

Creating Energy & Strength through Unity
Our alliance provides continuity and a communication
network for citizens and groups dedicated to progressive causes.

Progressive Alliance Calendar March 2024

"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt." John Muir

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NOW through June NEA Big Read Reading Festival

A literary festival featuring events and workshops at El Dorado County libraries through June 2024 to include Book Talks, Cross-Generational Story Swap, Self-portrait Workshops, Graphic Anthology, StorySlam, Artist Talk, and "A Picture's Worth" Gallery Exhibition

Go **HERE** to learn all about it!

March 1 River Clean Up

Our local waterways are well used and many visitors leave trash behind. Would you like to make a difference and clean up our public-used river spots? You can participate in the American River Conservancy's river cleanups by registering and joining any cleanup not listed as "PRIVATE", <a href="https://example.com/heres/here

March 1 Family Drum Circle

6-8pm, Potluck Dinner, bring a dish to share to the Switchboard Gallery at 525 Main Street, Placerville. Bring your drum if you have one! RSVP redpaintroundhousecollective@gmail.com or 530.409.9951 Flyer below

March 1 Free Public Viewing Placerville Observatory

Public viewing is **free every Friday and Saturday night.** Please check back by 3PM on the day of the event for weather or staffing closures. Time: 7:30-9:30pm. Location: Community Observatory, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Information **HERE**

March 2 Friends of the Library Book Sale

The monthly book sale is from 8:30am-1:30pm in the back of the Placerville Library Books are \$7 a bag. Contact: follower.com

March 2 Free Master Gardeners Class: Starting Plants from Seeds

This presentation includes selection and germination of seeds, starting media, containers, growing out, hardening off, and transplanting seeds. Participants will have a chance to plant seeds to take home. Seeds and containers are provided. Bring clean gloves if you wish to participate. 9-12 noon, Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, C.P. Room B. Space is limited. Please preregister HERE

March 2 Plein Air Paint Out at Wakamatsu Farm

Bring your own paints and equipment for a time of self-guided painting. You supply your own paints and equipment, choose your subject, and enjoy the camaraderie of painting outdoors with other artists. Instruction not provided. All painting levels welcome. Responsible 12+ welcome with adult supervision. Register HERE

March 2 First Saturday Tour and Open Garden Day

The tour starts at 9 am and lasts about an hour. Then you are free to roam around the various demonstration gardens and ask questions of the Master Gardeners onsite. Gardens close at 12 noon. 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Purchase a \$2 parking permit at any kiosk. Information HERE

March 2 Free Master Gardeners Class: Kids class! Grow and Show Your Plant

After learning the basics of gardening in pots, children will plant a succulent in a pot to take home, care for it, and watch it grow. Then in June they can enter it in the EDC Fair. Their plant will be on display for everyone to see. Two sessions are available. Please register for only one. 9:30 am or 10:30 am Pre-registration is required. Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Details <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jers.2007/new.10.2007/new.1

March 2 Free Daytime Solar Observing at Placerville Observatory

Monthly daytime solar viewing happens the first Saturday of each month. Please check back prior to the event for weather or staffing closures. Time: 10am-12pm. Location: Community Observatory, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Information HERE

March 2 El Dorado Ranch Hike-Explore the History & Plants at El Dorado Ranch

Walking any distance will be optional, as most sites are accessible by vehicle. Explore Fanny Creek, Milk House Ranch, and Miller Ranch. Responsible 12+ welcome. 10am-4pm. For meet-up location and information register online HERE

March 2 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Transporting Wildlife

10-12 noon, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 2 Great Pacific Flyway

Join Sierra Wildlife Rescue on a photographic exploration of the beautiful avian residents and visitors in the Sacramento Valley along the Great Pacific Flyway. 1-3 pm. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 3 Community Table

The community table takes place every other Sunday each month at 24 Carrot Farm, 2731 Jacquier Rd, Placerville. Drop off donations between 8-9 am. The table opens at 9am. Contact: schrodycomb@gmail.com

March 3 Zen Meditation & Qigong in the Wakamatsu Garden

This event will include sessions of Qigong, mindfulness meditation, and walking meditation. Quiet 12 + year olds welcome. 10-11:30 am. For information and to register: **HERE**

March 4, 6, 8 SHARE Ministries' Food Distribution

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are SHARE Ministries' and EDC Food Bank food distribution days from 10am-noon. 1031 Thompson Way, Placerville. For other days and locations go HERE See flyer below.

March 5 Primary Election Day

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Vote!

March 6, 13, 20, & 27 Wakamatsu Wednesdays-Farm Workdays

The volunteer workdays are centered around small projects on the farm. 9am.

