

# 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.

## Celebrating Women's History Month – Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin

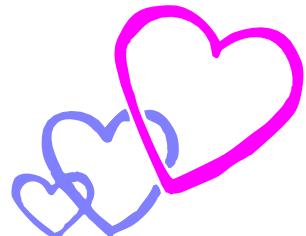
March is Women's history month, a special time for AAUW, especially since HIStory often neglects to mention HERstory. Our program committee will begin to remedy that with a special tribute to America's first Congresswoman, the controversial and courageous Jeannette Rankin, "the only woman who ever voted to give women the right to vote," she joked in 1914.

Rankin was an ardent and determined pacifist. "I want to stand behind my country but I cannot vote for war," made her both scorned and respected in her time. Montana sent her to Congress again in 1941, when she repeated that stance



and had to be protected from an angry mob. In the turbulent sixties, she led the Rankin Brigade in Washington D.C. marching against the Vietnam war. The program will include a one hour film showing the early life of "the most controversial and unique woman in U.S. Political History," and a costumed monologue by Dr. Helen Bonner, whose graduate work was based on Rankin's life story.

The public is welcome. March 24, 6:00 pm, Sutter Creek Community Center. No charge.



## A Special Tribute to America's First Congresswoman

March 24, 6:00 PM • Sutter Creek Community Center

## President's Message

by Michele Powell

We cannot deny that 2016 is speeding along and as we get closer to Home Tour on April 16, time will go by even more quickly. The Home Tour committee headed up by Sandy Campbell is working very hard to finalize all the many details that go into a successful Home Tour, BUT your help is needed, as well.

We need you to buy quilt raffle tickets and to sell tickets to friends and neighbors. The quilt is available for you to take to other organizations' meetings for the purpose of selling tickets and promoting the Home Tour. Please contact Sue Harrington for tickets and information.

We need you to volunteer to be a hostess on the Home Tour; contact Teresa Ryan or Judy Regnier to sign up. Serving in some capacity on Home Tour day is an expectation of branch membership, is greatly appreciated and is definitely needed. Thank you.

We need you to buy Home Tour tickets. It is very important that you buy at least one Home Tour Ticket or better yet, bring a friend and buy two tickets. All the proceeds go to the scholarship fund, as you know, and \$15 of the \$22 ticket price is tax-deductible. Tickets will be available after March 14. Buying a Home Tour ticket is also an expectation of branch membership. The local ticket sales venues are on our website under HOME TOUR. <http://amador-ca.aauw.net>

I want to offer many thanks to our Program VP, Helen Bonner, for producing the very successful Local Authors Program last month. Our two speakers, Mary Volmer and Elaine Zorbas, were both fun and interesting. We continue to learn about our gold rush history. There were 27 branch members and 20 community members in attendance.

In the absence of a Hospitality Chair we have been relying on branch members to volunteer to provide this service for each program. Karen Baker did an amazing job of organizing and setting up the food and drinks table. Thank you, Karen. And, of course, we couldn't have had a hospitality table if it weren't for the board members who brought food. Some members provided refreshments even though they couldn't attend the program! Thank you to all the board members who provided the refreshments.

Now I am looking ahead to our March 24 program. To celebrate Women's History Month we'll be introduced to American's first Congresswomen, Jeannette Rankin, who was elected one hundred years ago in 1916. I hope you can join me for this film and discussion.

Please mark your calendars for the next two events. The scholarship awards ceremony will be held May 13 and our Annual Meeting will be June 11. We will provide the details as the dates get closer. There is no program in February.

The nominating committee is working to put together a slate of elected officers and appointed chairs. Nancy's report on the status of the how far the committee has gotten and which positions are still open is on page 6.

AAUW Amador is in imminent danger of having to file "dissolution of charitable organization" papers. We cannot legally exist without a president, treasurer and secretary. When you read Nancy's report you'll see that there are 15 open positions!! I hope you will consider taking on one of these roles. You can buddy-up with another member and share a position. Thank you.

~ Michele

## Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund in San Francisco

Happy 2016!

I am the chair of the Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund in San Francisco. We give \$2000 scholarships out once a year. We want as many students to hear about this and apply if they are eligible. In advance, thank you for dispersing this information in your communications to your branches.

