

# SANDSCRIPT



MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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## September 15, 2021, Branch Meeting

**PART 1 4:00 – 4:45**

### “She Says” exhibit tour at the Virginia MOCA (virtual)

4:00 – 4:45 guided tour via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85379289017> Meeting ID: 853 7928 9017 Passcode: 148310

CLICK THIS LINK TO  
JOIN PART 1

It has been a historic year for women. Not only did the country elect the first woman Vice President, the Commonwealth of Virginia voted to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, becoming the 38th state to do so, and thereby removing an important barrier to the inclusion of the ERA in the U.S. Constitution. On the other hand, women faced new challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Virginia MOCA organized the Summer of Women suite of exhibitions in response to these advances and setbacks. Together, *She Says: Women, Words and Power*, *Amplify*, and *Lauren Keim: Everyday Magic* provide much needed platforms for the exploration of the rich and complex lives of women.

*She Says* presents the work of eight women artists who include text as a fundamental element of their art practice. Each one engages with text directly, navigating its power and reflecting its influence back to the viewer. They all move in and out of its flow, whether the text is from a poem, a religious tome, or simply something that is shouted on the street. They start with a personal history, a narrative that has deep roots in the written word.

## **PART 2 7:00-8:30**

After we finish our tour, we'll close our computer screens (but not our brains) and do what we usually do before our monthly meetings (i.e. eat dinner!). Then at 7:00pm, we'll Zoom into our usual meeting using our Zoom account:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88906573456?pwd=NSsrMUpnNHVnMGgvVzhhWUowMnEwZz09>

This should take you straight to our meeting, but sometimes (this is a mystery), Zoom will ask for this information:

Meeting ID: 889 0657 3456

Passcode: 859842

We'll get together for some informal conversation (greet new and old friends), do a little business and then talk about what about the exhibit moved us. Even if you did not get to go on our “tour,” hearing about it might spark your interest enough to go to the museum in person to see the exhibit (it's available until October 24).



*Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of the 2021-2022 year for our branch. As much as I would like to be welcoming you back in person, the number of COVID cases in the area makes meeting in person too dangerous at this time. Our programs will continue to take place over Zoom until we are confident that meeting in person will not jeopardize the health of our members.

While reading the AAUW newsletter, *Mission & Action*, I noticed that the national website has added new branded merchandise to their store. I am particularly interested in getting a shirt to wear to community events. One of those upcoming events is registering college students to vote prior to the election. Please speak to Sally Daniel about volunteering for a time slot.

Our program this month pertains to an exhibit now on view at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA). I hope you take the opportunity to see this impressive show in person. Entrance to this exhibit is free due to the generosity of donors in celebration of the passage of the ERA in Virginia and the election of our first female vice president, while also acknowledging the hurdles women still struggle to overcome. Tickets for entry to the exhibit can be reserved on the Virginia MOCA website.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone later this month on Zoom!

*Jeanette*

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## GETTING OUT THE VOTE

As usual our Branch is an active participant in voter registration on the local campuses. Although we're not electing a President this year, local elections, often overlooked, are this year. We'll be electing our state delegates (the whole delegation), our Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General.

We have contacted the 2 colleges within Virginia Beach. We will staff (with your help) voter registration tables at Virginia Wesleyan from 11:30 – 1:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays during September and we have a table in the Science Building at TCC on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 11:30 – 1:30 and then from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Sally D. doesn't mind setting these up and taking registrations to the registrar, but she cannot be at each of these events (and, really, they're fun and she shouldn't hog all the fun!). Please click this link to sign up!

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## GREATEST NEEDS FUND

Each calendar year, we are challenged to raise funds for AAUW "Greatest Need Fund" (GNF). Last year (2020) we raised \$3,307 for GNF and to keep our advancement star rating we need to raise \$3,638 in 2021. This is where we have slacked off, our branch has only raised \$625 so far from 3 donors. That leaves \$3013 left to raise by December 31, 2021. We usually raise about \$400 with the Autobell cards, so minus that we could easily make our goal if each member donate at least \$55 to the Greatest Need Fund. I attached a link to this email or if you want me to place it for you. Just mail your check to me, payable to the branch and I will submit it for you. Or if you haven't renewed your membership, you can add it to your membership dues. We can do this Virginia Beach!

