

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARROYO GRANDE BULLETIN



FUN, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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President's Message



It's a new year and we have lots of things going on. Are you ready to jump in and join the fun and hard work? No matter what obstacles try to get in our way (kitchen wiring, trolley canceling, performers missing, etc.) we manage to get the job done and do it well.

For fun, we are getting to know one another better and sharing some laughs (starting with the September meeting). Participating on a monthly committee will help you meet and make new friends.

This year we will be holding our Cookie Decorating Booth at the Harvest Festival after we participate in the Harvest Parade (we have the trolley reserved for us), staffing the Cafe at the Artisan Faire, and, of course, playing Bingo to fund raise. We can't do these things without your help and support, so please join in the hard work.

We will support our community with donations to local charities and we will continue the stuffed animal program under a new name—"Animals in Arms". Lots of ribbon tacking ahead of us—not such hard work, but we need you to help.

And who knows what else may come along that we will add to the mix. Join us and share the camaraderie of the Wonderful Woman's Club.

Smiles and Hugs, Toni



First Meeting of our year, Friday, September 13, 2019, at noon \$5

Gayle Quain & Charlie Hanna, along with their committee...the Executive Board Members, will hostess our first meeting. This meeting will be finger foods, which include desserts & munchies. All of the Board members, Standing Committee members, and Special Committee members will provide the goodies. The theme for this meeting is "Mis-Matched". We will be using up the leftover decorations that we find in the closet! Please come dressed "mismatched" to go with our theme. You are NOT to match shoes, earrings, socks, etc. You get the picture. Mix colors & mix patterns! Just have fun!

For our program, pianist Dennis Eiler will perform. He saw his first piano at 5 years old. In high school he played for his first musical, *Oklahoma*. He played for a vaudeville/melodrama one summer. Played for the PCPA Production of *The Sound of Music* and *Oliver*. He played at the Clark Center's Christmas Sing Along in December 2018. Through the years he has played in local rock bands and country bands. For the past 8 years he has been the pianist for the Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande and continues doing the occasional jazz or rock gig.

Give Gretchen Weckstein a call at 473-1366, to let her know that you are attending so that we have enough tables and chairs. It will be great to see you all again after our summer break. And, at our meeting, we'll find out the plans for the coming Woman's Club year! We are asking for a fee of \$5 at the door, this will help us pay for our coffee, tea, sugars and creamers, etc. throughout the year.



Hello, members of the Arroyo Grande Woman's Club. I hope you all had a great summer. I am Elisabeth Koch-Murray, and I am chairing the Ways & Means committee. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of fine meeting entertainment, thanks to Sofia McHugh, and fund raising opportunities.

This year we will kick off the fund raising season with the "Decorate Your Own Cookie" booth at the Harvest Festival followed by the Artisans' Faire in November. In 2020, we will try for a polling place in March and play Bingo twice: once in late January and once in late March.

I would like to have every member fill out a survey at the September meeting to let me know how you can help with the actual fund raisers, placing posters, or selling raffle tickets.

Please call me at (831) 595-6507 if you would like to be a part of the Ways & Means committee.

Thank you, Elisabeth

Below: Annette Smith, Gloria Haas, Laura Vopatek, Mary Ann Shoebridge & Mary Carson.



Art Group at the California Mid-State Fair

Our Art Group had several entries in the Mid-State Fair this year. We were allowed up to 5 entries, each having to be in a different category of art, i.e. abstract, representational, fair theme, watercolor, oil, collage, vintage travel poster, agriculture, pen & ink, etc. Also, we needed to put our works into classes of amateurs, advanced amateurs, or professionals. This year's theme was *Let's Have S'more Fun*. In mid-June, we made the trip up to Paso Robles to drop off our artwork. The night before the fair opened, in mid-July, we were invited to the Artist's & Photographer's reception. While enjoying a glass of wine or refreshment, we each looked for our entries among the hundreds of paintings and photos. Our results were great!

Mary Ann Shoebridge, entered as an amateur, won 1st place with her collage, and 2nd place with her vintage poster! Annette Smith, entered as an amateur, won a 1st place for the fair's theme! Gloria Haas, had five entries, mostly advanced amateur paintings, she won a 2nd place, but entered as an amateur, and won a 1st for her collage! Laura Vopatek, entered three paintings, as an amateur, and won two 2nd place awards, and a 3rd place award! Moe Boyd, entered a most beautiful Japanese style stitchery, and won a 1st place award! Mary Carson entered as an advanced amateur, three paintings, two of which won 1st place awards! Joan Goodall entered a professional painting, which she painted while fighting off pneumonia. We wish her well, and hope she is feeling better soon.

We'll proudly show off our paintings at the first club meeting in September.

