



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

## Progressive Alliance Calendar May 2021

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### **May 1 Master Gardeners of El Dorado County Plant Sale**

A good selection of trees, shrubs, plants, succulents, natives and perennials will be available at the annual plant sale. 8am - 3pm, Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Shopping is available by reservation or walk-in. Masks and physical distancing will be required. For reservations, info, and a plant list go to: <http://ucanr.edu.edcsale>

### **May 1 Rise and Shine is BACK!**

Join us for a day of volunteering in the great outdoors. Register today and choose a project with a friend or in your neighborhood. We'll meet our team leaders on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8am at our project site. Bring tools that you think will help to clean

up, spruce up, and fix up our parks, trail, and community spaces. Register for your project and choose your lunch and shirt option so we can plan for the big day [HERE!](#) Questions? Call Amy Sellers (916)847-9972 or Placerville Community Services at (530)642-5542

### **May 1 & 15 Wakamatsu Open Farm Days**

10am-2pm. Enjoy a walking tour of the Farm. Bring a picnic lunch and chair to sit and relax. May 1 is also an art and kite day. Registration is required. Visit the Events Calendar at [ARConservancy.org/events](http://ARConservancy.org/events)

### **May 2 Mindful Wakamatsu Nature Walk**

Join a Japanese Zen Buddhist on a 2 mile nature walk at Wakamatsu Farm. Children 12+ welcome. Rain Postpones. Registration is required. Visit the Events Calendar at [ARConservancy.org/events](http://ARConservancy.org/events)

### **May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Wakamatsu Workdays**

Volunteer workdays center around small site improvement projects such as weeding, orchard care, and trail maintenance. 9-12 noon. Adults must accompany children 7 years and under. Registration is required: Go to the Events Calendar at [ARConservancy.org/events](http://ARConservancy.org/events)

### **May 6 Big Day of Giving**

This is an annual 24 hour fund-raising rally for non-profit organizations. Think about our local non-profits that you care about and consider a donation.

### **May 6 Free Farmers Market Cameron Park**

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups (Rural Resistance Placerville) provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Cameron Park is first Thursday, 3:30-5:00pm at Cameron Park Library 2500 Country Club Dr, Cameron Park. Contact: (916)783-0481 [placerfoodbank.org](http://placerfoodbank.org)

### **May 6 Writers Alliance Seminar #1: Writing Effective Letters to the Editor**

While there's no magical formula, published letters share common characteristics. Become familiar with the guidelines to structure an effective letter. The first of two practical and informative FREE seminars presented by the Writers Alliance. Advance registration required. 6:30-8pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81358859980...> Event by [El Dorado Progressives - Organization Page](#) and [El Dorado County Democratic Party](#) Contact: [ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net)

### **May 8 Master Gardeners Virtual Class: Kitchen Gardens**

Learn which growing conditions are best, how to plant your garden, and other special considerations. 9-10:30 am. To begin the registration process go to: [mgeldorado@ucanr.edu](mailto:mgeldorado@ucanr.edu) or call 530-621-5512 and leave a message.

### **May 8 Greens, Sticks, and Stones in Ikebana**

Learn this style of Japanese flower arranging which utilizes many different materials in addition to flowers and branches. 9-12 noon. Children 7+ welcome with adult supervision. Registration is required: Go to the Events Calendar at [ARConservancy.org/events](http://ARConservancy.org/events)

### **May 9 SOL Community Farmers' Market Opening Day!**

We will kick off the Farmers' Market Season with a Mother's Day Market! 9:00 am - 1:00pm. Vendors, Non Profits, Schools, Govt offices, all are welcome and invited to host a booth. Businesses are \$20/booth; Non Profits and Community Groups are FREE! Contact: Luli Velasco 530-409-9951 [solcommunityfarmersmarket.com](http://solcommunityfarmersmarket.com) [facebook.com/solcommunityfarmersmarket.com](https://facebook.com/solcommunityfarmersmarket.com)

### **May 10 Placerville Co-op Owner Discount Day**

Shop local! The 10th of each month is Owner Discount Day, 10% off your purchases. Location: 535 Placerville Dr, Placerville. Contact: (530)621-3663

### **May 10 Community Elevation: A Conversation on Mobile Home Parks**

Exploring sustainability and affordability in mobile home communities in El Dorado County. 5:30-7:30pm. Details [HERE](#) In-person location: Union Mine High School Theater 6530 Koki Ln, El Dorado, CA 95623. Sign up to attend, send questions, and/or find streaming information [HERE](#)

### **May 12 Master Gardeners Virtual Class: Heat Illness Prevention and Environmental Hazards in Your Garden**

Learn how to prevent illness and injuries in your garden, including rattle snakes, poisonous plants, insect bites, etc. 9-10:30. Register at: [mgeldorado@ucanr.edu](mailto:mgeldorado@ucanr.edu) or call 530-621-5512 and leave a message.

