

THE BRANCH LINE

DENTON BRANCH AAUW

March 2 Meeting

Karla K. Morton, the 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate, is our March speaker.

According to the [author's website](#), Morton is the author of the book / CD *Wee Cowrin Timorous Beastie*, which "blends poetry, story, and the original Celtic music of award-winning Canadian composer Howard Baer." This book was a finalist in the North Texas Book Festival Awards.

Another collection of Morton's poetry,



Redefining Beauty, recounts her "journey through cancer diagnosis, treatment, and recovery."

A resident of Denton, Morton is a board member of the

Greater Denton Arts Council and a founding member of the Denton Poet's Assembly, a part of the Poetry Society of Texas. She holds a degree in Journalism from Texas A&M.

Our **March door prizes** will be those intended for our cancelled February meeting: *Queen Hereafter: A Novel of Margaret of Scotland*, by Susan Fraser King, and *Clara and Mr. Tiffany: A Novel*, by Susan Vreeland.

March Menu

- Grilled salmon with roasted red peppers and roasted chicken
- Roasted potatoes and carrots
- Spring salad with choice of dressings
- Parker House rolls with butter
- Sherbet served in wine glass
- Tea, coffee

President's Corner

March is **Women's History Month** and March 8 is **International Women's Day**, which has been observed for 100 years.

The [United Nations Commission on the Status of Women](#) opens the 55th United Nations Commission on the

Status of Women in New York from February 22-March 4, 2011.

Representatives from [Member States](#), United Nation entities, and [ECOSOC](#) accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world will attend the

session.

There will be a number of [activities](#), including interactive dialogues and panels, during the two-week [session](#). Celebrate the accomplishments of the women in your life.

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Expanding Your Horizons



EYH 2011 was a great success. Nearly two hundred students participated, along with twenty-five presenters and numerous volunteers. Each student was able to choose three sessions from the fourteen offered.

The **Denton ISD ESL**

program was honored with \$200.00 for having the most students in attendance. Drawings were also held for the 2 \$300.00 scholarships for teacher development. **Navo Middle School** and **McMath Middle School** were the winners.

Every girl's name was entered into a drawing and 31 girls went home with either a flash drive

or a calculator.

A special thanks to all of the volunteers who made this event a success.

The EYH evaluation meeting will be Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 at Sarah McIntire's home.



Interbranch Council to Meet in Greenville

All AAUW members will vote this year, whether they attend the convention or not. See your latest *Outlook for proposals*.

The **March 19th meeting** of Interbranch Council will be held in Greenville at **Mary of Puddin' Hill**.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 for the meal and a beverage. Directions are available at www.puddinhill.com.

Our speaker will be **Jackie Littleton**, who will bring information about issues to be discussed and voted on at the national convention in June.

Please make plans to attend.

Interbranch Council is also planning a luncheon in October to

celebrate the 130th anniversary of AAUW. The event will be held in Dallas and will include a reading of a play about AAUW in 1881. Watch for more details in the months ahead.

Denton Branch will host Interbranch Council in March, 2012.

Author to Speak at Lewisville Library

New York Times best-selling author **Susan Wittig Albert** will appear at Lewisville Public Library on Sunday, May 1, at 2:00. Ms. Albert will share stories about her writing, answer questions, and sign books during her library appearance.

Ms. Albert's works include several best-selling mystery series, including the China Bayles mysteries and

the Robin Paige Victorian/Edwardian mysteries, written in partnership with her husband Bill Albert.

Non-fiction works include *Work of Her Own*, a study of women who left their careers, and *Writing From Life: Telling Your Soul's Story*, a guidebook for women memoirists. That book led to the founding of the Story Circle Network in 1997.

She has edited two anthologies for the Story Circle Network: *With Courage and Common Sense* (2004) and *What Wildness Is This: Women Write about the Southwest* (2007).

Ms. Albert is currently working on a collection of essays called *Unfinished Places*.



Action-Packed Convention

The AAUW Convention in Washington, D. C., June 16-19, will be action-packed.

In addition to **Lobby Day** on Capitol Hill, attendees will enjoy the opportunity to tour the

[Women's Suffrage Newseum](#), as well as experience the [Women at the National Portrait Gallery](#) tour.

Another exciting option is [Evening at the Embassy](#), an evening reception at the South

African Embassy, where members can mingle with guest ambassadors and learn more about South Africa.

Make plans now to attend the convention!

Celebrate Women's History month by checking out the [National Women's History Project](#).

Texas Storytelling Festival

The **26th annual Texas Storytelling Festival** will be held in Denton March 10-13 at the Denton Civic Center.

The four Featured Tellers will be Jeannine Pasini Beekman of Louisiana, Joe Stailey of Texas, Donald Davis of

North Carolina, and Lyn Ford of Ohio. A number of story telling concerts will be held, including two evening concerts where all four Featured Tellers will perform. Other concerts include The Rising Star Concert, the Be-

lieve It Or Not! Concert, and the Sacred Tales Concert.

Find more information at <http://www.tejasstorytelling.com/festival/index.html>



Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

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AAUW Convention in Washington, D. C.

Registration for the AAUW national convention in Washington, D. C., June 16-19, is now open.

On June 16, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., four prominent women in the Obama Administration will join AAUW members for dinner and to speak about their work toward equity for women and girls.

They are Tina M Tchen, Chief of Staff for First Lady Michelle Obama; Sara Manzano-Diaz, Director of the Women's Bureau, U. S.

Department of Labor; Jocelyn Samuels, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Justice; and Russlynn H.

Ali, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Education.

Make plans now to join these powerful women at the AAUW convention.



Tina M
Tchen