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**March 2021 – May 2021**

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of 108 South Jackson

Due to COVID-19, we kept the Woman's Club building closed through February 28, 2021. We are evaluating on a month-to-month basis so please check the website or Facebook pages above for the most current information. Depending on what is happening in March 2021, we may open the building or be forced to continue to keep it closed. All activities planned for March or beyond may need to be modified, postponed, or cancelled.

### Look At Us Shine!

Thanks to funds from the National Trust for Historic Preservation grant and the efforts of our Grounds Renewal Team, our new outdoor lighting adds beauty and safety to our grounds.



**C'MON SPRING!**



# Janesville Woman's Club

## A New And Temporary Change for the FP108SJ Super Fundraiser!

Due to so many unknowns this year, the Foundation for the Preservation of 108 South Jackson is taking our Super Fundraiser online.

Please join us during the week of **April 14th through the 17th** by registering at [biddingowl.com](http://biddingowl.com) to bid on a wide assortment of amazing auction items. We will have the selection of items that you have grown used to seeing at this great event along with our annual raffle. It is easy and fun to bid online. You can even register to be alerted if you are outbid so you can be sure to get that item you are hoping for!

This year the Foundation for the Preservation of 108 South Jackson seeks your support as much as ever. The super fundraiser funds our operating budget. Despite the fact that we have been unable to meet at the building, we still need to meet our fixed operating expenses.

If you are interested in donating a basket in the \$30-\$100 range or an individual item, please call/text **Ann Tearman** at 608-921-5314 to arrange drop off or pick up. Please remember that all donated items need to be new, unused items.

Members of the clubs that meet at the building should watch the mail for a formal invitation as well as email for updates from their Club President. We are also encouraging you to like our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/Foundation for the Preservation of 108 South Jackson](https://www.facebook.com/FoundationforthePreservationof108SouthJackson) and share this fun opportunity with your friends and family.

We look forward to seeing you again soon and are planning a **Grand Re-Opening** of the building with an outdoor garden party and flag dedication ceremony tentatively scheduled for **June**. Rest assured we will be back to enjoying lunch and camaraderie to support the beautiful historic building at 108 South Jackson again soon!

**When life gives you lemons ...**  
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## Bridge Club News for Spring 2021

Recently there has been a renewed interest in bridge by the members of the Woman's Club. Lessons began a few years ago, and informal games started on Monday nights. New classes started and attendance soared in 2019. In the summer when the Woman's Club was closed, weekly games popped up in private homes. Then COVID-19 happened. Since the spring of 2020, neither Sherry Bridge (1st Tuesdays of the month) nor Marathon Bridge (3rd Wednesdays of the month) has met. The Monday evening games and Thursday evening lessons were cancelled. But, despite the isolation and challenges we are still experiencing, there is some good news. We learned to use online conferencing software such as **Zoom** and **Google Hangouts**. We figured out how to use the conferencing buttons on our iPhones to add a caller and talk to more than one party at a time. And finally, a number of us has logged onto **Bridge Base** and established usernames and passwords. We figured out how to start a bridge table and invited our friends to play with us. We began to feel a little more normal when we made our contracts, and yes, even when we did not.

**We have scheduled games on most Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am-12pm and on Thursday nights from 6:30pm- 8:30pm and we'd like you to join us.** You need not learn any new conventions to play with each other, and no one else can kibitz or see your game.

Sign up with your bridge partner, grab a phone and a laptop/iPad/device and log onto **bridgebase.com** and telephone us. Or email us. Or text us. We are on call and now have enough experience to help you quickly and efficiently. We look forward to seeing you all again at the card tables soon!

### Your Bridge Club Co-Chairs

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## In The Winter Wonderland!

While the snow is beautiful to see, it can further reduce mobility for many of our members. The Sunshine Committee will send a card to remind our members they are in our thoughts and we hope they are doing well this winter. We want to help celebrate special occasions, offer support for those facing challenges, or share grief. Help us bring cheer and stay connected with our members.

A card in the mail is like a little present in the mailbox and a tangible reminder to someone they are not alone; we are thinking of them. Let's share virtual hugs while we can't meet in person and find ways to keep looking on the bright side. Add sunshine to someone's day. If you know someone who could use a pick-me-up or want to share in a celebration, please send an email to **Mary Seibert-Morin** at [msm4432@charter.net](mailto:msm4432@charter.net), call or send a text to 815-985-2865 with information about a celebration, an illness, or a loss, and a card will be in the mail. Help spread the sunshine!



