



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

Progressive Alliance Calendar April 2019

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March 28 United Democrats of El Dorado County Meeting

Denny's Placerville, noon. Contact: John savage956@hotmail.com

March 30 Free Master Gardeners Class: Grow and Show

The class is designed for kids 5-12 and will cover the basics of growing plants and then encourage the young gardeners to demonstrate their new skill by entering their plants in a peer competition at the upcoming county fair. Pre-registration encouraged. 10-11 am, Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. \$2 parking fee. Contact: 530-621 5512

March 30 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Class: Foxes, Coyotes, and Bobcats

Learn how to rehab 3 of our largest and most fascinating predators. 1-3 pm, SWR Wildlife Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: 530-621-2650

March 31 Open Space Easy Tai Chi-Qigong at Wakamatsu Farm

Let the open space enhance your overall wellness via movement exercises. Ages 8+ welcome with an adult. No prior experience necessary. Rain may change location. 10:30-11:30 am. Contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 1 Workers Solidarity Workgroup Meeting

6pm, 3221 Gerle Avenue, Placerville. Contact: schrodycomb@gmail.com

April 2 & 24 Giving Garden Workdays at Wakamatsu Farm

Help plant veggies and start seeds and other general maintenance at the farm. 9am-1 pm. For more details and location contact: stewardship@ARConservancy.org

April 4 Recycle 101

A presentation on what is and is not recyclable as well as changes in how waste is handled in El Dorado County. 12-2pm, Raley's Event Center, 166 Placerville Dr, Placerville. Contact: patty.wilson5@gmail.com

April 4 Free Class: Spring Pickles

Come and learn how to pickle/preserve early spring vegetables such as asparagus, cabbage, carrots, and green beans. Presented by the Master Food Preservers of EDC. 6-8 pm, Bethell-Delfino Agricultural Building, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Contact: 530-621-5506

April 4 Immigration Workgroup Meeting

6pm, Tijuana Taqueria, 1762 Broadway, Placerville

Contact: Rebecca Guinn eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com

April 5 Sherwood Demonstration Garden Opens to the Public

Master Gardener docents are available to help guide visitors through the 16 individual gardens and answer gardening questions. Open to the public Fridays and Saturdays, 9am-12 noon. 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville, \$2 parking fee. April dates are: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19. Contact: 530-621-5512

April 6 Free Class: Blue Ribbon Canning

Master Food Preservers of EDC will teach you the basics of making your favorite jams, jellies, and soft spreads. Get tips on how to win first place at the fair. 9am-12 noon, Bethell-Delfino Agricultural Building, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Contact: 530-621-5506

April 6 Wakamatsu Open Farm Day

Enjoy a trip around the lake and the original farmhouse as you stroll around the farm. Bring a picnic and chair to pause and relax awhile. Suitable for all ages and capabilities. 10am-2pm. Located at 941 Cold Springs Rd, Placerville. Cost: \$10 per vehicle. Large vans and buses cost \$5 per person. For more information contact: www.ARConservancy.org/ewakamatsu

April 6 Free Class for Kids: Junior Jams & Jellies

Kids under 18 can learn how to make jam and jelly and enter their product in the county fair. Bring the fruit you want to use. Sign up for a 30 minute class between 10am-3pm. Pre-registration required: <http://ucanr.edu/mfp-jr-jams-jellies>, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Marshall Building, 100 Placerville Drive. Contact: 530-621-5506

April 6 Sierra Wildlife Rescue Baby Bird Nursery Training

Learn to feed and care for baby birds as they make progress towards being released back into the wild. You only have to take one class to be trained to care for the baby birds. All classes at the Sierra Wildlife Rescue Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Rd, Diamond Springs:

April 6 10am-12 noon

April 9 7-9 pm

April 20 10am-12 noon

April 23 7-9 pm

For more info and to sign up contact: Barbara Baker 530-621-2650

April 6 El Dorado County Democrats Student Essay Contest Luncheon

12:00 El Dorado County Office of Education, room B-2. Tickets are limited and can be purchased by sending a check for \$17, payable to United Democrats Essay Contest, to Mel Chapman PO Box 1823, Placerville, CA 95667. Contact: John savage956@hotmail.com

April 7 Toast to Wildlife Champagne Brunch

At this fundraiser for Sierra Wildlife Rescue enjoy an elegant champagne brunch, a visit with live "Educational Ambassador" hawks and owls, a variety of raffles, door prizes, and wildlife art. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. 11:30am-1pm, Cameron Park Country Club, 3201 Royal Drive, C.P.

