Annual Business Meeting
April 11

Our Annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday on April 11 at 1:30 at the UW Club. As we are in a presidential election year and are all aware of our voting responsibilities, UWFA President Dagmar Shannon urges all members to come and vote at this meeting. A quorum is required in order to conduct UWFA business. She also suggests members might consider that it is time to fulfill their duty to serve on the board.

However, the meeting will not be all business. Our speakers Antoinette Wills and John Bolcer are the authors of a comprehensive history of the University of Washington. Their talk will take us back in time through the history of one of the oldest and most respected public universities in the Pacific Northwest.

Antoinette Wills and John Bolcer have some surprising historical stories to tell from the UW’s century and a half of existence. They will talk about why the University of Washington is located where it is and why it is oriented towards Mt Rainier. The images of the campus, its haunts and architectural features, as well as stories of events and the people involved will allow us to see the UW with new eyes.

Antoinette Wills received her doctorate in history from the University of Washington in 1975. A staff member for more than three decades, she retired as an information specialist in 2012. She received the first University of Washington Heritage Award in 2011, honoring her knowledge of the university’s history.

John D. Bolcer received his Master of Librarianship degree from the University of Washington in 1995. He is the university archivist, having joined the staff of the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections Division in 2001. The Libraries Special Collections are the source for most of the historic images in this book.

Save The Date
Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 25
Seattle Yacht Club
“Reshaping Seattle’s Landscape”
By David B. Williams

David B. Williams is a freelance writer focused on the intersection of people and the natural world. His talk at the Spring Luncheon is based on work he did for his recently published book, Too High and Too Steep: Reshaping Seattle’s Landscape (University of Washington Press). Previous books include Stories in Stone: Travels Through Urban Geology and The Seattle Street-Smart Naturalist: Field Notes from the City.

Williams works at the Burke Museum and maintains the website GeologyWriter.com.

Reminder
Interest Groups Leaders Luncheon
with the UWFA Board
March 7
Hosted by Traudi Krausser
President’s Message

Dear Fellow UWFA Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I have had to announce the cancellation of our popular UWFA Dinner and a Lecture programs for February, March and April 2016.

Based on the recent poll of the membership, we believe we do not have enough people making reservations for dinner to make it cost effective for the UW Club to put on the dinners, prepare the downstairs room for the lecture, and provide a staff person with technical expertise to assist in operating the equipment. Though lots of people come to the lecture, use of the lecture room is required a minimum number of people paying to eat at the UW Club.

For the past year, reaching the UW Club's requisite number of at least 30 diners to break even has been difficult. For some time the UW Club has worked hard to help us reach the 30 diner requirement by bringing in other groups for dinner that same night, but can't sustain the effort any longer.

By UW Club rules we are required to have at minimum 30 people sign up for the dinner before the lecture to break even cost-wise. 25 of these people need to be members of the UW Club and 5 people can be non-members.

Unfortunately the response to our recent poll indicated that we would not be close to the minimum for February, March and April. Instead of waiting until the last minute to cancel the excellent speakers that our Program Chairs Esther Neeser and Joan Burton had scheduled, the Board made the difficult decision to cancel the UWFA Dinner-and--a-Lecture Programs for:

Feb. 10th - Tom Hammond - Glaciers of the North Cascades
March 9th - Richard Burton - Income Inequality
April 13th - Judy Bentley - A Historical Tour of Ten Washington Cities

The reasons given by our membership for not attending dinners and lectures were such that we could do little to change or increase the numbers. The reasons included:

- Folks hesitancy or inability to drive at night; illness and disability; and traffic congestion problems.
- People spending the winter months away from Seattle.
- Between dinner and parking fees, costs were too high.

Please note that this announcement applies only to our Wednesday dinner and a lecture/movie series. This does not affect our planned programs for our Annual Business Meeting on April 11 or for our Spring Luncheon on May 25th. These programs, part of our daytime events, will remain unchanged.

