

Feather Vane

June 2014

A BIG GARDEN BOUQUET TO US -- WE DID IT!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 2014 Garden Tour a success.

It seemed like we had more than our share of potential problems with additions and subtractions of artists, brochure/computer snafus, runners and bikers, but we pulled it off! The weather was splendid, the gardens lovely, the gardeners enthusiastic, the visitors impressed, the organizers of the Spirit Run accommodating, the hostesses welcoming, the brochure beautifully DONE, and the reception delicious.

I think we must have had at least 30 members involved in producing the tour this year. Here's a HUGE thank you from your most appreciative GT Chair. *Martha Bunce*

Don't forget to attend our last meeting of the branch year

WHAT: JUNE MEETING – Last meeting before summer - Bring a friend or potential member.

WHEN: June 7, 2014, Saturday

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Ruthy's Restaurant, Hillcrest Plaza on Clark Street, Yuba City

COST: \$16

MENU: Buffet lunch

PROGRAM: Meet our scholarship winners; Meet some new members; Install our new officers; Take a look at our upcoming year; Get an update on our Garden Tour and Math Science Conference; Hear about the State Conference; Draw for free membership from those who have paid their dues by today's meeting.

RSVP: Please reply to your caller/e-mailer by May 30. *If you reply yes, you owe for your meal.*



Our Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Council Chat by Carol Clark, Executive Council Leader

Just a note to say how much we appreciate all of the volunteer hours spent during the month of May on the Garden Tour, and the Math-Science Conference. You are amazing! Please plan to come to our June 7th meeting to hear the reports and meet our Yuba College Scholarship winners. *Carol Clark*

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – Thursday, **JUNE 19th** PLANNING MEETING, 10 am. at Jeanine Rounds, 572 Dale Avenue, Yuba City. Bring a salad to share for lunch. Call Carol or Jeanine to confirm.

PROGRAM NOTES 🎵

by Jeanine Rounds, Program Group Leader

June 7, 11:30 am - We close up the year with lunch at Ruthy's. Meet the new scholarship winners and hear the year-end reports in all areas of our branch.

July-August – We do not meet in July and August. Program meetings will resume in September.



AAUW IS THE PREMIER ORGANIZATION EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS!

Candy Mac Donald represented our Marysville-Yuba City Branch at the AAUW State Conference April 11-13, 2014 in Los Angeles. She will share her experiences, including photos, with us at our June 7th luncheon at Ruthy's.

Yuba College Scholarships

by Jeanine Rounds, Scholarship Chair

The AAUW Scholarship committee met recently and selected three winners for AAUW and three for the Yuba City Women's Club fund, for a total of six women. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship upon enrollment for the fall semester at Yuba College.

The AAUW winners are **Madalynn DaBranca**, majoring in Nursing; **Baljot Dhillon**, majoring in Financial Actuarial Mathematics; and **Emma Willard**, majoring in Chemical Engineering. The Women's Club winners are **Amandeep Kaur**, majoring in Radiology; **Kristina Miller**, majoring in Nursing; and **Jo Ann Vasconcellos**, also a Nursing major. These six women have all been invited to attend our June 7th AAUW meeting at Ruthy's and to introduce themselves to us. There was a strong field of candidates this year, and we are certainly fortunate to be able to recognize six with scholarships.

Editor's Note: Thank you to Leslie Williams and Chris Sanchez from Yuba College, and Bonnie Curtis and Jeanine Rounds for serving on the selection committee.

GARDEN TOUR A SUCCESS!

Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

A huge thank you to all the members, garden owners and artists who worked so hard to make May 3 a splendid day.

