



President Frances Cole-Boyd

Editor Andi Winters

**Join us for our AAUW Branch Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 18**  
**Social Time 5:00 pm, Dinner 5:30 pm**  
**Location: 2322 California Street**  
**Native Daughters of the Golden West**

**We will have the Installation of Officers for 2026-2027**  
**And a Tribute to Dale Ammerman, our Named Gift Honoree**

For the June 18 branch meeting, our incoming president, Nancy Overton, has requested an Italian meal. The cost will be \$30, payable by cash, check, or through PayPay (option #7 or #8). Please let Marta Hopkins know if you are planning to attend, even if you are paying through PayPal, by Tuesday, June 16.

## AAUW Redding Awards Scholarships

Thank you to all who helped with the Garden Tour to raise money for AAUW and for local scholarships!

The education committee of Karen Ramstrom, Sharon Clairemont, Maureen Chenoweth, Denise Truscott, Pris Brutlag and Donna Holscher met and interviewed our 4 scholarship applicants and were inspired by all of them. We had \$25,500 to give away and the committee voted to use all of it. The winners are:

Jennifer Melendrez - She is of Native Alaskan heritage and wants to do social work or legal work with Native youth. Jennifer worked for 10 years in the culinary industry in LA prior to returning to school. For

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Left to right: Deseree Borden, Jennifer Melendrez, Mariah Brown, Joelle Mickelson.

## Letter from the President: *Frances Cole-Boyd*



As we close another wonderful year for our AAUW branch, I want to thank each of you for your dedication, generosity, and commitment to advancing equity for women and girls. Through our programs, advocacy, scholarships, and fellowship, we have continued to make a meaningful difference in our community.

I was truly impressed by our May branch meeting. Meeting our scholarship winners and hearing them speak about their plans was especially meaningful, particularly after our successful Garden Tour fundraiser. Our Women of Achievement honorees, Marianne Seifert (community) and Mari Ennis-Applegate (branch), are awe-inspiring in all they do. We also had the pleasure of hearing Jessica Knight, Director of the Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) Program at Shasta College. I was enthralled by this dynamic speaker.

This year's accomplishments were possible because of the energy and support of our leaders and volunteers. I am deeply grateful for all you have contributed. At our June meeting, I look forward to celebrating our deserving Named Gift Honoree and installing our new board.

I am excited for an inspiring year under the leadership of Nancy Overton. Please don't hesitate to step up if you are called upon to help with leadership roles, fundraising committees, or events such as the STEM conference, Starry Night, and Garden Tour. I promise you will be working alongside amazing women and having a great deal of fun.

We still need a STEM Conference Chair. Much of the committee is already in place, and Nancy can provide excellent guidance – she just can't serve as both president and STEM chair. I would hate for us to lose this important event that serves girls who come from throughout the North State.

Wishing you a restful summer!

With appreciation,  
Frances

## Scenes from the 2026 Garden Tour





## **Garden Tour 2026**

### **Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!**

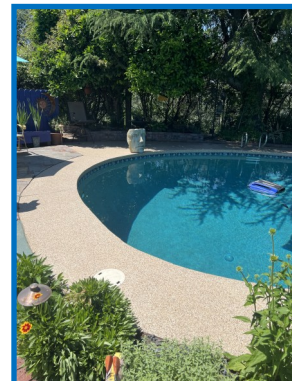
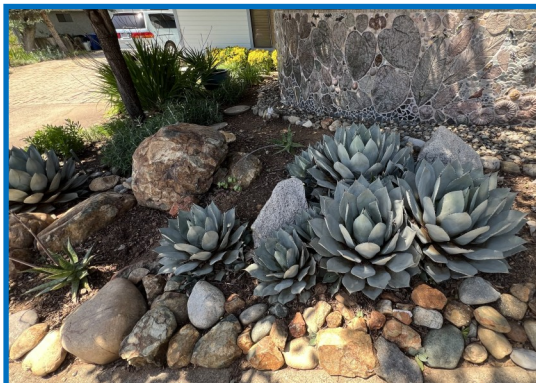
We had beautiful weather, lovely gardens, delicious cookies, wonderful hostesses, and a great turnout (rough tallies: over 200 guests at most gardens). All of us on the Committee had fun working together and with community supporters. We even have prospective gardens for next year!

Final receipts and contributions are still coming in but we want you to know that Garden Tour 2026 was a success! Your contributions, no matter how large or small, made this success possible, all for local scholarships and empowerment of women and girls. Thank you!

