

## April Speaker Series



### The Mystery of Quilt History: Fabric Archaeology Revealed

*Lynda Salter Chenoweth, Quilt Historian*

Tuesday, April 7

5:00 Social Gathering; 5:30 AAUW Business; 5:45 Speaker

Healdsburg High School Library, 1024 Prince Street

Every quilt has a story to tell. The trick is to know how to read that story. Some speak volumes while others provide only a whisper about their origins, maker(s), and the historical context in which they were created.

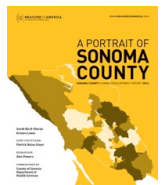
Quilter and quilt historian Lynda Salter Chenoweth will share her fascination with quilts as a reflection of history and lifestyle. After 26 years at UC Berkeley, Lynda now resides in Sonoma where she pursues her passion for quilting, plus quilt history and research. A board member of the American Quilt Study Group, Lynda has published two books based on her quilt research. Come meet the author of *Philena's Friendship Quilt* at this special event.

Lynda will bring three quilts from her own collection to this illustrated talk about 19<sup>th</sup> century signature quilts (aka "friendship" or "inscribed" quilts). She will explain how she discovered the story behind Philena's quilt and describe the resources available to anyone who would like to discover the story behind a treasured quilt that is part of their family heritage.

Attendees are invited to bring along a family quilt or two to share with us all. In the spirit of *Antiques Roadshow*, Lynda will be happy to comment on them, their possible dates, and any historical aspects they reveal. Sound like fun? Be there, or be square.

—Diane Bartleson and Winky Merrill, Co-Chairs

**Save the Date! *May Speaker Series* Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 5 p.m. Jen Lewis, Sonoma County Department of Health Services & Karin Demarest, Community Foundation Sonoma County, will speak on "A Portrait of Sonoma County," a report commissioned by the Sonoma County Department of Health Services. You can prepare for the meeting by reading the following:**  
<http://www.measureofamerica.org/sonoma/>



## President's Message



On February 19 I had the good fortune to attend a Healdsburg Unified School District Board meeting to receive recognition from Superintendent Jeff Harding for our contributions to the school district. Since 2007, that includes over \$78,000 in donations to Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) as well as volunteer activities such as Career Choices and Reading Rocks. I know it always feels good to be thanked, so I'm passing on the District's thanks to all our members.

On March 5 our second Forum series kicked off with almost as many participants as the winter season. The Forum has proved itself to be a rousing success with almost \$28,000 raised to date. Thanks go to **Kay Kohler, Judy Edmonds, Liz Loebel, and Katherine Lacy** for initiating such a successful fundraising initiative.

I attended the latest New Member Coffee on March 6 at **Pat Bertapelle's** house and met a number of new members. We have some very enthusiastic and engaged new members, and I hope they all find activities they enjoy and support our branch. It's amazing to me that at this time last year we had 170 members, and today we have 185, a 9% increase.

April is an important month for AAUW. First of all, we celebrate Equal Pay Day on April 14, which represents the day women's pay catches up to men's for the previous year. In other words, women need to work 104 days into 2015 to earn what men made in 2014. We also hold our state AAUW elections starting April 18 and concluding May 8. We will be electing a president-elect to a one-year term followed by a two-year term as president, a chief financial officer to a two-year term, a secretary for a one-year term, and three directors to two-year terms. Check the AAUW CA website for candidate information after the April 4 nomination deadline.

We will hold our own Branch elections at the May 5 Speaker Series/Member Meeting. Before our featured speaker begins, we will vote on candidates for the Board. A list will be email blasted when ready and appear in next month's *Grapevine*. We will also be voting on a new Board position, which requires a Bylaws change. As part of our Branch strategic planning process, the Board decided that we should replace the position of Homes Tour Chair with a Fundraising Chair. This Board position would oversee our Branch fundraising efforts, including the Homes Tour, Forum, Tech Trek, and any donation campaigns or other fundraising activities we choose to pursue. This Bylaws change will require a two-thirds majority vote of the members attending the meeting whereas the Board elections only require a simple majority. If you would like to see a copy of the proposed Bylaws revisions, please contact me, and I will email them to you. Otherwise, copies will be available at the May 5 meeting.

