



Pacific dogwood

Cornus nuttallii



Mountain maple

Acer spicatum

Sierra Outpost

Fall begins the season to celebrate

—Trish Darcy



November is a time for being thankful as well as the month for celebrating Native American Heritage. It is truly the time when the weather changes for real. Fall may begin in September, but it is still far too warm. October begins to cool down, but it didn't seem to very much this year. November has us ready for fires in the fireplace, warm drinks, cozy blankets and sweater weather. Finally!

Your leadership team is thankful for you, our members! We enjoy seeing all the faces at our events -and seeing many different faces. We enjoy planning programs and events for you to enjoy, but mostly we are thankful for the support and friendships we gain from all the members. We are very glad to be living in Mariposa and having the community we

have. Aren't we all lucky?

We also want to take the time to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. It is a time to celebrate and recognize the culture, traditions, and achievements of Native American people across the country. It began many years ago, but became official in 1990 when it became law. You can find many events in Mariposa and Yosemite this month to participate in. Watch social media, websites, and the Gazette. There are also many lists of books to read on the subject-both fiction and nonfiction. Click [here](#) for link to one list from Goodreads.

Whatever and however you choose to celebrate this month, we hope it is a good one for you and you can find the time to join

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us at our events this month. We have a few to chose from: Holiday Shopping, Coffee and Convos, and many SIG gatherings. Hope to see you there!



Leadership Team



Chatting over a cup of coffee

—Trish Darcy


We will have our first Coffee and Convos on Saturday, November 16th, at Pony Expresso. Come and grab some coffee or tea and join this informal group. We write different topics on slips of paper and then draw them out and discuss them, so bring some good ideas to keep us rolling! They can be anything from when to plant bulbs to how to make a flaky pie crust to current events to good movies. The ideas are only limited by the group. Hope you can join us!

Coffee and Convos
Saturday
November 16
10:00 a.m.
Pony Expresso

Events Calendar



2024

- Nov 2 **Holiday Shopping in Mariposa:** 11:00am, Cinnamon Roll and Bakery Cafe
- Nov 5  **Election Day**
- Nov 4* **Leadership Team Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa County Library
- Nov 10 **SIG—Hiking:** Allred Road
- Nov 11 **SIG– Book:** 2:00pm Home of Jaye Howes
- Nov 12 **SIG—International Study:** 5:15pm, Home of Veronica Gross
- Nov 16 **Coffee and Convos:** 10:00am, Pony Expresso
- Dec 5 **Leadership Team Meeting:** 4:00pm, Mariposa County Library

 **December 8 Holiday Gathering: 1:00-4:00pm, home of Veronica Gross** 

- Dec 9 **SIG– Book:** 2:00pm Home of Jaye Howes
- Dec 14 **SIG—Hiking:** Ahwahnee Hills Park
 *Change from regular date



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Check your spam folder.**

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Preparing for the holiday season

Want to have some fun with friends? We have the day for you! Saturday, November 2nd, we will be doing our Holiday Shopping day again in town. We support our local businesses and get a start on our holiday shopping. Come with your list. We will meet at the Cinnamon Roll Bakery and Cafe, 5009 5th St. at 11:00 to shop. If you want to grab coffee beforehand, show up at 10:30 as many shops do not allow drinks inside. We have really enjoyed this the last couple of years and usually end the day grabbing a bite to eat or drinks together somewhere.

**Holiday Shopping
Downtown Mariposa
Saturday
November 2
11:00am**

Meet at the "Cinnamon Roll Bakery and Café"

It's PARTY Time!

WHEN: DECEMBER 8

TIME: 1:00pm-4:00pm

WHERE: THE HOME OF VERONICA AND DAN GROSS

4145 SILVER BAR ROAD, MARIPOSA

Save the date! We will be collecting donations for Mountain Crisis (suggestion list is on next page). More details will be forthcoming in an evite.

We Inspire Lifelong Learning

Membership

Bonnie Little, Liz Darcy

Making the season better, one donation at a time

For some, it is a very difficult time of the year.

As in years past, we wish to make the holidays easier for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. We are collecting items for Mountain Crisis. You may bring an item to our holiday party on December 8 and we will make sure that the items are delivered.

Please, no clothing, coats or food items.