The San Francisco AAUW branch will offer scholarships of \$2000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year 2016-2017. The courses can be online if students are fulfilling their requirements through the colleges or universities. Candidates must live or be attending a university

or college within a 100 mile distance of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study by June, 2017. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications are due by April 30, 2016.

If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee information on the AAUW San Francisco website at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org). The application process can be completed and sent to me by internet.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Mary Suter, Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund  
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## Home Tour Update

The poster design has been finalized. Thank you, Rebecca Wilson. Instead of bookmarks for distribution with the poster, we are going back to tear sheets with the same general information. Postcards to past tour participants will go out by March 1 to encourage advance ticket sales. A PayPal button will appear on our website to coincide with the March 14 start of local ticket sales. People have asked for years to use credit cards and now they can—on the website only.

Amador Transit approved a shuttle to take visitors who park at Amador High School to the center of Amador City. Home Tour has now been added to the Transit calendar which provides us with access to shuttles in the future. Parking is often difficult during our tours so this will be a huge help.

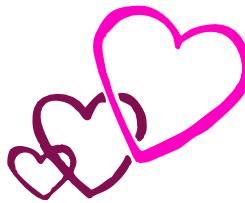
Information on the tour sites—four homes and four historic sites—start in this issue. The rest will follow in March and April. There are two additional sites for the tea and art show. All of these are a short walk from one another. More hostesses are needed so please contact Judy Regnier or Teresa Ryan to volunteer. Everyone needs to be helping in some way during Home Tour.

The quilt committee has outdone itself again. This year's gorgeous quilt is entitled Amador City Blues and features an asymmetrical log cabin design. Be sure to buy your tickets from Sue Harrington or get a packet to sell to friends and family and even strangers. Everyone is going to want this one. I'd call dibs but I doubt it will help.

### Steering Committee:

Bobbie Brubaker  
Sandra Campbell  
Claire Wait

Judy Venckus  
Nancy Schuster



## Hostesses Needed!

We need more hostesses for the Home Tour! Thanks to the many of you who have already volunteered, but there are still morning and afternoon shifts that need others! As a member, your participation is requested and necessary in making our fundraising efforts successful. We are therefore reaching out to you to serve as hostesses at the tour sites (four beautiful homes, three historic sites) in Amador City on Saturday, April 16. Only half a day (three hours), and the other half you may enjoy the Tour! Please respond to Teresa Ryan [tzryan@att.net](mailto:tzryan@att.net) or Judy Regnier at [woodsangel@volcano.net](mailto:woodsangel@volcano.net) to sign up. It's fun and much appreciated!

## 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.

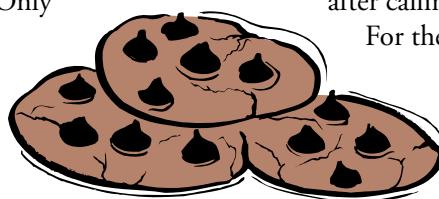
You can also help by taking packets of tickets to our Branch's Interest Groups that you belong to and other organization meetings you attend.

Let's make this a great year for quilt ticket sales! Contact Sue Harrington ([susanlh@volcano.net](mailto:susanlh@volcano.net)) 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

### The Amador House — 14501 E. School Street (Owners: Sara Allen and Dave Bissell)

Sitting atop a hill with views of Amador City, this country Victorian home straddles E. and W. School Street. The original home was built around 1874 and was part of the booming mining era. The property to the East was the original Amador Mine. Present owners Sara Allen and Dave Bissell bought the house in 2003, and took two years to renovate it. The extensive renovation added a detached garage with apartment, expanded the first floor of the original house and added a second floor living area. The home is now over 3,000 square feet.

