

The Lodestone

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Nevada County (CA) Branch

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**THURSDAY
MAY 18**

**Year's End
Luncheon/Program**

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

**Miners Foundry
Nevada City**



The year's final meeting is a luncheon and program featuring installation of new officers and announcement of those selected as AAUW Fund Gift Honorees.

Please plan to be at Miners Foundry to meet the 2023-24 Board, officers, and committee chairs. You'll enjoy a lunch by Emily's Catering, featuring a salad buffet of these choices:

- Mixed green salad with sliced apples & shredded beets
- Quinoa salad with roasted peppers, pine nuts, and arugula
- Spinach salad with mushrooms, egg, bacon, and feta

Also included are artisan breads, iced tea, lemonade, cucumber water, and desserts.

Sixteen-year-old **Baraka Anderson**, piano student of Lynn Schugren and member of the InConcert Sierra Composer's project, will provide music. He was one of the young composers featured in the "Poetry in Song" concert.



Miners Foundry Stone Hall

Handicap parking is available near the building in the lower parking lot. An elevator is available once inside.

Tickets are **\$35**.

AAUW Mission

The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. To that end, the organization encourages its members to actively participate in public discussion to ensure enlightened advocacy on the priorities of AAUW as established by members. Priorities were adopted in May 2019 and can be found on the AAUW website under AAUW Public Policy Priorities.

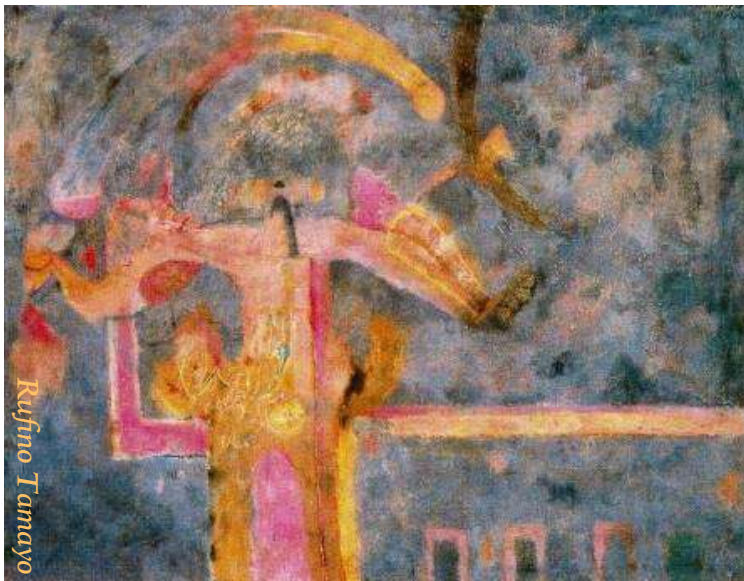
<https://www.aauw.org/resource>

Hope to see you there!

Deborah York

OMG, what an amazing, fun, and successful event we hosted over the weekend. I couldn't be prouder of the many, many members of our branch who contributed their talents, hands, and dollars to make our dreams come true. We set big goals at the start-1. All Hands-on-Deck-involve as many members as possible, make this an Inclusive effort √-2. Involve the community-All trivia teams included members of our community, Eight of them represented other non-profits in Nevada County. √ 3. Raise \$10,000.00 in Matching Funds to boost our Fund-A-Need campaign for scholarships. √, and 4. Raise \$25,000.00 this year so that we can increase the amount of our scholarships, offer more renewable scholarships, and extend our offers to more girls and women. We'll soon let you know the final tallies. What a huge success and gift to our community.

