

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.

May Program

Scholarship Celebration

Our Home Tour was a success! AAUW Amador Branch is able to continue providing scholarships to Amador County girls and women for the 2015-2016 school year. This year's recipients are four high school seniors who will enroll in community college in the fall, one upper division, one graduate student and one re-entry student. We also awarded Tech Trek scholarships to three middle school girls. The sections below provide more details about the recipients. On page 4 Nancy Schuster, Home Tour Chair, has written the final report on the 43rd Annual Home Tour.

On Saturday May 16 at 4 p.m. an awards ceremony will be held at Baracco's Creekside Garden where the recipients will be introduced to branch members. Please plan to attend this wonderful event to support your branch, the Home Tour team and the scholarship recipients and their families. You will learn more about each of the girls, and have an opportunity to visit with them. The side bar to the right has all the details.

Tech Trek Summer Camp

Three impressive young ladies have been selected for Tech Trek this year. They are Sierra Whaling of Jackson Jr. High, and Jazmin Diaz and Rylee Quick who attend Ione Jr. High. They will be attending Tech Trek science, math and technology summer camp at California State University, Fresno, for a week in June.

Community College Scholarships

The Community College Scholarship Committee received 17 applications and interviewed nine girls. The committee has selected four amazing young women to receive \$1,000 scholarships for attendance at a California community college this fall. Our recipients for 2015 are Rebecca Boulden from Mountain Oaks Charter School, Melissa Bean from Amador

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AAUW Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 16,
4 – 6 p.m.

Baracco's Creekside
Garden

Join in the fun as we award our 2015 College and Tech Trek Scholarships. Our Amador Branch Funds Named Honoree will also be announced.

Come and celebrate with us!

This function is open to members and guests.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 11, 2015 to:

Robin Stolk
robinfstolk@sbcglobal.net



President's Message

by Michele Powell

The Home Tour was wonderful, but I will let Chair Nancy Schuster tell you all about that in her article on page 4. The weather was perfect and all who attended enjoyed it very much. I want to thank everyone for helping to make the Home Tour the wonderful success it always is. This is not possible without your continuing support and commitment. This year 47 members bought 62 tickets while last year 26 members bought 43 tickets. This represents an increase of 21 members who bought tickets and an increase of 19 in the number of tickets they bought.

Our next event is the May Ice Cream Social on May 16 where we award our scholarship as well as the Funds Named Honoree. Please join us for this event. Our year is focused on the Home Tour to raise money for scholarships and now is when we see the results of our labor.

The Nominating Committee has been working since January to put together a slate for 2015-2016. Nancy Street and Jackie Martinez have been quite successful in their efforts as you'll agree when you see the slate of elected officers and appointed chairs. However, there are still several vacant positions. Please consider serving as Home Tour Chair, President-Elect, Hospitality Chair or Co-Chair, or Community Representative. The slate is on page 3.

Our annual meeting is set for Saturday June 13 when we'll have a brunch catered by Mother Lode Deli. It will be held at

the Sutter Creek Community Center. The cost is \$10.00 per person. We'll vote on the 2015-2016 budget and the slate of officers. This is a great time to wish each other a relaxing summer.

Voting period is open for California State AAUW officers and goes until May 8. You've received an email with instructions that make voting easy. You can go to aauwca.org and click on ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS in the left hand side bar for full details. Make your voice heard.

This year we are also voting for AAUW National Board of Directors for 2015-2017. Voting opened on April 15 and closes June 19. You've been getting emails and US mail from the various candidates. Alicia Hetman who is the former AAUW California President is running for National Vice President. Go to aauw.org, then look a bit down the page on the left and you'll find a link titled AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION. When you go to that page you will have the information and all the links you need to vote.

Liz Powell, one of our new (working) members, has volunteered to organize an evening book group. Please see the details in the interest group listing on page 6.

It is membership renewal time. Please see Isabel's note below on this important topic. You will be getting a second invoice this week from Isabel.

I hope to see you on May 16 for the awards ceremony.

Membership Renewal for 2015-16

Dear AAUW Members,

It's time once again to renew your annual AAUW membership. Our current membership year runs through June 30, 2015.

This year National has developed a new payment program that allows you to pay online or pay by check whichever way is easier for you. We will be sending out the renewal notices this week via email that will provide you with explicit directions on how to pay your renewal online.

If you prefer not to renew online, then you can always send in your check for \$85.00. Please remember that last year AAUW members voted to increase the State dues by \$4.00, accounting for the increase. The new dues breakdown is: National-\$49, State-\$20, Branch-\$16. All of the information will be provided

in the renewal email.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you and working with you in the coming year!