Mary Seibert-Morin

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# Janesville Woman's Club

## JWCA Book Club March-May 2021 Selections

Hello ladies,

I hope all of you are safe through this pandemic. We hope to meet again and drink wine, eat some tasty food, and discuss books in person, but for the rest of the 20-21 season, we have decided to keep meeting remotely.

**March 24th at 6:30pm** will be a Zoom meeting. I will be filling in for Sharon Makaryk as some things have come up that will make it hard for her to be the hostess.

We will be reading *Defending Jacob* by award-winning author, **William Landay**. Landay has written the consummate novel of an embattled family in crisis - a suspenseful, character-driven mystery that is also a spellbinding tale of guilt, betrayal, and the terrifying speed at which our lives can spin out of control.

Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next: His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student.



Joan Heinze

**April 28th at 6:30pm** will also be a Zoom meeting. **Joan Heinze** is our hostess.

We will be reading *The House Of Dies Drear* by **Virginia Hamilton**. Joan chose this book to give the readers a different type of book to read. She thought it might inspire them to recommend this book to their children and grandchildren. It has mystery, buried treasure, murder, and family situations. A family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad in this Edgar Award-winning book from Hamilton.

The house held secrets, Thomas knew, even before he first saw it looming gray and massive on its ledge of rock. It had a century-old legend—two fugitive slaves had been killed by bounty hunters after leaving its passageways, and Dies Drear himself, the abolitionist who had made the house into a station on the Underground Railroad, had been murdered there. The ghosts of the three were said to walk its rooms.

**May 26th** was to be **Dinner and a Movie Night**. In order to err on the side of safety, we will not have this event. I hope we can meet again soon.

Stay safe.

Your Book Club Chair,  
**Tammy Boufford**



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## Woman's Club Community Service

Though the Janesville Woman's Club has yet to meet in person this year, our members have continued to support our community through service donations. Even though COVID-19 interfered with our meetings, we plan to continue this trend. Here's a quick look at what's ahead:

**March:** Easter basket items for ECHO

**April:** CASA

**May:** Caritas Diaper Bank

Our upcoming meeting evites will contain descriptions of what items are needed along with details about collection. Please make sure to click on the 'invitation' portion of each evite for more information. Philanthropy is part of our core mission. Whether we're together in person or not, we can continue doing this beneficial work.

## Woman's Club Community Service—More About CASA

Despite COVID-19 relegating our meetings to a drive-through affair or a Zoom gathering, the Janesville Woman's Club has continued to support various non-profit organizations within Rock County. **Project Linus**, discussed in a previous newsletter, received close to 50 homemade blankets from our members. The blankets were beautiful works of love, and the Project Linus Director was truly touched by our generosity.

Our April donation recipient will be CASA of Rock County. **CASA stands for Community Appointed Special Advocates.** CASA works in the Family Court System on behalf of abused and neglected children. Volunteers receive extensive training before being appointed by the court to a child or family of children. They subsequently become a consistent figure in the child's life and provide continuity for the child throughout the legal process. As a CASA volunteer, their input regarding the child's best interest is totally independent of any State Agency restrictions.

According to their website, "CASA of Rock County relied on 67 trained volunteers to represent 117 children in the Rock County child welfare system in 2020. These children range in age from birth to 18-years-old. All of these children depended on their CASA volunteer to make certain that their goals of safety and permanency will be achieved."

**CASA is in need of NEW items** both for the children/families they serve and for their office. These items include:

**Families:** grocery and gas station gift cards, interactive activities for children such as: books, art supplies, puzzles, games, and science kits.

**Office needs:** stamps, bottled water, copy paper, birthday/thank you/blank cards, and kitchen paper products.

The Janesville Woman's Club theme for 2020-2021 is "Courage, Community and Caring." Donating to CASA effortlessly fulfills all of these.



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# Janesville Woman's Club

## JWCA Programs

JWCA Members—As we continue to struggle with COVID-19 infections and restrictions in Rock County, the board of **Janesville Woman's Club** has decided to **postpone any further meeting programs to the 2021-2022 season**. Our goal is to offer the great schedule we had in place for next year, so no one will miss the opportunity to meet Mary the Service Dog in person, or sample G5's excellent beer, or learn about the amazing VetsRoll program. Thank you for your continued support of our outreach and club.

