

## From the Canvas to the Sale! April 27 Meeting



*Rejuvenating and promoting the arts scene in Hendersonville.* Presenter: Diane Dean, Artist, President, The Art League of Henderson County.

11:30 Meet and mingle at the Co-op Meeting Room  
12:00 program. Bring your lunch, grab something at the deli or just come.

Reserve your seat by April 21 to Sandy Bernard at [ssmreb@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssmreb@bellsouth.net).

Diane Dean is like the pied piper of our local art scene.

Currently she is Art League President celebrating rejuvenation of the league, the opening of their own gallery, increasing membership, creating her own vibrant work at Art Mob Studios, presenting workshops. One of the most delightful and talented people you will have the opportunity to hear. Her enthusiasm is delightfully dangerous. You just may want to join, take a class, or attend the next show.

**Do not dare miss it! Come and bring a friend!**

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We are almost there! Help us reach our Scholarship Fund goal of \$4500 this year. Bring your tax-deductible contribution of any amount to a Branch meeting (we'll have a basket) or mail it to AAUW, PO Box 2043, Hendersonville, NC 28793. **Many thanks to Barbara Volk and Mary Ann Bents for their recent gifts.**

## We Need Program Ideas!!

What issues interest you? Want to learn more about a topic? Know a great speaker? It's time to plan our 2023-24 programs and you can help. We're looking for program ideas that reflect our mission of **Advancing gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. Our issue areas are Economic Security, Education & Training, and Leadership.** Send your ideas to Joen Goodman at [iainni@aol.com](mailto:iainni@aol.com) or Carol Walters at [carol.walters@sris.info](mailto:carol.walters@sris.info).

## Welcome New Member!

Kim Nelson fits right in with the interesting women that make up our AAUW branch. She was born in Easton, PA, and moved to New Jersey. "I had a typical urban upbringing," Kim says. She has a master's degree from Rutgers and undergraduate degree in English from SUNY. A perennial student, she has kept in the educational realm through teaching for almost 40 years as an adjunct professor in English and Humanities in Florida and California.

In addition to teaching, she has been a non-profit administrator and is a professional musician, singing and playing the piano. "I specialize in the standards, as well as classical jazz," Kim says, "I found my niche in the country club market."

A lifetime love is horseback riding. "My mother says that 'I came out of her womb on a pony'," Kim says with a smile. Rocky, her 17-year-old horse, continues to be her companion. They rode competitively in Obstacle Challenges, which she describes as trail riding an obstacle course.

"Nothing expands your horizons like travel," Kim says. She knows that from personal experience. She has been to Europe 11 times plus Israel, Turkey, and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Kim has a published book *Stitching - A Novel of Love and Immigration*. The main character is a seamstress who immigrated to eastern Pennsylvania. In 2009, she visited her maternal grandmother's ancestral home, Città Sant'Angelo, Italy, where the family's history goes back to 1531. She was moved by the "going back to your roots idea" and wrote the fictionalized version of her grandmother's immigration story. Kim did so much research for the book that she developed a lecture she is always happy to share about Immigration in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

There is so much more to know! Kim will be a wonderful addition to our branch. Get to know her.



## Lunch Bunch: Networking at Noon



This year one of our branch goals was to support women-owned businesses and to learn more about them; **HerStory** we called it. We've met in the early morning, late afternoon and even early evening at different venues owned by women. Now several members have asked if we might try a lunch bunch group. So in line with **HerStory**, we'll have our initial meeting at

**The Baker's Box**  
**March 30 at 11:30 am**  
**Reserve by March 26 to Sandy Bernard**  
**at [ssmreb@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssmreb@bellsouth.net)**



# Calendar

## April

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### Special Interest Group (SIGs)

#### Book Group

We meet the first Thursday of the month at 1:30. If joining in person, the location is Church of Christ Annex at 1975 Haywood Road. To join via ZOOM, contact *Mary Ann Bents* at 667 967-0147 or *ma-bents@verizon.net* for the link. This month our discussion is ***Mary, Mrs. A. Lincoln*** by Janice Cooke Newman. May selection is ***Sisters of War*** by Lana Kortchik.

#### Bridge Group

Bridge is the First Friday in April at Marjean Smith's home in Hendersonville. AAUW members and guests are welcome to play. For the past two months we have had enough players for 2 tables but we can accommodate 3 tables if others want a fun afternoon of bridge, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. For details contact Cecille Masters-Webb at 828-551-0181 or email at *treetop3136@gmail.com*.



