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Ann Arbor (MI) Branch

# CONNECTIONS

APRIL 2023

## Annual Meeting and Evening Program at Ann Arbor City Club

Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Meeting, Election, Budget Approval, 7:15pm ~ Program: Natural History Museum Overview, 7:30pm



Amy Harris is the director of the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History. She has more than 30 years' experience in the administration of cultural organizations and museums. For the past 10 years, Amy led the museum through a process of reinvention as the museum moved from the beloved but well-worn former museum

building into a state-of-the-art science research facility. Amy oversaw the development of all-new exhibits and educational programs featuring the university's world-class natural science collections, cutting edge research by U-M faculty, and interdisciplinary topics of global and local concern.

Amy began her museum career at the Art Institute of Chicago where she worked as the curatorial research assistant in the Department of Textiles. She then moved to Michigan and worked at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, advancing in responsibility until she was named Development Director.

Amy's first job at the U-M Museum of Natural History in 1996 was as the museum's first-ever Development Officer. She was promoted to Associate Director in 1998 and became Interim Director in 2000. She was appointed Museum Director in 2002.

Amy has a Bachelor's degree in Comparative Literature from Cornell University and a Master's degree in the History of Art from the University of Michigan. In her presentation, Amy will discuss the museum's history and transformation as well as its future plans.

## AAUW-AA Slate of Officers for 2023-2024



*Co-Presidents-Elect*  
**Constance Dickinson and Ann Ringia**



*Finance Treasurer*  
**La Verne Higgins**

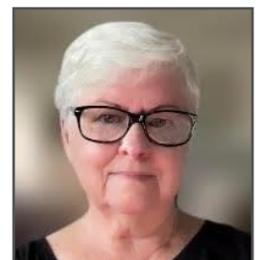


*Co-Dues Treasurers*  
**Martie Ream and Diane Benson**



*Program Co-VPs*  
**Karen Jania and Lois Stenger**

**Election  
at  
Annual Meeting  
on  
April 19**



*Nominating Committee (2-year term: 2023-2024)*  
**Karen Fox and Pat Drabant**



# Diversity Dabbles

## The Fledermaus at Venue

By Amy Seetoo

Diversity means “variety” to me. We can be serious about our mission, and also enjoy musical performances. We can appreciate many cultures, including those of Europe.

The Fledermaus (The Bat in German), a light-hearted operetta by Johann Strauss, will be presented in video form on **Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 pm** at Venue (1919 S. Industrial Highway, the former Lucky’s Market).

“The party life of old Vienna comes alive in the world’s most famous operetta.” The version produced by the local Comic Opera Guild “goes even further by adding a flavor of the original French story.”

Admission \$10 person at the door. Members of the audience can order food and drinks at the Venue to enjoy together with the show.

## AAUW-Ann Arbor Board Meetings

Meeting, usually held on the first Tuesday of the month, are open to all members.

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, April 4 at 7pm via Zoom**

To be added to the list of Zoom notifications, contact Diane Benson  
734.474.7372, [dibenson@umich.edu](mailto:dibenson@umich.edu)

Prior to the meeting, watch for an emailed Zoom link from Karen Jania, [kljania@gmail.com](mailto:kljania@gmail.com).

## Mah-Jongg Lessons

### Prepare for October Mah-Jongg Tournament

By Amy Seetoo

Mah-Jongg, a Chinese tile game, could be considered a different way of learning probability, like gin rummy, from a different culture.

During the budget discussion at the March Board meeting, a question was raised about the annual Mah-Jongg Tournament in October. The question set the wheels turning.

The 2023 Mah-Jongg Tournament is tentatively scheduled in the afternoon on **Thursday, October 26** at the Ann Arbor City Club. The tournament is a fun event for members and non-members to compete, to recruit new members, and to promote the visibility of our Branch.

In order to have a tournament, we need a critical mass of players. After three years of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mah-Jongg Interest Group began to play in members’ homes again. Those members who wish to learn this brain tickling game are encouraged to see the IG calendar and join the bi-weekly sessions to learn.

