

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 2022

Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party!'" Robin Williams

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April 30 Master Gardeners Plant Sale II

Trees, shrubs, grass, succulents, natives, and perennial plants. 8am-2pm. Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. See flyer below for further information or go <u>HERE</u>

April 30 Placerville Rise and Shine Community Clean Up

Placerville Community Services will host its 7th annual Community Day of Service, a free event where we lend our time, treasures, and talents to fix up, clean up, and conserve our community parks and trails. At about noon, we'll gather at Lion's Park

for lunch (provided) and visiting. The City provides materials like garbage bags, paint, brushes, etc. (but you may want to bring your gloves, weed whacker, or hedge trimmers from home). Register by calling the Community Services office at 530.642.5232 or email us at <u>pvparksrec@gmail.com</u>! Make a Difference - Our community needs YOU! Sign up and find more information <u>HERE</u>

April 30 El Dorado Ranch Hike: Explore the History and Plants of El Dorado Ranch

As most of the sites are accessible by vehicle, the walks will be short. Stops include Fanny Creek, Cinnabar City, Milk House Ranch, and Miller Ranch. 10am-4pm. Responsible 12+ welcome with adult supervision. To learn of meeting location and to register contact: <u>ARConservancy.org/events</u> or call 530-621-1224

April 30 Spring Tea at Wakamatsu Farm

Enjoy tea and lunch at the Farm. Visit the Farmhouse and museum and stroll around the grounds at your leisure. 11am-1:30pm, \$30 per person with free parking. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org/events</u> or 530-621-1224

May 1 Sierra Wildlife Rescue's Baby Bird Nursery is OPEN

777 Pleasant Valley Rd, Diamond Springs. Contact: sierrawildliferescue.org

May 1 Capturing Wakamatsu: A Poetry Walk and Workshop

Explore the buildings and surrounding at Wakamatsu Farm and then write a poem about your experience. Children 8+ welcome with adult supervision. 10am-12 noon. Contact & registration info: <u>ARConservancy.org/event</u>

May 1 Threshold Choir Performance

Placerville's Threshold Choir is presenting *Walking Each Other Home: A Choral Remembrance* for those who have died in the Covid pandemic, their families, and anyone who would like to participate in this community event. 3pm on the steps of the county courthouse, Main St., Placerville. More information and contact: <u>HERE</u>

May 4 Wakamatsu Farm Workday

Volunteer workdays center around small site improvement projects such as weeding, native plant cultivation, orchard care, and trail maintenance. 9am-12 noon. Registration required. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org</u>

May 5 Big Day of Giving – Support Art in El Dorado County!

Arts and Culture El Dorado (formerly El Dorado Arts Council) has been at work in El Dorado County since 1985 and would appreciate your support! We design our programming to nurture artistic production locally, support the voices of working artists and their communities, and provide educational opportunities, while fostering respectful dialogue across diverse beliefs. Consider GIVING <u>HERE</u> Thank you! More information about The Big Day of Giving <u>HERE</u>.

May 5 Free Farmers' Market Cameron Park

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Cameron Park is the first Thursday, 10:30-Noon at Faith Episcopal Church 2200 Country Club Dr, Cameron Park. Contact: (916)783-0481 placerfoodbank.org

May 6 Volunteer Open House for ARC

Learn of the various ways you can volunteer for ARC and meet current volunteers and staff. Drop in any time between 4-6:30pm to mix and mingle with other volunteers and enjoy some food and drink. Keyaki Garden at Wakamatsu Farm, 941 Cold Springs Rd, Placerville. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org</u>

May 7 Let's Canvass for Tim in Cameron Park!

As promised, here is the link for the canvassing event we will be having on Saturday, from 9am-noon. We'll be launching the canvass out of Bel-Air in Cameron Park. The campaign is using the MiniVAN app so make sure your phone is charged and you have the MiniVAN app on your phone.

