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## August pot luck to be a jewel of a meeting

In what has now become a summer tradition, the Medina Branch August meeting will follow a "garden party" theme with a potluck dinner, Tues., August 19, at 5 p.m. at the home of Jill Heck, 3818 Weymouth Woods Dr., Medina.

If you like, wear a stylish summer chapeau and adorn yourself with a funky or fun piece of jewelry. Our own Annette Miller will give pointers on what to look for when collecting antique jewelry.

She has been interested in old baubles since she found a small poison ring at a house sale in New York. We'll talk about Victorian hair jewelry, art deco rhinestones, Bakelite Collectibles, designer jewelry and whatever you'd like to bring.

Please bring a covered dish: appetizer, entree, salad, side or dessert to share. Beverages will be furnished.

Jill's home is in the Weymouth Woods subdivision, between Rte. 3 (Weymouth Rd.) and Fenn Rd., off Huffman Rd.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Judy Smith, program vice president, 330.725.1360, [kenandjudy@zoominternet.net](mailto:kenandjudy@zoominternet.net), by Aug. 16.

Guests and perspective members are welcome.

## Fresh produce tempts members at auction

"How much am I bid? Dolhearadolla? Howaboutahalf?" intoned the auctioneer as baskets, cartons, crates, and wagonloads of sparkling white and red onions, red and green tomatoes, silken sweet corn, newly dug potatoes and other fresh produce were offered for sale at the Homerville Produce Auction.

At this Arts & Entertainment excursion last month, members had the opportunity to experience the bounty of summer and emerge with black raspberries, snap beans and cabbages as prizes from their bidding.

In the predominately Amish-filled auction house, AAUW members learned the art of bidding; many registered for bid cards and were surprised to discover that once obtained, the cards were good for a lifetime. They quickly found out that it was imperative to pay attention to the auctioneer's

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Members are asked to renew their dues now in order to be included in mailings and in the membership directory.

Dues for 2008-2009 are a total of \$63 for National, State and local branch. An additional optional \$5 contribution may be included for LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund).

Student Affiliate memberships are \$17 for persons enrolled as undergraduates.

Please make checks payable to Medina County Branch AAUW and mail to treasurer Cindy Weisheit, 3265 Hardwood Hollow Rd., Medina, OH 44256.

Membership renewal/ interest forms are available on line at: <http://users.zoominternet.net/~medinabranchaauw>. Click on [How to Join](#).

### Mark your calendar

#### Aug. 19, 4:00 p.m.:

Board of Directors meeting, home of Jill Heck, prior to branch dinner meeting

#### Aug. 19, 5:00 p.m.:

Membership meeting and pot luck dinner, at the home of Jill Heck

#### Sept. 3, 1:00 p.m.:

Board of Directors meeting, Community Rm., Buehler's River Styx

#### Sept. 25, 7:00 p.m.

Membership meeting, The Reserve Building, Lower Level Meeting Rm.

#### Oct. 23, Time TBA

Agent of Change Luncheon, Blue Heron Golf Club

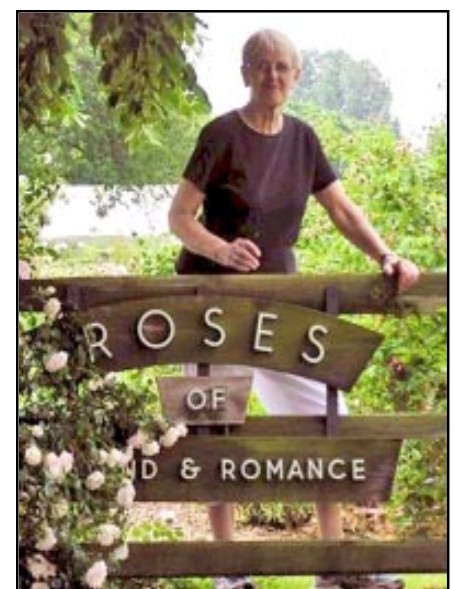


Photo: Annette Miller

*Posed at the entrance to the heirloom rose garden at Wooster's Ohio State Agriculture Research and Development Center, is Stephanie Duke. Arts & Entertainment selected the fragrant old-fashioned gardens for a tour in June.*

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introduction of goods so that they did not bid too high a price, assuming it was for an entire lot when it may have been only for a single quart basket.

Bidders included Scottie and Dick Gross, Marge and Jim Otley, Judy and Ken Smith and Marilyn Sigel.

Afterwards, just up the road from the auction, Marilyn and her husband David welcomed about 40 members, spouses, and guests to DAMAR Farm for a bar-b-que.

Many thanks to the Sigels for hosting, to Marilyn for organizing the outing and to all the members who brought the sumptuous food for the carry-in dinner.

The auction continues through the summer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 in Homerville, on Rte. 301, south of Rte. 224.

Fresh flowers and plants, baked goods, organic produce, and free range eggs are also up for sale.

## Interest group activities



### Film provides much to think about

by Stephanie Duke

Six members and three guests gathered at the Regal Cinema, Montrose, to see the acclaimed documentary, *The Rape of Europa*, the story of the systematic theft and destruction of Europe's art masterpieces during WWII.

As German armies stormed through Europe, they followed Adolph Hitler's orders to seize or destroy priceless works of art, much of it left behind by Jews who had fled for their lives or succumbed in the millions in concentration camps. Also targeted were churches and public buildings that either housed magnificent art or were themselves outstanding artistic masterpieces.

The Nazi party was determined to wipe out the entire culture of conquered nations. They did not succeed.

Later in the film, we learned of the heroic efforts by Allied forces at the war's end to restore stolen works to their original owners—at least to those who had survived the horrors of the war.

*The Rape of Europa* begins and ends with the story of artist Gustav Klimt's famed Gold Portrait, stolen from Viennese Jews in 1938 and now the most expensive painting ever sold.

Our cinema group will view the newly-released *Brideshead Revisited*, based on the Evelyn Waugh novel, when it appears locally.

## Book Groups



**Daytime Book Group** will meet Mon. September 8 at 1 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Duke, to discuss the book assigned this summer: *All the King's Men*, by Robert Penn Warren.

This group meets the second Monday at members' homes.

For information, contact co-chair Virginia Jeandrevin, 330.725.2201, [johvir@zoominternet.net](mailto:johvir@zoominternet.net).



**Evening Book Group** will hold its fall organizational meeting Tues., September 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Pat Chaloupek. New members welcome! We will discuss books read over the summer. Bring suggestions for this year's book list. Contact Pat if interested in joining.

## Arts & Entertainment

A&E is looking towards September when the featured event will be the first recital in the Main Street Medina Artist Series, 8 p.m. on Sept. 20 at Broadway Hall. The noted pianist Sedmara Zakarian Rutstein will present an all-Russian program. Tickets (group rate) will be \$20. Please let chairperson Marilyn Sigel know by Sept. 15 if you are interested so she can book the seats. Reach her at 330.625-2772, or [DAMARFARM@aol.com](mailto:DAMARFARM@aol.com).

## Welcome, new member!

We welcome our newest member, Patricia Millhoff, who has transferred her membership from the Akron Branch.

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