Isabel Singleton
Treasurer

June Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the June issue of Gold Filings is **May 27th**. Please submit material as soon as you can. Thank you.

Nominating Committee Report

Slate of Officer Nominees and Board Appointees

by Nancy Street

We Need Your Help! Time Is Running Out!

The Nominating Committee has made numerous recruitment phone calls and emails for elected officers and appointed board positions. Many branch members, including many new ones, have agreed to serve next year and we have formed a great team (please see the slate below). We still have some slots to fill and are hoping that you will consider stepping up to help our branch.

Attendance at board meetings is not required, unless you have business to conduct. At this time we really need some of you to volunteer, otherwise some things will be dropped! Can you imagine no Home Tour or no refreshments at meetings? That's what will happen if the positions are not filled. Any of these positions can be shared, so consider asking a fellow member to join you in serving the branch. The open elected position is President Elect. The open appointed positions are Community Representative, Hospitality Chair, and Home Tour Chair.

Our website (amador-ca.aauw.net) contains job descriptions for you to peruse. PLEASE HELP! If you are interested, please contact Nancy Street at streetjb@volcano.net or Jackie Martinez at jackiemartinez@aol.com

Slate of Officer Nominees and Board 2015-16:

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| President: Michele Powell | International Relations: Rita Bohl |
| <i>President Elect: OPEN</i> | |
| Program V.P.: Helen Bonner | Newsletter: Rebecca Wilson |
| Membership V.P.: Sandee Bowman | Public Policy/Ed. Equity Karen Dickerson |
| Funds V.P.: Suzanne Nicholson | Public Relations: Myrna Kay Robison |
| Secretary: Nancy Street/Jackie Martinez | Scholarships–Community College: Kelli Garcia |
| Treasurer: Isabel Singleton | Scholarships–UD/Grad/Re-entry: Kathy Guletz |
| By-laws: Karen Baker | Tech Trek: Gretchen Carlson |
| <i>Community Rep: OPEN</i> | Sunshine: Lynne Brumit |
| Directory: Laurie Brunson | Website: Sue Harrington |
| Historian: Sandi Baracco | |
| <i>Home Tour Chair: OPEN</i> | |
| <i>Hospitality: OPEN</i> | |

Board Briefs

Summary of the Board meeting of April 16, 2015:

- Branch received a donation request from Sober Grad, funds already allocated in budget.
- Minutes of March 19, 2015 were approved as written.
- Treasurer gave the financial report for February and March.
- Home Tour receipts total \$9,498, expenses \$2,192.21 to date. Ticket sales have picked up; mail order sales are down. Style Magazine of Folsom will feature the Home Tour in an article after this year's event. All is set for Home Tour on April 18.
- No changes in the roster of 2015-16 officer nominees and board appointees. Most members have been contacted. Still need President-elect, Membership V.P., Community Rep., Newsletter Editor, Home Tour Chair, and Hospitality Chair.
- Three members have paid dues via online program.
- Board approved motion to reimburse Gretchen Carlson for purchase of Tech Trek bears.
- Isabel Singleton and Cathy Yochheim will form a committee to prepare a proposal to present to the board concerning a possible Comedy Club fundraiser.
- Everything is in order for the May Funds Celebration and Ice Cream Social.
- The June program is set for 9:30 am on June 13. Board agreed to have brunch catered by Mother Lode Deli. Cost to members will be approximately \$10.00.
- Board agreed to forming a committee consisting of former scholarship chairs/committee members to review scholarship application and selection process.
- Scholarship recipients have been selected.

43rd Annual Home Tour Report

Vines, Views & Villas:

- Perfect weather
- Beautiful homes
- Fascinating historic site
- Welcoming hostesses
- Great parking attendants
- Super photo team
- Outstanding sponsor support

The only thing to add is a big thank you to all of you for making this a very enjoyable event. I haven't seen the final count, but the number of members who purchased tickets grew exponentially! The cookies were delicious and very attractive. I send special thanks to Jim Powell, who did a wonderful job on all the graphics and the great brochure.

Please look over your brochure again and notice all the sponsors. A "thank you" would be nice when you visit their places of business (and I'll bet you visit lots of them).

