for the Dylan Thomas and Flaherty-Dunn First Novel Prize. Rufi’s second novel, *Dear Fang, with Love* came out in 2016, and her third novel, *The Knockout Queen*, is due in April 2020.

POETRY CORNER

Poem by Grace Songolo,
AAUW LB Member
and Co-Chair of Poetry Writers



This poem by AAUW LB member, Noelle Driscoll McCredie, is meant to be sung.

It captures the strength of women as seen throughout history. Both the Poetry Appreciation and the Poetry Writers Interest Groups are fortunate to have Noelle as a member. At many meetings, she brings her guitar and sings her poems and her favorite lyrics.

WOMAN KEEP MOVING ON *by Noelle Driscoll McCredie*

Dark days, fallen dreams, sharp stones & pitiful things
All come in torrents, I'm covered with Moss
From going over and over, the sum of my loss.

CHORUS: Move beyond it, I keep telling myself
Go on be a woman, be strong.
The woman within me, keeps moving on,
Oh, Woman keep on, keeping on.

I look for my hand as I walk through the dark
I seek my own fire, I seek my own spark
Pull myself up by the straps on my boots
I'm a log on the fire, I'm a tree that has roots.

CHORUS: Move beyond it, I keep telling myself
Go on be a woman, be strong.
The woman within me keeps moving on,
Oh Woman, keep on keeping on.

BRIDGE: Life can be so mean, pulls me down to the
bottom of the stream, I rise up, I carry on, Oh Woman,
keep moving on.

The days they are long. The nights have grown short,
as hope moves
Along a narrow tight rope. There's a time to be brave, a
time to hold on,
But there's a time to let go, and keep on keeping on.

CHORUS: (Repeat Twice.) Move beyond it, I keep
telling myself,
Go on be a woman be strong. The woman within me
keeps moving on.
Oh, Woman keep on keeping on. (Oh Woman keep on
keeping on).

last night I stubbed my toe
and it really hurt
but my friend broke his leg
now that really hurt
and another is losing to cancer
how that must hurt
then there are wars
and people lose limbs, minds
families
and deaths
where people lose lovers,
parents, children
there are hurricanes
and people lose homes, friends
memories
I hear about earthquakes, tornados
fires
divorce
accidents
and so many lose everything
all that hurt is unimaginable
last night I stubbd my toe
and it really hurt
and for a moment I began to understand
for jurt a moment I felt I understood
for those moments I could understand
hurt
last night I stubbed my toe
and it really hurt
for a moment I understood
but then it stopped hurting

*When it hurts, observe.
Life is trying to teach you something.
Buddha*

AAUW Has Been Giving for More Than 130 Years

Jean Brotherton, AAUW Fund Cochair
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The first Western ACA American Fellowship, now known as the American Fellowship, was awarded in 1888 to Ida Street. Considered a “woman of rare culture and accomplishments,” Street studied at the University of Michigan for two years and contributed essays and poems to numerous periodicals, including the New Englander.

In 1890, Louisa Holman Richardson was awarded \$500 to study at Newham College in Cambridge, England. Richardson earned her bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from Boston University and was a professor of Latin, Greek, and art history at Carleton College.

In 1920, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (the predecessor to AAUW) helped raise money to purchase a gram of radium for Marie Curie. It was an effort led by Marie Meloney, a journalist and editor of The Delineator women’s magazine. Meloney had interviewed Curie. During their discussion, the scientist stated she was in short supply of radium, an element that she had discovered. Meloney asked, “If you had the whole world to choose from, what would you take?” Curie replied, “I need a gram of radium to continue my research, but I cannot buy it; radium is too dear for me.”

AAUW Fund Branch Stars! Thanks to the following generous members, and our AAUW-LB Foundation, for contributions to the AAUW Fund in 2019. The total amount of donations provided enough for our branch to honor two members as AAUW Fund Named Gift Honorees. You will find out who these deserving members are when they are presented with Star Trophies at the Saturday, March 28, 2020, Annual Literary Luncheon! 2019 AAUW Fund Stars are:

Alice Apkarian, Joyce Bartlett, Gail Brooks, Jean Brotherton, Karen Dennis, Sharon Donoff, Diane Ertley, Fran Fagen-Bennett, Sandra Grifmam, Patricia Griggs, Barbara Hamkalo, Pamela Horowitz, Janice Hayden, Amy Jackson, Marion Jacobs,

Kay Jones, Shelia Koff, Janet Brownlee Mackaig, Farie Momayez, Melanie Mowrer, Margot Norris, Roslyn Portnoy, Kimberly Salter, Carol Santell, Lynn Shardlow, Marvinna Shilling, Marie Tippets, Gladys Wilson, and Jennifer Yelland.

Thank-you Letter from Kendra L. Davis, AAUW Senior Vice President, Advancement and Partnerships [A contribution of \$2,000 was made on January 15, 2020 (\$1,000 to AAUW Greatest Need Fund, and \$1,000 to AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund) from our AAUW Laguna Beach Foundation on behalf of the Branch.]