I'm sure you all have the Healdsburg Homes Tour on your calendars for May 3, and I hope you're all doing your part to support it. Please also save June 6 for our annual Installation Luncheon at Riverfront Regional Park, where we welcome our new Board members and thank our outgoing Board members for their service on the Board. Our annual picnic will be held August 12 at a location to be determined. And last but not least, our 2015 Kick-Off Meeting will be combined with a celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an AAUW Branch on September 17 at Healdsburg Country Gardens.

—Sue Campbell

### Tax-Deductible Gifts

**Donate to Healdsburg AAUW Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation (approval pending). Mail checks to Healdsburg AAUW Fund, P.O. Box 1064, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Thank you for all of your help and support.**

—Ronnie Devitt and  
Cecile Peters, Homes Tour Co-Chairs



## Healdsburg Homes Tour

May 3, 2015

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Homes Tour is just around the corner. **Candy Danhausen's** team has again gathered raffle donations to fill six bags of goodies with overnight lodging, wines, and certificates for dining and all sorts of products and services from Healdsburg's businesses. Each bag is worth hundreds of dollars. **Patty McHugh** has obtained an impressive number of sponsors and advertisers. **Charlene Luks** is coordinating the efforts to get the event fully staffed; that necessitates participation from over half of our members.

Not all of the work is done though. **Katherine Lacy** and **Sally Freelen** are frantically trying to get as much publicity for the event as possible. Many of you will be distributing postcards, posters, and brochures throughout the area to remind people to attend. The homeowners are working to get their homes in perfect order. Many of you are looking at your cookie recipes to decide what to bake for the refreshments. And of course, we are exhorting everyone to buy Tour and raffle tickets.

Although Homes Tour is no longer our only fundraiser, it is still the initial and most identifiable fundraiser for our Branch. The profits from Homes Tour will be used to support a variety of local educational programs and scholarships for women and girls. We hope all of our members will support the Tour and/or make a donation.

—**Ronnie Devitt and Cecile Peters**, co-chairs

### The 2015 Homes Tour: Spanning Three Centuries

Our 25th annual Healdsburg Homes Tour takes place on Sunday, May 3, 2015, with an unprecedented range of six homes for visitors to explore—their building dates spanning three centuries. One of the oldest, built in 1901, was long the home of one of Healdsburg's most prominent citizens; the most recent, a Modernist factory-built Blu Home, was completed—start to finish—in 2014.

In the case of the 1901 home, a young couple with a long-standing family connection to the house has merged a respect for the home's earliest architectural details with a 21st century sense of design. The Blu Home, located on a deep, narrow lot a matter of blocks from the Town Plaza, ingeniously transforms a design intended for a more expansive property into one that works

brilliantly within its restricted boundaries—swimming pool included. Among the other four homes on the Tour, one is a sweetly renovated Victorian dating from 1885 in a style that references the Dutch roots of its builder. In a first, the Tour is moving from downtown locations to a South Fitch Mountain Road farmhouse scheduled to appear on both the 2015 and 2016 Tours as the owner undertakes a major restoration of the house and out buildings.

**Tour check-in time is 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 3 at the Healdsburg Museum. Tickets are \$40 on the day of the Tour or \$35 in advance on our website.** Total revenue from last year's Tour was a record \$50,000. Please plan to attend and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so

—**Katherine Lacy**



## Have You Signed Up? The Homes Tour Needs You!

**We still need docents and other helpers for the Homes Tour on May 3.**

**Please do your part!** We only ask you once a year and it's an enjoyable and rewarding day. This is the major fundraiser for our scholarships. There will be rotation of rooms during the shift for variety and some time to be seated. Information about the house will be emailed to docents later. We are using **VolunteerSpot**, the online scheduling tool: you can choose your shift and other ways to help (See [Other Homes Tour Roles](#) at right.)

### Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on **VolunteerSpot** <http://vols.pt/rnv52b> (Be patient; it's slow to load.)
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will **not** need to register for an account on **VolunteerSpot**. Ignore any pop up ads.)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spot. On May 3, all morning shifts are listed first. Scroll down and click an assignment to sign up. **Easy!** **VolunteerSpot** will email you an automated confirmation.

