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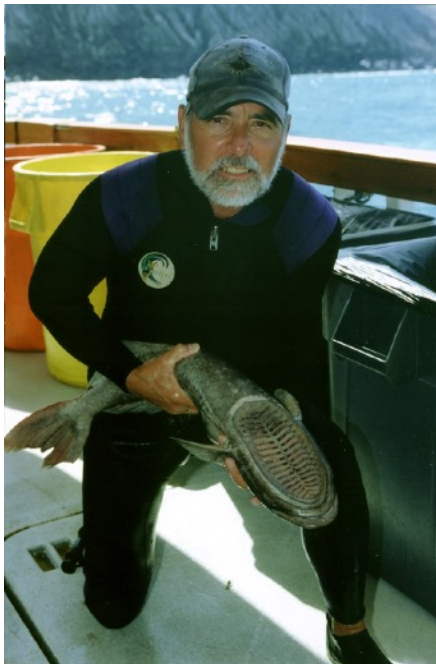


BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & ENRICHING THOUGHT

Spring 2022 Online Courses – Registration begins March 1

Spring Forum courses start March 15th

Registration begins February 15th [here](#)



Robert (Bob) Rubin, PhD

The Ocean Off our Coast:

Sea Life in the California Current

Tuesdays 10-11:45 AM, Mar. 15 to Apr. 19



Pete Elman

American Folk Music

The Golden Age: 1950-1975

Thursdays 10-11:45 AM, Mar. 17 to Apr. 21

Robert Rubin takes us Underwater

The California Current is one of only four highly diverse, life-filled current systems in the world's oceans. As Professor Rubin dives deep into his subject, he will show us stunning original videos that will inspire us to help preserve this natural wonderland.

Dr. Rubin is the founder and director of the Pacific Manta Research Group. Recent work by Dr. Rubin and his colleagues in the subtropical Pacific significantly contributed to the UNESCO establishment of the Revillagigedo Archipelago of Mexico as a World Heritage Site. Their efforts also include establishment of educational programs about protection and conservation of marine organisms in colleges and universities in Mexico and the USA. Dr. Rubin has been selected by the State of California legislature and the United States Congress, to receive their awards for outstanding contributions to college and university teaching. You won't want to miss this class! [CLICK HERE](#) to meet our new instructor, Robert Rubin.

Pete Elman Returns!

The dynamic Pete Elman is back to give us a fascinating course about American Folk music, which he calls the "soundtrack" of the period 1950-1975. Pete examines how folk music became integrated into the larger world of politics and popular music. The legendary musicians he will cover include:

Week One: the early days: sowing the seeds of protest in a tuneful way: John Lomax, Leadbelly, Carter Family, Woody Guthrie, Almanac singers, Pete Seeger, Josh White, Weavers, New Lost City Ramblers, Odetta, and Harry Belafonte.

Week Two: 1961-65 The Bard arrives from the North Country and takes New York by storm; the first couple of folk music: Bob Dylan and Joan Baez.

Week Three: NYC in the early 1960's: Greenwich Village, the folk magazines: *Broadside* and *Sing Out*, Folkways records, Vanguard records, Jac Holzman and Elektra records, Dave Van Ronk, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Tom Paxton, Phil Ochs, Tom Rush, Richard and Mimi Farina, Cisco Houston, Doc Watson, Judy Collins.

Week Four: Folk groups who made the music accessible: Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, Highwaymen, Limeliter, Brothers Four, New Christy Minstrels.

Week Five: Gone but not forgotten; late singers who pushed the boundaries of folk music: Richie Havens, Fred Neil, Tim Hardin, Tim Buckley, John Stewart, Steve Goodman (not gone!), and a tribute to John Prine.

Week Six: The Canadian connection: Buffy St. Marie, Ian and Sylvia, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen, Jesse Winchester.

Zoom v. "In Person" classes

As I write this article in January, we are not sure if we will be able to present the Spring Forum classes live in person at the Raven Performing Arts Center. We will try to record the classes as well, so those who prefer can watch them remotely. If we can't return to the Raven by March 15th we will keep our classes online. Either way, if you miss a class you will be able to watch the recording at a time convenient to you. Watch for our emails on updates.

Remember these classes are fundraisers, and all the net proceeds go to support our local educational programs and scholarships for women and girls.

Celeste Plaister, Forum Chair

President's Message



In this month's Grapevine, you will see the invitation to the Sneak Peek at The Madrona, formerly Madrona Manor. Thanks to **Julia Graves** and her committee, AAUW Healdsburg has been chosen to benefit from this exclusive experience. We are excited to host this 2 day fundraising event on March 18 and 19. The invitation will go out to our membership and the broader local community in early February. Do not wait around to reserve your spot as space is limited. All net proceeds will go to fund our scholarship and education projects.

Unfortunately Covid has once again raised its very ugly head. With the Board's approval, **Kerry Weiner Elkind**, our Social Activities Director has put in-person, indoor activities such as Wine and Dine, Lunch Bunch, and Happy Hour on temporary hold until this surge recedes. All will resume when appropriate.

Vice President **Laura Tredinnick** is forming a Nominating Committee to recruit members for our leadership team of 2022-23. Our branch is fortunate to have so many qualified and engaged members. We will be calling on you to step in and to step up.

Did you know that AAUW is older than:
The Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower,
Ferris wheels, Coca Cola, and electric toasters?
Great ideas and good works just keep going.....



