



Feather Vane – JUNE, 2022

AAUW National Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our Branch Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through education and networking within our diverse community.

Executive Council Planning Meeting is **Thursday, JUNE 9, 10:00 am at Martha's**. Contact is Liz Skelly, 530-635-0821. Tell Liz, or any EC member, if you want to attend Executive Council meetings and be appointed as an EC Member at Large for a year,

BRANCH MEETING - JUNE 4

When: Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.

Where: Sutter Theater, Plumas Street, Yuba City

Program: 10 am Speaker David Read, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. 11 am LUNCH BUFFET

Cost: \$20. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED (pay at meeting/no cancellations) Tell your emailer (Gwyn Baker) or your caller (Joan Young, Donna Long, or Colleen Franklin) if you are coming **YES or NO** by the Monday prior to the meeting. Not sure you have confirmed reservations? Contact Gwyn Baker, 530-632-4336. This is the last branch program meeting until September.



What a wonderful day. We are tired and full of the joyous comments from the Garden Tour participants, owners, visitors, guests, and each other.

I can't thank you enough for the tireless work you all did. It was a marvelous event. I enjoyed being at the reception (although that meant, like many of us, I didn't get to see the gardens). I asked the folks, "Did you have a good day?" They looked up and at me and were off -- joyously telling me what wonderful time they had, how beautiful and interesting the gardens were. How they loved listening to the gardeners tell about their gardens. About the variety and passion that the gardens evidenced. About what they saw and what they enjoyed. About what was different and sometimes not their taste, but what was clearly the passion and vision of the gardeners.



As I talked and listened to the people, I realized that this is not just *our* AAUW Garden Tour. It is a true community event. It brings people out into each other's lives. It builds connections. It helps us see and learn about each other and to feel connections that we may not otherwise feel.

It brings people together.

And I gained a new and important understanding of why it's important that we, AAUW Marysville-Yuba City do this. It's not just *our* Garden Tour. It's not just *our* fund raiser. It's a part of our mission as AAUW in a very subtle way.

Having people open their gardens to others, having people share a glimpse of others' lives, is a way to open communication between people who do not share common relatives, friends, religion, jobs, neighborhoods -- or gender. This is a step into understanding that we are all humans trying to live good lives. Maybe to see that a woman-specific issue is really a human issue and that AAUW's mission of "*Gender equity for women and girls*" is a reasonable goal, as equity for all humans. Thank you for a wonderfully successful 2022 Garden Tour. Onward and upward! *Martha*

FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING JUNE 4

Dues are due for the new AAUW year

(July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023).

Please bring your \$100 check payable to AAUW to the June 4 branch meeting or mail it to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992.

If we receive your check by June 4, you will be entered in the drawing for a free membership.

AAUW National requests member dues be paid by June 30. Questions: contact Sandy Davini,

ddavini@comcast.net, 530-673-0930.



Council Chat

by Liz Skelly, ECL

I sure hope you all had a chance to attend our Garden Tour in May. I think it was our best yet! As I was helping hand out wrist bands the people were soooo excited that it was back. We had beautiful weather to boot. At the reception, the comments were all positive and people really enjoyed the day. Next year should be just as good. The GT committee outdid themselves.

A reminder to all of you to attend the June branch meeting (our last one until September). It will be Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at the Sutter Theatre on Plumas Street.

Remember—there will be a salad luncheon instead of breakfast!

I am nearing the end of my term as Executive Council Leader and I want to thank everyone on the Council for putting up with me as I learned the ropes. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone and really appreciate how many dedicated and talented members we have. A special shout out to those who are on the STEM Careers Conference committee, the Teck Trek and TTAG committees, and the

Garden Tour committee. Our branch would not be as successful as it is without the participation of those individuals. It takes the time and talents of our members to make good things happen for the young women of the community. If you haven't taken an active role yet, please consider it. We need all the help we can get! We must take the time to remember the mission for our local branch— supporting and helping women and girls achieve equity and continue their education. It takes a village folks.

TECH TREK/TTAG NEWS – The newly selected Tech Trekkers met on May 20 in Joann Nixon's lovely back yard with their parents, committee members, and some of the TTAG girls to talk about what to expect at camp. Shown below are Simrat Johal-Tech Trek (Butte Vista School); Zoe Rosales-TTAG (2016); Latoya Green-TTAG (2018); Madeline Fedora-Tech Trek (Butte Vista School); Aemi Thompson-TTAG (2016); Lydia Donaldson-TTAG (2018); Rylee Brown-Tech Trek (Riverbend School); Not Present: Eva Knee-Tech Trek (Riverbend School).



Two of our newly chosen Tech Trek girls. Eva Knee from Riverbend School (left), and Madeline Fedora from Butte Vista School (right), helped hostess at the Garden Tour.

