



JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our Monthly Meeting is July 18, 2025

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



July Event: ICE CREAM SOCIAL

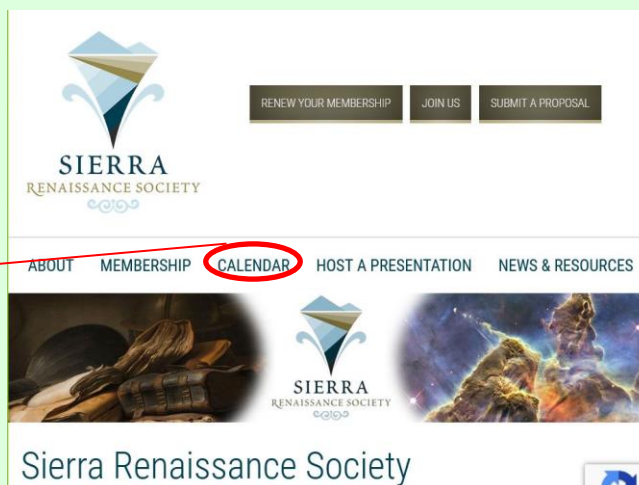


Meeting cancellations and location changes

Last month we had to cancel the Book Group on short notice because the county fair was going on and the library was closed. As we experienced in April when our speaker got sick, it was hard to notify people of the cancellation. In the future we may have to do that again or change the location of the meeting at the last minute. If we know in time, we will put the cancellation or change of location on the website under calendar. **So, it important for you to check the website to make sure that the meeting is still on in the same place and time. The website is srsedc.org**

This is what the website looks like.

Just click on Calendar and go to the date of the meeting to get information on the meeting.



Stay tuned on the website for a new page about Workshops & Meetings where we will have details of upcoming events and changes or cancellations, if there are any.

The Book Group meets on July 10th

They meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Placerville Main Library
(345 Fair Lane, Placerville) from 1-3 PM

The July Book Group is somewhat different.

Since we had to cancel the June book group, we are again going to discuss banned books.

Pick one of the “**Banned or Challenged Books**”. Read it and be prepared to discuss it with the other members of the group.

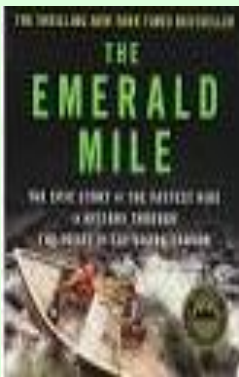
Here is a link to the top 100 banned books to get you started.

2025 List of Banned Books (below)

[Banned-books-list-2025](#)

August 14th Book

Emerald Mile by Kevin Fedarko



In the winter of 1983, the largest El Nino event on record - a chain of "superstorms" that swept in from the Pacific Ocean - battered the entire West. That spring a massive snowmelt sent runoff racing down the Colorado River toward the Glen Canyon Dam, which sat at the head of the most iconic landscape feature of America, the Grand Canyon. As federal officials scrambled to avoid one of the most dramatic dam failures in history, they began releasing enormous torrents of water that created a maelstrom so powerful that the river was soon choked with the wreckage of commercial rafting trips.

In the midst of the crisis, a trio of river guides secretly launched a hand-built wooden dory named ***Emerald Mile*** into the Colorado River. A river run under such conditions bordered on the suicidal. But, Kenton Grua, the captain of that dory, was determined to use the flood as a hydraulic slingshot that would hurl him and his two companions through 277 miles of some of the most ferocious white water in North America and, if everything went as planned, catapult the ***Emerald Mile*** into legend as the fastest boat ever propelled - by oar, by motor, or by the grace of God - through the heart of the Grand Canyon. The saga of the ***Emerald Mile*** is a thrilling adventure, as well as magisterial portrait of the hidden kingdom of white water at the bottom of the greatest river canyon on earth.

The **Genealogy Group** will meet on July 1st and August 5th.
They meet at the LDS Family History Center
(3275 Cedar Ravine Rd, Placerville) on **the 1st Tuesday** of each month 1-3 p.m.

For those who have yet not paid your dues for 2025, they are due.

It's **Past Renewal Time** for 2025. If you haven't renewed already, you have 3 options:

- Pay by check or cash at the July meeting.
- 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.
- Go to the EDCF website and pay by credit card. The link to pay your dues online is listed below.

The dues remain at \$20 for the year and we thank you for your support.

Link  [Renew your membership online](#)

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SRS SUPPORTERS!

- During our June 22 presentation, SRS leaders stated our budget concerns. Could SRS continue to keep our dues at \$20.00 a year? To do this, we needed more paying members to sign up or renew their yearly SRS memberships. We also announced that donations might help close our financial gap, if people chose to give a bit extra.
- Our supporters rallied. We welcomed new and renewing members who each paid their \$20.00. And we received many generous donations, coming from visitors and from SRS members, alike.
- As of June 23, we have grown to 126 members, but we still need some more paying members to keep our SRS dues low. Please encourage a neighbor or friend to join us.
- Also, at the June 22 presentation, we received, in \$10.00, \$20.00, and \$50.00 donations, a total of \$230.00. Thank you again for your generosity and support.
- As you know, SRS is administered entirely by unpaid volunteers, so 100% of the money you give is used to help us provide this service to our community.

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar

2025 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
July 18, 2025	Ice Cream Social	
August 15, 2025	American Inspirations: Where Music and Art Meet	Keith Atwater
September 19, 2025	The History of ARC's Wakamatsu Farm	Melissa Lobach
October 17, 2025	The Future of Healthcare in Western El Dorado County	Mindy Danovaro et al
November 21, 2025	Veteran Panel Discussion	Dick Morris & Panel
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		

What's Happening this Month

Tuesday
July 1st

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

Thursday
July 10th

Book Group meets 1-3 PM
Placerville Main Library
345 Fair Lane, Placerville

Friday
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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:

[Newsletter in PDF link](#)