

# 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.

## Home Tour Update

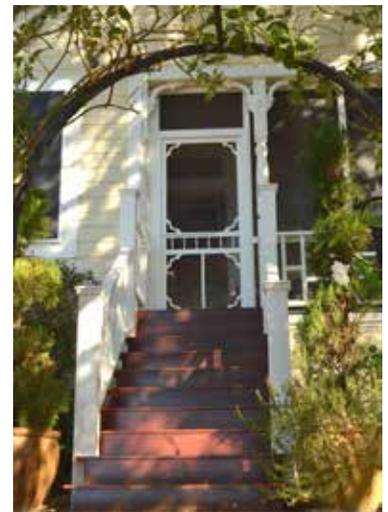
Home Tour tickets go on sale March 14 for the Amador City tour at the following locations: Ione – Ione Pharmacy, Plymouth – Amador 360, Pine Grove – Pine Cone Drug, and Martell – Claypool’s Gift & Home. Tickets are \$22 at these locations, cash or check only. On our website (Amador-ca.aauw.net), tickets will be available through PayPay or credit card for \$25 beginning the same date. These tickets will be mailed.



All members are expected to support this event, which funds our scholarship program, by purchasing a ticket.

Posters and tear sheets (no bookmarks this year) will be available shortly. Nancy Street will be contacting those who volunteered for distribution. Generally businesses prefer they be posted only one month ahead. The tear sheets will be gummed in sets of 50 and can be taken apart and distributed as the bookmarks have in the past.

Descriptions of the sites have been running in the Gold Filings since last month and will continue through the April edition. In addition to the sites detailed, there will be two additional sites for the tea and art show.



Parking is extremely limited in Amador City, which is why we have secured the use of Amador High School in Sutter Creek

for parking. A shuttle provided by Amador Transit will run continuously between the school and Amador City between the hours of 10:30 and 5:00. Hostesses, tea workers, musicians, etc., will need to park at the school and carpool or shuttle to their assignments. There will be only a few parking spots at each site for these members. As much as possible, we need to leave the in-town parking to ticket holders and other visitors. Those who purchase tickets by mail will be directed to use the school parking as well.

Don’t forget to bake your cookies!

### Steering Committee:

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| Bobbie Brubaker | Judy Venckus   |
| Sandra Campbell | Nancy Schuster |
| Claire Wait     |                |

## AAUW CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



**BY HONORING AMERICA'S FIRST CONGRESSWOMAN**

**JEANNETTE RANKIN**

The program will include a film featuring this courageous woman elected in 1916, and a costumed monologue by Dr. Helen Bonner whose graduate work was based on Rankin's life story.



**WHERE:** Sutter Creek Community Center  
33 Church St. Sutter Creek

**WHEN:** Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

This program is open to the public at no cost. No reservation needed.  
Light refreshments served.

# President's Message

by Michele Powell

March is Women's History Month and Helen Bonner, our Program VP, has planned a special tribute to America's first Congresswoman, Jeannette Rankin. There will be a one-hour biographical film followed by a costumed monologue. This program is going to be fun and educational; I hope you are planning to join me Thursday March 24 at 6:00 at the Sutter Creek Community Center.

It is almost springtime and with it comes the Home Tour. This year it is on April 16 in Amador City. The homes and sites are all very interesting; you can read about them on our website [amador-ca.aauw.net](http://amador-ca.aauw.net) and in February Gold Filings as well as this issue of Gold Filings. It is going to be an old-fashioned walking tour.

The Home Tour team headed by Sandy Campbell has been working very hard to make this year's tour a successful fundraiser and a fun day for visitors and members alike. As you can imagine if you've driven through or visited Amador County...and who hasn't...Amador City has unique challenges that other locales in the county don't have. Among them are parking, very uneven terrain and limited number of places to have lunch. These issues have demanded creative solutions from the committee.

I can't overemphasize the importance of your buying at least one Home Tour ticket. It is a basic expectation of membership.

This is our only fundraising effort and thus your purchase is very important. If each of our approximately 98 members bought one ticket that would bring in an additional \$2,156.

