

“Stone, Bone, and Clay: Virginia’s Indian History of 15,000 Years”

Karenne Wood, Ph.D.

February 18, 1 p.m.

Kings Park Library



Through a variety of media—narrative and visual—Karenne Wood will discuss the extensive history of Virginia’s Indians and their effect on the Commonwealth.

Karenne Wood. Courtesy of the [Virginia Foundation for the Humanities](#)

A member of the Monacan Indian Nation, she has worked at the National Museum of the American Indian as a researcher on Native American culture and as a repatriation specialist with the Association on Indian Affairs. She is director of the Virginia Indian Programs at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities in Charlottesville.

Dr. Wood earned a master’s in fine arts in poetry from George Mason University and has published two works of poetry; she also holds a doctorate in linguistic anthropology.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Fairfax Branch of AAUW and the Fairfax County Public Library and is open to the public.

Book & Author Luncheon, 2017 Version

Trumpets are blaring and the marching band is ready to step off! This year’s Book & Author Luncheon is set for **October 28** at the Springfield

Golf & Country Club. Put the date on your calendar now, while you’re thinking about it. It’s possible we’ll remind you again, but in the meantime, we don’t want you to schedule anything else on that day.

Membership

Happily, at the start of our new year I get to present our newest member, Bonnie Nelson. Bonnie joined at our January meeting. We are so happy to have her join our branch. Please introduce yourself and welcome her when you see her next.

Our current membership is 49. Pass the word along on all the benefits of being a member of AAUW and the Fairfax City Branch. Bring a friend or relative to our next meeting on Saturday, February 18. New members are awesome!

Please let me know if you ever have any membership questions or know someone who might want to join. I’d be glad to talk with them.

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Good News about Dues!

The board has agreed to present a branch dues reduction to the membership at our April business meeting. Several years ago, we increased branch dues in order to provide financial support to our career day. Now that we have joined forces with several other branches for STEMtastics, this support is no longer needed, although Fairfax City branch will still contribute to the event.

The board is proposing that, beginning in the 2017–18 membership year, branch dues be set at \$13, reducing the total membership cost (including state and national) from \$82 to \$77.

Holiday Party

Ages ago, way back in 2016, Dianne and Gerard Blais were gracious hosts for the branch holiday party. A good number of hardy souls turned out on a cold day to celebrate the season with delicious appetizers, a main course of lasagna and tossed green salad, and homemade desserts.

Conversations were sprightly, as you would expect, and topics ran the full gamut from branch activities to holiday preparations and plans and included even—gasp—politics!



Ladies in red

Our ever-resourceful program chair, Kitty Lou Smith, came prepared with some readings related to the holidays, which party goers presented to the group. These gave the group cause to muse, to chuckle, and to imagine.

January Meeting

Dr. Arnold Gruber, retired climate scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency and current lecturer on weather satellites at Anne Arundel Community College, gave an excellent presentation on the status of research on climate change to an audience of branch members and King's Park Library patrons on a cold, grey day in February. Fairfax County Public Library was a co-sponsor of the meeting.

Dr. Gruber began by giving an explanation of the greenhouse effect, in which the sun's radiation is partially absorbed by the land and water on earth and partly reflected back into the atmosphere. Some of the radiation is trapped by greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, methane, and deuterium. This makes the earth a warm, habitable planet.



Barbara Klementz and Olga Burns

Since the start of the industrial era around 1900, and more acutely since 1950, there has been a huge increase in the amount of greenhouse gases (particularly carbon dioxide) in the atmosphere, now in excess of 400 parts per million. This has resulted in significant increases in temperatures worldwide, particularly in the temperate zones; rising sea levels as measured by satellite data; decreases in Arctic summer sea ice; more warm nights and fewer cold nights; and more wet days.

The science is clear, Dr. Gruber states. Models based on observational data predict warmer temperatures to come, especially at the poles;

wetter weather where it is already wet and dryer weather where it is already dry; more sunny-day flooding due to sea level changes; less snow and ice; and extremes of rainfall and temperature.