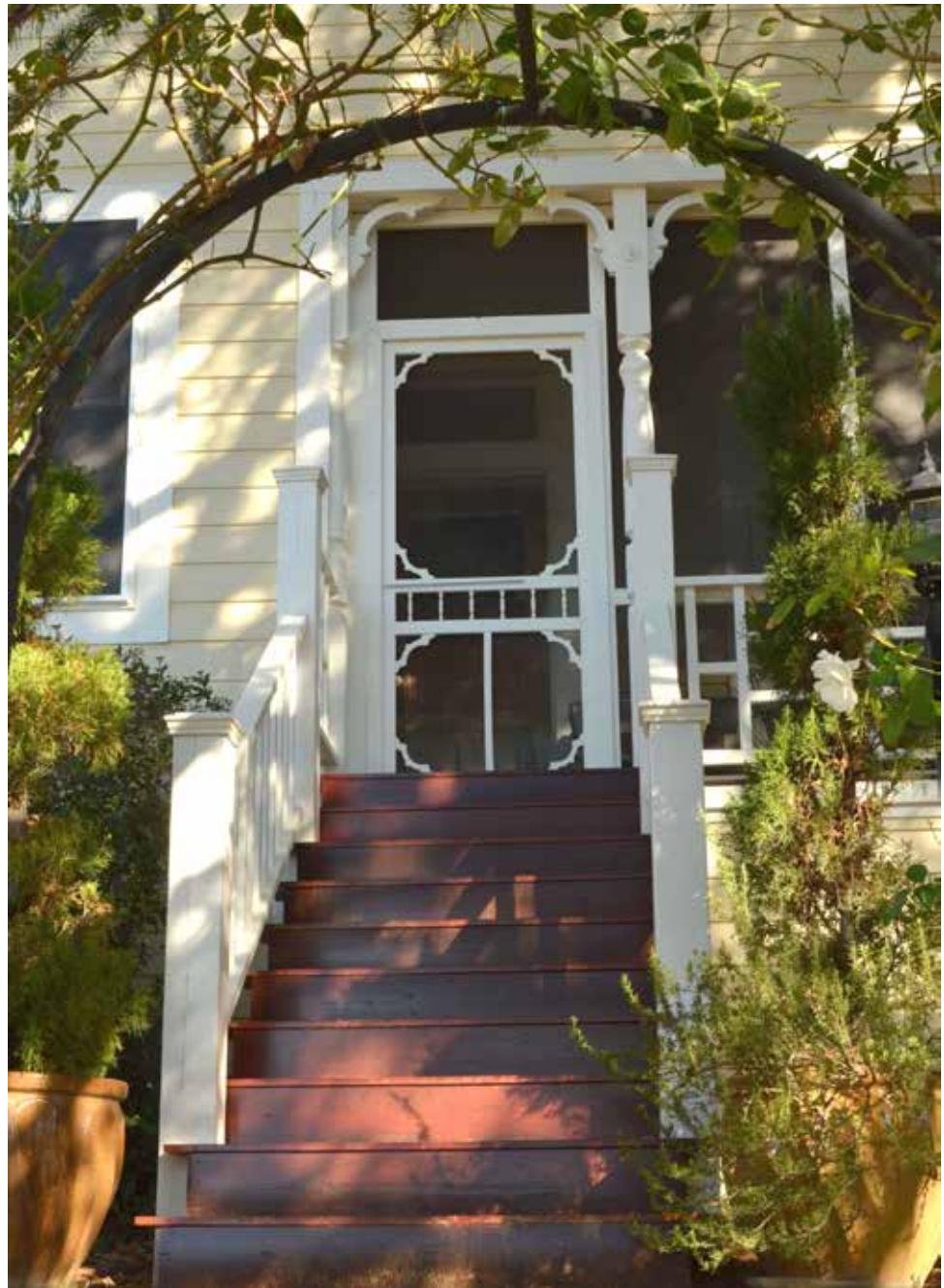
Enter the home on E. School Street, through a private courtyard with a spectacular fountain built by owner/contractor Dave Bissell. The large rock at the front of the fountain came from one of the Sutter Creek mines.

Step into the kitchen, this is where the original home ended. The renovated kitchen is modern and inviting, with beautiful white cabinets replicating the original design. Countertops are granite tile with a subway tile backsplash. The work island has wood from the walls of the original home, and the flooring is warm oak.

The oak flooring extends to the living room. Ask about the “ghost footprints” on the living room floor, which multiple sanding and staining could not remove. Light fixtures are from the original home and complement antique furnishings interspersed throughout the home.

The master bedroom is in the new down-stairs extension. A beautiful four-poster bed sits in the middle of the room, with a comfortable love seat and sitting area in front. A gas stove is tucked in the corner.

Upstairs is a two-bedroom addition with its own kitchenette and bathroom, affording a rental option or quiet retreat for guests. The main bedroom is large and includes a king-sized bed and sitting area. Antique furnishings are representative of the Victorian era.



