

Gold Filings

Amador Branch
American Association
of University Women



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Science Saturday: A Free Family Event

Science Saturday, a STEM fair, is a new project being presented by our Branch in conjunction with Pine Grove School, which is a STEM magnet school. The project is being partially funded by Jackson Rancheria. It will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Pine Grove Elementary School, 20101 Hwy. 88, Pine Grove.



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.

STEM refers to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEM matters because in the future there will be more and more STEM jobs available in the United States, but many students will be unprepared to fill them. This is particularly true for female students because girls have been discouraged from entering STEM fields of study and employment. As early as first grade some children begin to think only boys are good at math. Many children's toys continue to reinforce gender stereotypes and encourage only boys to build and engineer and "figure things out." We want this inaugural program to be the first of many in our community to introduce STEM concepts in a way that is fun, exciting, and hands-on. We are not limiting the participants to girls. Boys are very welcome.

Science Saturday will be an interactive day of STEM activities and exploration that will fuel kids' passion for science. We are inviting students in grades K-6 countywide to participate. There will be more than 15 stations where the children will be involved in STEM based activities. These activities will be facilitated by AAUW members and community members, as well as teams of students from Pine Grove Elementary. The student teams are excited to be sharing their knowledge and experiences with others. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Lunch will be available for purchase at the event offered by PAWS (Parents Association Working for Children). Please consider bringing your children to this fun event!



Science Saturday Presented by



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Pine Grove Elementary School
Saturday, May 6, 2017 10:00AM - 2:00PM
FREE FAMILY EVENT

Science Saturday is an interactive day of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities and exploration that will fuel kids' passion for a lifetime. We are inviting students in grades K-6 County wide to have the opportunity to do science with us. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

President's Message

Happy Spring!

Just in time for our Annual Home Tour, we're seeing less rain and a Spring in everyone's step! And, it is a busy one for AAUW Amador...

Our Women's History Month Celebrations were a smashing success!

Stephanie Young led an entertaining and educational discussion about Mary Rippon at the March Libations & Conversations.

Then, on March 30, we screened the film "He Named Me Malala" at Margaret Dalton Center in Jackson and attendance was terrific. Fifty-four people attended including 27 guests. A big thanks to everyone who attended and brought their friends and families and donated whatever they could. We nearly succeeded in covering the licensing costs for the film, a bigger expense than we budgeted for back in June.

April 22 – Enjoy, participate, and just have some fun at our annual Home Tour "Strolling Sutter Creek." Win a Spectacular Quilt! Be a Hostess! Bring your friends! The Committee has made strides in recruiting Hostesses for the Tour but, we always need more people. Remember to purchase a ticket and attend! See the partial re-print of Sandy Campbell's reminder about what goes into putting on a successful Home Tour – it takes commitment and plain hard work. (page 7)

Make Science Saturday an AAUW Signature Event. Pine Grove Elementary School will look like a mini-Exploratorium on the

6th of May from 10 AM to 2 PM. Pine Grove Elementary has given us a tremendous amount of support, Jackson Rancheria contributed \$1,000 in grant money, Dr. Amy Slavensky, School Superintendent, plans to attend with her videographer and Frank Axe, the District Supervisor expects to attend. This committee has worked hard to make the event unique and memorable. The scientists need your help! If you can facilitate and experiment or wrangle children – lend a hand!

May 25 – Libations & Conversations will host our Tech Trek and Scholarship Award Ceremony with a special discussion about careers and education. Hotel Sutter in the Banquet Room. 5:30 to 7:00 PM. A big thank you to Chris VanFleet for submitting a grant request to Jackson Rancheria; we received a \$1,000 Scholarship Grant!

I re-iterate: I implore you to attend and volunteer to help with all of our programs and events. The members who have worked to put them together are busy, busy women, some of whom work fulltime, many who are engaged in a variety of Boards and volunteer for other organizations but still make time to support AAUW. Please demonstrate your commitment to AAUW's Mission by donating your time.

We have a lot of hard working members on each of these Committees and Program Events. Join in working with them by providing hands-on help or make sure you attend the events in support of their efforts.

