

Gold Filings



55th Anniversary
AAUW
Amador Branch 1969-2024

November 2023

AAUW Mission: Advancing gender equity through research, education, and advocacy

Vision: Equality for all.

Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality

Message from the Leadership Chair



Greetings! I hope you're enjoying the cooler fall weather we're currently experiencing. What a joy!

As you'll see below, Julie Taylor is leading our efforts for **Giving Tuesday**. With the pausing of the 2024 Home Tour, we need to explore other options for fundraising. Giving Tuesday is now

a major fundraising source for our 2024 scholarships. The important part is donations received on 11/28 will be partially matched by the Amador Community Foundation, so please give generously. The future success of our Branch depends upon it.

Gov Trek is a statewide program for 11th and 12th grade high school girls designed to elevate a new generation to pursue careers in public service and

elected office. Thanks go to Sandee Bowman and Stephanie Young for spearheading this innovative program for our Branch. If you know any junior or senior girls who might be interested in this free program, please contact Sandee at sbowman56@gmail.com. And see below for information how to support the program by volunteering as a Breakout Room Facilitator.

If you missed Teija Isotalo's inspirational presentation on Saturday, October 21st, you'll soon be able to watch it on our YouTube channel (see below). It's not to be missed!

Best wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Giving Tuesday, November 28
A Scholarship Fundraiser

AMADOR GIVING TUESDAY

2023 Giving Tuesday fundraising progress for Tech Trek and Upper Division college level students. Let's aim to blow past our \$5K goal to provide scholarship opportunities for our local students!



28 Days and Counting !

As you know, without a Home Tour to provide scholarship revenue, this year's fundraising efforts will be a little different. Giving Tuesday, on November 28 will be an important opportunity to help the branch raise revenue to send local junior high girls to Tech Trek camp and provide financial support to women pursuing upper-level college courses. To send three girls to Tech Trek and award two scholarships, we need to raise a minimum of \$7,000.

In 2022, the Giving Tuesday goal was \$2,500 and members generously donated \$2,985, illustrating solid scholarship support. This year, with an additional 10 new members, we are

doubling the goal! Suggested donation amounts in the \$70 to \$100 range, or whatever amount you feel comfortable with, would be greatly appreciated in helping the branch meet or exceed its \$5,000 goal.

Here's what you need to know about Giving Tuesday:

- Checks **must be dated November 28th** to be partially matched by ACF.
- To donate in person **on Tuesday, November 28**, stop by the ACF office, 571 S. Hwy 49, Jackson, from 8 to 4 p.m. or join branch members from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Charity Showcase event at St. Katherine Drexel Church Hall in Martell. Sixty local non-profits supporting the quality of life in the community will be represented to make it easier to connect with the non-profits you support.
- If you cannot attend the event, send a check **dated November 28** before November 22, to AAUW Amador, P.O. Box 611, Sutter Creek, 95685. Or, at a

November event, (Cork and Fork – 11/12; Libations and Conversations – 11/15; or a Book Club gathering), give your check to Julie, Terrie, Stephanie or Michele Powell who will represent the branch on 11/28.

- If you prefer to donate electronically, go online on November 28 to <https://amadorcommunityfoundation.org/product/aauw-scholarship-amador-county-chapter-american-association-of-university-women/>

- Share a post from ACF's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AmadorCommunityFoundation> to your page and caption it with what you like about being a member of AAUW. Encourage your friends and family to join you in supporting AAUW Amador's goal to raise \$5,000 on Giving Tuesday!

- Share the branch Facebook page, which has Giving Tuesday content. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064785484281>

We hope to see you between 4 and 6:30pm on November 28th in Martell. Thank you, in advance, for contributing whatever you can to help the Amador branch successfully raise scholarship funds to award in 2024. Let's do this!

Submitted by Julie Taylor



If last night's trick and treaters didn't wipe you out of candy, please consider donating it for the Giving Tuesday branch table at St. Katherine Drexel Church Hall. We'd love for community members to stop by and chat while enjoying a sweet treat. We know you don't want to eat it all 😊 and we promise, there won't be any tricks! Contact Julie at 650-483-5465 to make arrangements. Thank you!

Gov Trek
Gov Trek 2024 Volunteers Needed!



GOV TREK AAUW California

Men still vastly outnumber women in the halls of power. YOU can help us close that gap! Volunteer for Gov Trek, the AAUW California program coming to YOUR branch in 2024. This virtual program for high school junior and senior girls is designed to elevate the next generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. Over seven two-hour sessions, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign. The program will culminate in a group competition to create a

realistic campaign simulation.

