

# 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.

# Amador Branch Annual Meeting

**Date: Saturday, June 10th**

**Time: 10 AM to Noon**

**Location: Highway House Banquet Room  
(formerly Thomi’s), 627 Hwy 49, Jackson**

**Catered Brunch: \$17.95 each. Pay at the door – cash or check accepted.**

***Come vote and discuss plans for the upcoming 2017/2018 year.***

**RSVP by Sunday, June 4 (see below)**

**\*\*Please RSVP so that we have a reasonably accurate head count. If, for some reason, you forget to RSVP or you declined to attend but find yourself able to come, please let us know so that we can accommodate you.**

**RSVP: Sandee Bowman - email: sbowman56@gmail.com OR  
Rebecca Wilson - email: rdiannaw@75@icloud.com**

# Refreshments and Conversations: Scholarship Presentation

On May 25th our Branch celebrated our scholarship recipients. The scholarship committee has chosen another amazing group of young women to encourage in their academic endeavors. We look forward to see what they accomplish.



## Tech Trek Recipients

*Pictured Left to Right*

Jacque Garcia

Emma Cranfill

Abby Henness

Trinity Machi

Annessa Thompson

*Far Right:* Gretchen Carlson, Tech Trek Chair



## Upper Division Recipients

*Pictured Left to Right*

Maria MacDonald

Rebecca Boulden

*Far Left:* Kathy Guletz, Upper Division Chair



## Upper Division Recipients

*Pictured Left to Right*

Samantha Morford

Elena Soto-Rector

Nicolette Meade

Shelbee Welker

*Far Left:* Kelli Garcia, Scholarship Chair

AMADOR COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK IS HOSTING A:



# Heels ★ AND ★ BOOTS FASHION FLING

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FUNDRAISER FOR  
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017 | 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

AT JACKSON RANCHERIA CASINO RESORT  
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Join us for a fashion show featuring clothing and accessories from local businesses. Show off your favorite heels, boots, or wedges for the women and favorite boots and hats for the men to participate in our "Heels and Boots" contest! Cash prizes will be awarded to the Best in Women's and the Best in Men's categories.

For more information, please visit [JacksonCasino.com](http://JacksonCasino.com), [Acwnonline.org](http://Acwnonline.org), or contact Bernie Cramer at 209-304-5748.



## Home Tour Final Numbers

By Bonnie Krupp, Treasurer

With the ticket sales finalized and all of the expenses in, here are the final numbers for the 2017 Home Tour:

Home Tour tickets sold: 467 for total sales of \$12,020.23

Quilt tickets sold: \$1,411.00

Advertising revenue from sponsors: \$3,550.00

Scholarship donation from Jackson Rancheria: \$1,000.00

Home Tour Expenses: \$3,041.48

Total to be deposited with the Amador Community Foundation for distribution as scholarships/Tech Trek awards: \$9,416.00. This includes the Jackson Rancheria donation, the \$15.00 donation (tax deductible) portion of each ticket sold, and all of the proceeds from quilt ticket sales.

Total to the Branch from ticket sales: \$5,015.24

Total to the Branch from sponsors: \$3,550.00 (funding for next year's Home Tour)

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the final 2017 Home Tour Budget, just let me know.

## Board and Chair Positions for 2017-2018

Thank you to all the Branch members who have joined the leadership team for 2017-2018.

### Proposed Elected Positions

**Co-Presidents:** Sandee Bowman and Rebecca Wilson

**President-Elect:** Open

**Secretary:** Sara Wilson

**Membership VP:** Janet Kendig

**Funds VP:** Open

**Program VP:** Open (*Could be shared by multiple people*)

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Krupp

### Proposed Appointed Positions

**Bylaws:** Karen Baker

**Historian:** Sandi Baracco

**Public Policy/Education Equity Chair:** Karen Dickerson

**Tech Trek Chair:** Gretchen Carlson

**Sunshine:** Lynne Brumit

# An Evening of Poetry!

Featuring Dana Gioia, Poet Laureate of California and Local Poetry Out Loud Students

Everyone is welcome (especially poets and writers) and you might even win a gift basket!

It's a free event, but space is limited and reservations are required.

Thursday, June 15, 6-9 p.m. Program begins at 6:30 p.m. at The National Hotel in Jackson. Complimentary appetizers. Call 209-217-1911 or 209-267-9038

or email [friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com) to reserve.

Can't make the party? Dana Gioia will be at the Jackson Library, 3-4 p.m., that same day.



**Directory Editor and Website Editor:** Michele Powell

**Facebook Editor:** Sandee Bowman

**Libations & Conversations Committee:** Katie Scott and Deborah Dillon (*additional help welcome*)

**Hospitality Committee:** Debra Brown with help from Brenda Walker (*additional help welcome*)

**Newsletter Editor:** Rebecca Wilson

**Publicity & Communications:** Open

**Scholarships:** Open

**Community Liaison:** Open

**Home Tour Chair:** Open

We are building a even stronger branch and if you'd like to be part of it by taking a position, there are still openings. If you have any questions about what is required, contact Michele Powell.

