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East Bay 
Regional Park District

Healthy Parks Healthy People

East Bay Regional Parks District

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 St. Mary's Drive, Pleasant Hill

or on Zoom!

A staff member from the East Bay Regional Park District or District Board Member will give a 20 min presentation about your local parks. Please come with questions and possibly stories about your favorite East Bay Park to share.

They will update us about recent happenings at the District. The District was founded in 1934 to preserve some of our region's unique natural resources for future generations to enjoy. EBRPD is the largest Urban Park Organization in the U.S. with 73 parks and many acres of parklands under management.

Our area has had an unusually wet winter this year that has affected everyone. There is constant Parks maintenance is needed to keep the environment safe and enjoyable. Dave will be showing us some great opportunities to enjoy the Parks this year outside and close to home.

We're so lucky to have all this beauty at our door step! Wild flowers, wildlife, flora and water are there to be enjoyed.

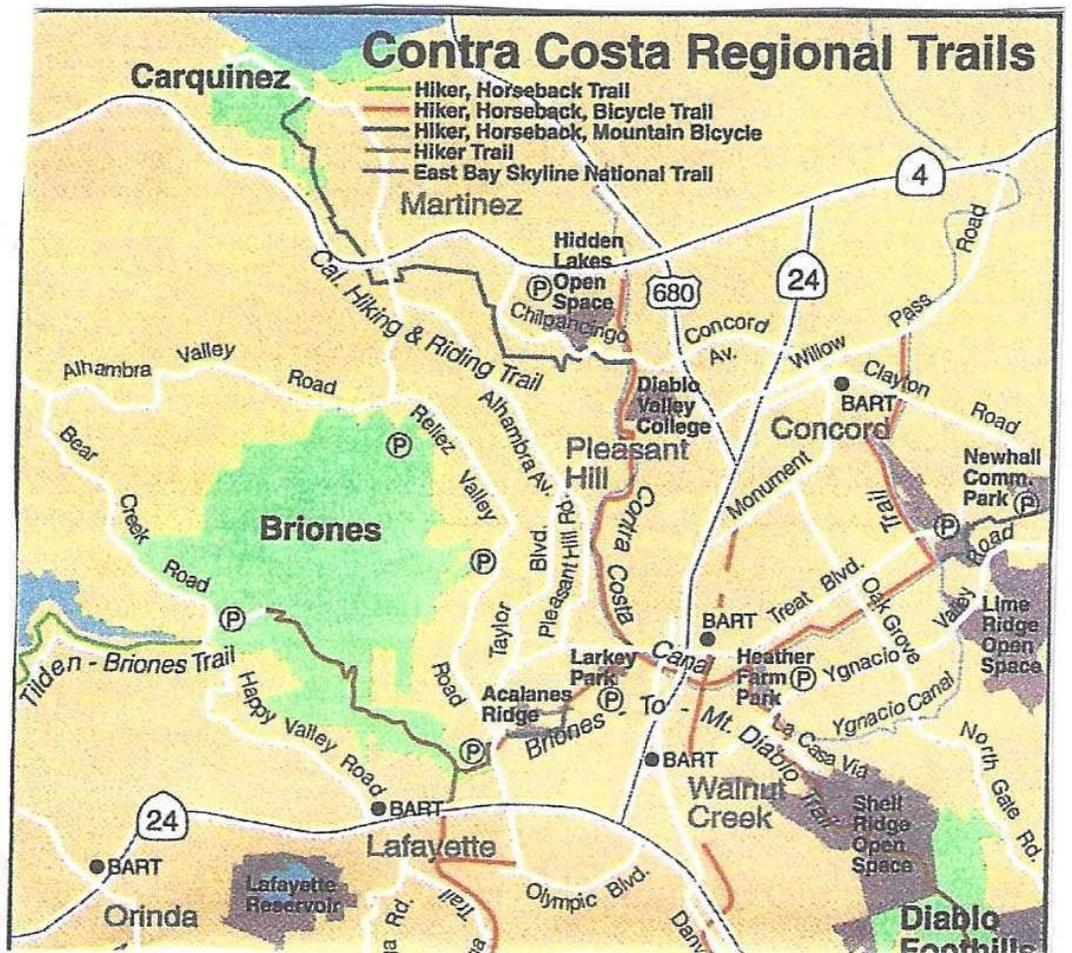
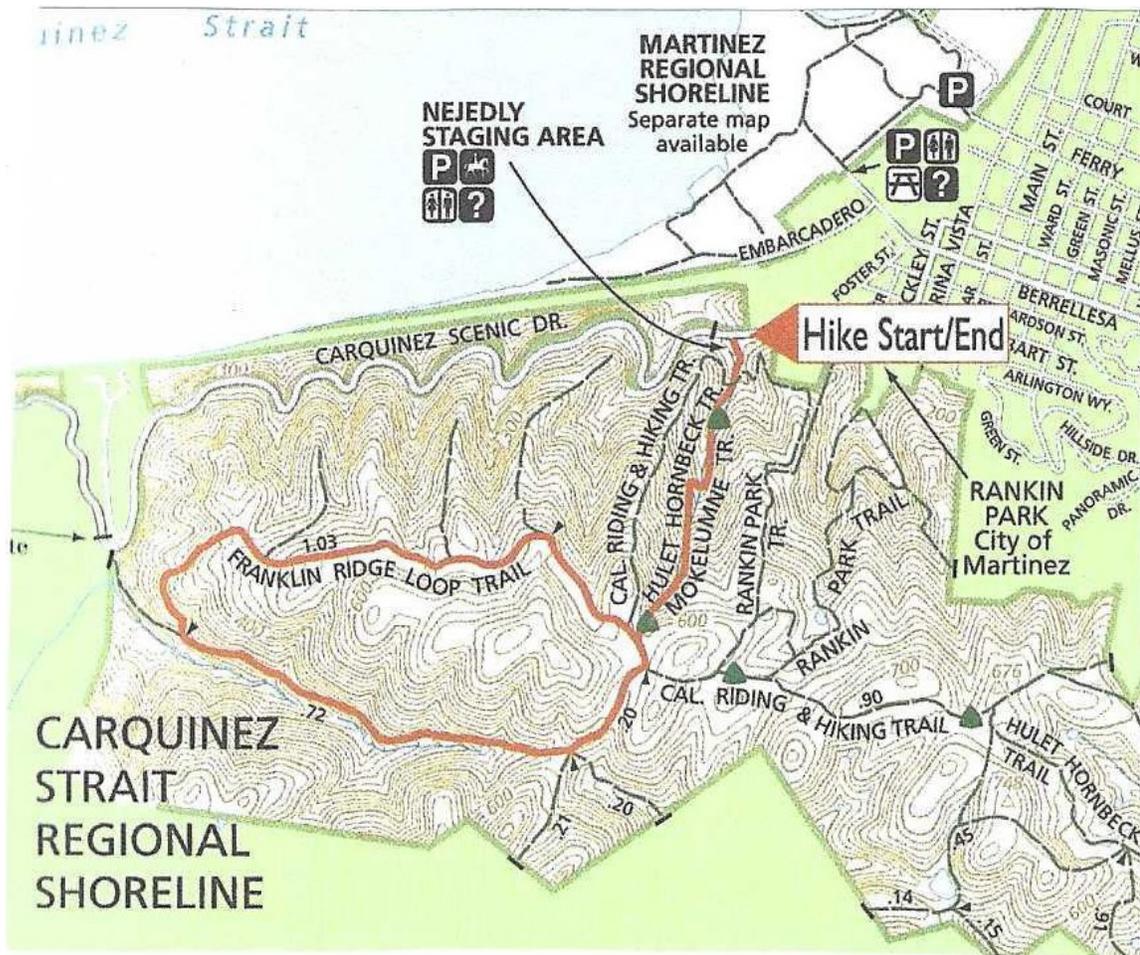
You might explore some new trails or revisit old ones. The fresh air is invigorating and helps us exercise and have fun. In the Parks one can enjoy fishing, swimming, hiking, nature programs or just relaxing in beautiful natural surroundings. Briones Regional Park and the Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline are several of the parks near us. There are lots of opportunities to visit other areas and interesting places nearby. Aside from parks there are 20 regional trails and 8 visitor centers.