The Long Range Planning Committee together with the current Program Chairs will soon consider the future of the UWFA Dinner-and-a-Lecture series to find if or how we can make the series viable. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Otherwise, stay tuned as we deliberate the future of this wonderful tradition that has provided so much companionship over a good meal and brought our members so much intellectual stimulation and fun.

At this time I also want to express my great appreciation to our Program Co-chairs Esther Neeser and Joan Burton for putting together a first rate lecture series that, under different circumstances, would have assured great turnouts.

On behalf of the Board and the membership, I thank them for their excellent work.

Dagmar Shannon
UWFA President

New Website
A Tool for Interest Group Leader

We have a new website. Our web master Peter Schiess invites all Interest Group leaders to look at the page for their group. Also, if you are so inclined, you can blog about your groups activities or post information. To see recent posts, click on news & blog drop down feature on the left.

Peter invites leaders to let him know if they want to change wording, add information or add pictures for their page. The website continues to be a work in progress, but we have high hopes that it will serve many of our communication needs.

The UWFA e Newsletter is available on line as are most UWFA related documents and our calendar of events.

Remember, all this information is available on you phone and ipad.

Information to be posted should be sent to Peter: schiess@uw.edu

Traudi Krausser
Interest Group Chair

In Memoriam
Jean Arons

Jean Rendall Arons, a longtime member of UWFA, died on January 6, 2016 at the age of 97. Jean grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Mt. Holyoke College with a BA in Astronomy. She worked at Harvard College Observatory before marrying Arnold Arons. She also taught mathematics at University of Massachusetts and in a private high school when their children were growing up, while Arnold was a Physics professor at Amherst College.

They moved to Seattle in 1968 when Arnold joined the UW. Jean was an avid reader and a Tuesday Trekker for many years. Active and living on her own to the end, Jean kept herself stimulated by taking classes through the Life Long Learning program. She taught herself Greek so she could read historical works in the original.
Travelogue

March 16, 2016
Sorrento & the Amalfi Coast in Southern Italy
By Audrey and Bill Weitkamp

Did the Seattle Art Museum’s exhibit on Pompeii whet your appetite for traveling in southern Italy?

The Weitkamps report that, although Pompeii was amazing, nearby and smaller Herculaneum—also destroyed by the eruption of MT. Vesuvius—was even more interesting.

After a week in Sorrento, their travels took them to the archeological museum in Naples where many of the artifacts from the ruins are on display. Following a breath-taking ride on the Amalfi Coast highway, which is cut into the steep cliffs above the Mediterranean Sea, and a boat-ride along the base of the cliffs, they arrived at Minori, a small resort town that dates back to the 1st Century.

From there they visited Positano, Amalfi, and the Greek ruins at Paestum during the last few days of their tour.

April 20, 2016
Paddling the Colorado River
(A Mystery)
By Joan Burton and Gary Rose

In September 2007 three couples in their 70s, old friends from mountain-climbing days, planned to drive their own canoes to Moab, Utah.

They would paddle and camp along the shoreline for about 68 miles in 8 days to a takeout point just before the Cataract Canyon. A jet boat outfitter would take them to the Colorado put in point and then pick them up at the end.

After studying maps, the group were confident about the river level and their canoeing and camping skills. The outfitter was willing to pick them up when they signaled although he seemed a bit skeptical.

Did they succeed in their plans?
Tune in for Joan and Gary’s report!

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May 17, 2016
Kayaking the Wilderness Coast of Vancouver Island
By Sandy Wood and Friends

We will not send a pink paper copy of the newsletter to all members next year. We found that most everyone likes receiving the newsletter by email. It is simpler, flexible, timely, cheaper and includes color pictures. If you don’t use email or prefer a pink paper copy, you must inform the newsletter editor who will send you a paper copy.

If you want a paper copy, please send an email to hadydej@comcast.net with the subject line, “pink paper copy please”. Include your name and address or phone me at 206 930 2567. We will compile a list of people who prefer a paper copy.

Let me know if you have NOT been receiving a UWFA Newsletter by email and inform me when your email changes. Remember the newsletter is always available on line.

Hady De Jong
Newsletter Editor
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