## President's Message

Dear Members,

As our 2016/2017 year comes to an end, we have much for which to be grateful. This year, our hardworking and energetic members put together a great Home Tour and wonderful Programs and we capped it off with a terrific special L&C Scholarship and Tech Trek Awards event at the Hotel Sutter on May 25th. Special thanks to Kelli Garcia, Kathy Guletz, and Gretchen Carlson for their ongoing work as Scholarship and Tech Trek Chairs. Kudos to the L&C Team, Katie Scott and Deborah Dillon, for making this a special evening for the young women and girls and their families.

Our last event of the year is our Annual Meeting to be held on June 10th. The brunch will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. The location is The Highway House (formerly Thomi's) on Hwy. 49 in Jackson. The cost is \$17.95, payable with cash or by check. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Warmly,  
Sandee

## Time to Renew Your Membership for 2017-2018

Membership renewal notices have been emailed out, and your payment is due no later than 6/30/17. Dues are \$85, which includes \$49 for National, \$20 for State, \$16 for Branch. To facilitate the renewal process, it is best to renew online on AAUW's secure website. All of the information on how to make your payment is in the email that was sent to you on 4/18/17. A reminder email will be sent out shortly. If you prefer to send a check, please mail it to directly to: Bonnie Krupp, 816 Dove Lane, Ione, CA 95640. Please renew as soon as possible as our membership count is important in budget planning for next year.

This promises to be an exciting year for the Branch and our membership. We hope that you will renew and take an active part in our Branch activities and goals to empower all women in our community. Thanks.

## Board Briefs – 5/9/17

*By Janet Kendig, Secretary*

- Member Input & Sunshine: Kelli Garcia – the plaque recording AAUW scholarship recipients at Amador High School is full and needs to be replaced. Argonaut has not had a plaque. Cost of each plaque (2 needed) is \$80 with engraving at \$10/name. A new plaque for Amador High School will be purchased this year. The plaque for Argonaut High School will be included in next year's budget for purchase.
- Publicity – Myrna-Kay Robison – Refreshments and Conversation – May 25, AAUW California Perspective Article. Various ideas about publicity for upcoming events as well as pictures, etc. Article to Ledger Dispatch to be filed after the Scholarship Presentation, 5/25/17. Discussion regarding having the photo permission forms completed at the time of scholarship application and filed.
- Proposed Newsletter Format and Frequency changes: to be in an email format (MailChimp); calendar of events, Branch specific topic emails, other emails all of which can be posted to Facebook and the Branch website.
- Science Saturday Update – May 6 event was a great success, well received with estimates of 150-200 people (students, parents & teachers) attending. Debriefing included ideas for counting attendees, fund raising, extending to jr. high students, smaller projects, etc., for next year.
- Annual Meeting Venue: June 10 at The Highway House, (formerly Thomi's) in Jackson, 10 AM to noon in the banquet room. Cost is \$17.95, inclusive.
- Storage Solution: Members will be emailed to find out if someone has space to house AAUW properties.

# AAUW Amador 2017-2018 Proposed Operating Budget

2017-2018 Proposed		2017-2018 Actual	
Operating Budget 2017-2018			
Dues to be Collected if all renew		Dues Collected	To Date
Dues Available to Branch	\$ 1,376.00	Dues to Branch	\$ 512.00
Projected Operating Revenue		Actual Revenue	
Dues (if all renew)	\$ 1,376.00	Dues	\$ 512.00
HT ticket sales	\$ 5,015.24	HT ticket sales	\$ 5,015.24
HT Sponsors	\$ 3,550.00	HT Sponsors	\$ 3,550.00
<b>Total Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,941.24</b>	<b>Total Actual Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,077.24</b>

Budget dated 5/24/2017

Expense	Proposed	Spent to Date	Balance
AAUW Funds/EF	\$ 65.00		
AAUW Funds/LAF (out of ACF)	\$ -		
Administrative	\$ 200.00		
Advertising	\$ 150.00		
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 75.00		
Directory/By-Laws	\$ 300.00		
Hospitality	\$ 450.00	Includes Funds celebration \$\$'s	
Insurance	\$ 310.00		
Pins	\$ 200.00		
Newsletter	\$ 50.00		
PO Box Rental	\$ 72.00		
Past Pres Pins	\$ -		
Programs (this is assuming no grants)	\$ 1,900.00		
Web Site	\$ 120.00		
Scholarship Expense	\$ 250.00	Includes scholarship presentation	
Sober Grad	\$ 100.00		
State Convention/Training	\$ 750.00		
Sunshine	\$ 25.00		
Equipment	\$ 300.00	Projector & sound system	
Fundraising-Home Tour	\$ 3,500.00	From sponsor revenue	
Fundraising	\$ 500.00	Other possible fundraisers	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 9,317.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Revenue -sponsors, membership, misc			

## Getting to Know You: Mel Welsh

By Mel Welsh

I was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, more specifically, Wauwatosa. I am the third girl in a family of four girls. I was raised in a pretty proud Irish Catholic family.