The detached garage is the home's final addition. Over the garage is a separate studio apartment, which the owners occasionally rent. Outside is a small balcony with a gorgeous view of downtown Amador City. A fitting ending to this historic home's tour.

## Home Tour Homes

### Karen Sage and Chuck Laughlin Home — 10602 Fleehart (Owners: Karen Sage and Chuck Laughlin)

It started with a church, bought 20 years ago. Then in 2007, Karen Sage and Chuck Laughlin also bought the house in front of the church. Now they live in both. Sage and Laughlin own the Hotel Sutter in Sutter Creek. Their unique and exquisite homes are a must see on the home tour.

They call the home on Fleehart Street, their Playhouse. Built in 1920, the renovated home bears no resemblance to the original. Everything reflects the artists that Sage and Laughlin are. In fact, the home also serves as an art studio. In the living room, Gallery track lights highlight the arched room divider and arched window that are an homage to the church across the courtyard. A wall of accordion glass doors lets the outside in and affords a better view of the church beyond. The setting is airy and ethereal.

As a nod to the practical, there is a modern kitchen. Nearby, a spiral staircase leads to the floor below. This cavernous room showcases a soaking tub from Bali and a wine room with fifteenth century doors from Thailand. Notice that this house does not contain an actual bedroom. That is because the bedroom is in the church.

The church, previously St. Joseph's church, is the second living area. A rope beside the entrance, rings the church bell. Inside, arched church windows afford lots of natural light. The altar is now the kitchen's work island and the confessional is now the kitchen's pantry. Mixed in are comfortable furnishings that rival those showcased in *Architectural Digest*. Upstairs is the bedroom, with a four-poster bed and netting floating from the ceiling. Behind the bed is a freestanding clawfoot tub, sitting under a skylight, a very romantic setting.

The vision for this home was Sage and Laughlin's. The architect was Doron Dreksler and the main contractor was Alan Clinton, who also worked on the Hotel Sutter. Iron work is by Chris



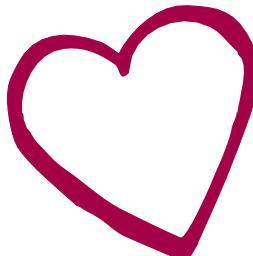
Parkey Ironworks in Martell. The landscape designer is Cathy Landgraf of Shenandoah Nursery, who created a stunning series of outdoor rooms and seating areas. A curvy wall leads to a small teahouse and to the exit gate, where alas, we must exit this enchanting place.

# 2016-2017 Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee has been formed: Nancy Street, Michele Powell, and Isabel Singleton. AAUW Amador currently has 96 members, and we need you to serve for the continued operation of the branch. Due to recruitment difficulties in the past few years, we are very concerned that not enough members will be willing to step up to serve as officers or board members for the 2016-17 year. Elected officers and scholarship chairs can serve no more than two consecutive terms in that position, except for Treasurer, who may serve for three. This means we need many new board members to keep the branch going. At this time the following positions are open.

## Elected Officers –

- President
- President-Elect
- Program Vice President
- Membership Vice President
- Funds Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer



## Appointed Board Members –

- Community Representative
- Historian
- Home Tour Chair
- Hospitality Chair
- Public Relations
- Community College Scholarship Chair
- Tech Trek Scholarship Chair
- Website Editor



We cannot have a branch without a President, Treasurer, and Secretary. And the other positions are extremely important to the continued operation of the branch and the promotion of AAUW's mission and goals in Amador County. When a position is not filled, the workload of that job usually falls on the President or another Board Member, who already have a job to do! All positions can be shared. Please volunteer for a board position ASAP (before you get the shoulder tap or phone call). **Thank you!**

Below are brief descriptions of all branch board positions. More detailed information is available on the AAUW Amador Branch website at <http://amador-ca.aauw.net> under Members Only-Job Descriptions. Starred positions are voting board members and attendance at Board meeting is expected for the purpose of a quorum. Positions in green are currently open.

**\*President:** conducts the AAUW Amador Branch business; oversees and takes an active role in the branch and community as its official spokesperson; and plans and leads the board meetings.

**\*President-Elect:** assists the President and becomes acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of the presidency in order to assume that position the following term.

**\*Program Vice President:** plans and implements branch programs to promote the mission of AAUW with the help of the program committee and program leads.

