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An Evening with Nature Photographer Donna Pomeroy



Photo provided by Donna Pomeroy

Monday, April 15, 2019 • 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Community Room, Half Moon Bay Library

Our featured speaker for April is local wildlife photographer **Donna Pomeroy**. Her vibrant photography is regularly featured in the Sequoia Audubon Society newsletter. In her presentation, "Birds of the Coastside," Donna will share her keen interest in identifying birds in our area, as well as her stunning photography.

Donna and her husband Doug Pomeroy were featured in the cover story of the *Half Moon Bay Review's* magazine in January – "Taking

Count" – which describes the Audubon Society's annual bird count.

Donna has a BS in wildlife management from Humboldt State University. She has been a birder since high school and a photographer even longer than that. Now retired, she spends much of her time photographing wildlife and volunteering for Sequoia Audubon Society. A longtime resident of El Granada, Donna also volunteers for the California Academy of Sciences'

intertidal monitoring project at Pillar Point, as well as many other citizen science projects.

Join us for a fun, informative presentation as Donna's keen eye and passion for local wildlife bring the beauty of the Coastside into sharp focus.

Meeting reminders: Hospitality provided by North Half Moon Bay. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.; presentation begins at 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Meetings are open to the public.



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President's Message: My Role Models

March was Women's History
Month, so I'd like to highlight two
women who influenced my early
life: **Jackie Kennedy** and **Billie
Jean King**.

Jackie's sense of style, demure
manner, and her controlled, quiet
strength during the presidential
funeral impressed the nation. Billie
Jean competed with her male
counterparts and fought gender
inequality issues while being an
incredible athlete.

Diverse in character and talent,
they both represented a positive role
model for women.

AAUW has empowered women

as individuals since 1881. Our
branch fundraising efforts remain
effective and influential. By the time
you read this, we will have had our
Theatre Bash on March 21. This will
be followed by Coastsides Gives on
May 2 and the White Elephant
Rummage Sale on June 1.

The proceeds from these events
go toward AAUW Funds, local
scholarships, Tech Trek Camp,
STEM camp and Speech Trek.
These events help women and girls at
National AAUW and branch levels.

Continue to read the *Tidings* for
details and get involved!

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Coastsides Gives:

May 2, Midnight to 11:59 p.m.

This is the third year AAUW
HMB has participated in Coastsides
Gives, the 24-hour online fundraiser
open to Coastsides nonprofits. In the
first two years, we raised nearly
\$12,000 from donations and prizes.

Your donation will fund Tech
Trek scholarships and STEM
projects; local scholarships to
Coastsides women graduates; and
research and advocacy at the
national level.

Help us reach this year's goal of
\$7,000. ***Generous AAUW-HMB
members will match your gift dollar
for dollar up to \$2,500.***

How to Give

Beginning at midnight on May 2,
visit [www.coastsidegives.org/
aauwHMB](http://www.coastsidegives.org/aauwHMB), click on the "donate
now" button and follow the

directions.

Not near a computer on May 2?

Schedule your donation beginning
April 4 and it will be processed on
May 2 at midnight.

**Need assistance making an
online donation?** Volunteers will be
at New Leaf to help you contribute.

Prefer to write a check? Mail
your check to AAUW-HMB, P.O.
Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018,
on or before May 2 with Coastsides
Gives in the memo line.

Please ask your friends and
family who support empowering
women and girls to donate as well.

Thank you in advance for your
support.

*Carol Joyce, Coastsides Gives
2019 Lead*

Officers Slate for 2019-2020

Nominating Committee members **Lee Ellis, Nancy Evans, Jan Grierson** and **Carolyn Seaton** are delighted to present a full slate of officers for 2019-2020.

President: **Barbara Von Glahn**
 Program Vice President: **Peggy Rozhon**

Membership Vice Presidents: **Sheila Spieller** and **Kathleen Freitas**

AAUW Funds Vice President: **Carol Joyce**

Secretary: **Joanne Rokosky**
 Treasurer: **Vivian Costello**

We will vote on this slate of officers at our general meeting on April 15.

Many thanks to these members for their willingness to serve as officers for our branch, especially from the Nominating Committee!

Upcoming STEM Camp

We are beginning to plan for our annual summer STEM Camp to be held in July at HMB High School. This year, we will also make extensive use of the HMB Library.

To make this four-day camp work, we need a lot of help. I will have more details about what you can do and a sign-up sheet at the April and May general meetings.

Mary Vargas, STEM Camp Coordinator

Two Months Left to Sort, Save, Price

June 1 will be our seventh annual White Elephant Rummage Sale. The Train Depot will be filled with fine, fancy and fantastic items that you have donated. Won't it be fun!

A guidelines "cheat sheet" is ready for you to reference. Look for it in an upcoming email blast. It lets you know items that are hot sellers and others that should remain in our cellars. If an item is questionable for pricing, bring it to the next general meeting.

Really big item? Arrange with **Peggy Rozhon** and **Mary Sheridan** to sell it from your home and then

donate your profit to the sale.