Here is the Mountain Crisis "wish list":

- Bath towels
- Bedding/blankets (full and twin size)
- New pillows
- Complete dish sets
- Reusable/disposable food storage containers
- Gallon size ziploc bags
- Foil & plastic wrap
- Kleenex

- Toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry soap
- Magazine subscriptions (*Disney & Me, Highlights for Children, Nickelodeon, National Geographic for kids, Zoobooks, American Girl, Ranger Rick, Ebony, People, Time, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, and People in Spanish*)
- Umbrellas
- VHS tapes and VCRs or DVDs and DVD players
- Commercial Vacuum
- Diapers- all sizes
- Blankets and Pillows
- Toothpaste and Tooth brushes
- Art Supplies
- Hair brushes

MOUNTAIN CRISIS THANKS YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY!

We Send Girls to Science/Math Camp

Membership

Bonnie Little, Liz Darcy

Changes and corrections to the directory

Jaye Howes' phone number—
The number listed in the directory is no longer
in service. Please change to:
559-760-6226



Be more visible with an ad in "The Sierra Outpost"

Is your business getting local visibility? Do all of our members know what you offer? You can easily reach all of our branch membership with an ad in our newsletter. You can simply email an image of your business card to jillrowney@yahoo.com and send a check or send both a business card and check for \$50 made out to AAUW Mariposa to Jill Rowney, 4131 Silver Bar Road, Mariposa 95338 and see your business information appear in every newsletter for a year.



Vote— It's crucial



If you have not voted yet, November 5th is the last day to cast your ballot. **It would behoove you NOT to wait.**



We Sponsor Community Forums

Local candidates address the community

At the forum on October 3, five of the six local candidates for the John C. Fremont Healthcare District and one of the two candidates for the District 5 school board position spoke to the public. This allowed us to hear firsthand their responses to

audience-generated questions. Many thanks to Kim Monson who coordinated the program and Sandi Gabe who sifted through questions and moderated the discussion.



Rose Fluharty

Jesse Bullis

Suzette Prue

Teresa Johnson

Bob Pickard



School Board Candidate,
Jenni Moore



Introduction to AAUW–
Dawn Johnson



If you look closely:

Coordinator Kim Monson (L)

Moderator, Sandi Gabe (R)

We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential



Project: Tech Trek

Tech Trek volunteer opportunities abound!

—Trish Darcy

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in Tech Trek camp! The camp at Fresno State where we send our girls needs to staff the camp with volunteers. Without these volunteers, the camp cannot run!

How does that affect you, you may be asking? You could be a part of the week-long camp. There are big jobs and there are small jobs. Jobs for anyone who wants to help. We have two members who have helped in the past. Kim Monson has been a teacher at camp in the past. Dawna Hunter has been a dorm mom for many, many years and loves it so much that she keeps going back! If you have questions, contact one of them or contact me. The camp director at Fresno State is Rebecca Jennings. She would be willing to answer any questions as well. If

you would like to be a part of this wonderful week for these girls, please let me know by Nov. 10th. I will be completing our initial paperwork and it always asks how many volunteers we can send. Don't be shy about volunteering; the rewards are great!

This year our camp will be from June 15-21. The volunteers usually show up a day early. Step right up!!!

Thanks!

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

SIG Overview

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

International Study Veronica Gross



Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.

Book Group Jaye Howes



This group meets monthly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books members chose to read the previous month.

Play Reading Group Dawn Johnson



“The play’s the thing!” meets monthly to do cold readings of various plays that are shared by several California branches.

Hiking Group Becky Mock



The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other’s company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.



Does something else tweak your interest? Consider coordinating a new SIG!

Wine Tasting Anne Dolchanczyk



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.

We Value Education



SIG: International Study

Contact [Veronica Gross](#)

Exploring a general history of Vietnam

—Veronica Gross

The AAUW International Studies group met on Tuesday, October 8, with ten attendees. Featured was a presentation by Christina Oborn with an overview of the history of Vietnam. This was followed by members selecting certain topics that they would research and present at future meetings.

Members also intend to read and discuss some books from a list of book titles that was compiled by Sue Overstreet and Beth Tomsick. Tiina Wilson will be giving a presentation on the Vietnamese culture at the next meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 5:15pm at the home of Veronica Gross.



