

**Please join us for our
annual AAUW Scholarship
Fundraiser: Starry Night of
Art & Wine!**

What: Artwork available for sale by our very own AAUW artists, wine tasting by local wineries, non-alcoholic beverages and appetizers to delight your palate, and a silent auction of items to surprise and delight!

Where: North Valley Art League, 48 Quartz Hill Road, Redding

When: Friday, November 1 from 4 pm – 7:30 pm. If you are unable to make it to the event, you may still view and purchase artwork on October 31 from 11 am – 4 pm, and on November 1 and November 2 from 11 am – 3 pm.

Why: Providing educational scholarships for women is one of our Branch's main missions and the net proceeds from this event will support our scholarship program. Because of your generous support last year, our Branch was able to award four deserving young women scholarships towards attendance at Cal Poly University, Humboldt; CSU Chico; UCLA; and Simpson University.

How: All Branch members received two tickets to buy/sell. Of course, you may have all the additional tickets you wish! Tickets are \$40 each and may be purchased on the Payment Page of our website. Then bring your family and friends and enjoy an evening of socializing while perhaps also taking this opportunity to update your décor or to find the perfect gift for the upcoming holiday season by bidding on gift baskets available that evening.

Note that this event takes the place of our November Branch Meeting, so your Starry Night Committee hopes to see each of you there!

Nancy Williams, Starry Night Committee Chair



**The October Branch Meeting will be Thursday October 10
Please see page 3 for full details.**

President's Message



Did you know that only 1.8% of all U.S. philanthropic dollars currently go to women's and girls' organizations? This jaw-dropping statistic comes from Gwyn Lurie, Co-founder and CEO in the inaugural edition of *The Giving List Women*.

Our Branch, however, is certainly doing our part to support women and girls and we can be proud of our efforts. We've just had a very successful fundraising theater buyout. Thanks to Pris Brutlag's organizing and your ticket buying, we made \$2,813.50 to pay for Tech Trek camperships. It was another successful Branch event!

Fundraising for women continues with a knock-out Starry Night of Art and Wine on November 1. The Starry Night Committee has planned an enchanting evening. How can you help? Tell your family, friends and co-workers about it. Buy tickets. Buy art. Plan to complete your holiday gift list by bidding on something fabulous at the silent auction. Money raised will go to local scholarships.

We enjoyed an enlightening evening learning how local artist Ellen Hedfield applies her engineering experience and artistic talents to create the beautiful art she shared with us. Many thanks to Program Vice President, Barbara Enochian and Social Chair, Marta Hopkins for planning this event. Thanks also to Women in STEM Conference Chair, Nancy Overton for her kick-off presentation for the 2025 Conference. She and her committee have plans well underway and will be looking for your assistance to pull off this conference that always inspires hundreds of middle school girls.

Speaking of middle school girls, at our October 10 Branch meeting the girls we sponsored for Tech Trek at UC Davis in July will share their experiences. They always help us remember why we do what we do. Also at this meeting, Whiskeytown National Park Superintendent, Josh Hoines, will share information and answer questions about this beautiful neighbor and how it plays a part in our community.

We will conduct a bit of business at this meeting. Carefully prepared by Treasurer Lana Hill and the budget committee, the 2024-2025 budget was approved by the board at our September 23 meeting. The membership will be presented with the budget at the October meeting.

Our board has agreed to co-sponsor a January seminar by Kern Beare entitled "Difficult Conversations." I think we can agree that even post-election we all will be challenged to continue difficult conversations whether political, social or personal. This workshop aligns with our public policy and DEI goals and provides us with an opportunity to be involved with our community. As co-sponsors there will be tasks we can take on to make certain this is an informative and inspiring event. Stay tuned.

Our members, active and concerned citizens they are, participate in events with other organizations with whom we have shared goals. This participation helps AAUW be recognized in our community and helps increase Branch membership.

We have a new member! Please greet and introduce yourself to Hollyn Chase when you see her at a meeting or event.

Our Branch has much to be proud of. We are a vital and active organization as all the activities in this newsletter attest.

Onward!

Sharon Clairemont, Redding Branch President



Join us at the October Branch Meeting
Thursday, October 10, Social Hour 5:00 pm, Dinner 5:30 pm
Redding Library Community Room



Josh Hoines, the Superintendent of Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, will share his experiences and knowledge of Whiskeytown Lake and the land surrounding it. He was named superintendent in 2018 and was immediately responsible for overseeing recovery from the Carr Fire. He has a bachelors degree in biology, a graduate degree in restoration ecology and work experience in Death Valley National Park and Joshua Tree National Park, making him well qualified for disaster recovery, conservation and restoration in the Whiskeytown Lake Recreation Area. He will speak to us not only about recovery efforts but also about activities in the park, the role of Whiskeytown Lake as a water source, opportunities for women in the park service, and future plans for the area.