Sarah Haenel

## Inspiring Woman Nominees

**Inspiring Women** will always rise to the challenge of finding new ways to stay connected with our members and support our community. Although we don't meet in person right now, our members are still going "above and beyond" in their service and dedication to the Woman's Club and its philanthropic work in the community. They are being creative and innovative in maintaining awareness of community needs and communicating those needs to our members.

We will present two awards – for 2020 and 2021 – when we can share the excitement with both the recipients and our members in person.

Previous recipients:

2007	Mary Ann Harris	2014	Becky Wright
2008	Claudiadair Fitzgerald	2015	Ann Tearman
2009	Ann Roe	2016	Sheri Thomsen
2010	Karla Nitz	2017	Janis Reck
2011	Julie Richardson	2018	Tammy Boufford
2012	Karen Knoll	2019	Claudia Klein
2013	Mary Seibert-Morin	2020	???

Please submit your nomination to **Mary Seibert-Morin**, [mms4432@charter.net](mailto:mms4432@charter.net) using the information below. The **nominee and sponsor** must be current members of the Woman's Club, with the nominee a member for at least two years.

### Inspiring Woman Award Nomination Form

Club Year:  
 Nominee Name:  
 Nominee Years in Club:  
 Sponsor Name:  
 Sponsor Years in Club:  
 Reasons for nomination:

#### Nominee Requirements:

Must be a current member and have been a member at least two years.

# Janesville Art League

The Janesville Art League exists to preserve its history, the gallery, and permanent art collection as well as to share and encourage artistic creativity and appreciation of all forms of the visual arts. The Janesville Art League involves the community through art shows, exhibits, educational programs, scholarships, trips and fellowship.

## Janesville Art League President's Letter

Time has passed so quickly in some ways, and it has been a long year in other ways. JAL is adapting to the NEW way—Facebook, Zoom, texting. We are determined to connect with members and artists. Our focus includes ways for art to pop up in places that are open, seen by the public, or serving some part of our community. You will see that we have maintained our calendar of major art shows and are working with other groups around town. We appreciate any feedback you have for us—like what you have seen? Do you have an idea of a way we can support a project around town—with an event, with or for students, or would you like to be included in something together with us? Find us on Facebook or email us at [Janesvilleartleague@gmail.com](mailto:Janesvilleartleague@gmail.com). My thanks especially to the board members, directors, and members who have been doing things both up front and behind the scene: Arra Lasse, Allisen Cullum, Carol Herzig, Deb Perrino, Sue Cullen, Elaine Wood, Kurt Buggs, Deb Hall, Deanna Sorenson, Tim Maahs and RCHS staff and volunteers.



Julie Dieterle

## Think Spring!

Enjoy some pictures from JAL member Marsha Mood. Marsha also volunteers her time at Rotary Botanical Gardens and takes the most amazing photos!



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# Janesville Art League

## #heartart Holiday Tree Show

The #heartart Committee, comprised of Janesville Art League (JAL) members and Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) volunteers, invited the community to decorate heart-themed ornaments to express their gratitude and goodwill for the heroic work by our local medical frontline workers. The ornaments, displayed on the evergreen trees called "communitrees," were showcased at the **RCHS Holiday Tree Show**. A majestic 16 foot Fraser fir and several other smaller companion pine trees were erected for the #heartart "thank-you's." A lovely tree was decorated with heart-themed ornaments in the Lincoln-Tallman House solarium. Over 200 ornaments were hung from the boughs of these trees, beautifully lit, for visitors to enjoy. Pre-school children to retirees, including family members of frontline workers, designed and messaged their painted expressions of appreciation, hope, and love. Three small trees situated on the corner of the RCHS campus facing Mercyhealth Hospital were decorated with hearts and stars created by **Julie Dieterle**, thanking the city department heads, non-profit organizations, and local businesses who have supported the #heartart project. During the winter months, more decorated hearts and stars were added. The trees were decorated and lit until Valentine's Day as a show of support, understanding, and immense gratitude to those who give us all so much, everyday, as they report to work and save lives.



Committee members, left to right: Allisen Cullum, Elaine Wood, Arra Lasse, Barb Tapovatz, Carol Herzig, Deb Hall.  
Not pictured: Julie Dieterle, Sue Cullen, Deanna Sorenson, and Tim Maahs.

