

# Gold Filings

Amador Branch  
American Association  
of University Women



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## Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

## Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

## April Program: Jewels of the Mother Lode

### Home Tour in Sutter Creek

**J**ewels of the Mother Lode, our forty-second annual Home Tour is in Sutter Creek on April 12, 11 am-4 pm. Claire Wait and her magnificent team have put together a winner: kudos to them all for organizing what will be a wonderful event. Tickets are now on sale (I bought mine on Tuesday), so buy them soon and invite your friends and family.

ready for the opportunity drawing. Tickets are now on sale and packets are available for members to sell. The quilt is also available for display at any of your meetings with other groups. Please contact Sue Harrington, [susanlh@volcano.net](mailto:susanlh@volcano.net). Thank you all for doing your part to make this Home Tour successful, so we can fund our important scholarships and give some

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Be sure to check out the stunning quilt

### Final Cookie Reminder:

Our Tea this year is at the home of Chip Lusby where we serve cookies and beverages to include coffee, tea, and water. We need each member to bake five dozen cookies.

#### The guidelines are:

- Home-baked cookies only – no store bought, please!
- Cookies should be small – one or two bites
- If you hate to bake, find a “baking buddy” and have a cookie baking party!
- Please take your cookies to one of the following locations on Friday April 11 before 3 p.m.

#### Cookie Drop-Off Locations

- Jackson: Margie Guletz home (please call first)
- Sutter Creek: Lizzie Ann's Bubble Gum Books
- Pine Grove: Sierra Travel  
19900 Hwy 88
- Ione: Jackie Martinez's home (please call first)

Do not bring cookies directly to the tea. Doing so makes it difficult for the Tea Committee. They have quite enough to do without receiving new deliveries.

Thank you very much for your commitment to this program.

## President's Message

by Nancy Street

**AAUW Priority:** AAUW advocates increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty.

**Quote of the Month:** "The best thing you can do for someone is give them a chance." *Unknown*

I'm trying to get used to the idea of spring without having had a real winter. As April approaches thoughts and actions turn to the Home Tour. Jewels of the Mother Lode, our forty-second (wow!) annual Home Tour is in Sutter Creek on April 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Please see pages 1, 8 and 9 for more information and photographs of the sites.

### Women's History Month-Essay Contest Awards

On March 14, we celebrated Women's History Month with our Essay Contest Awards Presentations. It was wonderful to have so many members, families, and friends in attendance. The essays were excellent, and were very touching. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to Heidi O'Hara, Mary Thorpe, Patt McHugh, Judy Regnier, Jackie Martinez, Carol Smallfield and their helpers for an outstanding and enjoyable program.

### Scholarship Committee Activities

Scholarship recipient selection is upon us. Gretchen Carlson reports that two impressive Tech Trek scholars have been selected (one from Ione Junior High School and one from Jackson Junior High School). Applications for our Community College and Upper Division/Graduate/Re-Entry scholarships are in the process of review and selection by Suzanne Nicholson, Kathy Guletz, and their committees. Thanks to all of them for their dedication and hard work. Our May Program, the Ice Cream Social, will honor those selected. It will be on May 17, 4-5:30 p.m., at the home of Sandi Baracco. Be sure to save the date.

### Nominating Committee Report- There Still are Four Openings

Our mighty nominating committee, Sandy Campbell and Lynne Brumit, put together an awesome slate of officers and appointees for next year's board. But, we still have four openings on the board: President-Elect, Community, Hospitality, and Public Policy. Please consider helping out with one of these positions (Board meeting attendance is not mandatory for appointed officers). Our annual meeting and election of officers will take place June 11, 2014, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sutter Creek Methodist Church. We will vote for officers for 2014-2015, vote on the proposed budget for 2015-2015, as well as possible by-law changes. It will be a salad potluck.

### Amador Partnership

At the board meeting last week, we approved a motion to join the Amador Partnership (Progressive Women's Committee, Foothill Conservancy, ARC, SEIU, and Operating Engineers) in sponsoring a non-partisan Candidates Night for Amador County Supervisor elections. Judy Lerner-Liston is our representative to the group. The event is scheduled for April 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Jackson Civic Center, 33 Broadway in Jackson. Hopefully, many of you will plan to attend.