Also joining us at this meeting will be the 2024 Tech Trek girls sharing their experience from this summer.

Menu

Bowls from Fresh Fire Grill including beverages, wine, and dessert.
The cost for dinner will be \$20, payable by check, cash, or through PayPal. Checks may be written to AAUW and sent to Marta Hopkins. For PayPal, use option #3 for chicken, or option #8 for vegetarian.



Now's the chance to step forward to help make the next Women in STEM Conference another stellar event for middle school girls in March 2025.

We are looking for women interested in making a difference for our middle school girls through the many STEM Conference Committee positions available:

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| <i>Registration</i> | <i>Sponsorship</i> |
| <i>Publicity/Marketing</i> | <i>Interactive Stations</i> |
| <i>Conference Day Volunteers</i> | <i>Breakout Session Presenters</i> |
| <i>Interactive Stations</i> | <i>Famous Women in STEM</i> |
| <i>Conference Swag</i> | <i>Logistics</i> |
| <i>Communications</i> | <i>Photography</i> |
| <i>Recorder</i> | <i>Finance</i> |

Please contact STEM Chair Nancy Overton.

AAUW Redding Important Announcements



SAVE THE DATE: AAUW REDDING GARDEN TOUR MAY 10, 2025

We are planning something new for 2025, a Mother's Day weekend garden tour! A few years ago we had our last home tour. The tour took an army of volunteers, particularly on the day of the tour, and it got increasingly hard to find appropriate homes. A garden tour will take far fewer volunteers, people have been more amenable to having their garden on a tour and the Saturday before Mothers Day is remarkably devoid of major community events. ***The garden tour will benefit local scholarships and the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.***

The Marysville-Yuba City Branch of AAUW garden tour the first weekend of May has been going on for 30 years. It has been very successful funding all their community projects with the proceeds. They have given us lots of useful ideas.

The first meeting of the garden tour committee will be October 4 at 12:00 pm at Debbie Stokes' house on the river in Anderson. Lunch will be provided. This meeting is just a preliminary get together to discuss and plan for a ticket brochure. Please call, text or email if you are planning on coming. Do not feel that you have to attend if you are not interested in planning for the ticket brochure. Heaven knows there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer in our Branch. The next meeting will not be until January.

We already have five gardens committed to being on the tour, which should be enough but if you know of a garden in Redding with good parking and a willing owner, you could get in touch with me. Sometimes unexpected things happen and it might be good to have a garden in reserve.

Debbie Stokes, Chair



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our September 18 Buyout of the Riverfront Playhouse production of "The Minutes" had an outstanding response, with 101 tickets sold!!! The net proceeds of \$2813.50 will go toward sending five middle school Shasta County girls to the UC Davis Tech Trek camp next summer.

Special thanks go to Frances Cole-Boyd, Carol Schultz, Barbara Enochian, Mari Ennis-Applegate and Sharon Clairemont who assisted with ticket sales. There were many others who purchased multiple tickets inviting friends to attend. Several of you generously purchased tickets knowing you couldn't attend but wanting to support the buyout.

Kudos to Marta Hopkins, Tammy Douse and their team for providing a lovely social. We had many sweet and savory delights thanks to the contributions of many members. We must also thank Susan Wilson, the Riverfront host and AAUW member. Finally, thanks to Pris' buddy, Mary Burns, who assisted her at the ticket counter as well as other amazing helpers/supporters.

What a wonderful way to fundraise while at the same time enjoying a stimulating, entertaining evening! Stay tuned for our next Buyout in 2025.

Pris Brutlag, Tech Trek and Buyout Chair
Marta Hopkins, Social Chair

You Spoke and We Listened

Tax Deductible Donations

In response to requests by our members, we are now able to offer tax deductibility for donations made to scholarships and Tech Trek.

Recently our scholarship and Tech Trek projects qualified for AAUW CA Special Projects Fund (SPF). This fund is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation that supports AAUW California projects and CA AAUW Branch projects and local scholarship programs. Using this tool, we may now make tax donations to our scholarship and Tech Trek projects. For more information about SPF visit: [AAUW California Special Projects Fund](#). Using our SPF accounts, we are still able to direct our funds where we want them.

If you have made donations to scholarships or Tech Trek through our Branch in the past, you may continue to do so. Our Branch is a 501c4 and donations made through the Branch are not tax deductible, but they will support the project.