I want to especially thank our Steering Team, including Fundraising Chair **Nancy Jeffery** plus **Carol McMillan, Bup Greenwood, Rhea Williamson, and Karin Quinn**. We have been meeting regularly since last August to plan and execute this event. We didn't do it alone-our Team Leaders-**Penny Savelly & Karen Smith** (Food), **Sue Van Son** {Kitchen}, **Gretchen Corbin** (Hospitality), **Sue Miller & Teri McConnell** (Decorations), **Susie & John Monary-Wilson & Bernadette & Ed Sylvester** (Wine), **John Shulse** (Certified Server), **Gene Haroldsen, Jim Rees, & Ed Sylvester** (Wine serving), **Martha Rees, Lisa Turlo, & Mari Weaver** (Tech); **Cece Royal, Martha Rees, & Bup Greenwood** (Lodestone, Publicity & Programs), **Karin Quinn** (Prizes), **Karin Quinn** & myself (Donations & Trivia Teams),



Rufino Tamayo

Mari Weaver (Set-up & Breakdown), **Carol McMillan & Peg Flanders** (Treasurers), **Rose Tammi, JoAnn Castori, Melanie Heckel, & Franny Erickson** (Trivia Questions), Steering team (Liaison with Pacific Auction Company). Each of these team leaders worked with many of our members as well as outside vendors.



President Deb York

Thank you to each and everyone of you for your support of our Branch and our efforts to further the education for the girls and women in Nevada County!

Congratulations to our new 2023-2024 Board of Directors! Just a reminder, our May Installation and Luncheon is coming up on May 18th, 11:30-1:30 at the Miners Foundry in Nevada City. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased online at [AAUW Nevada County](#), or mail check to P.O. Box 326, Grass Valley, CA 95945 We will have a Salad Buffet with artisan breads & dessert catered by Emily's. Baraka Anderson, an In Concert Sierra student, will perform a short piano concert.

Covid Guidelines

1. We will assume all Branch members are vaccinated and boosted. If you are not, please wear a mask and let Deb York know, and we will accommodate.
2. If you are experiencing symptoms associated with Covid 19 (fever, headache, loss of taste/smell, sore throat, cough, muscle/joint aches, shortness of breath, etc.), please stay home from Branch activities.
3. If a close family member has symptoms or has tested positive, and you do not have symptoms, please mask when carpooling or attending indoor meetings.
4. If you have been traveling with increased exposure, please wear a mask for 5 days after returning if you are attending indoor meetings.
5. A meeting host (interest group leaders, committee chairs, etc.) may request participants to test negative prior to attending meeting or wear masks.
6. If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive (with/without symptoms), please alert meeting host and wear a mask.
7. We will track Nevada County Covid rates and follow all local government and CDC guidelines. We will notify all Branch members of any changes to these guidelines.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Deborah York
Past President	Katherine (Bup) Greenwood
Secretary	Francesca Erickson
Finance Officer	Jennifer Wilkerson
Program VP	Mari Weaver
Membership VP	Deb Cubberley
AAUW Fund VP	Carol McMillan

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Local Scholarship	Rhea Williamson
Public Policy, DEI	Melanie Heckel
	Lisa Turlo
Publicity	Martha Rees
Social Media	Open
Tech Trek	Martha Rees
Ways and Means	Chris Boykin
Communications	Katherine (Bup) Greenwood

STANDING COMMITTEES (NON-BOARD FUNCTIONS)

Lodestone Editor	Cece Royal
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Hospitality	Gretchen Corbin
Interest Groups	Susie Monary-Wilson
Friendship	Pat Pedersen
Historian	Margaret Munson
Fundraiser	Nancy Jeffery
Financial Underwriters	Karen Hull
Development	
Photography	Martha Rees
	Bernadette Sylvester
	Sue Miller
AAUW Msg Line	Cece Royal

2023-24 Elected Officers Final Vote Results

Thank you to all those who voted. The final tally showed the officers listed here approved by 77 YES and 0 NO votes. A hearty welcome to the 2023-24 Elected Officers, with gratitude for your service.