*Please consider signing up a spouse or partner,* but use a separate email address. If you prefer not to use **VolunteerSpot** to sign up, contact me at [charleneluks@msn.com](mailto:charleneluks@msn.com)

### Other Homes Tour Roles

**TICKET Check-in table and RAFFLE Ticket Table afternoon shifts;** these are good roles for those who need a *seated* assignment.

**Refreshment Servers** – standing, refilling trays, etc. We also need **Cookie Bakers** for the refreshments, a good role if you will be out of town on May 3.

**Also on VolunteerSpot, you can sign up to attend the Post-Tour Happy Hour beginning at 4:30 p.m.** All volunteers and spouses/partners are invited. Thank you for your participation! —Charlene Luks

### Save the Date for Post-Tour Party Sunday Afternoon, May 3

Please mark your calendar for our **Post Homes Tour Happy Hour Celebration**. Details are in the works, but savor the advance tidbit that it will take place at the **Healdsburg Museum** following the Tour, and **Bella Winery** will be pouring wine for our enjoyment!



**We look forward to a great time!**

—Carol Hazlett and Neita Comings

### Homes Tour Cookie Bakers Needed

The homes have been selected for this year's Homes Tour and they will be a treat to visit. Perfect weather has been requested for May 3, so our charming town of Healdsburg will be on display at its finest. But, what do our guests *really* love about this day? Our **delicious homemade cookies**, graciously served at the refreshment house!

Greetings to all new and experienced Homes Tour cookie bakers -- your services are requested! Please sign up soon to bake 4-5 dozen cookies, preferably by using **VolunteerSpot**, (click on this link or paste <http://vols.pt/rnv52b> into your browser, or if you are not comfortable doing that, by contacting **Charlene Luks**, [charleneluks@msn.com](mailto:charleneluks@msn.com). In April I will send you details and cookie drop-off instructions. Thank you in advance for your yummy and much appreciated contributions.

—Pat Swaney

## Community Service

**Our amazing volunteers are making such a difference in our community. Here are two AAUW programs that are so popular they have expanded to two different schools.**

**—Judy Edmonds**

### Reading Rocks Now at West Side School



**Barbara Gruber and Denny Martin**

This school year the Reading Rocks program expanded to include a first grade classroom at West Side School. A volunteer from AAUW is in the classroom one morning each week for an hour during reading and language time. This is a time in the school day when helpers are especially valuable to teachers and their students.

AAUW provides a different volunteer on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and please note: there is an opening on Thursday if anyone would like to volunteer.

**How do volunteers know what to do?** As soon as you step in the room, the teacher will quickly tell you what to do and how to do it. You do not have to be a former teacher to be a great classroom volunteer!

#### **What do volunteers do?**

You step in the door, see a big welcoming smile on the teacher's face and have twenty-some first graders' happy faces looking right at you! What comes next depends on what's happening that very day in the classroom. You can count on being busy for an hour that flies by!

You could be...

- Circulating around the classroom helping children work independently while the teacher has uninterrupted time with a reading group
- listening to children read
- reading to children
- meeting with a few children in a separate room to play a reading game or activity
- showing children how to do a reading activity
- answering questions
- taking a group to or from the library or computer room
- talking to a student who seems to be "stuck" and getting him/her "unstuck."

#### **How students benefit:**

They experience less waiting time and more one-to-one or small group time. The more on-task-time children have, the more learning goes on! *First grade is a critical time*, and results last throughout a child's school years and even into adulthood.

Time is up! The kids are dismissed for recess and today's volunteer has just experienced an hour that whizzed by helping young readers. No wonder this program is called Reading Rocks!

**—Barbara Gruber**



## Career Choices Comes to Cloverdale



**Diane Bartleson**, Cloverdale High School student liaison Maria Gonzalez, and Valerie Marder

Think back to your high school days. What if an articulate professional had come to your school and explained that, like her, you could build a career as ...a city planner? ...a director of a non-profit organization? ...a newspaper editor? ...an enologist? ...a television producer? Might this exposure have made a difference in your chosen career path?

