

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.

February Program Reminder

It will be very important that the members of our branch attend The AAUW's February 12th workshop "Resources for a Brighter Future". The workshop will be unique in its design. We will have representatives from established local agencies speak to the group during the first hour of the workshop, and then during the second hour the presenters will be seated at individual tables where attendees can speak directly to voice concerns or get first hand information.

Besides learning about what is available in the county during the first hour, our branch member assistance is needed during the second hour for mingling with the attendees and helping them feel comfortable speaking directly to the presenters. This workshop is reflective of the AAUW Action Plan as a "priority to organize a forum to inform members and public of needs of low income women and to identify issues that need to be addressed".

Resources for a Brighter Future

A workshop for Amador County women who need resource information and where to go for help.

Wednesday, February 12

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Margaret Dalton Children's Center

975 Broadway, Jackson

Resources for:

- Jobs
- Housing
 - Rental Assistance
 - Emergency Housing
- Health Care
 - Insurance
 - Behavioral Health
- Nutrition



Drawing for \$50 Grocery Gift Card

Refreshments/Child Care Provided

Sponsored by the Amador Branch of AAUW
dedicated to meeting the educational needs of our county

Please help spread the word to anyone you might know in the community who could benefit from this program. It is important that we have a good turnout. Again program details are: Wednesday February 12th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Margaret Dalton Children's Center, 975 Broadway in Jackson.

President's Message

by Nancy Street

AAUW Priority: AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons.

Quote of the Month: "We already know the cure to poverty . . . it's quite simply the empowerment of women." *Christopher Hitchens*

I want to begin by letting you all know how proud and honored I am to be a part of an organization of such amazing and talented women. I echo our national president, Patricia Fae Ho, in my appreciation "for the sheer volume of the important work that goes on in our branches and states". To learn more about the volume of work, go to the websites of National (www.aauw.org), California (aauw-ca.org), and AAUW-Amador (aauwamador.org) and/or read the current AAUW Mission and Action newsletter.

Our January program featuring local historian/author, Carolyn Fregulia, was a resounding success. Sixty-three people attended. I especially enjoyed the Gold Rush history, which connected me to my own paternal and maternal California roots. Congratulations and kudos to Judy Regnier, Bev York, Jackie Martinez, Carol Smallfield and their team of helpers for organizing an excellent presentation.

I really enjoyed attending the January Libations and Conversations at the Hotel Sutter this past week. I encourage everyone to attend one of these stimulating and entertaining gatherings. Susan Staggs, Suzanne Nicholson, Bonnie Krupp, and Lani Chapman are doing a wonderful job! Bravo!

The February program is going to be an amazing presentation/workshop intended to help and educate Amador County women on resources to improve their lives. Included are resources for jobs, housing, health care and insurance, as well as nutrition. "Resources for a Brighter Future" will take place on February 12, 3-5 p.m. at the Margaret Dalton Children's Center, 975 Broadway, Jackson. Be sure to attend to support Amador County women.

Coming in March is our annual Women's History Month Essay Contest. The award presentations will be Friday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sutter Creek Community Center. Be sure to attend to honor these bright junior high school students.

Claire Wait and her hardworking committee are progressing toward a successful Home Tour on April 12. Please plan to do your part to make it so. If you haven't signed up to help, please contact Aieleen Parker, aieleen@juno.com, or Nancy Schuster,

nancys@volcano.net (Hostess Co-chairs), or Claire Wait, clairesc@sbcglobal.net, (Home Tour Chair) right away. Serving on the day of Home Tour in some capacity is an expectation of membership in our branch. Be sure to check out the stunning quilt 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. Be sure to save the date for the Home Tour in Sutter Creek: April 12, 2014.

May brings our ice cream social to honor our scholarship recipients. Gretchen Carlson (Tech Trek), Suzanne Nicholson (Community College), Kathy Guletz (Upper Division/Graduate/Re-Entry) and their committees are gearing up for the selection process.

In June we will have our annual meeting and election of officers. Our Nominating Committee Chair, Sandy Campbell, and her able assistant, Lynne Brumit, are looking for a few good women to serve our branch, either as an officer or appointed board member. All of you remarkable and brilliant women could contribute positively to the running of our branch. Empower yourself, and you'll empower us all. New folks and new ideas are just what we need!

A correction is needed for last month's quote; I attributed it to Oprah Winfrey, but she was quoting Hal Borland. The first sentence is his and the second is hers. Thanks to astute Sarah Hart for pointing this out to me.

April 8 is Equal Pay Day, and you can do your part to unstick the wage gap (still at 23 cents!). Check out the information in this newsletter.

Stay healthy, conserve water, and be active. Thanks for empowering yourself and others, for being life-long learners, and of course, for being BRILLIANT!