GARDEN TOUR Photos by Joann Nixon and Mary Mayfield



Candy & Karner Tretheway in their garden in Marysville



Diane Funston,
artist in her
garden in
Marysville



Leslie
Greenetz ,
artist in the
Tretheway
garden



Tom & Robin Walther in their Yuba City garden



Diane & Roger Funston in their Marysville garden



Ron & Helen
Eckard in their
garden in Yuba
City



Jan Frink was an artist in the Seeman garden.



Larry & Cathy Bergkamp in their Yuba City garden



Pam Nowak painted in the Bergkamp garden.



Artist Cindy Gaven and her son were in the Walther garden.



Wynell Reid was a jewelry artist in the Walther garden.



Nikki of Clay Hippy Ceramics was in the Eckard garden.



Terri Foley, artist in the Seeman garden



Luisa Leger, artist in the Bergkamp garden



Linda & Dave Seeman in their Yuba City garden



Artist Janet Staser was in the Eckard garden.



The Garden Tour reception in the Courtyard at The Brick in Marysville offered a relaxing spot to take a break before going to the next garden, and to visit with friends. The weather, hospitality, and venue were perfect.



to move the current documents on hand to the next caretaker, COVID-19 changed many of our plans. 2022 is an opportunity to pass the Historian position on to a new pair of eyes. Thank you all for your support.

Marianne Heenan remembered

We are sad to hear of the passing of one of our long-time members, Marianne Heenan. Marianne joined this branch in 1979. She was a graduate of UC Berkeley where she earned a degree in English, and from the University of San Francisco where she earned her law degree. As a member of AAUW Marianne enjoyed attending our monthly branch meetings pre-pandemic. Her daughter recently contacted Joan Young to tell of Marianne’s death. She said that her mother had taken a bad fall in Sept. and passed away before Thanksgiving. Marianne will be missed.

GARDEN TOUR SPONSORS: We are grateful to these local businesses and individuals who sponsored the May 7 Garden Tour: Kimberley Heisch - \$500; The Brick - \$500 in kind (reception site); Bald Mountain Nursery -\$300; Botanica Landscape -\$300; Sperbeck’s Nursery & Landscaping - \$300; Sutter Buttes Olive Oil Co. - \$300; Cookie Tree - \$100; Harkey House Bed & Breakfast -\$100; Hilbers Inc.- \$100; Holycross Funeral \$100; Lynn Bankhead, Design Consultant - \$50; Kay & Ross Cockrell - \$50; Davis Printing – \$50 in kind.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT -- If you have a friend who is interested in AAUW please invite them to a meeting and let Lee Jones know so she can get membership information to them. Contact is *Lee Jones*, lee@harkeyhouse.com

HISTORIAN REPORT – by Karen Tuttle

It has been an honor to serve as the custodian of the historical documents for the Marysville-Yuba City AAUW Branch. Past branch historians had the daunting task of moving decades of materials from one historian to the next. One of the first items of business upon assuming this position in October of 2016 was to find a safe repository for the six decades of historical materials, some quite fragile. Along with Joann Nixon, 2016 EC leader, irreplaceable materials were deposited with the Yuba County Librarian Regina Zurakowski and the Administrative Services Officer Sandeep Sidhu who graciously accepted these materials from us. Two subsequent trips were made in later years depositing additional materials. Many thanks to them for their assistance and for safekeeping our history. Our historical materials include a rich accumulation of scrapbooks with newspaper and branch articles and photographs of activities and AAUW members current and past as well as a selection of other materials. They may be viewed in the California Room by reservation. Past members normally held the title of Historian for four years or less. While June of 2020 seemed the logistical time

MEET NEW MEMBER – JANET STASER

Janet is a former branch member, and she was encouraged to rejoin in February by Artis Buerki.



As a California native I was fortunate to grow up on the Mendocino Coast in Fort Bragg and I am the oldest of 5 siblings. The forest was at our back door, and we spent many happy hours there.

As an adult, I became a registered nurse and have worked in hospitals, home health, and public health. I earned my BS from Sonoma State. For 2 years I worked at the Native American clinic in Mendocino County. While working as an RN I taught myself to make tiny, beaded jewelry and my craft styles has evolved since I began in the 1970s. My first craft fair was in 1989 for the Town Centennial at Fort Bragg Lumber Mill.

I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren who all live out of state. My volunteer work included being a legal aid paralegal advocate, long term care ombudsman,

suicide prevention telephone responder, and various political activities over the years. I'm also a member of the Marysville Art Club and have been involved with the Women's Creative art group for many years. My other interests include mushrooming, animals, wild plants, reading, plant propagation, smoking salmon, etc. Too many to list here. I have been a member of this AAUW branch in the past and rejoined this year.

MEET NEW MEMBER – DONNA BURROWS

Donna is the sister of Linda Zall and joined our branch in February.



