



Carolyn Thom Leading the Group Through Sun Salutation

Arts in the Park

On Sunday, April 28, AAUW Fallbrook once again sponsored a booth at the annual Fallbrook Arts in the Park, set among the oak trees in Live Oak Park. Branch mentors and mentees passed out clay and assisted at least 350 children and parents as they created wonderful animals, comic characters, and a plethora of other fantastic objects. Among 34 stations that varied from fiddle lessons to walking sticks, our booth was definitely a favorite. Thank you to all members and mentees who helped out. We couldn't have done it without you! And a huge shout out to Carolyn Thom who oversaw the endeavor, organizing, setting up, and overseeing this very successful community endeavor.



Fallbrook AAUW Mentor and Mentee Volunteers Chris Assad, Elena Mendoza, Sue Schaeffer, Carolyn Thom (Event Coordinator), Lanique Boling, Susan Duling, and Marli Shoop (Mentorship Program Coordinator)



More AAUW Volunteers



Community Members Learning About and Working with Clay

Public Policy

AAUW Public Policy April Meeting Focused on Lobby Days and Upcoming Election

The Fallbrook Public Policy meeting in April brought together Joy Frew, Elizabeth Stuver, Sherry Ludwig, and Margot Dokken to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

The meeting began with a brief summary of Lobby Days, which was attended by Joy Frew, Margot Dokken, and Nancy Heins-Glaser. AAUW promoted three main bills out of a total of 48 bills that the organization is tracking.

The three A bills are AB 2843, AB 2326 and AB 2099:

- **AB 2843** eliminates cost sharing, including deductibles, from being imposed on any rape survivor seeking medical treatment following a rape. Insurers will be required to cover the full cost of medical care.
- **AB 2326** requires the chancellors or presidents from the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), and the California Community Colleges, to provide an annual report directly to the Assembly and Senate Subcommittees on Education Finance on each institution's compliance with Title IX, including sexual assault.
- **AB 2099** would make a new misdemeanor or felony for sharing personal information or images of reproductive health care providers, including on the internet, with the intent of causing them harm.

AAUW wants all members to become active in advocating for these bills. Click [here](#) to find AAUW California's 2024 bill tracking report.

The group also discussed interesting ideas from other groups, such as One Person, One Bill for tracking the legislative processes of all the bills we are supporting.

Regarding California's guidance on gender provisions, California law now protects gender identity as well as gender from discrimination in schools.

The group approved the idea of a school board candidates forum and agreed to hold it early so that candidates could include AAUW's endorsement on their literature. Possible names for the forum were "Issues and Candidates" or "Candidates and Issues." The Library was suggested as a good venue.

There was also interest in holding periodic Public Policy meetings at the library, particularly in light of the upcoming election and the importance of the issue of a woman's right to choose.

Overall, the AAUW Public Policy Meeting was a productive and informative gathering that set the stage for our advocacy efforts in the coming months. Next month's meeting will be at [Ann McCarthy](#)'s home on May 16. Joy will reserve a room at the library for a candidate meeting in June and contact the candidates.



**Pictured From Left to Right, Sherry Ludwig, Elizabeth Stuver,
Margot Dokken. Not Pictured is Joy Frew.**

Bibliobabes



Lesley Ihaven and Cynthia Young NOT Hurting Elizabeth Stuver.
Looking on are Karen Langer Baker, Rachel Rose, and Joy Frew

Never bring a knife to a book club. Full stop.

Elizabeth Stuver will never make that mistake again – perhaps because she finally got the advice she sought on how to close the dang thing! Despite appearances, discussion was animated rather than contentious. Joy, our host and discussion leader, calmed us with, among other things, her grapefruit curd tart and good coffee. So no one was *actually* hurt as we relived together our experience of *Birnam Wood*, by Eleanor Catton. The surprising, and just a little bit controversial finale, kept the conversation lively right to the end. We *do* recommend this New Zealand based tale of environmentalism vs. (what else?) *greed*.

Next month we'll meet on the 20th for *Empress of the Nile*, by Lynne Olson, the true story of “the daredevil archaeologist who saved Egypt’s ancient temples from destruction.” Get reading!

Movie Review Group



Karin and Richard Moore hosted our April movie review. Susan Duling reviewed the movie *Cabrini*, which our members thoroughly enjoyed as well.

MAY MOVIE REVIEW

Friday, May 17th at 6:00 pm

Potluck at the home of Marli and Rick Shoop
3944 Alta Vista Drive, Fallbrook

RSVP Required! [Click Here](#)

Members are all invited to share movies or series that they have enjoyed. With so many new releases coming to streaming channels, we want to expand our viewing by learning from others. Over the summer, we invite you to watch *The Three Body Problem* series for a future review in the fall!

UkuLadies

AAUW Fallbrook's UkuLadies had a rockin' time in April and look forward to two sessions in May to accommodate traveling members. We will

meet at 2 pm on Friday, May 24 at Grace VanderWerf's, and again on Friday, May 31 at Patty Carlson's, also at 2 pm. We have extra ukuleles if you'd like to join us to give playing a try. Please text Margot at 949-280-2628 or email her.



[Email Margot](#)

From Left to Right: Maria Viernes, Chris Assad, Margot Dokken, Grace VanderWerf, Patty Carlson

Celebration of Life for Paul Bourque



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