

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Kathy Neff, President**

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Yesterday we had our meeting at the Muskegon Museum of Art and looked at the newest exhibit that is on display. If you were not able to attend, try to take some time to see it. All of the artists are women, but they all have very significantly individual artwork.

We still need to plan some type of fundraising this year so if you have some suggestions please let us know.

Please make your reservation for the Author's Luncheon with Margaret Willey on October 11 and send your check to Ellie by Friday, October 5. The author will have some of her books for sale at the luncheon and will sign them for you so bring your money or checkbook. See you there.

If you need a ride to the luncheon you may call Merle Scolnik or me and we will be glad to pick you up.



**Happy Halloween**

## OCTOBER 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, October 8**                      **2:00 p.m.**  
Books One @ Harriet Vandonkelaar's House    Book: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

**Thursday, October 11**                **11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
General Meeting: Author's Luncheon with Margaret Willey  
*Author, Adolescent Advocacy and Authenticity*

**Thursday, October 18**                **11:00 a.m.**  
Books Too @ Donna Lachniet's House    Book: *Music and Silence*    Reviewer: Marge Winter

**Friday, October 26**                    **5:00 p.m.**  
Deadline for submission of articles for the November Courier to [collethome@cs.com](mailto:collethome@cs.com)

## AAUW MUSKEGON-NORTH OTTAWA BRANCH PROGRAMS

**Ellie Williams, Vice-President, Programs**  
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Last year we planned an **Author's Luncheon** to especially appeal to our members in the two AAUW book groups. The response was so positive that we have scheduled a similar event with an opportunity to enter the world of a successful published author. We hope you have put this outstanding gathering on your calendar. **Guests are always welcome!**

**Thursday, October 11**

**11:30 AM– 1:30 PM**

**Author's Luncheon w/ Margaret Willey**      **Muskegon Country Club, 2810 Lakeshore Dr.**

**Program:** *Author, Adolescent Advocacy, and Authenticity*

**Menu:** Canadian Whitefish Piccata or Garden Chicken Boursin Linguini with Mini Cheesecake    **Cost: \$20.00**    Place your reservations with menu choice before Friday, October 5

Contact Ellie Williams [ekwilliams1@charter.net](mailto:ekwilliams1@charter.net) or call (616) 296-0719

Make your check payable to AAUW Muskegon-North Ottawa

Prior to the luncheon, send to: E.K.Williams, 157 Stone Gate Ct., Spring Lake 49456

Margaret Willey writes in a recent e-mail. . .

*"In the 90's I gave many talks to girls and their parents about the challenges young girls face in our culture. But I have not really been doing that since I started focusing more on picture books and fairy tales. What I could talk about would be the ways I am incorporating what I learned from my years of focusing on female adolescents, and how this informs the writing I am doing this year (a new novel). So I would be more specifically addressing the challenge of "authoring" an authentic modern teenager than the task of public advocacy."*

From the author's web site: <http://www.margaretwilley.com/bio.htm>

On Writing for Teenagers... *"Writing about teenagers requires a kind of immersion into a completely different and long-past phase of life—a different emotional focus, a different physical reality, different fears and hunger and concerns. And it's just so essential that the characters be real and alive to the reader—for who can sniff out a false preachy perspective better than a literate teenager?"*

### SAVE THESE DATES

*Join with other AAUW members to support and attend this important benefit event together. All proceeds go 100% for Cancer Research.*

**Wednesday, November 7**

**5:00 & 7:00 PM**

**Tempting Tables** Patron Preview \*/Free Cancer Seminar      Maranatha Conference Center

A Benefit for University of Michigan's Comprehensive Cancer Center

Free Cancer Seminar Lecture by Dr. Sofia Merajver

Enjoy touring many Elaborate Table Settings and Fascinating Collections

\* You will need to purchase a Patron Ticket on your own for \$50

Patron Tea, Wednesday, November 7, 1:00–3:00 pm

Patron Preview Party, Wednesday, November 7, 4:30–7:00 PM (Tasty!)

Public Tours: Thursday – Sunday, Ticket \$15

**Tuesday, December 11**

**12:00 Noon – 2:30PM**

*Start exploring your grandmother's era cookbooks for your holiday luncheon dish or dessert.*

Depression Era Holiday Potluck Luncheon

Muskegon County Museum

**Tour of THE SCOLNIK HOUSE - A Historic House of the Depression Era**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Merle Scolnik, Vice-President, Membership**  
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We have no new members this month but we had a visitor to our book club who was in books quite a few years ago and is thinking of joining again. I hope Kathy will continue to join us and become a member once again. I will let you know next month what is happening!

We have a wonderful program next month, especially for the members of both book clubs. It will take place at the Country Club with Margaret Willey, author of children and adult books, talking to us. If any of you would like a ride, I will be happy to pick you up. The meeting is a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Please call me (Merle) at 798-2828 if you need a ride. I have room for 4. Have a nice October.



October 2007 COURIER

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**AAUW MUSKEGON-NORTH OTTAWA BRANCH  
AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON WITH MARGARET WILLEY**



*Author, Adolescent Advocacy and Authenticity*  
at the Muskegon Country Club

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