



The Twig

AAUW Midland Branch Newsletter

November
2025

Behind the Scenes at Midland Center for the Arts

by Mary Graiver and Mary Harding



On November 20 at 1:00 pm, members of the AAUW Midland Branch will enjoy a special “Hard Hat Tour” of the Midland Center for the Arts. This guided walk-through will last about 30–45 minutes and will offer a rare glimpse into the Center’s ongoing renovation and transformation.

Participants should plan to arrive 5–10 minutes early and gather at the West St. Andrew’s Road entrance on the north side of the building. Convenient parking is available in the library lot. Please keep in mind that portions of the tour will involve stairs, uneven surfaces, and limited elevator access, so attendees should be comfortable with walking and climbing stairs.

For everyone’s safety, closed-toe, low-heeled shoes and long pants are required. The Center will provide all necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including a hard hat, safety glasses, and reflective vest. Guests are asked to stay with their group and follow all guidance from Center and construction staff throughout the visit. Because this is an active construction site, group sizes will be limited to 8–10 people, with consecutive tours scheduled if needed. Please bring only essential personal items.

This tour offers a fascinating opportunity to see progress on the facility up close and learn more about the Center’s vision for the future. Attendees will also be able to sign up for project updates and future announcements from the Midland Center for the Arts.

President’s Message by Carol Arnosky

November has arrived and we are finally able to wear our cozy fall sweaters with pumpkins, leaves and autumn colors. Family gatherings and pumpkin pie are soon to follow. I had to bring in all my indoor plants from their outside “summer vacation” and they have all doubled in size! My dining room is now a full greenhouse.

As we head into the holiday season, let’s take a moment to appreciate the blessings in our lives —especially the friendships that make every day a little brighter. Wishing everyone a warm, happy Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and maybe a second slice of pie!



Branch Officer Nominees Sought

by Judy Donahue

The Nominations Committee, chaired by Judy Donahue, includes Pauline Pittsley, Liz Kapla, Ruth Copp, and Judi Cox. Board offices to be filled for 2026-2027 year include: President, 1st VP Program, 2nd VP Membership, Finance VP, Secretary, Nominations Officer, and Delegate at Large. All offices are one-year terms and may be co-chaired. They will be elected next spring at the annual meeting. Members are encouraged to consider how they can serve the Branch. If you are interested in one of these positions or you would like to recommend someone, please contact Judy Donahue at 903-647-6280 or judydonahue57@gmail.com;

Pauline Pittsley at 989-430-2067 or pauline@drymud.com; Ruth Copp at 989-513-2162 or ruthcopp66@gmail.com; or Liz Kapla at 989-631-7365 or ekapla@charter.net.



Seeking NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients

by Carol Hoerneman-Plaush



It's time to start looking for 2 college age girls to encourage them to apply for the \$1,500 scholarship to go to the 2026 National College Women's Leadership Conference (NCCWSL). The 4-day conference dates are May 27 to May 30, 2026 at the University of Maryland/College Park.

Deadline to apply is January 30, 2026.

Mark Your Calendar

November 20th at 1:00 pm – “Hard Hat Tour” of the Midland Center for the Arts

December 18th at 11:30 am – Holiday Luncheon at the Midland County Club

April 24, 25, 26, 2026 – Used Book Sale

President: Carol Arnosky • VPs Program: Mary Graiver and Mary Harding
VP Membership: Judi Cox • Twig Editor: Annette Clapp