In 2014 only 26 members bought 43 Home Tour tickets totaling \$946; in 2015 -last year- 47 members bought 62 tickets totaling \$1364. That is an increase of almost twice the number of members buying tickets, an increase of 19 more tickets purchased by members and an increase of \$418 in revenue. Thank you!! Can we increase this again?

In the AAUW Amador branch 2015-2016 Directory on page 3 there is a brief section with the title Home Tour; the second to the last sentence urges all branch members to "Please plan to make this year's Home Tour the best ever by being a hostess, purchasing a ticket, baking cookies and rendering service in other areas."

I am confident that we will each do as much as we can to in make this Home Tour a great success, as it is every year. It wouldn't be possible with out your efforts.

Thank you.

## Board Briefs – 2/17/16

- Minutes for January 20, 2016 were approved as written.
- The Treasurer gave her report.
- The March 24 program will be a movie on the life of Jeannette Rankin, to be held at the Sutter Creek Community Center.
- Membership now totals 98, with two new members: Alix Sehr-Stewart and student member Shauna Solari.
- Home Tour: Shuttle arrangements are set. Two issues remain: there are only two places for lunch in Amador City and there is no alternative location for the Tea if it rains. The committee is working on solutions.
- Nomination Committee: We still need nominees for President and Treasurer, or the branch faces closure. The committee will meet again and consider sharing or dividing positions.
- A Branch Survey was drafted and will be sent to members by March 1. The survey addresses concerns, needs and goals of the branch.
- The Libations and Conversations proposal passed. It will become a subcommittee under the Vice President for Membership.
- Bylaws revisions are almost complete and will be placed on the website.

## Nominating Committee Update — 2016-2017 Board Openings

There isn't any real change in the situation. Approximately six board members will stay in their current positions or accept a different position and several other members are considering talking a position, so this leaves approximately 12 to 14 open positions.

Among the open positions are president and treasurer; the committee members agree that until we fill these positions there is no reason to attempt to fill the others positions.

If you'd like more information, contact Nancy Street who is chairing the committee.

### Nominating Committee Members:

Nancy Street

Isabel Singleton

Michele Powell

## Upcoming Libations & Conversations

If you haven't yet attended a Libations and Conversations gathering, join us for a fun hour of mingling with friends and new acquaintances, interesting and enlightening conversation and, if you wish, a libation. If you are a regular at our L&C hour, encourage your friends and prospective new members to attend.

Our next Libations & Conversations meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Amador 360, 18590 Highway 49, in Plymouth. The topic for discussion is "Is Language Still a Battlefield of Gender Equality?" led by member Rebecca Wilson. No-host wine will be available. No need to RSVP, just come join the fun!

## Home Tour Quilt 2016



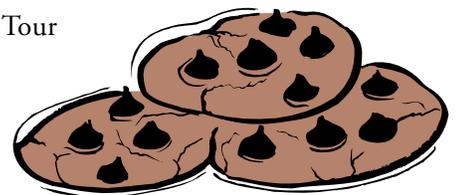
Everyone is excited about this year's Home Tour Quilt, so don't miss your opportunity to purchase tickets. You can buy one ticket for \$1, six tickets for \$5 or more, increasing your chances of winning the quilt and supporting our AAUW Scholarship Fund benefiting women and girls.

You can also help by taking packets of tickets to our Branch's Interest Groups that you belong to and other organization meetings you attend.

Let's make this a great year for quilt ticket sales! Contact Sue Harrington ([susanlh@volcano.net](mailto:susanlh@volcano.net) or (209) 296-1594) to contribute to this great cause.

## Cookies, Please!

The Amador City Home Tour 2016 is on April 16. All AAUW members are expected to make 4 dozen cookies. These should be one or two bites. Cookies will be



picked up from the drop-off locations on Friday, April 15, at 4 p.m. Two of the locations are the homes of Margie Guletz in Jackson and Jackie Martinez in Ione. You may take them there ahead of time after calling to make sure it is convenient. For the Pine Grove location, Sierra Travel, drop off only on the 15th by 4 p.m.

