



## November 2024 Newsletter

### EL DORADO AGRICULTURE – PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



**Greg Boeger** is the pioneering founder of Boeger Winery.  
**Dave Bolster** specializes in agricultural real estate and is past president of Apple Hill Growers and son of a founding member of Apple Hill.

**Paul Bush** owns and operates Madroña Vineyards and Rucksack Cellars.

**Charles (Chuck) Mansfield** is the general manager of Goldbud Farms.

**Leeann Mila** is the El Dorado County Agriculture Commissioner.

Panelists will present an audio-visual journey through the rich history of agriculture in El Dorado County. That journey will progress through time from the gold rush through to modern times. Panelists will also highlight the opportunities and challenges faced by the agricultural community going forward. This panel will provide an expert and informative overview of El Dorado County's agriculture, past, present and future.



SRS sent out a survey regarding your attendance at third Friday meeting, asking what some of the reasons for not attending. Out of the 224 that opened the email, only 73 filled out the survey. The purpose of the survey is to identify and hopefully fix the reasons attendance has diminished. If you haven't yet responded to the survey, **please** take two minutes to give us your feedback. The link is below.

[Link to Survey](#)

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### **Nomination for SRS positions**

At the November meeting the membership votes on officers of the SRS. This year the President and the Treasurer are up for election/re-election and there are two vacant Members-at-Large positions to be filled. If you are interested in putting your name in for one of the board positions, please contact the board at [info@srsedc.org](mailto:info@srsedc.org).

Also, we will ask the membership to vote to adopt the amended bylaws. The board got together and went over the bylaws line-by-line to see where there might be inconsistencies between the bylaws and the standing rules and policies of SRS, in order to make them more understandable and consistent. There are no major changes in the way SRS conducts business, just wording changes to make them consistent and conform to the way SRS does business. The proposed amended bylaws are posted on the website under the About tab. Follow the link below to see the proposed bylaws before the meeting so you will be informed when we ask you to vote whether to adopt them.

[Amended Bylaws Link](#)

## 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).

**The Genealogy Group will NOT be meeting in December but will start up again on January 7, 2025**

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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.

***Brooklyn*** by Colm Tóibín

November 2024



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.



**Rosie the Riveter meets *A League of Their Own* in New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini's** lively and illuminating novel about the “munitionettes” who built bombs in Britain’s arsenals during World War I, risking their lives for the war effort and discovering camaraderie and courage on the football pitch.

Early in the Great War, men left Britain’s factories in droves to enlist. Struggling to keep up production, arsenals hired women to build the weapons the military urgently needed. “Be the Girl Behind the Man Behind the Gun,” the recruitment posters beckoned.

Thousands of women—cooks, maids, shopgirls, and housewives—answered their nation’s call. These “munitionettes” worked grueling shifts often seven days a week, handling TNT and other explosives with little protective gear.

The football pitch is the one place where class distinctions and fears for their men fall away. As the war grinds on and tragedy takes its toll, the Canary Girls persist despite the dangers, proud to serve, determined to outlive the war and rejoice in victory and peace.

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## What’s Happening this Month

**Thursday**

November 14<sup>th</sup>

December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Book Group** meets 1-3 PM

Placerville Main Library

345 Fair Lane, Placerville

**Friday**

November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly Meeting:** El Dorado Agriculture - Past

Present and Future. by **Panel, Greg Boeger,**

**Dave Bolster, Paul Bush, Charles Mansfield,**

and **Leeann Mila**

4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs

Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3PM

**Tuesday**

November 5<sup>th</sup>

January 7<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>
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	
	2025	
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.

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

[Newsletter in PDF link](#)