Contact: stewardship@ARConservancy.org

March 6 Democratic Women Book Club

Private residence in El Dorado Hills. Reach out for location information. 6pm. Contact: demwomenedc@gmail.com

March 9 Free Master Gardeners Class: What is IPM?

Are you interested in less toxic pest management? Learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM), a scientific approach that focuses on long term prevention of pests. Please pre-register; the class size is limited. 9-12 noon, Bethell-Delfino Ag Building Conference Room, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Details HERE or 530-621-5512

March 9 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Corvid Rehabilitation

Learn how to rehab crows and ravens. 1-3 pm, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 10 Daylight Savings Begins

Move your old time clocks forward one hour.

March 10 Tend the Earth: A Native American Experience

Learn about Native American culture, local plants and wildlife, storytelling and traditions. This will include one hour of working on the land, a 1-2 mile hike, and lunch. All ages welcome. 10 am -2 pm. Register HERE

March 10 El Dorado Progressives General Zoom Meeting

3:30-5 pm. What are our priorities going forward? Register HERE

March 13 Free Master Gardeners Class: Back to Basics

This presentation will include basics such as soil types, watering techniques, planting methods, sun/shade exposure, mulch, and much more. A perfect class for the beginning gardener or anyone who wants to improve their skills. 9-12 noon, Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park. Details HERE or 530-621-5512

March 14 Democratic Women of EDC Zoom Meeting

March 15-16 Candidate and Campaign Organizer Training

See attached flyer for information

March 16 Wakamatsu Open Farm Days

Explore the Farmhouse and surroundings and ask questions of the docents. Amenities are limited so plan for rugged outdoor leisure. 10 am-2 pm. For information and to register: go <u>HERE</u>

March 16 Meet the Lichens of the Sierra Foothills: A Guided Walk

Enjoy a 1-2 mile walk looking for lichens in the Auburn State Recreation Area. Learn about lichen types, how to distinguish them from other fungi and moss, and what makes them special. Quiet 8+ years welcome and well-behaved dogs on a leash OK. Details HERE

March 16 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Skunk Rehabilitation

Learn how to rehab skunks. 1-3 pm, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 16 Baby Bird Nursery Basics for New Volunteers at Sierra Wildlife Rescue Every year volunteers are needed to care for the many injured and abandoned baby birds. This class is for you if you are interested in volunteering. 3:30-5:30 pm, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 16 Art Walk on Main St Placerville

Historic Downtown Placerville. Main Street galleries and merchants host changing art shows and late night shopping every third Saturday of the month. Demonstrations, refreshments, music and more. Enjoy the art galleries, restaurants, and shops which will be open late. 5-8 pm.

March 17 Community Table

The community table takes place every other Sunday each month at 24 Carrot Farm, 2731 Jacquier Rd, Placerville. Drop off donations between 8-9 am. The table opens at 9am. Contact: schrodycomb@gmail.com

March 19 First Day of Spring!

March 21 United Democrats Meeting

The United Democrats of El Dorado County will be meeting on Thursday, March 21st at Noon at the Round Table Pizza on Missouri Flat Road in Placerville. Speaker to be announced. Contact: savage956@hotmail.com

March 23 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Local Bird Identification

Learn how to use identifiers such as beak/bill, plumage, size, behaviors, and nest types to differentiate similar species. 10-12 noon, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 23 Free Master Gardeners Class: Culinary Herbs: from Garden to Gourmet Herbs not only bring flavor to our cooking, but are beautiful landscape plants. And many of their flowers are edible. Learn about the herbs that grow well in our area, how to propagate and grow them, when to harvest, and how to preserve. 9-12 noon, Blackstone Community Center, 1461 Blackstone Parkway, El Dorado Hills. Details HERE 530-621-5512

March 23 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Raccoon Rehabilitation

Learn how to rehab raccoons. 1-3 pm, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 30 Sierra Wildlife Class: Fox, Coyote & Bobcat Rehabilitation

Learn how to rehab Fox, Coyote, and Bobcat. 10-12 noon, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 30 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Fawn Rehabilitation

Learn how to rehab fawns. 1-3 pm, SWR Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

March 31 Community Table

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Save the Date

April 6 Annual Empty Bowls Dinner at the Shakespeare Club 4-7 pm

May 19 Kennedy-Roosevelt Fundraising Dinner for the El Dorado Democrats Flyer below

June 8 Annual Fundraising Gala for The Center Now

Election 2024

Some wonderful local folks have stepped up to run for office. Here is where we'll list their events, canvassing and phone banking opportunities. See flyers below