My mom was a kindergarten teacher but stopped when my parents started a family. She was a Mennonite until meeting my dad and then converted to Catholicism. Her family remain steadfast Mennonites and still farm in Illinois. Some of my fondest childhood memories are spending weeks on my grandparents, farm racing my cousins and youngest sister Anne across the pig pen, sitting on my grandpa's lap on the tractor and enjoying my grandma's rolls warm from the oven.

My dad was a physical medicine and rehabilitation doctor. It was a new field for an internist after World War II. In fact, he was the first one in Wisconsin. I would make home visits with him to see polio patients and I believe that is where the seed to be a nurse was sown.

Our family loved to travel and I was up for going anywhere. I am still that way!

My elementary and high school education was taught by Catholic nuns. The high school was all girls and in uniform. I was in a hurry to start my nursing career so I obtained an Associate Degree in Nursing and then worked as an RN for three years, before going to University of Wisconsin - Madison for my Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

My career has spanned 43 years in many arenas. My passions are in community education, prevention, health and wellness, and helping patients and families with complex and challenging health issues in a home setting, as well as outpatient. I worked in the early years of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Wisconsin and California. I have served on many health and community boards.

I enjoy seeing a need and doing something about it. I was part of a group that created a Health Resource Library in Jackson in the 1990's. Ten years ago I received a grant from the State Public Health Department to develop and implement an Active Aging Task Force. Along with Laurie Webb, Director of the Amador Senior Center, and physical therapist Jan Migliaccio, we formed the Foothill Fitness classes that meet for an hour 2-3 times a week for physical activity. There are multiple sites in the county led by trained dedicated volunteers!



Mel Welsh

My husband Bob Hartmann and I moved to Amador County from Madison, Wisconsin, in 1988. We were tired of the relentless winters, and my husband had fond memories of driving through Jackson in the early 1980's. It fit our desires for warmer climates, mountains, and trails to run. Bob, a physician, started with the Internal Medicine group in Jackson, and I joined Amador Home Health Agency as a RN home health nurse. Being a home health nurse was the greatest way to learn about and meet so many people in the community. In 1990 our daughter Hallie was born. She attended Pioneer Montessori, Pine Grove Elementary, and Amador High School. She attended UC, Santa Cruz, but ultimately ended up getting her RN in Milwaukee! She loves her work with kids and adolescents in a psychiatric hospital in Milwaukee. Talk about coming full circle!

I've mentioned farming, running, and the mountains. Having dirt under my nails makes me happy. I spend hours gardening, running on trails with my Golden Retrievers, and as much time outdoors as possible. I am a docent at the Carson Pass station and a Land Steward with the American River Conservancy. I enjoy reading, live music in small venues, and meeting new people and seeing new sites. Family time is hard to come by with a daughter who lives in Wisconsin and a busy spouse, but any time together is cherished.

For 12 years I had a working farm in Wisconsin. I raised sheep (I have an AA in Sheep Production from Madison Area College), cattle, pigs, goats, and horses. We grew our own alfalfa hay and corn on 57 acres. Busy times.

Because of our love of our community and its environment and protecting the rural way of life for future generations, Bob and I helped start the Foothill Conservancy in 1989.

In 2006 I ran for District 5 Supervisor. I won the primary in a field of three men and myself, but lost the runoff. To say the least, the experience was daunting and life changing. The folks I met that helped in the campaign have become life long friends. People have said it has given them the courage to stand up and get involved. Which leads to why I joined AAUW. I love the Home Tour and many of my friends are members and I see them volunteering at the Tour. I took notice when AAUW was organizing a bus to the Women's March in Sacramento this past March. I went to the organization's website to learn more about its vision and mission and I found myself saying YES!, I want to be a part of this!

# El Festival Flamenco - Gala Evening & Benefit Performance for Amador College Connect – July 22, 2017

By Karen Dickerson

On Saturday July 22, 2017, the exclusive fund raising gala evening, El Festival Flamenco, takes place in the Grand Oak Ballroom of the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Hotel showcasing the power, passion and poetry of the soulful art form of Flamenco.