This wouldn't be complete without the numbers you're all waiting to hear:

- 445 tickets sold = \$9,907.00
- Quilt ticket sales = \$1,625.00
- Sponsor revenue = \$3,950.00
- **Grand total = \$15,482.00**

Ticket sales were down this year. The Home Tour Committee will have a final meeting next week and that will be part of the discussion. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to me ASAP at nancys@volcano.net

—Nancy Schuster

2015 Home Tour Opportunity Quilt

Many thanks to all of you who purchased and sold tickets for this year's Home Tour Opportunity Quilt. As you know, 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales go to the Scholarship Fund for sending local girls to Tech Trek and towards college educations for local women. This year we raised \$1,625!! More tickets were sold this year than in the last few years. Isabel Singleton is the winner of this year's quilt.

One half of the money was raised by going to meetings: Castle Oaks Women's Club (Jackie Martinez), Mother Lode Quilt Guild, Sutter Creek Women's Club (Norva Fagg and Teresa Ryan), Sierra Gold Quilters' Guild (Aieleen Parker), and Sierra Belles (Lynne Brumit) and at the Home Tour Tea (Lynne Brumit also helped out here).

The other half of the tickets were purchased or sold by AAUW members. A great deal of time and effort goes into the making of the quilt, so on behalf of the quilters (Barbara Garcia, Aieleen Parker and Sue Harrington) we thank you for your time and effort selling tickets and the tickets you purchased. I am sure that those who will receive scholarships in the coming year also appreciate your efforts.

—Sue Harrington

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 13, 2015

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

AMADOR

AAUW

BRUNCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Election of 2015-16 Officers

Approval of 2015-2016 Budgets

POWERPOINT WRAP UP OF OUR

OUTSTANDING YEAR



SUTTER CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

Catered by Mother Lode Deli

\$10.00 each

Getting to Know You: Cathy Castillo

As a long time resident of Sutter Creek, Cathy probably needs little introduction!

She was born into an Air Force family in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Her father later moved on to United Airlines, so Cathy was 'on the move' at a young age. Her family spent time in Chicago and Denver before settling in Novato.

Cathy graduated from Sacramento State with an



accounting degree and spent time working in San Francisco and Sacramento. When she and her husband, Jim Swift, started a family, Cathy became a permanent resident of Sutter Creek. Their children are fifth generation Amador County. Their son is now in the Air Force and their daughter is at Folsom Lake College.

Cathy is a licensed CPA

with her own business and has three employees. In spite of these demands, Cathy has found time to join a book group and a knitting group. She's an avid gardener and with her love of nature, she and Jim enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities.

Welcome to AAUW!

—JoAnn Chevette

Libations & Conversations Set for May 18

AAUW Amador's Libations & Conversations group will meet Monday, May 18, 5:30-6:30 pm at the Union Inn and Pub in Volcano. Lani Chapman will lead our discussion topic: "The Value of Confidence."

required. No host libations available at the bar.

Several of us have reserved for dinner afterwards. If you'd like to do the same, please let Lani know by phone or email chapman@volcano.net before Sunday, May 17th.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends. No RSVP is

Scholarships

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High School, and Natalie Herrera-Trejo and Skylor Phillips from Argonaut High School.

Kelli Garcia, Chair; Committee members, Kathy Guletz, Karen Baker and Katie Scott

Upper Division/Graduate /Re-entry Scholarships

Three outstanding women have been selected by the Upper Division/Graduate/ Re-Entry Scholarship Committee; each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for 2015. Davina Edmondson is our Upper Division Scholarship recipient; Rachel Diane Jenkins is our Graduate Scholarship recipient; and Michelle Tillery is the recipient of our Re-Entry Scholarship.

Kathy Guletz, Chair; Committee members, Robin Stolk, Janet Kendig and Kelli Garcia

FORK IN THE ROAD 10



Kitchen Tour

Distinctive
Indoor and Outdoor Kitchens

Sunday, May 17, 2015 • 10 am – 4 pm



Proceeds benefit AAUW programs

Enjoy light appetizers and desserts along the way in this moveable feast.

Tickets \$ 20

To purchase tickets call: Karen Smith 966-6406 or Sandi Gabe 966-6334 or purchase tickets at any Tour Home. Tickets provide entrance to ALL Tour Homes.

Visit AAUWMARIPOSA.COM for home locations, descriptions and tickets

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. We meet at members' homes to discuss a book chosen from our yearly list compiled in September. Our list is a mix of fiction and nonfiction. New members are welcome. On May 11 we will be discussing *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin at the home of Robin Stolk. If you'd like to join this discussion or join the Afternoon Book Group, contact Robin by phone or email.



Art in Action

Charlene Unger, Chair
cux2@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 Charlene for information about the next meeting.