President:	Deb York
Secretary:	Ann Gould
Co-Finance Officers:	Peg Flanders & Jennifer Wilkerson
Program VPs:	Karen Hull & Diane Kellegrew
Membership VP:	Deb Cubberley
AAUW Fund VPs:	Mari Kobus & Carol McMillan



LeeAnn Brook

Issues that Continue to Resonate

By *Melanie Heckel*

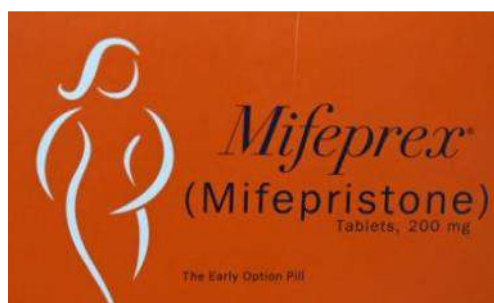
Reproductive Choice

Good News: April 4th, Wisconsin elected liberal Judge Janet Protasiewicz to the State Supreme Court. She made abortion rights a centerpiece of her campaign and the court is now expected to overturn Wisconsin's abortion ban rooted in a 19th Century statute.

The Women's Health Protection Act (S. 701) was introduced in the US Senate on March 8 and in the House on March 30. This bill would finally codify the right for patients to access, and health care professionals to provide, abortion care without barriers or bans in the U.S. [Urge our Senators and Congressman Kevin Kiley to pass the Women's Health Protection Act.](#)

Not So Good News: Nationwide equal access to abortion care is not likely to pass Congress anytime soon, but the introduction of the legislation keeps the discussion active, and will hopefully keep members of Congress accountable. Meet the Press reports that 68% of Americans do NOT support the Dobbs decision.

What is happening with medical abortions? One federal Texas Judge opined that the abortion pill Mifeprestone was improperly approved by the FDA (way back in 2000) and ordered that it be taken off the market nationwide. Another federal Judge, in Washington State, ruled the opposite, it should stay on



the market. The Supreme Court granted a 5-day temporary stay on the Texas ruling, keeping the pill on the market. On Wednesday, April 20, the stay expired, and on April 21 the Supreme Court protected access to the widely used abortion drug by freezing lower-court rulings that placed restrictions on medicated abortion. The case now travels back to the Fifth Circuit federal appeals court which has set an expedited briefing schedule to give a fuller review of the ruling.

Student Loan Debt

On March 27, lawmakers moved to overturn the Department of Education's ability to extend the pause on federal student loan repayment, interest and collections, and to offer up to \$20,000 in relief to federal student loan borrowers. They are doing this through



Melanie Heckel
Public Policy Co-Chair



a Congressional Review Act resolution. If it passes, more than 43 million borrowers who rely on the payment pause will unexpectedly have to restart payments for education loans.

As noted by AAUW President Gloria Blackwell, this isn't a student problem - it's a gender inequity problem, and it impacts us all. Women hold about two-thirds of the country's nearly \$1.7 trillion student debt. **[Urge our Senators and Congressman Kevin Kiley to oppose the Congressional Review Act \(H.J. Res. 45/S.J. Res. 22\).](#)**

From AAUW California

The reception of our "Top 3" bills -AB 1394, SB 287 and AB 549 - was generally favorable, especially the two social media bills. Both staff and legislators could identify with the pervasive problem of having children who are or will be targeted by social media. AB 549 needed a bit more explaining, as some were unfamiliar with CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women. You can find more information on these and all the bills we are supporting here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2023/03/bill-tracking.pdf/>

it's time to vote on the updates to the Public Policy Priorities for 2023-25. In response to input from 466 members, the state Public Policy Committee has recommended and the Board has approved 11 changes, which can be viewed here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2023-proposed-public-policy-priorities/>.

2023 Local Scholarship Recipient Update



Thriving at UC Davis

By Ann Shulse

Aneka Torgrimson loves college life at UC Davis. Her first year as an Asian American Studies major and Political Science minor is nearly complete, and Aneka is thriving. She appreciates the challenge of classes that require long-term projects rather than a lot of busywork. Organization is key since no late work or excuses are accepted. This quarter her classes are Communications, an Asian American Core class, Intro to Political Science, a coffee science lab (yes, for credit!), and Aggie Golf. Aneka has a paid internship with her Asian American professor 10 hours a week. Her research helps create projects where they explore topics and gather data for a book her professor will write. Although she may still pursue a law degree, she is also considering being a university professor.

She lives in a large dorm off campus in a "suite" with 8 other girls. With 3/room it's a bit crowded, so when she needs quiet, small study rooms are available. She loves riding her bike to and from campus.

