



Clarkia (Farewell to Spring)
Clarkia dudleyana



Sierra Outpost



Madia
Madia elegans

Annual Meeting and Potluck

—Trish Darcy

Come to the “Beach” for our Annual Meeting!

We’ll have a beach theme for our Annual Meeting this year, so dig out your flip flops and plan to join us. It will be held at Trish Darcy’s house at 5150 Darrah Road on Sunday, June 2nd, at 2:00 pm. This will be a potluck, so bring something to share for a late lunch. Drinks will be provided.

After lunch we will have a brief business meeting. We’ll take care of some small items before we vote on the Leadership Team for next year. (It is not too late to add your name to the list somewhere—even as a “co”). We also need to vote on the changes to our bylaws. You should have received an email containing the changes

that were made so that you can look at these and email any questions ahead of time.

This is a fun time to get together and visit with everyone, so we hope you plan to come!

Here is the list of positions for which we will vote:

President:

- Trish Darcy

Membership:

- Bonnie Little
- Liz Darcy

Secretary:

- Becky Mock

Finance Officer:

- Jill Rowney

Members at Large:

- Kim Monson
- Anne Dolchanczyk

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Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 2

2:00

Home of Trish Darcy

Leadership Team

It takes a village; it takes teamwork

—Trish Darcy

The other non-elected positions on our Leadership Team are:

Newsletter:

- Jill Rowney

Tech Trek:

- Trish Darcy
- Barbara Silva

Gov Trek:

- Kim Monson

Backpack Project:

- Kim Monson
- Rebecca Swisher

Fundraising:

- Sandi Gabe

GoodWill Ambassador:

- Anne Dolchanzyk

Publicity:

- Open

Social Media:

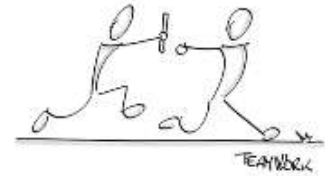
- Trish Darcy

Website:

- Dina Lambert

Programs/Events:

- Open



Events Calendar

2024

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| June 2 | Annual Meeting/Potluck: 2:00pm, Home of Trish Darcy |
| June 11 | SIG– Book Group: 4:00pm, Home of Sara Lynn Nusbaum |
| June 13 | SIG— Play Reading: 9:30am, Home of Dawn Johnson |
| June 18 | SIG– International Study: 5:30pm, Home of Nancy Martin |
| July 1 | Leadership Team planning meeting: 10:00am, Home of Becky Mock |
| July/August | TBA: Movie Day in Oakhurst: Be looking for an email to possibly go to Oakhurst to the movies! If something enticing comes along, we'll let you know and we can plan a day! |



We Value Education



Fundraiser

“Mad Hatter:” Emerging from the rabbit hole

—Sandi Gabe

Dear Mad Hatter friends,

The trip down the rabbit hole would not have been possible without your flair and hard work and willingness to keep the vision alive for more than four years! You baked, cooked, chopped, hunted for china, painted, created a garden and then came together to create and enjoy our wonderland. Many of you were willing to share your talents and passions and will soon be hosting members and friends in your homes when we keep the spirit alive as our fellow hatters redeem their auction items.



There's always the risk of forgetting to include someone when we say thanks, so I'm going to skip that opportunity to call out everyone in the organization who helped make this a success. I must however call out a couple of people who were key to the creation of the magic of the day.

Kathy Sutherland's crew of makers and bakers created the most amazing appetizers and desserts! They tested and plotted for weeks to be sure that your tummies were full.

Karen Smith almost single-handedly chopped ALL the onions and tomatillos, broccoli and cabbage and slaved over the stove to make dinner a smashing success.

Jill Rowney and Veronica Gross transported us with their creation of gardens of giant flowers and mushrooms making us feel small and large at the same time as we entered our enchanted forest.

Dawn Johnson put our vision into words and captured the essence of our auction items that were shared through publicity and the items themselves. Trish Darcy got the word out on social media and Jill and Dawn kept the event moving with their amazing comedic entertainment.

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We Inspire Life-Long Learning



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Due to your efforts, we cleared around nine thousand dollars.

What's in our future? That will remain a surprise for a future message.

If you have pictures to share, send them to our photo circle by scanning the QR code below on your phone. Feel free to also share them on our social media.



If you have some ideas about how to make our events better in the future, please send your comments to Sandi Gabe at san-

di.gabe@hotmail.com so that they can be considered for next time.

Again, the White Queen (or mermaid for those of you who were confused about what event you fell into) thanks you.



We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp



We Sponsor Community Forums



'Three of Clubs' painted the roses red



We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



Trekkers jump down the hole to help

—Bonnie Little

Our Mad Hatter fundraiser was a great success, and four of our Tech Trek girls were there to help. Their job was to pass around appetizers and we were so fortunate to not only have the girls, but two of their mothers as well. Everyone listened carefully to instructions and did a magnificent job making sure that guests had an opportunity to taste the very

yummy appetizers prepared by a hard-working kitchen crew.