I'm an Air Force brat. I was born in Alaska before it was a state and my grandfather called me "his little Eskimo." When we left Alaska, we joined my grandparents in Brooklyn until we moved to Sacramento. As an Air Force brat, I attended about twelve different schools (Sacramento, Indiana, Okinawa, and Wheatland). After graduating from Wheatland High School I graduated from a beauty school and opened my own salon. After a few years, I needed a career change, so I enrolled in the culinary program at Yuba College where I received an A.S degree in Restaurant Marketing and Management. After graduating from the program, I cooked in a variety of kitchens including Henry's in Tierra Buena and the old Yuba River Still. Although I loved the work, they didn't provide good benefits, so it was time for another career change. I began working at Comcast Cable for the next ten or twelve years as a Customer Service Representative where I won many awards for my work.

I retired about twenty years ago when I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. The damage limits parts of the nerves to send signals. The disease affects everyone differently, there is no cure, and the cause is unknown. Although I'm not able to do the things I used to do, I can still walk without an assisting device, but I tire quite easily.

With my retirement I've been able to spend time with my friends and family and my wonderful dog Zoe. I've always had two dogs so I'm looking for another dog, probably some kind of poodle mix (my favorite dog). I love to cook for friends and family, and I love to eat out. I love movies and concerts. I'm looking forward to joining some of the AAUW interest groups and meeting new people who have similar interests.

INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate. CHECK WITH YOUR INTEREST GROUP ABOUT SUMMER MEETINGS.



ADVOCACY & ACTION

To receive advocacy and action alerts by email, contact **Martha Bunce** email buncehall@yahoo.com and ask her to add you to her email contact list.



ALL AROUND TOWN - The first meeting for this group will be **Wednesday, May 25**, at 5:30 p.m., and we will be meeting at Marcello's Italian Restaurant, 1235 Bridge Street, Yuba City. The restaurant has a small,

private room to the right as you enter the restaurant, and the reservation is in my name. At our first meeting, we can decide how we would like to operate this new group (date, time, location, etc). If you are interested in this new group, please contact **Linda Zall**, lindazall66@gmail.com.



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers Book Club normally meets on the **third Friday of the month**. Contact is **Paulette Almeida**.

RABID READERS - This reading group continues to meet at 10:00 a.m. on the **third Friday of the month**. The next meeting is **May 20** and the book is *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Linda Zall** lindazall66@gmail.com.



BRIDGE -- As our AAUW bridge group has gotten smaller we have morphed into a community bridge group. If you and a friend are interested in playing bridge, please contact **Jan Wallace**.



MOVIE LOVERS -- Would you like to go to a movie matinee in Yuba City at least once a month with some friends? Contact **Artis Buerki**, artisb@comcast.net or **Steve Clark**, stephenclarkcpa@yahoo.com if you want to be on the movie email list. We prefer **Monday matinees** at the Yuba City Cinemark Theater.



TALKING ON PAPER, our branch writing group normally meets on the **second Tuesday of the month**. If you like to write, please call **Joan Young** for more information. We are now meeting at the Sutter County Library at 10 am. Bring your story of 2 pages or less to read to the group. We do a 5 min. impromptu writing to kick off each meeting. Perhaps going to lunch afterward will be in the works.

TRAVELING GOURMET goes to lunch on the **fourth Thurs. of the month**. **NEW MEETING PLACE:** We are no longer meeting on Gray Ave. We will meet to carpool in the Raley's Bridge Street shopping center at the east end between Wendy's & Huckleberry's on **May 26 at 10:30**. **Contact Sandy Davini by Monday, May 23 if you can attend and/or can drive so she can give final count to La Provence.**

The **May 26** Traveling Gourmet lunch will take us to La Provence, 110 Diamond Creek Place, Roseville, 11:30 am, for elegant French country dining! It's an easy exit from Hwy. 65 to Blue Oak Blvd. See their website: <https://laprovencerooseville.com/> for photos & description. See <https://laprovencerooseville.com/lunch/> for lunch menu. Gourmet items range from \$15-\$25, plus drink, tax, tip; choices include sandwiches, salads, & entrees. La Provence has recently agreed to give separate checks, although they would appreciate if a few people could combine their checks. La Provence has a lovely atmosphere, offering outdoor and indoor dining. I have reserved indoor dining. *Sandy Davini*

Call co-chairs Carol Clark Christy Estabrook, if you want to be added to the contact list for future meetings of the Traveling Gourmet. **June meeting to be announced.**



On **April 28** the Traveling Gourmet went to Tofinelli's in Grass Valley with hostess Mary Mayfield. Back row Carol, Debbie, Sue, Christy, Sherry, Betty. Front row: Anne (Joan's sister who lives in Grass Valley and is an AAUW member there), Liz, Dean (Christy's husband), Joan, Gloria, Mary. *Photo courtesy of John Shulse*

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Did you know?