It is nice to be outside and relax. Be sure to enjoy all that Spring and Summer have to offer now and the rest of the year. The East Bay Regional Park District Motto is: "Healthy Parks, Healthy People."

See some maps of our nearby parks on the next page!

Bobbi Horack and Sally Whitsett
Program VPs







PRESIDENTIAL POSTINGS

What a terrific General Meeting we had on March 15th for Women’s History Month! Twenty-three members sat in a large circle and shared their thoughts on women of history that they admired and best of all, everyone got to share their personal history and what they were most proud of in their life. A big thank you to our program chairs Bobbi Horack and Sally Whitsett for planning this meeting. We really got to know our fellow members better and in more depth.

Our Nominating Committee has been working hard to bring forward a slate of officers for the 2023-24 Executive Board. Thank you to those who have already said yes to being nominated. However, we still need one more Program VP, and most important – another Co-President. We have great leeway on how to configure our President position.

Gayle Miner
2022-23 President

Nominating Committee Report

I’d like to begin by again thanking my Nominating Committee for their hard work in seeking nominees for Elected Officers for the 2023-2024 year. They have made many phone calls in their efforts, and most of the following slate was presented to the Membership at the recent General Meeting. We’ve added a couple of names since then, but we still need more help.

Co-Presidents—Reba Siero (for the first 6 months)
Vice-Presidents of Membership—Karen Winters and Diane Peterson
Vice-President of Programs—Carlyn Obringer
Secretary—Helen Pereira
Treasurer—Claudia Bass

As you notice, the office of President needs at least another person to fill in the rest of the year. I urge you to consider helping fill this position. Working on it as a team would be totally acceptable. You’ll also notice that my name is on the list above, but I can’t do it by myself. Please help me!

Thank you,
Helen Pereira, Parliamentarian
(925) 285-1766

APRIL BOARD MEETING

APRIL 12 2023

7 PM

Gayle Miner’s home and Zoom

Copy deadline for the

May/June 2023 N.E.W.S.

THURSDAY, April 27th

Please email copy to:

Reba Siero rebasiero@yahoo.com

(925) 917-1061

SUNSHINE

Gayle Garrison

If you know of any member who needs a bit of sunshine, please let me know!

Gayle Garrison

tarheel61@yahoo.com or (925) 798-7528

INTEREST SECTIONS MEETINGS



****MORNING BOOKS** met on Wednesday, April 5th, 10 am, at Kathleen Woulfe's. We discussed *Peach Blossom Spring* by Melissa Fu. The story covers several years and illustrates the damage war does to the young ~ and everyone. In May, we will be discussing C. W. Gortner's *The First Actress: A Novel of Sarah Bernhardt*. In June, we will wrap up the year with our traditional potluck luncheon. Please plan to join us!



****LUNCHIN' LADIES**

will go to lunch on:

Monday, April 17 at 12:30 pm at Harvest, 500 Hartz Ave, Danville

Monday, May 15 at 12:30 pm at Bella Sienna, 127 First St, Benicia

Reserve your space by the Monday BEFORE each date with Gayle Miner, (925) 349-6795 hm. or (925) 788-3272 cell, so she can make reservations in a timely manner.

