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## September Newsletter

### September Presentation Gold Rush History Thru Music

BY:

**Alan Fuller**



Many songs were written and sung by miners during the California Gold Rush. The songs were presented in small theaters, sometimes tents, usually on Saturday nights. The audiences were the miners themselves. The songs, written by men who had found gold mining too demanding, are often funny, provocative, and descriptive. They provide personal views into the triumphs and the failures of men in those tumultuous times.

Alan, an accomplished musician and performer, presents the songs

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and helps the listeners to learn new aspects of gold-rush history through the music.

Alan Fuller is a retired State Park Ranger, a naturalist, historian, musician, and actor. He has called Placerville his home for 45 years. As a ranger at Sutter's Mill he presented countless public talks to park visitors, covering many topics. He has also presented authentic gold-rush songs in many programs and locations. He has won numerous awards from California state government, from local historical preservation agencies, and for his work on the stage. Two of Alan's gold-rush songs were included in the Ken Burns PBS production "The West" in 1996. He has organized live historic music at "living history" presentations at Sutter's Mill since his retirement 25 years ago.

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## **Reestablished Genealogy Group**

### **Find Your Roots**

Come to our first meeting on Wednesday, September 13 from 1-3 PM. Our goal is to learn how to find information on our ancestors. We meet at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Cedar Ravine(3275 Cedar Ravine in Placerville) on the second Wednesday of each month. The first hour is a discussion about what we can accomplish. The second hour is hands on learning in the lab with volunteers who will guide and support your efforts.

All SRS members are welcome.

### **Book Group**

The book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month September 21st. The book topic for September is anything written by Jim Harrison

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## What's Happening this Month

- September 13<sup>th</sup> Genealogy Group meets at 1-3PM at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints 3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly presentation Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3PM  
**Gold Rush History Thru Music**
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Book club at the Placerville Library 2-4 PM  
Topic: Anything written by **Jim Harrison**

2023 Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County		
Date	Presentation Title	Speaker
September 15, 2023	Gold Rush History thru Music	Alan Fuller
October 20, 2023	Mushrooms of El Dorado County & Beyond	Mike Davis
November 17, 2023	From Dick & Jane to Digitization of Education Annual Business Meeting	Margaret Maughan
December	<i>No Presentation in December</i>	
January 2024	<i>No Presentation in January</i>	
February 16, 2024	American River Conservancy	Elena Delacy
March 15, 2024	Save the Graves	Mike Roberts
April 19, 2024	Gold Rush 2.0	Mark Dayton
<b>All 2023 Presentations are at the Mother Lode Lions Club Hall, 4701 Missouri Flat Rd., Diamond Springs , at 1:00pm</b>		

### YouTube links to previous presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

### Last Months You Tube Presentation on Abstract Art

SRS presentation on Abstract Art by Lucia Rothgeb

<https://youtu.be/-2Oq3MX3to0?si=IKEAg2X7IBojCltP>



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