

# Gold Filings



September 2021

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## Welcome Back Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 6:00 PM  
Jackson View Clubhouse  
108 Nicholas Court  
Jackson

The welcome back meeting will be hosted by our Leadership Committee. Small bites and beverages will be served. All members are invited and are urged to bring guests who might be future members.

Girls who attended **Tech Trek** this past summer will share their experiences with each other and us. This is always an inspiring and rewarding meeting.

This will be a great time to catch up on what been happening in the branch and to visit with other branch members. There will be brief reports on Membership, Finance, our Website, our Facebook page, our Fundraising efforts, Interest Groups and Libations & Conversations.

Please join us for our first in-person gathering since early 2020. The Leadership Committee looks forward to seeing you.

Everyone is welcome, but the **house rules are that anyone not vaccinated must wear a mask** in the clubhouse. Others of you are welcome to wear a mask if you so choose

If you need a ride, please contact Stephanie at 2090-217-8432 or [syoung@calarts.edu](mailto:syoung@calarts.edu). We want everyone to be able to attend.

## Message from the Chair

Hello fellow members, Welcome to the start of the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of the Amador County AAUW Branch! We are fortunate to begin our year with a Leadership Committee of seasoned veterans. To each of our board members and interest group chairs, thank you for your willingness to share your time and talents to ensure the continued success of our branch.

In addition, I encourage you, as branch members, to accept your 2021-22 role. As a member, your involvement is vital to the efforts and accomplishments of our branch. To be successful we need everyone's support and participation. Our leadership team is ready. They just need you! Goal #1: we need to grow our membership. To that end, I encourage all of you to bring a friend or neighbor to our Welcome Meeting on September 15, and to all our programs throughout the year. Remember--"It takes a village" to accomplish great things. And when we get a new member we will ask one of our continuing members to pair up with her and help her get oriented to our branch activities.

We are planning at least one program or event for each month this year. So, say "Yes" to renewed involvement. Say "Yes" to new interests. Say "Yes" and enjoy a year of new and exciting branch events. When we join together, leadership and membership, we can build a firm foundation for our branch not only for this year, but for years to come.

We will be alternating our programs and events to be held on Saturday afternoons and some weekday evenings. Please join us! We are also trying to re-focus our branch's programs and projects to reflect what you all want. More on that at our membership meeting.

## Paint & Sip Fundraiser

Saturday October 23, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Rollingwood Estates Clubhouse  
20 Rollingwood Drive  
Jackson

Join us for a guided watercolor painting class. Judy Day, renowned local watercolor artist, will lead us through a painting class. We will have wine available and all supplies are provided. The first glass of wine is complimentary. This will be a fun, creative experience, you will go home with a piece of art you made and your participation will help our branch raise badly needed funds that will support our scholarship program. Go to Judy's website [judyday.com](http://judyday.com) to see examples of Judy's amazing artwork. We'll see you there!

Carpooling is encourage, class size is limited to 25 participants

Cost is \$45 per person, proceeds will be used to fund scholarships

Register for this class with Nancy Street by October 16- [streetjb@volcano.net](mailto:streetjb@volcano.net) or 209-295-1273

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## Save the Dates

Details will follow in the September B2B <Board to Board>, but for now save the dates: Saturday, October 23rd, Saturday, October 30th, and Sunday, November 7th each from 10 a.m. to noon. See you then!

## Webinars

For more information on past and upcoming Webinars, go to <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/>

## AAUW Fund

What is the AAUW Fund? As you know AAUW is a national organization with headquarters in Washington, DC. The national organization solicits and uses the AAUW Fund for its many projects, which will be detailed in our monthly newsletter articles. In the past members were encouraged by National to donate to specific areas; at this time, they encourage donations to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110). To read more about the AAUW Fund, [click here](#).

## Update on Issues

### Public Policy

Our AAUW Mission Statement reads as follows: To advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. All of the statement is very important, but two words have great meaning for me, EQUITY and ADVOCACY.

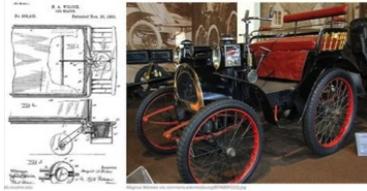
Women have been fighting for equity all of lives for a very long time. There is a difference between equity and equality. Everyone could be given a regular two-wheel bicycle to ride and that would be equality. Instead, a senior person is given a large tricycle, a child is given a smaller bicycle, a tall man is given an extra-large bicycle, and a woman is given a regular bicycle; this is equity. To explore this topic, [click here](#).

## Systemic Racism and the Gender Pay Gap

August 3, 2021 was an inauspicious day, the day (over 7 months into 2021) symbolizing how far into the year Black women must work to earn what White men earned by the end of 2020. Averaging all women's

wages, Equal Pay Day was March 24. Setting aside the important question of why women are still paid less than men, why are the two categories of women so statistically disparate? To read more, [click here](#).

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## Did You Know??

### Women Inventors

Women invented many items that might surprise you, among them the car heater and the game of Monopoly. [Click here for more information](#)

**Biddy Bridget Mason** (1815-1891) was born into slavery and given as a wedding gift to a Mormon couple in Mississippi named Robert and Rebecca Smith. In 1847 at age 32, Biddy Mason was forced to walk from Mississippi to Utah tending cattle behind her master's 300-wagon caravan. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Monthly Calendar

### Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Club—Monday, 9/13. Discussing *The Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende, contact Debra Brown to join.

Page Turners—Monday, 9/27. Discussing *Have You Seen Luis Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde, Contact Stephanie Young to join.

Supper Club is not meeting in September contact Claire Wait to join.

Cork & Fork - September 12, contact Michele Powell to join.