SIG: Hiking

Contact [Becky Mock](#)

Hiking group walks among the giants

—Becky Mock

On Sunday, October 10, seven AAUW hikers (Liz Darcy, Trish Darcy, Jacqui Dozier, Marti Fazio, Dina Lambert, Sue Overstreet, and Becky Mock) met at the Rite Aid Park and Ride and headed to the Tuolumne Grove of giant sequoias in Yosemite. The weather was perfect, and we all enjoyed an easy walk through the magnificent trees. Our next hiking adventure is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, and we will be hiking Allred Road.



We Inspire Lifelong Learning



—Dawn Johnson

Just in time for Thanksgiving dinner

For the Play Reading Group's first gathering of the new AAUW year, six of us read *Appropriate*, which was basically your worst nightmare of Thanksgiving dinner with a dysfunctional family.

It was an excellent and thought-provoking portrayal of three adult children who have gathered at their recently deceased patriarch's crumbling estate in Arkansas to settle affairs. But what ensues is more unsettling than settling. Resentments old and new are stirred up, secrets are revealed, and a disturbing possible family connection with the Ku Klux Klan is unearthed.

Each reader had the fortunate (and unusual) opportunity to keep one character throughout, so there was a lot of dramatic interpretation and channeling going on. The dialogue was fast-paced and believable, including the f-bombs which AAUW ladies can apparently easily deliver. There was some humor, some pathos, and plenty to question and discuss at the end.

And, like any good Thanksgiving dinner, there was dessert! Jill Rowney shared her amazing zucchini bread, which got even more awards at the fair than this play did on Broadway.

Here's the recipe:

Jill's Zucchini Bread

3 eggs	2 ½ cups unsifted flour
1 cup salad oil (Canola)	½ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup granulated sugar	2 tsp. soda
1 cup brown sugar	2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla	½ tsp. baking powder
2+ cups shredded zucchini (I use at least double that!)	1 cup chopped walnuts
	1/3 cup toasted sesame seed

With rotary mixer, beat eggs to blend; add oil, sugar and vanilla. Beat until mixture is thick and foamy. Using a spoon, stir in the shredded zucchini. Combine flour, cinnamon, soda, salt, baking powder and nuts. Stir gently into zucchini mixture just until blended.

Divide batter equally between 2 greased and flour-dusted loaf pans (5x9"). Sprinkle sesame seed evenly over tops of each (I stir them in a bit with my finger—then lick my finger, of course!)

Bake in a 350° oven for 55-60 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; turn out on wire racks to cool thoroughly. Makes 2 loaves.

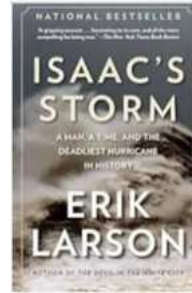
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SIG: Book

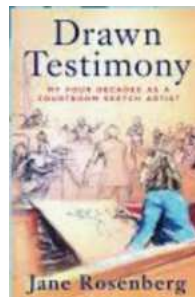
Contact [Jaye Howes](#)

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, November 11, at 2:00 pm
 at the home of Jaye Howes
 We will be discussing:
Isaac's Storm
 By Erik Larson



—Discussion notes by Rick Uebner

The most recent read by the book SIG was ***Drawn Testimony: My Four Decades as a Courtroom Artist*** by Jane Rosenberg. The author, one of a dying occupation, had a front-row seat for many front-page trials in federal courts. The trials featured Tom Brady (do you remember *Deflategate?*), the Boston marathon bomber, Ghislaine Maxwell, Harvey Weinstein, and John Gotti, among others. Her challenges were many: distant views of the characters,



fleeting glimpses of their faces, and her insistence on portraying character, as well as emotion. Burdened by a bulky box of pastels and a sheaf of paper, she arrived before daybreak to get a close view of the trial (there were no favors thrown her way). Our readers found this to be an eye-opener about an occupation we knew little about. The book included many pictures of her work (in color) which added to our understanding.



SIG: Wine

Contact [Anne Dolchanczyk](#)

Corks and Forks: Syrah or Shiraz?

Sunday, October 27, was our first gathering of the season at the home of Cindy Harp. We tasted Syrah/Shiraz and tried to tell the difference just by tasting. As you may know, it is the same grape, but it is called differently based on the climate of the place it is grown, which gives a different character to the wine. Everyone came in costume and enjoyed some Halloween silliness—especially after tasting seven bottles of wine:-)!