## #heartart Fund Raising To Say 'THANK YOU!'

In the fall of 2020, the #heartart Committee commissioned **Rebecca Davney Driscoll** to design a unique, one-of-a-kind heart card. The proceeds from the card sales became the seed money for a much larger fundraising drive begun after Christmas by the Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) and the Janesville Art League (JAL) which comprise the #heartart Committee. The #heartart Committee invited community members and businesses to join them in their fundraiser to thank the hospital workers at Mercyhealth Hospital & Trauma Center and SSM St. Mary's Hospital. The #heartart fundraising was given a boost when an **anonymous donor contributed a matching \$1000 donation** if the committee met its \$1000 goal. With that success, the thank-you gifts were delivered on **Monday, February 15th**. The #heartart Committee wishes to thank all of you who responded to the fundraiser with amazing generosity, support, enthusiasm, goodwill and love. Thank you.



Card Front



Card Back

## Janesville Art League Planets' Orbit At The Children's Museum Of Rock County's 'Rock The Solar System'

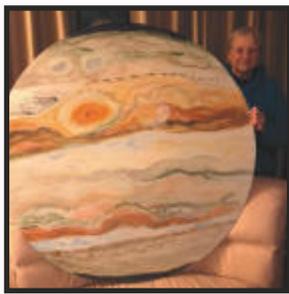
During the month of February, the **Children's Museum of Rock County (CMRC)** sponsored an exciting event with a variety of activities to celebrate and learn about our solar system. Titled **Rock the Solar System**, the event began with a **January 30<sup>th</sup>** Kick-Off at the SUN. The site is at the former location of the Town and Country restaurant. Also, on the 30<sup>th</sup>, the event signaled the beginning of one of the major Rock the Solar System events called **Rock the Solar System Scavenger Hunt**. The Janesville Art League became involved when the CMRC invited member artists to create and paint the planets for the Hunt. For two weeks, the participating "space explorers" were asked to take selfies with the planets and their map of the solar system to the scale of Rock County and post their photos on Facebook. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, a drawing capped off the Scavenger Hunt with a solar system drawing. The top ten finishers won prizes! Four JAL artists imagined and created the planets in our solar system. **Nancy McKinnon** employed a pouring technique to mirror the likes of Mars, Venus, and Mercury. **Carol Herzig** explored the depths of Saturn's impressive rings and the atmosphere of the icy blue planet, Neptune. **Deb Perrino** captured the colors of Pluto, and another icy planet, Uranus. The planet, Jupiter, was replicated by **Julie Dieterle**. The two children of CMRC co-president and secretary, **Claire Gray**, helped Julie by painting several of Jupiter's moons. **Julie** also painted our own planet, Earth, and our moon with its moody and shaded atmosphere. Because the sun went missing, the CMRC asked JAL to replace it. Carol Herzig and her granddaughter painted a blazing hot sun in its place.

A special highlight of the Rock the Solar System's event occurred on February 13<sup>th</sup> when teacher and JAL member, **Nancy McKinnon**, taught and demonstrated via Zoom, a pouring class for children ages 8 to 12. Nancy's engaging presentation encouraged experimentation using a pouring technique and each child created his or her very own unique planet.

The planets remained in their orbits until February 27<sup>th</sup>, when the CMRC celebrated its closing day at the SUN location. Hopefully, you had a chance to experience them and take a selfie!



Julie Dieterle with Earth shown at the Rock County Historical Society (RCHS)



Julie Dieterle with Jupiter shown at the Children's Museum of Rock County (CMRC) in the mall



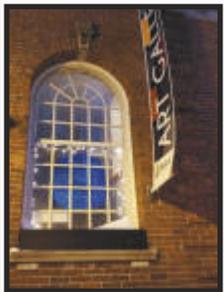
Julie Dieterle with the Moon shown at Rock County Historical Society (RCHS)



Deb Perrino with Pluto shown at Rock'n Rollz in Evansville (Uranus is also in the picture but later placed at the Milton YMCA)



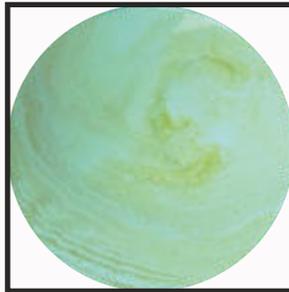
Deb Perrino's sculpture of Uranus shown at the Milton YMCA