# Home Tour Homes

## Imperial Hotel — 14202 Old Highway 49

When the Imperial Hotel first opened its doors in 1879, Amador City was a bustling mining town in the midst of rebuilding after a devastating fire the year before and a previous fire in 1876. The Sanguinetti family wisely built their new two-story hotel using fireproof brick and stone. It was first named the Italian Hotel, later renamed the Imperial, and served prosperous Victorian visitors and successful miners. It started life as a boarding house with ground floor dining room and bar. The dining room had a separate entrance so the ladies would not have to walk through the bar to reach the dining room. Lodging was upstairs and also in a wood-frame addition in the rear of the building which was removed in later years.

The hotel closed in 1927 and did not reopen until 1988. Today the miners are gone, but Amador City retains its historic character, and the beautifully restored Imperial Hotel still offers a warm and gracious welcome to visitors to the Gold Country. Present day owners, Mary Ann and Jim McCamant, have added contemporary art, colorful fabrics, and an assortment of an-

tiques throughout the high-ceilinged interior. Their restoration retains the original brick exterior with its iron doors and shutters. Inside, the dining room has exposed original brick walls and offers a varied menu of Mediterranean-style fare and mostly local wines. The bar has been completely restored with antique barstools, original gaslights, a 19th-century-style wood bar and creaky floors. Fountains, waterfalls, flower gardens and century-old walls of native stone highlight the new courtyard.

Today the Imperial has six air-conditioned guest rooms located on the second floor of the original 1879 building. The rooms have high ceilings, the original brick walls, and large operable windows overlooking the town. There are two sets of adjoining rooms: rooms 3 and 5, and rooms 2 and 4. As for Room 6, according to the Gold Rush Ghosts organization, it's haunted. Look for the Certificate of Authentication hanging on a lobby wall – and watch for The Lady in White on your visit upstairs. Some of the rooms will be open for Home Tour visitors during limited hours.



## Home Tour Homes

### Amador City Cemetery — Church Street, behind the Imperial Hotel

The historic Amador City cemetery lies, almost unnoticed, upslope from the Imperial Hotel, along Church Street. The first burial in this cemetery was in 1851 when a young man, Charles C. Wheeler, died not long after the quartz miners came and founded the village. The last burial was in 1892 when Mary Gundry, wife of the Justice of the Peace, joined her sons. In those 40 years the cemetery interred 20 persons for certain and possibly 8 or more. Many buried were killed in mining accidents. One of these was Oliver Vance (1848-1880). He died when he was crushed by a skip (elevator to access the mine) in Amador City's most famous mine, the Keystone Mine. Vance left behind a wife and five children, who received death benefits from the Ancient Order of United Workmen, one of many benevolent societies supplying an early form of life insurance.

The people buried here were predominately Protestant or Methodist and probably members of the nearby Methodist church, then located at the corner of Church Street and O'Neil Alley. There was never a Catholic Cemetery in Amador City. The land presented problems for burial and survival of the grave markers. Rocky ground made digging graves nearly impossible, so frequently dynamite had to be used to open a new grave. Before the curb and fence were erected around the cemetery in approximately 1915, soil washed down to Church Street, causing dirt to partially cover some of the headstones in the northwest section of the cemetery. Some graves were never marked or given hand-carved wooden markers that did not survive the ravages of time. During the 1950s, the person hired by the city to clean up the cemetery decided to burn the vegetation to quickly do the job, and the remaining wooden markers were unfortunately lost. Many of the surviving marble headstones have plaques with interesting historical information about the deceased and clues to Amador City's historic mining past.



## Home Tour Homes

### Anne and Sarkis Kel-Artinian Home — 14410 Keystone Alley

Keystone Alley is the site of a commanding Victorian style home, with a cheery apricot color that is eye-catching and welcoming. The home is owned by Anne and Sarkis Kel-Artinian. Although the style is Victorian, it was built recently in 2003 by local builder Ray Brusatori. Now step inside the two-story, four bedrooms, three-bath home:

The entrance takes you through a white picket fence and arbor, to a wraparound porch and front door. Admire the view of the Imperial Hotel and nearby sights of Amador City before entering the living room. The room has red fir flooring and crown molding on the ceiling. There is a beautiful antique fireplace with gleaming hardwood mantel and oval mirror. The mantel is from 1902, extends from floor to ceiling, and is surrounded by built-in bookcases. Stunning Turkish and Pakistani rugs adorn the floors.

