



Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc. Cornerstone Award 2024

The Cornerstone Award is an opportunity for our branch to honor a member who represents the “foundation” of AAUW. This award is given to a member who has contributed her energy and effort over an extended period to ensure that the Branch fulfills its mission. The recipient may be found working in the background, away from the limelight, and/or stepping forward to provide leadership for key activities. These individuals are often repositories for the institutional knowledge of the organization – readily offering advice and counsel to officers, leaders of initiatives, and interest groups.

This year we are pleased to honor Bonnie Auchincloss

Since joining our Poughkeepsie Branch in 2013, Bonnie has been a cheerleader and advocate for all things AAUW. Her enthusiasm makes her a great Membership Vice President. She recruits prospective members and then helps them find appropriate interest groups and activities. Bonnie has held positions on our leadership team since 2015. She is currently the coordinator for the World Travelers interest group where she arranges hybrid programs, often serving as host. She taught members how to do programs on Zoom and we were able to travel virtually during the pandemic. Bonnie is one of our photographers and, as part of our communications team, she archives photos on our AAUW account on the cloud. Many of her photos become slide shows for our meetings and she is one of our Information Technology helpers. Bonnie and her team have taken portraits of our individual members which are an invaluable resource. Bonnie has also participated in Soleil, Cuisine, Word Games, Pedal Pushers and Trekkers. In addition, she is one of our judges at the Dutchess Community College Science Fair where we present the AAUW STEM Awards.

Bonnie is a Poughkeepsie native and has a BA from Marist College. She worked for IBM. Outside of AAUW, she loves the outdoors and all the activities that it offers. Her interests include traveling, walking, biking, kayaking, playing tennis and pickleball. She loves to cook and be the staff for her cat, Julius.

Our congratulations to Bonnie. We appreciate all she does for Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW.