



FEATHER VANE – May/June 2024

*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.*

**The Executive Council meets Thursday, May 9 at 1 p.m. and on June 13 at 10:30 a.m. for Planning Meeting.
Contact is Martha Bunce, 530-713-0663.**



Council Chat

by Martha Bunce

The 30th Annual Garden Tour is a wrap. A soggy wrap, but a very successful one despite all the rain that Mother Nature threw at us. Seven Yuba City gardens (including the Demonstration Garden at the Fairgrounds), and reception at the fabulous McCampbell Mansion were featured this year. **Thank you to ALL members and friends of our AAUW branch.**

Everyone who suggested or offered a garden, served on the Garden Tour Committee, volunteered as a Garden Greeter, posted signs and banners, who distributed posters, visited the merchants who sold tickets, planned/set up/served/cleaned at the reception, organized the TTAG and Tech Trek girls who joyously chatted at the reception, braved the storm at Brochure Central, reconciled the books, who secured fabulous publicity, solicited sponsors, took photos, made name tags, designed the brochure, created the map, came up with ideas and solutions, who wrote articles, recruited artists and musicians, organized and participated in the VIP Tour. . .

So very much is involved in the success of the day and is done by so many. Including ALL OF YOU who sold or bought your allotted tickets (*you HAVE turned in the money for the tickets sent or given to you, right?*). We are in this together and together we ensure that our mission to ADVANCE EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS has the funds to do the job!

BRANCH MEETING – JUNE 1

When: Saturday, June 1

Time: 10 a.m. Door opens at 9:30

Where: Hillcrest Catering, 210 Julie Drive, Yuba City (on the back side of the Hillcrest Plaza Mall)

Speaker: Cynthia Fontayne

Menu: Lunch Buffet following speaker

Cost: \$20. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED (pay at meeting/no cancellations) Tell your emailer (Gwyn Baker) or your caller (Barbara Kenney) if you are coming, **YES or NO**, by Monday prior to the meeting.

Not sure you have confirmed reservations?
Contact Gwyn Baker, 530-632-4336.

Program Notes *by Gwyn Baker*



Julia Morgan (1862-1957) was America's first female architect. The Bay Area native is best known for the design and construction of Hearst Castle, but she also had a number of commissions in Yuba-Sutter. At our June 1 meeting,

Cynthia Fontayne, who lives in a 1920 Morgan house in Marysville, will present the program about the architect and the projects in our community.

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AAUW Marysville Yuba City and AAUW-MVYC**

Membership Renewals (Dues)

Dues are due by June 1 for everyone except members who joined 2022 to present. They will be notified when it is time to renew.

Write your check to AAUW in the amount of \$105 and mail it to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992 or bring it to the June 1 meeting to be included in the drawing for free membership.

(2024-25 dues breakdown: \$13 branch/\$20 state/\$72 national=\$105) Please contact Sandy Davini or Linda Zall with any questions.

Membership Report - It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Membership leader and as a member of the Executive Council for over a decade.

This is an exciting time for the organization with new membership soon available to all women in the Yuba Sutter area pending voting this month as diversity is addressed. The opportunity for new members will be expanded and welcomed. If you have not voted yet, you have until May 15 to do so.

Lee Jones

Branch election was April 20.

Elected to begin new terms on July 1, 2024 are: Gwyn Baker (3 yr.), Artis Buerki (3 yr.), Christy Estabrook (3 yr.), and Sandy Davini, Treasurer (1 yr.)



AAUW California held its 2024 Lobby Days on April 2 and April 3.

Here is Martha taking a break at the CA State Capitol.



presented the honorarium to Claire. *Photo by Gwyn Baker*

Thank you to our April 20 speaker, Claire Johnson who is the Executive Director of Girls on the Run of the North Valley, a local self-esteem program for girls in 3rd through 5th grades. Martha



finishing a mailing, starting a new interest group, or finding entertainment for the Garden Tour Joan says, "I could do that." Thank you, Joan, for your exceptional commitment to our branch! *Photo by Mary Mayfield.*

At the April 20 branch meeting **Joan Young** was honored as the Named Gift Honoree of the year for her outstanding service to our branch. If there is any job that needs to be done like helping with the Feather Vane,

Congratulations to Claudia, Liz, and Linda who were the winners in the April opportunity drawing.



