

**New member**

Yao graduated from the China University of Geoscience and received her PhD in Geoscience in 2003 and became an Associate Professor at that time. She spent a year as a visiting scholar at the University of Calgary and moved to Regina in 2018. Presently, she works for eHealth.

She participated in book club #2, but the curling club time didn't work for her. She loves playing bridge and is willing to learn new things and meet new friends.

**President's Message – Carmelle Beaudry**

After the most confusing, and concerning times, we are slowly moving toward normalcy. Many of us were unable to visit with loved ones such as parents, children and grandchildren and were greatly limited in leaving our homes, travelling, and visiting family and friends. We may have experienced boredom, loneliness, fear of contracting the virus and fear of passing it on, as well as alienation. Thankfully, the provincial health directives allowed the interest groups to continue to meet which they did safely and without incident. This included meeting on Zoom for the book clubs and conversation group, and at times we were able to meet in person following health directives targeted at restaurants, homes, and movies. Many members have mentioned to me how much they looked forward to their Interest Group meetings.

With better times ahead, I look forward to a tour of Darke Hall organized by Lynn Tomkins on March 16th at 7pm. This will be well in advance of the public grand opening and I expect will include a unique behind the scenes perspective. Free - sign up asap!

I am thrilled to announce that we will have a face to face AGM dinner at the Royal Regina Golf Club on May 12th, featuring guest speaker Wilf Perreault, a beloved local artist and educator. Once again, book your tickets asap.

The Executive has 3 spots opening up for the coming year including: Communications, Events and Interest Groups! If you are interested or know of someone that you think would do a great job please contact Mary Okumura or Carmelle Beaudry. On behalf of myself and the members, I extend special thanks to Ruth Heinrichs, Joanne Durst and Maryam Bozorg-Mehr for their service and dedication. I also thank the Executive who are staying on. Your organization needs you and your ideas, I'd love to hear from you!

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The Lifelong Learning Centre has a new March program. For more information call or email:

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Wilf Perreault is a Saskatchewan-born painter who is known for small and large paintings of back alleys, streets, and other landscapes.

**Save the Date:**

**AGM May 12**

### Special Event

University of Regina Women are pleased to offer an exclusive guided tour of the newly renovated **Darke Hall**. This will occur before the public grand opening and will include a unique behind-the-scenes perspective. Both the tour and parking in the university lot are free of charge for our registered guests.

### Darke Hall History

Darke Hall opened in 1929 as the premiere concert hall in Regina as the premiere concert hall in Regina. The 610 seat performance hall was renowned for its acoustics and visually stunning interior. The 610 hall was named for Francis Nicholson Darke, a former mayor of Regina. Close to 100 years later, thanks to the generosity and support of our community, Darke Hall has been restored to its former historical glory with modern 21<sup>st</sup> century amenities.

**Date and Time: March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Place :** Located next to the old campus on College Avenue

**Registration:** Please email [mbf296@uregina.ca](mailto:mbf296@uregina.ca) with a cc to [carmelle.beaudry@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.beaudry@gmail.com) by March 12<sup>th</sup>. A confirmation email will be provided within 24 hours. There is limited capacity for this free event, so RSVP quickly.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Regina Golf Club on May 12. Our guest speaker will be the Regina-based renowned Canadian artist Wilf Perreault. Non-members are welcome to attend. More information on the time and dinner details will follow.