That's the premise of AAUW Career Choices, the award-winning educational program developed for Healdsburg students by our own **Judy Edmonds**.

I had a hunch this program would be helpful to students in my hometown of Cloverdale. Located on the far side of Sonoma County, many of our public school students come from hard-working blue-collar families or single parent homes. Many kids lack exposure to life's possibilities (with the dubious exception of our neighbor Mendocino County's underground economy).

Longtime Cloverdale resident and local Rotarian Valerie Marder agreed with me: Cloverdale kids need Career Choices! So armed with Judy's groundwork, plus the enthusiastic support of Cloverdale High School teachers and Principal Theresa Burke, we made it happen.

To date, we've spotlighted career panels in these diverse categories: Medical, Communications, Engineering, and Environmental. Any high school student may self-select to participate, resulting in an average of 35 fully engaged students attending each career panel.

For me, the biggest surprise is how eager busy professionals are to lend a hand to this endeavor. With the help of Hispanic Chamber leader Jenny Chamberlain, I have had offers from, for example, women in STEM careers as far away as Oakland willing to drive to Cloverdale to provide meaningful role models for our young people. I am touched by the generosity of so many strangers who, regardless of distant zip code, want to make a difference in the lives of our young people.

There is no doubt that Cloverdale kids are hungry for opportunity and value the insights gained at each of these sessions. After each event, I know in my heart that the direction of at least one life has been touched in some profound way by our effort.

Do Val and I feel rewarded for this contribution to our community's next generation of workers? You bet we do!

Want to bring any of our fine AAUW programs to a school in our district? All it takes is some behind-the-scenes coordination. Build it and they will come.

—**Diane Bartleson**

## New Email Addresses

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**Terry Watson Herman**

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—**Gail Wright**

## Cultural Tour Of McEvoy Ranch April 22 "Earth Day"



Come share a wonderful day exploring the beautiful McEvoy Ranch on Red Hill Road in Petaluma best known for its delicious olive oil. Our tour will provide an overview of this private Ranch's

history, their commitment to environmental responsibility, their wine program, and how they produce award-winning olive oil. We'll walk in the orchards and vineyards where our guide will talk about the horticulture of their plantings and visit their state-of-the-art mill for an explanation of their unique process of extracting oil. At the end of the tour we'll be led through an oil tasting and sensory evaluation offering suggestions for how to best enjoy olive oil. Following the tour, we will have the option of tasting a flight of three wines for an additional \$15.

We'll meet in the Soccer Field Parking Lot on Healdsburg Avenue (north of Big John's) at 9:45 a.m. Our 1-1/2 hour Tour will begin at 11 a.m. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy in their picnic area. Cost: \$30 plus an optional \$15 if you wish to enjoy the wine tasting. The Tour is limited to 25, with guests added to a waiting list until one week prior to the Tour.

To reserve your spot, **Lynda Guthrie** must receive your reservation and check for \$30 (or \$45 if you would like to include wine tasting) no later than Wednesday, **April 10**. After that date guests may be added to the list on a space-available basis. [Guthrie.lynda@gmail.com](mailto:Guthrie.lynda@gmail.com)

707/236-0220

P.O. Box 1050, Healdsburg, CA 95448

—Lynda Guthrie

## Lunch Bunch in the Spring! Wednesday, April 8 Geyserville Grille

It's hard to believe, but the last of our Lunch Bunch outings for the year is about to occur. This time, we're heading north to Geyserville and lunching at the beautifully renovated Geyserville Grille—some of you may still call it the Hoffman House, but either way it promises to be a wonderful meal with good friends.

We'll be dining outdoors on the new deck (weather permitting) and food will be served family style, with platters presented then passed among ourselves. There are five entree choices: mushroom stuffed chicken, fettuccine al vino rossa, beef tenderloin, chicken piccata, penne pasta, and vegetarian lasagna. Dessert is bread pudding or chocolate mousse.

The cost is \$25 per person, including tax and tip. Coffee, tea, soda, and water are included. In addition to being able to purchase wine off the menu by the glass or bottle, you will also have the option of bringing your own bottle with corkage fee of \$10.

