

# Edmonds SnoKing Branch Newsletter

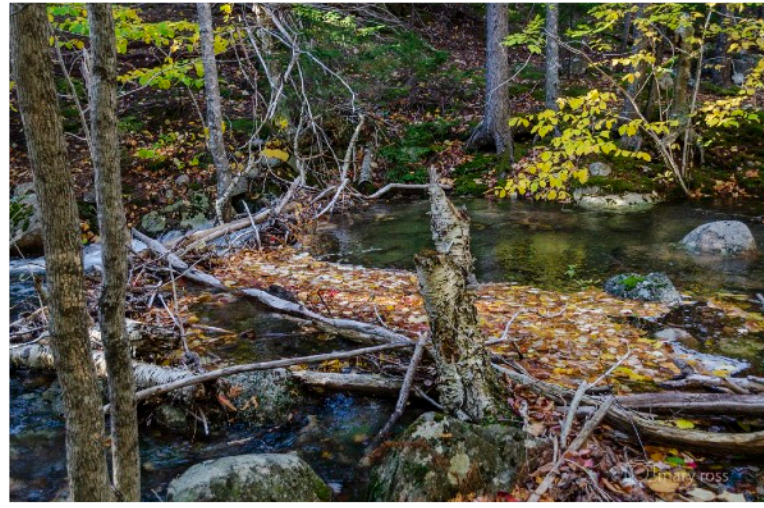


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- **AAUW-WA sponsored author talk on Zoom, November 2, 1:00 pm** (see page 2)
- **Monthly Branch Meeting on Zoom, November 14, 10 am to noon** Working Toward Equity and Inclusion (see page 2)
- **Edmonds-sponsored Diversity Films on Zoom, November 14, 12 noon** (see page 2)
- **Humanities Washington talk on Zoom Nov. 16 at 2 pm** (see page 3)
- **Diversity Book Group, November 18, 7 pm on Zoom.** *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. For info, contact Cathy Draper.
- **Conversation on Foreign Policy on Zoom, Saturday November 21, 1 pm** Topic: The Northern Triangle
- **Coffee and Conversation on Zoom.** Coming in December, sponsored by Membership Team (see page 3)

Submissions to Pam Canell, Editor



## President's Message

As we near the end of 2020, I reflect on all that has happened this year. At this writing, we are still waiting for the results of our presidential election. Other than that, I think the biggest event for 2020 is the current pandemic that started in January and the cascade of events that followed, i.e., the lockdown, the drag on the economy, the loss of thousands of jobs, the violence of civil unrest and the Black Lives Matter movement. And it has been such a polarizing and divisive year. Such a very challenging year for all of us, for each of us. We have each experienced this year in a way unique to us, and we have had to find our way through it. For me, I hope that we will have new leadership and that we can begin to rebuild bridges that will unite us as a country. I long to see our elected officials reach across the aisle and work together to accomplish great things.

Well, we will see what the future holds. I might have a very different message for you in December.

*Anne Penny  
President*

## Board Notes



The Board met on October 15 on Zoom and approved a December program featuring Susan Rice.

There was a Zoom orientation session on October 14 (with another to follow on October 22) so all our members can feel comfortable at our Zoom events.

Marianne North reported on the diversity training that the Program Team is planning. Board members were asked to review a survey and give their suggestions for improvements. The survey link will be emailed to all members.

AAUW-WA State Lobby Day is tentatively scheduled for February 1 and will be online.



Just a reminder that the A3E foundation board continues to meet.

We are looking for branch members to apply to help support the foundation. Please consider joining our group.

The foundation has received some nice tax deductible donations this year, so we will be able to support the branch next spring with scholarships. —Jodi Forsell

## Calling All Book Groups

All are invited to attend a Zoom meeting with Ellen Dubois, author of *Suffrage: Women's*

*Long Battle for the Vote* on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 1:00 pm. AAUW WA Public Policy Chair Karen Anderson organized this event with distinguished historian Ellen Dubois. The author is a historian and known for her pioneering work in women's history and gender studies. She has been a professor at UCLA and University of Buffalo.