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**Book Club #1**

This group meets on the third Monday of each month to discuss a book of interest. Convenor: Cara Gay Driscoll – [caragay@caradriscoll.ca](mailto:caragay@caradriscoll.ca)  
Tel: 306 352-7931

**Book Club #2**

This group has been meeting the first Tuesday evening of the month via **ZOOM**, but plans to meet in person soon.  
Convenor: Tatiana Levit  
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**Movie Club**

This group attends a movie about once a month at the Rainbow Cinema or the Regina Public Library Theatre, followed by a discussion at a local coffee shop. The co-convenors will email the details of the selected movie to the current members of this group. Magda at 306-757-3822 [ormagdalenacismru@uregina.ca](mailto:ormagdalenacismru@uregina.ca) or Bonnie at 306-537-3467 or [bonnie.dobni@uregina.ca](mailto:bonnie.dobni@uregina.ca)

**Walking Club**

The walking group meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am (or on a day and time of the group's choice) , gathering in the parking lot at the Willow restaurant. It's a great way to get some exercise and enjoy the outdoors in all seasons.  
Convenor: Mary Okumura - [mary.okumura@uregina.ca](mailto:mary.okumura@uregina.ca)  
Tel: 306 585-1380

**Gourmet Cooking Club\***

This group of women meets monthly. They plan meals around the cuisine or special theme and work in pairs. Each pair hosts one evening during the year. Convenor: Lynn Tomkins: [lynn.tomkins@uregina.ca](mailto:lynn.tomkins@uregina.ca) or 306 584-3708

\*This group is full; however, please contact the Interest Group Officer, Joanne Durst, if you are interested in a new start-up group.

**Culinary Explorers**

This group dines at different Regina restaurants once each month. This event usually takes place at 6:15 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Kay sends out an email to interested members several weeks prior to the event. Please RSVP to Kay Antrobus at least 3 days prior to attending. The group's new convenor is Kay Antrobus – [pandkantrobus@sasktel.net](mailto:pandkantrobus@sasktel.net) or 306 306-582-6559

We thank Lise Lundlie, who has convened this group for a long time.

**Le Cercle Francais**

This is a French language conversation group for members who wish to socialize in a friendly French-speaking atmosphere  
The membership of this group has changed significantly this year and is just starting to meet again, initially via zoom. New members are welcome.  
Convenor: Louise McCullough at [louisemcc@sasktel.net](mailto:louisemcc@sasktel.net) or 306-448-4810

**Mixed Bridge Group**

This Mixed Bridge Group, which is open to couples and pairs of women, is beginning to do some planning after a break last year due to the pandemic. We require a new convenor.

**Matinee Women's Curling Club**

This club starts in mid-October to the end of March. Beginners are warmly welcomed, and clinics are held to teach the basics, including Stick Curling. The club curls Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm at the Caledonia Curling Club. Convenor: Mary Okumura - [mary.okumura@uregina.ca](mailto:mary.okumura@uregina.ca)  
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## University Women Bursary

The University of Regina Women Bursary for 2021/2022, named in honour of Susan McLaren, has been awarded to **Naomi Wee**, who is pursuing a B.Sc, degree in Biology. In passing on this information, the U of R Director of Development acknowledges our annual donation, saying, "Thank you for your passion and commitment to help change the lives of our students. We are so grateful for your support."

We are pleased to announce that Ruth Heinrichs is the honoree for the 2022 - 2023 UR Women Bursary. Because of her interest in languages, the bursary will be specified for a female student in the Faculty of Arts majoring in a language taught at the U of R. Ruth has been a member of our club for 15 years and has generously, patiently, and efficiently served for ten of those years as Communications Officer. She taught in the English as a Second Language department at the U of R for 26 years, retiring in 2012. Prior to that, she taught ESL at the former Plains Community College, and reading in primary school.

As per university policy, the bursary goes to an undergraduate student with a minimum of 53 credit hours (two years completed). The faculty department chosen depends on the choice of the URW honoree.

Our treasurer thanks all members who donated to this year's bursary, making it completely funded with \$1230.

Members who wish to make a donation for future scholarships can do so by sending a cheque to the U of R Women's treasurer, **Catherine Arthur-MacDonald at 73 Culliton Crescent, Regina,, S4S 4J5** . The cheque should be made out to **University of Regina Women's Bursary**. Thanks to all who have contributed to our bursaries. Your continued support is appreciated.