

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

The Fairy Godmother of Home Tours waved her magic wand to provide us with another perfect day. After all the arctic chills, rain, snow, frost and sleet, we had the weather we were hoping for. And it paid off for us. Our income from tickets is \$14,770, with 103 sold at the Methodist Church on tour day. Total quilt ticket sales came to \$1,918. The latter is just a few dollars shy of the income from last year's quilt. More on the quilt in Sue Harrington's article below.

Participation by members was exemplary. Most of you who were able to help did. Those of you who could have but didn't missed an opportunity to be a part of an event that goes to the heart of what our branch is all about, our scholarship program. Many thanks to all of you who did your part and especially to those of you who contributed much more than your share. Our scholarship program is secure for the coming year and that is what is most important.

Photographs of the tour are on our website, aauwamador.org.

DUES: The end of the term is not far away and your membership renewal needs to be in to our treasurer by June 30 to count you as a continuing member. Dues are \$81 and checks (payable to AAUW Amador) are to be sent to P. O. Box 611, Sutter Creek 95685.

AAUW FUNDS (formerly EF Fund) SOCIAL: Previously, the format was a luncheon buffet featuring a guest speaker, which was not well-attended by members. The board decided to try a more informal (and free!) approach in hopes of appealing to more of you. At this meeting current scholarship winners are presented, but with ice cream and other goodies instead of a lunch and without a guest speaker. Come indulge your sweet tooth and meet the reasons we hold the Home Tour each year. See Page 2 for details.

~Sandra Campbell.

Home Tour Opportunity Quilt

A big THANK YOU to all AAUW members who purchased and/or sold tickets for our Home Tour Opportunity Quilt. I am amazed at the generosity of our members (we sold \$350 worth of tickets at the Dessert Social alone) and your energy in selling tickets to others. Altogether you bought and sold over 2000 tickets and raised \$1,918!!! Gretchen Kingsbury alone sold 90 tickets! This year there are very few expenses, so with the exception of the cost of printing the tickets, these funds will go directly to the scholarship fund. Additional thanks to Lynne Brumit, Norva Fagg and Sarah Dougherty who took the quilt on its rounds to various organizations and to Barbara Garcia who assisted with the compilation of the ticket packets.

The quilt was won by Beth Squire who is a friend of the Volcano quilter Barbara Davis who donated the quilt. In fact, she was at the Home Tour Tea with Barbara.

I am very impressed with our success this year - I think that last year might have been a record and we are within \$26 of last year's total.

Congratulations and thanks so much for your support and assistance in selling the tickets.

~Sue Harrington

In Memoriam

**Ruth Witebsky
Died April 18, 2011**

Services to be announced later.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

After the Funds Social on May 20, our final program for the 2010-11 year will be our Annual Meeting on June 14. During the summer, the new board will be working on programs for the following year. **We would like to hear your ideas on programs of interest.** Please send them either to Judy Venckus at venckus@aol.com or Sandy Campbell.

American Association of University Women
AMADOR BRANCH

AAUW Funds

**SPRING
ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**



**Friday, May 20, 2011
4 - 6 PM**

**Join in the fun and enjoy the fruits of our
labor as we award our 2011 College and
Tech Trek Scholarships.
Our Amador Branch Named Gift Honoree will
be announced.**

Sandi and Bruce Baracco's
Creekside Garden
44 Eureka Street
Downtown Sutter Creek

HOPE YOU CAN CELEBRATE WITH US

This function is open to both members and guests

*Reservations by Monday May 16, 2011
So we have enough Ice Cream*

*Questions: Call Sandi Baracco
(209) 267-0254 or BaraccoArchitect@comcast.net
or Bonnie Krupp(209) 293-7083 or bonniekrupp@yahoo.com*

2011-12 Slate of Officers

Our nominating committee, consisting of Mary Thorpe and Sandi Baracco, completed their work. The officers who will be voted upon at our June Annual Meeting are as follows:

President	Sandra Campbell
President-elect	Nancy Street
V.P. Program	Judy Venckus
V.P. AAUW Funds	Bonnie Krupp
Secretary	Beverly York
Treasurer	Nancy Schuster

The president's job is to fill the appointed positions. Some officers are staying on and new ones have been added so far:

Community Representative	Judy Regnier
Directory	Sandi Baracco
Public Policy/Ed Equity	Lani Chapman
Home Tour Chair	Carol Campbell
Hospitality	Judy Lerner-Liston and Kathy Guletz
Website Editor	Bobbie Brubaker
Historian	Marjorie Guletz
Sunshine	Lynne Brumit
Scholarships:	
Community College	Marge Chisholm
Upper Div/Grad/Re-entry	Eileen Swett
Tech Trek	Gretchen Carlson

You may notice that the position of Newsletter Editor is not listed above. After three years, it is time for a new editor and a new approach. In addition, people are needed for Bylaws, Publicity (other than Home Tour), and Phone Tree. If you would like to serve on the board in any of these positions, contact me, or I will be calling.