In the formal dining room, a 1950s mesquite wood table from Mexico graces the room. The blue tableware is hand-painted from Copenhagen. A nearby glass cabinet contains the owners' bird collection. Beautiful white wainscoting extends high on the walls and two large windows allow light and views.

The adjacent kitchen has warm wood custom cabinets with granite countertops, marble backsplash, and farmhouse sink. Through the windows is a glimpse of an impressive rock wall built by Roberto Pimentel of Sutter Creek

There are four bedrooms on the second floor. The first is Grandfather's Room, named in honor of the owners' grandfather, who helped women in white slavery. The master bedroom is painted a sunny yellow. Ceilings are high with crown molding, window coverings are kept simple. The third bedroom is named the Orchard Room for the orchard paintings hanging on the walls. Twin wrought iron beds are in keeping with the Victorian-



style home. The last bedroom is the Sea Shore Room, and the decor carries out that theme, starting with the ocean blue walls. Altogether, this home conveys the spirit of its Amador City setting, with a mix of the Victorian and eclectic to create a family friendly lifestyle.

## Getting to Know You: Bailey Burton

by Isabel Singleton

Meet Bailey Burton, a graduate of California State University, Fresno who grew up in Fresno as well. She graduated in 2010 with a degree in Recreation Administration, with a specialty in Sports & Entertainment Facility Management and a Certificate in Special Events Planning.

She went to school at Fresno State from 2000 – 2003, majoring in sorority fun as a Delta Zeta. During these years she fell in love with planning events and philanthropies through the sorority, but had no idea there was a career in planning events. Bailey spent a year as a flight attendant with SkyWest as she loves to travel. She dabbled in various jobs in the restaurant service industry in Fresno, especially in the brewing industry, where she was a bartender and met her husband, Rod. She went back to Fresno State in 2008 to finish her degree once she knew that she could major in something as fun as planning events. After Bailey graduated, Rod moved them to Amador in 2010.

She started working at Deaver Vineyards as their Event Coordinator, then met Mark & Tracey Berkner and became manager of the Volcano Union Inn and assistant manager at Taste. During this time she started various beer pairing dinners at the Union and the Chowder Chomp fundraiser

in Volcano, raising money for scholarships to high school graduates from Volcano. In April of 2013, she went to work for Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort as the Special Events, Sales Representative. One of her key events that

she brought to Jackson Rancheria was the creation of the Sierra Foothill Harvest Brewfest, spotlighting micro-brews served with delicious foods, definitely a nice addition to the local wine industry. She loves the variety of events that she gets to organize. Some of her favorite events are the fundraisers for local organizations in Amador such as the Sutter Amador Hospital Fundraiser and the ACCF Gala.

She and Rod married in 2013 and live in Sutter Creek with Owen, their 10 year old Golden Retriever. They love the area, their home and the community. Bailey is involved with the Amador County Women's Network, Amador Council of Tourism and joined AAUW in November 2015. When asked why she joined AAUW, she told me that groups such as AAUW allow her to get to know different people who are striving to provide higher education to the women in Amador County and that she looks forward to participating with our group and in our endeavors to provide scholarships to local women.



**Bailey Burton**



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***Join us Saturday, May 7 for the Northern California NAMI Walk!***

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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 March 14th at Marge Guletz's home. We will be discussing *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. 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 March 28 at the home of Carol Smallfield. We'll discuss *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. 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)

This 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 is Sunday March 13 at 5:30. If you'd like to join Cork & Fork or for more information about the group, contact Michele Powell.



### 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. Our destination on March 16 is Pottery World and Green Acres in El Dorado Hills. Meet at Sutter Creek parking lot next to the post office at 10 am for carpool. Let me know if you can join us.



### Lunch Bunch

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

March's Lunch Bunch will be at Thai Siam, 12240 Industry Blvd, Jackson on March 10th. Visit [www.thaisiamjackson.com](http://www.thaisiamjackson.com) to view the menu. Lunch is at 11:45 a.m. For reservations please contact Elizabeth Rhein: email [elizabeth@eliza11.com](mailto:elizabeth@eliza11.com), phone or text, by March 8 if possible.



