

Puyallup Valley Awards Grants for Innovative Teachers

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Puyallup Valley AAUW's **Innovative Teaching Grants** are given to teachers (K- 12) for innovative projects that extend classroom enrichment and instruction, provide opportunities not available with regular district funds and will benefit a maximum number of students. Proposals are also evaluated on equity issues and assisting girls in developing increased interest and skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).



Left to right: Donna DeNoble, grant recipient, Florence Vining, committee chair, and Deborah, director, Brewer Middle School

The 2012 Innovative Teaching Grant was awarded to Donna DeNoble, M. Ed., STEM electives teacher, at Chief Leschi Schools. The school has instituted a new STEM program in middle school so the availability of the Innovative Teaching Grant allowed for the purchase of equipment (with additional district funding) that the school might not otherwise have been able to purchase at this time. The **Lego Simple Machines and Mechanic Kits** is an activity-oriented, problem-based program which shows students how technology is used in engineering to solve everyday

problems. Over 100 students will participate in a broad range of activities within engineering design technology, modeling the mechanized systems of our homes, structures and productions systems.

Ms DeNoble will give a report on the grant and its impact on the students at the April Puyallup Valley AAUW High School Scholars Recognition program.

The grants are offered to five local school districts— Chief Leschi Schools, Fife, Orting, Puyallup and Sumner school districts. Since the grants were first awarded in 1996, they have been given to 45 teachers with the potential to improve the quality of education for a minimum of 1350 students. In reality, an uncounted number of students have benefited since many grants impact multiple classrooms over multiple years.

In 2008, the Grant Project was revised and instead of awarding 3-4 grants smaller grants (\$150 - \$350) we now offer one grant of \$1000 to one of the school districts on a rotating basis.

Coalition is 100 Years Old!

Turea Erwin, State College/University Chair
Washington State University, Pullman



The Coalition for Women Students (CWS) at Washington State University (WSU) was formed in 1912 as the Association for Women Students (AWS) by the Washington State College women students. The term "coalition" was adopted in the fall of 1993 to express a common vision for the student groups involved. CWS has been the leader in making relevant social and political issues prominent at WSU. Programming has been intended to educate students on foreign and domestic affairs since the 1920s. CWS has always focused on events for students and has become involved in political activities and advocating for safety, equity, and diversity on campus.

Currently, CWS has five groups: The Association for Pacific and Asian Women (APAW), Black Women's Caucus (BWC), Mujeres Unidas (MU), Native American Women's Association (NAWA), and the YWCA of WSU. CWS also funds two other organizations: the Women's Transit Program and the NEW Leadership Summer Institute. CWS symbolizes unity and diversity by representing the interests of women from diverse cultural backgrounds. CWS and its coalition groups sponsor programs and activities that heighten students' awareness of issues pertaining to class, race and gender. The Women's Resource Center at WSU provides long-standing support and mentoring for the Coalition for Women Students.

100 Years of Making a Difference!

Leadership:

Over 60 students each year are involved in various leadership opportunities through CWS. Past chairs and members of CWS have been recipients of prestigious awards at WSU which include The Women of Distinction Award, the

Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, President's Award (awarded to the top 1% of the student body) and Excellence in Civic Engagement Award. In addition to the individual awards, many of the groups in the coalition have been recognized for their impactful presence on campus. **Student leaders of CWS have also benefitted immensely from attending the annual AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.**

Impact:

Building Bridges (APAW) – This event celebrates the diverse cultures at WSU. Through the years, it is estimated that over 5,000 WSU students and community members have participated in Building Bridges.

Fall Tea (BWC) - The BWC Fall Tea is an annual event for networking between WSU students, faculty and staff. So far, approximately 750 students, faculty and staff have attended the Fall Tea.

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead (MU) - This annual event attracts hundreds of students. Approximately 1000 students have been exposed to this unique cultural event.

Pah-Loots-Pu (NAWA) – This yearly event promotes and exposes WSU students to Native American culture. In the several years of this event, it is estimated that over 11,000 students have attended the Pah-Loots-Pu.

Week Without Violence (YWCA of WSU) - This week of awareness activities serves to educate students and members of the WSU community about gender-based violence and the global campaign to end violence against women and girls. Over 4,200 have participated in various events during Week Without Violence.

Looking ahead to the next 100 years, CWS is firmly poised to continue to make a positive impact at WSU with the support of the Women's Resource Center.



Something noteworthy about one of our tribe . . .

Judy Rogers Named Woman of Distinction at WSU

At Washington State University in Pullman, the College of Engineering and Architecture, the President's Commission on the Status of Women, and the Women's Resource Center conduct a Women of Distinction Recognition and Symposium each spring. Our very own Judy Rogers has been named to that small list of alumni recognized as Women of Distinction for 2013. Judy is in the company of senators and university chancellors in this new honor. We all know Judy's hard-working attitude and her cheerful personality have certainly added greatly to the complexion of the Issaquah Branch. AAUW-Washington enjoys the fruits of her labors and talent in her role as membership vice president. Now, the rest of the community knows her, too. [Congratulations, Judy!](#)



AAUW-Port Townsend Branch Sponsors Kindergarten Phonics Program

Vicky Miller, Branch Co-President



AAUW-Port Townsend partners with Chimacum Creek Primary School in Chimacum, Washington, to provide a phonics tutoring for all 70 kindergarten students. The goal of the program is to improve the high school graduation rate by teaching all kindergarten students basic reading skills. Thirty AAUW volunteers tutor groups of 3-5 students for twenty minutes, twice a week. AAUW-PT provides tutor training, resource notebooks, and student materials purchased by Kitchen Tour Funds. For seven years, the AAUW-PT Phonics Program has helped kindergarten students master reading and spelling skills and is an essential part of the school's literacy program.