The ethnic mix at UC Davis is radically different from Nevada Union where she was one of very few Asian Americans. At Davis, Asian Americans are the majority. As a Chinese American, Aneka is enthralled meeting people from so many different Asian cultures. She enjoys being on campus and in classes where she experiences no "uneducated racial slurs" like she did at NU.

Aneka's advice to high school seniors is to apply for scholarships! She applied for 110 and received 10, so she pretty much has a full ride. She is surprised at how many students she's talked to who don't apply for scholarships because they don't like to write!! She looks at school as a joyful journey — so much to learn! — not a destination.

This summer Aneka will live at home, work as a cashier at Briar Patch, and take a Spanish class at Sierra College to satisfy one of her GE requirements.

Aneka will be at Tapas and Trivia on April 29th. She's excited to join the fun and have a chance to meet many of you and other T&T guests. If you had a chance to talk with her, you might have learned about the exciting research and projects she's been doing with her professor!



Tech Trekkers Selected, Gov Trek Update

Our 2023 Trekkers



Martha Rees
Camp Co-Director

Who are our 2023 Nevada County Tech Trekkers? We have a fledgling veterinarian, environmental and social justice activists, and potential marine biologists. Girls who want to find better ways to address neurodevelopmental

problems or develop software advancements to create robots that help us with our daily lives, advance space technology for space travel or design clothes that make it easier for people with disabilities to dress themselves. And girls who want to understand the body and how it functions or make a camp where families with little money could send their children to learn about STEAM. All of these hopes and dreams in just six girls who want to make a difference!!!

So let me introduce **Makaela Erickson** (Magnolia), **Brooklyn Gates** (Seven Hills), **Sage Gompert** (Lyman Gilmore), **Lili Mudd** (Yuba River Charter), **Aidynn Salter** (Union Hill), and **Peyten Stice** (Grass Valley Charter). They will attend this summer's Tech Trek @ UC Davis from July 9th to

15th. On May 2nd, we will hold a special Tech Trek Event to recognize our 2023 Trekkers and their nominating teachers as well as the school principals, the NCSOS office, and our generous

Tech Trek donors who make it all possible. Last year's Trekkers will also be on hand to share their experience and offer words of wisdom. Look for photos in a future *Lodestone*.

Once again, I can't say enough about our Tech Trek Committee members who make sure Nevada County girls have this opportunity:

Michelle Baker, Fran Erickson, Stephanie Facchini, Carolyn Feuille, Chriss Hood, Teri McConnell, Penny Savelly, Jo Ann Schilling, Kathy Scott, Ann Shulse, Bernadette Sylvester, and Carole Yettick.



Gov Trek Program

By Shauna Ruyle, Gov Trek Program Director,
govtrek@aauw-ca.org

Congratulations to the inaugural class of Gov Trek! We are proud to introduce the class of 2023 graduates of the Gov Trek program! After an incredible journey of learning and career exploration, these talented and driven young women are ready to showcase their skills and make their mark on the world of politics. Your support of their efforts was invaluable.

From all of us at AAUW California, we are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of these amazing students. We know they will go on to do great things, and we can't wait to see all that they accomplish.

We invite you to congratulate these outstanding young women by watching and sharing the recordings of their BRILLIANT political campaign simulation videos with your branch and

community. This is a tremendous achievement and a well-deserved recognition of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to gender equity in public service and elected office.

Click [Gov Trek Finale & Competition - AAUW California](#) (aauw-ca.org)

to watch their videos and learn the results of the competition.

NOTE: [Click here](#) to read the impressive coverage *The Union* afforded this project and SID PIXLEY's participation.



Sid Pixley, former Tech Trekker, headed a practice campaign for Governor of California as part of the Gov Trek program.

April 29, 2023, Tapas & Trivia
Superb success & fabulous fun!



[Click here](#) for more
photos on the website.

Interest Groups

In addition to our commitment to AAUW Nevada County Branch's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, we provide educational and enrichment opportunities for our members. If you would like to learn more about the Interest Groups, please see the leaders' contact information in the AAUW Membership Directory or contact **Susie Monary-Wilson** 530-470-9272.