Warmly,
Sandee

Amador Community College Foundation

El Flamenco Festival — A Night in Spain ~ July 22, 2017

Enjoy performances by flamenco dancers and Spanish guitar artists while basking in the decor of Old Spain.

Dinner, Entertainment, Silent & Live Auctions. For more information, call Amador College Connect 209-217-8239. Tickets available at Jacksoncasino.com starting April 3, 2017.

All proceeds benefit the Amador Community College Foundation, which operates Amador College Connect, a college resource center in Amador County.

Grand Oak Ballroom — Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort
12222 New York Ranch Road
Jackson, CA 95642
5:30-11:00 PM



Board Briefs – 3/14/17

Member Input & Sunshine: Judy Regnier, Gretchen Kingsbury, and Kelly Trotter were sent sunshine this month.

Correspondence: Rancheria grant check and received letter for “the AAUW Amador Branch 45th Annual Home Tour.”

February Board Minutes: approved unanimously

Treasurer’s Report: Bonnie Krupp reported

Officer, Chair, and Committee Reports

Membership: Sara Wilson will be putting up table with AAUW membership materials during Home Tour. Two new members joined.

Publicity: Myrna-Kay Robison reported on publicity in the *Ledger Dispatch* and Hometown Radio for the upcoming “He Named Me Malala” film/program scheduled for March 30 at 6 PM, at the Margaret Dalton Center in Jackson.

Nominating Committee: the minimum board positions may be filled plus a few other positions. The contact with members to participate in leadership roles has been disappointing. Discussion ensued about how little participation for board positions or even for hosting at the Home Tour there is among membership. There is a lack of interest on the part of members to serve in leadership roles. 34% of members are not participating in the HT due to illness and other reasons.

Scholarship Awards: Awards Ceremony to be held at the May 25th Libations & Conversations, Hotel Sutter banquet room, Sutter Creek from 5:30-7 PM.

2017-2018 Budget: Rebecca Wilson encouraged budget development at next board meeting to carefully plan for next year’s needs/goals.

Science Festival Update : Rebecca Wilson/Michele Powell/Bonnie Krupp – To be held at Pine Grove Elementary school, Saturday, May 6 from 10-2 PM. Two grants have been applied for to cover expenses; committee still needs volunteers to assist.

Home Tour Update: Nancy Street/Bonnie Krupp – Lack of hostesses. Concern about lack of participation among the branch membership; still unfilled positions. Tickets to be available March 17.

Women’s History Month Program Update: Planning members are asked to be there at 5 PM. Family members and friends encouraged to attend, “He Named Me Malala” screening at 6 pm at the Margaret Dalton Center in Jackson, Thursday, March 30.

Mentoring Program: Is floundering due to lack of participation. Rotary, which has a similar program, might be prospective partners in the future.

Scholarship and Tech Trek: Committees reviewing applications. Interviews scheduled for April; scholarship presentation on May 25th Libations & Conversations.

Next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday, April 11 at 6 PM, Paisano’s Pizza, Jackson

Submitted by: Janet Kendig

Home Tour Opportunity Quilt 2017

Remember to get your tickets for this year’s Home Tour Opportunity Quilt!

You can either purchase tickets or take a packet of tickets to sell to family and friends. Just contact me and we can arrange to get the tickets to you. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00; packets come with either \$25.00 or \$50.00 worth of tickets. You can reach me at susanlh@volcano.net.

The full cost of the ticket goes to the AAUW Scholarship Fund for local women and girls (Tech Trek), so you know your money is going toward a worthy cause. It is your support that makes sewing the quilt worthwhile! Thanks for your participation in this effort.

~ Sue Harrington



Don’t Forget to Buy Your Quilt Tickets!

Board and Chair Positions for 2017-2018

Thank you to all the branch members who have joined the leadership team for 2017-2018. Sandee Bowman and Rebecca Wilson will be acting as Co-Presidents; Sara Wilson is staying on the board as Secretary; Janet Kendig is staying on as Membership VP; Bonnie Krupp is remaining as Treasurer; Karen Baker is staying as Bylaws; Sandi Baracco is remaining as Historian; Karen Dickerson is staying as Public Policy/Education Equity Chair; Gretchen Carlson is remaining as Tech Trek Chair; Lynne Brumit is staying as Sunshine; Michele Powell is staying as Directory Editor and Website Editor; Sandee Bowman is taking on the position as Facebook Editor; Katie Scott will continue to head Libations & Conversations; and Debra Brown has volunteered to take on Hospitality with assistance from Brenda Walker. Your commitment and your hard work are greatly appreciated. Three Cheers for all of you!!