“Dear AAUW Laguna Beach Branch Members,

Thank you for your contribution to AAUW. Your support will help us to create a future where all women have access to bias-free educations, fair pay and the careers of their dreams.

Because of you, we’ve made steady strides toward equity in the past year alone, AAUW has trained more than 102,000 women to negotiate for the salaries they deserve, helped 11 states pass fair-pay laws, and expanded our Empower leadership workshops in Atlanta, Chicago, San Francisco and other cities.

But as long as one woman is denied equal pay or opportunities because of her gender, our work isn’t done. At this critical time for women, we’ll keep pushing for stronger equity laws and fight to STEM jobs of the future, while lightening the crushing burden of student loan debt. And we’ll train millions more women to be their own strongest advocates at the negotiating table.

Your investment will enable us to build on the progress we’ve made to realize a fairer future for the next generation. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of women and girls.

Again, thank you very much for your generous gift. We cannot do this important work without you.”

Kendra added a handwritten note: “AAUW Laguna Beach Members, Thank you so much for this lovely gift! We are so honored that you stand with us as we continue to fight for equity for all women and girls. 2020 will be a critical year and we are grateful for this valuable support.”

ART DAY IN LA AAUW-LB Members and Laguna Art Museum Docents Saturday, April 4, 2020

Joel Woodard, Director of Operations, and artist extraordinaire, at Laguna Art Museum, has volunteered his time and expertise to guide us on a tour of carefully considered museums and one art gallery. His selection of museums was for their diversity and excellence of the current exhibitions and proximity to one another. We will hire a private bus. Our tour is timed to keep us moving, at a leisurely pace. Co-ordinating the tour with Joel will be Deana Pink, Programs Chair for the American Association of University Women Laguna Beach. Co-ordinating the Laguna Art Museum docents will be Jennifer Yelland.

Itinerary:

10:30 Depart Laguna Beach by bus from the Laguna Beach High School district parking lot at 550 Blumont and the cross street is Park Avenue.

12 Noon – 1:15 Fisher Museum: Charles Arnoldi, renowned artist, will meet us and take us on a tour of his 40-year retrospective exhibition <https://fisher.usc.edu/charles-arnoldi/>

1:30-2:30 No Host Lunch (location to be determined)

2:30 Von Lintel Gallery from Fisher 8 mins. (30 min. visit) <http://www.vonlintel.com/Exhibitions.html>

3:15 MOCA from Gallery 11 mins. (one hour visit) <https://www.moca.org/exhibitions/with-pleasure>

Walk across the street to the BROAD

4:15 BROAD (one hour visit) <https://www.thebroad.org/art/collection-exhibitions/desire-knowledge-and-hope-smog>

5:30 Board bus and travel home to Laguna Beach
Visit websites listed for details about exhibitions on view!

General admission is free for all three museums and for the Von Lintel Gallery. The Broad has fees for selected “special” exhibitions. Seniors \$10.00 and adults \$18.00.

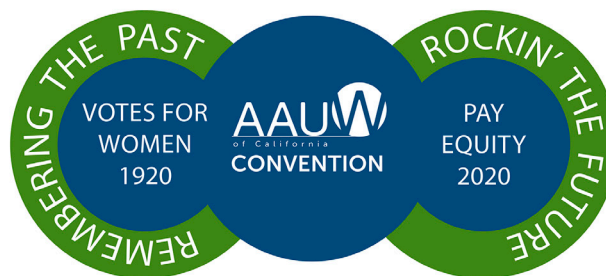
15-23 participants \$58.00 per person/covers transportation only.

Please forward a check payable to Jennifer Yelland, 24092 Paseo del Campo, Laguna Niguel, CV 92677. The check is your reservation.

Optional Tax Deductible Donation payable to AAUW Laguna Beach Foundation. Should you choose to send a donation of your choice, please prepare a separate check.

RSVP NO LATER THAN MARCH 21 to secure space on the bus.

Please respond to Jennifer Yelland, and please forward questions to her email: jennifersyelland@yahoo.com. Her text is 650-303-8571. She is looking forward to the wonderful day. Closer to the date, she will email all participants and provide more details.



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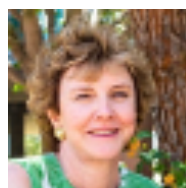
The Tech Trek Alumnae Group of South Orange County (TTAG SOC) launched on January 25 with an audience of 50 attending a panel discussion, followed by an organizational meeting with 21 Tech Trek (TT) alumnae.

A collaboration between the San Clemente-Capistrano Bay and Laguna Beach branches of AAUW (with the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley branch coming on board very soon), TTAG SOC will extend and expand the Tech Trek (TT) experience for alumnae, inspiring and informing them about STEM careers, while keeping them connected to AAUW and the Tech Trek program. You can read more about it online at <https://lagunabeach-ca.aauw.net/tech-trek-alumnae-group-ttag/>

At the meeting, alumnae learned how to apply to be a junior counselor, and they heard how the future of TT depends on alumnae. One goal of TTAG is to help feed the camper-to-camp director pipeline! Future programs were discussed. The meeting followed a program in which a panel of three women STEM professionals shared their educational and career experiences along with plenty of advice for the girls!

