

March  
2011



# GOLD FILINGS

## President's Message

The Dessert Social on the 23rd of February was a great success thanks to the planning of Membership VPs Lynne Brumit and Susan Tigner, with the able assistance of Kathy Guletz, co-Hospitality chair, who artistically arranged the many desserts. Susan and Lynne choreographed an activity so that longtime members could interact in a fun way with newer members and guests.

Guests introduced were Peggy Huffington; Tina Hurley, new director of the Amador Community Foundation; Kathy Allen, one of the speakers at January's Author Symposium; and Barbara Davis who donated the quilt pictured below. Also introduced were returning member Susan Hahn and new member Beth Smith, who is heading up the Art Show at the Home Tour.

During the social, Sandy Baracco and I stressed the need for members to take leadership positions for next year. Our scholarship program is dependent upon our Home Tour. And the success of the Tour depends on having a chair. Rather than expecting the incoming president to find a chair for the Tour, the nominating commit-

tee has been charged with this task so that the next president is not faced with having to fill that slot herself if no one comes forward—as happened both this year and in 2006. In between those dates, the chair position has been filled by either a co-president or the president elect. This is not the way our branch should be run.

Neither position—president or home tour chair—is overwhelming on its own. Each basically consists of organizing and holding meetings with plenty of materials—timelines, agendas, reports—existing from prior years. Both the board and Home Tour committee consist of members with an historical perspective to help the leader. Since I had not previously served on the Home Tour committee, these people proved invaluable. If you are more comfortable serving with a partner, that is fine.

A member of the nominating committee will be calling you soon. Please help your branch and our scholarship program by taking a position either on the board or Home Tour committee, especially by taking one of the leadership spots.

~Sandra Campbell



This year's Opportunity Quilt measures approximately 78 x 78 inches and is suitable for a wall hanging or a throw on bed or sofa. Border upon border provides structure for the appliqued central garden medallion of this Arts and Crafts influenced quilt. It is made with Moda fabrics. The original quilt design is by Mary Beth Hartnett. The quilt was pieced and quilted by Barbara Davis of Volcano who donated it for our Home Tour.

Quilt tickets are currently available through Sue Harrington. As in the past, tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Sue has packets of 30 or 60 tickets available along with individual tickets. Contact her at [susanlh@volcano.net](mailto:susanlh@volcano.net).

The quilt is available for members to take to guilds or clubs in order to generate ticket sales. Contact Sue if you have an organization for showcasing the quilt.

## HOME TOUR NEWS: Tickets go on sale March 11 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 advanced purchase; \$25 on tour day. Mail order purchases can be made through Belva Pummer prior to April 8.

More Tour news on Page 2.

## MORE HOME TOUR NEWS:

Postcards have been addressed and mailed. Home Tour tickets will be picked up by the first of March and will be at local outlets by March 11. The brochure will be going to the printer shortly. Our publicity team has sent out press releases, scheduled notices on community sign boards (see the one at Sutter Hill) and arranged for articles in the Ledger, The Bee and the Lodestar.

**Hostesses:** We still need four more hostesses. These could be friends or colleagues from another organization. If you can volunteer or know of someone who can, contact Hostess Coordinator Bev York at likacb@volcano.net.

**Posters/Bookmarks:** Kelly Trottier distributed poster packets for those people who have volunteered to get them to merchants.

**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. Drop-off locations will be announced later.

## BOARD BRIEFS

Due to inclement weather, the February 17 board meeting was cancelled. The next board meeting is on March 17, 2011, at 1 p.m., at Margie Guletz's home. ***The Home Tour Committee will meet the same day at 11 a.m.***

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.*

This is the first 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 . . . .

## ART IN ACTION

Eating, drinking, talking, laughing, drawing, painting and helping each other with what we may have worked on the week before. That is what the Art in Action Group does to turn out "masterpieces." We share information about upcoming art shows, classes and workshops. We meet at each others' homes and, weather permitting, at outdoor locations. Everyone is welcome—artists of all levels.

~Charlene Unger, Chair

Two of the many outdoor locations visited by Art in Action.

Left, Beth Smith, Charlene Unger and Sarah Dougherty at Bear River Reservoir.

Right, Pi Pi Resort.



## More About the “Polished Gems” of Sutter Creek...

Our February newsletter highlighted the two homes on Mill Street that will be part of the 2011 Home Tour. This month we are going “downtown” to Main Street, Sutter Creek, to become familiar with the features of the two other homes on the April 16<sup>th</sup> Tour. Very conveniently the homes are located adjacent to each other at 17 Main and 19 Main Street.