OTHER GROUPS



****MAH JONGG** will meet on **Thursday, April 20th** at the Brookview Clubhouse, 12:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE TO THURSDAY We will meet next on May 19th at 12:30 PM at the Brookview Clubhouse.

Please let Suzanne Salter know if you plan to attend. Her contact information is:

Suzanne Salter

seabear92020@outlook.com

(925) 988-0322 (cell)



****GRAND SLAMMERS**

For information, contact:

Marlene De Laurenti at mdl@astound.net or (925) 934-4171



Gourmet to Go

Save the date! Monday, May 15th is our Spring fundraiser. No cooking, no muss, no fuss. You can pick up a hot gourmet meal to support Local Scholarships, Tech Trek, and AAUW Fund. The cost is \$40, and almost half goes to our Branch.

You will have 2 choices for your entrée, either a beef or chicken dish. Your meal also includes salad, roll, and a expresso chocolate brownie.

You will be able to pick up your food at Classic Catering on 2653 Pleasant Hill Road in Pleasant Hill.

Bring home to your family and neighbors or gather at members' houses or the park.

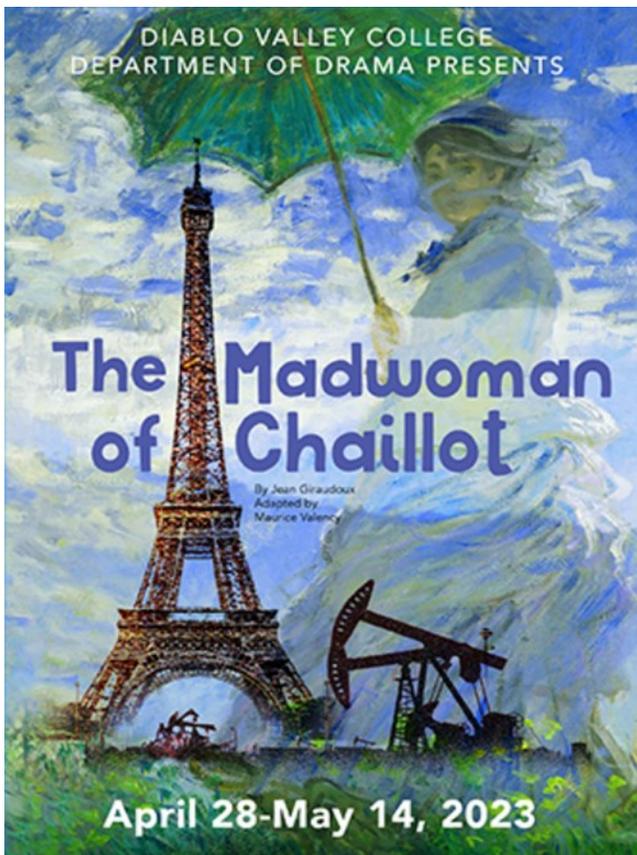
More details to follow.

Hope to see you there. Contact Sherrie Moore if you have any questions.



The MADWOMAN of CHAILLOT

*Fundraiser for LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS &
TECH TREK*



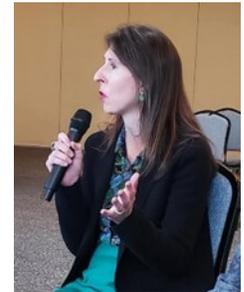
This play is a kind of poetic and comic fable set in the twilight zone of the not-quite-true. At the Cafe Chez Francis, a group of promoters plot to tear up Paris in order to unearth the oil which a prospector believes he has located in the neighborhood. These grandiose plans come to the attention of The Madwoman of Chaillot who is ostensibly not normal in her mind but who is soon shown to be the very essence of practical worldly goodness and common sense. She sees through the crookedness of the prospector and insists that the world is being turned into an unhappy place by the thieves and those who are greedy for worldly goods and power.