Another option to learn to play Mah-Jongg or to recruit friends who are not AAUW members yet, is at the Turner Senior Wellness Program. TSWP offers classes of Mah-Jongg (Baggaley-style) in April and May, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. The instructor is Nancy Howard, a student of Stuart Baggaley.

*Class One.* April 13, 20, & 27 - for beginners.

*Class Two.* May 4 - a refresher.

*Class Three.* May 11 - emphasizes winning strategies.

Visit the Turner Senior Wellness Program website at [michmed.org/tswp](http://michmed.org/tswp) to register for classes. For more information: [tswp.info@umich.edu](mailto:tswp.info@umich.edu) or 734.998.9353.

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## The Newsletter Committee Welcomes YOUR Contributions

- \* A reminder email for newsletter contributions, updates, photos will be sent to members on the 15th of each month.
- \* Submission deadline for contributions to newsletters is the 20th of each month for the following month’s issue.
- \* Email contributions to Pat Drabant, [patdrabant@gmail.com](mailto:patdrabant@gmail.com); copy Susan Pritts [spritts@pritts.com](mailto:spritts@pritts.com).
- \* All contributions will be acknowledged by return email.

AAUW-AA  
Newcomers Reception  
June 3, 1-3 p.m.

At the Home of Kathy Stroud  
2271 Placid Way, Ann Arbor

Details coming soon!



Women's Chamber Chorus  
& Sanctus Ringers

Our spring concert

Come to the Music

Benjamin Gaughran, WCC Director  
Joshua Marzan, Pianist  
David VanderMeer, Handbells Director

Friday, April 28, 2023  
7:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church  
1432 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI

Please join us.

Admission is \$10.  
Children are free.



## INTEREST GROUPS CALENDAR for APRIL

Click on the links provided to RSVP or for more information.

Locations are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.



### Afternoon Book Review

What: Lunch, plus Nancy Harter book review  
When: Monday, April 3, 11:30a  
Where: Alpha Diner, 4389 Jackson Rd.  
RSVP: Irene Dernberger, 734.255.7851, [Irene.d@me.com](mailto:Irene.d@me.com)

### Afternoon Bridge

What: 2 tables of rubber bridge  
When: Monday, April 10, 1-4p  
Where: Grace Stewart, 502 Galen Cir., 248.761.5696,  
[gstew24@mac.com](mailto:gstew24@mac.com)  
Chair: Ginny Maturen, 734.730.2947,  
[ginnymaturen@charter.net](mailto:ginnymaturen@charter.net)

### Afternoon Mystery Readers

What: Reading The Cat Who ... series by Lillian Braun  
Jackson. Report by Betty Bishop  
When: Tuesday, April 18, 3p (*note time, this meeting only.*)  
Where: Brewed Awakenings, 7025 E. Michigan Ave, Ste. M,  
Saline  
RSVP: Tanya Keller, 734.635.0554, [tanyakeller@comcast.net](mailto:tanyakeller@comcast.net)

### Americana

What: Central Park, but so much more: The Life of Frederick  
Law Olmsted presented by Betty Bishop  
When: Monday, April 24, 1:30p  
Where: Betty Bishop, 1612 Morton Ave.  
RSVP: Betty Bishop, 734.662.9492, [bbishop@umich.edu](mailto:bbishop@umich.edu)  
Co-Chairs: Betty Bishop and Polly Pan, 734.997.0338,  
[ppan3650@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ppan3650@sbcglobal.net)

### Bibliomaniacs

What: Members Kim Clark and Sheryl Kurze will present "Art  
in Books and Books in Art"  
When: Thursday, April 27, 9:30a for socializing until 10a sharp  
when the program begins.  
Where: Zoom organized by Kim Clark, 734.276.0501,  
[kimtclark@cs.com](mailto:kimtclark@cs.com)  
RSPV to Chairs: L yn Davidge, 734.769.6892,  
[ldavidge@umich.edu](mailto:ldavidge@umich.edu) or Mary Mostaghim, 734.761.5895,  
[marymosta@yahoo.com](mailto:marymosta@yahoo.com)

