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Southwest Dallas County AAUW

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Meetings for September through November

This fall our branch meetings have been scheduled for the **3rd Saturday** of the month (Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18) at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Museum of International Cultures (411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, on the southbound service road, just south of Danieldale Rd).

Each meeting is open to the public and will have the same theme: **Ideas for Science Learning Activities for Middle School Students**. Anyone interested in helping the branch develop programs to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) is encouraged to attend and discuss possible programs. Parents are invited to come and learn about some simple hands-on activities their family can do to interest middle school students in science and technology. **Branch members can help by promoting the November 18 meeting** to parents of middle school students or anyone interested in promoting STEM activities in our community & schools.

We are not planning any branch social events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend the dinners or films at the Museum of International Cultures on the 4th Saturday of the month. See schedule on page 2.

Pumpkin Fest on Saturday October 7

The Museum of International Cultures hosted a market day event from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on their grounds. In addition to the Museum sale of donated household items, there were booths by local vendors selling plants, ceramics, and educational books. To brighten the festivities, there was entertainment by local musicians.

Our AAUW branch had a table to distribute information about AAUW in general and our STEM program in particular.



Branch info, newsletters, and future meeting plans are at our website

<http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net>

If you would like to receive the newsletters by email, just let me know: Penny@acm.org

I have a distribution list for non-members who want to receive the news-letters but no other branch mailings.

Our Branch Officers: Marilyn Barnes (President);

Penny Ball (Treasurer, newsletter & web site, STEM programs)

Museum of International Cultures

The Museum of International Cultures is the site for our monthly meetings and also for many interesting programs. We encourage our members and friends to participate.

In addition to exhibits about some lesser-known contemporary cultures, there is also a new exhibit of work by local artists every few months. A collection to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of World War I is in the front lobby until November 2019 : the war officially ended with the Armistice signing in November 1919.

The Museum entry fee to tour the exhibits is \$7.50 for adults or \$4 for students and seniors. Many of the special evening events are free. The Museum is located at 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 (just south of Daniieldale Rd, on the southbound service road.) Information about the Museum exhibits and events is at the

Saturday Evening Free Events at the Museum of International Cultures

A series of free international-theme events is scheduled for each month, usually for the 4th Saturday. The programs alternate between dinners and films. Each event starts at **7:00 p.m.**

The **International Pot-luck Dinner** program featured Cuba on October 28 and will feature **Persia / Iran on December 16** (the 3rd Saturday). Everyone is invited to attend and meet new people, share foods related to the featured culture (or anything you prefer to bring), and enjoy a short program about the featured culture. These dinner events are organized for the Museum by the local Baha'i Community .

The **International Film** series program on **November 25** is "**Septembers in Shiraz**". After creating a prosperous life in Iran, a Jewish family may be forced to abandon everything as the revolution of 1979 looms

Local Art & Culture Activities

Friday evening Dec. 1:

Duncanville Christmas Parade **starts at 7pm** at Main and Wheatland and proceeds north on Main Street. **ART WALK** (near Inner Space Gallery, Main Station, 100 S. Main): Visit before, during, or after the parade. This is your opportunity to view arts & crafts by many local artists, and buy some holiday gifts. Artists / crafts people can sign up to have a space on the sidewalk to sell, demonstrate, or do their art, \$10 in advance or \$20 that night, to Inner.Space Gallery. Be there by 5:00pm to park & set up, because of street closings for the parade. Contact unity9@sbcglobal.net.

Through Nov. 18th: Sly Cat Gallery Themed "Alter Ego" this exhibition brings to light the side of ourselves we hide from the world, as explored through artwork. Featuring art by: Theresa Brooks, June Covington, Laura Davidson, Christine Engebretsen, Curtis Frederick, Sarah Graham, Sandra Morante, Anne Perry, David Ross, Hannah Tyler, and Ricky Dean Wyrick. Gallery is located at 206 South Broad St. Cedar Hill, TX 75104 . See: <http://www.slycatgallery.com/new-events/>

November 30, Dec. 2 & Dec. 7-9 at 8 pm or December 3 matinee at 3:00 pm. Duncanville Community Theatre presents **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** by Charles Dickens, adapted for the stage and directed by Jerry Ayers. [There is no performance on Dec.1 because of Duncanville Christmas Parade.] Reservations recommended for all shows [CALL 972-780-5707 FOR RESERVATIONS](tel:972-780-5707) or email [boxoffice @dctheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@dctheatre.org)

Folk Dance, 2-6 pm most Sundays. Penny Ball & Anne Perry drive up to Carrollton on Sunday afternoons to do FREE international folk dancing at the Plaza Arts Center. Contact Penny if you want to ride up with us and check it out. Even if you don't dance, you will enjoy the music and watching. Some dances are taught, and others you learn by watching and then joining in.

Cliff Dwellers square dance on 2nd Friday (**Nov. 10 and Dec. 8**) at Duncanville Senior Center (across from Library). Workshop at 7:30, main dance 8:00 to 10:00pm. Donation of \$7 per person covers a buffet meal.