



August 2024 Newsletter

August 16, 2024 Presentation
Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3 PM
4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs

How Development Has Affected Wildlife in Eldorado County **By Shelly Blair**



Shelly will share a brief overview of her role in the wildlife management of El Dorado County working as a biologist for California Department of Fish and Wildlife. She will discuss the beautiful wildlife that residents of this county coexist with, the challenges with wildlife in close proximity to residential areas and political/social challenges to actually managing the wildlife.



Shelly Blair works for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as a unit wildlife biologist for El Dorado, Alpine and Sacramento counties. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Chico State University and is in her 23rd year working in the field of wildlife biology. She teaches youth hunter education in the area and also enjoys hunting, fishing and lots of other outdoor recreation.



The Lions Clubs have a project to collect, clean and distribute old prescription glasses. When you donate your old glasses, they are sorted to determine those that are usable or unusable, processed, and placed in inventory for distribution to optical missions around the world. There's a box by the dessert table for your old glasses. **Please consider donating your old glasses.**

Ken Sterns from The Longevity Project at Stanford traveled the world to look at **THREE NOT-SO-BAD THINGS ON AGING AND LONGEVITY (TNSB)**. The SRS board thought the membership would be interested in his observations. We will reprint one of the projects each month that Ken found in his travels.

3. A TRIGENERATIONAL CLASS IN SINGAPORE

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At the Queenstown school, I watched as the students of all ages played mahjong, faced off with video bowling, held a bake off of traditional versus new desserts, and a competed in a Kahoot game focused on Singapore trivia (I scored poorly). No one, other than me, was keeping score but I would say that the seniors did a little better—

running the board in mahjong and doing surprisingly well at video bowling but I suppose that wasn't really the point. At least part of the point is that they had a good enough time together to start building relationships and community, and certainly good enough to bring them back for the next class.

What's Happening this Month

All Month

Dues are due, if you haven't paid them.

Tuesday
August 6th

Genealogy Group meets 1-3 PM
Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville

Thursday
August 8th

Book Group meets 1-3 PM
Placerville Main Library

Friday
August 16th

Monthly Meeting: How Development Has Affected Wildlife
in El Dorado County, by Shelly Blair CDFW
4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs Lions Hall 1-3PM

Note the date change in the Genealogy Workshops

Hello all:

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 (3275 Cedar Ravine Rd, Placerville) on **the 1st Tuesday** of each month 1-3p.m. 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 if you pass along this information to others who may be working on their own Family Tree.

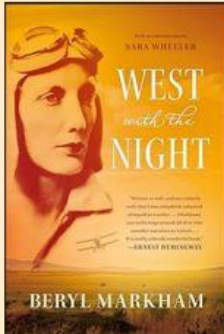
Thank you, Carol Heape

Book Group Selections

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

West with the Night by Beryl Markham

AUGUST 2024



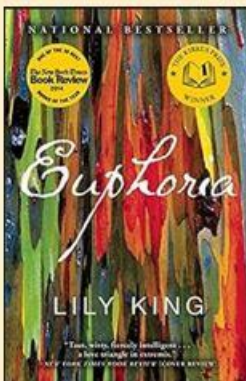
Beryl Markham's "West with the Night" is a true classic, a book that deserves the same acclaim and readership as the work of her contemporaries Ernest Hemingway, Antonine de Saint Exupery, and Isak Dinesen.

If the first responsibility of a memoirist is to lead a life worth writing about, Markham succeeded beyond all measure. Born Beryl Clutterbuck in the middle of England, she and her father moved to Kenya when she was a girl, and she grew up with a zebra for a pet, horses for friends, baboons, lions and gazelles for neighbors. She made money by scouting elephants from a tiny plane. And she would spend most of the rest of her life in East Africa as an adventurer, a racehorse trainer, and an aviatrix – she became the first person to fly nonstop from Europe to America, the first woman to fly solo east to west across the Atlantic. Hers was indisputably a life full of adventure and beauty.

And then there is the writing. When Hemingway read Markham's book, he wrote to his editor, Maxwell Perkins: "She has written so well, and marvelously well, that I was completely ashamed of myself as a writer. . . [She] can write rings around all of us who consider ourselves as writers. . . It is really a bloody wonderful book"

Euphoria by Lily King

September 2024



A New York times Bestseller
Winner of the 2014 Kirkus Prize
Winner of the 2014 New England Book Award for Fiction
A Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award
A Best Book of the Year for:
New York Times Book Review, Time, NPR, Washington-Post, Entertainment Weekly, Newsday, Vouge, New York Magazine, Seattle Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Wall Street Journal, Boston Globe, The Guardian Kirkus Reviews, Amazon, Publishers Weekly, Our man in Boston, Oprah, Salon.


"Euphoria is Lily King's nationally bestselling breakout novel of three young, gifted anthropologists of the 30's caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and, ultimately their lives. Inspired by events in the life of revolutionary anthropologist Margaret Mead, **Euphoria** is dazzling...suspenseful, Brilliant...an-exhilarating novel." *Boston Globe*

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2024 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
August 16, 2024	How Development Has Affected Wildlife in El Dorado County	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>

How to negotiate the You Tube link

- At the bottom of the YouTube screen is a "CC" icon; if you select that icon, you will see captions for that video. Bill does not do the captions—they are automatically generated by YouTube after about a day on the channel. The better and clearer the speaker, the better the captions.
- The gear icon  at the bottom of the YouTube screen is your gateway to a more personalized viewing experience. By selecting it, you can easily adjust the playback speed from .25x to 2x. This means you can watch a video at a pace that suits you, making the content more digestible and enjoyable.

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