Big thanks and appreciation go to Aelah, Hope, Grace and her mother Tania, and Harmony and her mom Emily. Well done ladies!



AAUW California



Connect to the *California Connection*

Did you read your “California Connection?” It is a witty outline of what is happening at the state level in an entertaining, personal fashion. And it is written by our own Dawn Johnson! Click [here](#) if you missed it!

We Open Eyes

AAUW

Have you renewed your membership?

—Trish Darcy

National has changed the way memberships are processed. They all used to be due in the spring to be ready for the following fiscal year beginning July 1. Now, however, your renewal date is whatever month that you originally joined. For most of us, this means that your membership needs to be renewed NOW! You should have received an email unique to you with directions to renew. As an alternative, you may mail a check to Dina Lambert 4939 Ponderosa Way, Midpines, CA 95345, OR bring it to the Annual Meeting on June 2nd. For those of you who are newer members, watch

your email a couple of months before the month you originally joined. This does make it more difficult for us to keep track of, so the more you can keep track of it yourself and take care of renewing, the better for us! Thank you so much!!!

Editor's note:

If you write a check, make it out to "AAUW Mariposa" for \$107. It includes \$15 that goes to our local branch, \$20 to the state, and \$72 to national AAUW.

Just a reminder of what we are all about:

- We Open Eyes
- We Value Education
- We Inspire Life-long Learning
- We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp
- We Sponsor Community Forums
- We provide Opportunities for Women and Girls to Reach Their Full Potential



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Membership

Bonnie Little, Dina Lambert

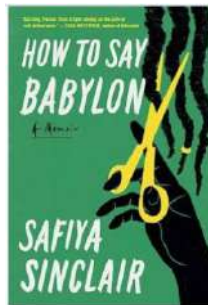


Member Corner: Idea exchange

—Bonnie Little

Our members share what we have found enlightening and entertaining

Jill Harry recommends the book ***How to Say Babylon*** by Safiya Sinclair. Sinclair is a poet born and raised in Jamaica and is presently an adjunct professor teaching in the U.S. This is her memoir and the amazing story of finding her way out of poverty and her father's strict, but at times abusive stranglehold on the family. Her father was a musician who had been on the brink of a record deal and a successful career but ended up playing gigs in Jamaican hotels. Unhappy with his stalled career, he often took it out on his four children. He was also a philanderer and a believer in Rasta. In this book, the author describes living with the principles of Rasta. It is a religion that originated in Jamaica in the 1930s and combines aspects of Christianity, mysticism, and pan-African political consciousness. As the author describes it, Rasta is a patriarchal religion that treats men like demigods and women as servants. Women were meant to stay home and do as they were told. This also applied to their children as well. Luckily when it involved raising her children, Safiya's mother was very strong and taught them well. Safiya graduated from high school at age 14. She spent many years writing poetry, earning extra money doing some modeling, and working tremendously hard to get to the U.S. This book is the story of her childhood life with her mother, her siblings, and her father, and how this formed her path to becoming a successful



poet and developing something of a relationship with her father.







Jill mentioned that before reading this book, she thought of Rasta as music and maybe a lifestyle, and has learned that it is much more than that.

Bonnie's note – *I thought as Jill did about what Rasta meant. However, I was in Jamaica earlier this year and learned more about it. Rastafarians believe that Haile Selassie I, who was crowned King of Ethiopia in 1930, is God and that he will return to Africa to help Black people who were exiled due to colonization and slavery. Rastafarians are also known for their dreadlocks, reggae music, distinct views on foods to eat, and the belief that using marijuana is directed by their bible to help them achieve a meditative state and get closer to the divine. Thank you, Jill, for this recommendation. It shows how important a strong mother figure was in Safiya's life, and how this guidance helped her achieve her goals.*

Anne Dolchanczyk responded to my request for fun and informative travels to consider. Anne recommends a trip to Groveland, Murphys, and/or Columbia. She notes the extensive history in these areas, cute shops, wine tasting, and great food. What could be better? These areas will make great day trips, with a travel time of approximately 1 ½ hours, or you might decide to stay at one of the many hotels in the areas. Thank you, Anne!

SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

<p style="text-align: center;">International Study <u>Veronica Gross</u></p>  <p>Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book Group <u>Saralynn Nusbaum</u></p>  <p>This group meets monthly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books members chose to read the previous month.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Play Reading Group <u>Dawn Johnson</u></p>  <p>“The play’s the thing!” meets monthly to do cold readings of various plays that are shared by several California branches.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hiking Group <u>Becky Mock</u></p>  <p>The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other’s company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Does something else tweak your interest? Consider coordinating a new SIG!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wine Tasting <u>Anne Dolchanczyk</u></p>  <p>The Corks and Forks Wine group meets monthly to experience different types of wines and enjoy them with appetizers and meals paired to complement the varietal being tasted.</p>

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SIG: Book

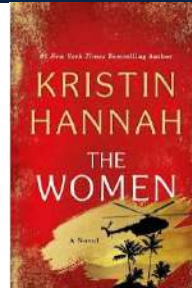
Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, June 11, at 4:00 pm
at the home of Sara Lynn Nusbaum

We will be discussing:

The Women

By Kristen Hannah



Oath and Honor

By Liz Cheney

Discussion Review by
Peggy Shainberg

This month the book group read and discussed Liz Cheney's book, ***Oath and Honor, A Memoir and a Warning***. As we were very much aware of the events detailed in the book, we had a lively discussion. The hypocrisy and some of the asides she revealed were appalling. Though she voted



with the Trump "camp" 93% of the time, she came to realize the party that she had grown up with and supported throughout her political career was moving away from her values.

Next month we will read ***The Women*** by Kristen Hannah about a nurse during the Vietnamese war. It's a real page turner!



SIG: International Study

Contact [Veronica Gross](#)

Music of Mexico

The International Study Group will have the last meeting of the year at the home of Nancy Martin where members will explore the music of Mexico and enjoy a fiesta!



SIG: Play Reading

Contact [Dawn Johnson](#)



SIG: Hiking

Contact [Becky Mock](#)



SIG: Wine

Contact [Cindy Harp](#)

We Sponsor Community Forums



AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Planning Meeting Minutes
May 13 2024
Mariposa Library
4:15 pm

Members:

- Dina Lambert, Finance Officer/Co-Membership: Present
- Bonnie Little, Co-Membership: Present
- Becky Mock, Recording Secretary: Not Present
- Trish Darcy, President/Tech Trek: Present
- Kim Monson, Member at Large: Present
- Jody Sergienko, Member at Large: Not Present
- Liz Darcy, Member at Large: Present
- Anne Dolchanczyk, Member at Large: Not Present

The Meeting was called to order at 4:18

Minutes (*Becky Mock*)

- Agenda meeting minutes-April meeting minutes approved and submitted to Jill for the newsletter

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert, Bonnie Little*)

- 74 no new members
- Renewal email reminder went out

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*)

- Expenses: \$6.14 for web hosting-went up \$0.14 for a total of \$6.14
- Income: \$15 for district dues, \$200 from Mad Hatter (paid fairgrounds \$400, hence the -\$200) for a total of \$185
- Balance:\$3370.61
- Bonnie moved to accept the financial report. Liz seconded. Motion carried.

Standing Projects:

Backpack (*Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)

- Done for now

Tech Trek (*Trish Darcy*)

- Sunday will be the meeting at Barbara Silva's house. We have 2-3 girls that have gone to camp previously and the 5 going this year to talk together. We also have Kim and Dawna coming to talk to the parents.

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



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STEMEd (Trish Darcy)

- Try again in the fall

Gov Trek

- Kim will look into heading that up for next year

Fundraisers:

- Yard Sale Replacement-still looking.....
- Mad Hatter-May 18, 2024
 - Ticket Sales 118 sold

Programs:

- A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson (Trish Darcy)
 - May 14th the Park Pavillion 5:30

Old Business:

- Cocktails and Convos-May 29th 4:00 The Alley (date moved)
- Mentor Program (Anne and Trish) Anne will be contacting the high school to get the information and samples of paperwork.
- Nominations-this was published in the May newsletter for the membership to look over.
- Programs for this year:
 - May 14th A Conversation with Ranger Shelton Johnson
 - May 29th-Cocktails and convos at The Alley
 - June 2nd-Annual Meeting -2:00 pm at Trish Darcy's
 - July-Movie in Oakhurst?

New Business:

- July Planning Meeting-Monday, July 1st at Bonnie's or Becky's house 10:00 Potluck Lunch

Member Profile: (Kim Monson)

- Kim will take care of this

Branch Buzz:

- Trish will do this

Action Items

- Trish will find the comparison document of the changes in bylaws

Upcoming Dates:

- Next meeting at Trish Darcy's Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00
- Shelton Johnson-May 14th
- Cocktails and Convos-May 29th
- Planning Meeting July 1, 2024 10:00

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm

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<https://www.facebook.com/aauwmariposa>

Instagram:

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Project Chairs/Coordinators

Leadership Team: 2023-2024

Trish Darcy	President
Dina Lambert	Finance
Bonnie Little	Co-Membership
Dina Lambert	Co-Membership
Becky Mock	Recording Secretary
Liz Darcy	Team Member
Anne Dolchanczyk	Team Member
Kim Monson	Team Member
Jody Sergienko	Team Member

Back Pack Project	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Fundraising	Sandi Gabe
Good Will Ambassador	Anne Dolchanczyk
Newsletter Editor	Jill Rowney
Publicity	open
Social Media	Dina Lambert
Tech Connect	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva
Website	Dina Lambert
Yardsale	Bonnie Little & Micki Finney

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