Book Lovers & Page Turners

Jackie Martinez, Chair
jackiemartinezm@aol.com

We meet at 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) at members' homes. We have great discussions about the books and how their themes and characters relate to our own lives and worlds. New members are welcome.



On May 25 we'll be discussing *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren at the home of Chris Van Fleet. If you'd like to join us, contact Chris by email or phone. If you'd like to join the book group, contact Jackie Martinez.

Cork & Fork

Greta McElroy, Chair
gretamcw@coastside.net

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. Cork & Fork meets the 2nd Sunday except in May when we meet on the 3rd Sunday because of Mother's Day. The next meeting of Cork & Fork is Sunday May 17. For details about Cork & Fork meeting locations or if you'd like to join the group, contact Greta McElroy.



NEW – Evening Book Group

Liz Powell, Chair
msslizpowell@gmail.com

Love books? Love book clubs? Love the idea of getting together with other AAUW members for fun and fiction?

If the answer to any of the above is YES, but work prevents you from joining one of the existing AAUW book clubs, then you're not alone. But all of that's about to change!

If you're interested in starting up and participating in an evening book club geared toward working members, please email Liz Powell at msslizpowell@gmail.com to sign up. Please include days of the week and times that work best with your current schedule.

Hope to hear from you!



Garden Groupies

Nancy Schuster, Chair
nancys@volcano.net

Garden Groupies love plants and the beauty they add to our lives! No digging, raking or pruning is required – just join us in visiting some very interesting places.

The Garden Groupies will visit the UC Davis Arboretum on Wednesday, May 20th. There are 17 demonstration gardens representing a living museum. The California Foothill Collection displays large trees and shrubs native to the foothills surrounding the Central Valley, and this might be of particular interest to our group. Another garden includes an extensive collection of native plants that work well in home landscapes. Check the website in advance. We'll depart from the parking lot next to the post office in Sutter Creek at 9:45. Estimated travel



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time is 1 hour 15 minutes. RSVP to nancys@volcano.net by Monday, May 18 if you can join us.

Lunch Bunch

Kelli Garcia, Chair
kgarciaod@hotmail.com



Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of every month. We patronize new restaurants and local favorites. Each month a different hostess chooses the restaurant and makes the reservations. Attendees pay for their own meals. New Lunch Bunchers are always welcome. This month we meet Thursday, May 14 at 11:45 am at Bella Rosa, 36 Main Street in Sutter Creek. Mary Thorpe is our hostess; please RSVP to her at wetwo@volcano.net by Tuesday, May 12.

Supper Club

Claire Wait, Chair
clairesc@sbcglobal.net



Supper Club meets quarterly for good food and great fellowship. The menus are decided by the hostesses and usually feature a theme. Each hostess volunteers for a certain date and selects the recipes to spread the preparation among all the couples attending. Supper Club will host a BBQ on August 8, our annual outdoors get-together. Joe & Iris Aparicio and Dick & Carol Bilheimer will be our hosts. Please contact them for information. Contact Claire Wait clairesc@sbcglobal.net, if you are interested in joining this group of people who enjoy good food and great company.

Walking & Strolling Group

Sheila Berg, Chair
sberg@volcano.net

The group determines which walks will be taken at a planning meeting early in the year. The group takes one walk each month. Some popular walks of the past have taken us to PiPi, Lake Tabaud, French Bar and Electra Road. We usually bring a lunch to share along the way or at the end of the walk. If there is rain, the walk is cancelled. Please be sure to bring water/fluids. Bring ideas for walks for the coming months . . . bring friends or spouses . . . more is good! No need to rsvp. Contact Sheila for more information.



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.” 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 the following branch members: Rosalie Perfler, Kelly Trottier and Rhoda Immer.

—Lynne Brumit

Birthdays

Best wishes to our members with May birthdays.

Helen Bonner	Bernice Honeychurch
Debra Brown	Judy Lerner-Liston
Bobbie Brubaker	Aieleen Parker
Mara French	Judy Venckus

New Member Contact Information

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Sharon Berglund
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Margie’s Apricot Chews

Margie Guletz’s apricot chews are always the most enjoyed and most popular cookies at the Home Tour tea. Many have asked for the recipe and here it is.

1 pound dried apricots, ground or snipped into small pieces
17 oz. pkg shredded coconut
2/3-cup condensed milk
Confectioner’s sugar

Place apricots, coconut, and condensed milk in mixing bow and blend well with a fork.
Shape into balls and roll in confectioner’s sugar.

Recipe doubled makes 6 dozen