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. We need the following positions filled:

- President-Elect
- Program VP
- Funds VP
- Publicity & Communications
- Scholarships
- Community Liaison
- Libations & Conversations, additional help wanted

If you have any questions about what is required, contact our President, Sandee Bowman, or any of the other board members.



Join Our AAUW Partnership With Operation Care

- Provide practical help to women in transition to a new life
- Mentor teen girls to raise self esteem
- Help raise awareness in the community

Let's make a difference!

For more information contact Judy Lerner-Liston at dandjl@suttercreek.com.

Volunteers Needed for Science Saturday, May 6th

At our planning meetings last summer, Branch members decided that a major Branch priority for 2016-2017 is to support Tech Trek and STEM activities in our community. Science Saturday is our second such event this year, and promises to be a fun and educational day for all involved.

On May 6th, from 10 AM to 2 PM, our Amador Branch will sponsor Science Saturday in cooperation with Pine Grove Elementary school (our county's STEM Magnet school). This will be a family friendly event for K-6th graders countywide. Numerous hands-on STEM activities are being planned.

Obviously, in order to make this event a success we need the help of all Branch members. Will you volunteer to assist with the activities? We could have between 100 and 200 children in attendance — lots of hands will be needed. No science background necessary.

If you can volunteer, please contact Bonnie Krupp at bonniekrupp@yahoo.com.

Please gather with us to Celebrate the Life of Dodd Thorpe, Sunday, April 9th, 2 PM - 5 PM

While we miss Dodd with all our hearts, we look forward to remembering him and the phases of his life — in the community with those whose life he touched and treasured him along the way.

As a man who tended to have a glass of red wine every evening, it is fitting that we will be celebrating Dodd at the winery just down the road from his Fiddletown home. We will be raising a glass to him at: Helwig Winery, 11555 Shenandoah Rd., Plymouth, California.

There is not need to RSVP, but if you have any questions call me at 209-245-3715. Part of the celebration will be outdoors under cover, so dress accordingly.

Fondly, Mary Thorpe and family

Memorial contributions can be made to our AAUW scholarship fund or the local Hospice or Food Bank.

Strolling Sutter Creek ~ Homes of the 45th Home Tour

125 Spanish Street - Elene and Jerry Cook

The home at 125 Spanish Street is a tribute to Sutter Creek's history with a pinch of Norwegian flair. The home was built in 1859 by Franklin Herman, a blacksmith by trade, employed at the nearby Mahoney Mine. Current owners Elene and Jerry Cook bought the home 11 years ago from Bob and Wendy Woolrich. The Cooks have put finishing touches on the home that embraces its historic past and their own family history.



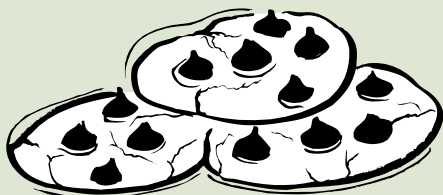
A prettier setting is hard to find. The home is set back from Spanish Street with a generous front yard. Sutter Creek gently flows behind the home. A flagpole is a remnant from the past when Franklin Herman's daughter, a school teacher, held school events at the site.

The living room has the original pine floors with nail marks showing where walls once were. There is a trapdoor in the floor from its mining days. Beneath the trapdoor was a "hygrading room." This was a pit beneath the floor, which was a secret place

to break open rocks in the hopes of finding gold. The trapdoor no longer opens and is sealed shut. Along the wall is an antique confessional from the 1700s. A large braided rug was made by Elene's mother and grandmother from wool coats.

Tea Cookies, Please

Our 2017 Home Tour: Strolling Sutter Creek is on April 22. All AAUW members are expected to make 3-4 dozen cookies. These should be one or two bites. Cookies will be picked up from the drop-off locations on Friday, April 21, at 4 PM. Drop-off locations are the homes of Margie Guletz in Jackson, Jackie Martinez in Ione, and Sandi Baracco in Sutter Creek. You may take them there ahead of time after calling to make sure it is convenient. Thank you!