**\*Membership Vice President:** organizes efforts to recruit and sustain a diverse, active branch membership.

**\*Funds Vice President:** promotes various AAUW Funds, organizes the annual Funds event to honor scholarship recipients, and convenes a committee to name gift honorees.

**\*Secretary:** serves as branch recording and corresponding secretary.

**\*Treasurer:** oversees the fiscal operations of the branch, including regular written financial reports, budget development, and filing state and federal tax forms.

**\*By-Laws:** keeps branch by-laws current and consistent with National, California and Amador branch by-laws.

**\*Community Representative:** coordinates efforts to support or collaborate with other community organizations in Amador County to advance AAUW's mission with Board approval. Serves as a program lead when requested by the board.

**\*Historian:** keeps and maintains records of branch activities and programs.

**\*Home Tour Chair:** Assembles a committee to carry out the necessary duties to produce the Home Tour and serves as its leader.

## Board Briefs – 1/20/16

- The minutes for November 18, 2015 were approved as written.
- The Treasurer gave her report.
- January is set. The February Program was discussed. There have been some issues with the licensing for screening *He Named Me Malala*. Due to time constraints, this program will be rescheduled until next Fall. Some alternatives programs were discussed. The Program committee will pursue them.
- One new member has joined. Membership cards will be available next month.
- Organization of the Home Tour is progressing. Poster, tickets, and brochure are being finalized. The committee continues to work on parking and transportation. The website will be updated and hostesses are being recruited. The Tea site should work fine. Quilt tickets are being distributed for sale.
- A proposal to put Libations and Conversations under the aegis of the Membership Chair was presented. Board members will review it and make a decision later.
- The Nominating committee is gearing up to recruit volunteers to serve as elected officers and appointed board members. There is concern that the branch may face a crisis of leadership if not enough members step up to serve. The branch must have a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. Board members can help by speaking to and nominating members.
- The North San Joaquin Area will meet on February 23, 2016 in Modesto. Michele Powell and Nancy Street might attend.
- The future of AAUW-Amador branch was discussed. A committee has been formed to develop a brief survey to address concerns, needs and goals.

## Nominating Committee News Continued

**Hospitality Chair:** organizes refreshments and supplies to help create a welcoming and comfortable environment at selected meetings and events.

**\*International Interests Chair:** serves as a resource on international issues affecting women and serves as a program lead if requested.

**\*Newsletter Editor:** is responsible for the creation and distribution of a newsletter that will keep the membership informed about branch activities and issues.

**\*Public Relations Chair:** serves as the primary communications link between the branch and the community. Provides publicity for branch activities and events open to the general public as well as selected non-public events.

**\*Public Policy/Educational Equity Chair:** reviews relevant subject matter from AAUW National and State and provides information to branch members as is appropriate. Serves as a program lead when requested by the board.

**Scholarship Chairs (Community College, Upper Division/Grad/Reentry):** are responsible for forming a

committee to screen and select applicants either separately or together for each division.

**Scholarship Chair (Tech Trek):** supervises the selection and registration of the branch Tech Trek girls. Chair acts as liaison between the branch, the local junior high schools and the director of the local Tech Trek camp.

**Sunshine Chair:** sends notes and cards to members in need of a bit of “sunshine” or congratulations.

**Website Editor:** is responsible for managing the AAUW-Amador website, including updating and reviewing content.

## Upcoming Libations & Conversations

Libations and Conversations is meeting at Hotel Sutter in the back dining room on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 pm. The topic for discussion is “Women’s Representation in Public Office.” Please feel free to stay for dinner.

## Getting to Know You: Angel LeSage

by Kathy Allen

Angel was born and grew up in the small southern California town of Placentia, and attended Valencia high school. Placentia is a community where things don't change that much with time; for example, some of Angel's teachers also taught her father when he was a student at Valencia High School.

Angel attended nursing school at Fresno State University, achieving her BS in Nursing and becoming a public health nurse and a pediatric nurse practitioner. But she spent the main part of her career (30 years) in public health as Nursing Director for Amador County Public Health. Some of her work responsibilities included communicable disease prevention and investigation, as well as immunizations management and administration for seniors and children. She also gained skills over the years as a spokesperson for public health. Even after retirement, she continues to chair the Amador First 5 Commission.