[Donate to AAUW Today : AAUW: Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

# Members Matter

Welcome back to a new year of making waves to support women and girls as members of AAUW Virginia Beach. Here's what we are planning for membership recruitment and retainment.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership! Our branch membership is now up to 49 which reflects an 85% percent renewal. Congratulations! If you have not yet renewed, you can go online at AAUW.org or mail payment to Tammie Mullins-Rice, 1010 Barnacle Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Our dues total breaks down as National/\$62+state/\$15+branch/\$14=\$91.00. Make your check out to AAUW Virginia Beach with "2021-2022 dues" in the memo line. Remember that \$56 of the total is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Once we are back meeting in person, we will continue the *Bring A Friend* recruitment program. The best way to get a new member is a referral from a current member. Bring a friend to a meeting so she can experience our group and learn about AAUW firsthand. We announce our speakers in advance, so you can choose a program that will fit her interest. As an additional plus, you will get an extra ticket for the Holiday Gift Basket raffle or the May Banquet door prizes.

A few years ago, we had a recruitment event at a local library and invited the Members At Large (national members only) in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. We hoped to convince them to join the branch. This event resulted in Barbara Woodlee joining the branch. Barbara is now a committed branch and state board participant. We thought we would do this again and invite the MALs along with members who have dropped out over the past few years. If a member dropped out two or more years ago, she would be eligible for the *Shape the Future Program*. So, anyone who did not renew their membership for the July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020, year would be eligible this year for a 50% discount on their national dues. Do you have a friend who dropped her membership? Please, encourage her yourself or let us know and we will contact her. We are in the planning stage, so if you are interested in joining the party, just let us know.

We are thinking newsletters members receive would be a great way to spread the word about our branch and invite new members. If you receive emailed or snail mailed newsletters that feature articles about local organizations and/or has a calendar we could submit to, please, let us know. Kathleen and Sally P's emails and phone numbers are below. We will provide a brief article or calendar entry for the newsletter. Just let us know!

Zip Sisters also returns for 2021-22. Our Zip Queens contact members living close to them to remind their Zip Sisters of the upcoming meeting, whether it is in person or a Zoom event. If you need help, your queen will be able to suggest someone to call. Would you like to be a Zip Queen? Just let us know.

Remember: We have expanded our Celebrations! feature to include special events along with birthdays. So, if you know a member who has a special anniversary, won an award, got married, had a baby or grandbaby, or other acclaim let us know so we can celebrate her special event.

## Happy September Birthday!

Daisy Smith September 3  
June Lam September 11



Please, welcome, our NEW MEMBERS with a call or an email:

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Katrinia Garrou: kaa27515@email.vccs.edu/ 808.343.2808  
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# Important Dates for the November 2, 2021, Election



Ongoing (See deadline below)	<a href="#">Register to vote</a>
Ongoing	<a href="#">Check and, if necessary, update registration information</a>
Ongoing (see deadline below)	<a href="#">Apply to vote absentee by mail</a>
September 17	Requested absentee ballots begin to be mailed from registrar
September 17	<a href="#">Early in-person voting begins</a>
ASAP (see deadlines below)	Mail or hand deliver completed absentee ballot to registrar
October 12, 5 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote or update registration (in person or receipt by mail)
October 12, 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote or update registration (online)
October 22, 5 p.m.	Deadline to apply to vote absentee by mail
October 30, 5 p.m.	Deadline for early in-person voting at <a href="#">your local registrar</a>
November 2	Deadline for postmark on absentee ballot submitted by mail
November 2, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.	<a href="#">Election Day Voting at assigned polling places</a>
November 2, 7 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballot delivered in person
November 5, 12 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballot mailed to registrar

# REFUSE TO BE SILENCED



## GET OUT THE VOTE!

Update on Virginia Voting Rights

Meghan McNamera,  
Lead Organizer with  
Virginia Organizing  
and

Terry White, Board Member of  
Virginia Organizing



RSVP on Sign Up Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44AEAB2DA2FF2-southeast3>

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## SE District Virtual Meeting

October 23, 2021  
11am to 1pm

Hampton  
Newport News  
Norfolk  
Portsmouth  
Suffolk  
Virginia Beach

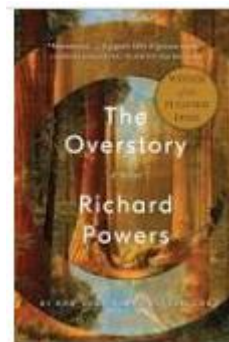
## Breakfast Bookaroos

September 7, 2021, at 8 am

Bay Local Eatery at 2917 Shore Drive

*The Overstory*: A Novel by Richard Powers

*The Overstory*, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, the novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe.