### AAUW California Election and Proposal to Increase Dues

AAUW California needs our help. Elections are coming up this month and state voting returns from last year were dismal at 12.9%. Our branch stats are not much better: 7 of 83 members voted in 2013 for 14.1%; in the North San Joaquin region we were 5th out of nine. We are electing some officers and a \$4 dues increase is on the ballot again. All members are encouraged to vote.

It is good to remember that the state organization supports our branch in a variety of ways. In addition to the personal state support our Branch has received which I mentioned last month, are the many programs identified with AAUW and its mission that AAUW-California has undertaken. A few are: Tech Trek, Speech Trek, Financial Literacy, Leadership Training, Public Policy Advocacy, Title IX support and gender equity issues, College/University Partners, issue awareness raising, and affiliations and collaborations with like-minded organizations.

Please visit [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) to read about how AAUW-CA supports California women and us. "Voting will be held from April 12 through May 2. This year all members will receive a voting access code. For those members with email addresses on file at National, the code and a direct link to the voting site will be sent via the email address. All other members will be sent postcards. Members may vote online or request paper ballots. Full instructions are available on the AAUW CA website under Forms & Documents-How to Vote." Let's have our voices heard to honor those who have worked so hard for women. Please take the time to vote.

Hope to see all of you at the Home Tour on April 12.

Thank you all for taking chances as well as giving them, for hanging in there as we get through the glitches, and as always, for being BRILLIANT

-NJS

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### May Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the May issue of Gold Filings is **April 25th**. Please submit material as soon as you can. Thank you.

## Board Briefs

- Minutes of February 20, 2014 were approved as corrected and amended.
- Treasurer Michele Powell gave the February financial report.
- The successful March program was reviewed and ways to improve were discussed.
- The May Ice Cream Social is on May 17, 4-6 p.m., at the home of Sandi Barraco. Judy Regnier will organize planning with Robin Stolk.
- Claire Waite reported on Home Tour organization. All systems go with just a few glitches.
- Sandy Campbell, Nominating Chair, reported that the 2014-2015 slate of officers and appointees is filled except for Community Liaison, Hospitality Chair, and Public Policy/Educational Equity Chair.
- Nancy Street shared Myrna-Kay Robison's nominating letter about the February program "Resources for a Brighter Future" for AAUW California Branch Program Recognition.
- One by-law change will need branch approval, if the writing is completed by next month, otherwise it can be postponed until next year.
- May 10, 2014 is the North San Joaquin Region Leadership Training. Nancy Street recommends that incoming board members attend, especially President, President-Elect, and Membership Vice President.
- Nancy Street presented statistics on branch voting in last year's AAUW-CA elections.
- Tech Trek has selected two outstanding recipients. The Community College Scholarship Committee has received 18 applications. The Upper Division/Graduate/Re-entry Scholarship Committee had received five applications as of March 17.
- Board unanimously approved a proposal to join the Amador Partnership (Progressive Women's Committee, Foothill Conservancy, ARC, SEIU, and Operating Engineers) in sponsoring a Candidates' Forum for the Supervisor elections on Wednesday, April 16. Judy Lerner Liston will be our branch representative.

## Candidate's Forum, Board of Supervisors, Districts 3 & 5

As you read in Nancy's President's Message your board voted unanimously to join The Amador Partnership in co-sponsoring a Candidate's Forum for Board of Supervisor's election for Districts 3 & 5. The event will be held:

**Wednesday April 16, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Jackson Civic Center**

**33 Broadway, Jackson**

This promises be an interesting and informative event.

## Libations & Conversations

AAUW's Libations & Conversations is meeting Thursday, April 24, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Sutter Creek at The Cellar in the Hotel Sutter. Our topic of conversation is "Think Before You Send – Email Etiquette".



All AAUW members, prospective members, and interested friends are invited to join us for a fun hour of no-host drinks and lively conversation. No RSVP necessary – just drop in!

See Page 7 for a summary of the March meeting of Libations & Conversations.

# Women’s History Month Program- Essay Contest Winners

The AAUW’s women’s history month writing event was a success! There was laughter; there were tears: the contest winners read their essays with poise and confidence. Audience members were inspired and impressed. Here is a list of the winners, their respective school, and a line from their essay featuring a woman they admire.

