

Gold Filings



July & August 2021

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Branch News

TECH TREK: A Successful Virtual Experience

Amador County's contribution-- Message from Stephanie Young

I want to thank the branch members who volunteered to come to my house and pack the various workshop kits and the Tech Trek bags. We compiled 95 sets of bags overall (made up of about 500 individual workshop kits), which were distributed to the 15 participating NorCal branches in 5 delivery trips. Those who helped: Kathy Guletz, Rita Bohl, Michele Powell, Sue Harrington, Janet and Armin Kendig, Brenda Walker, Debra Brown, Nancy Street, Sandee Bowman, Diane Christenson, Greta McElroy, Jacque Fletcher, Aieleen Parker and Claire Wait. Thanks to my sister, Nancy Jacks, who helped me with the deliveries and my neighbors Charleen Tyson and Larry Weigel who helped with packing the Tech Trek bags into my car. Those 20 people contributed 3-6 hours each plus my time spent receiving materials, organizing the system and delivering the bags. A total of about 150 hours. Whew! Lots of work, but worth it, as you read the summary below. It was a wonderful ad hoc group project for our branch. **Picture:** Tech Trek Bags on the move! The first delivery—41 bags for North & South Lake Tahoe, Truckee/Donner, Grass Valley area. All delivered to Auburn, with subsequent handoffs.



The final results are in from Tech Trek Camp 1:

- 226 Campers from 60 branches participated (several campers moved to a later session for various reasons)
- 159 Coaches from 52 branches (59 adults)
- Over 6000 different kits were prepared and assembled into nearly 1000 bags at eight distribution hubs across California.
- Five AMAZING speakers: Astrophysics, Neuroscience, Engineering, Food/Agriscience, Climate Activism ([links to recordings after the final camp](#))
- 12 workshops with 12 presenters from STEM fields
- 188 hat presentations (robotics project) uploaded, 58 of them in the showcase [here](#) (two selected by coaches from each breakout room) Contact your camper if you wish to view their video and it is not included here.
- Now they'll repeat the experience 2 more times in July.

Libations and Conversations

Our next L&C meeting will be **Wednesday, July 21 5:30-6:30** at Jacque Fletcher's home, 240 Walnut St.,

Jackson. We will meet outside but bring it indoors if it is too warm. The topic is our annual summer read exchange. Members and guests are invited to share their best reads this past year. You don't need to RSVP, just come with some good reads to share. And bring a friend who might come a future member!

Your 2021-22 Leadership Team:

Almost everyone volunteered to serve another year since we mostly "lost" last year.

Administrative Chair	Stephanie Young
Finance Chair	Michele Powell; Bonnie Krupp, Assistant
Membership Chair	Judy Lerner-Liston
Membership Comm	Lynn Morgan, Janet Kendig, Suzanne Nicholson
Funds Chair	Bonnie Krupp
Program Chair	Debra Brown
Program Committee	Marilou Lane, <i>Vacancy (2)*</i>
Libations & Conversations	Katie Scott / Jacque Fletcher
Fundraising Committee	Sandee Bowman, Nancy Street, Michele Powell, Lynn Morgan
Communications:	
Gold Filings	Michele Powell
Publicity	Sue Harrington
Website Coordinator	Bonnie Krupp
Facebook	Janet Kendig
Scholarships	Kathy Guletz, Anna Jones Williams, Kellie Garcia, Renee Day, Janet Kendig, Bonnie Krupp
Tech Trek Coordinator	Gretchen Carlson
Sunshine	Dot Haislet
Historian	Brenda Walker
Telephone Committee	Aieleen Parker Vacancy *
<i>Secretary</i>	Vacancy *

Calendar

July:

- **July 21, 5:30pm—Libations and Conversations** at Jacque Fletcher's house—240 Walnut St., Jackson. Come one, come all! And bring your friends!
- **July 23—Deadline** for applying to work on the state planning work groups (See Below)
- **July 26, 2pm—Page Turners**, Discussing *Molokai*. Leader—Sue Harrington, Host—JoAnn Chevrette

August:

- **August 9, 2pm—Afternoon Book Club**, Discussing *Overstory*. Leader—Kathy Guletz, Host Brenda Walker
- **August 23, 2pm—Page Turners**. Discussing *A Different Drummer*. Leader—Michele Powell, Host: Sandee Bowman
- **TBA—Libations and Conversations**

September

- **TBA—First full meeting of the year**. Date and details to follow. (It probably will be a Saturday afternoon in September)
 - **September 12, 5:30—Cork & Fork**
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News from AAUW-California:

2021-2022: The Year of M&Ms! Marketing and Membership are our goals! AAUW is keeping its eye on the prize. The only thing that is missing is YOU. Our committees and new marketing workgroups need volunteers who want to learn and grow through AAUW.

- Descriptions and duties can be found [HERE](#) and the application to participate is [HERE](#).
- **Deadline: July 23rd.**

Get in on the ground floor! Apply now and bring your ideas to the Planning Day scheduled for **August 28th** from 9-4 via Zoom.

Did you miss the California Annual Meeting? You can still see all the glorious moments: Check out the [recording](#).

DEI? Intersectionality? Implicit bias? Allyship? Yikes. If you aren't sure what all these weighty words mean, AAUW's [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Toolkit](#) defines them. It also includes suggestions for how you and your branch can begin to talk about them. It's important stuff that we cannot joke about.

Interest Groups

Our Interest Groups are beginning to meet again. Yea!! Here is information about the current groups. Contact the leader for more information or to join the group.

Afternoon Book Group-Debra Brown is the leader, group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 PM.

Book Lovers and Page Turners-Stephanie Young is the leader, group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 PM

Cork & Fork-Michele Powell is the leader, group meets every other month on Sunday afternoon.

Lunch Bunch- This group is in need of a leader, contact Stephanie for more information.

Supper Club- Claire Wait is the leader, group meets every other month.

Working Girls Book Group-This group meets the evening. Contact Sandee Bowman.

Help Wanted!

We are looking for members who want to serve on the Leadership Committee to help guide our branch through what we hope is an exciting, important year for our branch. Several positions and committees have openings, so please contact Stephanie Young if you are interested in joining our leadership team.

We need a **Secretary** to take Leadership Committee meeting minutes and be responsible for correspondence. We also need members for the **Telephone** and **Program Committees**.

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