"Ellen Dubois has written a comprehensive history that deftly tackles intricate political complexities and conflicts and still somehow reads with nail-biting suspense," wrote Clara Bingham in *The Guardian* last February.

To sign up for the event, email [books@aauw-seattle.org](mailto:books@aauw-seattle.org). You will receive a link to register for the author talk.

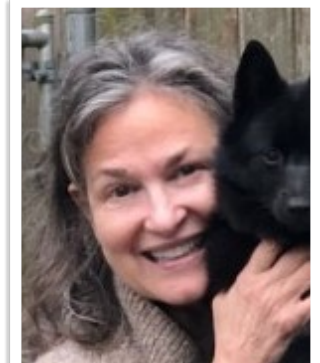
—Marianne North

## Our November Program

"Working Toward Equity and Inclusion: Some Learning Experiences," presented by Jeanne Crevier on November 14.

Jeanne leads the Snohomish County League of Women Voters Diversity Outreach which targets diverse communities defined by ethnicity and socioeconomic status.

She has fifty-plus years' experience as a business systems analyst and project manager in large organizations. Jeanne will describe the League's diversity outreach plans. She moved here three years ago from Kansas City. She loves her friend's dog Maddy (pictured) as well as her cat.



—Marianne North

## Diversity Films

The City of Edmonds Diversity Commission presents “On Beauty” and “Fat Boy Chronicles” on November 14 at 12 noon on Zoom. There will be a Q&A afterwards with the director, cinematographer, and cast of “Fat Boy Chronicles.” For movie trailers, Zoom links, and more, click [here](#) and scroll down to November 2020. —Sunny Strong



## Virtual Coffee Hour!



On Friday, December 4 at 1 pm, we will be piloting our first Zoom Coffee and Conversation gathering. If this format works well, we plan to host a Coffee once a month on the third Friday at 10 am. These sessions will be open to all members, and it is our hope that we can stay better connected during these difficult times by accessing this technology.

We plan to get together as a group for the first part of the meeting and then break into groups. Themes we are considering for these breakout sessions are: holiday traditions and recipes / accommodating ourselves and our families to the holidays this year / pets we love / creative ways to survive our new reality. Please email any other topics you’d like to pursue to Debby Smith.

Watch for a November email with the registration link for this event. Hope to see you December 4!  
—Debby Smith

## Zooming Along



As we learn together how best to meet online, here are some tips for getting your Zoom meeting scheduled. When you send an email request for a meeting, please check our <https://esk-wa.aauw.net/branch-calendar/> website first to see if there is another meeting scheduled at the same time. We’d prefer to leave a half-hour between meetings so no one gets cut off accidentally. Please include in your email to me the following information:

Date, start time, end time for meeting, setup time before meeting and/or debrief time after meeting (if desired). Also include the number of breakout rooms required, and whether pre-registration is required. This will reduce the number of emails flowing back and forth.

—Beth Wood

## AAUW-Seattle Zoom Meeting

On Monday, November 16, 7 pm, Humanities Washington speaker Dr. Michelle Liu presents “The Country that Fiction Built.” How can fiction help us imagine building more empathy and openness to those with experiences different from our own? Dr. Michelle Liu will discuss this question via Zoom.

Dr. Liu, a professor of English at University of Washington, will delve into the many ways our country is deeply shaped by *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, two works of fiction that still fundamentally shape as well as limit, how we think about skin color, morality, and who counts as human.



communities. . . . Washington voters and the legislature have clearly demonstrated numerous times their interest in providing access to the full range of care (see I-120 Abortion Rights Act; I-1000 Death with Dignity Act; Reproductive Health Parity Act; Reproductive Health Access for All Act). In support of our friends, families, and constituents, we call on Virginia Mason to stand by its patient-centered values by prioritizing patient needs over religious doctrine. It is absolutely critical that Virginia Mason maintain a full range of services for reproductive and end-of-life care.”