September Birthdays

Joyce Cook	1
Loretta Newman	4
Pat Schiller	5
Barbara Schieffer	8
Sally Weitkamp	13
Gaye Peltzman	14
Deane Reynolds	17
Suzy Anderson	19
Barbara Wright	23
Valerie Kates	24
Sally Payne	29



Rest In Peace

Ellyn Carlene Alexander, passed away on May 27, 2019, at the age of 75. Not only was she a cherished member of our club, but she was a past President for 2009-2010. She loved her tenure with our club and always recognized the other members for being such great women and friends. Her smooth, straight gray hair, warm smile, and her husky voice stood out when you were in her presence. She saw the best in all of us, and loved being a member here. She was a very giving person and worked for several years supporting the Women's Shelter in SLO. We'll miss you, Carlene.



Make sure you pick up your new Membership Directory. Marlene Starr will be handing them out to those who come to the September meeting.

Out & About Theater Party

What: VERONICA'S POSITION, a comedy by Rich Orloff
Veronica's Position mixes love, politics, and art in a star-spangled comedy set in Washington, D.C., 1990. When Veronica, a self-absorbed movie star in mid-life (think Liz Taylor) agrees to co-star in a play with her favorite ex-husband (think Richard Burton), both egos and calories get burned.

When: Sunday, September 22, 2019, 2:30 p.m.

Where: By the Sea Productions, 545 Shasta Ave, Morro Bay held at St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church

Cost: \$20

Contact: Gretchen Weckstein no later than 9/13 (preferably earlier) with your payment. I will purchase tickets in advance. Doors open at 2:30 and seats are first come first seated. The theater is small and there really are no bad seats. We can think about getting a bite to eat after the show.



Harvest Festival

The Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival is happening, Friday & Saturday, September 27th and 28th. Gaye Peltzman is organizing the participation of the Woman's Club in Saturday's parade. The trolley bus has been reserved for those of you who would like to ride in the parade. Also, Elisabeth Koch-Murray is coordinating a Cookie Decorating Booth, like we had last year! She will be looking for volunteers to help out at the booth, doing shifts. Set up will be on Friday, Sept. 27th at noon. The Festival opens at 4 p.m. And will close at 9 p.m. On Saturday, the 27th, the booth will be open from 10 a.m. To 4 p.m. Come on, let's make it a successful and fun weekend!

All Members, when you become a member of the Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande, the one expectation we have of you is that you serve on one of the monthly luncheon committees. When you receive your club directory, check for your name under the monthly meetings listed. If you are unable to serve that date, it is up to you to find another member to trade months. If that works for you, please let the co-chairs of both months know about the trade. If that doesn't work for you, you must send \$10 to one of the co-chairs of your original committee. This helps defray costs for that committee, working without your help. Also, in our bylaws, any member who, for insufficient reason, refuses to serve on committees, may be dropped from the membership by action of the Board of Directors. We don't want it to go that far, and really, it's fun and friendly to be a part of a committee.

Return service requested

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CLUB GROUPS

Art	Laura Vopatek	570-1807
<i>Mondays at 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch</i>		
Canasta	Jean Schultz	760-703-2508
<i>Third Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.</i>		
Canasta	Gretchen Weckstein	473-1366
<i>Fourth Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.</i>		
Canasta	Sherry Headington	489-0843
<i>Fourth Monday at 10:30 a.m.</i>		
Crafts	Karen Lujan	489-2895
<i>3rd and 4th Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.</i>		
Mexican Train	Karen Thomas	473-0303
<i>3rd Friday, call for details</i>		
Out & About	Gretchen Weckstein	473-1366
<i>Sept. 22nd, see page 3 for details!</i>		

Two classes offered by the City of Arroyo Grande...

Botanical Nature Printing

An art form for everyone! This will be a fun afternoon of creative Nature Printing bliss! Anyone can make a striking image using plant material such as fern, grass, leaves, and flowers. Artistic composition, simple brushwork, and coloring with highlight and shadow will be taught. Join us for a morning of fun on Friday, August 30th from 9am – 12pm. Register at www.arroyogrande.org/catalog.



SUNSHINE

Our good thoughts go out to our members who need a little sunshine

Joan Goodall, Vivien McClintock,
Eva McClure
and a sympathy card to Erin Pope, in
the loss of her mother

Congratulations to Jacklynn Andress on
her wedding!

EMPTY BOWLS

Wednesday, September 18th @ St. Patrick's Church hall, from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$25. Benefits the 5-Cities Homeless Coalition. Local restaurants donate their special soups, local celebrities serve the lunch, and you can choose and keep the bowls which are made by local artisans & elementary school kids! Tickets available from Toni Kelly

Help Yourself to Safer Health Care

Health care has become of the hottest – and most frustrating – topics in the US today. At the same time, preventable medical error is reported to be the third leading cause of death in the US. Most of us get no training on how to be savvy health care consumers or how to speak up for ourselves when it comes to health care. Learn the basics of taking charge of health care for yourself or loves ones. Two classes available for your convenience, Thursday, August 22 and Wednesday, September 18 from 11am – 12:30pm. Register at www.arroyogrande.org/catalog.