### **May 12 Free Farmers Market Pollock Pines**

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups (Rural Resistance Placerville) provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Pollock Pines is second Wednesday, 2:00-3:30pm at Pollock Pines Community Center 2675 Sanders Dr, Pollock Pines. Contact: (916)783-0481 [placerfoodbank.org](http://placerfoodbank.org)

### **May 13 Democratic Women of El Dorado County Meeting**

Join Democratic Women of El Dorado County (DWEDC) 6pm-8pm. Our speakers include: Supervisor John Hidahl, BOS1 and Michele Sutter, Money Out, Voters [In.org](http://In.org) (MOVI). Go to [edcdem.org/calendar](http://edcdem.org/calendar) for the Zoom link to pre-register. Contact: [DemWomenEdc@gmail.com](mailto:DemWomenEdc@gmail.com) for information.

### **May 15 Master Gardeners Kids Class: Plant a Pizza Kitchen**

Designed for kids 4-10 years old. Kids will leave this make-and-take class with an herb seed ball, recipes, and a garden journal. Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. Reservations are required to keep this class small. Register at: [mgeldorado@ucanr.edu](mailto:mgeldorado@ucanr.edu) or called leave a message at 530-621-5512.

### **May 15 Master Gardeners Virtual Class: Oaks in El Dorado County**

Learn about different oak species, their functions, problems they are prone to, and how to look after them. 9-10:30am. Register at: [mgeldorado@ucanr.edu](mailto:mgeldorado@ucanr.edu)

### **May 15 Pine Needle Basket Class**

Learn the technique of coiling and how to start a basket of pine needles in this one-day outdoor workshop. The class is appropriate for all levels. Receive information on collecting, storing, and dyeing pine needles. Materials will be provided and space is limited. 9am-4pm. Registration is required. Go to the Events Calendar at [ARConservancy.org/events](http://ARConservancy.org/events)

### **May 16 Magnolia West Ridge Afternoon Hike**

This is a moderately strenuous hike with some steep downhill sections. Well-behaved dogs on leash and fit 12+ years welcome. Rain cancels. Registration is required: [julie@ARConservancy.org](mailto:julie@ARConservancy.org)

### **May 16 El Dorado Progressives Monthly Meeting via Zoom**

May's Topic is "Labor: A Tribute to Al Rojas". 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. Register in advance for this meeting [HERE](#) Contact: [eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com](mailto:eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com)

### **May 20 Free Farmers Market Georgetown**

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups (Rural Resistance Placerville) provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Georgetown is third Thursday, 2:00-3:30pm at Saint James Mission Church 2831 Harkness Rd, Georgetown. Contact: (916)783-0481 [placerfoodbank.org](http://placerfoodbank.org)

### **May 20 Writers Alliance Seminar #2: Putting Our Talents to Work**

A Writers Alliance is a collective of talents—writers, researchers, editors, and publicists. In what role or roles do you see yourself? Join our FREE seminar and see

what is possible. Advance registration required. Event by [El Dorado County Democratic Party](#) and [El Dorado Progressives - Organization Page](#) Online: [us02web.zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us), 6:30–8pm.

**May 20 United Democrats Meeting New Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 4:00pm**

The United Democrats of El Dorado County will be holding their monthly meeting at Denny's in Placerville at 5:00pm. Their speaker will be Maureen Dion Perry from the Pathways Project. Contact: John [savage956@hotmail.com](mailto:savage956@hotmail.com)

**May 21 Free Farmers Market Placerville**

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups (Rural Resistance Placerville) provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Placerville is third Friday, 3:30-5:00pm at Markham Middle School 2800 Moulton Dr, Placerville. Contact: (916)783-0481 [placerfoodbank.org](http://placerfoodbank.org)

**May 22 Coffee and Conversation with Democrats**

Let's talk about how to talk to your neighbor again...you know, the one who voted for "the other guy". What are the strategies of empathy, knowledge, and information that disconnected them? Register [HERE](#)

**May 23 Capturing Wakamatsu: A Poetry Walk and Workshop**

Explore the farmhouse, barn, and surroundings and then write a poem inspired by your experience. Children 8+ welcome with adult supervision. 10-12 noon. Registration is required: [julie@ARConservancy.org](mailto:julie@ARConservancy.org)

**May 24 Placerville PFLAG Meeting**

Placerville PFLAG is here to support our community. Meet with us via Zoom! Please join us- the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm. For information & the link to the meeting, please email: [pflagplacerville@gmail.com](mailto:pflagplacerville@gmail.com)

**May 29 Placerville Pioneer Cemetery Tour**

Tour 4 historic local cemeteries and study gravestone markers dating back to the 1850's. 9-12 noon. Steady rain cancels. Responsible teens+ welcome. Registration is required: [julie@ARConservancy.org](mailto:julie@ARConservancy.org)