While in college, Angel met her roommate's brother, John LeSage, when she and her roommate hitched a ride from Fresno to Southern California for Christmas break, riding together in John's pick-up truck that was full of furniture for Christmas presents. This was during the time of gas shortages and so the trip included lots of long waits at gas stations. She and John hit it off instantly. They talked and talked, and had so much to say to each other. During one of the gas station stops, her roommate, who had been sitting in between them on the truck's bench seat, decided to let Angel sit in the middle where their conversation could continue without talking over her head! After 32 years together, Angel and John find that they still have lots to say to each other!

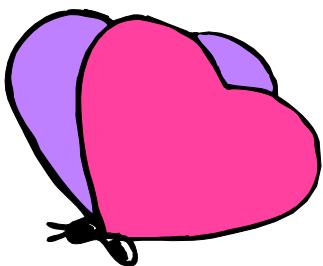
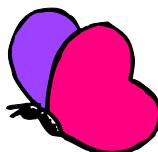
Angel's main passion is showing her Jersey Wooly rabbits. Over 20 years ago she started this as a 4-H project with her daughter, but continued to do this for the love of the exhibition hobby long after her daughter had outgrown her interest. As current President of the National Jersey Wooly Rabbit Club, she manages the day-to-day operation of this national club with a membership of over 450 exhibitors. Angel has been successful at rabbit exhibition and has established a good reputation in the rabbit world with her Jersey Woolies.

Angel started quilting again in 2010, after a hiatus of 30 years. Her original love of quilting started when she was in her teens and she continued into her twenties. But career and family took over her time and it was one of the things she had to give up. Now retired, she has returned to the fiber arts that she loves.

In regards to her family, Angel and her husband, John, have recently become grandparents for the first time. She is thrilled at the birth of her granddaughter, and looks forward to watching her grow into a young woman.

Angel joined AAUW after her home was on the Home Tour in 2014. She had been a member in the early 1980s, but work and motherhood made it impossible to participate. Now retired, Angel looks forward to once again participating in this very worthwhile organization.

Welcome Angel!



**Angel LeSage**

## Getting to Know You: Carolyn Vargas

By Michele Powell

I first met Carolyn when she began instructing our workout classes when our regular instructor was pregnant and was stopping working out. That first meeting was back in April and Jim and I have worked out with her ever since. This afternoon Carolyn and I had a fun and delicious lunch at the Blue Moon Café in Pine Grove getting to know more about each other.

Carolyn and her husband, Jose, moved to Amador County one and a half years ago in June 2014. Thirteen years ago while they were still living in Dublin, California, they bought property in Pioneer, east of Mace Meadows, that they used for RV vacations and getaways with the intention of building a home on it when they retired. When the time

came for Carolyn to retire, their plans changed. They decided not to build, but to buy an existing house in the Mace Meadows area of Pioneer because they loved the area so much.

This turned out to a pretty exciting episode in their lives because at the same time as they were looking for a home, Jose and Carolyn were planning a three week trip to Japan and China. They took that trip but before they left they listed, sold and closed on their home in Dublin within three weeks! They moved all their belongings to their property in Pioneer while their Pioneer purchase closed, which was all finalized three days after they returned from their trip. Yep... they moved twice! Carolyn spent the last six months of working life commuting between weekends in Pioneer and living weekdays in Dublin with one of her step-daughters and her husband.

Carolyn grew up mostly in Colorado and right after high school started at Mesa College in Grand Junction, CO with a volleyball scholarship. She soon left to get married, but went back to college ten years later to get her AS in Drafting Technology from the College of San Mateo. After earning her degree, she continued to take classes in math, science and engineering. Carolyn



**Carolyn Vargas**



worked 25 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a mechanical design engineer and design team supervisor for the target fabrication group of the National Ignition Facility (NIF).

Carolyn has always been an athlete starting with basketball and volleyball in high school. When her children played sports she was always the team coach and after they grew up, Carolyn was a coach for a

volleyball club in Dublin. It is no surprise that she has reinvented herself as a certified personal trainer. In May she earned her certification through ACE (American Council on Exercise) and has worked as a trainer at Bodies-n-Balance in Jackson since January 2015 averaging about 12 hours a week.

Carolyn and Jose enjoy international travel and in the past several years have toured Japan, China, Italy, Greece, and Croatia. They also enjoy taking their RV to visit places in this country — most recently Colorado, Arizona and Yellowstone National Park, where they took their two grandchildren this past summer. Carolyn and Jose have five children between them, she has two and he has three.