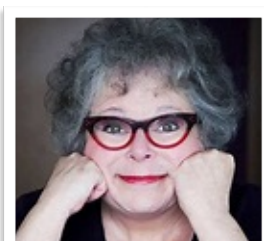
What Can You Do? Save the DATE – February 1<sup>st</sup> – for AAUW-WA Lobby Day.

- Sign up for the [AAUW 2-minute activist](#). Washington State will be using it this year to alert you to state actions needed.
- You can comment on bills online during the session. It is super easy. See [How to Comment on a Bill](#). Your comments become part of the public record.
- Legislative Committees are meeting NOW! Check out the College and Workforce Committee meeting for a [great overview](#) of the new higher education policies passed last session.
- Join the Public Policy Team.

Our future is now. Let’s make sure it is a good equitable one.

—Sandra Distelhorst

## Coming in December



Comedian Susan Rice will entertain us via Zoom on Saturday, December 12, at 10 am. Susan has performed for more than 30 years as a

stand-up comedian and in shows such as *Portlandia*. —Marianne North

## Book Group Gathering

Our diversity book club had two meetings on October 21. One group met at Edmonds City Park (see photos below by Debby Smith) and another group met later in the day, on Zoom.



Many great books were reviewed. The following books are recommended for discussion:

November: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson - Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the Kentucky Pack Horse Library Service in the 1930s.

December: *Use the Power You Have: A Brown Woman's Guide to Politics and Political Change* by Pramila Jayapal, US House of Representatives from Washington's 7th district

January: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabelle Wilkerson (I switched this from November due to its popularity to allow more time to get access to a copy)

Other books reviewed include:

*Little Rock* by Karen Anderson

*House of Broken Angels* by Luis Orrea

*The Truths we Hold* by Kamala Harris

*Miracle Country* by Kendra Atleework (Cathy Draper's niece)

*Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver

*A People's History of the US* (recommended for banning by Trump) by Howard Zinn

*Magical Language of Others* by E J Koh

*The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

*Killers of the Flower Moon: the O'Sage Murders* by David Grann

*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* by Jayson Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

*Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason* by Nancy Pearl

*Quichotte* by Salman Rushdie

*The City We Became* by N.K. Jemisin (award winning Black woman sci-fi writer)

*Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke

*Breasts and Eggs* by Mieko Kawakami

*The Paragon Hotel* by Lyndsay Faye

*They Came to Stay* by Marjory Margolis

If I left out anyone's book, I apologize. I had to take notes very fast during our meetings.

It looks like our November 18 meeting will be on Zoom. Please contact Cathy Draper ([blackeagle230@yahoo.com](mailto:blackeagle230@yahoo.com)) if you would like to participate.

—Cathy Draper

## And Speaking of Books . . .

Member and artist Nancy Bishop Harvey has four coloring books available for our enjoyment—or the enjoyment of someone we love. In the June 2020 newsletter, her *Colour Me Edmonds* book was mentioned. But wait, there's more!

[Gardening With Colour Around & About Seattle](#)  
[Colour Me Edmonds](#)  
[Nature's Bee-uty](#)

“There were many reasons for creating these four books for the general public” she said. “The projects were relaxing, as I added little bits of humor and sweet scenes local to this area. The knowledge gained from an art project on insects several years ago helped me create *Gardening with Color*.”

She added, “the Seattle book was taken entirely from real life situations that I tweaked as needed while adding some humor. *Colour Me Edmonds* was more of an artistic rendering of the Edmonds I am most familiar with, while including some humor. *Nature's Bee-uty* was based on native flowers—some right in my studio— as well as a few bees from a local beekeeper. I hope each book brings a laugh, a smile, and satisfaction to the artist in everyone.”

—Pam Canell