What ARE you donating? **Barb**

Steinberg needs to know as soon as possible. She needs this info for poster and flyer publicity. Send your list of items to barb@barbsteinberg.net.

This year we have three days for set up, which means we need more volunteers to "get the job done." Want to help? You can sign up at our April or May general meeting or call Mary direct. And, of course, volunteers can pre-buy, too!

We pre-thank you for all that you do.

Mary Sheridan and Peggy Rozhon, WERS Co-Chairs

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Application Process Underway for Tech Trek 2019

The request for nominations went out to Cunha Intermediate School seventh-grade math and science teachers in early February.

Six teachers, some of whom we've worked with for more than a decade, sent us about 50 names of girls who met our criteria of, first and foremost, having a strong interest in science, math and technology, along with possessing personal qualities of respect for others, persistence in task completion, and the ability to adapt to new situations.

Twenty-two girls returned an application by our postmark deadline of Feb. 26. A committee of five members read all the applications and ranked them. Votes were then

merged to select 12 semifinalists to participate in interviews.

Interviews are a mandatory step in the selection of Tech Trekkers; all branches around the state—and now, the nation—follow the same procedure.

Five girls will be selected to receive full scholarships to Stanford Tech Trek, Week 2, Camp Hopper, July 14-20. The cost is \$1,000 per camper. Our branch payment for five campers was due to the camp treasurer, Gail Chesler, on March 1.

Thank you to the following members for the huge commitment of time and loving care in reading this year's applications: **Pauline Shue**,

our teacher liaison; Tech Trek 2000 alum **Erika Shue**; **Jane Bonvallet**, who has also shared her experience as an engineer at Lockheed Martin at Women's Professional Night at Stanford Tech Trek; and new member **Margaret Barrio**. Jane Bonvallet and **Mary Wynne** assisted with the afternoon interviews on March 27 and 28. We will announce our 2019 Tech Trekkers in May.

Your participation in the upcoming Coastside Gives drive on May 2 and at the White Elephant Rummage Sale on June 1 are key to funding our Tech Trek scholarships and STEM projects in the future.

Julie Gerth, Tech Trek

Equal Pay Day April 2

Equal Pay Day is a symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year. It shows how far into 2019 women must work to earn what men earned in 2018. It represents an average of all women compared to all men.

Equal Pay Day for specific groups of women are:

Asian women, March 5;

White women, April 19;

Black women, Aug. 22;

Native American women, Sept. 23; and

Latino women, Nov. 20.

Developments in the Aileen Rizo Case

You may recall the Aileen Rizo case involving a Fresno State math teacher who sued the district for

discrimination because she was paid less than men with lower qualifications. Ms. Rizo's case went to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, where the justices agreed to uphold her claim by a 6-5 vote.

Unfortunately, one of the justices in the majority died before the decision was made final. The court issued the decision anyway; however, on Feb. 26, it was reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court on the basis that there was no majority at the time the ruling was made final.

A new justice has been appointed to replace the deceased member and the case has been returned to the Ninth Circuit for reconsideration. Stay tuned.

Mary Vargas, Public Policy Chair

Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

Most of the recent Education Committee meeting was given over to Assistant Superintendent **Joy Dardenelle** of Cabrillo Unified School District. She discussed her goals concerning children.

Dardenelle asked what was visible in the community, what was not, and where they could improve. There was plenty of feedback from the group.

Mary Alice Pearce, Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

Branch History Tidbit

The AAUW Half Moon Bay branch was way ahead of its time. In 1971 we established a recycling center on Saturdays in Princeton for paper, glass and cans. Members transported the material to the Recycling Center in Pacifica.

Barbara Von Glahn, President

It's AAUW Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year when we all need to break out our checkbooks and renew our AAUW membership for the upcoming year July 2019-June 2020. Total dues are \$110 (\$59 national, \$20 state and \$31 branch). Of that, \$87 is tax-deductible because of our IRS 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status (\$56 national and \$31 branch). Our EIN is 94-0192508. Should you need dues assistance, please contact **Barbara Von Glahn**, President, or **Sheila Spieller**, Membership VP.

As an incentive for you to renew your dues by June 1, we are having a contest. Everyone who has renewed by June 1 will be entered in a drawing to win a lovely gift basket, which has been donated by Steve and Sheila

Spieller. The drawing for the winner will be held at our June scholarship luncheon and you do not need to be present to win.

We have also entered the electronic payment world this year for dues renewal! At our general meetings, you will be able to pay your dues via credit or debit card. There is a \$3 processing fee added for those individuals using an electronic payment.

Besides reminders in *Tidings*, we will continue using our email distribution list to contact everyone regarding renewal. Those not on the email list, however, will receive a hard copy in the mail. If you respond to the *Tidings* article or pay at a general meeting, you will still receive the

email blast. It is too time-consuming to delete the names of those who have renewed from the distribution list. Please ignore the email blast if you have renewed.

Please follow these simple instructions for paying:

1. Make your check for \$110 payable to AAUW-HMB.

2. Note on the memo line "membership renewal."

3. Mail to AAUW-HMB, P.O. Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018-1414 or bring to a general meeting. Include a separate note if you are changing any information for the directory, such as new email address, mailing address, etc.