Thank you to all members who returned \$45 or more for sold or donated tickets. We couldn't do what we do – Tech Trek, Math-Science Conference, Scholarships, book donations, support of Girls on the Run and Sutter County Museum, fund national

and state programs, and sponsor our Interest Sections without this fund raiser. *It's the life line of our organization!*

Garden Owners: Steve and Beckie Jennings; Laura Trezza; Jim and Andrea Wallace; Conrad and Laurie Luna; Bill and Ann Reynolds; Willie and Toni LeBaron; Ric and Sally Rhoades, Kathy Jensen

The Crave: for providing the reception venue; Lee Jones for organizing; Harkey House B and B, The Crave, and Cakes by Request for refreshments

Artists: Kathryn Henley; Ray Rounds; Marlys Bayne; Jan Frink; Terri Foley; Tamra Spoto; Jo Anderson; Lynn Rose Light; Leslie Greenetz; Lacey Christiansen; Janet Straser; Sue Graue; Max Komissarchik

Garden Hostesses: Lieselotte Mikel; Corky Ulrey; Liane Carlsen; Joann Nixon; Tessa Phillips; Yvonne Pierre; Edna Symth; Kathleen Stewart; Carol Clark; Phyllis Gaal; Gayle Prager; Barbara Palser; Christy Estabrook; Thea Norum; Paulette Almeida; Diane Jessee; Carol Churkin; Martha Bunce; Bonnie Curtis; Barbara McCarty; Barbara Kenney; Gloria Mullins; Laura Nicholson; Loadel Piner

Plumas Street: Sandy Davini, Barbara Solheim, Linden Reynolds

Garden Tour Committee: Jo Hilling, Kathryn Medley, Ann McDougal, Yvonne Pierre, Kathleen Stewart, Lee Jones, Jeanine Rounds, Janet Theiss, Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Barbara Kenney, Barbara Palser, Barbara Solheim, Judy Zukas, and Sandy Davini

The "radio voice" of AAUW Marysville-Yuba City: Barbara McCarty

If my count is accurate, almost one third of our members actively participated on the day or the tour. They and other members sold tickets or donated the ticket money to support our organization's activities and programs. Thank you to everyone who helped make this fund raiser a success.

Martha Bunce



Photo of artist Max Komissarchik by B/J Theiss



Photo by Artis Buerki



Photo of artist Lacey Christiansen by Lee Jones



Photo by Greg Erwin

How are the Gardens Chosen for the Garden Tour? by Artis Buerki, Publicity Chair

When I asked Jo Hilling how the gardens are chosen for the Garden Tours, this is what she said:

“Frequently, friends, fellow AAUW's and public will suggest a garden. Over the years, Chris Sperbeck and Bill Lucuich have helped. I look for gardens that are the result of someone who really loves plants and gardens, much as a good restaurant usually has the owner working in the facility. A good garden tour choice is a garden that is owned by someone who loves plants, nature, and gardening.”

Jo said that most of this year's gardens came from a start with Linden's daughter-in-law, Ann Reynolds. Three years ago Ann promised that she would be ready in three years. She kept her promise, and talked two of her neighbors plus her parents into showing their gardens too.

Thanks to Jo and her assistant garden-getter, Kathryn Medley, for securing a wonderful array of 2014 gardens! If you know anyone that would like to be considered for a future garden tour you can contact Jo Hilling. You will find her in our AAUW Roster.

Annual Dues Are Due

Pay by our June 7 Meeting to get in the drawing for the free membership

Again this year we are offering a **free year of dues** to a lucky member who pays dues before the June 7 meeting. The names of all those whose checks are received at P.O. Box 3031, or given to Sandy Davini at the June 7 meeting, will be entered into the drawing held at the June meeting.

July 2014 to June 2015 Dues

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| National: | \$49 |
| State: | 16 |
| Local: | 13 |
| Total: | \$78 |

Please mail your \$78 check payable to AAUW to: AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992,

before June 1 or bring it to the June 7 meeting. If you have any questions, please call our Treasurer, Sandy Davini, 673-0930. Members who joined in the last quarter should check with Sandy about amount due.

Math-Science Conference Report

by Barbara Solheim, MSC Chair

Thursday, May 22nd was another great Math-Science Conference for 8th grade girls. We had over 550 girls attending. I really want to thank all that participated. We had 20 presenters, 23 facilitators and at least 15 other volunteers doing the jobs that needed to be taken care of.