--NJS

March Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the March issue of Gold Filings is **February 21th**. Please submit material as soon as you can. Thank you.

Coming Soon: Home Tour 2014

Home Tour 2014 is on the way! Your Home Tour committee is working hard to prepare for April 12 in Sutter Creek. Our very own Sandi Baracco will open her 100-year old home for ticket holders. The Sutter Creek Inn; a vacation rental owned by Angel and John LeSage; a beautiful white Victorian on Main Street; and a gorgeous Craftsman with modern amenities will also be on tour. The tea will be on the grounds of a large Victorian that was moved from Azusa, California, and lovingly reconstructed and restored.

We want to raise a large amount of money to fund our community college, college, and re-entry scholarships plus

send several girls to Tech-Trek. Please join us for fun, frolic and money-raising.

We also have many AAUW husbands giving much-needed help. Dave Nicholson is creating the poster and Jim Powell is designing the brochure interior. Jerry Trottier is organizing the wine tasting servers, and Tom Martinez will be helping with traffic control at the tea location. All members are helping in all the myriad, necessary and vital parts to make the tour a success. Tickets go on sale in March.

Don't forget to peruse your cookie recipes and bake five dozen cookies for the tea. The variety of cookies and charming surroundings make

the tea a popular plus for ticket holders.

I look forward to seeing all Amador AAUW members on

Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Claire Waite, Home Tour Chair

Preview: Home Tour in Sutter Creek

Baracco Home

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.

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Board Briefs

AAUW Board Briefs January 16, 2014

- The minutes for November 21, 2013 were approved.
- Treasurer Michele Powell, presented the budget reports for November 2013 and December 2013.
- Program VP Co-Chair, Judy Regnier, reported on the successful January program featuring local author/historian Carolyn Fregulia. Sixty-three people attended.
- Norma King, Judy Lerner-Liston, and Myrna Kay Robison outlined the February program, "Resources for a Brighter Future," a workshop for Amador county women who need resource information and where to go for help. A \$50.00 grocery gift card drawing will take place and childcare will be provided. Flyers were distributed to board members.
- The March program is the annual Women's History Month Essay Contest and Awards Presentation at the Sutter Creek Community Center on March 14, 2014, 5:30-6:30 pm.
- Claire Wait reported on Home Tour organizational progress.

- Nominating Committee Chair Sandy Campbell and her committee are recruiting candidates for branch officers and appointed positions for 2014-15.
- Board minutes will not be posted online. Board Briefs for the newsletter will be the responsibility of the President Elect, if there is one; otherwise it will continue to be done by the President.
- Names of persons sent cards by the Sunshine Committee will be published in the Gold Filings.
- Action Plan: the board decided to retain current meeting format and procedures.

February Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on February 20. We always meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Margie Guletz. All branch members are welcome.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except for June, July and December when the Board takes a break.

Home Tour Preview

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There are many Craftsman-related details, both original and reconstructed, throughout the house. The front porch, living room, dining room, and master bedroom are all original; including drapes, oak floor, fireplace, cabinetry, and wainscoting. Wood frame sliding glass doors, which were originally between the living room and dining room, have been relocated to open up the sunporch. Sandi's father crafted the new pillars to replace the sliding glass doors, matching the smaller originals on the dining room china cabinet forming a typical craftsman detail. The bed and dresser set in the master bedroom were inherited from Bruce's paternal grandmother. A number of quilts throughout the home are the work of Bruce's maternal grandmother.

The rear one-third of the house was demolished and rebuilt in 1998. The family room, kitchen, sewing room, and utility room are within this portion of the house. Oak floors with cherry accent strips match the original. Wainscoting from the old kitchen was recycled and used throughout. New quarter-sawn oak and granite are featured as well. A new staircase (where a breakfast nook existed previously) leads to an expanded second floor with two bedrooms and a full bath. The original clawfoot tub is here, having been relocated from the downstairs bath.

A large deck was built off of the family room and has become the hub for outdoor entertaining. The yard has been completely re-done, and provides a variety of outdoor spaces on the east and south sides of the house. Exiting the home via the deck and stairs leads to the large wisteria covered arbor and water feature. The side yard is landscaped with areas for plantings and entertaining. (The AAUW scholarship awards ceremony will be held here in the Spring.) A wine tasting will be held on the southwest corner of the yard, next to the vegetable garden. Enjoy walking through the backyard and along the creek to the wine tasting event.

Trudgen Home

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.