Susie Monary-Wilson,
Interest Group Coordinator

American Mahjong — Ann Frankel



The American Mahjong Group now meets on a Saturday each month. We are now playing with the 2023 American Mahjong Card. If you have an interest in learning and/or playing American Mahjong, please contact Ann Frankel for more information: 530-205-6622 or 01012013af@gmail.com.

Arts and Crafts — Teri Mc Connell

For our May Arts & Crafts event we are taking a field trip to the ReCreate craft thrift store in Rocklin.



The non-profit ReCreate (the subject of our February AAUW meeting) works with businesses and individuals in the region to provide hands-on educational programs and strives to make creative expression

accessible to all. This outing will be held on our regular first Thursday date, May 4th. We will carpool and also have lunch afterwards.

For more information, please contact Bup Greenwood (bupgreenwood@gmail.com). Note: Our planning luncheon for next year will be held on June 4th.

IDEAS: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action Squad—Lisa Turlo



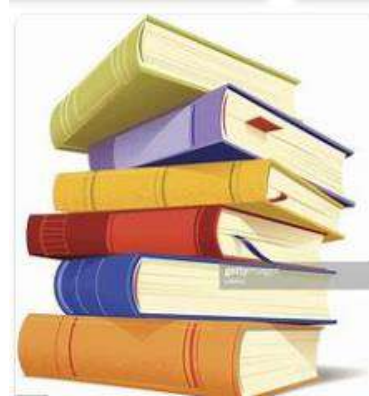
The IDEA Squad met at Ann Shulse's lovely home on April 19. Several members attended the LGBTQ+ Panel as part of Maddux Eckerling's Senior Project, entitled, "Strength in Pride." The purpose of this event was to enlighten the community about struggles of LGBTQ+

youth. We will meet on **May 17th** at Lisa Turlo's home. Please contact Lisa Turlo at lisaturlo59@gmail.com for more information.

Book Discussions

Mostly Fiction — Robin Laverly-Reves

The Mostly Fiction Book Discussion Group members were especially grateful to gather for our April meeting at the home of Carole Yettick after the weather caused us to cancel in March. We will meet on **Thursday, May 11th** to discuss *Happiness: A Novel* by Aminatta Forna. Forna asks us to consider the interconnections of lives, our co-existence with one another and all living creatures, and the true nature of happiness. This is a theme that resonates with AAUW members. Looking ahead to our June meeting during which we select books to read next season, members should add recommendations to the google doc or send them to Robin to be added. If you would like more information about the Mostly Fiction group including venue for the next meeting, contact Robin: robinreves@comcast.net.



Non-Fiction — Diane Kellegrew

During our May 16th meeting, the Non-Fiction Book Club will select our reading list for next year (September 2023 through June 2024). Each member is asked to submit their recommendations by email before the May meeting. Our **May 15** meeting will take place at the home of **Ann Shulse** from **1 to 2:30 PM**. A round robin of book-voting, laughter, and delicious snacks will lead us to another great reading year. Our last meeting of the year will take place on **June 20th** at the home of **Susie Monary-Wilson**. We will discuss *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Ed Jong. At this time, summer book club meetings (July, August) are to be decided. If you are interested in joining the group for summer reading, this is the time to let us know. If you are interested in joining us at our next meeting, please contact Diane (diane.kellegrew@gmail.com) for meeting location and details.

Interest Groups (cont.)

Garden Group—Janine Martin



Thursday, May 25th from 10-12:30 we will be visiting Empire Mine in Grass Valley. Our AAUW and garden group member **Kris Vasser** (docent for the park) will be leading our tour. Please

meet at the main entrance to the Empire Mine grounds at 10. We will visit the rose garden, grounds, learn some of the history, etc. Please bring water, lunch and a \$5 entry fee. Also, a great gift shop to visit. Please let me know if you will be attending. Contact janineandgalen@gmail.com.

