

Edmonds SnoKing Branch Newsletter



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- **Monthly Branch Meeting, March 13, 10am on Zoom. Pre-register [here](#).** Chinese Farmer Art & Auction (see page 3)
- **Great Decisions Conversation on Public Policy. March 8, 1 pm on Zoom.** Topic: Persian Gulf Security. Contact Beth Wood for info.
- **Edmonds 3rd International Women’s Day, March 7-8 on Zoom.** (see page 4)
- **Diversity Book Group, March 17, 7 pm on Zoom.** *The Girl With the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. Contact Cathy Draper for info.
- **Coffee and Conversation, March 19 on Zoom.** Sponsored by the Membership Team. (p. 5)
- **Online Bridge Group, March 22, 12:30-4 pm.** Contact Marianne North for info.

President’s Message



Greetings to all our members! This month features a special Zoom event with Mary Helen Roberts speaking about her experiences in China with rural artists and their particular artworks. I encourage you to read further in the newsletter to get specific information on how to register for this wonderful event. The artwork is beautiful and you will have a chance to actually purchase some pieces from Mary Helen's collection.

We are getting close to spring and I, for one, am really looking forward to some warmer temperatures. Even with rain, warmer temperatures are welcome. Please continue to be very careful during this pandemic. I heard a talk by one of the microbiology faculty at Edmonds College. His research indicates that the more contagious variant, B.1.1.7 will be the prevalent strain come March and April, and there could well be a surge in the coming months. I want to see all of you on the other side of this!

—Anne Penny, President

Board Notes



The Board discussed whether to be a sponsor of the Edmonds 3rd Annual International Women’s Day event, hosted by Alicia Crank.

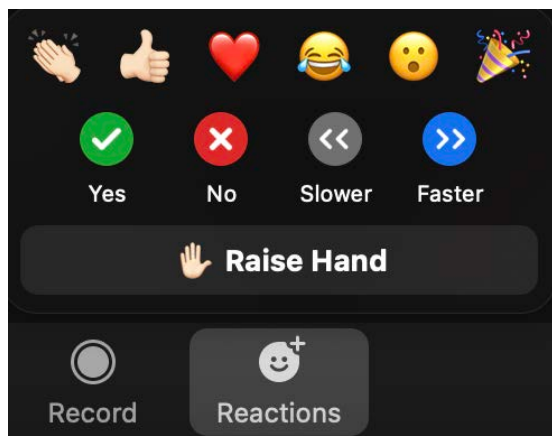
It was decided to do so at the rate of \$250. See page 4 for more about this event.

Because “Expanding Your Horizons” is virtual this year on March 24, there are no expenses incurred for our branch.

There was further discussion of the upcoming Diversity Workshop and new officers and foundation positions.

Keeping Zoom Up to Date

Have you checked to see if the Zoom application on your computer (PC or Mac) needs updating? Your Zoom Meeting experience will be better if you are using the most recent version. For example, there are new Reaction icons in Zoom Meeting that allow you to Raise Your Hand easily and more visibly.



All of the Zoom handouts on our [Members Only](#) page have been updated.

Here’s a link to the Zoom Download [Center](#), where you can choose updates for Windows or macOS.

If you are using Zoom on an iPad or Android tablet, check your settings to see if updates are downloaded automatically.

Contact the Branch Zoom Support Team —Beth Wood, Mary Ross, Marianne North, Ann McNulty, and Jane Simpson— if you need help with any aspect of Zoom.
—*Mary Ross*

Member Contact Change

Please note that Judy Prince has changed her email address. The updated address is already recorded in our branch member directory. Be aware that our email programs often auto-fill addresses when we type in a name—but it auto-fills whatever address we’ve used before rather than the new address.

Judith Zoellick

Many of us remember Judith Zoellick, a long-time member who was branch president in 2001-2003. Judith passed away on February 9 at age 86. Helen Behan remembers that Judith encouraged our branch to begin the STEM Scholars Recognition program and connected us with Trinity Lutheran Church where we held many events. (Her husband Ray was a member of the Men’s Club at the church.) Phyllis remembers Judith as a person who was “always there to help with whatever needed to be done.”



I took this photo of Judith and her daughter Jenny at Café de Paris at our December 2013 holiday luncheon. You can see more photos of Judith on our [webpage](#).

Here is a [link](#) to her obituary. Judith's family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Foundation A3E for scholarships.