The Amador Community College Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation, invites you to this event supporting Amador College Connect – a student resource college center in Amador County. The

gala evening encompasses a cocktail reception and tapas on the Garden Terrace, followed by an elegant dinner of Spanish cuisine, and a benefit performance. Themed décor and top acts team up to transport you to a night in Old Spain. Premier auction prize is a 7-day stay on the Spanish Island of Minorca at the Diamond Resorts International Hotel donated by Sharon Lundgren of Volcano Communications Group. Jack Mitchell, Publisher Amador Ledger Dispatch, will Emcee the event.

“It’s an extraordinary opportunity to experience stellar artists in an intimate setting, and to show your support for Amador College Connect’s wide variety of services offered free to college students in Amador County,” reports Paul Molinelli, Jr., Amador



**Daniel Frías**

Community College Foundation Chair.

Keynote Speaker, Delaine Eastin, will address barriers to access of higher education in rural areas. She has held positions as a California State Assembly Member, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, professor, and business-woman. She was the first woman to be elected as the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Delaine is a candidate for Governor in 2018.

Admission for the full evening of events is \$100 per person and includes a cocktail reception with tapas and no-host bar, 4 course dinner, live and silent auctions, and a musically charged event featuring:

Daniel Frías, one of the San Francisco Bay Area’s premier flamenco and Spanish guitarists, both as an accompanist for flamenco song and dance and as a soloist, and Flamenco Viñedo, delighting you with the passion, stomping feet, coiling wrists, swirling skirts, and the outstand-

ing power and beauty of this uniquely Spanish art form.



**Delaine Eastin**



**Flamenco Viñedo**

Tickets are on sale now. <https://www.jacksoncasino.com/concerts-and-events/full-schedule>. For more information about the event, contact Wyman Dickerson, Gala Chair, [wymand@volcano.net](mailto:wymand@volcano.net) or 209-304-8094.

## Exciting Changes to *Gold Filings* for Next Year!

By Rebecca Wilson, Newsletter Editor

Starting with the July issue, *Gold Filings* is going electronic. I know what you're thinking: aren't we already electronic? Right now we are essentially emailing a newsletter that is designed to be printed and mailed, which isn't always email friendly.

Our new *Gold Filings* will utilize MailChimp, which is an e-newsletter system. Stories and other information will be directly accessible from your email without having to open a pdf. Plus, it has a great price – it's FREE!

We are also going to experiment with sending out information in smaller emails. During the last week of each month you will receive a *Gold Filings* calendar edition. The calendar will include all of the dates for upcoming events, programs, and interest groups. July's calendar deadline will be June 19th.

Additionally, we will send out other emails throughout the month with our usual stories. For example, we'll send out Getting to Know You, information on programs, stories from national, calls for volunteers, and any other information the membership needs to know. One of the advantages of this method will be that we can distribute information in a more timely manner.

If you currently receive your *Gold Filings* through the mail, I will continue to mail it to you. If you find that the new format works well for you, please notify me so that I may stop mailing it to you.

I hope you enjoy the changes.



AMADOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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## Special Interest Groups

### Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair  
[robinstolk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robinstolk@sbcglobal.net)

Join us for a thoughtful and friendly book discussion the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Our next meeting is June 12th at Judy Venkus' home. We will discuss *Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. New members are welcome. If you'd like to join the group, contact Robin Stolk.



### Art in Action

Bev York, Chair  
[likacb@volcano.net](mailto:likacb@volcano.net)

We are a group whose members enjoy drawing and painting at each others' homes or various outdoor locations such as PiPi Valley, Bear River, and Lake Tabaud. 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 Bev for information about the next meeting.



### Book Lovers & Page Turners

Jackie Martinez, Chair  
[jackiemartinez@aol.com](mailto:jackiemartinez@aol.com)

Come join us! We meet at 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) at members' homes. We have great discussions about books while sharing a light dessert. New members are welcome. Our next meeting is June 26 at the home of Jackie Martinez. We'll discuss *One Summer: America, 1927* by Bill Bryson. If you'd like to join these conversations, contact the hostess by email or phone. If you'd like to join the book group, contact Jackie Martinez.



### Cork & Fork

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

The Cork & Fork group meets every other month to enjoy wine tasting and appetizers. Members' homes are the usual meeting place, but we sometimes gather at a winery tasting room or other appropriate venue. The next meeting of Cork & Fork is Sunday, July 9th at the usual time, 5:30 PM. All three groups will meet together at a winery. Detailed information will follow soon.



### Garden Groupies

Judy Venckus, Chair  
[venckus@aol.com](mailto:venckus@aol.com)

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. Garden Groupies will meet at the parking lot next to Sutter Creek Post Office at 10 am to car pool to High Hand Nursery in Loomis. Lunch will be at their cafe.



### Lunch Bunch

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

Lunch Bunch is meeting at Bistro Bella Cucina, 250 French Bar Rd in Jackson on Thursday June 8th at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP by June 6th to Gretchen Carlson email [gcarlson1953@gmail.com](mailto:gcarlson1953@gmail.com).



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