### Book Exchange East & West

These two groups hold no meetings.  
**East:** Ginny Reilly, 734.665.5996, [ginnyray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ginnyray@sbcglobal.net)  
**West:** Barb Staples, 734.649.9399, [barbstaples@gmail.com](mailto:barbstaples@gmail.com)

### Classic Literature

What: To be announced  
When: Wednesday, April 26; Lunch optional at 11:30a,  
discussion at 1p  
Where: Ann Arbor City Club, 1350 Washtenaw  
Chair: Jennie Shedden, 734.649.4947, [ksjcs@att.net](mailto:ksjcs@att.net)

### Creative Arts

What: Bring handwork project to work on  
Chair: Marcia Hallstrom, 216.598.0388, [mhallst@mac.com](mailto:mhallst@mac.com)  
When: Tuesday, April 11, 1:00p  
Where: Pat Crean, 14130 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea  
RSVP: Pat Crean, 734.474.6073, [creanbill@aol.com](mailto:creanbill@aol.com)

### Evening Book Discussion

What: Discussion of Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus, led by Karen Fox  
When: Monday, April 17, 6:30p  
Where: Sue Rasmussen, 168 Kingsbrook Ave.  
RSVP: Sue Rasmussen, 734.913.5565, [rasmussensue@yahoo.com](mailto:rasmussensue@yahoo.com)

### Friendship Circle *no meetings*

What: Join Amy Seetoo for Movie Night sponsored by the Comic Opera Guild, featuring Offenbach's *The Grand Duchess*, a local production on video.  
When: Tuesday, April 11, 7:30p. \$10 at the door.  
Where: The Venue, 1919 S. Industrial (formerly Lucky's Market).  
Chairs: Amy Seetoo, 734.332.0390, [amyseetoo@gmail.com](mailto:amyseetoo@gmail.com) and Susan Pritts, 734.741.1312, [spritts@pritts.com](mailto:spritts@pritts.com)  
*Please contact us if you'd like to know more about Friendship Circle (sending get-well notes to members, attending local functions, and more).*

### Gardening

Chairs: Judy Daltuva, 734.560.9367, [jdal@umich.edu](mailto:jdal@umich.edu) and Anne Heybey-Wasciuk, 734.646.4126, [annehey@umich.edu](mailto:annehey@umich.edu)

### Genealogy

What: Discuss Our Family History  
When: Friday, April 14, 1p  
Where: Karen Jania, 1476 Collegewood, Ypsi 734.255.9012, [kljania@gmail.com](mailto:kljania@gmail.com)  
Co-Chairs: Candace Friedman, 734.662.6733, [candacef@comcast.net](mailto:candacef@comcast.net) and Diane McIntyre, 734.973.9191, [dismci@gmail.com](mailto:dismci@gmail.com)

### Golf Beginner *begins in May*

Contact: Pat Crean, 734.475.6073, [creanbill@aol.com](mailto:creanbill@aol.com)

### Gourmet Arts

What: Everyone brings a dish to share  
When: April 5, noon  
Where: Pat Crean, 14130 N Territorial, Chelsea  
RSVP: Pat Crean, 734.474.6073, [creanbill@aol.com](mailto:creanbill@aol.com)

### Great Decisions

What: To be announced  
When: Monday, April 17, 1:30p  
Where: Zoom, Martie Ream, 734.316.2512, [mre3am22@comcast.net](mailto:mre3am22@comcast.net)  
Chair: Sally Haines, 734.662.2149, [slawler@umich.edu](mailto:slawler@umich.edu)