Happy Birthday to all our members who have June birthdays including **Gwyn Baker, June Wilcox, and Kathryn Jankowski.**

Did you know that the flowers for June birthdays are roses and honeysuckle? Honeysuckle represents happiness and eternal love. Roses symbolize love, passion, romance, purity, and gratitude. And did you know that June Wilcox told me that her great-granddaughter, Molly Nichols, was excited to participate in the STEM program. And did you know that Kathryn Jankowski is serializing her latest book, **THE THUNDER GOD'S BRIDE**, a paranormal romance based on Lithuanian mythology. Chapters will be posted each week on her website. To read and enjoy, click here: <http://kathrynjankowskibooks.com/the-thunder-gods-bride-a-paranormal-romance/>

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Garden Tour Committee –Please contact Martha Bunce if you want to be a part of the Garden Tour planning committee.

STEM Committee – Please contact Sandy Davini if you want to be a part of the STEM planning committee.

Tech Trek Committee – Please contact Carol Clark if you want to be a part of the Tech Trek Committee.

TTAG -- Please contact Joann Nixon if you want to be a part of the Tech Trek Alumni Group.

Nominating Committee: No report.



Executive Council Report

**AAUW Executive Council Meeting
May 12, 2022– 1:00 pm Via Zoom**

Those in attendance were the following: Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Christy Estabrook, By-Laws; Martha Bunce, Projects; Gwyn Baker, Program, Linda Zall, Communications. Members at Large present were: Carol Clark, Joan Young, Kathy Nehl, and Artis Buerki

Call to Order, 1:07 p.m. There were no corrections or additions to the April 2022 minutes.

Information/Action Items: Liz reminded the officers to prepare their “job descriptions” in preparation for the June planning meeting; The June 9 Executive Council meeting will be held at Martha’s house at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own lunch.

Reports from Executive Council:

EC Leader’s Report: Liz Skelly reported that Hawaii was wonderful.

Correspondences: Sandy Davini reported that we received a “thank you” letter from Casa de Esperanza for our donation

Treasurer’s Report: Sandy reported that we netted a preliminary figure of over \$10,000 for the Garden Tour. Our best year yet. Terri Burroughs was the top ticket seller for the Garden Tour and will receive a free lunch at our next branch meeting. The budget committee will meet June 2nd at Sandy’s house to develop the 2022-23 budget. Liz will check with Yuba College to see if they still have a women’s re-entry program.

Public Policy, Advocacy: Martha said the recently leaked Supreme Court draft opinion on Roe v Wade does not line up with the National AAUW policy. There is no action suggested. There will be a women’s march in Chico and Sacramento.

Membership: Lee Jones suggested that she have a co-chair, Martha suggested maybe a committee, to reach more potential members. Carol suggested maybe using the interest groups also. Sandy indicated that the new AAUW National website is having problems and they are changing the membership date rules.

Bylaws: No report.

Communications: Artis said the deadline for articles for the June Feather Vane is May 21st. Artis was congratulated for her work on the outstanding publicity the Garden Tour received in the Appeal Democrat. Joan Young had no report since there was no May branch meeting.

Programs: Gwyn Baker said the June 4th branch meeting will be at the Sutter Theatre on Plumas Street and the presenter will be David Read speaking about the Yuba-Sutter Arts Council. There are no current Covid protocols at the Theatre. She announced the Program Committee will meet on June 2nd at New Earth after the budget meeting (probably noon).

Projects: Martha Bunce

STEM: Sandy reported that the STEM committee needs some extra help—especially with registration. The date for next year’s conference is March 27, 2023.

Garden Tour: Martha will have a wrap up meeting for Garden Tour committee on May 19, 10 a.m. at Barbara Kenney’s house. The GT was well received and the most successful one yet.

Tech Trek: Carol said there will be a pizza party for the TTAG and Tech Trek girls on May 20 at Joann’s house, 5 o’clock.

TTAG: Joann and Carol were combining both groups of girls for the pizza party.

Scholarships: Liz reported that there may be a possible large donation to the AAUW Scholarship at Yuba College.

Other Business: Interbranch—Our branch is responsible for the February 2023 luncheon program. We need to come up with a speaker for the luncheon. The location has not been decided yet. Branch dues will be increased—probably to \$20. Historian—Karen Tuttle no report. Sunshine—Gretchen Cupp: We need to budget some additional money for the Sunshine Fund. Coalition Drawing – Kathy/Linda: No report. Other Business – Next EC meeting is scheduled for June 9 at Martha’s house at 10 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Skelly

Editor’s Note: Please contact Executive Council Secretary for the final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting.



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JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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This is the last Feather Vane until September. Please check with your Interest Group leader about their summer schedule.



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