## Branch Member Notes

### Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair  
[clairesc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clairesc@sbcglobal.net)

Supper Club will again meet on April 30 for a Vietnamese dinner. Bonnie and Harold Krupp are the hosts. Please call Bonnie for additional information.



### Sunshine Update for February –

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.

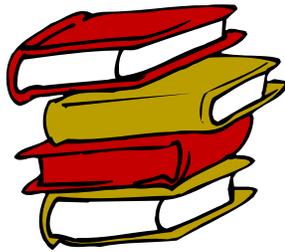
Since our last issue of *Gold Filings*, I have sent sunshine cards to Margie Guletz, Andrea Sexton, Linda Rianda, and Sharon Berglund.

—Lynne Brumit

### Working Girls’ Book Group

Liz Powell, Chair  
[mrlizpowell@gmail.com](mailto:mrlizpowell@gmail.com)

The Working Girls’ Book Group will discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd in March. Please contact Rebecca Wilson at [rdiannaw75@icloud.com](mailto:rdiannaw75@icloud.com) for date and location.



### Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with January birthdays.

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| Kathy Allen      | Suzanne Kreutzer |
| Iris Aparicio    | Norva Fagg       |
| Carol Bilheimer  | Judy Regnier     |
| Mona Evans Brown | Elizabeth Rhein  |
| Cynthia Butler   | Rebecca Wilson   |
| Marge Chisholm   |                  |

## March Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th. We always meet at 6 PM at the home of Margie Guletz. All branch members are welcome.

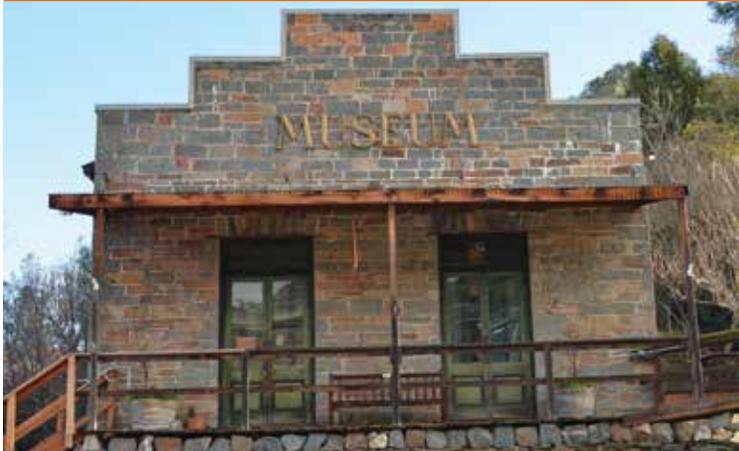
Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month except for June, July, and December when the Board takes a vacation.

## April Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the April issue of Gold Filings is **March 25th**. Please submit material to [rdiannaw75@icloud.com](mailto:rdiannaw75@icloud.com). Thank you.

44th Annual AAUW

# Home Tour



*Discover Amador City ~ A Walking Tour*

**April 16, 2016 ~ 11 AM – 4 PM**

**Tickets \$22 (\$25 online or on the day of the Tour)**

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| Purchase Tickets at local outlets after Mar. 14:<br>\$22, Cash or Check Only<br>Ione: Ione Pharmacy<br>Pine Grove: Pine Cone Drug<br>Plymouth: Amador 360<br>Martell: Claypool’s Gift & Home<br>(in the Safeway shopping center) | Purchase Tickets by mail before Apr. 8:<br>\$22, Cash or Check Only<br>AAUW Home Tour<br>c/o Sarah Hart<br>19974 Jesus Maria Road<br>Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245 |
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Online by April 8:  
 Purchase Tickets on our website ([amador-ca.aauw.net](http://amador-ca.aauw.net)) using PayPal for \$25

On Tour Day:  
 \$25 at all local outlets & at Little City Studio & Gallery, 14180 Old HWY 49, Amador City

Questions? Contact Lani at (209) 245-6052 or at [chapman@volcano.net](mailto:chapman@volcano.net)