**Join us Sunday, May 7, at 2:30 PM for the last play of the 2022-23 season!!
Tickets are \$30. Contact Virginia Hewgley (925-768-4417 or
vhewgley@astound.net) by April 21st if you would like to join us!**

All proceeds will be split between Local Scholarship and Tech Trek.



Pleasant Hill - Martinez AAUW Website



Our website will show you everything you need to know about our Pleasant Hill - Martinez branch. See the pictures from our **March Program** on the **Photo Page**. Find our upcoming Programs and activities on the **Program Page**.

Just go to <http://www.aauw-pleasanthill-martinez.org> for all of this and more. Remember to press F5 to get the most current version of each page. Forward any questions or comments that you may have to the webmaster, located on the **About Us Page**.

Sherrie Moore, webmaster

In Memoriam - Dave Barcklay

Our branch member, Carolynn Barcklay, lost her husband, Dave, on March 30, 2023. They had been married for 58 years.

A celebration of life for Dave will be held Friday, April 21, 2023, at St. John Vianney Church in Walnut Creek, at 10:30AM.

In lieu of flowers David would be honored by your kind donation to [American Diabetes Association](http://main.diabetes.org/goto/DPBmemorial) on Dave's memorial page. <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/DPBmemorial>

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/eastbaytimes/name/david-barcklay-obituary?id=51645656> for the full obituary notice.

AAUW FUND REPORT

Claudia Bass and Carolynn Barcklay, AAUW Fund VPs

Thanks to everyone who participated in our game day. As always, we have fun and enjoy playing games while raising money for LAF. This year we raised \$166.00 for LAF. Thank you to Gayle Miner and Helen Pereira for helping us with planning, set up and providing snacks. Also thank you to Marlene Maskel for reserving Brookview for us.

We are now in the midst of our Kinder's gift card sale which will end on April 19th. The cost will be \$20.00 of which \$4.50 will go towards AAUW Fund. The cards are good at any Kinder's and they do not expire. If you want to order the gift cards contact Gayle Miner- 925 349-6795; gayle.miner@yahoo.com or Claudia Bass- 925 372-8679; cbasslancer29@aol.com . Gift cards will also be on sale at game day, our meeting on April 19th and some interest groups. Thank you to those that have already purchased them or are planning on doing so. They would make great gifts for Easter or used for "I don't want to cook tonight."

Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications for NCCWSL from a Diablo Valley College student. Claudia had a long conversation with Shari Keller our contact person at DVC. She was saying that the students are not as enthused about NCCWSL and even though she feels it is a unique experience students would rather have cash in the way of scholarships. Other local AAUW branches offer scholarships to DVC students. After much discussion at our committee meeting, we have decided to shift gears and offer a scholarship to a DVC woman student that will be continuing her education at a four- year college. This year it is too late but will look into the possibility of offering two scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year. This fits in with AAUW Fund's mission of promoting higher education for women.

So, buy Kinder's gift cards to support scholarships for a DVC student.

Claudia Bass at (925) 372-8679 or cbasslancer29@aol.com

Carolynn Barcklay at (925) 682-7552 or cbarcklay@hotmail.com



Dues are now Due

It's time again to renew your membership in our
[Pleasant Hill - Martinez Branch of AAUW.](#)

Annual Dues are now \$118.00

There is, again, an increase in the dues. This is the 3rd (and we hope, final) increase in National Dues. It is now **\$72**. State dues are **\$20**, and **\$26** goes to our local branch. So, the total amount due is **\$118.00**

You can renew on line at www.aauw.org

Or if you prefer, you can renew by check. If you opt to use a check, please make the check payable to **AAUW Pleasant Hill - Martinez Branch**, and send it to:

Karen Winters
2148 Westward Place
Martinez, CA 94553

Thanks for being a member. We look forward to your renewal. And thanks for all you do for our branch.