Carol Herzig's sculpture of Neptune shown at the Beloit Art Center



Carol Herzig with Saturn shown at K&W Greenery



Nancy McKinnon's sculpture of Venus shown at River's Edge Bowl



Nancy McKinnon's sculpture of Mars shown at Janesville Performing Arts Center (JPAC)



Claire Gray's two children in front of the Children's Museum of Rock County (CMRC)

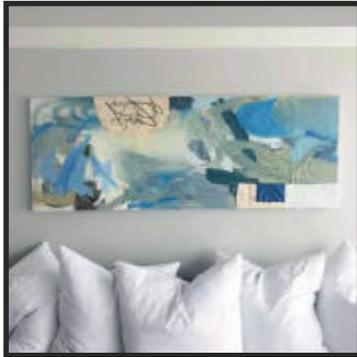
# Janesville Art League

## The Janesville, WI Regional Art Program (WRAP) Workshop Will Happen!

The Janesville Art League and L'Atelier Studio will host the Janesville WRAP Virtual Workshop on **Saturday, April 10, 2021**. We invite all area artists to participate in a judged show and workshop and join us for a day of sharing and learning. We have shortened our workshop session to a half-day. It will start at **8:45am** with a short get-together of conversation and officially begin at 9:00am and will continue until 11:30am. **Nancy McKinnon** will start the morning with a **pouring demonstration** to create her unique paintings, and **Marko Pechnik** will judge, and critique the first place and honorable mention entries. **Entry forms are due by March 12, 2021**. For registration information please use the Association of Wisconsin Artists (AWA), website at: [wiscartists.org](http://wiscartists.org). Participants can register online or fill out paper entry forms. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, the committee decided to hold the event as a virtual Zoom workshop. If you have questions please contact **Arra Lasse** at [arralasse@gmail.com](mailto:arralasse@gmail.com).



Marko Pechnik-Judge



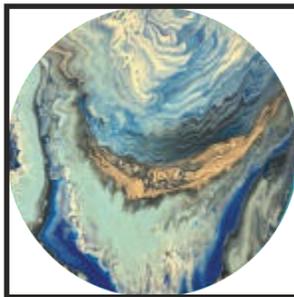
Marko Pechnik's Artwork



Marko Pechnik's Artwork, 'Episodic Memory'



Nancy McKinnon



Nancy McKinnon's  
'Mercury' shown at  
the YMCA



Nancy McKinnon's Galaxy  
Artwork, 'Swirls'



Nancy McKinnon's  
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## President's Message

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! It sounds like a line from a children's book, but it's not! It is an AAUW reality that has brought us positive changes (as well as a few minor headaches now and again). Engagement in our book discussion group has increased, and several members who were not able to join us for evening in-person branch meetings have been with us on Zoom meetings. We are delighted that we have been able to reconnect with them and meet their needs! Perhaps one of the most dramatic benefits of Zoom was experienced at our January branch meeting. Over 15 guests from the Diversity Action Team, other AAUW branches, and the community joined us to watch the **Holding Space: How to start and continue conversations on race, equity, and inclusion** Webinar and join in small group discussions called 'breakout rooms' in Zoom.

Despite the limitations of the pandemic, AAUW Janesville continues to focus on the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.



Carole Salinas



Nancy Arnold

Carole Salinas and Nancy Arnold, AAUW Co-Presidents

## AAUW Announces Spring Programs

**March Program: Rewards and Challenges of Women in Today's Working World** is the focus of the **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** meeting with a panel consisting of **Angie Bolton**, President/CEO of YMCA of North Rock County; **Alicia Reid**, owner of Raven's Wish; and **Pamela Saladino**, LPGA Golf Pro. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about the unique experiences of today's working women in our community. This meeting will kick off our spring membership drive. If someone decides to join AAUW within 30 days of the meeting, they will qualify for the "Shape the Future" discount on national, state and local dues.

**April Program:** The **Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** meeting will focus on **Impact of the Pandemic** presented by **Nick Zupan**, an epidemiologist with the Rock County Public Health Department. Get the most up-to-date news on the pandemic and have your questions answered.

**May Program:** It is too early to know what will happen by **May 25<sup>th</sup>**; we'll keep our plans open for now. But regardless of how we meet, it will be an exciting time to celebrate education when we introduce our **2021 AAUW scholarship recipients and install our new officers**.

