

**April
2011****GOLD FILINGS****President's Message**

Our branch recently received an exceptionally generous donation to our scholarship fund from member Nancy Street to honor the memory of her mother, Katherine June (Kasper) Rowe. Nancy's mother graduated with a degree in Fashion Design from the College of the Pacific. Thank you, Nancy, for your generosity. Your mother would be proud!

We can't all make a donation like Nancy's, but there are other things we can do to support our scholarship program. As you have heard before—and probably will again—this is our only fundraiser. Your dedicated Home Tour Committee has worked long and hard to make our 39th annual event successful. Many of you are already scheduled to hostess or serve tea or help in some other manner on April 16. However, we still need more hostesses. If you haven't already signed up to work that day, Bev York, our tireless Hostess Coordinator, is standing by to take your call.

Last year, fewer than half of you purchased a Home Tour ticket in spite of our long-standing expectation that we would all do so. This year, if each of us purchased one ticket, the resulting amount would be almost \$2,000, which would more than fund two Tech Trek students or two college scholarships. Please do your part.

Membership renewals of \$81.00 are due by June 30. Please submit your payment prior to the deadline to save our treasurer added work. Late payments have to be handled as new memberships, requiring more paperwork than on-time renewals. Make checks payable to AAUW Amador and send to P. O. Box 611, Sutter Creek, CA 95685.

Our Nominating Committee had a breakthrough at the last board meeting. Read all about it in Sandi Baracco's report below.

If I don't see you before, we'll all meet in Sutter Creek on Saturday, April 16, for a fantastic Home Tour!

~Sandra Campbell

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ladies, it is with great delight that your Nomination Committee (Past Presidents Mary Thorpe, Lani Chapman and Sandi Baracco) announces the progress we have made toward filling the elected positions for the 2011-2012 Board. First we want to take a moment to acknowledge Sandy Campbell, our super President, who last June stepped up to take the President position without first serving as President-Elect. Sandy is not only serving as our President this year but she continues as Newsletter Editor and also stepped up as Home Tour Chair when no other member could be persuaded to do so.

Without a Home Tour Chair for next year, the Nomination Committee felt that we would again face problems finding our next President and President-Elect since they have been called upon to not only fill their elected position but the appointed position of Home Tour Chair. So it is with great pleasure that we announce Carol Campbell as our 2011-2012 Home Tour Chair. Based on this wonderful revelation, Sandy Campbell has agreed to a second term as President; Nancy Street will serve as President-Elect; Bonnie Krupp will solo as Vice-President AAUW Funds; Lynne Brumit and Susan Tigner will continue as Co-Vice-Presidents Membership; and Nancy Schuster will serve her second term as Treasurer. Bev York will continue on as Secretary; Bev has been filling in for Marjorie Craig since November when Marjorie accepted an out-of-state position as guest lecturer.

Hopefully, by the time this is in print we will have found our next Vice President Programs, but please call if you are interested. Remember that there are still many appointed positions that need to be filled by the President and Home Tour Chair for next year, so please be open to the prospect. You will find Amador AAUW members a great group to work with and there are a wide variety of positions available that meet your talents and level of time commitment.

~Sandi Baracco, BaraccoArchitect@comcast.net

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER:

Margaret "Peggy" Heffington
Email: margaretheffington@att.net

Our Community Representative, Judy Regnier, urges all of us to help the Red Cross or other agency (such as your church) to HELP JAPAN! Donate generously to these people during this devastation of their country.

HOME TOUR NEWS:

Tickets are now on sale at the following outlets:

Ione—Clark's Corner
 Jackson—Main Street Designs
 Pine Grove—Pine Cone Drug
 Plymouth—Wild Goose
 Sutter Creek—Bubble Gum Books

Tickets are \$22 for advance purchase; \$25 on tour day. Mail order purchases can be made through AAUW Home Tour, c/o Belva Pummer, P. O. Box 166, Volcano, CA 95689, prior to April 8.

Cookies: This year our Cookie Coordinator Margie Guletz requests five dozen **HOMEMADE** cookies from each of us for the Home Tour Tea. Cookies should only be a couple of bites. You may drop off cookies at the following locations **prior to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 15:**

Bubble Gum Book Store—59 Main Street, Sutter Creek
 Sierra Travel Group (formerly Pioneer Travel—19900 Highway 88, Pine Grove

You may also bring them to Margie Guletz to put in her freezer from now until the 15th.