Feather Vane Staff

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Thank you!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SPONSORS
Mike & Stephanie Jauron,
McCampbell Mansion Reception
Sue Graue, AAUW Garden Tour Booklet



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Garden Tour Committee at a planning meeting on April 4, 2024, *photo by Sue Graue*

THANK YOU TO 2024 GARDEN OWNERS:

Charlie & Chris Bird
Betty Bonner
Mark Davenport, Community Garden
Laura Gobel
Dr. Shalini Gupta
Ron Ingram
Mike & Stephanie Jauron, McCampbell Mansion
Lee & Bob Jones, Harkey House



Ron & Bob



Here are Colleen Franklin and Artis Buerki at the Garden Tour reception with the 2024 Sponsor recognition sign. They started the Sponsorship Project in 2016. Colleen instituted the idea, and Artis and Joyce Smith carried it out this year raising over \$4,000 for our branch projects.



Laura Gobel



Betty Bonner and her daughter Jenn



Mark Davenport at the community garden



Lee & Bob Jones



Thank you to these TTAG girls who participated in the Garden Tour: Ravneet Pabla, Latoya Green, Laila McRice, Vee Gentry-Morales, Mia Magallon, Rylee Brown, and Turan Welcome. They are seen here with TTAG coordinator, Julie Goldwyn, who is in a green apron in center of group. *Photo courtesy of Julie Goldwyn*



Charlie & Chris Bird



Dr. Shalini Gupta



Thank you to Blue Zone for being a part of the Garden Tour reception held on the lawn of the McCampbell mansion.

**THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 ARTISTS, AND
MUSICIAN FOR MAKING THIS AN
EXCEPTIONAL RECEPTION:**

Edie Fogel, Terri Foley, Cindy Gaven, Sue Graue,
Leslie Greenetz, Nikki Pearson, Eileen Sparks,
Jeanette Warner, Walt & Judy Zukas, and
guitarist Joe Moye.



Sue Graue



Joe Moye



Cindy Gaven



Terri Foley



Jeanette Warner



Edie Fogel



Walt & Judy Zukas



Nikki Pearson



Leslie Greenetz



Eileen Sparks
Garden Tour photos by Mary Mayfield

Did you know?



Happy Birthday to all branch members who have May birthdays: **Miriam Hatamiya, Gloria Mullins, Liz Skelly,**

Jeannie Morrissey, Diane Funston, Natalie Buzzini, and June birthdays: **Dee Ellen Day, Bajinder Dhillon, Kathryn Jankowski, Manjit Jhutti, June Wilcox.** If we missed you, or we got it wrong, please let us know right away.

Did you know that in a major action in April **AAUW awarded \$6.25 million to 260 exceptional fellows and grantees** to achieve their academic and professional goals or lead community-based projects that empower women and girls! We are so proud that AAUW is unique among nonprofits with the distinction as the oldest non-institutional funder of graduate-level women. And your support continues to be vital to increasing higher education access and opportunity.

Did you know that the White House announced in April that it is eliminating another \$7.4 billion in student loan debt for hundreds of thousands of borrowers. This will impact women very significantly as they hold a disproportionate amount of student loans.

Did you know that you can sign up for the TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST and make your voice heard? <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist>

INTEREST GROUPS

All branch members are welcome to participate. Please check with your Interest Group leaders regarding summer schedules.



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 – May 8

Dinner group normally meets **2nd Wednesday at 5:30 pm** at a local restaurant. Contact Linda Zall, 530.713.0562





The dinner group went to Steaming Seafood in Linda on April 10. New to the group are Libby Haraughty and her daughter Kathy (2nd and 3rd from left). *Photo by Mary Mayfield*



On March 28 the Traveling Gourmet went to La Provence in Roseville. *Photo by Mary Mayfield*



MOVIE LOVERS - Would you like to go to a daytime movie in Yuba City about once a month with some friends? To be on the Movie group email list contact Mary Mayfield, marymay22@comcast.net.