AAUW is a group made up of very knowledgeable, competent ladies. When there is a problem of any kind, someone in the group seems to know how to correct it. I thank you for all your expertise. Thank you Artis for the wonderful publicity. You must know the right people. Chris was a wonderful young man to work with.

Barbara Solheim

Photo by Candy Mac Donald



Dr. Jenine Tanabe once again gave an inspiring talk to the 567 eighth-grade girls who attended our Math-Science Conference on May 22. This is her third year to serve as our keynote speaker. Dr. Tanabe is an excellent roll model. She currently teaches biology at Yuba College while running her dermatology practice in Marysville. She is from a family of five girls, all of whom have careers in different fields of medicine. We appreciate her taking the time to be a part of the Conference.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Liane Carlsen, Membership Group Leader
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Tell a friend about AAUW this month. If they are interested in joining, invite them to a meeting, and please let me know and I will follow up with them. Those with an associate or higher degree are eligible for AAUW membership.

Interest Sections

All members are welcome at these sections.

Advocacy and Action

Call Martha Bunce 743-0306 or email bunce-hall@yahoo.com to receive email advocacy and action alerts.

Avid Readers

Normally meets the third Friday at 10:00 a.m. Contact Paulette Almeida, 415-5588 for details. Next meeting is **June 20**, *Marie Curie and Her Daughters*, at the home of Barbara Palser.

Bridge

There are several different bridge groups. If you are interested in substituting, starting a new group, or learning to play bridge, please contact June Bone for information.

Garden

Normally meets the third Tuesday, times vary. Contact Jean Jacuzzi 674-5039 or Ruth Anthony 673-3741 regarding next meeting.

Play Reading

Normally meets the first Wednesday at 6:30. Contact is Barbara McCarty 671-1275. No meeting in June. Will not meet again until **OCTOBER**.

Travel

Normally meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Contact is Candy Mac Donald 301-0936. Next meeting is **June 23**. Edna Smyth will share her trip to Spain at home of Jeanine Rounds.

Traveling Gourmet

Normally meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. Contact is Gretchen Cupp, 674-5754. Next meeting is Thursday, **June 26**. Carpool to Scotts Seafood on the River in Sacramento. Carol Clark is hostess, 671-5286.

Photo courtesy of Candy Mac Donald



On April 24th the Traveling Gourmet group went to Kane's in Grass Valley. Wall artwork is "Bliss" by Doug Ong.

Sunny Spain is noted for its tapas bars, flamingo dancers, matadors, explorers, cathedrals, mosques, and colorful historical past. Edna Smyth will speak at the June 23rd TRAVEL section. She says that although the Spanish Empire no longer exists, artifacts of its glory days are reflected in its culture; especially architectural sculptures like **Don Quixote Rides Again** which is shown below.



On May 17th Kathleen Stewart and Artis Buerki manned our AAUW booth at the United Way Community Fair in Yuba City. Thirty-nine community organizations were represented.

Introducing the Tech Trekkers

Photos by Artis Buerki



On May 7th the 2014 Tech Trekkers and their families met together for a get-acquainted pizza party at Jeanine Rounds' home, hosted by our Tech Trek committee. Shown above are Iris, Emily, Joanne, Madeline and Kaylee who will leave for camp on July 6, and we'll hear about their experiences at our September AAUW meeting. Plan to attend.



Thank you to special guest, RaeAnn Magill, Tech Trek alumni from 2009, who talked to the new Trekkers about what the program has meant in her life. RaeAnn completed high school a year early, is currently doing an internship at the CA State Capitol, and will enter Colorado State University next year.



Tech Trek alumni 2013, Alexis Morgan, was our special guest at the pizza party. Alexis went to Tech Trek last summer and is now in 8th grade. She spoke to the girls about what they can expect to happen at Tech Trek camp this summer. Thanks Alexis!

