



The Berkeley Branch News

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AAUW Berkeley Branch Membership Tea

Saturday – September 29, 2012

You are cordially invited to the home of Sarah Miyazaki at 1:30 pm to enjoy tea, refreshments, and to meet new members and guests as we begin our 2012-2013 program year. Her home is at 596 Santa Barbara, Berkeley.

We will also hear from author Susan Austin on her new book "Bamboo Garden" which takes place in 1920 Berkeley. More about Susan and her book on page 2.

Please let us know you are coming. Contact us at 510-528-3283 or AAUWBerkeley@gmail.com



Garage Sale -De-Clutter Time-

Do you have boxes in the closet, stuff out in the garage or in the basement or even the attic? This is your chance to rid yourself of the clutter and help AAUW Berkeley send area middle school girls to Tech Trek, AAUW-California's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics summer camp. It costs about \$900 to send each girl to the one week residence camps. We would like to send 3 this year.

Bring your treasures to Erika's driveway at 1712 Marin Ave and leave them either on the porch prior to Saturday or by 8:30 a.m. (or as soon as you can) on Saturday, September 8th. The Sale will open at 10:00 a.m. and go to 3:00 p.m. In addition, our new member, Chris Byrne, will be selling her award-winning jewelry. A Garage Sale flyer is included with this newsletter that you can share with friends.

If you can volunteer your time and/or have questions, please call either Phyllis Gale at 510-548-0591 or p2gale@gmail.com OR Sarah Miyazaki at 510-524-1416 or sakm@nothingbutnet.net

The Bamboo Garden

NEW BOOK FOR KIDS TACKLES UNTOLD STORY
Japanese-American Prejudice in Berkeley 1920s

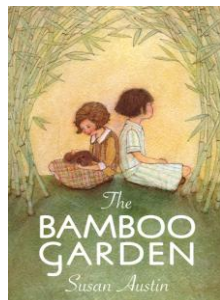


The Bamboo Garden, written for children nine and up, touches upon two fascinating Berkeley stories. First, there is that unusual summer of 1923—no fog, no rain, and no cool bay breezes. On September 17, 1923 a wind-fed fire sweeps down the Berkeley hills destroying nearly

600 homes in two hours, threatening to reduce the town to ashes. Second is the prejudice towards Japanese Americans during the Twenties. Bring up this topic today and most people want to talk about the WWII internment. Few are familiar with the restrictive housing ordinances and land laws specifically targeting Japanese American families more than twenty years prior.

It is no surprise that Susan Austin has crafted such a book. With advanced degrees in social studies and multicultural education she writes with insight and authority. Although children are her primary audience, teachers and parents will appreciate a book tied to important social issues that also tells a gripping story filled with excitement and compelling characters like Tori Takahashi and Polly Griffin.

--Excerpted in part from Susan Austin's press release



Dates to Calendar 2012-2013

We have planned a full year of events. Please mark your calendars so you can join with like minded women for fun, friendship, and activism.

Sept 8	Garage Sale (see page 1)
Sept 29	Tea with Susan Austin (see page 1)
Oct 20	Pros and Cons for November Election issues
Dec 8	Holiday luncheon with AAUW fellows and annual jewelry sale
Feb 23	Mystery writers' panel by Sister's in Crime.
April	Proposed panel on harassment /bullying in middle school—for parents and teachers based on recent AAUW research publication, <i>Crossing the Line</i> .
June	Election of Officers and potluck luncheon



It's My Vote I Will Be Heard is AAUW Action Fund's nonpartisan campaign to educate and mobilize young women of the millennial generation for the 2012 elections

The Berkeley Branch and the League of Women Voters Berkeley Albany Emeryville (LWVBAE) partnered on a Voter Registration event August 23rd and 24th. Our table was on the sidewalk in front of the YWCA on Bancroft. We registered 90 people; at least 50 of them young women. We handed out cards with on our My Vote 2012 web page so they can look up their registration on line after it has been entered in by Alameda County. Look at our My Vote 2012 website (<http://berkeley-ca.aauw.net/myvote2012/>) We plan to partner with LWVBAE in other registration events before the election.

President's prose:

Fall is in the air. Time to focus on our mission. Equity is still an issue for women and girls. Our new members are helping us already. New college graduates Victoria Vietch and Anita Botello-Santoya participated in the planning meeting in August. Chris Byrne has generously donated to the Tech Trek fund through the sale of her jewelry. Nancy Bickel and Phyllis Gale, blending their work as League of Women Voters and AAUW members, have signed up new voters in front of the YWCA Berkeley/Oakland with plans to do more of the same. Our new Tech Trek coordinator is Victoria.

I hope you are energized hearing these examples and will invite some others to join us.

---Sarah Miyazaki, President

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10 am – 3 pm

1712 Marin Ave

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