



May 2024 Newsletter

Attention:

The meeting date for May is **May 10th**
Land Use Planning in El Dorado County

To all the members who attended the April Presentation

We are so sorry that our April presenter was unable to present due to his contracting COVID 19. However, we want to congratulate you for your remarkable response to the unfortunate news and for your participation in our efforts to make "lemonade from the lemons" thrown our way. Speaking for the Board, we so appreciate getting to know each of you and your curiosities.

We are dedicated to providing continuous learning opportunities that support our learning together while enjoying each other's company

Sincerely, Your Board

May 10, 2024 Presentation

Land Use Planning in El Dorado County

By Bret Sampson

This presentation will give an overview of the County's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and how that affects development in the county. The presentation will also give examples of what types of development may occur on properties and how the public can participate in discretionary projects in the county.

Mr. Sampson has 20 years of experience in in the planning industry and has been a part of every facet of local agency planning. Mr. Sampson has extensive experience involving annexations, specific plans, General Plan Amendments, Zoning Code Amendments, biological studies, and all manner of discretionary actions. Specifically, Mr. Sampson is an expert in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This extensive work experience has allowed Mr. Sampson to become a well-rounded planner who is currently the Long-Range Planning Manager for El Dorado County.



The board is looking for entertainment for the July ice cream social meeting. It does not need to be confined to music. It could be a skit, or story teller, magician, film, or animal performance. These are just a few categories that were suggested. We are looking for input and suggested “talent” from our members. All suggestions are welcomed. Call any board member or send in suggestions to Info@srsedc.com.



It's **Past Renewal time** for 2024. You still have three options, pay by check, cash, or online. Dues for 2024 were due by the end of February **but it is not too late**. Send a check to EDCF, PO Box 1388, Placerville, Ca. 95667. Please make check payable to EDCF and put Sierra Renaissance Society on the memo line, or go the EDCF website pay by Credit card.

Go the SRS website @ www.srsedc.com and hit the button that says:

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Link to pay your dues: [SRSedc Website](http://www.srsedc.com)

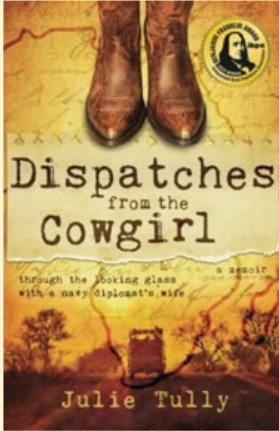
Genealogy Work Group

Sierra Renaissance Society (SRS) is very pleased to let you know that the Genealogy (Family Tree) work group is once again meeting at the LDS Family History Center on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 1-3 PM. Thankfully, we're up & running again. The format is informal, with a discussion of questions, progress & challenges with the 2nd hour down in the LDS lab with knowledgeable volunteers. If you're not currently a member of SRS & would like to be, come with your yearly dues of \$20.00 (for all large presentations & workshops for 2024) & give to either Nancy or myself. Also, we would appreciate it if you pass along this information to others who may be working on their own family tree.

Thank you, Carol Heape

Book Group meets 2nd Thursday of each month 1-3PM at the Placerville Main Library.

May 9th Book Club



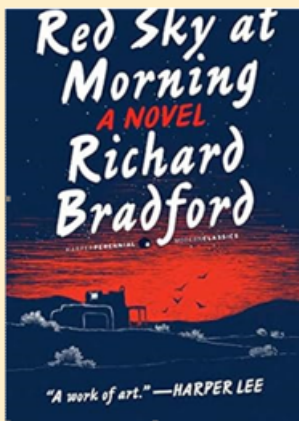
Dispatches from the Cowgirl is a well-written personal memoir of an American family's experience in Africa. Told in short anecdotal chapters, it highlights the truism that home is where the heart is and there is enough incident and personal detailing to provide a valuable insight into the life of a military family abroad. — Indie Reader

Tully's memoir captures her extraordinary experience of living in Africa as the spouse of a naval diplomat in vivid detail. She's charming, as is the book. This is a fascinating account of one woman's journey around the earth.

—Book Life/Publisher's Weekly

NOTE: AUTHOR IS FROM PLACERVILLE (NEAR LOGTOWN I'M TOLD)

June 13th Book Club Selection



Red Sky at Morning is a minor marvel: it is a novel of paradox, of identity, of an overwhelming YES to life that embraces with wonder what we are pleased to call the human condition. In short, a work of art." — Harper Lee

Hailed by the *Washington Post Book World* as "a sort of *Catcher in the Rye* out West," Richard Bradford's *Red Sky at Morning* is the classic coming-of-age story set during World War II about the enduring spirit of youth and the values in life that count.

In the summer of 1944, Frank Arnold, a wealthy shipbuilder in Mobile, Alabama, receives his volunteer commission in the U.S. Navy and moves his wife, Ann, and seventeen-year-old son, Josh, to the family's summer home in the village of Corazon Sagrado, high in the New Mexico mountains. A true daughter of the Confederacy, Ann finds it impossible to cope with the quality of life in the largely Hispanic village and, in the company of Jimbob Buel—an insufferable, South-proud, professional houseguest—takes to bridge and sherry. Josh, on the other hand, becomes an integral member of the Sagrado community, forging friendships with his new classmates, with the town's disreputable resident artist, and with Amadeo and Excilda Montoya, the couple hired by his father to care for their house.

Josh narrates the story of his fateful year in Sagrado and, with irresistibly deadpan, irreverent humor, describes the events and people who influence his progress to maturity. Unhindered by his mother's disdain for these "tacky, dusty little Westerners," Josh comes into his own and into a young man's finely formed understanding of duty, responsibility, and love.

What's Happening this Month

All Month Dues are due!

May 8th Genealogy Group meets 1-3 PM
Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville

May 9th Book Group meets 1-3 PM
Placerville Main Library

May 10th Monthly Meeting: Land Use Planning in El Dorado County
by Bret Sampson
4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs Lions Hall 1-3PM

The following poem was sent to Mary by one of her first cousins and it so touched her that she is sharing with you.

I once knew a woman
With lines on her face
Who'd lived most her life
In a much different place

A place where those lines
Were respected, revered
Where it was known
They held the wealth of her years

And here, in a place
That was scared to grow old
She made us all realize
The beauty age holds

For one day she stood
And attracted a crowd
She started to speak
As we all gathered round

And we hung on each word,
We were all mesmerized
For her voice was so powerful,
Knowing and wise

She smoothed down the crown
Of her hair on her head
Then she lifted her chin
And her voice as she said

"These lines are not something
To hide or to fear
But something that says
'I have lived, I was here'

They're not to be counted
Like bars of a cage
But like rings of a tree
That grows stronger with age

Grounded and grand
Persevering and proud
I've earned every stripe
So I'll wear them out loud

And though you might think
I'd look better with none
Just wait til you learn
How I earned every one

Because I'm much more
Than the way that I look
And these lines on my face
Are like lines from a book

That holds all the tales
Of the things gone before me
So come, take a seat
And I'll tell you my story"

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2024 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
May 10, 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	El Dorado Agriculture—Past, Present and Future and the Annual Meeting	Greg Boeger, Charles Mansfield, Paul Bush, David Bolster, Leeann Mila
December No Meeting	No Presentation	
All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM		

Link to You Tube Videos of previous Presentations;
<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

A PDF of the newsletter can be found on the SRSEdc.com website at the link below:

[Newsletter in PDF link](#)