### Smith Home-17 Main Street

The Smith home has been a familiar sight at 17 Main Street in Sutter Creek since the early 1890s. During its 120 years, owners have configured the interior space to suit their needs but the exterior is remarkably similar to a 1910 photograph of the home. In 2007, Geoff and Melene Smith purchased this home. They have updated and remodeled while preserving the home’s historic character and charm. Their extensive improvements include the addition of air conditioning and a new heating system. The windows, except the street facing windows, have been replaced with a nod to comfort and energy saving needed for today’s living. The front and side decks are repaired and expanded by 500 square feet. The kitchen now has large rear-facing windows, which required raising the original kitchen ceiling. With the old carpeting removed, the original Douglas fir floors were revealed.

Many of the furnishings are a composite of hand-me-downs, garage and flea market finds, and antique purchases. All are skillfully blended with new furnishings under the direction of Larry Shaw, local designer. The dining table was originally sold by Sears and designed to be a Craftsman knock-off; old church pews are used for seating at this table. The antique tilt-top card table is from Melene’s family.

Throughout the home, a variety of original art blends with the décor. The carved wooden birds, crafted by Geoff’s father, are displayed on a shelf in the living room. Nearby is a watercolor of Caples Lake by Robert Reynolds. In the kitchen, there are paintings by Margaret Welty and Pete Smith, Geoff’s brother. The art of photography has personal meaning in this home. Melene’s framed photography is displayed in an upstairs bedroom. In 2003, her long held desire to visit Tibet was fulfilled. She has memorialized her trek, to base camp of Mt. Everest at 17,000 feet, with these fantastic photographs.

The downstairs master bedroom doubles as a cozy sitting room for reading and for the felines of the family to climb their tower and watch the birds in the garden. Part of the Smith remodel was to add a walk-in closet to this bedroom. The French doors to the closet once were used to separate the dining and living room. The master bath space was added to and now includes a laundry room.

The Art Deco sconce light in the hallway leading to the master bedroom is a favorite recent addition to their home. This light once adorned a wall in the old Bellotti’s restaurant in The American Exchange Hotel. This and similar lights were installed during an early 1930s remodel of the hotel but later discarded in subsequent interior changes. Melene discovered this light fixture at the “Trash to Treasures” event held in Sutter Creek during Memorial Day weekend.

The tour will exit through the back door of the kitchen. The backyard of the property has a garage, shop and storage buildings. Among the landscaping plantings are twelve nut and fruit trees. An interesting and historic tree is found on the street in front of this home. A 1910 era photograph shows the driveway going up to and through a barn at the rear of the home and this Osage orange tree is seen in the photo. The tree was likely transplanted to this spot by a pioneer of Sutter Creek. Early settlers prized this tree, native to the Midwest, as the finest wood in North Americas for making archery bows. During the mid-1800s, before the invention of barbed wire fencing in the late 1880s, Osage orange trees were commonly planted in hedgerows by ranchers to define grazing pastures and other property boundaries. Many are still seen along roadways throughout the county. The wrinkly, green fruit (also called a “hedge apple”) is inedible and good for nothing and the basis for the phrase “he’s as worthless as a hedge apple.”

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**IN HONOR OF . . .**

Our member, **Ruth Jackson**, will be celebrating her **100th Birthday** on March 25, 2011. In recognition of this very special birthday and her continued participation in our AAUW Branch, a donation of \$100 will be made to our Scholarship Fund in her name.

Dear Ruth-----We wish you a VERY HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS****BEST WISHES TO . . .****Iris Aparicio****Carol Bilheimer****Mona Brown****Marge Chisholm****Norva Fagg****Ruth Jackson****Pamela Peccianti****Judy Regnier****AAUW AMADOR ON FACEBOOK?**

That is the question. Someone in the Sutter Creek business world suggested that we establish a Facebook presence for the branch. Everyone seems to be doing it so why shouldn't we? A lot of organizations are and perhaps it would be a another way to get the word out about who we are and what we do: benefits of membership, programs we offer to the public, our Home Tour, and our scholarship program. We could link to other sites within and beyond AAUW.

We need someone who has knowledge of this social network and who would be willing to look into the possibilities for the branch. If you would like to take on this task, please contact the president.

**AAUW-CA CONVENTION 2011**

Have you always wanted to get away to Irvine, California? This coming April 8-10, the state convention will be held at the Irvine Marriott. Those who have attended in the past say the trip is well worth it. There is money budgeted that will cover some of the costs.

Information regarding the convention and the workshops and other activities are on line at [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org). If you find the idea enticing, please contact Sandy Campbell for additional details.

**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). More information to come. Any questions, contact Judy Lerner-Liston at [2dandjl@suttercreek.com](mailto:2dandjl@suttercreek.com).

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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### **Southworth Home-19 Main Street**

Bill and Diane Southworth had been frequent visitors to Sutter Creek, their favorite little town, staying in local B and Bs. Three years ago, they noticed this home for sale and made the decision to purchase, albeit the location was part-time until August 2010.

This property was once the site of a family farm. The original farmhouse on Main Street had been removed long ago but other family members built homes on the property, as did Gladys and Miles Trudgeon in the 1930s. Ownership went out of the original farm family when Amador High School teacher, John Larson, purchased the home in 1991. Major renovation and updates were completed during his ownership.

