

A monthly newsletter of The Aronos Research Club, Inc.
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Upcoming Events

- April 9th - San Joaquin Valley District Meeting in Shafter
- April 10th - 10 am - Courthouse Plaza History/Mystery Walk (unless raining)
- April 11th - 10 am to 12pm - Advanced Health Directives and POLST by Sue Endter
- April 18th - 7 pm - Barn/Contra Dance
- April 21st - 10 am - General Meeting, Election of Officers,
- April 21st - 11:30 am - Final Presentation on Vietnam, vote on next year's topic.
- April 26th - 2pm English Country Garden Tea - **SAVE THE DATE!**
- May 5th - 10 am - Board Meeting
- May 12th - 3 to 4 pm - Common Financial Scams Targeting the Older Population, Lt. Jennifer Hanna, Sonora Police Department
- May 14 to 16th - CFWC State Meeting, Ontario
- May 19th - 10 am General Meeting, Installation New Officers
- "Your Kids Don't Want Your Stuff!" Classy Estates Sale, tentative dates August 8th and 9th this Summer

Help Us Fund a New HVAC System for Our Historic Clubhouse!

The Sonora Area Foundation is offering an exciting opportunity through its **YOU GIVE > WE GIVE!** program. Our Club is eligible to receive **up to \$10,000 in matching funds**—which means your donation can have twice the impact!

How to Donate:

- **By Mail:** Make checks payable to Sonora Area Foundation and include a memo indicating it is for the *Aronos Research Club*. Mail to: 362 South Stewart Street, Sonora, CA
- **Online:** Visit sonora-area.org and note that your donation is designated for the *Aronos Research Club*.

Every contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar and directed toward a much-needed new HVAC system for our historic clubhouse.

We are deeply grateful to the Sonora Area Foundation for this generous opportunity—and to you for helping us preserve and improve our beloved Clubhouse for future generations.

Thank you for your support!



SAVE THE DATE! It's our Annual Spring Tea

"An English Country Garden" Sunday, April 26th 2 pm

Come enjoy a fun afternoon filled with savory treats, favors, door prizes, raffles! Enjoy live traditional English country music and entertainment with Just Tappin tap dancers!

Tickets are \$25 per person: mail checks to Aronos Research Club, 37 Elkin Street, Sonora, CA 95370. Please include a name, phone and number of guests you are bringing. Call Joyce Drush, Event Chair, 209-770-1294 for reservations or questions.

All proceeds will support our Student Scholarship Program!

Gentle Movement, Balance and Relaxation

with Annie - FREE - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-10 am
Come meet our new club member, Annie, and enjoy gentle stretching in a calm environment with her relaxed teaching style. Chair exercises available in a nice warm, friendly environment. Come meet new friends at the Aronos! No cost - sponsored by the Aronos Club Health and Wellness Committee

The Aronos Research Club, Inc., is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). We are in Area "B" in the San Joaquin Valley District. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month September through May at 11:00 A.M.

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President • Shelly Stewart
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VietNam Study Chair • Ann Leonard
Contra Barn Dance Chairs • Sue Endter & Wayne Mullen

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES! MEMBERS and Friends of Aronos

should have received their request to renew annual memberships via our Zeffy website or by check. \$40.00 for Aronos/CFWC/GFWC members and \$25.00 for Friends of Aronos. Questions? Call Shelly at 209 770 1144 or email shellystewart5@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS!

A big THANK YOU goes to Diane Dotson, Jacqueline Dennis, Jane Ferguson, Claire Mills and Shelly Stewart! They are the members of the Scholarship Committee who spend hours and hours every year reading through *literally* hundreds of scholarship application letters from students. It is a long, tedious process and but finally students were selected for the Columbia College Nursing Scholarship and the Aronos Morris Scholarship and they will be announced at the respective Awards Ceremonies on April 16th and May 9th.

Update on Historic Nomination Submission!

After over two years of work spent on the nomination to see our building honored as historic with SHPO (California State Office of Historic Preservation) and the National Trust, we have submitted our revision that includes an additional new section - *SOCIAL IMPACT* - in addition to the architectural history. With thanks to Cynthia Doyle who spent the last several months researching the history of the Aronos Research Club and the



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A NEW Project to Support Senior Activities in our Community!

In addition to our *Crafts on Wheels* project, we are now expanding our efforts to provide craft activities, games, gentle exercise and visiting with our new "Wild Flowers" Group.

We hope to discover the subjects of special interest to each of the individuals in our group and try to fill those areas they especially enjoy - maybe take them current magazines or books that would be of interest or play a game with them? Our object is to give them something they can fill their day with that they enjoy doing ... something that will keep them engaged and bring a smile to their faces. Maybe it will be just looking forward to a visit from a friend or maybe it would be participating in a game of Bingo or checkers?

If you think you might be interested in volunteering to help with crafts, games, or simply visiting, please contact Shelly at 209-770-1144. You will love being part of this meaningful project!

Spring History Mystery Walks Begin Again!

Friday March 27th marked the first History Mystery Walk of the Spring season when master historian, Sharon Marovich, surprised walkers with a fun and informative tour of the Gunn House! She shared great information and we are honored that she was our presenter for us on this walk. (Sharon is far right front in the photo to right)



Friday April 3rd found us at the Curtain estate with a presentation by our own Elena Linehan along with the current owner of the home, Steve Case. The group enjoyed a lovely morning having an Easter Egg Hunt along the way on Washington St. and



Columbia Way and then visiting inside and out in the lovely gardens.



Walkers meet at the Courthouse Square, Fridays at 10 AM thru May 29th ... COME JOIN US!

eleven founding members, there is now all the more reason to honor the Aronos Club with this historic designation.

Cynthia discovered some fascinating things about our founders and their contributions to the social, civic and political lives of the people in Tuolumne County. Dedicated to seeing new educational opportunities here in the area as a rural community, it is interesting to learn about these pioneering women who were also involved in fighting for the rights of women. They were also, of course, the first to register for, AND vote, here in Sonora, leading many others to follow their example!

SHPO contacted and advised us the document is in review and we can expect to hear more within a few weeks. We are correcting the manuscript for formatting issues and technical editing at present. We'll keep you posted!

We accept tax deductible donations which help fund building projects, scholarships and our Aronos Club Teacher Support Program.

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