AAUW's programs are free and open to the public. **Programs begin at 7:00pm.** To request a Zoom invite, contact Carole at [csalinas3767@gmail.com](mailto:csalinas3767@gmail.com).

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## AAUW Scholarships

Scholarships are an important part of our work. Scholarships can help women create opportunities for meaningful careers and financial security. The Janesville Branch is proud to offer several scholarships to area students each year. We successfully raised enough money this past fall to award four \$1,000 scholarships in the spring. **High School Scholarships:** Available to high school seniors in Janesville, Edgerton, and Milton; contact the high school counselor for scholarship applications. **Project Renew Scholarships** are available to area women over the age of 25 who are resuming their education after being interrupted due to financial hardship or family responsibilities. Applications are available at Blackhawk Technical College, UW-Rock County, and UW-Whitewater. Or download an application from the AAUW-Janesville website (under **Scholarship tab**). Send completed application form by **April 1, 2021** to AAUW – Janesville Branch, PO Box 8033, Janesville, WI 53547-8033. For more information contact [AAUWJanesville@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWJanesville@gmail.com).

## Welcome Carol Herzig!

It seems like **Carol Herzig** is a long-time resident of Janesville. She graduated from Parker High School in 1972 and received a BA in Graphic Design from UW-Whitewater in 2003. You may be wondering, “What took so long?” She and her husband have two sons, Nathan and Daniel, and she chose to stay home with them for a few years. When they went off to college, Carol set about to earn her degree. She has had a variety of jobs over the years. Most recently she was a Graphic Designer for Rock Valley Publishing and Head Docent – Volunteer Coordinator at the Rock County Historical Society. She retired in 2013. Carol enjoys all kinds of art, gardening, traveling with her husband, being active in politics, and reading. She is especially happy entertaining for the holidays and spending time with her two grandchildren. She keeps busy using her graphic design skills to create the League of Women Voters monthly newsletter and the quarterly Green-Rock Audubon newsletter. In the fall, she made the decision to join her many AAUW friends as a member of our branch. Carol is looking forward to making connections with like-minded women, working to make a difference in our community, and continuing to learn.



Carol Herzig

## AAUW Book Discussion

With spring approaching, we are looking forward to reading and discussing three best sellers. Our lively book discussions are held at **7:00pm via Zoom**. We hope that everyone will read along with us.

**March 16, 2021: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.** “A deeply funny and warm examination of how individual experiences can bring a random group of people together. Backman reveals each character’s many imperfections with tremendous empathy, reminding us that people are always more than the sum of their flaws.” —BookPage

**April 20, 2021: *American Dirt* by Jeanne Cummins.** “American Dirt is an extraordinary piece of work, a perfect balancing act with terror on one side and love on the other. I defy anyone to read the first seven pages of this book and not finish it. The prose is immaculate, and the story never lets up. This book will be an important voice in the discussion about immigration and los migrantes; it certainly puts the lie to the idea that we are being besieged by ‘bad hombres.’ On a micro scale—the story scale, where I like to live—it’s one hell of a novel about a good woman on the run with her beautiful boy. It’s marvelous.” —Stephen King

**May 18, 2021: *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd.** “A testament to the author’s talent for creating both compelling characters and intriguing story lines . . . Historical details of daily life in the Roman Empire, strong female characters, and richly imagined glimpses into the philosophical communities and libraries in Egypt . . . make this an excellent book club choice . . . Don’t shy away from this historical fiction page-turner thinking that it falls into the inspirational genre. The intensity, bravery, and strength of character of Ana . . . will inspire readers but in a different way: to live authentically and remain true to oneself.” —Library Journal

If you are not a member of the AAUW book group but would like to receive the Zoom link to any of these meetings, contact **Ann Petersen** at [apetersen608@gmail.com](mailto:apetersen608@gmail.com).

## AAUW Seeks New Members

AAUW has been active in Janesville since 1923. We welcome new members who would like to get involved in improving the lives of women and girls in our community. Graduates of either two-year or four-year institutions of higher learning are eligible. Guests are always welcome at our branch meetings. For more information, contact **Leslie Brunsell** at [lbrunsell@aol.com](mailto:lbrunsell@aol.com) or 608-201-2100.