–Heidi O’Hara



(l-r) Angel Renfree, Gurashish Khangura, Alexandria Denison, and Faith Dollman

## Gurashish Khangura

2nd Place (IJHS): “The Woman Who Fought for Equality”

“I find [Susan B. Anthony] to be an incredible, inspirational woman who has taught me that I’ll only achieve great accomplishments in life if I refuse to give up.”

## Alexandria Denison

2nd Place (JJHS): “My Hero and My Inspiration”

“Women are brave, and delicate, and strong all at the same time. Those are all words that describe my big sister, Kathleen, who I love and adore so much.”

## Brittany Hannah

3rd Place (IJHS): “My Inspiration—Hillary Clinton”

“Hillary Clinton is one of my heroes and my biggest inspiration. I too will follow my dreams.



Brittany Hannah

## Angel Renfree

1st Place (IJHS): “Bethany”

“My mom is one of the most inspirational, intelligent, and just flat out amazing woman I’ll ever know.”



Sofia Neville-Segura

## Sofia Neville-Segura

1st Place (JJHS): “The Queen of YouTube”

“Jenna Marbles is inspiring because she has helped millions learn to dream.”

## Aubrey Hobbs

3rd Place (IJHS): Malala Yousafzai”

“Malala is an amazing person; she is the youngest person, at sixteen, to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. [...] Malala in my eyes is a legend and someday will make even bigger changes.”

## Faith Dollman (Faith Jacquelynne Laursen-Dollman)

3rd Place (JJHS): “My Mom”

“My mother is my hero; I can only hope to be her sidekick one day.”



Aubrey Hobbs

# Getting to Know You: Susan Staggs

Interview by Michele Powell

The following is an email conversation between Susan Staggs and Michele Powell

*Q: Tell me about your educational background.*

*A: MA in Management & Organizational Development – JFK University, Walnut Creek, CA; BA in English – College of Notre Dame, Belmont, CA*

I was in my 40s when I earned my BA and 50 when I earned the Masters – I was definitely a late bloomer!

I completed both of my degrees while working full-time, definitely the hard way!

*Q: Are you a native daughter of California?*

*A: I am second generation native Californian, born in Oakland, but raised in Long Beach, CA. I come from a blended family of seven children. I moved to NorCal to go to San Jose State, and never lived in SoCal again.*

*Q: How did you come to live in Amador County?*

*A: My husband, Hav, and I were fed up with the congestion and rat race in the Bay Area (lived in Redwood City) and looked for a retirement community that we could afford. We visited Amador County in the spring of 1998 and found our “pot of*



Susan Staggs

gold”. We could ski at Kirkwood and keep our trawler in the Delta, so it was perfect. We purchased a one-acre lot in Jackson Pines Estates and built our home, moving in in 2000.

*Q: Would you share a bit about your personal life?*

*A: Hav and I will have been married 22 years in May and for both of us, the third time was the charm. I have a son, Alex who lives in the Bay Area. Hav’s son Tom lives in Redmond, WA and his daughter Liz lives in Pasadena. All of our kids have graduate degrees, are happily married and have two children each. We have five grandsons and one granddaughter. They have been wonderful additions to our lives and we look forward to taking the grandkids in pairs on summer trips each year.*

*Q: I’d love to hear an overview of your work life.*

*A: I stayed home with my son for ten years (he was born in Belgium and I lived in Europe for 10 years). When I returned to the U.S., I began working full-time and going to school at night to complete my BA. During that time, I worked in the high-tech industry (13 years with Raychem in Menlo Park), and had stints with Trimble*

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## February Program Earns AAUW Statewide Recognition

AAUW Amador recently received the following email in response to our nomination of the February program:

*Congratulations! Your branch’s mission-based program has been chosen as one of the Top 10 for the AAUW CA Wall of Fame. Your branch will be recognized at convention through a power point presentation and certificates. We will be announcing the branches on Sunday at the morning business session. Hopefully, you will have a representative of your branch to receive your certificate then.*

*Cathy Foxhoven/Ainsley Nies  
Program Co-Chairs*

The following is a summary of the event that was sent to AAUW state headquarters by Myrna-Kay Robison our Public Relations Chair.