Be a part of it!

Your Volunteer Role: Be a Zoom Breakout Room Facilitator.

Breakout Room Facilitators manage a group of up to 14 students in a Zoom breakout room. You will help them stay on task, assist with the understanding and implementation of assigned activities, and facilitate collaboration among the group for active participation. It's likely that the groups will be mostly self-directed.

What is required to be a Zoom Breakout Room Facilitator? Don't worry!

- You must be 18 or older, but no specialized expertise is required. The desire to help participants successfully complete their activities and projects is essential. We will provide a volunteer training session in early January 2024, Date TBD. The training will be recorded.
- You must read and comply with the AAUW California Bullying Prevention Guidelines.

- # of Volunteers Needed: 60 per session (3 per room). This might vary slightly due to the number of participants.

Time Commitment: Volunteers must be available for four Saturday virtual sessions. (although you are invited to attend all 7 sessions)

- Session 1 requires a volunteer to manage a breakout room for 40 minutes.
- Session 4 requires a volunteer to manage the breakout room for 1 hour.
- Sessions 5 & 6 require a volunteer to manage the breakout rooms for two hours.
- Following each session volunteers will meet for an additional 15 minute post-session for a facilitator recap.

02/3/24 10AM – 12:30PM. SESSION 1: Orientation, Meet & Greet

In this session, volunteers will facilitate two ice-breaker activities.

02/10/24 10AM – 12:30PM. SESSION 2: Exploring Political Careers

In this session, volunteers will listen to a panel of women leaders and legislators.

02/17/24 10AM – 12:30PM. SESSION 3: Women's Leadership & Political Participation

In this session, volunteers will listen to women leaders and legislators.

02/24/24 10AM – 12:30PM. SESSION 4: Ready, Set, *Live*! Campaigning 101

In this session, volunteers will listen to women leaders for the first hour, then facilitate a breakout room for the second hour.

03/02/24 10AM – 12:30PM. SESSION 5: Campaign Simulation

In this session, volunteers will facilitate a breakout room for the full two hours.

03/09/24 10AM – 12:30PM. SESSION 6: Campaign Simulation

In this session, volunteers will facilitate a breakout room for the full two hours.

03/16/24 10AM – 12:30PM. SESSION 7: Gov Trek Finale & Campaign Competition

In this session, volunteers will enjoy watching the live online campaign competition and awards.

November Calendar

Wednesday, November 1

First Day of American Indian Heritage Month

Thursday, November 2, 4:00pm

Leadership Committee Meeting via Zoom

All members are welcome to join us. Email Terrie Houseman for the link.

terrie.houseman@gmail.com

Monday, November 6 9:00am

Walking & Hiking Group Inaugural Walk

Where: Erickson Ranch in Sutter Creek -- newly opened (Spring 2023). For details, contact Sandee Bowman at Sbowman56@gmail.com

We are hoping to grow this group, so new members are always welcome.

Monday, November 13, 2:00pm

Afternoon Book Club

We will meet at Brenda Walker's house to discuss *Recitative* by Toni Morrison.

Contact Debra Brown if you are interested in joining the group. debrown6@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 15, 5:30–6:30pm

Libations and Conversations

We will meet at Raven's Reach Winery, 83 Main St., Sutter Creek.

Our speakers are Craig Baracco, Executive Director of Foothill Conservancy and Mara Feeny, longtime leader of the Land Use team. Members, guests and the public are welcome to attend this no fee presentation. No need to RSVP, just come and join the discussion.

Contact Jacque Fletcher if you would like more information. 209 606-1157

or fletcherja4545@gmail.com

Monday November 27 2:00pm

Great Decisions

We will meet at the Jackson View Clubhouse to discuss *Climate Migration*.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Stephanie Young at syoung@calarts.edu

Tuesday, November 28, 4:00–6:30pm

Giving Tuesday

Kathrine Drexel Church

Page Turners & Book Lovers -- No Meeting in November

Our next meeting & holiday lunch will be at 11:30 am on December 13 to decide on our 2024 book list. The deadline for submissions is November 12.

Contact Sandee Bowman if you are interested in joining the group. Sbowman56@gmail.com

The Working Girls Book Group--No Meeting in November

Our December read is "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 5:30 at Rita Bohl's home. We have also picked books for January. They are " It Ends With Us" and "It Starts With Us" by Colleen Hoover. It is a 2 book series.

