



## October 2024 Newsletter

### Wildlife of El Dorado County October 18, 2024



Sierra Wildlife Rescue, Judith Monestier

Sierra Wildlife Rescues (SWR) mission is twofold. We preserve and protect the wildlife of the Western Slope of El Dorado County by rehabilitating and releasing injured and orphaned wildlife and by educating El Dorado County residents about co-existing peacefully with native residents.

All of SWR's Education Team Handlers are required to have had at least 2 years' experience minimum and many have decades of working with wildlife of many species



SWR has operated in El Dorado County since 1993, permitted by State, Federal wildlife agencies and USDA. SWR have a membership of approximately 1000 households. SWR is a volunteer group (with approximately 150 volunteers), doing mainly rehabilitation, but also work in education, fundraising and administrative work. We rehabilitate approximately 1300 mammals and birds each year, with the bulk of our patients coming in from April thru August through our Baby Bird Nursery. We rehabilitate all birds except eagles and all mammals except adult deer, bear, adult skunk and mountain lion. We answer thousands of phone calls a year, helping the public with wildlife problems, hoping to make a win-win situation for wildlife and the public.



SWR's Education Team will introduce you to our ambassadors, talk about their natural history and talk about why wildlife is so important to our environment. Bring your questions and be prepared to be awed by these beautiful and USEFUL creatures.

*We will be bringing raptors and mammals indigenous to El Dorado County, talking about the birds specifically and how important these species are to our environment.*

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In last month's newsletter Mary voiced the Board concern that attendance was down at our monthly presentation and solicited feedback. We got little feedback from that request. We are going to send out by email a TWO question anonymous survey in October asking if you are attending the monthly presentations and if your not attending, why. We have listed several reasons why people may not be attending. PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY. Sierra Renaissance Society is your organization. We want to keep the presentations interesting and relevant. If we can't do that and attendance keeps falling we won't have an organization.

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## Genealogy 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 (3275 Cedar Ravine Rd, Placerville) on **the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of each month 1-3p.m. The format is informal with a discussion of questions, progress & challenges with the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

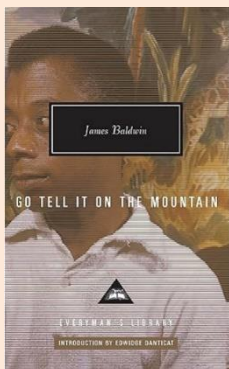
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## Book Group Selections

**Book Group** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 1-3PM at the Placerville Main Library.

***Go Tell It On the Mountain*** by James Baldwin

October 2024



***Go Tell It On the Mountain***, first published in 1953, is Baldwin's first major work, a semi-autobiographical novel that has established itself as an American classic. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way, Americans understand themselves.

**Brooklyn** by Colm Tóibín

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Hauntingly beautiful and heartbreaking, Colm Tóibín's sixth novel, *Brooklyn*, is set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s, when one young woman crosses the ocean to make a new life for herself.

Eilis Lacey has come of age in small-town Ireland in the years following World War Two. Though skilled at bookkeeping, she cannot find a job in the miserable Irish economy. When an Irish priest from Brooklyn offers to sponsor Eilis in America--to live and work in a Brooklyn neighborhood "just like Ireland"--she decides she must go, leaving her fragile mother and her charismatic sister behind.

Eilis finds work in a department store on Fulton Street, and when she least expects it, finds love. Tony, a blond Italian from a big family, slowly wins her over with patient charm. He takes Eilis to Coney Island and Ebbets Field, and home to dinner in the two-room apartment he shares with his brothers and parents. He talks of having children who are Dodgers fans. But just as Eilis begins to fall in love with Tony, devastating news from Ireland threatens the promise of her future.

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## What's Happening this Month

**Thursday**

October 10<sup>th</sup>

**Book Group** meets 1-3 PM

Placerville Main Library  
345 Fair Lane, Placerville

**Friday**

October 18<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly Meeting:** Wildlife in El Dorado County

by Judith Monestier, Don Schifano,  
Judy Thompson, Jamie Gergeni, Deb McDonald  
4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs  
Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3PM

**Tuesday**

November 5<sup>th</sup>

**Genealogy Group** meets 1-3 PM

Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center  
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville


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<b>Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar</b>		
<b>2024 Dates</b>	<b>Presentation Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>October 18, 2024</b>	<b>Sierra Wildlife w/Ambassadors</b>	<b>Judy Monestier Sierra Wildlife Rescue</b>
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	
	<b>2025</b>	
January NO Meeting	No Presentation	
February 21, 2025	Fencing and Wildlife	Kathleen Jermstad
<b>All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM</b>		

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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