Link to the event:

https://www.mobilize.us/timrobertsonforstatesenate/event/455925/

May 7 Wakamatsu Open Farm Day - Japanese Children's Day

Celebrate Japanese culture with activities for children and adults. Featuring Taiko drumming, paper crafts, kite flying, brush painting, haiku poetry and more. Explore Wakamatsu Farm at your own pace and enjoy the varied activities. 10am-2pm. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org/events</u>

May 8 Community Table

The Community Table is located at 681 Main St in Placerville. Donation drop offs are from 8-9am and the table is open from 9-10am. We are always in need of rice, beans, fresh produce, masa, sugar, oil and diapers (size 4, 5, 6). Thank you for your support! Contact: <u>ruralresistanceplacerville@gmail.com</u>

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 11 Master Gardeners Class: CULINARY HERBS: From Garden to Gourmet

Join us to explore the herbs that grow well in our area, learn how to propagate and grow, when to harvest and how to preserve. And you'll be able to propagate herbs to take home with you. 9am-noon. Cameron Park Community Center 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park. Contact: <u>katehalvorson@yahoo.com</u>

May 11 Free Farmers' Market Pollock Pines

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Pollock Pines is the second Wednesday, 11:00-1:00 at Pollock Pines Community Center, 2675 Sanders Dr, Pollock Pines. Contact: (916)783-0481 <u>placerfoodbank.org</u>

May 12 Free Farmers' Market Placerville

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Placerville is the second Thursday, 11:00-1:00pm at Regal Theatre/MORE, 337 Placerville Dr, Placerville. Contact: (916)783-0481 placerfoodbank.org

May 12 Democratic Women of El Dorado County Meeting

Join Democratic Women of El Dorado County (DWEDC) 6pm-8pm for our Zoom Club meeting. Topic: Diamond Springs Housing and Commercial Development. Go to <u>edcdem.org/calendar</u> for the Zoom link to preregister. <u>DemWomenEdc@gmail.com</u> for information.

May 14 Where History & Nature Connect Locally

Learn the history of this 2-site visit to Georgetown. The activity includes a visit to the Stifle Mine Claim/Traverse Creek Area and walk through Georgetown Nature Area. Total of 3 easy miles. Kids 8+ welcome as well as well-behaved dog on leash. 9-11:30am. Meeting location is in Georgetown. Contact and register: <u>ARConservancy.org/events</u>

May 14 Dave Moore Spring Picnic Hike

This is an easy 1 mile shaded loop trail and includes a picnic stop by the river to observe all of the water action passing by. 12-2pm. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org/event</u>

May 15 Trail Workday with ARC

The volunteer workday will center around brushing trails, development of new trail routes, and general trail maintenance. All ages are welcome but children need to be accompanied by an adult. 9am-1pm.

Contact: ARConservancy.org/event

May 15 Ikebana: Japanese Flower Arranging (part 3/3)

3 part workshop. Learn the 3 basic styles from which all other styles are derived. The motto is "Anytime, Anywhere, by Anyone with Any type of Material". Children 8+ welcome with adult, 10am-1pm. Preregistration is required. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org/events</u>

May 15 El Dorado Progressives Meeting: Solidarity with Labor

Speaker 1: Marcia Woods, President, EDCEA Local 1 (AFSCME) on a new collaborative project between Labor leaders and political organizations, including El Dorado Progressives. Speaker 2: TBD - speaker from Roseville Starbucks Organizing Committee and Sacramento Central Labor Council. In Person at Placerville Town Hall, 549 Main Street, 3:30 - 5:00pm. And Zoom option: <u>RSVP for this meeting on Zoom.</u>

May 19 United Democrats Meeting

The United Democrats will be meeting at noon at the Round Table Pizza at 3975 Missouri Flat Road in Placerville. Our speaker will be Brooke Laine, Candidate for 5th District supervisor. Contact: John <u>savage956@hotmail.com</u>

May 19 Free Farmers' Market Georgetown

Placer Food Bank in partnership with local groups provides fresh produce at four EDC locations throughout the month. Georgetown is the third Thursday, 12:00-1:30pm at Saint James Mission Church, 2831 Harkness Rd, Georgetown. Contact: (916)783-0481 placerfoodbank.org

May 21 Master Gardener Class: Bouquets: How to Grow, Harvest, and Arrange

Join us to discuss best plants to plant, how and when to harvest, and how to arrange the cut flowers in different containers. Tips will be discussed on how to preserve the arrangement. If you want to take home a lovely, self-made arrangement, please bring a bouquet of flowers from your garden (or your local store) and your favorite vase. Location: Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville, CA 95667. Contact: mgeldorado@ucanr.edu

May 21 Wakamatsu Open Farm Day: Animals of Wakamatsu Farm

Explore the Farm at your own pace and enjoy donkey cart rides, falconry, bird watching, animal tracking, fishing, and learning about garden allies. 10am-12 noon. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org/event</u>