New members are always welcome to our Book Group. Contact Jacque Fletcher if you would like more information or join the group. 209 606-1157 or fletcherja4545@gmail.com

Save the Date!

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10 2-5pm

at the home of Jim and Michele Powell in Pine Grove

Details to follow

October Program Recap



A Journey to a STEM Career: No One Path is the Same

Those of us who attended the October program were fortunate to meet Teija Isotalo, a smart, articulate young woman who can be a real inspiration to current Amador County high school students. We filmed the presentation and will be uploading it to our YouTube channel soon so you can all see it. We will also share it with the high schools so that our county's students can be inspired by her journey and advice.

DEI--Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum and African Marketplace

We are planning a field trip soon!

The museum's mission is to open minds and change lives through the exploration and celebration of African American history, experiences and culture through art education and

outreach.

The Florin Business Arts Complex is home to over 50 African American owned and operated businesses and non-profit organizations. It is a gem in Sacramento that is dedicated to diversifying business across several different verticals. The business complex hosts the African Marketplace every other Saturday.

Located at 2251 Florin Rd, Sacramento

Bonnie Krupp, Branch DEI Coordinator

bonniekrupp@yahoo.com

Membership

Let's Welcome Two New Members

We added two members at our October program!

Janie Brown from Jackson

Betty Olson-Jones from Sutter Creek

Contact info will be sent in a separate email.

Two New Special Interest Groups Forming!

AAUW Branch Walking Group

In the spirit of supporting usage and trail development in Amador County, it would be great to start up an AAUW Amador Branch Walking Group. In the past, we had an active Walking Group that has since dispersed and, currently, we have a wonderful opportunity for us to gather to enjoy nature and connection in our County.

Inspiration

At L&C on Thursday, our featured speaker was Bradley Booker, Director for Amador Trail Stewardship, a local non-profit group working to increase recreational trail access in the region. Bradley is also the Property Manager for Mother Lode Land Trust. He shared some of the ongoing projects and future plans for creating and developing local walking, cycling and equine trails, multi-use and single purpose options.

Support

As part of community outreach and support for other, local, non-profit groups, we have an opportunity to actively participate – just by walking! We will be in a better position to weigh in when decisions about where and how new trails are developed. We can add our voices to help private parties (possibly your neighbors) understand the importance and simplicity of saying, “yes” to a small easement.

Interested? Members' Next Steps:

Submit 3 days and times and a comfortable distance to Sandee Bowman sbowman56@gmail.com that are convenient for you and we will select a day and time for our inaugural walk. Maybe a walk around Lake Tabeaud <3 miles or Erickson Ranch in Sutter Creek ~ 3 miles.

Bridge Anyone?

We are looking for members who play bridge and would like to join a monthly afternoon bridge group. Bridge player of all levels are welcome. Have you always wanted to learn the game? Feel free to join in.

Days and times will be determined when we organize. Please call or text Marge Chisholm, 209-418-9396 or Francine Pogue, 209-256-6216.



November Birthdays

- Nov 1 – Bronwyn Hogan
- Nov 5 – Norma King
- Nov 7 – Rose Guthridge
- Nov 8 – Bonnie Krupp
- Nov 14 – Zeffy Ruvalcaba
- Nov 22 – Katie Scott

Sunshine

If you have news about a member who needs to be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, who needs to be encouraged during illness or difficult time, or to be reminded we are here for him/her, please contact Aieleen Parker at aieleenparker@gmail.com or 209-217-8120

If a new member joins at a branch program or meeting they can join at the discounted rate of \$76 for the first year as part of the Shape the Future campaign. That includes *Libations & Conversations* events. So if you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested, invite them to one of our programs or L&C's! If you have questions, contact [Michele Powell](#)

Our Branch History

A Look Back at Our Achievements from 1989-1999

PART 4 of 6

Written by Brenda Walker / Read by Judy Lerner Liston

CHANGE is the word that represents the third decade of AAUW–Amador. It is written in capital letters because change was happening in all institutions of our lives. Early in the decade Laurie Webb wrote the following:

“Diversity is a much broader issue than skin color or heritage. Within our Membership we have a fairly striking diversity of women in terms of values and political commitment. We must be careful to listen to one another and by respecting our differences, continue to provide the community with a model for utilizing diversity to create strong, effective programs educating our community and enhancing its awareness of the pressing social concerns of today.”