—Mary Ross

Don't Miss the Art Auction!

Chinese Farmer Art Presentation & Auction to Benefit Our Scholarship Fund

Join us for a virtual journey via Zoom to a faraway land and time to see and hear about the unique art form developed by Chinese farmers nearly 100 years ago.



The art for auction is shown in high resolution (unlike the art illustrations in this newsletter) on the AAUW Edmonds SnoKing [website](#), where you can find details for each painting (whether it is framed or unframed, its size, value, opening bid, etc.).

Please invite your friends and family to join in the program and auction. [Here](#) is a flyer to forward to them.

And be sure to pre-register yourself [here](#).

These colorful works of art are very reasonably priced, with minimum bids set at \$20 to \$60. They are valued from \$40 to \$150. Some of the works are framed and some are not. They range

in size from 8½ by 12 to over 21 inches. The size of the pictures makes them ideal for brightening small spaces in your home or for gifts for family and friends.



You will be able to bid on these works of art for just a couple of hours on Saturday, March 13, after Mary Helen’s presentation. You can bid through our AAUW-ESK website by entering your bid below the painting(s) you want. You will be able to see when someone else has bid higher than you and to enter a new bid.

If you need technical assistance for the bidding process, several volunteers and their phone numbers will be posted at the end of the Zoom presentation.

Auction winners will be notified via email and will write a check to the [Foundation A3E](#) which manages the AAUW-ESK scholarship funds. Arrangements will be made to bring the art work to you and to collect the donation.

We are grateful to Mary Ross and her committee of “Zoomites” for making the presentation and auction possible.

—Marianne North

International Women’s Day Celebrations in Edmonds



International Women’s Day, March 8, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. International Women’s Day has been celebrated for well over a century, with the first gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland.

With the 2021 theme #ChooseToChallenge, the third annual Edmonds International Women’s Day is set for Sunday and Monday March 7-8. Alicia Crank is chairing this event and it is **free and virtual**.

On Sunday, March 7, there will be presentations on:

Education	11:00 am
Philanthropy/Service	1:30 pm
Mental Health	4:00 pm

On Monday, March 8, at 5:30 pm, join the Happy Hour with Mari Horita from Seattle Kraken, Amy Sprinters from Seattle Seahawks, and Stacy Rost from 710 ESPN. At 6:30 pm, the keynote speakers, Sue Bird and Dawn Trudeau from Seattle Storm, and Jessamyn McIntyre from Q13 Fox Seattle will speak.

Part of this event will focus on Edmonds “Unsung Women of Influence’ from the community. Plus a Hall of Heroines session

where women from the sports world, education, and public safety will interact with girls and youth.

You must register for each event separately at this [link](#).

—Shirley Buono

Coffee & Conversation



Our branch held another lively virtual Coffee and Conversation gathering on February 19. Helen Behan facilitated this stimulating session where members shared their favorite

books and movie recommendations. Fourteen members had a great time participating in this event.

A few recommended movies were: *The Dig*, *Thirteen*, *The Social Dilemma*, and *The Queen's Gambit*.

Recommended book titles included:

Native Roots: How the Indians

Enriched America by Jack Weatherford

Spring Moon: A Novel of China

by Bette Bao Lord

The Widows of Malabar Hill

by Sujata Massey

You won't want to miss the next virtual Coffee and Conversation on Friday, March 19 at 10 am. Watch for pre-registration information in your email.

—Debby Smith

Scholarships

Edmonds SnoKing Branch is accepting applications for a \$2000 STEM scholarship to be awarded to a female student graduating from an Edmonds high school.



What's new about this annual process? The scholarship amount has been increased from \$1600 to \$2000. And [the application form is online](#). If you have family members or friends eligible to apply, send them to our [website](#) for more information.

Applications must be submitted by April 16. Contact our Scholarship Team leader Cathy Draper for more information.

Foundation



The biggest news from the foundation is that our check for \$2,000 has been sent to Edmonds College Foundation to cover our scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year.

I am glad that there is an article in this newsletter (see p. 2-3) about the passing of Judith Zoellick. I remember Judith as an active member of our branch when I was still a member of Everett branch. Some long-term members will remember that a group from Everett attended our spring fundraiser each year. Judith's daughter Jenny recently contacted us about contributing to our scholarship funds.

—Judy Prince

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