As in the case of all the previous owners, changes have been made to suit the owner's needs. Upon entering the front of the home, changes made by the current owner, Robert Trudgen, are revealed. The front parlor and living room have been combined to create a large entertainment room that includes a Billiard table and wide screen TV. The French doors that had previously divided the parlor and living room now are used between the living room and dining room. These changes have not affected the historic charm of this home. The windows in the dining room are original as evidenced by the wavy pattern in the glass. Above the owner's Mission style dining table is the original dining room light.

The downstairs guest bedroom complete with its own bathroom is across the hallway from the dining room. Features to look for in this charming room are antique furniture and a watercolor painting of Sutter Creek. The staircase to the cellar is also off the hallway. The cellar reveals part of the rock foundation of the home and provides a perfect temperature for aging wine.

The homeowner, Robert Trudgen, returned to Sutter Creek where he grew up when he purchased this home two years ago. Photographs of the Trudgen family and historic Sutter Creek are displayed on the stairway and walls of the cellar.

Upstairs is a hallway bath, guest bedroom, master bedroom/bath and a smaller room now used as an office. Prior owners, Bill and Sue Hepworth, made significant remodeling improvements throughout the home. Upstairs these improvements include adding a deck off the master bedroom with a spiral staircase to the patio and remodeling the hallway bathroom with white tiles and walls marked with red accents and brass fixtures.

The most notable remodel made during the Hepworth era is in the kitchen. Now this fabulous kitchen has granite counters, Wolf Stove, Sub-Zero Refrigerator, two drawer dishwashers, stunning reclaimed Heart Pine wood floors that flow into the dining room, stairs and upstairs hallway. The large kitchen includes a dining area, bar counter and living area with easy access to the back patio and garage. The AAUW Art Show will be on the patio and seen upon exiting the home.

Cookies, Please!

- The Sutter Creek Home Tour 2014 is on April 12, 2014.
- All AAUW members are expected to make 5 dozen cookies.
- Cookies are to be delivered the day before the Home Tour to be announced.

March is Women's History Month

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Amador Branch will celebrate Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 14, 2013, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Sutter Creek Community Center. Students from Ione and Jackson Junior High Schools have been invited to write a short essay about "A Women I Admire." The top essayists, from each school, will be showcased at this Women's History Month event. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome at no cost. Please join in the celebration. Contact Heidi O'Hara 257-5526 should you have questions.

If you know a Junior High student encourage her or him to write an essay and vie for top honors and cash awards.



COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday February 6th 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 partnership with

Coastline Community College (CCC)

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

Interested? Want more information?

Distance Education Program Information Night
Thursday February 6th, 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 or more information contact:
Janice Davis, Counselor, Argonaut High School
209-257-7752 or jdavis@amadorcoe.k12.ca.us



Equal Pay Day – April 8, 2014

Wage gap stuck at 23 cents (still!)

One of AAUW's highest priorities is narrowing the pay gap for women.

Your action is needed to move the needle.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, is EQUAL PAY DAY. More than 50 years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women, especially minority women, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay. On September 17, the U.S. Census Bureau released new data on the gender wage gap – but there's nothing "new" about it. In 2012, women still earned just 77 cents, on average, for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. That number hasn't budged in the last

decade, and it's about time our nation's leaders did something about it.

Through the advocacy of our members and supporters nationally, we are working to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act; we are sponsoring the training of more women for careers in science, technology, engineering and math and calling on business to offer parents the workplace practices they need to succeed at their jobs and care for their families.

AAUW Amador asks its members to support equal pay by writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper or to government representatives, using the suggested resources below.

How to Write a Letter to the Editor: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-write-a-letter-to-the-editor/>

Equal pay facts you can use in your letters to the editor:

- Gender Pay Gap by State and Congressional District: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/gender-pay-gap-by-state-and-congressional-district/>;
- AAUW Quick Facts on the Gender Pay Gap: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/quick-facts-on-the-gender-pay-gap/>;
- AAUW Position Paper on Pay Equity: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauws-position-on-pay-equity/>; The Simple Truth about the Gen-

der Pay Gap (AAUW research, Fall 2013): <http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

- Social Media is also a great way to spread the message about fair pay. Use the branch social media page and/or ask members to post a Pay Equity message (available to copy at AAUW Facebook) or refer friends to an AAUW message. Use Twitter, especially on April 8.

Contact information:
Gloria Leonard, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee,
publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

Home Tour Opportunity Quilt 2014

The Home Tour quilt is complete and is ready to go on tour! It is a beautiful quilt and you won't want to miss the chance to put your name in the basket. Tickets are available from Sue Harrington. Please both purchase and sell tickets; the cost is \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Consider taking a packet of tickets to sell to family, friends and members of organizations to which you belong; packets of 30 (\$25) and 60 (\$50) are available.

Please remember that all the money from quilt ticket sales goes directly into the scholarship fund.