Gnaw and Jaw — Deb Cubberley & Chris Boykin



May is our final small group dinner with a theme of Farm to Fork. We are tentatively planning a whole group get

together for June. Information will be forth coming. Be thinking of possible themes for next year's small group dinners. As Gnaw 'n Jaw is wrapping up its first year, I believe the consensus is that the experience has been enjoyable. Currently we have 46 members and 6 dining groups. Our second year begins in the fall, and it is time to mix it up. We will be forming new small dining groups. These groups are selected randomly using the tried-and-true method of throwing names in a hat (or, in this case, probably a basket). Before that we will need a somewhat stable list of those of you interested in participating. Shortly we will be contacting members to find out if they are interested in continuing next year. It is also a good time for those of you considering joining the group to contact either Deb Cubberley debclubberley@comcast.net or Chris Boykin at chrismboykin@gmail.com. We accept singles, singles plus one, and couples.

Gracious Helpers — Pat Pedersen



Gracious Helpers is a group that provides meals for members who are suffering from a trauma. It might be an injury, death, or surgery for themselves or a spouse or significant other. We determine the needs of the member, such as dietary necessities, day of delivery and time of the delivery. We use a website called Meal Train which provides us with a page for the recipient. We deliver easy meals, and most providers make meals which they usually make for themselves. If you can assist us, please contact Pat at 530-477-1881 or ppedersen76@comcast.net. She will be happy to explain the process to you.

Great Decisions — Susie Monary-Wilson



Great Decisions will meet on **Tuesday May 23rd** from 10 to noon to discuss chapter 5, Politics in Latin America, led by **Bup Greenwood** and **Melanie Heckel**. We'll meet at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 235 South Church Street, Grass Valley in

Bucks Hall. Please contact Susie Monary-Wilson for more information at monarywilson@msn.com.

Hiking Group — Jane Winter

Record snowfall in the Sierras this year is causing us to change the hiking schedule this Spring as several trails on the schedule still have too much snow. On **Wed 5/3** **Mary Menconi** leads a wildflower hike on the Cascade Trail in Nevada City. Details to be sent to group



members soon. **Mon 5/22 Jane Winter** is changing her hike to the Independence Trail East, the nation's first identifiable wilderness trail that is steeped in gold mining history. South Yuba River State Park. Rated easy / 4.4 mi / 213 elevation gain. Questions? contact janeinsierras@gmail.com.

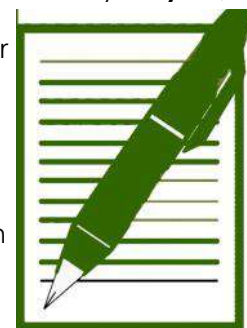
Watercolor — Allison Rapp

Spring is a fabulous time to pull out watercolors and immerse yourself in Nature. A simple palette produces an amazing range of colors that will leave even Mother Nature impressed. And best of all, the ability to draw is optional! Our watercolor group meets on the **third Wednesday** of each month from **6-8:30-ish**. Contact Allison Rapp if you're interested in joining us at AllisonRapp@gmail.com



Writing Group — Deb York

Writing Group for Critique will meet Monday **May 8th, 1:00-3:00** at the Madelyn Helling Library in the Prospectors room. Our monthly Write-In session will be on Monday, **May 15th, 2:00-3:30** at the home of **Deb York**. Please contact Deborah York deborah11623@gmail.com or 925.216.6140 if you are interested in participating.





Great Decisions, March 28, discussing "Economic Warfare."



The IDEAS Interest Group attended the March 23 Strength In Pride event. They heard young people describe their experiences relating to LGBTQ. For more information on this event, click [HERE](#).



The Writing Group

Book Review—Non-Fiction

All We Can Save

edited by Anya Elizabeth Johnson & Katherine Wilkinson



Johnson & Wilkinson

All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis,

is a compilation

of essays and poems by a diverse range of female writers at the forefront of the climate movement — scientists, artists, poets, lawyers, architects, activists, journalists, politicians, entrepreneurs, and farmers. The book is edited by [Ayana Elizabeth Johnson](#), a marine biologist and climate activist, and [Katherine K Wilkinson](#), lead writer on the [Drawdown](#) Project, who were frustrated at the lack of female voices in the climate movement.



Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, left, and Katherine Wilkinson, editors of the anthology *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage and Solutions for the Climate Crisis.*

While many inspiring women are doing great work, their stories were going untold. This collection of essays captures some of those stories and perspectives, and we find out more about their work and philosophy in

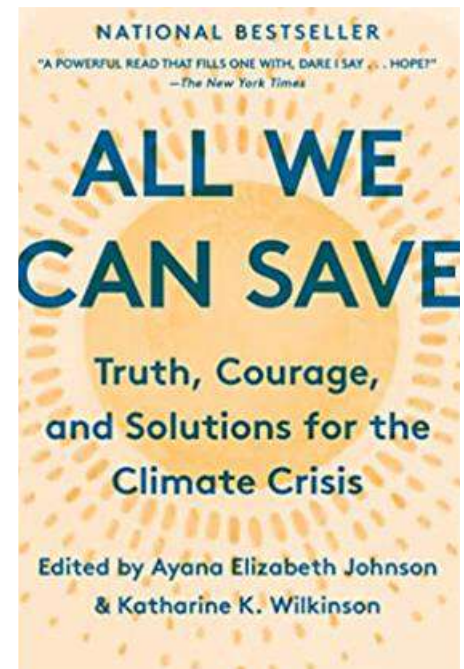
their own words. Among many topics, the essays cover the importance of truth in journalism, lessons from sustainable architecture, the opportunities of ocean farming, and the realities of living in a flood zone.

There are essays about nature, like biologist Janine Benyus' "Reciprocity," on the way trees and plants work together to help each other grow, and personal essays like Rhiana Gunn-Wright on how policy failures in her Chicago neighborhood led her to develop the Green New Deal.

The book also includes calls to action, like teenage activist Xiye Bastida's "Calling In" and Naomi Klein's "On Fire." The book takes some time to read, as the essays and poems deserve some reflection. On the other hand, the book lends itself to skipping around, reading one essay or poem, depending on how much time you have and your interest in each topic.

I'd recommend *All We Can Save* to anyone concerned about what climate change means to ordinary people, and what we can do about it.

—Submitted by Mary Menconi



IMPORTANT: Renewal Process Is Changing

Before we get to the business of renewing, let me introduce you to new member

Maureen Allison. Maureen joined at the recommendation of a current member. She is now retired but has been a science teacher and middle school assistant principal. Maureen is interested in joining a book group and the hiking group, and has expressed a desire to help the Branch in all sorts of ways, including Tech Trek, fundraising, hospitality, local scholarships, and legal advocacy. Please be sure to welcome this enthusiastic new member.

Now for business. National has raised its dues \$5. It has also changed how membership renewals will be processed. In the past, most of you sent your renewal to the Branch where the amount due National and the State were then forwarded; however, now you will be sending the entire amount (including state and local portions) to National. The state and local portions of your dues will then be credited back to those entities.



*Deb Cubberley
Membership VP*

Further, memberships will now be renewed one year from your last membership renewal. For most of us that means that our membership renewal date will be June 30. For newer members and new members joining in the future, their renewal date will be one year from the date that they joined. Not to worry, National will be sending out email notices to each of you in plenty of time for you to submit your renewal. These notices will instruct you how to self-renew online with your credit card. For those of you that still prefer to pay by check, it is possible to mail your check to the Branch as you've done in the past.

A couple of our members joining last spring have already received their first dues notice. Those of us renewing as of June 30 should be receiving our first notice sometime this month. It is my understanding that you will receive a maximum of three notices; however, after the due date you are considered to be in a grace period. The grace period lasts for three months or until you pay your dues. During this time you will remain on the roster. If you choose to renew (and we hope you do) your renewal date will not change. After the grace period, if you have not renewed, your name will be dropped from the membership list.

