



February 2024 Newsletter

A message from Mary:

I have missed ya'll, but I think we were taking care of ourselves so we could enjoy our 2024 year. Hope you have seen the 2024 schedule of events we have planned for you. and as you might guess the Curriculum Committee will be planning the 2025 year till we have schedule events that satisfy your curiosity and tickle your funny bone.

Our challenge is to attract more members because we need to pay the rent which is \$200 per month or \$1800 per year which represents 90 members paying \$20 each. As of today, we have 50 paid members. I'm guessing many of you will pay your dues at the presentation event. At one time we were 240 strong so let's make that our goal for 2025.

Another challenge for 2025 is building our volunteer network. Currently your Leadership team are trying to fulfill all our volunteer jobs, for example Linda Westwood is currently our Secretary and Treasurer and on the curriculum committee, three important jobs that support our mission of Life-long Learning. She needs help. Mark Stanley who is maintaining our membership communication tool, MailChimp, also prepares and distributes this newsletter also works a portion of our website, and Bill Robinson who is our videographer and supports our Facebook app. All three members have graciously volunteered their time, energy, skills and brainpower to SRSEDC and got more than they signed up for in order to sustain this society, and yes, I know every organization is facing this challenge but let us beat the odds.

We will talk more and please don't hesitate to talk to any of your Leadership team at a presentation.

See you soon and thanks for joining this fine society we have built together.
Mary Lynch

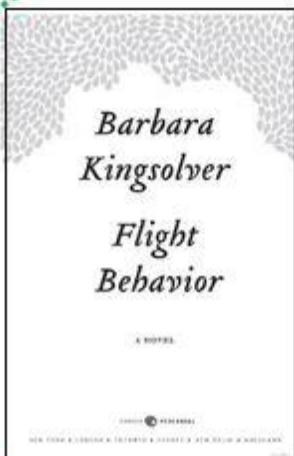
February 16th Presentation



Elena DeLacy has served in the role of Executive Director at American River Conservancy (ARC) for five years, she has been with the organization since 2003. Elena has previously held the titles of Associate Director, Stewardship Director, and Conservation Project Coordinator at ARC. She graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Environmental Biology and Management, with a focus on Conservation Biology. Ms. DeLacy resides in Placerville with her three daughters and enjoys hiking on local trails, foraging for native foods, and performing as a violinist/fiddler/vocalist in a folk ensemble.

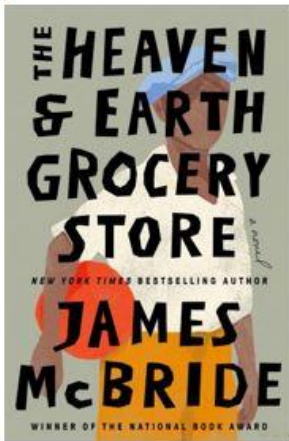
In 2024 American River Conservancy celebrates its 35th anniversary. Elena's presentation will focus on what ARC has accomplished since 1989 and what the organization hopes to achieve in the coming years, including meeting statewide land conservation goals, local wildlife habitat connectivity, climate and wildfire-resilient forests, the protection of working landscapes, successful tribal partnerships, and connecting people with the land.

Welcome back new & returning members and guests



February 8, 2024 Book Club

Flight Behavior is a 2012 novel by Barbara Kingsolver. It is her seventh novel, a New York Times Bestseller, and was declared "Best book of the year" by the Washington Post and USA Today.



March 14th Book Club

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store is a novel by writer James McBride. It was released in 2023. The novel tells the story of Black and Jewish residents of the Chicken Hill neighborhood of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in the 1920s and '30s.



Ancestry Group meets on Feb 14th at 3275 Cedar Ravine, Rd. Placerville 1-3PM

Join us for our first meeting of 2024. Meet others who are interested in learning a bit more about family ancestry.

What's Happening in February

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| Book Club | Meeting February 8 th 1-3pm Placerville Library |
| Ancestry Group | Meets February 14 th 1-3 3275 Cedar Ravine Rd Placerville |
| General Presentation | American River Conservancy Elena DeLacy February 16 th 1-3 pm
Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Road |

For those who have yet not paid your dues for 2024, they are due.



It's **Renewal Time** for 2024. You have three options: pay by check or cash at the February meeting, send a check to EDCF, PO Box 1388, Placerville, Ca. 95667 by the end of February. Please make check payable to EDCF and put Sierra Renaissance Society on the memo line, or go the EDCF website pay by Credit card. The URL is listed below.

The Dues remain at \$20 for the year and we thank you for your support.

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2024 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
January No Meeting	No Presentation	
February 16, 2024	American River Conservancy	Elena DeLacy
March 15, 2024	Medicine in the News	Ted Christy, MD
April 19, 2024	Gold Rush 2.0	Mark Dayton
May 17, 2024	EDC Planning Manager Report	Bret Sampson
June 21, 2024	Save the Graves	Mike Roberts
July 19, 2024	Ice Cream Social with Entertainment	
August 16, 2024	How Development Has Affected Wildlife	Shelly Blair
September 20, 2024	Yosemite Then and Now	Cheryl Purgett
October 18, 2024	Sierra Wildlife w/Ambassadors	Judy Monestier Sierra Wildlife Rescue
November 15, 2024	Wine & Agriculture and the Annual Meeting	Greg Boeger, Charlie Mansfield, Paul Bush
December No Meeting	No Presentation	
All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1 pm-3 pm		