Carolyn has many interests and hobbies that keep her busy when she isn't at Bodies-n-Balance and spending time with family and friends. She loves to bake and decorate cakes. Other interests include golf, cooking, and perfecting her technique with gourmet recipes such as Indian butter chicken, gardening and canning.

Please join me in offering a warm welcome to Carolyn Vargas.

## Special Interest Groups

### Afternoon Book Group

Robin Stolk, Chair

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Join us for a thoughtful and friendly book discussion the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. Our next meeting is Feb. 8th at Judy Venckus' home. We will be discussing *The Lady in Gold* by Anne Marie Connor. 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 Tabbeaud. 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

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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 February 22 at the home of Mary Thorpe. We'll discuss *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. 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

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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

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Garden Groupies love plants and the beauty they add to our lives! No digging, raking or pruning is required. Instead we visit some very interesting places. Keeping this month's weather in mind, we will be visiting an indoor garden gift shop rather than a nursery. The Gifted Gardener, 1752 J Street, Sacramento, sells seeds, bird feeders, tools, garden art, and some succulents. We will depart the parking lot next to the Sutter Creek post office at 10 AM on Wednesday, February 17. RSVP [venckus@aol.com](mailto:venckus@aol.com) if you can join us.



### Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair

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February Lunch Bunch will be at Strings Italian Restaurant — 11976 CA-88, Jackson — on Thursday February 11 at 11:45 AM. RSVP to Lynne Brumit by Tuesday February 9. Please bring a Valentine's card for a card exchange.



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## Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair  
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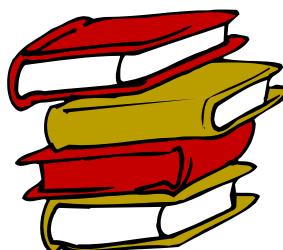
Let the Good Times Roll!  
 Supper Club will celebrate Mardi Gras on February 13. Please call Norva Fagg for information. Supper Club is a couples' group that meets quarterly for delicious food prepared by its members according to a menu planned in advance, in this case, Mardi Gras. We'll gather again after Home Tour, April 30, so think about joining the fun.



## Working Girls' Book Group

Liz Powell, Chair  
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The Working Girls' Book Group will hold its next meeting at 7 PM on Monday, February 22nd at the home of Sonny Graves', 255 Manor Court in Sutter Creek. We will discuss *State of Wonder* by Anne Patchett. Please contact Rebecca Wilson at [rdiannaw75@icloud.com](mailto:rdiannaw75@icloud.com) for additional information.



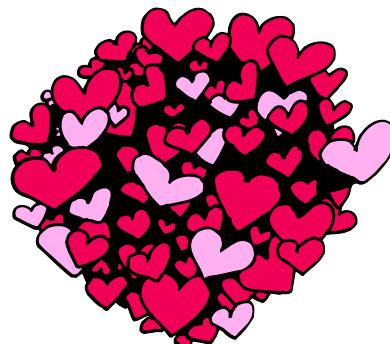
## February Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17th. 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.

## March Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the March issue of Gold Filings is **February 26th**. Please submit material to [rdiannaw75@icloud.com](mailto:rdiannaw75@icloud.com). Thank you.



## Branch Member Notes

### Sunshine Update for January –

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 Bernice Honeychurch, Nancy Schuster, and Michele Powell.

—Lynne Brumit

### Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with January birthdays.

Cathy Castillo	Nancy Schuster
Angel LeSage	Isabel Singleton
Jacqueline Martinez	Shirley Snell

### New Member Contact Information

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### Jo Ann Ogburn's paintings in National AAUW Art Contest

Branch member, Jo Ann Ogburn, has entered two paintings in the National AAUW Art Contest. Her paintings are titled "Fall Bouquet" and "Hummingbird in the Geraniums."

There are thousands of entries from all over the country and they can be viewed by going to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). At the top of page there are four news items that rotate, click on the photo of the woman painter and that takes you to the art contest page. You can also search by "art contest." From there you can view the gallery of entries and vote for your favorites.

From February 3 to February 29 you can vote for up to ten entries. The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring.

Congratulations to Jo Ann on entering the contest and good luck in the voting!

### Congratulations Linda Rianda

Congratulations to branch member Linda Rianda on being select to fill a vacant position on the Sutter Creek City Council.