May 22 Community Table Every Other Sunday

The Community Table is located at 681 Main St in Placerville. Donation drop offs are from 8-9am and the table is open from 9-10am. We are always in need of rice, beans, fresh produce, masa, sugar, oil and diapers (size 4, 5, 6). Thank you for your support! Contact: <u>ruralresistanceplacerville@gmail.com</u>

May 22 Zen Meditation and Qigong in the Wakamatsu Garden

This event will include sessions of Qigong, mindfulness meditation, walking meditation, and time for tea and conversation at the end. Responsible 12+ welcome. Contact for registration: <u>ARConservancy.org/event</u>

Election 2022

May 9 Vote by Mail Ballots go out for the June 7 Primary
May 10 Drop Boxes go up to for ballots (collected regularly by election officials).
May 28 Some Vote Centers open through June 7, more open June 4-7.

More information available HERE

Dr Kermit Jones is running to become the US Representative of our new 3rd district (covering those of us formerly in McClintock's area). Learn about Dr Jones and consider contributing and volunteering <u>HERE</u>

Save the Date

June 7 Direct Primary Election for California

For Your Information

ARC's Nature Camps are offering two separate camps with two different age groups this year. The theme is "Inspired by Nature". For info and registration contact: <u>ARConservancy.org</u> or 530-621-1224. The Nature Camp is also looking for teen counselors.

The El Dorado County Master Gardeners' Sherwood Demonstration Garden is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 until 12 noon. 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. You can also reach out to our Master Gardeners for advice online or by phone. Contact: <u>mgeldorado@ucanr.edu</u> or call 530-621-5512

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. <u>thecenternow.org</u> Crisis Support Line (530)626-1131 or (916)939-6616

Community Volunteers/ Help Wanted/ Donations Needed

The ARC Nature Camp is looking for teen counselors. Contact: <u>ARConservancy.org</u> or 530-621-1224.

Rural Resistance continues to help local families in need at their Community Mutual Aid Food Table every other Sunday. They accept donations of food and other essentials like diapers from 8-9 am. The Table opens to the public from 9-10 am. The table is located at 681 Main St (Marshall Med Building Parking lot next to Sherwin Williams Paint Store). Contact: <u>ruralresistanceplacerville@gmail.com</u>

Websites and Contact: Information:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Contact: Amber Henrichs 530-626-1222 amber@mentors4youth.org

Democratic Women's Club www.edcdems.org Contact: Lorraine King 916-220-2872 Lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net

EDC Progressive Alliance edcprogressivealliance@yahoo.com

El Dorado County Democratic Party www.edcdems.org

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El Dorado Peace & Justice Community

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El Dorado Progressives https://www.facebook.com/groups/287092428 352556/ eldoradoprogressives@gmail.com https://eldoradoprogressives.org/

Friends of EDC Seniors info@friendsofEDCseniors.org (530)626-6323 League of Women Voters EDC (nonpartisan) www.lwveldorado.org President: Elaine Lyman tlyman2@gmail.com

New Morning Youth & Family Services www.newmorningyfs.org David Ashby, Executive Director David@newmorningyfs.org 530.622.5551 x122

Sierra Club Maidu Group www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/maidu barbara.brydon@comcast.net Contact: Barbara Brydon

Sierra Foothills Young Dems (916)-203-8175 d4youngdems@gmail.com

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 <u>www.thecenternow.org</u>

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

Photo of the Month



Lupine Bloom, Salmon Falls Road Photo by Leslie Sellman-Sant

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Threshold Choir Presents Walking Each Other Home: A Choral Remembrance

Threshold Choir, an international choir with 200 chapters around the country and the world, is holding a day of choral remembrance for those who have died in the COVID-19 pandemic, their families, and anyone who would like to participate in this community event.

Hosted by: Placerville Threshold Singers When: May 1, 3:00 pm Where: Placerville Courthouse Steps

Threshold Choir's mission is to sing for those at the thresholds of life. Our vision is a world where all of life's thresholds are honored with compassion and shared through gentle, comforting songs that represent messages of peace, kindness and love. To learn more about our chapter, visit thresholdchoir.org/placerville.

If a friend sent you this calendar and encouraged you to sign up, send an email to the Progressive Alliance to receive it to your inbox! <u>edcprogressivealliance@yahoo.com</u>