The panelists included Captain Janell Hanf, an active duty logistics officer in the US Marine Corps; Jennifer Ton, president and founder of BioRox® Inc., a gene therapy and biologics CMC (chemistry, manufacturing and controls) consulting company; and Dr. Alice Apkarian, retired chemistry professor (adjunct) at Saddleback College.

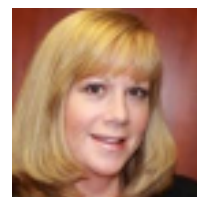
Despite their very different paths and careers, the same messages came through in all three presentations: seize opportunities when they arise, create opportunities when they do not; pursue your interests; don't be afraid of change; don't shut any doors unnecessarily, and mathematics is the foundation for all STEM—keep studying it!



Alice Apkarian



Janell Hanf



Jennifer Ton



We recently heard that Barbara Williams-Pember-ton had passed away. She was a long-time member having joined our AAUW Laguna Beach Branch in 1986 after retiring from the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Barbara enjoyed many years as a tutor at El Morro Elementary School in our TLC after school program where her participation was much appreciated by Peggie Thomas. Barbara was a great help to me when I was editor of the *Laguna Waves* by taking the monthly tray of zip code sorted newsletters to the bulk mail drop of the Laguna Niguel Post Office. She also ably assisted me in the stuffing envelopes task every year for the Literary Luncheon. The late Katie Haven and I were so honored to be invited to celebrate Barbara's and her husband Jim's special 25th Wedding Anniversary party at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Costa Mesa.

She was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Laguna Beach where she held many leadership positions. Barbara was kindness personified for my family when she found a non-denominational minister to perform a marriage ceremony for my third son 14 years ago on the deck at my home. We will miss her beautiful soul and boundless enthusiasm along with her very wry wit and amusing southern sayings.

- Jean Brotherton

March 2020 Calendar

The Waves is not password protected on the website. To protect your privacy, all home addresses in the Waves have been removed except when given permission. Addresses can be found by looking up members' addresses in your Membership Directory or contacting the hostess when you RSVP.

March 11 (Wednesday) 6:00pm: BOARD MEETING in the Susi Q. Laguna Room, 380 Third Street, Laguna Beach. Board members are expected to attend. All members are welcome. For requests by committee chairs to be put on the agenda, contact board secretary, Alison King, aking@csusm.edu.

March 16 (Monday) 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm: POETRY WRITERS GROUP at the home of Leah Vasquez, 606 Bluebird Canyon Dr., Laguna Beach. RSVP leahvasquez@cox.net. The Poetry Writers group meets every other month and welcomes new members & guests.

March 19 (Thursday) 5:00pm: WINE & WHINE at Fishbone Kitchen and Bar, 480 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach. For information, contact Barbara Hamkalo (494-4185, bahamkal@uci.edu). RSVP not necessary.

March 19 (Thursday) 6:30pm: VESPER LIBRIS book group at the home of Karen Dennis in Laguna Beach. RSVP Karen, karendennis@mac.com. The book is *Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. We begin with a light dinner before discussion, so you must RSVP. (The meeting was canceled in January, so we are delayed a month.) The selection in April will be *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. Questions? Contact Janice Hayden janicemhayden@gmail.com. New members are welcome.

March 21 (Saturday) 9:30am to 1:30pm: GREAT AMERICAN WRITE-IN at the Delhi Center, 505 E. Central Avenue, Santa Ana, CA. This is a letter writing event to communicate with legislators on current issues. A hand written letter does influence legislators more than you might think. The letters are mailed for you. Drop in any time from 9:30 to 1:30 and see democracy in action.

March 24 (Tuesday) TUESDAY BOOKS@1:30. This is a newly revamped book discussion group that meets the 4th Tuesday afternoon in Laguna Beach. New members are welcome to join at any time. The March 24 book selection is *Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. In April it will be *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan. Contact Karen Dennis, karendennis@mac.com, for details.

March 28 (Saturday) Annual Literary Luncheon. See front page for details.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Literary Luncheon on March 28 is a wonderful time for your college grad friends and colleagues to join our AAUW Laguna Beach Branch at the special reduced dues of \$79.50 (instead of \$109.00). After they pick up their name badges in the Surf & Sand Resort foyer, steer them to the adjoining Membership Table where our membership team will be happy to enroll them in AAUW by cash, check or credit card. Contact me with names and addresses for mailing pre-enrollment prospective member packets that include membership applications and branch brochures explaining what AAUW and our branch are all about.

NOTE: Regular members can pay their 2020-2021 \$109.00 dues at the Literary Luncheon. Please contact me at jeanlagunabeach@cox.net for information or questions about the Literary Luncheon and membership in AAUW Laguna Beach Branch.

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