One explanation for the arguments of climate change deniers is that remedies to lessen greenhouse gases all involve hits to the economy: less burning of fossil fuels, reductions in the use of internal combustion engines, incredibly expensive retooling of industry and energy systems, and so on. To avoid these discussions, it is easier to attack the science. If the science is less definitive, then you can avoid doing anything about the consequences of global warming.

For those wishing to pursue this in greater detail, Dr. Gruber's presentation was based on the Fourth and Fifth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (see www.ipcc.ch; go to publications). An article in *The Washington Post* about the rapid ice melt in Greenland can be found at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/business/2016/12/30/with-enough-evidence-even-skepticism-will-thaw/>.



Arnold Gruber

In response to several requests, Dr. Gruber has made his PowerPoint presentation available on Dropbox for several weeks at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/3cj4nvd3ltuvp2c/Global%20warming%20for%20aaauw%20Jan%20>

[14%202017.pdf?dl=0](#). If you have any questions, contact Kitty Lou Smith (kittysmith@cox.net).



Women's March on Washington

The Women's March on Washington on January 21 was originally envisioned as a response to the incoming president and his administration. It has become a solidarity march for women's rights. The mission is "We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families—recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country." AAUW is one of many partner organizations in this effort.

The organizers wanted to send a message to the new administration that women's rights are human rights. Their unity principles include ending violence, reproductive freedom (including access to all reproductive health services), rights of those with diverse gender identities, workers' rights (including the right to organize and pay equity), civil rights (including the ERA), rights of the disabled and of immigrants, and environmental justice.

Huge numbers of marchers—men as well as women—congregated peacefully on the National Mall (many in "pussyhats") and in many other U.S. cities and international capitals. The numbers exceeded the organizers' expectations and have even been compared with attendance at the previous day's events. How reassuring it is that

Americans can freely and openly express their opinions.

Dianne Blais

Women's March: Another Story

At our January meeting I mentioned that I had offered to host people for the march, but no one had taken me up on my offer. Within a couple of hours, I had a woman staying with me for the inauguration and another for the march. The woman who came for the inauguration brought another woman with her. They had a great time and whizzed in and out of DC on the Metro without a problem.

A friend and I arranged to go to the March together. She had embroidered "Dangerous Woman" on handkerchiefs for both of us. Saturday morning, we left not much after 9. We had hoped to park at the Vienna Metro, but the lines went on for blocks. People were holding up signs as they waited outside the station. We ended up parking at the Pentagon. We might have tried taking a Metro, but because we knew the cars had to be full, we walked on a sidewalk along I-395 across the Potomac.

We ended up at a spot in front of the Sackler Gallery where we stood for almost three hours. I had wanted to use the restrooms in the Sackler, but could not get through crowd to get in. The people were wonderful; there was so much positive energy. We loved seeing all the great signs. I do wish the speakers had ended on time so people could have disbursed. The speeches went about an hour longer than advertised.

The march down Independence Avenue was so moving!

We walked more than an hour to get back to the car. The police had blocked the way we wanted to walk, so we had to take another, very long route. I had eaten nothing during the eight hours we were gone and only had a few sips of water, and we were terribly sore, but we DID IT!



Women's March 2017—An Amazing Day!

Why I went

I have never been one to be an overt activist. It is not my style, not my preference for how to be engaged in certain issues, and quite frankly, to do so makes me somewhat uncomfortable. My preference has always been to support various issues from a behind-the-scenes

perspective and support others who are more inclined to that type of activism. This is probably because I have always worked in an environment where it was not allowed or was strongly frowned upon.

But the Women's March somehow, some way, was totally different for me. I had originally decided not to attend for the reasons I cited above. But as I talked with my husband and children and their spouses over the past year and particularly in the months since the election, I gradually changed my mind on how my support could appear in the future. And on the morning of Inauguration Day, as I looked into my daughter's determined face as she told me she was marching on Saturday, I knew I could not stay behind.

What I experienced

The trip to DC was quite eventful! My group arrived at the Vienna Metro Station to take the train into the city and was greeted by hundreds of potential travelers waiting in line to get a Metro card. Fortunately, I had a loaded one and was able to bypass this line and go right into the station. Again, we were met with an already full train with more waiting on the platform to board. Our train eventually took off to loud cheers from all those marchers eager to be a part of the excitement awaiting them in DC. Even though it was a long, slow ride, this excitement did not diminish, and

the closer we got to the city, the more the electricity filled the air.