### Resources For A Brighter Future

A Mission-Based Program presented by Amador Branch of AAUW on 02/12/2014

Being aware that in Amador County there were resources for educational and economic progress which many disadvantaged women in our area were not knowledgeable about, we designed a program to meet this need. We did a two-hour outreach workshop with presenters/speakers from many of the agencies in our county. Topics covered included health services, housing assistance, educational, employment, and nutritional opportunities. During the first hour of the program speakers took turns describing their agency’s resources. Then during the second hour of the workshop, tables were set up so that attendees could speak directly to the representatives about individual needs and concerns.

## Getting to Know You

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Navigation, Adaptec, Ocular Sciences and New Focus. I worked my way up from an administrative assistant to a Director of Human Resources.

My last employment was as acting VP of HR with a start-up company in Santa Clara. Human Resources is a very demanding field – I helped manage major lay-offs in three companies and learned everything one would ever want to know about that. As a generalist, I was responsible for benefits, compensation, employee relations, recruiting, training and development. Once I retired, I never looked back and was happy to be doing something else. I retired at 57 and my husband retired at 59, specifically so we could enjoy life while we had good health . . . and we have worked very hard at that the past 14 years and, we think, have succeeded famously!

*Q: I know you lived in Europe-how did that come about?*

A: I moved to Europe in 1972 when I married my 2nd husband. He was in manufacturing management for a Fortune 500 company and they had manufacturing plants in Europe. I lived for five years in Leuven, Belgium (where my son was born), one and one-half years near Munich, Germany, and three and one-half years near Copenhagen, Denmark. I also had traveled extensively throughout Europe before I moved there, so I feel like I have been very lucky to have had those opportunities.

*Q: I know that you and Hav enjoy international travel, what parts of the world have you visited?*

A: Hav and I love to travel and have taken at least one or two major trips every year since we retired. We have been to Africa, China, Southeast Asia, Europe, Central America, Mexico, Canada, and the East Coast. In May 2015, we will spend the month in France. I feel very fortunate that we still have the good health and the funds to do it (no thanks to the dot.com bust and the recession!)

*Q: What about travel in the US?*

A: In between those trips, we often travel to see our children/grandchildren, camp in the Sierras and elsewhere, kayak, bike, hike and fish as much as we can.

This summer we will spend July with our 5th wheel trailer traveling through Colorado, my husband's home state. In the fall we have a 10-day trip planned to Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC.

*Q: When did you join AAUW Amador, what roles have you played, what offices have you held?*

A: I joined AAUW Amador immediately when we moved here in 2000 and without knowing anyone, Hav and I joined the AAUW wine group and I the Book Lovers book group. Before I knew it, I was Hospitality Chair! Since that time, I have served as VP Programs, President, Publicity, Home Tour Chair twice, and Home Finder four-five times. Next year I will serve as Membership Chair. I have participated in many of the interest groups, but right now I am just in a book group and

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### COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

**Tuesday April 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

**Do you want to go to college?  
Are you unable to afford the cost of moving to a college town  
or paying for gas commuting to the valley for classes?  
Can't get the classes you need?**

### ***Amador Community College Foundation (ACCF)***

In association with

**Three California Community Colleges, (Coastline, Alan Hancock, Foothill)**

Is offering an

#### **Online Distance Education Program:**

- ✓ Complete an AA/AS degree and Certificate Programs
- ✓ Complete a transfer program to CSU/UC
- ✓ One-on-One Assistance, Tutoring, Computers, and Internet Access
- ✓ New programs being offered for Fall 2014 (*Fire Technology, Music Technology, Graphic and Interactive Design, and more!*)

#### **Interested? Want more information?**

Distance Education Program Information Night

**Tuesday April 8th, 6:30 p.m.**

Human Health and Service (HHS) Building, Suite 700

South End of HHS Building

10877 Conductor Blvd., Sutter Creek, CA 95685

For questions/ information contact: **Janice Davis, Counselor, Argonaut High School, 209 257-7752**  
or [jdavis@amadorcoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:jdavis@amadorcoe.k12.ca.us)

## March Libations & Conversations: Pay Equity

March's Libations and Conversations topic was Pay Equity, in honor of Equal Pay Day that this year falls on April 8. As you can imagine, such a complicated issue engendered some lively discussion. Special thanks to our newest member, Katie Scott, Director of Global Compensation for LSI Corp., for rearranging her schedule to attend and provide her perspective! The follow-

ing is our "conversation starter" page for the evening. I hope those of you with an interest in this issue will find some food for thought here, and check out some of the attached sources for more information.