Please email your reservation to [sharynbarney@comcast.net](mailto:sharynbarney@comcast.net) (or call 707/473-9555) by **Thursday, April 2**. We are required to provide a ***firm*** headcount to the restaurant on Friday, April 3. Make sure your check is received not later than the deadline: make it payable to **Sharyn Sarquis**; mail it to her at 110 Parkwoods Court, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

Please note that because we have to provide a ***firm*** headcount, we will **NOT** be able to provide refunds after the deadline date.

We hope to see you there!

—Sharyn Sarquis and Mickey Sarquis

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation, an accident, or has passed away, please notify **Sheila Kneass** so that a card can be sent to the person or family from AAUW [skneass@att.net](mailto:skneass@att.net) or 707/433-5646.



## A Word About Our Membership Dues

March 15 is the opening date you can pay your annual membership dues online. If you remember, the California members voted last year to raise the state dues from \$16 to \$20. Thus our dues have increased to \$94 this year. Payment can be made online at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) or by sending a check written to **AAUW** for **\$94** to Gail Wright. An invoice with all the details will be sent to you within the week. Look for an email from [EONline@aauw.org](mailto:EONline@aauw.org) in your IN box.

NOTE: To pay your dues online, first check to be sure you're registered on the national website with your member number and your own password.

### **Our \$94 is divided into three areas:**

**\$49 goes to our national organization** - \$46 of that is tax deductible.

The national dues fund work at the national level in public policy, including public policy and legal defense, and administrative expenses, including the national publication, *AAUW Outlook*.

### **\$20 goes to our state organization.**

The state dues fund Tech Trek, AAUW Funds, branch support, communications, leadership development, and public policy, and include the *California Perspective* newsletter.

### **\$25 goes to our Healdsburg Branch.**

The Branch dues go to our administrative expenses, social activities, and our newsletter, *The Grapevine*.  
—Gail Wright

## Women's History Minute

In celebration of National Women's History Month 2015, NWHM is proud to announce the launch of its new video series - *Women's History Minute*. Set to debut on Sunday, March 1, the series will consist of daily 60-second videos produced to honor the ingenuity, dedication and effort that American women have invested in our nation.



Be sure to visit their YouTube channel every day during March to view the latest *Women's History Minute*. From Julia Morgan's architectural design of Hearst Castle to Dr. Chien Shiung Wu's groundbreaking work as a physicist during World War II, this video series champions the achievements of women in various professions, as well as their roles in social and political movements. You can view *Women's History Minute* here: <http://tinyurl.com/>

—AAUW CA

## Cribbage, Anyone?

Interested in playing Cribbage? A Cribbage club is being talked about. If you are interested in playing or learning to play Cribbage on a regular basis, please contact **Phil Wright**.

## Working on your income taxes??

Did you know that ...**you can deduct \$46 for the national portion of your AAUW dues?**

—Gail Wright



## New Member



"I'm a bridge player, a walker, and my husband Tony and I love to travel. Not too long ago we were on a wild Skeleton Coast safari, and we're planning a trip to Oman."

Moving here from Provence last April, **Maggie Carter** states that the food is better here. She also likes the small size of the town, similar to her former home in France. What does she miss? "We could drive to different countries, like Italy, just for the day." True; Willits isn't exactly Italy...

"But we love it here, and we're close to our kids in Corte Madera. And I'm eager to become more involved."

Talk about involvement! Maggie began describing the project, "Helping Hands", she'd helped to found while living in Hong Kong. "These single elderly men had escaped from the Cultural

Revolution in China, but upon arriving, had nowhere to go. The government did not provide housing for single people, men or women, so that a room this size (indicating Café Noto's girth) held about 60 men. There were three tiers of beds, each bed space enclosed with chicken wire to eliminate theft of the occupant's belongings. I guess you could say they were basically living in caged dormitories. There were a couple of communal toilets down the hall, with cooking facilities next to the toilet."

"Helping Hands" lobbied the government to build decent housing as well as provide nursing for these neglected people. "In fact," smiled Maggie, "We became the government's 'flavor of the month'; one of the homes was opened by Princess Diana!"

It's obvious why this university professor of social policy and social work is interested in community work... and we're happy to have Maggie's "helping hands" in our organization! —**Sue Finan**

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