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Humboldt Botanical
Garden

Humboldt Botanical Garden Mission is to Inspire, Educate and Grow

- Establish and promote an enjoyable and educational botanical garden accessible to everyone in or near Humboldt County and Northwestern California.
- Work with primary and secondary schools, institutions of higher education, and others to promote the study, use and preservation of native and other plants.
- Promote the use of botanical gardens by local garden clubs, botanical groups and others for developing botanical displays of special interest and for conducting botanical or horticultural programs.

Join us at our October Meeting to find out more.

Saturday, October 7, 2023
Red Lion Inn, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka

9:30 a.m. Social
10:00 a.m. Brunch
Meal Cost: \$25.00 (includes beverage)
Beverage only \$8.00

10:30 a.m. Speaker: Evelyn Giddings
HBG Board Member

Your caller will contact you to make a reservation. If you have not heard from your caller by October 1, call Maggie Augustine. It is our branch policy that if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you must pay for your meal.



Evelyn Giddings (Eureka, CA). Evelyn Giddings was born and raised in Crescent City, California; she holds a BS degree in Business from Humboldt State and an MBA in International Business from San Francisco State. Ms. Giddings is very active in her community and currently serves as the Board President for the Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation and acting Executive Director. She lives in rural Humboldt County with her husband, David Lemm. Together they have three grown children and nine grandchildren. She retired in 2017 as a Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking Manager, with Umpqua Bank for the Humboldt-Del-Norte Region and prior to that was with Six Rivers Bank/North Valley Bank for six years. Prior to banking she was in Sales, Marketing and Management. Ms. Giddings joined the HBG Board of Directors in 2003.



President's Message

Welcome to another year of the AAUW Humboldt Branch. Thanks to Alex for our program about the Arcata Marsh. Please participate in interest groups or suggest others. There is no better way to meet the goals of AAUW to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy than doing it with friends made through the interest groups. Applications are now being accepted for our reentry scholarships. Please help get the word out to eligible students. This was going to be a year of co-presidents, but Donna Hauser will be unable to assume a leadership position and I will be your president for the year.

Registration for our monthly meetings has always been a challenge. In the next few months, we will try different ways to acknowledge your attendance at the meetings. This will include completing a short on-line form with follow-up calls for those who have not responded to online requests. Let me know if you have suggestions to ease the registration process.

TIMES ARE A'CHANGING FOR AAUW RESERVATIONS

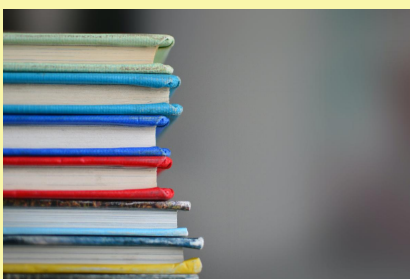
Some members of our branch feel that changes are needed in the branch Reservations protocol. For reservations, there needs to be a shift away from the caller system. Each member should be held accountable for making her reservation - not callers. Also there should be the capability for prepayment of the fee. This matter will be discussed by the board. So be on the lookout for updates on this matter.

In the interim, the caller system will still be utilized. The membership should give a big shout out for the callers and the service they have given to the branch.

Maggie Augustine
Prior Reservations Chair
09.20.2023



Fun at our September meeting as we learned about our Interest Groups and honored outgoing President RoseMarie with a beautiful orchid.



A small group is driving book bans in libraries. United Against Book Bans has put together a marvelous

toolkit <https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/toolkit/>
Why it matters: Supporting freedom to read is crucial.

In response to our concerns about these issues, AAUW CA recently launched **The School Board Project**. This important new initiative encourages all of our members to look at our local school boards and follow their activities, help recruit and support qualified candidates to run for school boards and speak out at meetings of your local school boards. You can find out how you can participate by clicking [HERE](#)

AAUW Re-Entry Women Scholarships

The 2023-24 academic year at Cal Poly Humboldt has begun and the Scholarship Committee is excited about receiving applications and selecting awardees for our scholarships. This year, thanks to the amazing generosity of our members, we have over \$8,000.00 available to award.

The past two years we received as many as 30 applications each year illustrating the increased need among older students for financial assistance and see no reason to think this need will decrease. So, as we work with faculty and administration to promote our scholarships on campus and online, check out the scholarship info and application on our website and know that the committee is planning on a busy October and November. As we receive and review applications and interview students, we look forward to introducing our awardees at the December Gala. If any member is interested in knowing more about our selection process or in working with us, please contact me. Again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Margaret Wallace, Chair of AAUW Re-Entry Women Scholarship Committee



Public Policy

U.S. Census Bureau released data on the current gender wage gap. Spoiler alert: not much has changed.

Overall Women working full-time, year-round are paid 84 cents and all earners (including part-time and seasonal) are

paid 78 cents for every dollar paid to men.

AAUW Press

Release: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/aauw-analysis-of-u-s-census-bureau-and-u-s-bureau-of-labor-statistics-gender-pay-gap-data-reveals-little-progress/>

October Highlights in U.S. Women's History

- October 3, 1904 – Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida
- October 4, 1976 – Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC)
- October 4, 1993 – Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as



*National Women's
History Alliance*

its second woman Justice

- October 8, 1993 – Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature
- October 10, 1983 – Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements
- October 11, 1984 – Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to “walk” in space during Challenger flight
- October 15, 1948 – Dr. Frances L. Willoughby is the first woman doctor in the regular U.S. Navy
- October 16, 1916 – Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.’s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York
- October 23, 1910 – Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight
- October 24, 1956 – Reverend Margaret Towner is the first woman ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church
- October 28, 1958 – Mary Roebing is the first woman director of a stock exchange (American Stock Exchange)

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Submissions welcome: deadline is the 20th of each month

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Vision. Equity for all.

Values. Nonpartisan. Fact-based.

AAUW is the nation’s leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

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