In the kitchen and dining area, touches of Elene's Norwegian heritage give warmth and character. The cabinets are a pretty Norwegian blue. An intriguing black heating stove came from the home of Elene's grandfather in Norway. On the walls are a Norwegian washing paddle, ironing board, and wooden stirrer carved by her great grandfather. Her mother's needlework displays a Norwegian motto, "Morning hours have gold in its mouth," in Norwegian.

The office and master bedroom share a creekside view across a deck that includes a hot tub. An impressive antique headboard was modified by Jerry to fit the modern king size bed. Next to the bedroom is a charming laundry room decorated with vintage clothing and accessories.

When departing, notice the small guest house with the sign above it saying, "Nest." This aptly describes the quaint bedroom and bath. Walls are painted a pretty robin's egg blue and other bird accessories make "Nest" the perfect name for this sanctuary, putting the final touches to this beautiful historic home.

Strolling Sutter Creek ~ Homes of the 45th Home Tour

Sutter Creek Fire Museum — Main Street, Sutter Creek

During the 2016 AAUW Home Tour, visitors saw the completed Amador City firehouse museum and the 1939 Dodge firetruck. This year, visitors will tour the Sutter Creek firehouse that was built in 1934 and actively used until just a few years ago. In the front of the building, visitors will see the work being done to recreate the first firetruck, a 1924 Dodge pickup truck that was converted by local mechanics for firefighting. Future plans for the Fire Museum include a recreated 1930s auto workshop to display the firetruck and Sutter Creek fire history including artifacts. Also, plans are that this location will be developed into the main Amador County fire museum.

Preserving the fire history of Amador County started in 2005 when the Sutter Creek Fire District and the Sutter Creek Volunteer Fire Department decided to begin the Fire History Projects to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the Sutter Creek Fire District. The purpose of these projects is to research, preserve, recreate and display the local fire departments history and make the results available as a tourist attraction for the county. The Fire History Project initially began with the histories of fire service organization in Amador City and Sutter Creek. The first big project of the collaboration was the rehabbing and reequipping of Amador City's 1939 Dodge firetruck and displaying it in the old firehouse, now a museum. Many of these hard working volunteers



who have enriched our fire history will be available to answer question on Tour day at the old Sutter Creek Firehouse.

Home Tour Update

This is a partial reprint of Sandy Campbell's President's Message from the February 2012 Gold Filings. Some thoughts that make us proud of what we give to our community through AAUW. It takes a village.

"Visitors to our annual Home Tour arrive to listen to our knowledgeable hostesses describing the attributes of the selected sites, sample tea and homemade cookies provided by members, and perhaps make a purchase at the art show. What may seem effortless to the outsider is the culmination of many months' work by a committee consisting of over 25 members.

Even before the home finders spring into action, a group of quilters is working away at the current design which will be on display the day of the tour. The annual quilt raffle is an important piece of the Home Tour as all proceeds from the raffle go directly to AAUW Amador (CA) Branch for scholarships.

On tour day, event signs go up, the tea and art groups set up shop, and area restaurants, many offering previously arranged discounts or specials, brace for an influx of locals and out-of-towners. Hostesses appear at their designated locations and the treasurer and crew sell last-minute tickets and count the day's receipts.

What makes it all worthwhile is to meet the wonderful local girls and women we support through our ambitious scholarship program, a well-deserved source of pride within the branch. The Home Tour has an impact on so many deserving lives. Please remember this when you are asked to serve as a hostess, buy a ticket and make cookies. We are most successful when all of us take a part. ~ Sandy Campbell"

*Thanking all for your help with Home Tour 2017,
Sandi Baracco, Home Tour Chair 2017*

Special Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair
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 April 10th at Robin Stolk's home. We will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance. New members are welcome. If you'd like to join the group, contact Robin Stolk.



Art in Action

Bev York, Chair
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
jackiemartinezm@aol.com

Come join us! We meet at 2 PM 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 April 24th at the home of Michele Powell. We'll discuss *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery. 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

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, May 21st at the usual time, 5:30 PM. If you'd like to join C&F or want to know about the interest group, contact Michele Powell.