Garden Tour Committee:

Linda, Sharon, Dale, Judy, Maureen, Patti, Jan, Debbie, Penny, MC, Mari.

Not pictured: Carol and Andi



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## 2026 Named Gift Honoree Dale Ammerman



Dale Ammerman has been an active member of our branch for over thirty years (joined 7/1995), and is a Lifetime Member. Dale is currently serving as the 2025-26 Book Section Chair. In 2019-20 she served as both the Branch Recording Secretary on the board and as the Branch Newsletter Editor.

Dale earned her MS in Library Science from San Jose State University and has continued her love of libraries, learning, and books through her active participation in both our branch's Book Section and our Round Robin Section. In addition, she has helped support our local library by serving as the editor of the *Friends of Shasta County Library Newsletter* since at least January of 2021.

An involved member (as her mother before her was), Dale is always willing to help wherever she can, unobtrusively and behind the scenes. She stores, transports, sets up and tears down the coffee and water urns for every branch meeting – rarely, if ever, missing a meeting – and also helps serve food during branch meetings and helps clean up afterwards. Dale has also served on the Starry Night of Art & Wine Committee for at least the last two years and never missed a committee meeting. Her participation and support helped make each fundraiser a success, allowing our branch to award numerous scholarships to local women, thereby advancing equity through education for our award recipients and helping to make our world a better place.

Dale has cultivated many friends through her involvement in our Book, Round Robin, and Movie (30+ years!) Sections. She is service oriented and is always willing to help when she can – if there is an AAUW event, Dale is there, assisting in her quiet way. She never toots her own horn and does not expect recognition for what she does. Although Dale may not think of herself as someone others should follow, she is an excellent role model, leading by example through her calm, dedicated, and always helpful manner!

### Scenes from the 2026 Garden Tour



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the past two years she has been volunteering with the Oliview project which works with youth from juvenile hall to teach them to farm, cook and have social skills. She has been concentrating on native youth and hopes to attend UCLA. She is waitlisted at UCLA and accepted at UC San Diego.

Deseree Borden- She lives in Manton with her 2 children, mother-in-law and partner. Deseree has a photography business and is passionate about health and community wellness. She is studying kinesiology at Chico State next year and plans to go on to PT school.

Joelle Mickelson- She has been raised by a single mother here in Redding and has been a counselor at Sun Oaks summer camps and is a manager at Odell barbecue where she continues to work. She is passionate about science, especially marine biology and serving others. She was engaging and interested in the panels' educational experiences. Joelle will attend UC Davis in the Fall.

Mariah Brown- She has been raised in Shasta Lake and has been focused on college since grade school as a path to forge a new life for herself. Since 7<sup>th</sup> grade, all her schooling has been online, and she will be moving to Chico to open her horizons. Her goal is to be a guidance counselor. She has worked at TRIO at Shasta College, and this has been a formative experience for her.

The scholarship recipients all attended the May 14 meeting with loved ones. Jennifer brought her mother and we learned Jennifer has been living with her grandfather and caring for him in addition to all her other activities and schoolwork. Mariah came with her mother Jennifer and shared that she loves Shasta Lake and will be leaving a 10-year-old sister behind who will miss her. Joelle attended with her mother who will miss her dearly when she moves out. Deseree came with her partner Colt who is also studying kinesiology. Colt and Deseree will commute from Manton to their classes in Chico.

Becky Eusted, and her daughter, attended the meeting and enjoyed meeting the scholarship recipients. Becky was the executor of the Lois Agatha Arnold Trust, which bequeathed \$5,000 to AAUW to go to a woman furthering her education. As Lois had been a member of the Red Bluff branch of AAUW, Becky's hope was the scholarship would go to a student from Tehama County. The Eusteds were delighted to learn the scholarship would be going to Deseree, whom they knew. Becky also reminisced that she had found a picture of Lois Arnold as the only woman in a graduating class of agricultural students at the University of Arkansas. (For more information about Lois Arnold, see your April newsletter.)

Education and Scholarship Chair, Donna Holscher

## Board Meetings

Board Meetings meet at 5:30 pm  
**June 22**

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 Frances.

## Come Play With Us!

### Redding Duplicate Bridge Club

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11:30

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# Public Policy and You Important to know!

# VOTE

Voting is the most important public action you can take this month. Use and preserve this most important democratic act of citizenship. While you are voting, take a moment to appreciate all the ways and places you can vote. Offer to drive a friend or neighbor to vote or drop off a ballot.

