



## Up & Coming

Monday, July 31

### Tour Time: STEAM Studio

9:15 Meet at Belk back parking lot to carpool

10:15-11:15 STEAM Studio Tour with

**Director Sara Sanders, PE** and current students

Lunch at nearby White Duck Taco

Only 12 places available.

Reserve at [ssmreb@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssmreb@bellsouth.net)

Why STEAM? STEAM is a nationally known movement that integrates science, technology, engineering, art and math to create new technologies and solutions to modern problems. Integrating the arts into the traditional STEM model makes new technologies more developed and versatile, and allows for real-world application of art and design. **Promoting women and girls into STEM/STEAM programs is a major priority for AAUW.** For more information, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3sNHpMMKuM>

SAVE THE DATE!

## Asheville Art Museum Tour and Lunch

August 10\* 11-2:00

Explore **‘The Art of Food’** exhibit and the new museum space with our docent **Jay Calloway** then join her for lunch at the museum’s rooftop café. Food is culture. Whether farm-raised or factory-made, traveling from kitchen to mouth, what one eats is often a means of understanding time, place, and people. The Art of Food: From the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation brings together works from some of the most preeminent postwar and contemporary artists who used food as their subject matter. This exhibition explores the many identities of food in daily life: whether a source of pleasure, a reason for gathering, a mass-produced commodity, or a reflection of social ideologies and divisions.

**\*More details when the museum confirms this date!**

Thursday, August 17 12-1:30

## Women First

*The Art Place*

2021 Asheville Highway

**There is no doubt that this will be a memorable meeting.** Representatives from three local leading services for women and children will share information about their services, critical needs in our community and what we can do to help.

Our esteemed panel includes

- **Lauren Wilkie**, LMSW, LCSW, LISW-CP/AP Executive Director of Safelight
- **Tom Morgan**, Board President, Project Dignity of WNC, Inc.
- **Alyce Knaflich**, Founder, the Aura Foundation.

**The Aura Foundation** serves homeless women veterans in Buncombe, Haywood and Henderson counties. The group is working to renovate a building on Meadowbrook Terrace in Hendersonville to provide women veterans a home while they find the resources to regain independence.

**Safelight** is a nonprofit agency that provides support for survivors of interpersonal violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Safelight makes it possible for families who want to be free of violent relationships, to succeed.

**Project Dignity's** mission is to provide period products to those in need in WNC who might be homeless, low-income, or victims of domestic abuse. One in five girls in the U.S. has missed school because they cannot afford period protection.

★\$11 lunch catered by Honey Baked Ham includes a choice of Ham Classic or Chicken Salad Sandwich with chips, cookie and bottled water.

Please reserve your seat for this event by 12 August at [ssmreb@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssmreb@bellsouth.net), indicating Y for yes to lunch and H for ham or C for chicken salad.



## Welcome Becky!

Becky Lewis joined us earlier in 2023 and has been an active participant in the Book Group SIG. She is a retired art teacher. Her bubbly personality and great sense of humor are just what one could expect from an art

professional. She last taught at Polk County Schools for 29 years. Becky studied at the University of Tennessee where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts and the University of Virginia where she received her Master of Education degree.

Since her retirement, Becky has travelled and begun to write. Her travels have taken her to Spain, Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland, and England. A lifelong travel enthusiast, she is skilled at the nuances of travel. Early on she learned her lesson about travelling light from experiences with others who took everything from a package of institutional paper towels to a bonus-sized shampoo bottle!

Her writing began with a course at Blue Ridge Community College Lifelong Learner program. This has proven to be an important source of reflection and personal growth. You will enjoy getting to know Becky. Ask her about Roads Scholar trips.

**Becky's contact information:** 2791 Laurel Park Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28739-4556, Phone: 828-702-0894, Email: [blewisathome@morrisbb.net](mailto:blewisathome@morrisbb.net)

### **AAUW National News: *The Legal Advocacy Fund***

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) addresses the barriers of unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. Created in 1981 by AAUW members, LAF has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system. **The Fund has been a branch priority for many years** and Sandy Bernard is a past LAF President.

**Current cases include *Louk vs. Visible College*:** Mara Louk was a senior at Visible Music College, a private Christian school, when a fellow Visible student forcibly raped and strangled her. Visible refused to investigate Mara's report of the assault, and instead disciplined Mara for allegedly having premarital sex with a prior boyfriend. Mara filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, and the Department is now investigating Visible for retaliation and other violations of the Clery Act and Title IX. See <https://www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/> more information.



June speaker Delia Jovel Dubon with Pat Argue

