



Branch

Banter

FEBRUARY 2018

Meet the Artist: Ophelia Chambliss
“The Rhetorical Power of Representation and the Visual Image”

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13 7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

WHERE: York Alliance Church, 501 Rathton Road, York

PROGRAM: Ophelia M. Chambliss, artist and educator, has been successfully working and exhibiting as a fine artist for many years in solo and group exhibitions, as well as several distinguished juried shows, and has been recognized for her work on public art projects in York.

She holds a Bachelors in Communication Arts and Sciences, and a Masters in Communications from Penn State University. Ophelia is also serving a term as a Commissioner for the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission, and was recently named to the Advisory Board for the PSU Harrisburg Humanities department. She was also awarded the Alumni Achievement Award for her community, and creative work by Penn State University.

Ophelia will present a series of images, while discussing symbolic representations of image, discourse, and story to tell the story behind her work.

“As a public artist and muralist, I pride myself in working with different stake holders with a common goal to build community around art. I work to build collaboration, ownership and a belief in the process and production part of the final piece of art.

As an Academic, I have been addressing the issue of “What is Black art?” Is Black art defined by the cultural content of the art, or the ethnicity of the artist? Much of my work straddles these two distinctions and challenges the limitations that are thrust upon being either. I try to work within the representations of culture, and the Black American Experience, while creating art that is stylized beyond a cultural racial distinction.”

Public art has revitalized downtown York – come hear about the latest from one of the leaders of the movement!

Carol Little & Rita Meisenhelder, Program Co-Vice Presidents



Inclement Weather? Check your email for a program cancellation.
(Those not on email will be contacted by phone.)



Fragrance-Free Meetings Let's make our Branch meetings "fragrance free." Several members have allergies to perfume or strongly scented powders and deodorants. **So please remember, no perfume!**

FROM THE PODIUM

Greetings. Hopefully we have been through the bitterest weather of the winter. I know a number of our members are or will be enjoying the Florida warmth.

This month our speaker is an artist, Ophelia Chambliss, who was originally scheduled for December. We have a number of members who are artists so the discussion should be enjoyable.

We are not giving the *Gateway to Equity* award this year. During the coming months, if you know anyone or an organization you believe fulfills the criteria, please note their name so they can be considered for next year. We can review the qualities we are looking for at the February meeting.

Marion Bowman, York Branch Co-President

BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet on Monday, February 5, at Perkins Restaurant at 12 noon.

WRITE – READ – WRITE

Thank you letters from the third-grade students at Phineas Davis School will be available at the February Branch Meeting. They were thrilled to receive your books and letters. We know you will enjoy hearing from the students. Your participation in the Write Read Write Program is very much appreciated.

Jean Quickel & Suzanne Robertson, Write-Read-Write Co-Chairs

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

In conversations during the past holiday vacation, graduate scholarship recipients, Julia Vadas in 2016 and Sarah Fuller in 2017, were both very positive about their graduate educational experience. Both are still committed to their original goals, Julia to social work and Sarah to international educational policy study.

However, their approach to achieving these goals is very different. Julia is now working for a Head Start Organization in Philadelphia, going into homes of very young children to insure their preparation for schooling; she works from the ground up. Sarah, committed to a top down study of international educational policy, will be in Venice this summer as an intern with UNESCO to study education in the Balkan countries for which her previous work in this area has prepared her.

I asked both to forward to us any of their writings in which they felt might be of interest and benefit to some or all of us. Julia has sent reports which you may download from this *Banter* report.

[Julia Vadas article on pg. 63.pdf](#)
[Penn-Research-Results key findings \(supplied by Julia Vadas\).pdf](#)

Carol Anderson, Graduate Scholarship Chair

BANTER – PAST ISSUES NOW ON WEB SITE

The membership voted to keep two years of the *Banter* on our web site. This will give site visitors an opportunity to read about the programs and interests of our Branch. On our site <https://york-pa.aauw.net/>, click on 'Newsletters' to see the current issue, and then click on the new 'Branch Banter Archives' link to see past issues (plus the current issue). Once the June 2018 issue is added, there will be a full two years on the archives page, and we then will continue to maintain two years by removing the oldest issue when the current issue is added.

Sue McMillan, Branch Banter Editor

BANTER DEADLINE

February 22 is the deadline for articles for the March *Banter*.

SUNSHINE

If you know of an AAUW member who deserves a card due to illness, death in family, or thinking of you, please notify Linda Rupert.

BOOK GROUP I

Wednesday, February 21 1:00 p.m. Home of/Regrets: Linda Collison
Books: *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline & *The Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende

BOOK GROUP II

Monday, February 19 1:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant Regrets: Gayle Brass
Book: *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard Led by Gayle Brass
Inclement weather: Call Perkins Restaurant to hear if meeting is cancelled.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick
February 20: *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. The story of the brilliant woman physicist whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow.
Book for March: *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

BRIDGE GROUP

Wednesday February 7 12:15 p.m. Hostess: Carol Anderson
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Bridge players and subs are welcome to join the group at any time. Lunch social in the hostess's home begins at 12:15 p.m. and the game at 1:00 p.m. Please join us for a fun afternoon. Call Lois Kulp for information.

FEMMES DU JOUR – APRIL 5

The Femmes will be traveling to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on Thursday, April 5, for the buffet and a matinee performance of *Show Boat*. We will leave the Galleria parking lot (**NEAR RED ROBIN and BOSCOV'S**) at 10:45 a.m. and arrive at the theatre for the 11:45 a.m. lunch buffet. The show begins at 1:15 p.m.

The twenty tickets I ordered are sold, but I have started a substitute list. Please contact Betty Hooker **immediately** if you are interested in being on the substitute list.

TRAVELS WITH THE HARRISBURG BRANCH

The Harrisburg Branch of AAUW is sponsoring two trips. The first is a bus trip to Font Hill Castle, the Moravian Tile Works and the Michener Museum on Saturday, March 3. **Reservations are due on Feb. 3.** The second trip, "Discovering Scotland," is organized by Collette. The Scotland trip is scheduled from October 14 through October 23, 2018. It covers most of Scotland and includes a day in Orkney. For more information, contact Barbara Warfel (Harrisburg).

GAME NIGHT

Sunday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Carol and Brad Little. We will be serving chili as the main course. Please contact Carol **by February 18** to let her know you would like to come, and what side dish you would like to bring.

LUNCH A MONTH – FEBRUARY

Lunch-a-Month will be at Victor's, 554 S. Ogontz St., on Thursday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m. Call Lois Conaway **by Monday, February 19**, to make your reservation.

LUNCH A MONTH – MARCH

Join us on March 22, 1:00 p.m., at the cozy Conewago Inn near Manchester. Please sign-up at the February or March Branch meetings, or let Martha Fleischer know **by March 18** if you plan to attend.

Thanks for your courtesy - if you cannot attend a lunch as planned, please let the hostess know so she can inform the restaurant.

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Vision Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Diversity Statement

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.