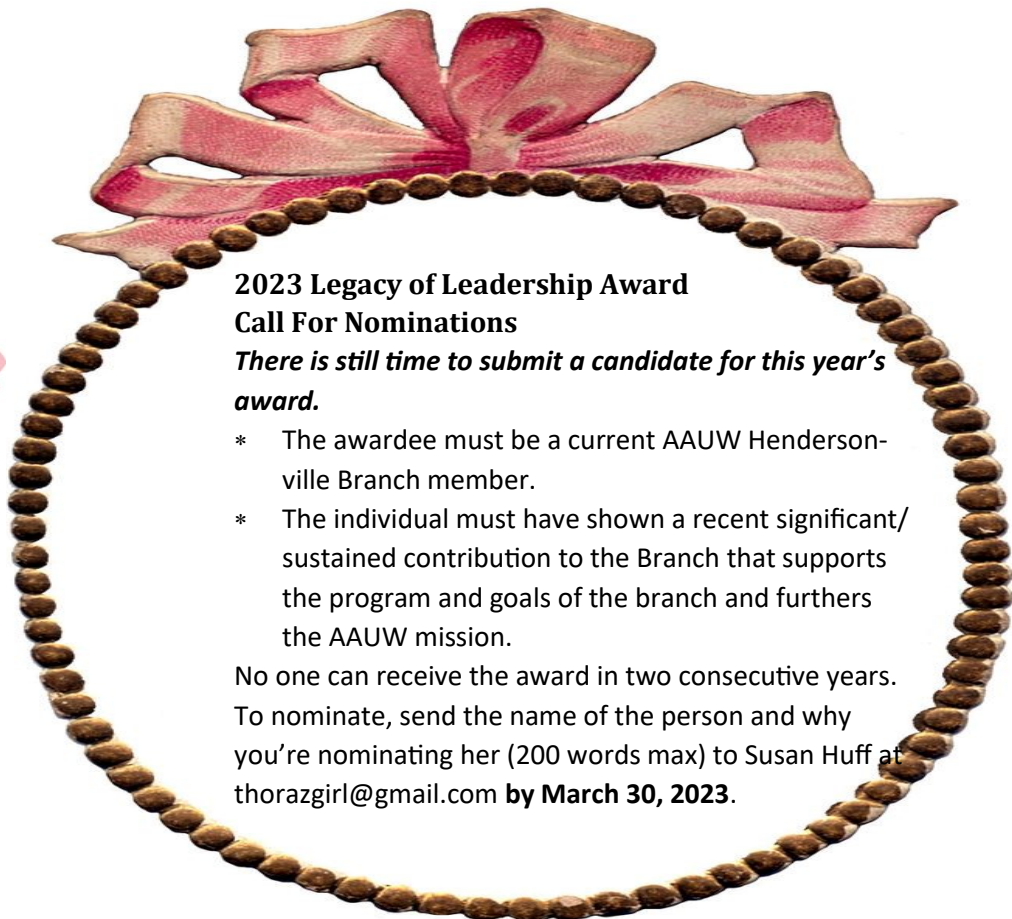
You are invited  
 to our 45th Annual Meeting  
 on May 18th, 11:30—1:30  
 Kenmure Country Club

Highlights:

- 2023 Legacy of Leadership Award
- SIG-sation
- Leadership Team Election
- Annual Business Meeting

**Good food, good friends, good times!**

**Details and reservations in the May newsletter.**



**2023 Legacy of Leadership Award  
 Call For Nominations**

***There is still time to submit a candidate for this year's award.***

- \* The awardee must be a current AAUW Hendersonville Branch member.
- \* The individual must have shown a recent significant/ sustained contribution to the Branch that supports the program and goals of the branch and furthers the AAUW mission.

No one can receive the award in two consecutive years. To nominate, send the name of the person and why you're nominating her (200 words max) to Susan Huff at [thorazgirl@gmail.com](mailto:thorazgirl@gmail.com) **by March 30, 2023.**

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### AAUW—

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

**Vision:** Equity for all.

**Values:** Non-partisan. Fact based. Principled. Inclusive and intersectional.

**Issue Areas:** Economic Security, Education and Training, Leadership

### Diversity Statement – United We Stand

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

### IMPORTANT! DRAFT BYLAWS FOR REVIEW

On Saturday you received an e-mail draft of the proposed bylaws changes for Hendersonville AAUW. We will be voting on these changes at the May 18th Annual Meeting. If you have not received your copy, please contact Cathy Veal at cathyveal@sbcglobal.net or 630 267-6784.

Cathy will be available to discuss any questions or comments you may have immediately following our March 23rd and April 27th General Meetings.

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