Kitchen Tour has been a Hit for 16 Years

The Port Townsend branch is proud to announce its 16th Annual Kitchen Tour, "A Day in the Woods by the Bay", which will be held on Saturday, April 27, 10 am to 4 pm, at 8 homes in the community of Port Ludlow, near Port Townsend. Through its 501(c)(3) philanthropic arm, the University Women's Foundation, kitchen tour proceeds acquired from tour ticket sales, sponsorships, and raffle basket ticket sales fund branch education projects in East Jefferson County: scholarships and STEM recognition for high school students, Career Days for 8th graders, phonics and reading programs for kindergartners, and a math program for 3rd graders. This is a great time to spend a weekend in Port Townsend—enjoy the tour, this Victorian seaport, and the nearby sea and mountains. Tickets are \$15. For information, call (360) 302-0571 and see Facebook "Port Townsend Kitchen Tour".



Who was Mary Lou Hughes, and Why Should I Donate to the Mary Lou Hughes R&P Grant?

Penny Tetter, Seattle Branch

Mary Lou Hughes was a longtime member of AAUW who passed away in 2011. Mary Lou was passionate about education and equity for women and girls, which is why Seattle Branch established a Research and Projects Grant Endowment in her memory. While Mary Lou was not as renowned as many AAUW grant honorees, Mary Lou was as committed to advancing our mission as any other honoree. I'd like you to know more about her.

Mary Lou Hughes was my dear friend and mentor. I first met her in 1973. I had just returned to work at Boeing as a recent widow with two small children when I saw an ad in the "Boeing News" that the Pacific Science Center was looking for volunteers to join their trip committee. The committee planned science-oriented trips around the area. I joined and met Mary Lou, who was a member of this committee. I helped Mary Lou with the trip planning, often accompanying her on these trips. We lost track of each other while I was in college. When I sent her a graduation announcement, she called to invite me to join AAUW and our friendship blossomed.

From 1991 to 1995, I was Lou was my program vice many accomplishments. At the "Dynamic Duo." Over many other roles, including planning committee, AAUW Funds chair. Mary AAUW and its mission.

Mary Lou started her teacher. After raising three business as a travel agent. with her. Because of her, I climbed the Temple of the Sun in Teotihuacan, Mexico, snorkeled in Rarotonga, and saw wonderful architectural sites in Greece and Turkey -- the adventures went on and on.

Mary Lou gave me self-confidence and taught me how to get excited about travel, learning, and life in general. She made a positive impact in my life and I still miss her. At Mary Lou's memorial service, her son shared a story about one of his former classmates he'd recently run into who had had Mary Lou as a teacher in elementary school. He told Michael that his mother had given him special tutoring classes in school, which made a positive difference in his life. Many of us in Seattle Branch would say that about her, too.

I hope that now you've learned a little bit about Mary Lou Hughes, you'll join those of us to whom Mary Lou was well known for her passion, energy and devotion to AAUW. You can help her legacy continue to make a positive impact on the lives of women and girls by considering a donation to the Mary Lou Hughes R&P Grant, #4362.



Seattle Branch president and Mary president. Together we shared the state level, we were known as the years, Mary Lou also served in our "Expanding Your Horizons" membership vice president and Lou was a tireless advocate for

working life as an elementary school children, Mary Lou started her own I was fortunate to go on many trips walked on the Great Wall of China,

Editor's Note: It has become customary for branches in Washington to designate their donations to AAUW Funds (formerly the Educational Foundation) to Washington projects, if possible. That way, we can complete fellowship and grant endowments more quickly and funds from those endowments can be distributed to worthy applicants sooner. This year we are focusing on completing the Mary Lou Hughes R&P grant, the Bonnie Dunbar R&P grant and donating to the Tech Trek camp to be held for the first time in Washington. We invite your support of these uniquely AAUW causes!



NCCWSL: A Transformative Experience for College Women

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A Lesson in Giving

Two years ago, an AAUW branch in Connecticut sent two students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Their flight back home was full, leaving a family unable to get seats on the flight. The students gave up their seats on the flight so that the family could fly together. In return, the airline gave them each a voucher for a future flight. The students were so appreciative of the branch for sending them to NCCWSL that they gave the vouchers to the branch in order for them to send two new students to the conference the following year. They wanted to give back.

Washington has a Great Track Record

Tech Trek will be a central focus of the AAUW-WA meeting in Pasco. However, we should not forget about this valuable conference for college women. Twenty-six students from several colleges in Washington attended NCCWSL as a result of our 2012 convention emphasis. We are hopeful that these students have encouraged more branches to invest in young women with this unique experience.

A student from Tacoma made a YouTube video about the 2012 NCCSWL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-bESEycXHQ&list=PLF89FB05E7A1FB073>.

Save Money—Early Registration is Available Now

The 2013 NCCWSL will be held May 30—June 1, 2012, at the University of Maryland. AAUW co-sponsors this annual conference with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Branches sponsoring college women should take advantage of the early discounted registration which ends on April 12. They should also help students find other funding sources at their local colleges. Student government and other campus groups often have funds for leadership training. There are a limited number of scholarships available from AAUW Leadership Programs and the funds are often given to students living in the state where donations have been received.

For further information on what your branch can do for NCCSWL, go to the website at: <http://www.nccwsl.org/states-branches/support-the-conference/> Pay special attention to what the Connecticut AAUW is doing in their state. Give AAUW-WA your suggestions and comments about NCCSWL by contacting Connie Dunkelberger at aauwwa@gmail.com. She is also available to answer questions you may have about this transformative experience for college women student leaders.