-Kate Van Ness

Tech Tip - Read about the aspirations of the women who are the awardees of the 2021 Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) scholarships granted by our AAUW chapter. To find the stories, click on the Community Service section on our website. Move down to the Scholarships tab and select 'Click Here' in the SRJC Scholarships paragraph. Their hopes and dreams are truly inspiring.

Social Programs

Mark your Calendars for our Spring Scholarship Fundraiser



You are cordially invited to an exclusive "sneak peek" of The Madrona, the newly renovated Victorian hotel in the heart of the Dry Creek Valley wine region in Healdsburg, CA. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Healdsburg Branch and The Madrona hoteliers are pleased to announce this exciting opportunity to see the incredible transformation of a Sonoma wine country landmark before it opens to the public. We invite you to join us for two events, which will feature a tour of the hotel public areas, garden, and a selection of hotel rooms. In addition, you will enjoy local wine tastings and food prepared by Executive Chef Jesse Mallgren, who for more than a decade has won the coveted Michelin Star at The Madrona.

Proceeds from this event further the AAUW mission by underwriting scholarships for higher education and funding grants to support local educational STEM programs.

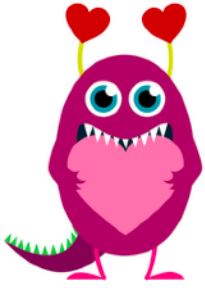
Date: March 18, 2022
Event Schedule: 3:30-6:30 pm - Wine and Hors D'oeuvres Reception and The Madrona tour
Ticket Cost: \$125 per person

Date: March 19, 2022
Event Schedule: 11:30am-3:00pm - The Madrona tour followed by luncheon
Ticket Cost: \$250 per person

Location: The Madrona, 1001 Westside Rd. Healdsburg, CA 95448

Note: Ticket sales are expected to begin February 1, 2022. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited so don't delay buying your ticket. No onsite ticket purchase will be available. No refunds. Proof of COVID vaccination is required.

New Mystery Book Club



Have you recently detected your butler pilfering the sherry cabinet, has an unseen hand leaving an unsigned letter on your nightstand caught your eagle-eye, or have you noticed a black-clad stranger hovering near your garden gate late at night? If so, then your detective skills will be appreciated by the members of our new mystery book club which meets the third Monday of each month at 2pm.

Join us for lively discussions about thrilling books, great conversation with interesting company, and, most importantly, come tell us all “Who done it”!

There are still slots open, but the evidence indicates that there won’t be for long, so join us! It would be criminal if you missed your chance.... You can check out the book list on our member website. For more info, contact **Hilary Hasco**, hilhasco@gmail.com (408) 857-8539.



Mission Based Programs

As many of you know, we collected money during the month of December in order to support the teachers at our local schools. I received a nice thank you note from the interim principal at Healdsburg Elementary School that I would like to share.

“Dear AAUW,

Thank you for the donation of \$300 to HES. We have used the funds to support our teachers and provide team building time at a recent professional development day.

Regards,

Sue Simon, Interim Principal”

-**Beth Wolk**, Mission Based Programs Chair

Membership

I hope everyone had a peaceful and happy holiday season and had the chance to celebrate with family, friends and loved ones. As you may probably know, the Branch maintains 2 membership directories: the Member Roster, which contains each member's AAUW ID number and contact information (mailing address, phone numbers and email address); and the Personal Information list, which contains educational and employment information, spouse name, and a headshot photo. It would be helpful if you would log into each of the directories and check that the information we have for you is accurate and complete. Several headshots are missing, for example. If you have a headshot or can take one and send it to me so I can put it in the directory, I would appreciate it. If any of the information should be changed, please also let me know that. (For new members who joined after November 30, 2021, your roster listings will be included in the next quarterly update, scheduled for April. You can send me an email at janicesexton46@gmail.com.

-Janice Sexton

Scholarship

2021 SRJC Scholarships for Re-entry Women

“Our efforts are making a difference”

A graphic with the words "happy Valentines" in a colorful, playful font. "happy" is in a multi-colored font (red, orange, blue, green) and "Valentines" is in a similar multi-colored font (red, orange, blue, green, purple).

As a part of Healdsburg AAUW branch's mission of encouraging higher education for women, this year we awarded scholarships to nine highly deserving, re-entry women who graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College and are now pursuing their degrees at a four-year college/university. These awards bring the total amount in scholarships to SRJC students to nearly \$315,000 since 1995. Applicants were carefully screened via a new online system that was introduced before the pandemic and has worked perfectly the last two years. Our scholarship committee included **Maureen Keefe**, **Phil Wright** and myself.

Besides the academic rigor of taking college classes, this year's awardees have had to overcome a host of significant barriers that cause many others to rethink their need for a college degree, lower their career goals, or walk away from college never to return. Not so with this year's scholarship recipients! While they all at one point were forced to step back from school, each rallied in their own way, worked through and overcame the challenges that confronted them, returned to and graduated from SRJC, and are now attending a 4-year college/university.

Despite all that confronted these women, our recipients are winners! They DID return and graduated with highest honors from SRJC. Each in her own way not only worked to better her life, but also worked to make a difference in the lives of others and their communities. You can find information about this year's awardees and their words of appreciation on the Community Service/Scholarships and Grants page of our branch website. Access directions are included in the Tech Tip above.

-Jane Martin, Committee Chair



If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation or an accident, has passed away or had a close family member pass away, please notify Heidi Blumenthal so that a card can be sent to the person or family from AAUW. Email - heidiblu@aol.com. Phone - 707 433 744

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