*Suzanne Nicholson*

### PAY EQUITY

#### **Equal Pay Day = April 8, 2014**

Equal Pay Day symbolizes how far into 2014 women need to work to earn as much as men did in 2013.

Equal Pay Day was created in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) to raise public awareness about the pay gap between men and women.

#### **Fact or Fiction? Is the pay gap as bad as it seems?**

Some have criticized the 77 cents on the dollar number as a "myth," arguing that when you compare "a man and a woman standing next to each other doing the same job for the same number of hours" the difference is far less, with women earning 91 cents on the dollar.

Source: Hanna Rosin - "The Myth of the Gender Pay Gap" - Slate.com.

#### **Women's Choices?**

- ◆ Controlling for age, experience, and time in the workforce, pay disparity between men and women still persists.
- ◆ When couples decide who will stay home to care for children, women often elect to stay home *because* they are earning the lower wage.
- ◆ Occupations dominated by women pay less *because* women's work is undervalued.

Sources:

<http://www.pay-equity.org/info-Q&A.html>  
[http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/wage\\_gap\\_faqs\\_sept\\_2013.pdf](http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/wage_gap_faqs_sept_2013.pdf)

#### **\$ 0.77**

Statistics from 2010 reveal that as a whole, women earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men.

The numbers are worse for women of color: African American women earn 67.7 cents on the dollar (compared to all men), and Latina women earn 58.7 cents on the dollar. Interestingly, Asian women outperform the average, earning 86.6 cents on the dollar.

**Why the disparity?** According to the NCPE, women and people of color are concentrated in low-paying jobs (clerical, sales, service jobs). Some of the disparity is attributable to differences in education and experience. However, much of the gap can only be explained by discrimination.

**Has there been any improvement?** From 1982 to 2010, the wage gap closed by about 15%. At the current rate, it will take another 50 years for women to achieve pay equity with men.

Source: <http://www.pay-equity.org/info-Q&A.html>

#### **Workplace Flexibility and Paternity Leave?**

One Harvard economist recently suggested the pay gap could be "ended" by focusing on workplace autonomy and flexibility for both men and women.

Many suggest the gap could be lessened by promoting paternity leave, which would put men and women on a more even playing field after the birth of a child.

## Home Tour

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Amador women and girls a chance.

Here is a brief review of the homes and sites that are on the Home Tour. Full descriptions are in the February and March issues of Gold Filings.

### Nancy Street



### Sutter Creek Inn: 75 Main St.

Pioneer John Keyes built the original part of today's Sutter Creek Inn in 1859, probably for his young bride, Clara McIntire; in 1882 after Keyes' death, Clara's 2nd husband, Edward C. Voorheis, added the southern wing. For over a century descendants of McIntire-Voorheis owned the home before selling it to Jane Way in 1966.

Reminiscing later in her life, Way said she bought it "on a whim" during "an all-time low in my life." Seeking to "reinvent her life," Way turned the property into one of the West's first bed-and-breakfast inns to become well known in travel guide books. In addition to the original house, Sutter Creek Inn's facilities include numerous adjacent original historic buildings now offering 17 rooms, many with wood-burning fireplaces, swinging beds, and private patios.



### Baracco Home: 44 Eureka Street

Many AAUW events have been held in this lovely home and now the owners, Sandi and Bruce Baracco, are sharing the story of their home on the Home Tour. Originally built for the Lucot and Manassero families, this Craftsman home was completed in 1913. Located two blocks from the family grocery store on Main Street, this bungalow was extensively re-constructed and restored by Sandi and Bruce, owners since 1976. Design plans were developed by Sandi, an architect, who likes to describe progress on the house as "38 years into a 100-year plan." This is the second home to be built on what is a double-wide lot which backs up to the creek.