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

**AAUW’s Mission:** Advancing equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

For membership information contact: **Leslie Brunsell** at 608-201-2100 or **Carole Salinas** at 608-201-1790



## A Few Words From MacDowell Music Club President Kathy Hudziak

Our abbreviated schedule is finally fast approaching! It's rewarding to know that what we have planned is now close at hand. We would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to our fall fundraiser; your donations help to make the club's events, such as the Ancora String Quartet and Justin Sundlin's virtual concert, possible.

We have extended the **deadline for the Achievement Scholarship applications to February 15, 2021**. All the information, including creating virtual auditions, can be found on our website. The **WFMC music festival will take place March 5-14, 2021**. The virtual auditions etc. have been arranged by chair **Robyn Doege-Brennan**.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. As a 'Thank You,' text 608-322-8886 and type 'SPRING2021.' Also give us your name and phone number (only to be used to contact you if you win!). Text before midnight on **Sunday, March 14, 2021** and you will be entered in a drawing for a **free Individual Annual Membership to the Rotary Botanical Gardens (RBG)**, a \$40 value. Drawing will be held on **Monday, March 15, 2021**. Don't text? Call 608-322-8886 and leave your information in a message. Anyone 18 or older is eligible to enter, but only one entry per person please. Congratulations to **Becky Wright** for winning the free annual RBG membership (Sept-Nov 2020 issue) and **Ann Perry** for winning the 4 free RBG Holiday Light Show tickets (Dec-Feb 2021 issue). **Don't miss the annual RBG Spring Plant Sale on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 30, May 1, and May 2, 2021**. There is also a sale for RBG Members Only on Thursday, April 29, 2021. Support our other local non-profits—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



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# MacDowell Music Club

## Let's Step Outside To Enjoy the Ancora String Quartet (ASQ)

For just a few minutes, let's transport ourselves to a beautiful spring afternoon—**May 8, 2021, 1:30pm**, to be specific (please note the corrected time change from an earlier newsletter). We are seated in the **Janesville Courthouse amphitheater** enjoying the warm sunshine. As we look around, we note the expression of anticipation on the faces around us. They are anxiously awaiting the genius of the composers of the music to be played, and the extraordinary talents of the four players. I am referring, of course, to the members of the **Ancora String Quartet**, who have delighted us on several programs. Please read briefly about the ASQ's members, and mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this, our only live program this season. The ASQ is delighted with the new venue, and has agreed to perform on **May 9, 2021 at 1:30pm if the 8<sup>th</sup> has inclement weather**.

The ASQ members are:

**Wes Luke** is a violinist and educator who performs and teaches across the upper Midwest. He currently serves as the Concertmaster of the LaCrosse WI Symphony Orchestra, the Principle Second Violinist of the Dubuque IA Symphony Orchestra, and a section violinist in the Madison WI Symphony Orchestra.

**Robin Ryan** is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra. Robin, originally from Massachusetts, studied violin at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with Eric Rosenblith and Marylou Speaker Churchill.

**Marika Fischer Hoyt** maintains a demanding concert schedule on modern and baroque viola. On modern viola, she is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and the Ancora String Quartet and serves as contractor and principal violist of the Sinfonia Sacra of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra.

**Benjamin Whitcomb** is a Professor of Cello and Music Theory at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where he has received awards for his teaching, research, and service. An active recitalist and chamber musician, he performs more than thirty concerts a year around the country and overseas. He is a member of the Ancora String Quartet and the UW-Whitewater Piano Trio.



Ancora String Quartet

## A Fanfare For One Of Our Own



Justin Sundlin

Those of you who visit **Knapton Musik Knotes** are no doubt familiar with the name, **Justin Sundlin**, one of their very fine guitar teachers. Since he has graciously agreed to present a program for the MacDowell Music Club this season, I thought we might like to learn a little about his musical career. Most of this article will be in Justin's eloquently composed text.

Though born in Florida, Justin has spent most of his life in the Milton/Janesville area. He was educated in the Milton school system, and graduated from UW-Oshkosh in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in classical guitar performance. His grandfather initially inspired him to start learning the guitar. Most of his private guitar lessons prior to college were taught by **Brad Lutton** of Knapton Musik Knotes. In college, they were taught by **Matthew Miller** at UW-Oshkosh.