Contact: www.sierrawildliferescue.org

April 8 Dose of Dance

Join in an early morning dance session to set the tone for your month. Free, rain or shine. 6-8 am, Organ Room at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. Contact: 916-802-4886

April 9 Senior Hike: Cedar Park Environmental Center

Departure from Sr. Center is 7:45 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water. Leader: Carole (530)644-6018

April 9 United Democrats "Democrats after Dark - Hot Topics"

7:00 to 8:00pm, Raley's Placerville Community Room. We will be discussing Late Term Abortion: What it is and what it isn't. We will also be discussing how to spot fake news. Please bring your tablet, smart phone, or lap top. Contact: John savage956@hotmail.com

April 10 Placerville Co-op Owner Discount Day

The 10th of each month is now Owner Discount Day, no matter which day of the week it falls on. 10% off your purchases. Location: 535 Placerville Dr, Placerville. Contact: (530)621-3663

April 10 Free Master Gardeners Class: Gardening in Small Backyard Spaces

The class will cover site location, design, raised beds, container gardening, and other methods that will allow anyone to have a vegetable garden in a small backyard setting. 9-12 noon, Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Dr, C.P. Contact: 530-621-5512

April 11 Tour of the El Dorado Disposal Plant

Where does our garbage go? This informative tour will be led by the sustainability manager at El Dorado Disposal. 3pm, limited space available. Location: El Dorado Disposal, 580 Truck St. Note: The plant is being remodeled and parking is limited so we will be carpooling from Diamond Springs. Contact: Patty patty.wilson5@gmail.com

April 11 Democratic Women Club Meeting

Enjoy social time (6-6:30pm) before the monthly meeting. Guest speaker will be Lori Parlin, County Supervisor District 4. 6-8 pm, Bel Air Market Event Room, 3510 Palmer Drive, Cameron Park. RSVP/Contact: demwomenedc@gmail.com

April 13 Second Saturday Open Garden Day

Free Master Gardeners' class will emphasize soil, cover crops, and companion planting as well as pruning demonstrations in the orchard. 9-11 am, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. \$2 parking fee. Contact: 530-621-5512

April 13 Natural History of Salmon Falls Ranch Hike

This intermediate 4 mile hike will travel through part of the Salmon Falls Ranch near the lower American River. Fit 9 yr + welcome. Steady rain cancels. 9:30am-2:30pm. To sign up and learn meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 13 Introduction to Sierra Wildlife Rescue

Come and learn about SWR's mission, accomplishments, goals, and activities as well as volunteer opportunities. 1-3pm, Sierra Wildlife Rescue Center, 777 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: www.sierrawildliferescue.org

April 13 8th Annual Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser

Fundraiser for Seniors Defensible Space and Senior Emergency Fund. 3-7 pm, \$10 adult/ \$5 child. Mother Lode Lions Hall, 4701 Missouri Flat Road, Diamond Springs. Contact: www.friendsofEDCseniors.org

April 14 Spring Bird Walk at Kanaka Valley

Join this easy hike through oak grasslands looking and listening for songbirds and raptors and wildflowers. 7:30am-12 noon. To sign up and for meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 14 Poppy Walk

Enjoy a special view of glowing orange fields overlooking the American River. Hiking to the flowers takes about 15-20 minutes. Healthy snacks and punch await you upon your return. 2-5 pm. Cost: \$30 adult/ \$15 under 16. All donations aid the Bill Center Memorial Fund supporting river frontage and trails. For meeting location and to sign up contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 14 El Dorado Progressives General Meeting

Topics: El Dorado County Voters—what did we learn in the midterm election?
3 to 5 pm, Town Hall, 549 Main Street, Placerville.
Contact: eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com

