



AAUW Boise News and Events
September 2025
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AAUW Mission

**To advance gender equity for women and girls through
research, education, and advocacy.**

Welcome New Members

**JANE GENNRICH
SARA LAWALL
JUANITA MCDONOUGH
ARNOLD STONE
KATE SUTHERLAND**

who joined our branch since May 2025.

Co-Presidents' Message
by Martha Lund and Sheila Robbins



Welcome to the 2025-26 AAUW year! My copresident Sheila Robbins and I are excited about the coming year. We have been busy this summer preparing. The program chairs are putting together an excellent group of speakers. Our financial wizards have put together a budget that will need to be approved by everyone at the September meeting, and Christy Bradley, our treasurer, and Amy Taivalkoski have put together a slide presentation about the budget and where all our money went last year.

Speaking of the September meeting, we will have representatives from all the interest groups there before the dinner with signup sheets, so everyone get there early and sign up for the interest groups that appeal to you! We have a great variety, and interest groups are the best way to get to know your fellow AAUWers.

We had a very successful summer social last month. Thanks to all that attended, and thanks to David Scott and Ann Lewis for the fun trivia game. It was a great way to socialize with old friends and get to know new ones.

Also, SAVE THE DATE! On October 8, our member Robyn Achilles' organization, Friends of Minidoka, is putting together a wonderful program to be held at the Egyptian Theater as part of their annual Civil Liberties Symposium. The three women attorneys who were involved in the 1980s Minidoka lawsuits will be part of the program and it should be fascinating.

Again, welcome back and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Membership News

by Sue Bolen and Ardele Hanson



If you've joined the AAUW Boise Area Branch within the last couple years, we encourage you to consider joining Newcomers, one of our branch's many special interest groups. Led by Ardele Hanson, with the help of the membership team, this monthly group allows members to meet others new to the

organization to form more personal relationships than the general meeting might allow. Each month there will be a brief overview of one aspect of AAUW so that by year's end you will have a comprehensive understanding of the history, goals, structure and special projects of our unique organization. The group typically meets at members' homes with wine and appetizers contributed by all who attend. If you are interested in attending, but don't have a chance to sign up at the September meeting, please email Ardele at ardele54@gmail.com.

Book Group (Mystery)
by Linda Anderson



The Mystery Book Club will meet on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Kay Reed, 3200 Agate Court. The book is *Close to Home* by Cara Hunter.

Book Group (Sunday) - In Person
by Carolyn Lunstrum



The Sunday afternoon in-person book group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 21st at the Pioneer Federal Credit Union Building, 2350 S. Broadway Avenue, to discuss *Untamed: The Wildest Woman in America and the Fight for Cumberland Island* by Will Harkin.

The group will meet again on Sunday, October 19, to discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

Book Group (Sunday) - Zoom
by Valerie Steffen



The AAUW Zoomer Book Group will meet via Zoom 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on

September 14th. We will discuss *The Bookbinder* by Pip Williams. Chris will facilitate our discussion. We welcome all interested participants to join the discussion. Please contact Valerie Steffen (valerie@electric-logic.com) by one week before the meeting to ensure you receive a Zoom link.

Book Group (Thursday)
by Linda Simmons



The Thursday AAUW Book Group will meet on September 11th at 4 pm at the home of Linda Simmons – 11535 Wildrose Court. Linda will facilitate discussion of *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn.

Bowling Group
by Karen Haven and Deborah Newton



It is that time of year again. The September general meeting provides a great opportunity to talk to interest group leaders about different activities. The Bowling Group is one of those interest groups.

If you are looking for some exercise (moderate), a reason to get out of the house on a Monday morning, and/or lots of laughter, then consider joining the bowlers. We welcome bowlers who are just learning, bowlers who are starting again after many years, and even those bowlers who are ridiculously good. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. We bowl at Westy's in Garden City, and we always have a great time (even when we bowl badly). We are pleased to say that the bowling group is growing, but we are always happy to add new members.

If you have questions or want more information, contact one of the group leaders:

Deborah Newton
Deborahnewton59@gmail.com

Karen Haven

Karihaven1952@gmail.com

Day Trippers

by Marsha Bravo and Stacy Urban



Day Trippers has no event planned for September. However, we will have an info table at the September general meeting and we hope to sign up new Day Trippers. We encourage everyone to submit ideas for outings!

Needleworkers Surprise Donna Looze!!

On August 21st Needleworkers surprised Donna Looze by gathering



at a local restaurant to celebrate her 80th birthday. Donna thought her friend, Carolyn Moore, was treating her to lunch. Instead, she was greeted by the smiling faces of her fellow Needleworkers for a surprise Birthday Luncheon organized by her sister, Karen Haven. It was a Happy Birthday party indeed! 😊😊

More Needleworkers News

AAUW member Mary Mosley recently was presented with a Blue Ribbon at the Idaho State Fair for her Needleworkers project. Mary created a beautifully small satin beaded bag to carry pieces of jewelry in when one is traveling. She brought it to Needleworkers and we all most certainly admired her precise and intricate work on the small lined bag she produced. [Congratulations](#), Mary, for a job so precisely and beautifully done!



Newcomers Group
by Ardele Hanson



Newcomers Gathering will be on September 18th. It will be at Ardele Hanson's home: 386 E Fairbrook Drive in Boise. We will begin at 4:00 p.m. Martha Lund, our current co-president will be with us.

If you can come, please text your RSVP to 208-308-0062. Please do not respond if you are NOT coming! If you are coming please bring a small appetizer to share and a drink - wine, beer, soda, cider, etc. I will have the glasses, plates, napkins, silverware, and wine opener!

Please keep in mind our September Branch Meeting too. I will be there at the Newcomers table. It's not necessary to sign up to be a part of Newcomers, but I will have a sign-up sheet at the table. This will be a sign-up sheet for hosting Newcomers. We meet on the third Thursday of every month, September - May at 4:00 p.m. Hosting for Newcomers requires space for about 15+ people (either inside or out, depending on the weather). The host furnishes the glasses, plates, napkins, and silverware. So, if you come to my table first you can get the first choice of what month you'd like to host! I will have officers or other members give a short program. Last year we had our president come to a meeting, our past treasurer to another, some information on Lobby Corps at another, how to use the Directory Spot and the website, and other topics.

Newcomers is a great way to meet members and get to know one another in a smaller setting. And.....Newcomers isn't just for Newcomers! Everyone is welcome!

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TBD

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS**Books, Mystery**

Linda Anderson

Indian Cooking

Valerie Steffen

Books, Sunday Afternoon**Lobby Corps**

Carolyn Lunstrum (in person)
Valerie Steffen (Zoom)

Books, Thursday Evening

Linda Simmons

Bowling

Karen Haven and Deb Newton

Bridge

David Scott (Interim coordinator)

Day Trippers

Marsha Bravo and Stacy Urban

Great Decisions

Mary Ruckh (in person)

Kathy Scott (Zoom)

Happy Hour

Kathy Scott and Amy Taivalkoski

Mary Mosley

Mahjongg

Sandy Merz

Movies

Marcy Embry

Needleworkers

Donna Looze

Newcomers

Ardele Hanson

Wine Tasting #1

David Scott

Wine Tasting #2

Mike Camp and Elise deWit

Wine Tasting #3

Gail Kirkpatrick

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