Though classically trained, Justin enjoys exploring numerous playing styles. He primarily focuses on western art music (Medieval Era through 21<sup>st</sup> century) and the various subgenres of rock/metal, but he prides himself in being an eclectic and exploring as much music as he can. He has had fun playing with country bands, performing in musical pits, working with electronics, etc. Other favorite performance venues include Van's Warped Tour, Summerfest, and Brat Fest with various rock and metal bands that he has been a part

of in the past. He has also enjoyed playing in concert halls at UW-Oshkosh, bars with live music (like the Back Bar in Janesville), and anywhere music can/should take place. The demographics of Justin's students at Knapton Musik Knotes vary wildly. He teaches students of all ages, education levels, cultural backgrounds, genres, etc. Some of them take music lessons with hopes of performing, composing, and recording at a professional level. Others greatly appreciate music and use lessons as a fun hobby to enrich their lives.

All of his students come to lessons with different goals in mind, so he enjoys helping them as they discover what music means to them and what value music can provide for their lives. When asked what guitarists he enjoys viewing and listening to, Justin responded that his favorite classical guitarist to watch at the moment would probably be David Russell, who always has amazing tone and phrasing regardless of the composition he is playing. In terms of electric guitar, he always enjoys watching Tosin Abasi of the metal band, Animals as Leaders. He tends to appreciate innovation, eclecticism, and passion in most of the performers he likes, which Abasi certainly excels at.

As mentioned in previous articles, **Justin will record and make available his performance at an April date to be determined**. It sounds like the concert will be live streamed through Facebook on the MacDowell Facebook page, but more specific information will be available as soon as possible. Thank you, Justin, for helping us prepare for what promises to be an exciting musical event. Don't you all wish it was happening tomorrow?



## Daughters of the American Revolution

### Outstanding Veteran Volunteer

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are known for their revolutionary patriots, but they also recognize and honor today's veterans through annual awards. Our Janesville chapter was pleased to nominate **Mr. Richard Fry** as our Outstanding Veteran Volunteer for his tireless work in designing, raising funds of approximately \$600,000, and overseeing the construction of the Milton Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Pavilion. These projects were undertaken by Mr. Fry to make sure that all veterans were not only honored but also provided with a place of relaxation for their families and fellowship with other veterans.

Milton Veterans Memorial



Milton Veterans Pavilion



**Mr. Fry** served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict where he was wounded and then thought to be beyond saving and left to die. By chance, he was found but spent many years in hospitals fighting to recover. He received the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal for displaying great courage and determination. Without knowing that he suffered from PTSD for many years, he finally received help and now tries to work with other veterans in helping them to deal with PTSD issues.

Recognizing the need to advance veterans' issues, **Mr. Fry** served on former Congressman **Paul Ryan's** Veterans Advisory Board from 2011-2016 and Congressman **Bryan Steil's** Veterans Advisory Board 2017 to present to bring these issues directly to government officials. He has also served on the Rock County Veterans Advisory Board, whose mission is to advocate for and aid all veterans, dependents, and survivors to ensure that all available and appropriate benefits are extended to those entitled.

The Chapter nomination was forwarded to the Wisconsin Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for consideration by state judges. **Notification was just received that Mr. Fry has been selected as the top Wisconsin Outstanding Veteran Volunteer.** His application will now be forwarded to the National Society for further judging. Whether or not Mr. Fry's application is selected nationally, our Chapter and State Wisconsin Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution are honored to recognize Mr. Richard Fry as our American Outstanding Veterans Volunteer.

Written by Pat Cameron, Janesville Chapter of the WSDAR

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# Foundation News

## FP108SJ Clean-Up

Help us keep our grounds looking beautiful! Join us **Saturday, May 1, 2021** (rain day Saturday, May 8, 2021) from **9:00am – 11:00am** for our annual Spring Grounds Clean-Up. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn volunteer hours. Stay for a short time or stay the entire time. **Bring shovels, rakes, trimmers/clippers, large lawn and leaf paper bags....** many hands make light work! See you there!



## Thank You Front Line Workers!

Did you make it to Rock County Historical Society Holiday Tree Show? If so, perhaps you noticed heart ornaments representing FP108SJ, AAUW, DAR, JAL, JWCA, and MacDowell on the "Communitree." The tree was part of the on-going collaboration between **RCHS** and **Janesville Art League #heartArt project** in support of our front-line workers. Continue reading for more information regarding this project in the Janesville Art League section.



Tatum Richardson



Thank you to **Julie Richardson** and her daughter, **Tatum**, for making the heart ornaments. Note: JAL members made many ornaments, and MacDowell members also made an ornament to represent their club.