April 14 Healthcare at the Crossroads Presentation

Healthcare at the Crossroads, presentation by Dr. Ed Weisberg of Physicians for a National Healthcare Plan, 6pm. Cool Hall, 1701 Hwy 193, Cool. Please bring a side dish to share. Contact: cmyst123@gmail.com

April 14 Cronan Moonlight Hike

Enjoy a 3-5 mile moderate level hike. Fit 10 yr+ welcome as well as well behaved dogs on leash. 7:30 pm start. For info and to sign up contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 16 Sierra Forward Letter Writing Party

Continue to bring attention to McClintock's abysmal voting record with our District 04 communities. Hosted at an El Dorado Hills home. 10am-12 noon. For information and directions contact: ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net

April 16 Monthly Democratic Central Committee Meeting

6:30pm - social, followed by meeting start at 7pm, open to the public. Raley's Community Room, 166 Placerville Dr, Placerville. <https://edcdems.org/events/>

April 19 Sierra Renaissance Society Presents "Fire-Wise Landscaping"

Learn how to create defensible space to protect against wildfire. Local experts will be on hand to discuss how to balance safety and aesthetics with the law and insurance requirements. 1 pm, Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Dr, C.P. Contact: srsedc.org

April 20 Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale

The sale will feature hundreds of healthy plants, all grown and cared for by Master Gardeners. Also enjoy educational seminars and gardening advice. Cash or check only, please. 8am-12 noon, Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. \$2 parking fee. Contact: 530-621-5512

April 22 Health Care and Reproductive Health Workgroup

6:30p, Location: TBD

Contacts: dionperry@att.net and margaret@madams.com

April 22 Placerville Mobility Support Group Meeting

Placerville Mobility Support Group meetings are for all persons with mobility impairment, friends, caregivers, and medical professionals. For additional information, Contact: Lynn Murray at lynnmurray2684@att.net . Visit the PMSG website: placervillemobilitysupportgroup.org

April 22 PFLAG Placerville Meeting

This meeting is open to those who support PFLAG's mission. Meetings are a place to discuss issues and learn more about them, in a confidential environment. Support is offered to deal with issues around being GLBT, and the impact on GLBT individuals, their families, and their friends. 6:30pm. Location: Federated Church, 1031 Thompson Way, Placerville. Contact: info@pflagplacerville.org

April 23 Senior Hike: Robie Point

Departure from Sr. Center is 7:45 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water. Leader: Patty McK (530)957-1436

April 25 United Democrats of El Dorado County Monthly Meeting

12:00 Placerville Denny's. Our speaker will be Bill O'Neill, head of the El Dorado County Elections Office. Contact: John savage956@hotmail.com

April 26 Empty Bowls Fundraiser: Food in the Foothills

Buy a bowl of soup served in a hand decorated bowl. Eat some warm, tasty bread. Then take the beautiful bowl home with you. You'll enjoy live entertainment throughout the evening. We are raising funds for the Twin Lakes Food Bank which serves the needy in Folsom, El Dorado Hills, and Granite Bay. We'll also donate funds to the Upper Room in Placerville. You can help by purchasing tickets, making a donation, or becoming an event sponsor. Oakridge High School, 1120 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills. Contact: (530)621-7730

April 27 Free Master Gardeners Class: Backyard Composting Basics

Learn how to turn waste into nutrient-rich organic material for your garden. 9am-12 noon, Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. \$2 parking fee. Contact: 530-621-5512

April 27 Master Food Preservers Class: Cheese - Make and Take Workshop

Learn how to make Ricotta and Mozzarella cheese. It is quick and easy once you know the process. Cost: \$20. Preregistration is required at http://ucanr.edu/apr27_mfpclass, 9-12 noon, Bethell-Delfino Building, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. Contact: 53-621-5506

April 27 Open Space Easy Tai Chi-Qigong at Wakamatsu Farm

Let the open space of Wakamatsu Farm enhance overall wellness through movement exercises. Ages 8+ welcome with an adult. No prior experience necessary. Rain may change venue. To sign up and for meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 27 Earth Day Celebration