Winning wine with the greatest Halloween label ever!



—Cindy Harp

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AAUW Branch
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024
Mariposa County Library
4:00 pm

Team Meeting Dates

2024	2025
July 2	Jan. 2
Aug. 13	Feb. 6
Sept. 5	Mar. 6
Oct. 3	Apr. 3
Nov. 4*	May 1
Dec. 5	June 5

Members:

- Bonnie Little, Co-Membership (present)
- Liz Darcy, Co-Membership (present)
- Becky Mock, Recording Secretary (present)
- Trish Darcy, President/Tech Trek (present)
- Kim Monson, Gov Trek (present)
- Jill Rowney, Finance/Newsletter (present)
- Anne Dolchanczyk, Goodwill Ambassador (present)

The Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes (*Becky Mock*)

Minutes from the Sept. 5, 2024 meeting were approved via email and submitted to Jill

Membership Update (*Liz Darcy, Bonnie Little*)

- Directories
- 69 members
- SIG group notification
- Membership Drive?-- for later discussion

Finance Report (*Jill Rowney*)

- Beginning Balance: \$14,714.29; Income: \$964.00; Expenses; \$1,597.83; Ending Balance: \$14,080.46.
Trish moved, Bonnie seconded, all were in favor. September, 2024 Financial Report approved.

Standing Projects:

- **Backpack Project**-Kim- complete for this year
- **Tech Trek**-Trish
 - Event last Sunday was a great success
- **Lunch with Leaders**-Trish
 - Trish, Dawn, Sandi and Dawna held first meeting
 - Date set for March 29, 2025
 - Red Bud Room at Fairgrounds has been reserved
 - Food will be sandwiches and salads
 - 6 speakers will be invited, hoping at least 5 will attend
 - Will be offered to all high school girls and will take up to 42 students
- **Scholarship**-Liz
 - Plan to make this a scholarship for student already in college

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We Provide Opportunities for Women to Reach Full Potential

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Fundraisers:

- **Butterfly Festival**-Anne
 - No updates

Programs/Events:

September	Tech Trek Presentation Sunday, September 29th at 2:00	Trish
October	Candidates Forum Oct. 3	Kim
November	Holiday Shopping: Saturday, November 2, 2024	Liz
December	Holiday Party at Nickel's	Jill
January	Self Defense Class – Kim is a 3rd degree black belt has offered to teach, bring in female sheriff officer	Kim and Trish
February	Line Dancing	Trish
March	Lunch with Leaders: March 29	Trish
April	Women's Health after 50 (Will address after holidays)	Liz, Becky
May	Butterfly Festival Booth	Anne
June	Annual Meeting	Trish

Old Business:

- **Mentor Project** (*Anne Dolchanczyk*)
 - Anne is working with one student
 - Will hold off this year with potential to expand
- **Lunch with Leaders** (*Trish Darcy*)
- **Scholarship Program** (*Liz Darcy*)
- **Candidate Forum** (*Kim*)
 - Went over plan for the event and helped edit questions
- **Handbook Review** (*Trish and Becky*) plan to get together in Oct. or Nov.

New Business:

- Member Spotlight
 - Definitely will do again, timing uncertain

Upcoming Dates:

- November 2, 2024: Holiday Shopping in Mariposa
- November 7, 2024: Leadership meeting, 4:00 p.m., Library
- December 5, 2024: Leadership Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Library
- December 8, 2024: Holiday Gathering, afternoon, specific time TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

We Open Eyes

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Leadership Team: 2024-2025

Trish Darcy	President
Jill Rowney	Finance
Bonnie Little	Co-Membership
Liz Darcy	Co-Membership
Becky Mock	Recording Secretary
Anne Dolchanczyk	Team Member
Kim Monson	Team Member

Project Chairs/Coordinators

Backpack Project	Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher
Fundraising	Sandi Gabe
Good Will Ambassador	Anne Dolchanczyk
Newsletter Editor	Jill Rowney
Gov Trek	Kim Monson
Programs/Events	open
Publicity	open
Social Media	Trish Darcy
Tech Trek	Trish Darcy & Barbara Silva
Website	Dina Lambert

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