RABID READERS – May 17 Book Club meets on the **3rd Friday of the month at 10 am** at the Sutter County Library. Contact Linda Zall, 530.713.0552, lindazall66@gmail.com



On April 25 we went to Bennett's in Sacramento. *Photo courtesy of Christy Estabrook*



TALKING ON PAPER – May 14 Members who like to express themselves on paper (writing about travel, family, new experiences, memories, or poetry) are welcome. We meet on the **2nd**

Tuesday of the month, 10 am at Sutter County Library and have a good time sharing, laughing, and empathizing with each other. Contact Donna Long, 530-671-4381.



Executive Council Report April 11, 2024

Ellen O'Neil, Secretary

Attending: Kathy Nehl, Linda Zall, Martha Bunce, Gwyn Baker, Liz Skelly, Carol Anderson-Clark, Christy Estabrook, Ellen O'Neil

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. There were no changes to the minutes.

Martha reminded everyone to have their "Task List" prepared for the June meeting, a delineation of their responsibilities in their roles as members of the Executive Council or heads of committees.

Leader's Report: Martha stated that the people who are currently doing jobs as Committee Heads or Executive Council members, have been doing them for a long time. Therefore, succession planning is



TRAVELING GOURMET – May 23 Lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City on the **4th Thursday of the month**. We will meet to carpool in the Yuba City Bridge Street Raley's Shopping Center parking

lot (at the east end between Wendy's & Huckleberry} at about 10:15 and leave at 10:30. Location TBD. Reserve by the Monday prior to the lunch. Call co-chairs Carol Clark 530-301-2164 or Christy Estabrook 530-713-5223 if you want to be added to the contact list for future meetings.

necessary. Members are asked to consider how each person can identify interested members and get them involved.

Martha reminded everyone to vote in the National AAUW election.

Correspondence/Treasurer's Report: Neither were available today due to Sandy's absence.

Finance Committee Report: The Finance Committee met and will have ideas to present to the Executive Council at the June meeting.

First suggestions regard Speaker honoraria at the branch meeting and donations to groups with similar missions as ours.

Tier 1: Flat honoraria to speakers increased to \$150.00.

Tier 2: If a speaker represents an organization whose mission aligns with AAUW, but the group is not in our approved budget, the honorarium is increased to \$300. As a donation to the organization represented by the speaker.

Tier 3: If a speaker represents an organization which is budgeted to receive a donation, they will receive the donation at the meeting. Since there is often a newspaper reporter at branch meetings, providing publicity for both organizations.

The goals of the above tiers are to put money behind our mission, increase membership, and increase visibility for AAUW as well as organizations which support the mission of AAUW.

A third proposal is to include participation in a "Day for Women" as a budgeted item. In addition, to fund an award to a woman that AAUW Marysville-Yuba City designates as its honoree for 2025. The criteria and award are still to be determined.

ACTION ITEM - Budget Adjustment for 2023-2024: Motion was made to delete Casa de Esperanza from the donation line item in the budget and give Girls on the Run \$500 at the April meeting when the Executive Director will be speaking:

Liz Skelly/Linda Zall/Unanimous (This will keep the budgeted amount for donations to \$500, alternating years between Casa deEsperanza and Girls on the Run.)

Public Policy: Martha reported on Lobby Day at the state capital, organized by AAUW-California. She and a representative from Chico's AAUW spoke with the Legislative Aide to Assemblyman Gallagher. The three bills for which they lobbied were AB2843, AB2326 and AB2099.

AB2843 Health Care for Rape and Sexual Assault Survivors: Though a rape kit is covered financially, the average emergency room costs for rape survivors is \$3600.00. Only 1/5 of survivors seek medical care after an assault. This bill prevents insurance companies from charging for medical services received and care related to sexual assault.