We came out of the Metro station to an amazing crowd of young and old, male and female, all colors, shapes and sizes, disabled and not, all ethnic backgrounds and races, and every shade of pink imaginable. Yet, everyone was there for one primary reason: to ensure that equality and human rights are not forgotten by this administration.

As we navigated the crowd, my group moved to find the best spot possible to be able to listen to the speakers. While some spoke before we arrived and some we could not hear, the messages included women's rights to equal pay, to reproductive rights and access to healthcare, immigration, criminal justice reform, environmental protections, and ending violence to women. Signs were everywhere—some serious, some funny, some slightly off center. “Now you’ve p....d off Grandma!” and “I am here for my daughter” hit home for me. Since I am both a mother and grandmother, I felt kindred spirits all around. Above all, there was a call to action running through everyone's remarks: run for an elected office or support a woman who is! And as we stood listening to people share their perspectives on these issues over the course of almost three hours, the crowd grew and the cheers became louder and louder in support of the need to ensure differences are respected and protected for all!

What I will do as a result

As the speeches came to an end and the crowd surged en masse toward the White House, the enormity of what we were experiencing became overwhelming. I felt as if we were all being carried away on a wave of solidarity toward something much bigger than any one person, one group, or one cause.

It will be a long time before I fully appreciate the experience of the Women's March on my own future call to action. I do think, however, that for my daughters and their children, I will work to be more open in my activism: to make sure they know that these issues are important to their future happiness and success in life and that they,

too, have a responsibility to act in behalf of others.

As for me, my initial interest will be for women's health care and access to reproductive health care services.



They're on their way!

I urge my AAUW colleagues to reevaluate how active they are. I know our time is valuable, and often we are obligated in ways beyond our control. If you need some ideas on how to get started, go to www.womensmarch.com/100/. This site highlights 10 actions in 100 days that you can take to advance the cause of women everywhere.

Anita Light

Scholarship Committee Members Needed

It is time again to begin the process of selecting the recipients of our Beverly Anderson Scholarship funds. The application has been posted on our branch website and on the George Mason University Financial Aid site. Last year we had an excellent response from several very qualified women. This year we are offering a scholarship in a larger amount and expect even more interest.

The timeline is as follows: The deadline for application is April 15, 2017. Once all applications are received, I will compile packets for each applicant and distribute them electronically to the committee members for review along with an evaluation matrix. The committee will then meet once to discuss the applications and select the recipients. The selection will be made in time to invite the recipient to join us at the May luncheon.

Please contact me if you would like to serve on this very important committee. Remember, this is the reason we hold the Book & Author Lunch each year. It is very rewarding to be part of helping another woman fulfill her dream of returning to school.

Paulette Miller

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Looking for Volunteers: STEMtastics 2017, March 11

STEMtastics inspires middle school girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Hands-on student workshops given by women working in STEM fields give girls the opportunity to interact with and learn about what it is like to study and work in those fields. A set of parent workshops includes presentations by school counselors and a financial advisor as well as a moderated panel of young women currently studying STEM subjects.

On the morning of Saturday, March 11, at the Annandale campus of NOVA, girls will attend up to three workshops. The STEMtastics planning committee has lined up a diverse set of workshop presenters for the student workshops. Cheering them on will be a keynote speech given by an exceptional student from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

To make this all work smoothly, the STEMtastics planning committee is asking for volunteers for the morning of March 11. There are a variety of tasks to choose from. If you wish to help, please give your name to Joan Dimengo if you have not already done so.

Calendar

Branch Board Meeting.....	Jan. 7
Branch Meeting.....	Feb. 18
STEMtastics	Mar. 11
Annual State Business Meeting	Apr. 1
Equal Pay Day.....	Apr. 24
AAUW National Convention.....	Jun 14–17
Book & Author Lunch	Oct. 28

Interest Groups

Afternoon Lit

Wednesday, February 15, at 1 p.m.
Home of Sonja Hancke
10328 Sager Avenue, Unit 222, Fairfax
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703/277-2804

Please contact Sonja by Sunday, February 12, if you plan to attend. We will discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye*, by Rachel Joyce (320 pp.).