THANK YOU TO CLARK AVENUE COFFEES For Hosting Our Packet-Day Work Party Again! by Jeanine Rounds, MSC Committee

The intensive Math-Science Packet Day went well again this year as we prepared 640 packets for girls, teachers, presenters, and facilitators. For the fourth year, Clark Avenue Coffees (101 Clark Avenue) in Yuba City has generously allowed us to do our "packet day" in their facility. They provide us the space and tables to get our work done, without any cost to us except to quietly encourage us to get a cup of one of their delightful coffees and to have one of their excellent breakfast pastries or stay for lunch.

Because there is both indoor and outdoor seating, we are able to spread out our considerable materials and our worker-members. We take up quite a bit of space, so it is really exceptional of a "neighborhood coffee house" to welcome us each year as they have done. We'd like to encourage our members to show their appreciation for the support we have been getting and to drop in sometime.

SECRETARY'S NOTES by Kathleen Stewart, Executive Council Secretary

The May 8, 2014 Executive Council Meeting was called to order by Chair, Carol Clark at 1:35 pm at the home of Barbara Solheim. Eight members were present. Minutes of the April 10, 2014 Executive Council were accepted as corrected.

Correspondence was shared, and the **Finance Report** will be presented at the June meeting, when Sandy Davini returns from adventures. **President's Report** by Carol Clark included participation in a Robert's Rules of Order workshop.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS:

By-laws- reported our new certificate will be available on-line. **Feather Vane-** report by Artis Buerki included a reminder that there will be no Feather Vane in July or August. She reported that most members now receive a digital copy of our newsletter, and we currently print 45 paper issues each month. **Membership-** AAUW will participate in the United Way Community Fair on May 17th at Gauche Park with a small team of AAUW volunteers. **Programs-** Jeanine Rounds reported on programs planned for 2014-2015. Schedule will be finalized in the next few weeks.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Math-Science Conference, Garden Tour, Tech Trek and Scholarship reports were given, please read the details in this issue of the Feather Vane.

OTHER BUSINESS: Interbranch- Carol Clark and Janet Theiss attended the May 5th, IBC meeting and

reported that she is truly impressed by everything that AAUW chapters in northern California are accomplishing. **Leadership Development Team-** August AAUW leadership Training will likely be held in Redding. Details will be arriving soon. Carol Clark, Kathleen Stewart and Janet Theiss are interested in attending.

NEW BUSINESS: Alicia Hetman, out-going AAUW State President, has been invited to our **Scholarship General Meeting** in June. The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. The next meeting is a Planning Meeting and will be held June 19th at 10 am. All members are welcome and invited to join us. If you come, bring a salad to share.

Note: This is a condensed report. For official minutes please contact Kathleen Stewart.

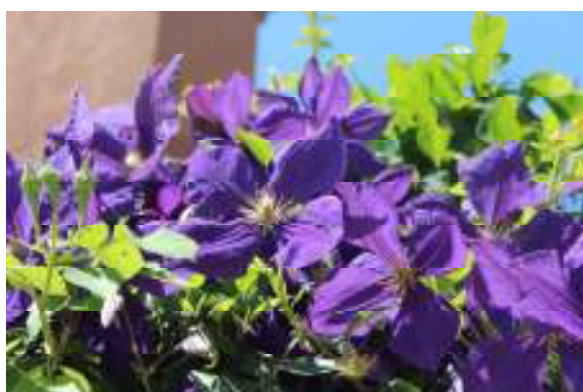
VINTAGE FAIRE – JUNE 7 – 9 AM TO 3 PM
Butte County Fairgrounds
 (Formerly the Lavendar Festival) Tickets \$25 include luncheon if pre-purchased, Without lunch \$15 at door -
 Contact Donna Long, 671-4381
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Editor's Choice AAUW Garden Tour photo by Greg Erwin of the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 11:30 am General Meeting |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 10 am Planning Meeting | 20 10 am Avid Readers | 21 |
| 22 | 23 7 pm Travel | 24 | 25 | 26 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

Please Note: This is the last Feather Vane until September 2014. Please have all of your September articles to Artis before August 15 for inclusion in the September Feather Vane. Have a nice summer!

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