The Southworths used the years of living here part-time to redecorate and remodel. The carpeting throughout the first and second floor has been replaced with oak hardwood flooring. The living room and many of the other rooms are now painted a sunny yellow. The Southworths recently completed an addition that creates a den adjoining the kitchen and a new backdoor exit to the patio. The second floor of the detached garage was unfinished but now is completed and used for storage and an exercise room.

The dining room displays a collection of blue and white porcelain dishes and figurines acquired by Diane and her mother-- English transfer ware in the Blue Willow pattern, Meissen in the Blue Onion design and Delft platters from Holland. The old dining light is from Sutter Creek Antiques. Many of the original light fixtures in the home were repaired and reinstalled.

The entire upstairs was reconfigured and enlarged in the 1990s by then-owner John Larson. The upstairs master bedroom and bath were added at that time. There are also two guest bedrooms upstairs and the "Doll Room." In the doll room, glass door cabinets display mainly French and German dolls, including a rare French Bru doll and a Jumeau doll. On the shelves are displayed dolls from many eras including Shirley Temples, Cupie Dolls, Dollie Dinkles, etc. The result seen here represents years of collecting and restoring dolls by Diane and her mother, who worked at a "doll hospital." Dolls and family antiques are displayed in nostalgic settings in the other bedrooms. The Home Tour offers this rare opportunity to see this world-class private collection of dolls.

The tour will exit through the back door to the patio where AAUW's Art in Action group members will display a wonderful variety of original art for all to enjoy.

~Norva Fagg

Next month, the historic sites will be featured.



## 2010-2011 AAUW AMADOR BOARD

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### The Emergency Food Assistance Program and Interfaith Food Bank

The food bank always needs volunteers and donations of food especially after the holidays. Drop off donations at . . .

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](mailto:woodsangel@volcano.net) for additional information.

AAUW	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
<p><b>MISSION STATEMENT:</b> AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.</p> <p><b>DIVERSITY STATEMENT:</b> 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><b><i>Information for the April Gold Filings should be sent to me no later than March 16.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Please send articles via email or USPS. Sorry, I cannot accept telephoned information.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Sandra Campbell, Editor</i></b> <b><i>skcampbell@volcano.net</i></b></p>



# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

## AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Chair: Judy Venckus, [venckus@aol.com](mailto:venckus@aol.com)

We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 p.m. Greg Mortenson's Stones Into Schools is our read for March. Patti Still is hosting us at her home on March 14 at 2PM. Contact her if you are attending.



## SUPPER CLUB

Chair: Claire Wait, [clairesc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clairesc@sbcglobal.net) or

In March, all Supper Club members will meet at Norva and Doug Fagg's home for A Night in Bologna. We are anticipating many delicious dishes made from the recipes of Italian Celebrity Chefs.



## BOOK LOVERS AND PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Sue Harrington, [susanlh@volcano.net](mailto:susanlh@volcano.net)

For the month of March, we will be reading Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson. Rhoda Immer will be our host, please RSVP at [rhokeyno@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhokeyno@sbcglobal.net).



## LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Floy Goulart, [f80@volcano.net](mailto:f80@volcano.net)

Meet on March 10 at 11:30am at Tea Era's Tea Room, 34 Main St., Sutter Creek.

To RSVP contact Kelli Garcia at [Kgarci-aod@hotmail.com](mailto:Kgarci-aod@hotmail.com)



## GARDEN GROUPIES

Chair: Claire Wait, [clairesc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clairesc@sbcglobal.net)

Meet March 16 at The Antique Gardener in Sutter Creek to make a living Easter basket or a live miniature garden--your choice. There will be a charge for materials used in our creations. Call Claire for more information.



## ART IN ACTION

Chair: Charlene Unger, [cux2@volcano.net](mailto: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](mailto:dbbrubaker@softcom.net)

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



## COMPUTER GROUP

Chair: Pat Houghton, [path244@gmail.com](mailto:path244@gmail.com)

Contact Pat for information.



## WALKING/STROLLING GROUP

Chair: Sheila Berg, [sberg@volcano.net](mailto:sberg@volcano.net)

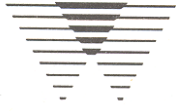
Contact Sheila for information.



**The deadline for the April Gold Filings is March 16.**



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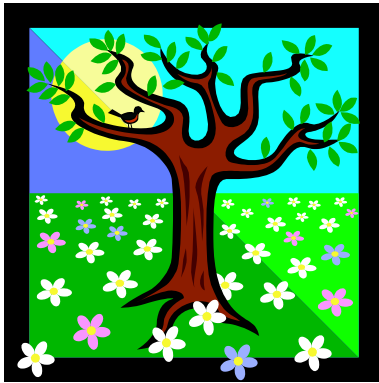
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## Events of the Month

March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19-20	Dandelion Days