Garden Groupies

Judy Venckus, Chair
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 next outing is Wednesday, April 19th, we will travel to Quail Lakes Nursery and Landscaping in Stockton. Carpool is from the parking lot next to Sutter Creek Post Office at 10 AM. Call Judy if interested in going.



Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
kgarciaod@hotmail.com

Lunch Bunch is meeting at Thai Siam in Martell on Thursday April 13th at noon. Please RSVP by April 11th to Astrid Schein at email stetna@aol.com.



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Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair
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Supper Club will have five fabulous dinners in 2017. Supper Club will meet in May featuring an Asian-inspired menu. Lani and Jim Chapman will be hosts. We are five couples who meet periodically to enjoy great food and friendship. Please call Lani for more information about May's get-together.



Working Girls' Book Group

The Working Girls' Book Group will be discussing *Florynce "Flo" Kennedy: The Life of a Black Feminist Radical* by Sherie M. Randolph in April. Location and date not yet determined.

Please contact Rebecca Wilson at rdiannaw75@icloud.com for more information.

May Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the May issue of *Gold Filings* is **April 19th**. Please submit material to rdiannaw75@icloud.com. Thank you.

April Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th. We meet at 6 PM at Paisano's Pizza in Jackson. All branch members are welcome.

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month except for August and December when the Board takes a vacation.

2017-2018 AAUW Amador Directory

Please review your entry in the current directory to be sure it is still accurate. Did you move? Did you change your phone number? Did you change your email address? Consider adding a cell phone number. Email your updates or change directly to Michele Powell at powell.michele288@gmail.com. Thank you.

Branch Member Notes

Sunshine Update for April

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." Please call me if you would like me to send a sunshine card.

Fifty-four people including 27 guests attended our Women's History Program on March 30th.

Since our last issue of *Gold Filings*, I have sent sunshine cards to Judy Regnier, Gretchen Kingsbury, and Kelly Trottier.

—Lynne Brumit

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with birthdays.

April

Karen Baker
 Sandra Campbell
 Marianne Chang
 Andrea Sexton Danczyk
 Renee Day
 Kelli Garcia

Floy Goulart
 Marilyn Hoopes
 Rosalie Perfler
 Carol Smallfield
 Mary Thorpe
 Virginia Vasquez

New Members

Valerie Rodman
 12977 Mamre Rd
 Pine Grove, CA 95665
Mntngr19@gmail.com
 Birthday - 10/24
 University of Nevada - B.A. in Anthropology and B.A. in Earth Science
 University of Nevada - Masters in Anthropology

Mary Ellen (Mel) Welsh
 19501 Red Hill Mine Rd
 Pine Grove, CA 95665
Melnbob@volcano.net
 Birthday - 08/01
 Milwaukee Area Technical College - ADN in Nursing
 University of Wisconsin - BSN in Nursing
 Spouse: Bob Hartmann

Upcoming Libations & Conversations

In April, Janet Kendig and Rebecca Wilson will be presenting on Human Trafficking. We will be meeting at the Brick House Brews in Jackson on Thursday, April 20th from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. As usual, no RSVPs are required and guests are welcome. We hope you can make it. For those of you interested in staying, dinner will be available afterwards.

The L&C planning team could use your help! If you would like to partner to help find venues, speakers, and plan dates, please reach out to Katie Scott at kbscott3576@gmail.com.

American Association of University Women – Amador (CA) Branch

**45th Annual AAUW
HOME TOUR
STROLLING SUTTER CREEK**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017
11 AM – 4 PM**



Tickets \$25/\$28

Local ticket outlets after March 17th
(\$25 cash or check only)

Martell @ Claypool's Gift & Home
Ione @ Ione Pharmacy
Pine Grove @ Pine Cone Drug
Plymouth @ Amador 360

Tickets the day of Home Tour \$28 at local outlets
or Creekside Methodist Church

Tickets by mail \$25 prior to April 14th
(check only)

AAUW Home Tour
PO Box 611
Sutter Creek, CA 95685
(209) 267-9129

Tickets \$28 online via PayPal
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