Please also consider donating to five other AAUW programs: Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, AAUW Funds, STEM Camp and Speech Trek. Because our branch is now a nonprofit, donations can be made directly to our branch in any amount. Please note your donation in the memo line of your check.

Thank you for continuing to support this dynamic, powerful, local and national organization by renewing your membership. We are making a difference!

Mary Sheridan, Membership Treasurer

Proudly Supporting AAUW Fund

AAUW California Fund Vice President **Dianne Owen** shared the exciting news: "Thanks to the generosity of our California branches and members, we donated \$471,581 to AAUW Fund in 2018. And we completed the Alicia Hetman Research & Projects Endowment at \$79,243. Thanks for all your hard work this past year!"

As our branch's Vice President of


AAUW Funds, I am proud of AAUW HMB's support. Thanks to these branch members who donated to AAUW Fund, the volunteers who helped put on our fundraisers, and all the branch members and community members who supported our fundraisers, AAUW HMB donated \$6,235 to the AAUW Fund in 2018.

Carol Joyce, AAUW Funds VP



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.			Writers Group 10 a.m.	Out & About 10 a.m.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Great Decisions 7 p.m.		Great Books 2 p.m.	Out to Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. General Meeting 6:30 p.m.			Writers Group 10 a.m.	Bridge 10:30 a.m.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.		Janus noon			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Evening Book Group 7 p.m.				

Join an Interest Group, Make New Friends

Bridge: Our group will play on Friday, April 19, at the home of **Betty Lee Kendall** at 10:30 am. **Ruth Rafello** will send an email (after April 1) to all who have indicated an interest in our group. If you play and would like to join us, please call Ruth at 650-728-3013. We are a friendly and supportive group.

Evening Books: All meetings are at **Madeline McReynold's** home at 261 Medio, Half Moon Bay. We meet and nibble at 7 p.m. Book discussion starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring a nosh to share, if you wish. Books for the coming months are: April 30, *Metamorphica* by Zachary Mason; May 28, *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders.

Gourmet: Our next Gourmet event is May 18. More information to follow in emails and in the May issue of *Tidings*. Ask anyone who has participated in these feasts; they will tell you to sign up right away.

Great Books: We will discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neal Hurston on Thursday, April 11. **June Baxter** will host the meeting at her home from 2 to 4 p.m. Please RSVP to June.

Great Decisions: The next Great Decisions meeting will be April 9, 7

to 9 p.m., at **Helen Paul's** house. It's a good idea to carpool. Please RSVP to Helen. We will continue the migrant story with chapter 2 in the *Great Decisions* book.

Janus: Our April luncheon will be at the home of **Alma Fletcher** in Woodside at noon on Wednesday, April 24. Come see her beautiful rhododendrons. Remember to RSVP (yes or no) to Alma at almawfletcher@gmail.com. Please bring a potluck dish to serve eight to 10 people and \$3 for the hostess. If you have questions, or would like to be on the group list, please email **Mary Alice Pearce** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.

Out & About: On Friday, April 5, we'll visit the California Historical Society Museum in San Francisco. Admission: adults, \$10; seniors, \$5; free passes available through Discover & Go at the library. To get a free pass, visit <https://smcl.discoverandgo.net/>. Meet at the New Leaf parking lot near the bus stop at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to **Sara Hayden** by Wednesday, April 3, at hayden.sara@gmail.com and indicate if you can drive that day. For more on CHS, visit californiahistoricalsociety.org.

Out to Breakfast: Out to Breakfast group meets every second Friday at 8:30 a.m. at Caffé Mezza Luna in Princeton. There is no need to RSVP - all are welcome! Our April breakfast is Friday, April 12, at 8:30 a.m. at Caffé Mezza Luna (the cafe, not the restaurant). We hope to see you there!

Walk & Talk: If you'd like to join a friendly group to walk on the beautiful Coastside every Monday morning at 10, send your email address to **Marilyn Garrison** at marilyngarr@hotmail.com and she'll send you an email over the weekend to tell you where we're meeting.

Writers: We will meet Thursdays, April 4 and April 18, at 10 a.m. in the community room of Lesley Gardens. Think you are not a writer? Bet you are. Bring a family recipe and write five sentences about the recipe, such as where you got the recipe, why you keep making it, and other tasty thoughts. See! You can do that *and* get to hang out with some interesting people.

For the regulars, we will write from foodie prompts supplied by the intrepid **Jean Slinger**. Newbies: Please bring a favorite travel photo.



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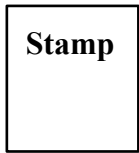
The Out & About group took in the "Monet: The Late Years" exhibit at the De Young Museum on March 1. From left to right: **Mary Alice Pearce, Gael Erickson, Anne Grauzlis, Terry Kujawa, Iris Rogers and Sara Hayden.** Photo taken by a kind passerby.

Join Out & About on its next adventure to the California Historical Society Museum on April 5. See page 7 for details.

What is your interest group up to? Please share a picture and a story with the branch. Send your information to Sara Hayden at aauw.hmb.newsletter@gmail.com.



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