November

ARONOS GOLD

2026

A monthly newsletter of The Aronos Research Club, Inc.
Proud members of GFWC & CFWC



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Upcoming Events

November 3rd - 11 am - Board Meeting
November 4th - 3 to 5 pm - Crafting at Aronos
November 7th - 2 to 4 pm - Fall Fundraiser - Let's Give More Than an Apple! Bingo Party
November 12th - 10 am - San Joaquin Valley District Meeting at Aronos Club
November 14th - 2 pm - Dianne Aventi Memorial
November 17th - 11 am - General Meeting & Second Presentation on Curacao with Jim DeGlopper
November 18th - 3 to 5 pm - Crafting at Aronos
November 25th - 3:30 to 5:30 pm - Holiday Crafting with Tuolumne County Arts
December 7th - 1:30 pm - Jazz @ 8 Concert
Gentle Stretch Classes - 9–10 am - Mondays & Wednesdays

Dollars for DELEGATES

Funds support costs to send delegates to regional events
Great raffle prizes at Aronos monthly meetings!
Contact Cathie Pettihomme: Call 559-301-4635 or
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A **Special Thank You to Sonora Area Foundation** for partnering with us to install our new HVAC system!

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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Contra Barn Dance Chairs • Sue Endter & Wayne Mullen

Step right up, Clubwomen!

The Aronos Research Club welcomes you under the big top for the San Joaquin Valley District (SJVD) meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at our historic clubhouse at 37 Elkin Street in Sonora. Goodness Cafe will cater the meal, and the cost is $35 per person. Come one, come all, and share what's taking center ring in your club!

CURACAO

Governing Curaçao: An Island Nation



What's it like to be an independent nation while also being a territory of a larger kingdom? Why did the population vote to remain under Dutch rule?... And how did that benefit them?

Join us at the next General Meeting of the Aronos Research Club at the clubhouse on Tuesday, Nov. 17 starting at 11 am.

Aronos Wellness Days – November Update

Our *FREE* Gentle Stretch Classes continue every Monday and Wednesday, 9–10 a.m. at the Aronos Clubhouse!

A heartfelt thank you to Annie, who generously shared her 40 years of yoga experience, enthusiasm, and encouragement with us this past year. We are so grateful!

We are delighted to welcome two wonderful volunteer instructors: Karl on Mondays and Corrina on Wednesdays. Looking ahead, we plan to add Friday morning walks at 10 am beginning in January. More details to come! So, come join us! All activities are free, and everyone is welcome. It's a wonderful way to stay active, healthy, and connected!

Be sure to follow us on facebook and our website for more happenings or to make a donation ...
https://aronosresearchclub.com

Last History Mystery Walk of the Fall Season

November 6th in Columbia!
Come join the fun Friday, 10 am
at the large parking area
behind the Fallon House.
NO cost; *NO* signup; ***just come!***



In Loving Memory

Come to the clubhouse on November 14 at 2 pm and join members, friends and loved ones as we honor the memory of Dianne Aventi. Our board voted to plant a rose bush for her in our garden and on her birthday we will unveil the plaque placed beside it. We'll also take to a moment to remember our two recently lost Aronos Club members, Jim Jackman and Barbara Ligsay. This continues our club's tradition of enhancing our garden by planting flowering bushes in honor of lost club members.

CRAFTING SESSIONS - Come Craft with Us!...

Seeking volunteer Crafters: help us make ornaments for the Aronos Club Christmas Tree! We will be meeting on Wednesday, November 4th and 18th from 3-5 pm. ***Please remember to bring a wire cutter and needle-nose pliers if you can***. We have crafting supplies to make the ornaments but we're a bit short on tools!

AND don't forget the annual *BIG Crafting* with Tuolumne County Arts for children in Tuolumne County!

This is a new tradition that has quickly become a favorite in our community. Everyone is invited to join the Tuolumne County Arts Commission and ReVamp Creative Reuse Store to create tree ornaments and gift tags from recycled materials. The event is planned for 3:30 to 5:30 to coincide with the Annual Ceremony of Light that follows immediately. It is part of the Christmas Town activities planned by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce that includes the lighting of the Red Church and downtown Sonora. Admission is free and you can come anytime. Warm drinks and refreshments will be available.

Crafts on Wheels!

100 Craft Kits developed by Chris Halley and assembled by her team of Aronos Members and Volunteers, were distributed four times during the 2025-26 year. All were extremely happy with the project that offered participants an active art project to work on in their own homes. They requested we continue the project next year and that the number of recipients be increased to 250! We're always looking for more volunteers to help assemble craft kits for these homebound folks, especially after receiving so much positive feedback from all involved!

Contra Barn Dance



Always fun, the Sept 19th Contra Barn Dance had a good crowd and a good old toe tappin' time for all. Sue reported attendance is up! A dedicated sign for the Contra Dance will be created soon.

Remember ... **you don't need a partner and everyone is welcome.** So, come on down and make some new friends at the next Contra Dance October 17th. We'd love to see you there!

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