Quilt Tickets: Sue Harrington still has tickets for the lovely quilt donated by Barbara Davis. Please contact her at susanlh@volcano.net.

EQUAL PAY DAY—APRIL 12

Our mission states, in part, that “AAUW advances equity for women and girls . . . “ In 1963, when President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act requiring employers to pay all employees equally for equal work, women earned 58.9% of men’s wages. Today, the gap has lessened but women still make nowhere near what men do for the same jobs, even with the same education and experience. That is why April 12 has been designated Equal Pay Day to remind us that there is still a lot of work to be done to fully achieve wage equity.

INTEREST GROUPS: This is the second of a series of articles featuring one of our interest groups. Current groups are listed on the second to last page of this newsletter, and new or continuing members are welcome to contact the appropriate chair to join at any time. These articles are intended to provide additional information about the groups. This month’s featured group is the

COMPUTER GROUP

For about the last 15 years the computer group has met regularly once a month. Judy Lerner-Liston was chair for most of those years; then Pat Houghton served in the position the last 4 years. We selected topics of interest each October and planned our meetings around those interests, meeting in our homes and working out computer problems of all sorts, sharing the results from computer demonstrations. Mostly, we enjoyed the good talk and camaraderie with one-another over coffee and cake.

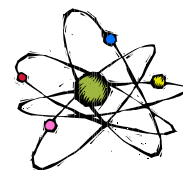
The time has come to hand over the group to new folks, with new computer knowledge and new computer problems. We invite the right person with some computer knowledge, to volunteer to chair a new group of interested members. Contact Sandy if you are interested in chairing this fun and helpful interest group.

Au revoir, Pat Houghton and Judy Lerner-Liston

TECH TREK NEWS!

The 2011 Tech Trekkers have been selected! Twenty-one Amador County girls were nominated by their 7th grade math and science teachers, and eleven were interviewed by our team. This year we are so very fortunate to be sending four girls to Tech Trek, and they are Melodie Hansen, Samantha Riviere, Samantha Fischer and Anastasia Karnaze, all students at Ione Junior High School. Mountain Oaks School nominated no girls this year, and only three from Jackson Junior High applied. We were quite impressed with how mature and bright the girls we interviewed are! This year our campers will be attending Tech Trek at Fresno State University. I hope you are able to come to the AAUW meeting in May, where you will have the opportunity to meet this year's Amador County Tech Trekkers.

~Gretchen Carlson, Tech Trek Coordinator



Sutter Creek Historical Sites Open For the Home Tour April 16, 2011

A visit to the **Monteverde Store Museum** at 11 Randolph Street is a step back in time. John Monteverde and his son John opened the store on Randolph Street in August of 1898. They carried hardware, groceries, wines, and liquors and supplied the miners with their boots, shoes, etc. Over its counters and from the shed (now the office of the Sutter Creek Visitors Center), the Monteverde family sold all sorts of merchandise through the years until the store closed unexpectedly in 1971 and never reopened. The store was pretty much as you see it today. Rose Monteverde, the last of the storeowners, willed the structure to the city when she died in 1978. In her will she specified that it be converted to a library or museum. As you see, the store has been converted into a piece of living history.

The store was closed for many years before the city reopened it in 1992 as a museum. The City of Sutter Creek rebuilt and enclosed the store's shed for use as an office. In here, the walls are decorated with an amazing mural, covering the entire room, which depicts the history of Sutter Creek. In 2000, local artist Rand Huggett designed and painted this mural with historical details supplied by historian, Larry Cenotto. Not often viewed, this mural and the store will be opened by dedicated volunteers in historical costumes for the Home Tour. To the right is a small portion of this mural.



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WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM—NEW DATE

The 16th Annual Women's Health Forum, "Be Your Best at Every Age: Fitness, Nutrition and Living," will be held on Saturday, May 21 (note date change). Next month's newsletter will contain information regarding the program and a change in location. Any questions, contact Judy Lerner-Liston at dandjl@suttercreek.com.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

BEST WISHES TO . . .

Floy Goulart

Mary Thorpe

Sandra Campbell

Kathy Thomas

Kelli Garcia

Beth Smith



Board Briefs for March 17, 2011

January 20, 2011, minutes were approved; there was no meeting in February due to inclement weather.

The treasurer presented her updated report.