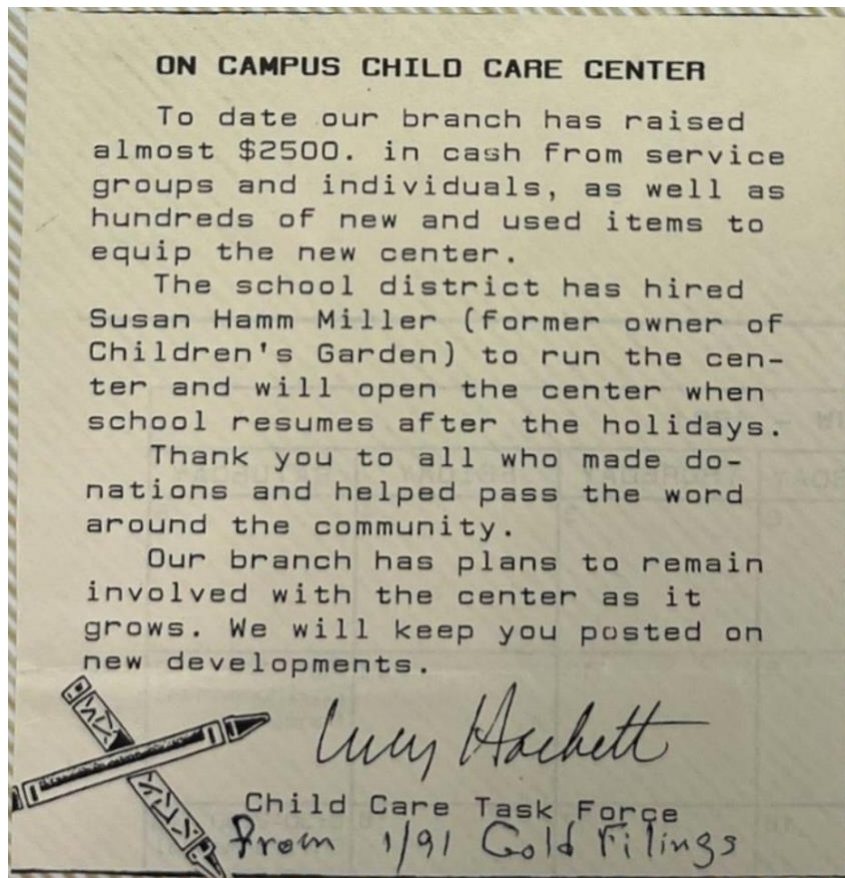
It was in this decade that women across the country stepped up for educational equity, for choices in reproductive rights, for pay equity, for protections against sexual harassment, and for comprehensive health insurance coverage for women. And things began to change.

Public education was a hot topic. We asked that girls be offered opportunities in Math and Science previously dominated by boys. Changes in school curriculum faced scrutiny from groups who viewed rainbows on books as evidence of New Age thinking. School voucher programs were on the ballot as well as a proposition that would allow the Governor to cut funds to state programs without the possibility of an override by the Legislature.

In the midst of these controversies, AAUW–Amador too was dealing with change. A quote from Nancy Dolton, *“More women are working away from home. Consequently, their time is committed to work and family. This has resulted in lower meeting attendance and leader recycling.”* Programming reflects this as big community projects begin to disappear. The On–Campus Childcare facility at Independence High was up and running in February of 1991 with annual fund assistance from generous AAUW members. Another project launched in 1991, the Women in History Writing Contest, asked junior high youth to write essays, poems, or stories about topics based on women in history. Neither project existed into the new millennium. But not all change was subtraction. We added a computer group,

Tai Chi, gourmet dining, outdoor activities, and Great Decisions discussions with Calaveras into our group offerings.

Some things stayed the same. We always began the year with a potluck meal at a member's house in September, explaining our plans for the year. There was always a December holiday get together in a member's home, focused luncheons or evening meetings with international speakers, Candidates nights, and an April luncheon with a speaker who had ties to the Educational Foundation Program. Members continued to support the Academic Decathlon program in Amador and Calaveras, and other volunteer opportunities with Operation Care, Red Cross, and in the public schools were encouraged. Our leadership and members participated in conferences on the State, Regional and National level. Our Home Tour continued to provide funds to support our Educational Foundation donations, scholarships, and programs.



