



April 2024 Newsletter

Attention:

The meeting date for April **has been changed** due to a scheduling issue. The **new date is April 26th** for the Gold Rush 2.0 presented by Mark Dayton

April 26, 2024 Presentation

History of the California Gold Rush and the continuing search for GOLD!

By Mark Dayton



This will be a visual presentation and spoken word history of what it was like to be one of the original gold miners in 1848 to 1865 here in California. Topics will include (but are not limited to): the pre-California history of the early settlers, the Spanish, Mexicans,

loggers, fur trappers, mountain men and soldiers who were here prior to the gold rush. He will explore:

- The arduous trip to California from across the plains as well as from all corners of the world by sea
- Early arrivals and settlements, surviving the weather, environment and many creatures of the Gold Country
- The railroad tycoons and merchants of San Francisco
- Col. Stevenson's Regiment of the New York Volunteers and their role before and during the Gold Rush
- The Chinese, Hawaiians, Chileans and Welsh miners and their significant contributions to the gold rush
- After the gold rush - the continuing search for gold and the relics left behind by the miners.

He will bring some incredible artifacts and relics to look at as well and take any questions.

Mark Dayton is a local and published historian of the California Gold Rush. He is also a world-renowned professional treasure hunter and metal detector expert since 1984 who searches for treasures all up and down the West Coast of the USA. He is a retired Firefighter Paramedic and also spends his time as a busy professional musician. Mark is also a highly sought-after speaker on topics of history and metal detecting. He is the star of the popular YouTube Channel " Brass Medic", so you can join along on all of his adventures on YouTube!



The board is looking for entertainment for the July ice cream social meeting. It does not need to be confined to music. Could be a skit, or story teller, magician, film, animal performance. These are just a few categories that were suggested. We are looking for input and suggested "talent" from our members. All suggestions are welcomed. Call any board member or send in suggestions to Info@srsedc.com



It's **Past Renewal time** for 2024. You still have three options, pay by check, cash, or online. Dues for 2024 were due by the end of February **but it is not too late**. Send a check to EDCF, PO Box 1388, Placerville, Ca. 95667. Please make check payable to EDCF and put Sierra Renaissance Society on the memo line, or go the EDCF website pay by Credit card.

Go the SRS website @ www.srsedc.com and hit the button that says:

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

[Link to SRS website:](http://www.srsedc.com)

Genealogy Work Group

Sierra Renaissance Society (SRS) is very pleased to let you know that the Genealogy (Family Tree) work group is once again meeting at the LDS Family History Center on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 1-3 PM. Thankfully, we're up & running again. The format is informal with a discussion of questions, progress & challenges with the 2nd hour down in the LDS lab with knowledgeable volunteers. If you're not currently a member of SRS & would like to be, come with your yearly dues of \$20.00 (for all large presentations & workshops for 2024) & give to either Nancy or myself. Also, we would appreciate it if you pass along this information to others who may be working on their own family tree.

Thank you, Carol Heape

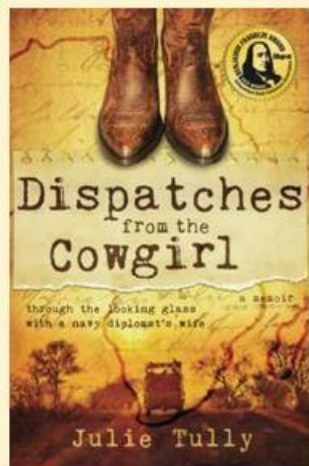
Book Group meets 2nd Thursday of each month 1-3PM at the Placerville main library.

April 11th Book Club **New Book**



The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See is about a friendship that begins in childhood between Young-sook and Mi-ja on the South Korean Jeju Island. Young-sook's mother is the head of the local diving collective, and she's expected to become a diver as well. Mi-ja's father is a Japanese collaborator, so she's shunned by the Islanders. Both girls train as "baby divers" so that eventually they will be able to earn a living for their families. In this society, the divers are in charge of their families, financially and physically, while the husbands take care of the children.

May 9th Book Club



Dispatches from the Cowgirl is a well-written personal memoir of an American family's experience in Africa. Told in short anecdotal chapters it highlights the truism that home is where the heart is and there is enough incident and personal detailing to provide a valuable insight into the life of a military family abroad –Indie Reader
Tully's memoir captures her extraordinary experience of living in Africa as the spouse of a naval diplomat in vivid detail. She's charming, as is the book this is a fascinating account of one woman's journey around the earth.

—Book Life/Publisher's Weekly

NOTE: AUTHOR IS FROM PLACERVILLE (NEAR LOGTOWN I'M TOLD)

What's Happening this Month

- All Month** Dues are due!
- April 10th** Genealogy Group meets 1-3 PM
Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville
- April 11th** Book Group meets 1-3 PM
Placerville Main Library
- April 26th** Monthly meeting. History of the California Gold Rush and the continuing search for GOLD! By Mark Dayton
4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs Lions Hall 1-3PM

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2024 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
April 26, 2024	Gold Rush 2.0	Mark Dayton
May 10, 2024	EDC Planning Manager Report	Bret Sampson
June 21, 2024	Save the Graves	Mike Roberts
July 19, 2024	Ice Cream Social with Entertainment	
August 16, 2024	How Development Has Affected Wildlife	Shelly Blair
September 20, 2024	Yosemite Then and Now	Cheryl Purgett
October 18, 2024	Sierra Wildlife w/Ambassadors	Judy Monestier Sierra Wildlife Rescue
November 15, 2024	El Dorado Agriculture—Past, Present and Future and the Annual Meeting	Greg Boeger, Charles Mansfield, Paul Bush, David Bolster, Leeann Mila
December No Meeting	No Presentation	
All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM		

Link to You Tube Videos of previous Presentations;
<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

A PDF of the newsletter can be found on the SRSedc.com website at the link below:

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