However, if you want your donation to be tax deductible, here is how to do it:

Scholarship:

Make the check out to: AAUW CA SPF
In memo section write: AAUW Redding 4450
Give check to the Branch treasurer

Tech Trek:

Make the check out to: AAUW CA SPF
In memo section write: Davis Tech Trek, AAUW Redding
Give check to the Branch treasurer

Electronic Donations Online:

Go to: <https://specialprojectsfund-ca.aauw.net/donate/>
Select Project: Scholarship OR Tech Trek
Fill in the amount of the donation

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Select AAUW Redding Branch 4450 from drop-down list
Enter AAUW Redding in the memo section
Enter donate

TECH TREK:

Select Davis Camp 5038 from drop-down list
Select Next
Enter PayPal login OR card information

ENTER AAUW REDDING IN NOTE SECTION

Submit payment



Membership News

Please Welcome our new member:

Hollyn Chase

Contact info on Page 9

Upcoming Board Meetings

October 28

November 18

We meet at 5:00 pm in the Foundation Room at the Shasta County Public Library. All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. The agenda will be emailed one week prior to each meeting.

If you wish to speak to an agenda item at the meeting, please contact President Sharon Clairemont.

Public Policy and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Welcome to an AAUW year filled with opportunities to support our CA Public Policy Priorities and local Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

First, Public Policy

What is this? The AAUW-CA Public Policy Program establishes policy directives that guide our legislative bill-support and serve our AAUW mission. These priorities are based on the input of each AAUW-CA member. Look for your **survey in November** for your Public Policy ideas.

Action Alerts are for supporting important California legislation and are separate from AAUW national's Two-Minute Activists. Sign up for Action Alerts [HERE](#).

Remember AAUW is a non-partisan, politically active organization. We can and do support women's rights and issues, but not specific candidates. On your November ballot there are four propositions that align with our Public Policy Priorities. AAUW-CA urges a **YES vote** on **Propositions 2, 3, 4 and 32**. To see our full article on these propositions and how they will advance gender equity and AAUW California PPPs, please see the September issue of [Public Policy News](#)

The AAUW-CA "**School Board Project**" continues with many state branches involved as the concerns over book banning and the safety of all our students locally and in all CA public schools continues. Several Shasta County school board candidates will be on our November ballot. Do their views align with AAUW's mission?

Secondly, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion or DEI

Lata Murti, our state director of DEI, feels that "DEI is for all of us. AAUW's survival as an organization depends on our commitment to DEI."

Video recommendation from the AAUW DEI Toolkit: [Finding Myself in the Story of Race](#), Debby Irving, TEDx Fenway, (15:18).

Penny Harris Public Policy and DEI Chair

AAUW Redding Upcoming Interest Groups Meetings

Drama Divas 2024-2025

October 2, 1-4 pm, Redding Library Fireside Room, upstairs

Welcome to our 24th Season of Play readings and discussions. Our first meeting will be at the library and we shall see how that works out. I will bring water and light snacks to share. Bring your reading glasses! **The Fireside Room has room for 15 guests, so please RSVP to me to be sure you have a seat for our first reading this season.**

Here is the list of plays that we will read in the coming year. Not sure which one we will receive first. I will let you know as soon as the box of plays arrives. These plays sound quite interesting:

1. Twelve Angry Men by Reginald Rose
2. A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
3. Rose's Dilemma by Neil Simon
4. Don't Dress for Dinner by Marc Camoletti
5. Ruined by Lynn Nottage
6. Plague of Angels by Mark St. Germain
7. The Unvarnished Truth by Royce Ryton
8. The Diary of Anne Frank by Albert Hackett

Please let me know if you would like to hostess on one of the open dates: November 6, December 4, January 8 (2nd Wednesday due to holiday), February 5, April 2, May 7: Potluck. Diane Madgic will host March 5.



Past Presidents Monthly Luncheon

October 3, 2024, 11:30 am.

Corbett's, 1455 Pine Street, Redding.

RSVP by October 1 to Tara Swanson.



Photographers!