~Sandra Campbell

Our Community Representative, Judy Regnier, occasionally asks members to contribute an article on a local organization in which they are involved. Mary Thorpe submitted the following article:

The Amador Farmers' Market is getting ready to start its eighteenth season. The opening dates of the markets are: Sunday, May 22, in Jackson; Saturday, June 11, in Sutter Creek; Wednesday, June 15, in Pine Grove; and Thursday, August 4, in Plymouth. The Jackson market is open 10 am to 1 pm on Sundays, in the Busi Municipal parking lot, at Mel and Faye's Diner, on Highway 49. The Sutter Creek market runs Saturdays from 8 am to 11 am in the parking lot on Eureka Street. The Pine Grove market, in the Community Park on Highway 88, is open Wednesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. All of these markets will run until sometime in October, depending on the weather. The Plymouth market will be open the entire months of August and September, in McGee Park on Main Street, and is a fundraiser for the Plymouth Elementary School.

For more information, go to www.amadorfarmersmarket.com, or contact the market manager at 209-419-2503.

Support our farmers' markets and enjoy healthy fresh produce and other farm products.

~Mary Thorpe

The Women's Health Education Coalition's 16th Annual Health Forum

The Women's Health Education Coalition (WHEC) is a group of women who, for the past fifteen years, have presented an annual Women's Health Forum for the women of Amador County. Our coalition is made up of representatives of Amador Branch AAUW, Amador County Senior Citizens, First 5 Amador, Sutter Amador Hospital, Amador County Commission on Aging, Amador County Behavioral Health and United Home Health. Since opportunities for women in our county to acquire good information about health related issues are limited, we have engaged speakers on topics ranging from cardiac health to exercise, nutrition, cancer care and depression. Our programs have included both Western (traditional medical) and Eastern (complementary/alternative) modes.

At the end of last year we considered ending our efforts, but chose instead to enlist the expertise of some younger women to continue the forums. We have been able to recruit some dynamic young women who are doing just that; we hope this will help expand our reach and draw in a younger crowd. We hope to provide a multigenerational audience with simple, usable information about how to use nutrition and basic exercise to be as healthy as possible at any age and to know how to access, evaluate and use preventative health care appropriate to one's age.

This year's theme is:

"Be Your Best at Every Age: Nutrition, Movement, and Living Well"



Our speakers will be:

- ◆ **Alyshia Davies**; personal trainer - on fitness;
- ◆ **Kim Vagt**, Sutter Amador Hospital dietician - on nutrition
- ◆ **Christine Sullivan**, MD - on latest information on screenings (Pap test, mammograms, bone density, HVP) and pro-active health care for women at every age.

The Forum will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 8:30 to 1:30 and will include breakfast and a box lunch. The fee will be \$15 and pre-registration is required; you will receive a brochure including the form soon. The forms will also be available at the Senior Center and in the local newspaper. The location will be new this year – at the Margaret Dalton Children's Center on Broadway and Clinton Road in Jackson.

AAUW has been an active sponsor of this event (both in planning and by contributing \$250 each year) as part of our mission of promoting the education of women and girls. Any questions, call Judy Lerner-Liston at 267-5626 or e-mail at dandjl@suttercreek.com.

~Judy Lerner-Liston

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 at 296-2600. If information for recipient is not in the AAUW Directory, please provide it.



The following is one of a series of articles featuring community organizations in Amador County:

Griefbusters of Amador & Calaveras Hospice

Following the death of a loved one, Hospice of Amador & Calaveras offers a 13-month program of support to the bereaved in their process of grieving and emotional healing. This program includes individual counseling, family meetings, support groups, home visits, cards and literature packets, and telephone contacts. Trained volunteers and grief counselors facilitate the services provided for adults, adolescents and children alike. For more information go to the website: <http://www.hospiceofamador.org/>

The death of an important person in a child's life is among the most stressful events that a youngster can experience. Adults in the midst of their own grief often are confused and uncertain about how to respond supportively to a child. When the death involves a parent or a sibling, the potential for an adverse response by the child is compounded.

Griefbusters—a program of Hospice of Amador & Calaveras—is designed to assist young people going through a time of bereavement. The Griefbusters' volunteers are specially trained by Hospice and are experienced in dealing with loss and grief. They meet "one on one" with the bereaved student, usually at the child or teen's school. These weekly meetings are available as long as the need exists. Our community is fortunate in having this resource available for our youth. Please contact Ann Metherd at 223-5500 for additional information.