### History Book Discussion

What: To be announced  
Co-Chairs: JoAnne Shaw, 248.390.552, [jannebellshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:jannebellshaw@yahoo.com) and Jennie Shedden, 734.649.4947, [lksjcs@att.net](mailto:lksjcs@att.net)

### International Dining Out

What: To be announced  
When: Wednesday, April 12, 6p  
Where: To be announced  
Chair: Phyllis Stillman, 734.449.4960, [pkstill@umich.edu](mailto:pkstill@umich.edu)

### Local Issues

What: Alyshia Dyer, candidate for County Sheriff  
When: Friday, April 7, 2p  
Where: 1319 Ardmoor  
RSVP: Elizabeth Nelson, [contact@a2elnel.com](mailto:contact@a2elnel.com)

### Mah-Jongg *meets twice a month*

Co-Chairs: Ann Hanton, 734.580.2107, [dahanton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dahanton@sbcglobal.net), Donna Blomquist, 734.316.7256, [jimdonnab@comcast.net](mailto:jimdonnab@comcast.net), and Elaine Brandenburg, 734.662.4171, [embranden@yahoo.com](mailto:embranden@yahoo.com)

When: Friday, April 7, 1p  
Where: Sharon O'Toole, 5245 Crocked Stick Dr.  
RSVP: Sharon, 734-470-6468, [otoole.sharon@comcast.net](mailto:otoole.sharon@comcast.net)

When: Friday, April 21, 1p  
Where: Dolores McDole, 4803 Grandview Dr., Ypsi  
RSVP: Dolores, 734-434-1103, [dolores@jmcdoles.com](mailto:dolores@jmcdoles.com)

### Moveable Feast

What: To be announced  
When: Tuesday, April 11, 6:30p  
Where: To be announced  
Co-Chairs: Judy Daltuva, 734.560.9367, [jdal@umich.edu](mailto:jdal@umich.edu) and Phyllis Stillman, 734.449.4960, [pkstill@umich.edu](mailto:pkstill@umich.edu)

### Mystery Readers

What: Megan Abbott (author) presented by Lucy Liggett  
When: April 13, 7:30p  
Where: Zoom  
RSVP: Betty Bishop, 734.662.9492, [bbishop@umich.edu](mailto:bbishop@umich.edu)  
Co-Chairs: Betty Bishop and Judy Steehm, 734.665.5813, [judy.steeh@yahoo.com](mailto:judy.steeh@yahoo.com)

### Scrabble

What: Friendly games, 2-12 members  
When: Thursday, April 20, 2p  
Where: Grand Traverse Pie Co., 291 N. Zeeb Rd.  
RSVP: Barb Widick, 734.662.0086, [wid8@comcast.net](mailto:wid8@comcast.net)  
Co-Chairs: Mary Mostaghim, 734.761.5895, [marymosta@yahoo.com](mailto:marymosta@yahoo.com)  
Email Chair: Ann Lawrencem 734.369.4841, 734.369.4841, [clotheslines@comcast.net](mailto:clotheslines@comcast.net)

### Smart Living

What: Discussion of Favorites: books, videos, restaurants, plays, movies, TV, & radio shows, shopping places, trips and more. Plan May trip to the UM Natural History Museum.  
When: Thursday, April 6, 4p  
Where: Zoom organized by Geetha Balakrishnan, 248.953.2758, [gdb1000@yahoo.com](mailto:gdb1000@yahoo.com)  
Chair: Mary Mostaghim, 734.761.5895, [marymosta@yahoo.com](mailto:marymosta@yahoo.com)

### Travelogue

What: The Trans-Siberian Railway: By Rail from London to Hong Kong by Jenny Day  
When: Monday, April 3, 7:30p  
Where: Candy Friedman, 4534 W. Liberty Rd., 734.662.6733, [candacef@comcast.net](mailto:candacef@comcast.net)  
Co-Chairs: Candy Friedman and Joan Messer, 734.662.1157, [wjmesser@comcast.net](mailto:wjmesser@comcast.net)