Karen Winters and Barb Minneman
Membership Co-Chairs



SAM at Fair Oaks in March



Our SAM (Study Art and Music) Program in March for Fair Oaks Elementary School was very successful. We presented our lesson to TK (Transitional Kindergarten) thru 5th grade classes, and 3 Special Ed classes (SDC). This year we studied the artist Carmen Lomas Garza and Rebeca Mauleon was our composer. We had the students draw pictures of a family activity using watercolor crayons and brushes.

Thank you to our volunteers: Ish Mendonsa, Sara Tancredy, Georgette Armstrong, Claudia Bass, Vicki Anderle, Penny Harris, Marlene Maksel, Susan Trebino, Karen Winters, Lorrie Osborn, Shelley Jacobson, Patrizia Guccione, El Lucchese, Suzy Wear, SarahJoy Hanes, and Sally Whitsett.

Our committee would like to thank Suzanne Salter for ensuring that we receive the grant donated from the Mary Walters' Fund of \$500 per year from the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation to fund our program.

The students and the teachers all appreciated our presentation and art and music lesson. They drew pictures of their families eating together, cooking, hiking, going to the park, the beach, playing games, and so much more. The students enjoyed playing the salsa percussion instruments, and some classes even played together as a band.

Sherrie Moore, Barbara Minneman, and Helen Pereira



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Pleasant Hill-Martinez (CA) Branch

2023 Layette Letter

Dear Friends,

I wanted to share this letter with you so you know how much your donated items were appreciated. Thank you again for your participation.

Janice

January 26, 2023

Dear Janice,

On behalf of the Layette room at Hillcrest Congregational Church, thank you for your most generous contribution. This support from the American Association of University Women, Pleasant Hill and Martinez Branch helps provide essential items for infants and toddlers. We truly appreciate you keeping us in mind.

Very truly yours,
Mona Sorrell

cc: Bill Cunningham

Tech Trek Tidings

This year's Trekkers have been chosen!



On March 18, The Tech Trek Committee interviewed 11 seventh-graders from Pleasant Hill Middle School, Sequoia Middle School, and Valley View Middle School. Every interviewee was well qualified and a delight to speak with. Unfortunately, only six camperships are available to our branch. After some discussion, the committee was able to narrow it down to two girls from each school: Maggie Kramschuster and Kayli Wright from Pleasant Hill Middle, Ivy Kohn and Belle Lemesh from Sequoia Middle, and Addison Young and Tarra Massollo from Valley View. They have been invited to our End of Year Brunch so they can meet our members. Thanks to the Tech Trek Committee for giving up an entire Saturday for interviews: Claudia Bass, Diane Coventry, Penny Harris, Virginia Hewgley, Trinkia March, Helen Pereira, Susan Peterson-Trebino, and a special thanks to Bobbi Horack for opening up her home for the interviews.

Want to support Tech Trek while taking in a little culture? Come to our last DVC play of the season, *The Madwoman of Chailot*, on May 7. Contact Virginia Hewgley for tickets.

2022–2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

April 2023 & beyond

- Apr 5** Morning Books, 10 am, Kathleen Woulfe's
Apr 12 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Gayle Miner's home
Apr 17 Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, Harvest, Danville
Apr 19 General Meeting, 7 pm, EBRPD talk,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Apr 20 Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
NOTE THE THURSDAY DATE
Apr 21 Deadline for buying tickets for May 7 play
Apr 27 May/June 2023 N.E.W.S. deadline
THIS IS A 2-MONTH NEWSLETTER
May 3 Morning Books, 10 am
May 7 The Madwoman of Chaillot, 2:30 pm, DVC
May 10 Board Meeting, 7 pm, Claudia Bass' home
May 11 Deadline for Gourmet to Go payment
May 15 Lunchin' Ladies, 12:30 pm, Harvest, Danville
May 15 Gourmet to Go Fundraiser
May 20 Mah Jongg, 12:30 pm, Brookview Clubhouse
June 10 End of Year Brunch, 10 am, Location TBA

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