Home Tour update; see items on pp. 1 and 2.

New publicity possibilities were discussed.

Membership renewals are now due; see President's Message.

Sandi Baracco discussed nominations; see her report p. 1.

Scholarship update on applications and interviews; see also Tech Trek report p. 3.

Membership update on ideas for membership emeritus; to be discussed further in May.

Next board meeting April 21.

Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. All board meetings are open and members are encouraged to attend to offer ideas or express concerns.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Friends of the Amador County Library will hold its Spring Book Sale on April 8-10, at the American Legion Hall at 12134 Airport Rd, Martell (corner of Hwy. 49 and Airport Road). Thousands of books and audio visual materials in every category will be sold at bargain prices.

Friday, **April 8** 3 pm – 7 pm -Reserved for FACL members or join on the spot

Hot dogs & fixings provided by Umpqua Bank

Saturday, **April 9** 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, **April 10** 11 am – 3 pm

Proceeds from the sale benefit the Amador County Library.

Serving the Library since 1976 – A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Tax ID #942374918

For more information, contact 209-267-0855.

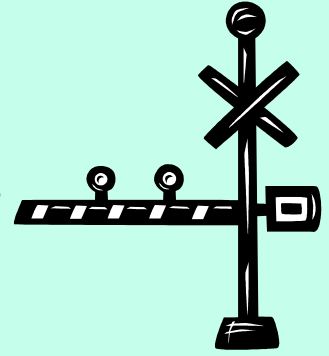


The Sunshine Chair, **Lynne Brumit**, will send a note or card on behalf of AAUW to any member who needs some sunshine (for illness, condolences or simply "thinking of you") or should be congratulated on a marriage or birth of a child. If you know of a member who should receive any of the above, please contact Lynne by telephone. If information for recipient is not in the AAUW Directory, please provide it.

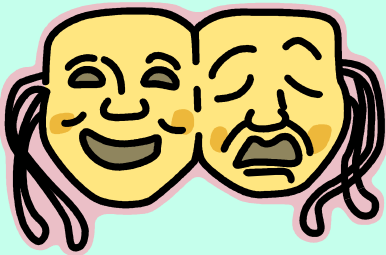


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The members of the **Motherlode Model Railroad Club** have created an operational representation of a real local railroad, the Amador Central. The permanent model layout is located in the old Sutter Creek Grammar School, now the Sutter Creek Cultural Center. The railroad, which ceased operation in 1996, ran 11 miles from Martell to Lone, where it connected with the Southern Pacific and transferred cars and, at one time, passengers headed for Sacramento and beyond. Using Digital Command Control (DDC), the trains on many sets of tracks flow with their goods to the towns and industries along the route of old "Ivan." Dioramas are built to scale, depicting in amazing detail, life along the tracks of the Amador Central. The club members are continually working to improve and refine the model layout to include new technology that streamlines the control of many trains on multiple tracks. For membership information: www.mlmrrc.com



The **Sutter Creek Theatre**, 44 Main Street, continues to be a popular venue for live music, film and theatrical performances. The theatre is currently owned and managed by Laura and Byron Damiani, Jr., who will be the hosts for the home tour to explain the history of the theatre and about famous past performers who debuted here.



Theatre came to Sutter Creek around 1912 but not in its present location. Across the street around 1912, John F. Ratto, a Sutter Creek merchant (who was also the county's Hupmobile dealer), opened a silent-movie house in the 1850s brick building –American Exchange Hotel. During this period, Ratto built four theatres in Amador County. In Sutter Creek, the Italianate architectural style with arches and stonework was chosen to please the many Italians living in Sutter Creek. The new theatre was near completion in 1919, but the deadly Spanish Influenza epidemic closed all public buildings so the theatre's grand opening wasn't held until March 5, 1920, playing "Hearts of the World" starring Lillian Gish. The Sutter Creek Theatre is the only surviving theatre of the original four. The past owner have restored the Art-Deco style frescos on the ceiling and replaced seating with vintage theatre seats. Attending an event here in this cozy personal theatre is a memorable experience. See their web site for ticket information and upcoming attractions: www.suttercreektheatre.com.