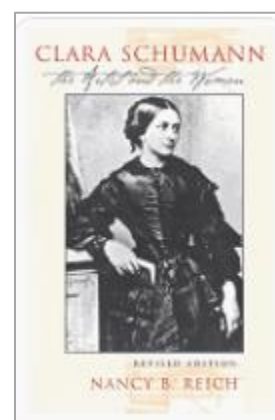
## Adelante Book Club

October 4, 2021, 7pm

at Barbara Paige's home, 2613 Britannica Place,  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

*Clara Schumann, The Artist and the Woman*

This absorbing and award-winning biography tells the story of the tragedies and triumphs of Clara Wieck Schumann (1819–1896), a musician of remarkable achievements. At once artist, composer, editor, teacher, wife, and mother of eight children, she was an important force in the musical world of her time. To show how Schumann surmounted the obstacles facing female artists in the nineteenth century, Nancy B. Reich has drawn on previously unexplored primary sources: unpublished diaries, letters, and family papers, as well as concert programs. Going beyond the familiar legends of the Schumann literature, she applies the tools of musicological scholarship and the insights of psychology to provide a new, full-scale portrait.



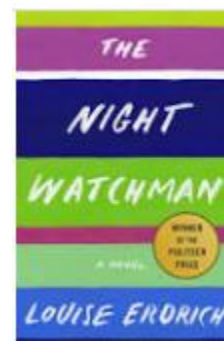
## Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at 2:00 pm

Meeting will be at Daisy Smith's house and Jacque Dessino will review

*The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich bases this novel on the extraordinary life of her grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C.,





AAUW, VIRGINIA BEACH BRANCH  
 APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021 BUDGET  
 GENERAL FUNDS, CHECKING, AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS  
 MARCH 23, 2020

<b>PROJECTED REVENUES:</b>				
INTEREST	\$1.00			
DUES 50 MEMBERS x \$14	\$700.00			
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES:</b>		<b>\$701.00</b>		
<b>CASH ON HAND (3/25/20):</b>				
CHECKING	\$7,375.92			
MONEY MARKET	\$1,111.13			
CHECKING, MM CASH TOTAL		<b>\$8,487.05</b>		
<b>PROJECTED EXPENSES PRIOR TO 7/1/20:</b>				
PRESIDENT PIN	\$43.00			
State Conference/Donation to Greatest Need Fund	\$500.00			
PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS	\$353.50			
AAUW FUND	\$519.00			
DONATION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	\$100.00			
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000.00			
<b>TOTAL 2019- 2020 EXPENSES DUE</b>		<b>\$2,515.50</b>		
<b>CURRENT DEDICATED AMOUNTS COLLECTED:</b>				
STEM4Girls	\$2,680.33			
NCCWSL	\$680.00			
<b>TOTAL CURRENT DEDICATED AMOUNTS:</b>		<b>\$3,360.33</b>		
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES PLUS CASH</b>		<b>\$3,312.22</b>		

# AAUW Virginia Beach

## July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

POSITIONS ELECTED	OFFICERS	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
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Branch Secretary			
Board Secretary			
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College/University Chair One Year	TBD	-	
Community Outreach Coordinator(s) One Year			
Pennies for Prescriptions			
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VBCPS Food Beach Bags for At Risk Children	TBD	-	
VBCPS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOMELESS	Lynn Zoll	<a href="mailto:lzollpsy@gmail.com">lzollpsy@gmail.com</a>	W: 757.636.1229
Historian	Linda Todd	<a href="mailto:readertodd@cox.net">readertodd@cox.net</a>	757-467-1119
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May Luncheon	Tammie Rice	<a href="mailto:tammieaauw@gmail.com">tammieaauw@gmail.com</a>	757-630-7097
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