*~Judy Regnier, Community Representative, and
Myrna-Kay Robison*

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

DEBRA BROWN
JUDY VENCKUS
BERNICE HONEYCHURCH
BOBBIE BRUBAKER
BARBARA GARCIA
JUDY LERNER-LISTON
SUSAN TIGNER
AIELEEN PARKER
HELEN BONNER



Board Briefs for April 21, 2011

- Report on sunshine distributed and correspondence received regarding Home Tour.
- Approval of March 17 minutes.
- Treasurer's Report reviewed and discussion of ticket receipts for the quilt and Home Tour (see President's Message), along with donations made to Scholarship Fund.
- Program for Health Forum received. See details on p. 4.
- Reminder regarding membership renewals due June 30.
- Membership Emeritis policy discussed and to be brought back May 19. This is a program that would benefit those who are no longer able to participate fully in the branch. More details when policy finalized.
- Further revision to Article IX (Nominations) of Bylaws adopted. Will be published next month and voted on by membership at the Annual Meeting in June.
- Discussion of bylaws revision to articles on Officers and Board. To be brought back to May meeting for further discussion.
- Slate of 2011-12 officers presented. See p. 3. Elected officers will be presented for vote at Annual Meeting.
- 2011-12 Budget will be presented to board at May meeting and adopted by membership at Annual Meeting.
- Discussion of AAUW Funds Social. See pp. 1 and 2 for details.
- Need for program ideas from members. See p. 1.
- Discussion of scholarship candidates and funding for next year.
- Ideas for new features for newsletter.
- Discussion of obligations of membership.

2010-2011 AAUW AMADOR BOARD

President	Sandra Campbell	Home Tour Chair	Sandra Campbell
President Elect	TBD	Hospitality	Judy Lerner-Liston
Program V.P.	Carol Campbell		Kathy Guletz
Co-Membership V.P.	Susan Tigner	International Relations	Bernice Honeychurch
	Lynne Brumit	Newsletter	Sandra Campbell
Co-AAUW Funds/LAF	Sandi Baracco	Directory	Lani Chapman
	Bonnie Krupp	Phone Tree	Lani Chapman
Secretary	Beverly York	Public Relations	Bernice Honeychurch
Treasurer	Nancy Schuster	Historian	Margie Guletz
By-Laws	Sarah Hart	Scholarship:	
Community Representative	Judy Regnier	Comm College	Marge Chisholm
		Upper Div/Grad/Re-Entry	Nancy Street
Public Policy/Ed Equity	Myrna-Kay Robison	Tech Trek	Gretchen Carlson
		Sunshine	Lynne Brumit
Nominating Committee	Sandi Baracco	Web Editor	Bobbie Brubaker
	Mary Thorpe		

The Emergency Food Assistance Program and Interfaith Food Bank

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 or 295-5110 for additional information.

AAUW	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
<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 June Gold Filings should be sent to me no later than May 17.</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 Venck-
us, venck-

us@aol.com or 763-5241

Judy Lerner-Liston is hosting us this month. The Help by Katherine Stockett will be discussed. Please rsvp to Judy at 267-5626.



SUPPER CLUB

Chair: Claire Wait,
clairesc@sbcglobal.net or 267-9129
Contact Claire for information.



BOOK LOVERS AND PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Sue Harrington, su-
sanlh@volcano.net or 296-1594

On Monday, May 23, we will be meeting at Sarah Hart's home for a potluck and hopefully a movie. Contact Sue Harrington for more information: susanlh@volcano.net or 296-1594.



LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Floy Goulart, f80@volcano.net or 296-1384

Contact Floy for information.



GARDEN GROUPIES



Chair: Claire Wait, clairesc@sbcglobal.net
or 267-9129

Contact Claire for more information.

ART IN ACTION

Chair: Charlene Unger, 296-7402 or 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, 267-0225 or
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

Looking for a new chair.

WALKING/STROLLING GROUP



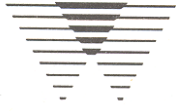
Chair: Sheila Berg, sberg@volcano.net
or 296-4047

Contact Sheila for information.



The deadline for the June Gold Filings is May 17.

AMADOR BRANCH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



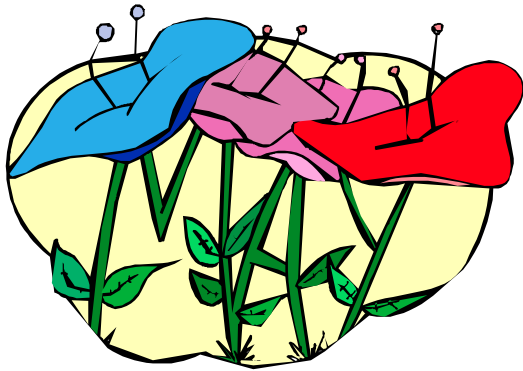
GOLD FILINGS

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Event of the Month

**AAUW Funds Ice Cream Social
Sutter Creek**

**May 20, 2011
4 to 6 p.m.**