A walk through the **Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery**, 115 Amelia Street, will reveal that the settlers of Sutter Creek came from many different countries including Austria, Poland, Ireland and Italy. Here they died and were buried in the small graveyard that surrounds the little Catholic Church they so faithfully attended. Come take a guided walk through one of the county's oldest cemeteries and learn about some of the families who lived here when the community was new. See the headstone of Mary Mahoney, the first to be buried in the cemetery in 1858; that of little Giuseppe Ramasotti, who died the day he was born; and the tombstone of Thomas Brady, born when George Washington was President, and died after the Civil War. Elaborate headstones and simple markers give clues about the lives of Sutter Creek's families who have gone before us.



~Nova Fagg

2010-2011 AAUW AMADOR BOARD

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| President | Sandra Campbell | Home Tour Chair | Sandra Campbell |
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The Emergency Food Assistance Program and Interfaith Food Bank

With April comes showers, spring, and our annual Home Tour! We are thankful for all that we have here in Amador County, and we need to share our beauty and abundance with those who are struggling this spring. The Interfaith Food Bank has many families who may be utilizing the food bank for the first time, so plant an extra row or 3 of vegetables in your garden to share this spring, and make extra donations for those who are temporarily in need of help! Some suggestions below:

Items that we need most (no glass please): Meal in a can or box, canned/dry soups, canned stews, ravioli, chili, tuna, fruits and vegetables.

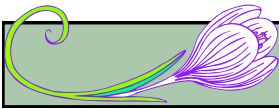
Easy to prepare: Macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, taco kits, cereal, rice, nutrition drinks, infant formula.

In addition to food, hygiene items are always needed: toilet paper, paper towels, diapers.

The Interfaith Food Bank, 12181 Airport Road in Jackson (between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

Contact Judy Regnier, Community Representative, at woodsangel@volcano.net for additional information.

| AAUW | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
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| <p>MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Information for the May Gold Filings should be sent to me no later than April 19</p> <p>Please send articles via email or USPS. Sorry, I cannot accept telephoned information.</p> <p>Sandra Campbell, Editor skcampbell@volcano.net</p> |



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Chair: Judy Venckus, venckus@aol.com

They Saw the Elephant by JoAnn Levy is our book for April. Floy Goulart is hosting us at her home on April 11 at 2PM. Contact her if you are unable to attend.



SUPPER CLUB

Chair: Claire Wait, clairesc@sbcglobal.net

Contact Claire for information.



BOOK LOVERS AND PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Sue Harrington, susanh@volcano.net

In April we will be reading House Rules by Jodi Picoult. Carolyn Hennings will host our meeting Monday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Carolyn at cdhennings@yahoo.com.



LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Floy Goulart, f80@volcano.net



We have changed to the last Thursday of April for our LUNCH BUNCH gathering for your convenience. We will meet at 11:30 at the Strings Italian Cafe located at 11974 State Highway 88 in Jackson. An open menu and separate bills (including 18.5% tip for 8 guests or more at the single large table) will be provided. Please contact the hostess, Floy Goulart, for more information and if you plan to attend. We always have a great exchange of information and a delightful time.



GARDEN GROUPIES

Chair: Claire Wait, clairesc@sbcglobal.net

Contact Claire for more information.

ART IN ACTION

Chair: Charlene Unger, cux2@volcano.net

We are a group that enjoys drawing and painting at various indoor and outdoor locations. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Beginners are welcome. Contact Charlene for information.



CORK & FORK

Chair: Bobbie Brubaker, dbbrubaker@softcom.net

Our group meets odd months, with significant others, in members' homes for appetizers and wine tasting. Contact Bobbie for information.



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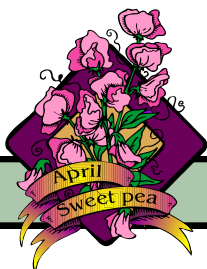
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WALKING/STROLLING GROUP

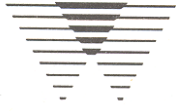
Chair: Sheila Berg, sberg@volcano.net

Contact Sheila for information.



The deadline for the May Gold Filings is April 19.

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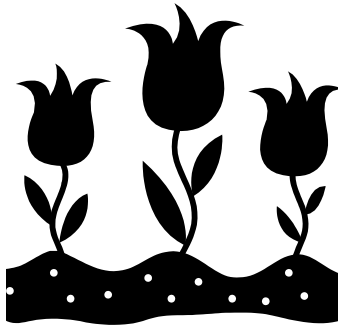
GOLD FILINGS

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Events of the Month

April 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
April 24

39th Annual Home Tour
Easter