





## *SCB Supported Women with an Art Perspective*

On Friday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council in cooperation with the AAUW Sussex County Branch hosted the opening reception of an Arts Council gallery exhibit, *From a Woman's Perspective*, seeing the world through the eyes and soul of a woman. Twenty-six artists submitted works illustrating their interpretation of the theme. Those in attendance were entertained by Harmony in Motion, a Women's a Capella chorus, funded in part by the NJ State Council for the Arts, administered by SCA&HC. At the invitation of Executive Director Mary Jo Mathias, the AAUW Branch enthusiastically joined the arts council team to present the exhibit. Among the artists were two

AAUW members, Linda Adams and Carol Holmelund. AAUW has been a presence in Sussex County since 1947 and this was the first time they officially co-sponsored a gallery show. It was a natural fit since they actively support the education of women and girls in the arts as well as science, technology, engineering and math. Branch President Michele Guttenberger was especially pleased to be a gallery partner with an official county agency that is connected with NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State and a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. - See more at: the [Sparta Independent News](#)

Visit Linda Adams' [Photo Presentation](#) of this event. Thank you Mary Rapuano & Marg Anderson for connecting us to SCA&HC.



## *SCB Digs STEM Education at the Sterling Hill Mining Museum in Ogdensburg*

Our guide William Kroth (President & CEO) of the Sterling Hill Mining Museum and educational center, provided twenty attendees an excellent presentation of the STEM education work they are doing.

The museum offers such exciting hands-on introduction to geology and mineralogy to pique a young mind to seek out further study in engineering and science. Equally impressive is the genuine on site learning experience of viewing a once active New Jersey zinc mine which depicts the

actual work life of a miner that is both local and recent history. AAUW branch member Linda Adams was able to inject her personal story of her father's office position translating to the workers in their native language at the mine. It was a genuine up close and personal knowledge exchange.

Our tour guide promoted insightful discussions on the environment, cultural, social and economic issues on mining. Few of us knew how much mining impacts all these areas. We also connected AAUW's history to an element on the Periodic Table with our own quiz where many of the answers can be found on their interactive webpage too <http://sterlinghillminingmuseum.org/periodictable/index.php>

Here is the quiz: [Sterling Hill Mine Tour Quiz A](#)

View our Photo Album created by Linda Adams  
<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/Hr7Hk7Yy>

Michele Guttenberger and Linda Adams were the coordinators of this branch membership funded event.



## *Carol Holmelund Gets an Invitation from the UN*

AAUW joined the international community on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> in commemorating United Nations Day. It is celebrated every year on the anniversary of the Charter of the UN. In attendance was Sussex County Branch member Carol Holmelund, who had received and accepted an invitation to attend. The day began with a lengthy security clearance together with several other AAUW members from nearby states. Approximately thirty five AAUW members were in attendance as well as three UN youth representatives

and eight fellowship and grants recipients. The women seated at Carol's table came from Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York State, and Pennsylvania. They were served a delectable lunch in the delegates' dining room and heard information provided by the event organizers. Continued discussions were held in the meeting room where they listened to the work currently being done by UN employees and committees regarding women's issues worldwide. Carol was impressed with a group that had over 20 recommendations ready to go to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for

final approval before the presentation to the General Assembly for a vote. This group endeavor took more than two years to develop, where they worked with representatives of nations throughout the world to create an agreement on women's rights acceptable to all. What a challenging task this is. Other speakers told of ongoing projects the UN works continually on to improve women's lives and rights throughout the world. This work goes on month in and month out, often for years. Women's lives have improved by their appeals, although it seems so slowly to us.



## *SCB Does Tactical Fundraising with MCNJ*

The Motorsport Club of North Jersey (the oldest operating club in NJ that still follows in authentic Mustang Club traditions) and AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch (a branch that has been advocating empowerment and advancement on the roads ahead for women and girls since 1947) shared a road Rallye. Together these two teams have col-

laborated on a very novel fundraising event for AAUW that uses Sussex County's beautiful and scenic rural roads. This year's road "Rallye" was called "It must be a sign". Twelve car teams participated and these drivers and navigators were very diverse in age and gender and all felt supporting AAUW was worth the drive. Thank you Lynn & Brian Beckmann and John Groot for the road map of successful scholarship fundraising.



## *Hope you enjoyed this issue of The SCB Newsletter & What We Did in Oct. & Nov.*

This newsletter intends to provide a timely account of what is happening at AAUW-NJ Sussex County Branch. Please visit our branch website for the latest Calendar of Programs & Info

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**Please Join Us at the UN on  
January 30<sup>th</sup> - Register:**



**<http://www.ctaun.org/conferences/conferences2015-un/>**

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