If you belong to an organization and would like to borrow the quilt to sell tickets please let Sue Harrington know and she will put you on the touring schedule. Remember you can sell tickets without the quilt because photos are in the packets.



The drawing for the winning ticket will be held at the Home Tour Tea at 3:30 p.m. The winner need not be present to win.

The queen-size quilt (approximately 84" x 84") is created from Jinny Beyer's Around the World quilt pattern. It is a medallion-style quilt design with a center Mariner's Compass. Many of the fabrics used are from Jinny Beyer's collection. The dark background sets the stage for a gradation of colors from light turquoise to dark purple creating a stunning quilt.

The quilt was constructed by Barbara Garcia, Sarah Hart and Sue Harrington. The quilting was donated by Jackie Reeves.

If you are a quilter and are interested in assisting with the next quilt, please contact Sue Harrington (susanlh@volcano.net).

Amador Community College Foundation
Presents 26th Annual



BUNSEN To BEAKER 5K

Dandelion Days 5K Race

*Benefits Jackson Jr. High Science, Amador High Cross Country Team, &
Amador Centers for Higher Learning*

March 15, 2014

Race Starts at 8:00 AM Sharp – Rain or Shine

Preregister online by March 7th to receive a race shirt and to take advantage of special rates. Cost 17 and under \$20 and 18 and over \$25. Group rate for groups of 4 is \$60 and each additional participant in the group is \$15.

www.bunsentobeaker.com

Late registration is on the day of the race at Scout Hut in Detert Park at 7:00 AM with \$30 cost for every age and no group rates. Race shirts for late registration are not guaranteed as quantities have to be pre-ordered. Thanks for your understanding.

Special Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group

Iris Aparicio, Chair
joeiris@volcano.net



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 *The Tender Bar* by J.R. Moehringer for February. We will meet at the home of Margie Guletz on Monday, February 10 at 2 p.m. Call Margie for further information.

Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair
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



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 February 24 we'll be discussing *The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins*. We are meeting at the home of Bernice Honeychurch; please call her if you'd like to attend.

Cork & Fork

Bonnie Krupp, Chair
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 is March 9 with details in the March issue of Gold Filings. Call or email Bonnie if you'd like other information.

Garden Groupies

Nancy Schuster, Chair
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.

On February 19th the Garden Group will return to one of our favorite destinations, the High Hand Nursery in Loomis. In addition to all the beautiful plants, flowers, shrubs, etc. the Nursery is home to the Conservatory, a fabulous restaurant! Reservations are a must, so please let me know if you can join us. We meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot next to the Post Office in Sutter Creek. Contact me at nancys@volcano.net or call to reserve.

Libations & Conversations

AAUW members, friends and interested persons are invited to join us for lively conversation over no-host drinks on Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the National Hotel Bar (downstairs) in Jackson. Our topic of conversation will be "Building the Pipeline of Women Candidates". Just drop in - no need to RSVP - maybe you'll be the lucky one to win the door prize! If you need more information contact staggs@volcano.net



L&C Committee: Lani Chapman, Bonnie Krupp, Suzanne Nicholson, Susan Staggs

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Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
kgarciaod@hotmail.com



Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday every month at 11:45am. 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 member are welcome.

Treat yourself to an early Valentine by joining us for lunch at 11:45 at Bella Cucina, 250 French Bar Road (near Raley's). Space is limited, so we need your reservation by Monday February 10. Call Lynne to reserve. Please join us!

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. Recent themes were a Downton Abbey picnic and a Thai food feast. Each hostess volunteers for a certain date and selects the recipes to spread the preparation among all the couples attending. If you aren't part of a couple, find an AAUW friend, become a 'Supper Club' couple and join the fun. Supper Club will party on the weekend of February 22 with a Moroccan meal. Carol Bilheimer will host part of the club at her home and Claire Wait will host part of the club at her home. Please contact Lani Chapman for more info. Her email is: chapman@volcano.net.

Walking & Strolling Group

Sheila Berg, Chair
sberg@volcano.net



Walks in the county are determined by the group 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 Pi Pi, 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.

I have sent cards to the following members of our branch between November 27 and January 10.

Betty Brandson	Gretchen Kingsbury
Nancy Street	Eileen Swett
Jo Ann Ogburn	Carol Smallfield

Lynne Brumit

Branch Member News

Welcome to new members: Greta McElroy-White, Karen Baker, Andrea Sexton Danczyk, Marilyn Hoopes, Rosalie Perfler and Lisa Conti.

The January 15 program with local author Carolyn Fregulia was attended by 63 AAUW members and community members.

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with February birthdays.

Jacqueline Martinez	Isabel Singleton
Nancy Schuster	Shirley Snell