### Enola's Cottage: 120 Hanford Street

Enola's cottage was built in the late 1940's and has recently been remodeled to characterize its roots from this era. This cottage was home to talented artist Enola Scott for fifty years, hence the name that was chosen by new owners, John and Angel LeSage. This quaint 1,200 square foot cottage has 2 bedrooms and one bath. The new owners have given the cottage a new life as a vacation rental.



### The Lusby Home: 60 Gold Dust Trail

The Lusby home, a stately two-story, turreted, classic 1890s Victorian home with wraparound porch has a fascinating history. For many years it was a derelict, neighborhood “haunted house” in Azusa, California, before Mr. Lusby purchased it, dismantled it, and moved it in pieces to its current location on 2.5 tranquil acres in Sutter Creek in 1980.

Today, after more than 30 years of reconstruction, restoration and renovation, mostly on a part-time basis, the 3,000-square-foot, 5-bedroom, 3-bath home represents a life-long project and passion nearing completion.



### The Davis Home: 21 Main Street

This 1920's Craftsman style home was constructed for the Trudgen family and owned by the family until purchased by the Davis' in 1981. When Rod and Loraine Davis purchased the home, the living area was downstairs: one bedroom, one bath, small kitchen, and living/dining room –all in need of restoration. Over the years, with Loraine's inspirations and Rod's skills, they have created a model for historic renovation.



### Trudgen Home: Nickerson & Main Streets

The 42nd annual Home Tour will visit one of the oldest and most prominent “Jewels of the Mother Lode” at the corner of Nickerson and Main Street. This home was built in the early 1860's in the Greek Revival style with a wide wrap-around porch and gable roof. Although added onto many times by subsequent owners, the home appears from the front as it did originally when built by C. Columbus Belding in 1862.



### Monteverde Store: 11 Randolph Street

John Monteverde and his son, John, opened the store on Randolph Street in August of 1898. They sold hardware, groceries, wines and liquors, and also supplied the miners with boots, shoes and other items. Over its counters and from the shed (now the office of the Sutter Creek Arts Council), the Monteverde family sold all sorts of merchandise through the years until the store closed unexpectedly in 1971 and never reopened. The store was much as you see it today. Rose Monteverde, the last of the storeowners, willed the structure to the city when she died in 1978. In her will she specified that it be converted to a library or museum. As you see, the store has been converted into a piece of living history.

## Special Interest Groups

### Afternoon Book Group

Iris Aparicio, Chair  
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Join us for a thoughtful and friendly book discussion the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. We meet at members' homes to discuss a book chosen from our yearly list compiled in September. Our list is a mix of fiction and nonfiction. New members are welcome.

The Afternoon Book Group is reading *Bury Me Standing* by Isabel Fonseca. We will meet at Floy Goulart's home at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 14. Contact Floy if you are interested in joining us.

### Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair  
[cux2@volcano.net](mailto:cux2@volcano.net)



We are a group whose members enjoy drawing and painting at each other's homes or various outdoor locations such as PiPi Valley, Bear River and Tabeau Lake. We share information about art workshops and gallery exhibits. Art in Action group members are responsible for the Art Show at the Home Tour. Beginners are welcome. Lunch is always part of the day. Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Tuesday. Contact Charlene for information about the next meeting.

### Book Lovers & Page Turners

Michele Powell, Chair  
[powell.michele288@gmail.com](mailto:powell.michele288@gmail.com)



We meet at 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) at members' homes. We have great discussions about the books and how their themes and characters relate to our own lives and worlds. New members are welcome.

On April 28 we will discuss *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich at Jackie Martinez's home. Call Jackie if you'd like to attend.

### Cork & Fork

Bonnie Krupp, Chair  
[bonniekrupp@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniekrupp@yahoo.com)



This group meets every other month with significant others to enjoy wine tasting and appetizers. Member's homes are the usual meeting place, but we sometimes gather at a winery tasting room or other appropriate venue. Cork & Fork meets the 2nd Sunday except in May when we meet on the 3rd Sunday because of Mother's Day. The next meeting of Cork & Fork is May 18. There will be detailed information in May Gold Filings. Contact Bonnie if you are interested in attending or if you'd like more information.