Key Dates Coming Up:

March 5 Primary Election Polls open 7 am-8 pm

Not sure which districts you're in? Find out HERE

Neva Parker is Running for AD5

Choose how to volunteer and/or **Donate HERE**

Sean Frame is Running for AD6

Choose how to volunteer and/or Donate HERE

Margaret Fortune is Running for Supervisor District 1

Choose how to volunteer and/or Donate **HERE**

Kevin McCarty is Running for Supervisor District 2 Choose how to volunteer and/or Donate HERE

Lexi Boeger is Running for Supervisor District 3
Choose how to volunteer and/or Donate HERE

From the Frame Campaign:

Knock on Doors for Sean Frame Saturday or Sunday 10am or 1:30pm Shifts
Sean Frame is running for State Assembly in District 6. Sean will fight to build more affordable housing, ban Wall Street private equity from owning single-family homes, bring back rent control, fund mental health services, and to declare a state of emergency in housing. Join Team Frame and canvass for Sean in Sacramento. Sign up on Mobilize mobilize.us/seanframeforassembly2024/

Virtual Phonebank for Sean Frame Weekday Evenings 6pm-8pm

Make calls from the comfort of your own home. Help elect Sean Frame to the State Assembly. Join us Wednesdays and Thursdays for evening phonebanks. Additional dates and times will be added to the calendar on Mobilize. Sign up at mobilize.us/seanframeforassembly2024/

For Your Information

ARC's nature camp registration and sign-ups for camp counselor training available now. Contact: ARConservancy.org

Master Gardener Help Desk is Open T/W/Th from 9 until 12 noon. Stop by if you have a gardening question or problem. 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Contact: 530-621-5512 or mgeldorado@ucanr.edu

The Center for Violence Free Relationships is open for in-person appointments if zoom and phones services are unavailable. Visit their website for protocols for in-person appointments. thecenternow.org Crisis Support Line (530)626-1131 or (916)939-6616

Community Volunteers/ Help Wanted/ Donations Needed

See Election section!

Websites and Contact Information:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Contact: Amber Henrichs 530-626-1222

amber@mentors4youth.org

EDC Progressive Alliance

edcprogressivealliance@yahoo.com

Democratic Women's Club

www.edcdems.org
Contact: Lorraine King

916-220-2872

Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net

El Dorado County Democratic Party

www.edcdems.org info@edcdems.org

El Dorado Peace & Justice Community

www.edpjc.org jrmarti2@earthlink.net Jim Martin (530) 622-9549

El Dorado Progressives

<u>Facebook</u> <u>eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com</u> https://eldoradoprogressives.org/ **Friends of EDC Seniors**

www.friendsofEDCseniors.org info@friendsofEDCsenior.org 530-334-6090

League of Women Voters EDC (nonpartisan)

www.lwveldorado.org (530)621-2260

Myrtle Tree Arts

Paul and Ameera Godwin myrtletreearts@gmail.com

Sierra Club Madrone Group

<u>www.sierraclub.org/mother-lode/madrone</u> barbara.brydon@comcast.net

Contact: Barbara Brydon

Sierra Wildlife Rescue

(530)621-2020

https://sierrawildliferescue.org/

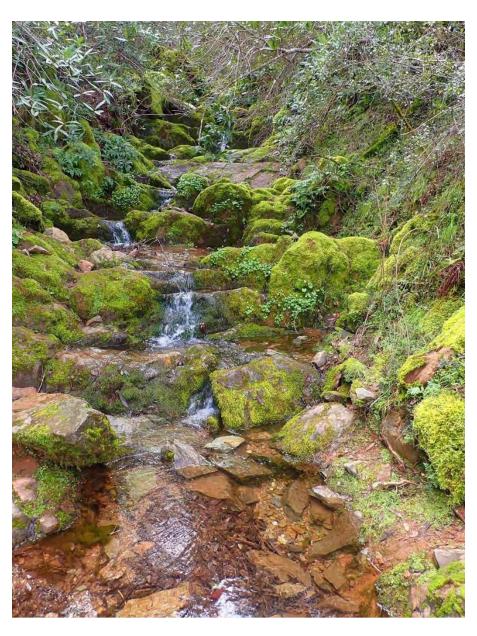
The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

24/7 Crisis Help Line: 530-626-1131 or 916-939-6616, Office Phone: 530-626-1450 or 916-939-4464 www.thecenternow.org

United Democrats of El Dorado County

www.edcdems.org Contact: John Savage Savage956@hotmail.com

Photo of the Month



American River Confluence Hike Photographer Patricia McKinney





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