Local Non-Profit News

21st Annual TURKEY TROT

In support of the Interfaith Food Bank

Thursday, November 23RD, 2023 at 8am

(YES, that is Thanksgiving Day morning)

WHERE Lake Tabeaud, 6 mi. east of Jackson

PLEASE CARPOOL IF YOU CAN-

(Do not park in the driveway east of the entrance to the lake,
entrance to Pagham Star Ranch)

WHAT 2.7 mi. walk/run once around the lake

5.4 mi. walk/run twice around the lake

ENTRY Please consider a monetary donation
or a bag of non-perishable groceries.

Jess & Roy from Coffee Tree will be there with coffee and treats for purchase.

Amador County Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

We have had two initiatives grow out of our last L&C with Bradley Booker from Amador Trail Stewardship. Sandee Bowman is leading a new Hiking & Walking Interest group that has its first walk on Monday, November 6 at 9am.

In addition, Mel Welsh was struck by the eagerness of the folks there for more recreational opportunities in the county and she has put together some material

about the current efforts of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. BPAC is a grassroots group that formed and is working with ACTC to move from talking about projects to actually proposing one to get built. It is a slow and arduous process but after a year we are seeing progress.

Click below to see the maps and the plan.

[https://actc-amador.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/
AmadorCountywidePedestrianBicyclePlan_FINAL.pdf](https://actc-amador.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/AmadorCountywidePedestrianBicyclePlan_FINAL.pdf)

Also, EBMUD has a wonderful Coast to Crest Trail System in Calaveras. You need a permit but it is inexpensive and extremely worth it! It is for runners,

hikers and equestrians. Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed. We are trying to get those documents in the best form to include links in Gold Filings, but for now, if you are interested, please contact [Mel Welsh](#) and she will send you the PDFs of the maps

For those who want to get outside for a little exercise before the Thanksgiving meal, the 21st Annual Turkey Trot is happening. Please share and spread the word. It's a great way to be out with friends and family and help the Interfaith Food Bank. They are facing an ever increasing demand for food from our community and especially this Thanksgiving.

The desire for expanding our recreational opportunities is there, we just need to let those that can make them happen know! If you would like to get involved or have questions, call Mel Welsh at 209-419-1849

From AAUW California

2023 California Legislative Session Round-Up: AAUW California's Priority Legislation

We are happy to report that our priority bills did pretty well in this cycle!

11 bills signed into law.

12 bills sent to the Governor's desk.

16 bills transitioned to two year bills

A-Level Bills

Our three A-level bills this year were AB 1394, AB 549, and SB680.

AB 1394. Signed into law! Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, and co-sponsored by AAUW California, this bill seeks to help child sex abuse survivors remove their images from social media platforms.

AB 549. 2-Year Bill. Authored by Assemblymember Lori Wilson. This bill would require all state agencies to conduct an evaluation of their own departments to ensure that the state does not discriminate against women through the allocation of funding and the delivery of services.

SB 680. 2-Year Bill. Authored by Senator Nancy Skinner, this bill prohibits a social media platform from using a design, algorithm, or feature that the

platform knows, or should have known, causes child users to experience addiction to the social media platform.

B-Level Bills

We are excited to report that two of our B-level bills have been signed into law: AB 1071 and AB 1078. AB 524 was vetoed and SB 36 has been transformed into a 2-year bill.

AB 1071. Signed into Law! Authored by Assemblymember Joshua Hoover, this bill would authorize and encourage school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide teen dating violence prevention (TDV) education to all pupils in grades 7-12 and make TDV resources available on its website.

AB 1078. Signed into Law! Authored by Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson, this bill expands the diversity of the social science curriculum, requiring instruction in social sciences to include a study of the role and contributions of people of all genders, Latino Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, and other ethnic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic status groups. If the school district has not provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, their local control funding formula allocation will be reduced.

SB 36. 2-Year Bill. Authored by Senator Nancy Skinner, this bill provides protections and support for any person fleeing prosecution, conviction, or sentence from another state for seeking abortion, contraception, reproductive care, or seeking gender-affirming care in California. It also provides protections for any person assisting that person.

C-Level Bills

We had thirty-one C-level bills this year. Eight of our C-level bills were signed into law. Ten are pending, and thirteen are now 2-year bills. For additional details about the bills that we supported at the C-level, or bills at any level, as well as access to the most current information, check out our bill tracker under Public Policy on the AAUW CA website, aauw-ca.org.

