**Lunch and Outing**

**Saturday, October 1, 12 noon -2 p.m.**

**Lunch hosted by Padmini Chilappagari**

**23872 Welch Ridge Pl., Aldie, VA**

**Outing: Tour Aldie Mill Historic Park**

**RSVP to Padmini by Friday, September 16**

A special afternoon awaits us on Saturday , Oct. 1, at the home of Padmini Chilappagari and her husband Srinivas Chepuri. Padmini has generously offered to provide lunch for us at her Aldie home, instead of our having a Lunch Bunch at a restaurant. Everyone is welcome to come chat with your friends and catch up on summer news as you enjoy the lunch. The menu will be provided by email later.

Padmini, our branch webmaster, joined the Fairfax City Branch shortly before the pandemic began, so many of you have not met her. This is your opportunity to find out about her impressive positions in 2017 at the AAUW national office. As Senior Website Associate, she was responsible for handling 500 branch sites. As the Site Resources manager, she instructed AAUW directors on how to create and manage their Tech Trek websites. Her experiences led her to become an AAUW member dedicated to our mission. Her new-member bio appeared in the March 2020 Focus:

<https://fairfaxcity-va.aauw.net/files/2020/08/Mar.-2020-Focus-Final.pdf> .

After lunch, you may tour the fascinating Aldie Mill Historic Park (free admission), which is located about 6 miles west on Rte. 50 from Padmini’s home. Built between 1807 and 1809, the Aldie Gristmill was once the largest factory of its kind in Loudoun County. The restored gristmill’s tandem metal waterwheels are fully operational. There will be grinding demonstrations on Saturday between 12:00-5:00. You can expect to spend about 45 minutes. Learn more at <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/aldie-mill-historic-park> .

Please RSVP by Friday, September 16 to Padmini (padmini89@gmail.com; 571-762-9396). We’ll notify members of those who plan to attend, so you can make your own carpool arrangements. If you know only after Sept. 16 that you can come, please inform Padmini. She probably will be able to accommodate you.

*Directions from Fairfax to Padmini’s house at 23872 Welch Ridge Pl., Aldie:*

Summary: Take US 50 West. Take a slight right (north) onto State Route 616. Turn left onto Welch Ridge Pl.

Details: As you drive west on US 50, you’ll encounter the community of Stone Ridge. State Route 616 (Fleetwood Rd. on the right) is about a mile farther. (Rte. 616 is named Lenah Mill Blvd on the south side of Rte. 50.) Turn right onto Rte. 616 and continue for about 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Welch Ridge Pl.