Celebrate the Earth at this free family event with music, informational booths, local arts and crafts, and great food for purchase. Come to the "Green" at the Central Library on Ray Lawyer Drive, Placerville. 10am-4pm. For info or to reserve a booth space contact: 530-620-6659 or text 530-391-1085

April 27 Placerville Art Association Plein Air Paint Out

Join artists of all kinds on the Wakamatsu Farm. Bring your paints, camera, pencils, or oils. Ages 10+ welcome. Rain cancels. 10-am-1pm. To sign up and for meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 27 Mini BioBlitz at Wakamatsu Farm

Volunteers are needed to help with this pilot program at Wakamatsu Farm. Use iNaturalist to log and catalog plants and species on the farm. This will help the farm to connect with a larger network of knowledge and understanding. Time TBD. For more info and location contact: stewardship@ARConservancy.org

April 28 Cronan Ranch Hike

Hike a challenging 5-7 mile loop at the Cronan Ranch Trails. Fit 10 yr + welcome. To sign up and for meeting location contact: julie@ARConservancy.org

April 30 Trail Work and Maintenance at Acorn Creek Trailhead

Help ARC maintain and enhance the 1 mile trail and water newly planted oak trees, 9am-1pm. Contact: stewardship@ARConservancy.org

Save the Date

May 4 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Join with community leaders in walking to bring awareness to victims of sexual assault. Register at 10 am; walk starts at 11 am

Contact: JulieS@thecenternow.org

May 5 Kennedy-Roosevelt Dinner

This is a major fundraiser for the El Dorado County Democratic Party. 3-7pm, Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, C.P. Contact: www.edcdems.org

June 6-9 Wakamatsu Fest 150

The festival will feature Japanese and Japanese-American food, art, music, performances, demonstrations, discussions and more. Visit the website for details, volunteer opportunities, and to purchase tickets. ARConservancy.org/wakafest150

For Your Information

American River Conservancy Nature Camp for Kids is accepting registrations now for the coming summer. Contact: education@ARConservancy.org

Donations to help feed local folks can be made to the Food Bank of El Dorado County here: <http://www.foodbankedc.org/give-help/monetary-donations>

Or to Upper Room Dining Hall here: <http://upperroomdininghall.org/index.html>

Community Volunteers/Help Wanted

April 27 Earth Day Placerville info or booth space, call (530)620-6659 or text 391-1085

Websites and Contact: Information:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Contact: Amber Henrichs

530-626-1222

amber@mentors4youth.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

Coalition for Change

www.coalitionforchange.org

patty.wilson5@gmail.com

Democratic Women's Club

www.edcdems.org

Contact: Lorraine King

916-220-2872

Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net

El Dorado Peace & Justice Community

www.edpj.org

jrmarti2@earthlink.net

PO Box 543

Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Jim Martin (530) 622-9549

El Dorado Progressives

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/287092428352556/>

eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com

<https://eldoradoprogressives.org/>

Friends of EDC Seniors

info@friendsofEDCseniors.org

(530)626-6323

P.O. Box 564, Placerville, CA 95667

Sierra Foothills Democratic Club

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Christine Berry

Sierra Club Maidu Group

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twoperegrines@yahoo.com

Contact: Bob Johnson

(530)919-5543

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www.pflagplacerville.org

info@pflagplacerville.org

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VP Membership/Outreach: Bev Van Meurs

United Democrats of El Dorado County
www.edcdems.org
Contact: John Savage
Savage956@hotmail.com

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www.edcdems.org
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Placerville Mobility Support Group
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placervillemobilitysupportgroup.org

Photo of the Month



Earth Day turns 49 years old this month.

”On April 22, 1970, millions of people took to the streets to protest the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development.

In the U.S. and around the world, smog was becoming deadly and evidence was growing that pollution led to developmental delays in children. Biodiversity

was in decline as a result of the heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants.

The global ecological awareness was growing, and the US Congress and President Nixon responded quickly. In July of the same year, they created the Environmental Protection Agency, and robust environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, among many.”

Read more here:

<https://www.earthday.org/earthday/>

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