Please click [HERE](#) for the May issue of Public Policy News. This month CA Public Policy is highlighting Get Out the Vote (GOTV). You will find primary election voter guides for the June 2, 2026 gubernatorial race and four contested U.S. Congressional districts, plus resources for GOTV tabling events. They have also provided Resistbot petitions to support CA AAUW priority bills SB 1360 and SB 1164 which seek to strengthen voting rights in California.



*Sharon and Frances went down to Lobby Days and met with Assemblywoman Heather Hadwick, along with members from North and South Lake Tahoe*

Sharon Clairemont, Chair, Public Policy, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

## Notes from Membership

Please welcome this new member to our branch:

*Cecilia Bilat Ramos*

As the Branch Meeting year is winding up in June, please make sure that your renewal of membership dues gets paid. National will send you an email, [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) - with renewal instructions. You might have to change your password, other times your old one is accepted. Look for this email address that contains your renewal information, [infosf@aauw.org](mailto:infosf@aauw.org), follow the link and it should be an easy route to process your payment with a credit card. If you need help you can contact me. Thank you for being a member of AAUW National, State, and the Redding Branch.

Gail Paulsen, Membership VP

My four years as AAUW Reflections Newsletter has come to an end. Thank you to all the great ladies I have worked with over the years, always (almost!) getting articles and pictures to me in a timely manner. The proofreaders who have checked and re-checked the newsletters month after month are absolutely amazing!

We need someone to step up and take over this creative and challenging job. I will be available to mentor the new editor.

# AAUW Redding Upcoming Interest Groups Meetings



## June Past Presidents

**Date: Thursday, June 4**

**Time: 11:30 am**

**Place: CR Gibbs, 2300 Hilltop Drive in Redding**

**RSVP: Tara Swanson by June 1**

Last month 10 of us enjoyed amazingly yummy food at Sweeties. Please let Tara know by June 1 that you will be joining us at CR Gibbs on June 4. If it's not too hot, we plan to sit outside.

## Wine and Brews

**will be on break until September. I look forward to being your chair person again and am open to any suggestions of new places to meet.**

Nancy Randall, Chair

## Book Group

Our book group met on May 19 and chose books for the 2026-2027 sections. We enjoyed our appetizer/salad/dessert dinner, had a good visit, and nominated many excellent books. There was lively discussion, and it was difficult to choose only eight books. We look forward to reading the final choices and having more lively discussions next program year. If you would like to join us, all are welcome.

September: *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson

October: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

November: *The Unfinished Life of Margaret Ann Fairbrook* by Carolyn Chandler

December: *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney

January: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

February: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

March: *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* by Sonia Purnell

April: *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur* by Alka Joshi

# June 2026 Walking/Hiking Group Schedule



The walking group welcomes all walkers/hikers, new or veteran. We have a variety of walks and walking paces. Join us for camaraderie and conversation. Some of our walks and hikes are on asphalt, some on dirt, some on a combination of surfaces. Contact Sharon Clairemont for more detailed information about length, location and terrain, and please let her know if you plan to join a walk. **Note the time change! Walks start at 7:30 a.m.**

## Tuesday Walks:

- 6/2 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway parking lot)
- 6/9 Clover Creek (parking lot off Shasta View and Venus)
- 6/16 Sundial Bridge/ Turtle Bay
- 6/23 Churn Creek Trail (trailhead at Tidmore Ln., off College View)
- 6/30 Hornbeck Trail

## Saturday Walks:

- 6/6 Blue Gravel Mine trail (meet in Holiday Market parking lot, near Burrito Bandito; Placer and Buenaventura)
- 6/13 Anderson River Park
- 6/20 Chemise Peak (trailhead parking at the end of Flanagan Rd., Shasta Lake City)
- 6/27 River Trail (meet at the Redding Senior Center parking lot)



## The Movie Group (Movie Monday)

Monday, June 15 at 4:30 pm

Market Street Blade & Barrel, 1777 Market St.

This group carries on all summer. We start off in June with three movies:

*Michael* - showing at Movies 14

*The Sheep Detectives* - showing at Movies 14

*The Lord of the Flies* - a 4-part series on Netflix

Call Andi if you would like to come.

Call Pam Crowe or Andi Winters if you want information about July or August movies. Summer is a good time to join us.

Pam Crowe, Chair

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## Estate Planning, Probate, and Conservatorships

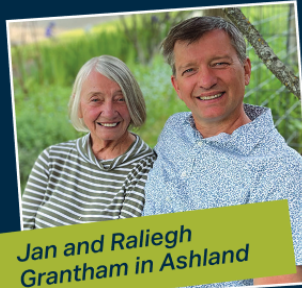
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