**Save the Date**

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## For Your Information

**El Dorado Community Health Centers has Vaccine clinics available every week** to patients and residents of El Dorado County. The link to sign up for clinics is [HERE](#). Contact: Diana [dkantola@edchc.org](mailto:dkantola@edchc.org)

**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](http://thecenternow.org)

**Sherwood Demonstration Garden is open to the public** again on Fridays and Saturdays, 9- 12 noon. (Except May 1 due to the plant sale). You can explore the 16 individual gardens on your own or ask a docent for help. 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. **Also, Master Gardeners are always available to answer your gardening questions.** You can leave a message at 530-621-5512 or use the “Ask a MG” option on their website at [mgeldorado.ucanr.edu](http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu)

**ARC Nature Camps for Kids are back!** For information and to register, go to [ARConservancy.org/education](http://ARConservancy.org/education)

## Community Volunteers/ Help Wanted/ Donations Needed

**The Baby Bird Nursery is opening May 1** Sierra Wildlife Rescue needs volunteers to care for over 600+ injured and orphaned songbirds that will be looking for a helping hand and a second chance. The BBN is open 7 days a week, 12 hours a day through early August. For additional information and to volunteer contact: Michael Damer, 530-334-3394

**Help is needed to build a foot bridge** across the inlet at Lake Tabeaud in Amador County. The project is being spearheaded by Bud Hoekstra from Glencoe, CA. The project is being planned for the summer of 2021. If you're interested in helping, contact Bud for details. Contact: [foothillberrries@gmail.com](mailto:foothillberrries@gmail.com)

**Upper Room is asking for \$ donations** and could use some kitchen help on Mondays. Contact: <http://upperroomdininghall.org/>

**Housing El Dorado** is collecting monetary donations to help provide much-needed housing and services for our homeless neighbors. Please help with a donation [HERE](#) Contact: [pathways@housingeldorado.org](mailto:pathways@housingeldorado.org)

**Staff and volunteers needed for the Pathways Winter Lodging Program.** Located at Green Valley Church with a day program coming soon at the Placerville Library on

M/T/W mornings. Contact: Julie H, Program Manager at:  
[pathways@housingeldorado.org](mailto:pathways@housingeldorado.org)

## Websites and Contact: Information:

### **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

Contact: Amber Henrichs  
530-626-1222  
[amber@mentors4youth.org](mailto: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](http://www.thecenternow.org)

### **Coalition for Change**

[www.coalitionforchange.org](http://www.coalitionforchange.org)  
[patty.wilson5@gmail.com](mailto:patty.wilson5@gmail.com)

### **Democratic Women's Club**

[www.edcdems.org](http://www.edcdems.org)  
Contact: Lorraine King  
916-220-2872  
[Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net)

### **El Dorado Peace & Justice Community**

[www.edpjc.org](http://www.edpjc.org)  
[jrmarti2@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto:eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com)  
<https://eldoradoprogressives.org/>

### **Friends of EDC Seniors**

[info@friendsofEDCseniors.org](mailto:info@friendsofEDCseniors.org)  
(530)626-6323  
P.O. Box 564, Placerville, CA 95667

### **Sierra Foothills Democratic Club**

[www.edcdems.org](http://www.edcdems.org)  
[buster.berry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buster.berry@sbcglobal.net)  
Christine Berry

### **Sierra Club Maidu Group**

[www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/maidu](http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/maidu)  
[barbara.brydon@comcast.net](mailto:barbara.brydon@comcast.net)  
Contact: Barbara Brydon

### **P.F.L.A.G.**

[www.pflagplacerville.org](http://www.pflagplacerville.org)  
[info@pflagplacerville.org](mailto:info@pflagplacerville.org)

### **League of Women Voters EDC (nonpartisan)**

[www.lwveldorado.org](http://www.lwveldorado.org)  
President: Elaine Lyman [tylman2@gmail.com](mailto:tylman2@gmail.com)

### **United Democrats of El Dorado County**

[www.edcdems.org](http://www.edcdems.org)  
Contact: John Savage  
[Savage956@hotmail.com](mailto:Savage956@hotmail.com)

### **New Morning Youth & Family Services**

[www.newmorningyfs.org](http://www.newmorningyfs.org)  
David Ashby, Executive Director  
[David@newmorningyfs.org](mailto:David@newmorningyfs.org)  
530.622.5551 x122

### **El Dorado County Democratic Party**

[www.edcdems.org](http://www.edcdems.org)  
[info@edcdems.org](mailto:info@edcdems.org)

### **Sierra Foothills Young Dems**

(916)-203-8175  
[d4youngdems@gmail.com](mailto:d4youngdems@gmail.com)

### **Sierra Wildlife Rescue**

777 Pleasant Valley Rd  
Diamond Springs, CA 95619  
(530)621-2020  
<https://sierrawildliferescue.org/>



## Photo of the Month



**Hidden Falls Hiking**  
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