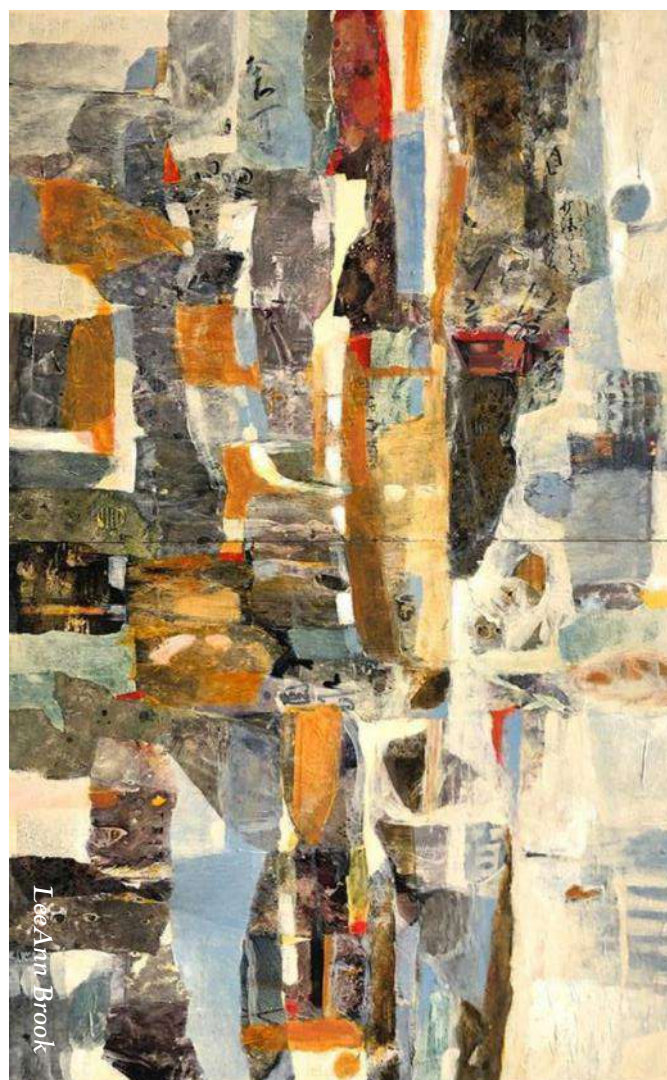
If you have any questions or problems, please contact me. I don't pretend to have all the answers since this process has just been developed and is only now being implemented for the first time, but I am willing to help, if I can.

Please note: Membership will be asked to vote on raising Branch dues \$2. With membership approval, total yearly membership dues will be \$110.



We are happy to acknowledge the following businesses who have generously donated toward the support of our Branch. Please patronize them and thank them for their support!

- **Bodacious Blooms Flower Farm**
Karen Hull
- **KNCO News Talk 830**
- **MOVE! Fitness Studio**
Marilyn Rohrbacher
- **Move Like You Used To**
Allison Rapp
- **Sierra Tech Guy**
David Ball
- **Sierra Timberline**
- **Sierra View Medical Eye, Inc.**
Keith Mercer, MD
- **SPD Market**
Ben Painter
- **Westamerica Bank**
Bernadette & Ed Sylvester
- **Jennifer L. Wilkerson, Attorney at Law**
- **Wolf Mountain Spa**
- **Young Enterprises Rincon del Rio**



Ways & Means Just Buy 2!

Just 10 bucks for 2 raffle tickets!!

We're asking each member to "Just Buy 2" Raffle Tickets (\$5 each) for the Handmade Quilt or Shoulder Bag to support Branch operations (if your budget allows).

- Did you know that the cost for renting any room, especially the one we currently use at Peace Lutheran Church for our meetings, has gone up? Monthly costs are between \$400-\$500!
- Other expenses such as printing, mailings, supplies, advertising, and speakers have gone up too!

The Ways and Means budget supports these administrative expenses.

You can purchase raffle tickets on our AAUW Nevada County website. [AAUW Ways & Means Raffle to Support Branch Operations | Nevada County \(CA\) Branch](#). Or purchase at the May 18 luncheon. The drawing will take place then.



We have a new AAUW branded item for sale! Double wall ceramic 11 oz. tumblers with silicone lids. Just \$10 each!! Available online [AAUW Branded Merchandise | Nevada County \(CA\) Branch](#). You may have to wait, however, to receive it in September.