By Amy Hom & Missy Maceyko, Co-Chairs, CA State Public Policy Committee

Arts & Education

MORE Groundbreaking Discoveries by Women Credited to Men

Dr. Grace Murray Hopper: Computer Programming Language

Hopper created the first computer language compiler tools to program the Harvard Mark I computer—IBM's computer that was often used for World War II efforts. Though it's noted in history that John von Neumann initiated the computer's first program, Hopper is the one who invented the codes to program it. One of the programming languages she pioneered, COBOL, is widely used today.

Caresse Crosby: The Modern Bra

Once upon a time, there was a rebellious gal who was tired of wearing corsets. Enter: Caresse Crosby, who developed the modern bra. She was the first to acquire the patent for the modern bra, AKA a "Backless Brassiere," yet is often left in the shadows because she sold her patent to the Warner Brothers Corset Company.

Ada Harris: Hair Straightener

Marcel Grateau is often credited for the invention of the hair straightener, but it was Harris who first claimed the patent for it in 1893. (Grateau made his claim to fame with the curling iron around 1852, and we certainly know there's a difference.)

Esther Lederberg: Microbial Genetics

Lederberg played a large part in determining how genes are regulated, along with the process of making RNA from DNA. She often collaborated with her husband Joshua Lederberg on their work on microbial genetics, but it was Esther who discovered lambda phage—a virus that infects E. coli bacteria. Despite their collaboration, her husband claimed the 1958 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for discoveries on how bacteria mate.

Jocelyn Bell Burnell: Pulsars

Jocelyn Bell Burnell discovered irregular radio pulses while working as a research assistant at Cambridge. After showing the discovery of the pulses to her advisor, the team worked together to uncover what they truly were: Neutron stars, AKA pulsars. Burnell received zero credit for her discovery—instead, her advisor Antony Hewish and Martin Ryle received the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1974.

Chien-Shiung Wu: Nuclear Physics

Often compared to Marie Curie, Chien-Shiung Wu worked on the Manhattan Project, where she developed the process for separating uranium metal. In 1956, she conducted the Wu experiment that focused on electromagnetic

interactions. After it yielded surprising results, Tsung–Dao Lee and Chen–Ning Yang, the physicists who originated a similar theory in the field, received credit for her work, winning the Nobel Prize for the experiment in 1957.

Ada Lovelace: Computer Algorithm

In the mid–1800s, Ada Lovelace wrote the instructions for the first computer program. But mathematician and inventor Charles Babbage is often credited with the work because he invented the actual engine.

Shasta College Logging Program

The Shasta College logging program (HELO) offers a unique 16–unit course over a single semester with 400 operating hours. The program’s primary goal is to prepare students for the workforce. Students in the program have the opportunity to work with essential logging equipment, including hot saws and skidders, which are essential for operations in the logging industry. This hands–on experience is invaluable, as many industry professionals don’t have access to equipment like hot saws until well into their careers.

Remarkably, the program has seen a lot of success with female students, who tend to pick up the skills quickly and operate smoothly. In addition to diversifying the field, “you’re now accessing 50% of the population that you weren’t accessing before,” said Director of Forest Health, Becky Roe.

Students participating in the program can qualify for financial aid and access on–campus dorms. Additionally, the program offers wraparound services, including “the hub,” which provides funds for essentials, mental health support, and more, ensuring nothing stands in the way of a student’s education.

For students who want to further their education and career, the CRAFT apprenticeship program offers on–the–job training. This 18–month program allows students to work full–time while earning a livable wage, providing a smooth transition from the Shasta College program to a successful career in logging. As it continues to grow and adapt to industry trends, this program promises to make an enduring impact on the lives of its students and the logging industry as a whole.

“Women’s Work,” an exhibition at the NY Historical Society

The New–York Historical Society has always been passionate about spotlighting the lives and legacies of women in history through its Center for Women’s History, the first of its kind within a major museum.

The current exhibition, “Women’s Work,” which is on view through August 18, 2024, explores the history and evolution of women's labor in American society.

Through approximately 45 objects drawn from the New–York Historical’s museum and library collections, the exhibition attempts to define the phrase “women's work” by exploring the range of jobs that women have held over centuries, and the cultural norms related to those roles deemed appropriate for women. The show, which was curated by the curatorial staff and fellows of the Center for Women's History, proves that the work that women do (and have done throughout American history) is vitally important to all aspects of American life.

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