AB2326 Public Postsecondary Education Sex Discrimination Policies: This bill requires all UC, CSU and CC's to identify entities responsible for ensuring that campus programs are free from discrimination and to name who has authority to oversee and monitor compliance to state and federal laws. The Chair of the Governing Board and the Systemwide Leader will be required to present annually to the legislature on the state of the system in preventing discrimination.

AB2099 Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics: This bill updates penalties to better deter funded and organized anti-abortion extremists. This includes those filming patients and providers with intent to discriminate. The bill further increases legal protections for providers and patients commensurate with the risks they face.

The Legislative Aide stated that Assemblyman Gallagher would likely support the first two bills but definitely not the last, especially given his experience with his twins who had in utero surgery.

Membership: No report as Lee is not available.

By-Laws: Nothing new to report

Nominating Committee: Christy reminded everyone that the slate of officers will be presented at the April 20th meeting. The vote will be done by acclamation. Communications: Linda let everyone know that Artis needs Feather Vane articles by the 20th. It will be a combined May/June issue for the end of the year.

Programs: Gwyn said there are only 24 responses for the branch meeting. She will be sending out a reminder tomorrow. Her committee met earlier and has a list of possible speakers for the next year.

STEM Conference: It is scheduled for April 1, 2025. Liz will be "counting chairs" at Yuba College this summer to determine how many students can be accommodated. Martha is collecting names for speakers.

Garden Tour: All is coming along for the May 4th event. The VIP tour is planned for greeters, garden owners and artists the night before the tour. There are enough greeters this year.

Tech Trek: Carol said that it will be held July 14th-20th at UC Davis. Volunteers are needed for the first day's registration process. Visitation Day will be July 18th. It is designed to give visitors a complete idea of the program. She is still waiting for one camper's parents to return the required paperwork. Carol is giving up the Chair of Tech Trek at the end of this year. She will be available to mentor the next person or persons who take it on. The pizza party for the new Tech Trekkers and TTAG girls will be held on May 24. Chairs are needed.

Scholarships: Liz met with Jay Lowden, Director of the Yuba College Foundation regarding how the process will work. The committee has narrowed down the STEM fields that will be considered. The student application process begins now and continues through the end of June.

We have the additional \$50,000 from Jeanine Rounds to utilize for Art and English scholarships. The committee is working on a description of what is required. In August the software will sort applicants to the appropriate scholarship.

Interbranch Council: There will be a meeting in May.

Sunshine Report: Martha noted that was lovely to receive a birthday card.

Two tickets to Honky Tonk night are available; it was decided to use them in a drawing at the branch meeting. The same will be done with a \$50 gift certificate donated by a Garden Tour sponsor.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00pm

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

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Quote of the month: "Where flowers bloom, so does hope." Lady Bird Johnson



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We are all wonder women!

May/June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			MAY 1	MAY 2 10 am Garden Tour Committee	MAY 3 5:30 pm VIP Tour	MAY 4  AAUW GARDEN TOUR
MAY 5	MAY 6	MAY 7	MAY 8 5:30 pm All Around Town (dinner)	MAY 9 1 pm Executive Council	MAY 10	MAY 11
MAY 12	MAY 13	MAY 14 10 am Talking on Paper (writing)	MAY 15	MAY 16 1:30 pm Tech Trek Committee	MAY 17 10 am Rabid Readers (books)	MAY 18
MAY 19	MAY 20	MAY 21	MAY 22	MAY 23 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet (lunch)	MAY 24 5 pm TECH TREK Pizza Party	MAY 25
MAY 26	MAY 27 Memorial Day	MAY 28	MAY 29	MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1 10 am Branch meeting DUES are due
JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4	JUNE 5	JUNE 6 10 am Garden Tour Wrap Up Mtg.	JUNE 7	JUNE 8
JUNE 9	JUNE 10	JUNE 11	JUNE 12	JUNE 13 10:30 am Executive Council Planning Mtg.	JUNE 14	JUNE 15

Please note: This is the last Feather Vane until September. Please check with your Interest Group leader for the summer schedule.