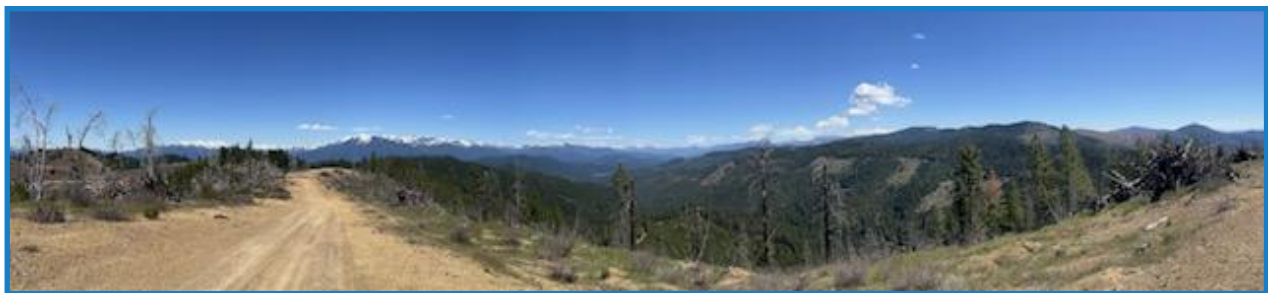
We need you to take pictures of our activities and meetings!

If interested please contact President Sharon Clairemont or Carol Skill.

Wine and Brews will meet at The Grape Escape at 4:30 Wednesday, October 9

Please bring an appetizer to share.

Contact Nancy Randall by Monday, October 7th to attend.



October 2024 Walking Group Schedule

TIME CHANGE. Walks begin at 8:00 am, except for 10/5. Please let Frances Cole-Boyd, Chair, know if you will be joining a walk.

Tuesday Walks:

10/1 Sundial Bridge

10/8 Clover Creek Preserve (parking lot at Shasta View & Venus)

10/15 Churn Creek Trail (Trailhead on Tidmore, off of College View)

10/22 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway parking)

10/29 Anderson River Park

Saturday Walks:

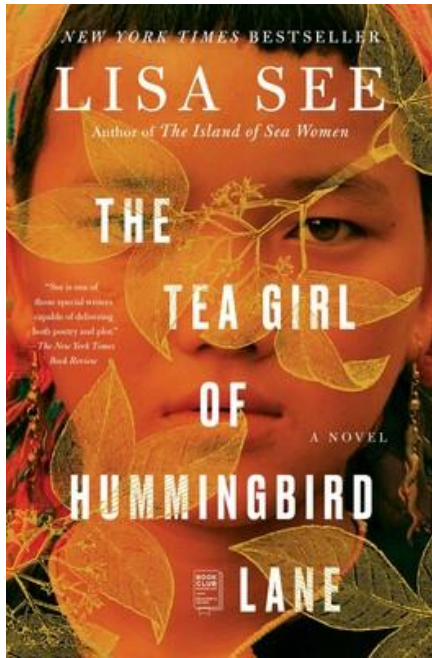
10/5 Saturday, October 5th **Think Pink 5K Walk/Run, 9:00am.** Register at [https://](https://www.norcalthinkpink.org/events/annual-5k-walk-run/)

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10/12 Ten Bridges, with potluck brunch afterwards (meet at the Chenoweths')

10/19 Churn Creek Trail (Meet at trailhead on Tidmore, off of College View)

10/26 Senior Center (2290 Benton Dr)



October Book Section

October 15, 2:00pm

***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See**

New York Times best-selling author Lisa See explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been abandoned and adopted by an American couple.

Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations.

Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, is among the first to reject the rules that have shaped her existence. When she has a baby outside of wedlock, rather than stand by tradition, she wraps her daughter in a blanket, with a tea cake hidden in her swaddling, and abandons her in the nearest city.

A powerful story about a family separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* paints an unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.

Leader and Host: Nancy Williams

Do you have an interest in participating in an evening book section? Perhaps you work and are unable to attend our afternoon sessions. Suzannah Gerlach has expressed a desire to start an evening group and is willing to head it up. If you are interested in being a part of this or would like to find out more about it please email Suzannah.

October Travel Group

October 30, 5:30 pm, Karline's Restaurant

Travel returns next month with Shannon Carnegie, Tammy Douse's daughter, who will present three safaris in Kenya, Africa that she and her husband Scott took a year ago. Shannon is a phenomenal photographer. This presentation is bound to be quite popular, so get your reservation in early.

Upcoming meetings include January 22 with Alison Krupit presenting her trip to the Galapagos Islands that she took a few months ago.

March 26th will be the team of Mari and Terry Applegate and Debbie and John Stokes, experienced world-wide travelers, as they visit South Korea for 1-½ weeks and then on to Japan for another 1-½ weeks.

February is still open. Please let me know if you are interested in presenting a trip or you know of someone who might like to share a trip with our travel group.

Travel group is open to all members plus spouses/friends are welcome.



Judy Bush, Chair

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For information about renting a monthly 3" by 3.5" square, Contact Debbie Stokes.

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