### Garden Groupies

Nancy Schuster, Chair  
[nancys@volcano.net](mailto:nancys@volcano.net)



Garden Groupies love plants and the beauty they add to our lives! No digging, raking or pruning is required - just join us in visiting some very interesting places. We had planned to visit the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery in April, but it is closed to the public on Wednesdays. So on April 16 we will head off to the Rising Sun Nursery in Valley Springs. This is just after the Home Tour so there will be time to plant something special. This month we can meet at the Kmart parking lot at 10 a.m. You are all welcome to join us.

### Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair  
[kgarciaod@hotmail.com](mailto:kgarciaod@hotmail.com)



Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday every month at 11:45 a.m. We patronize new restaurants and local favorites. Hostess duties rotate each month and she chooses the restaurant and makes the reservations. Members pay for their own meals. New members are welcome. Margie Guletz is hosting this month's Lunch Bunch at the newly remodeled Country Store in Volcano on April 10th at 11:45 a.m. Please RSVP to Margie at [guletz@comcast.net](mailto:guletz@comcast.net) by Monday April 7th.

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## Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair  
*clairesc@sbcglobal.net*



Supper Club meets quarterly for good food and great fellowship. The menus are decided by the hostesses and usually feature a theme. Supper Club members enjoyed Moroccan food in February. Each hostess volunteers for a certain date and selects the recipes to spread the preparation among all the couples attending. Our next meeting will feature the food of Spain and will be held on May 31. If you would like to join the fun, contact Lani Chapman.

## Walking & Strolling Group

Sheila Berg, Chair  
*sberg@volcano.net*



The group determines which walks will be taken at a planning meeting early in the year. The group takes one walk each month. Some popular walks of the past have taken us to PiPi, Lake Tabeau, French Bar and Electra Road. We usually bring a lunch to share along the way or at the end of the walk. If there is rain, the walk is cancelled. Call or email to attend or to get more information.

## Branch Member Notes

### An Appeal from Sunshine to Members

I would be honored to send a card on behalf of our branch to any member you feel needs sunshine for illness or loss; congratulations for significant family happenings or noteworthy community contributions; or just “thinking of you.” As I am a technological illiterate, you will have to call me.

Lynne sent sunshine cards to Bobbie Brubaker and Bev York this month.

*Lynne Brumit*

### Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with April birthdays.

Sharon Burrwell

Floy Goulart

Sandra Campbell

Carol Smallfield

Kelli Garcia

Mary Thorpe

## Getting to Know You

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on the committee that organizes Libations & Conversations. I have made great friends through AAUW and honestly, without this interaction with intelligent, educated women, I'm not sure I would enjoy living in Amador County so much.

*Q: I know you are active in other volunteer community organizations in Amador. Would you share a bit about that?*

A: I am a volunteer junkie, but I am learning to say no! I was on the A.C. Mental Health Board for a few years and led the effort to implement the “Yellow Ribbon Program” - a child suicide prevention program that is now part of the school health curriculum. Then I joined the Sutter-Amador Hospital Foundation Board and served on that for 5 years. My primary contribution there was raising funds for the hospital through pledges and contributions and working on various fundraising events.

Later I joined the Friends of the Library Board and remained on it for five years, serving as President for two years. I created the concept for the Boots ‘n Books fundraiser for the library in 2011. I chaired the Boots ‘n Books committee for three years and most recently handled publicity for it.

I really enjoy giving back to the community and my involvement with various organizations has enriched my life with new friends and the immense satisfaction in helping others.

*Q: What hobbies, interests do you have? such as travel, bridge, theatre, music...*

A: That's pretty much the list, but I would add reading, watching good films, opera and wine (my husband makes wine and I chair our winetasting group, Grape Nuts.) Before we moved to Amador County, we had a sailboat and later a trawler and spent many, many happy weekends on San Francisco Bay. About eight years ago we traded boats for a 5th wheel trailer, so now we don't need water for our getaways!

*Q: Are you surprised that in retirement you are so busy?*

A: Being an introvert (Myers-Briggs INTJ), I enjoy time alone with my husband, but find I need to balance that with some stimulating activities. I like to start new projects and get things going (like Libations & Conversations), but I am not so good at maintaining things over a long period of time. This is true with my social activities as well. I am not a fan of doing the same thing over and over again (except eating, of course!) I like to keep it interesting and mix things up!