Great Decisions–Salon Discussion Group

Friday, February 10, at 12 noon
Home of Kay Corbett
7226 Clifton Road, Clifton
Kaycorbett1@msn.com
703/222-6012

We are beginning the 2017 edition of the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions. The first topic will be the European Union. All members are welcome to attend. We will listen to a 30-minute DVD on the topic that accompanies the briefing book.

Please let the hostess know if you will be attending. Bring a light lunch. Marilyn Parker will provide dessert, and the hostess will furnish drinks and snacks.

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, February 1, at 11 a.m.
Coyote Grille
10266 Main Street, Fairfax

We are trying to pay back restaurants that helped support us at the Silent Auction, and Coyote Grill has been a big supporter with several gift cards over the last two or three years. We plan to go early to try to limit the noise, which can be a problem at some restaurants, so eat breakfast early or skip it. I am unfortunately not able to make the lunch as I am going to Richmond for AAUW Lobby Day. But please let me know who can make it (at gale.rogers@denkifuro.com or 703/938-0520), and I will create the list.

Musical Notes

Friday, February 24, at 1 p.m.
Home of Olga Burns
10623 Timberidge Road, Fairfax Station
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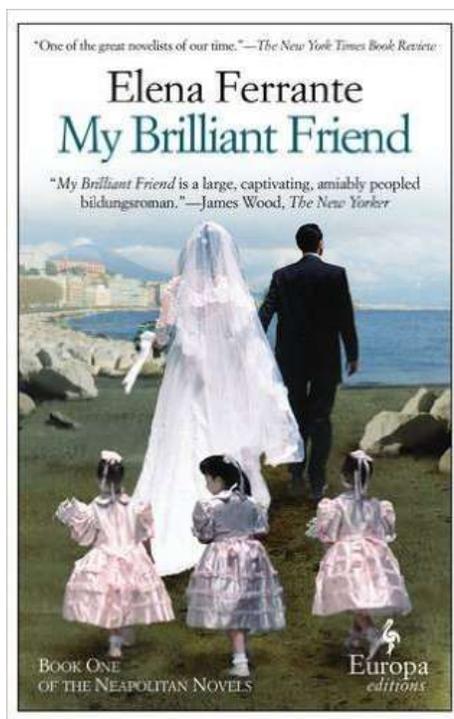
The program is yet to be determined. Please let Olga know if you are attending.

Night Owls

Saturday, February 11, at noon
Home of Kelly Espy
5814 Spruce Grove Court, Haymarket
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Lunch will be followed by our discussion of *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante, led by Gale Rogers. Please let Kelly know if you will be attending.

In March we will read *The Green Road*, by Anne Enright.



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Our Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW Fairfax City Branch Membership and Renewal Information

Membership is open to all graduates who have a two-year, RN, four-year, or higher degree from an accredited institution. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

You can join or renew online at www.aauw.org. Click on *Membership> Join/Renew> Branch Member*. Follow the prompts. We are "VA3042 Fairfax City."

Or, Complete the application below and mail it with your check to the treasurer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail: _____

Degree: _____ College: _____ Field: _____

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This information will be published in our directory and newsletter, unless you indicate items to omit.

DUES: \$82 (\$49 national, \$15 state, \$18 branch) for membership through June 30, 2017.

Note: \$46 of the national dues is tax deductible.

If transferring from National Membership or another branch, submit dues to the treasurer:

If your National membership expires in 2016, remit \$82.

If your National membership expires in 2017, remit \$33.

Contact Joan Dimengo: C 703/203-2765 H 703/815-1586 or email jdimengo@gmail.com for verification of the dues amount.

AAUW ID #, if known: _____

Dues enclosed for transfer: _____ National membership expiration date: _____

Make check payable to AAUW Fairfax City Branch.

Send this form and your check to the treasurer: **Dottie Joslin**

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Do you need transportation to our meetings and events? Yes or No

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