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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are beginning to open up. But we continue to be cautious, evaluating options and will have in person gatherings when it is safe to do so. We hope to have in person meetings this Fall. The Board will continue to meet via Zoom. Our meetings are now the fourth Tuesday of the month. The first Board meeting after the summer break is **Tuesday, August 23, at 2:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend.

**AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree:** Our branch continues to be very generous. At the AAUW CA Annual Event we were recognized as 8<sup>th</sup> in the state in per capita donations to AAUW Funds in 2021. Because of our donations we may select a named gift honoree. **Elaine Yamaguchi** was selected in appreciation for her significant contributions to the mission of AAUW and support of the branch. Congratulations, Elaine!

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**<u>2021-2022 Programs</u>**: On **May 21st** we were invited to the CalACS-WCC Virtual Meeting to hear Keda Edwards Pierre's talk: "How To Thrive (Not Just Survive) As A Woman In Today's World". See write-up Page 3.

Sue and Arthur Walenta have moved to Sunrise Senior Living. See new address in Membership Directory Updates Page 4.

**Membership Annual Renewal**: This is a reminder if you have not done so already to pay your dues for next year (**July 1, 2022** to **June 30, 2023**). We are planning for more in-person gatherings next year. With the \$5 National dues increase, the dues for regular members is now \$103 (National \$67, State \$20, Branch \$16). Consider giving an extra contribution to Adopt-A-Fund. Our regular expenses far exceed our dues income. Thanks for last year's extra contributions. Without them, we would not have been able to continue our many worthwhile activities. Forms are on pages 5 and 6.

Check out Barbara Miller's **Summer 2022 Culture Corner**. Things are back to normal. There is lots to see and do. See pages 7 to 10.

Thanks for your support. I enjoy working with such special women.

## Roberta Montgomery, President



## **IN MEMORIAM**

I am sorry to report that **Marion McIntire** passed away at home on May 22. She was a member of AAUW for over 20 years. Marion was glad she joined because of the many friendships she made. There will be a memorial get together for Marion on Sunday, July 17. Let me know if you would like to attend and/or have a memory to share.

#### **Roberta Montgomery, President**



**2022 CA Tech Trek** Program consists of both in person, residential camps and virtual camps. We decided to participate only at the in person, residential camp at Sonoma State University June 19-25. We received the information packet with the forms and procedures (all online) the end of February and started contacting the WCCUSD middle schools. Through teachers we had worked with in the past we were able to get nominations. Three girls completed the application process which included writing an essay and being interviewed with her parents, and were selected to attend the Sonoma Tech Trek camp. They are: Claire Connallon and Molly Pitts from Korematsu, and Shaianne Arcinas from Mira Vista. A virtual reception was help for them on Saturday, June 11.

#### Roberta Montgomery and Marsha Weintraub, Tech Trek Co-coordinators



# HEAR KEDA EDWARDS PIERRE'S TALK: How To Thrive (Not Just Survive) As A Woman In Today's World

The California Section American Chemical Society Women Chemists Committee

## Virtual Meeting Saturday, May 21, 2022 10:30 am Chatting 11:00 am Talk and Discussion

Our member Elaine Yamaguchi has invited us to attend this CalACS-WCC virtual meeting. Information about Keda Edwards Pierre and her talk is below.

All are welcome! To register either visit the CalACS website <u>www.calacs.org</u> or go to Brown Paper Tickets <u>https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5395083</u>. **Register before Thursday, May 19, 12 noon.** The ZOOM link will be sent out by Brown Paper Tickets on or before the day of the event.

## About the Speaker

Keda Edwards Pierre is a renaissance woman who lives a successful, unconventional, and transformative life - which by all accounts and most societal rules, she should not have. She strives to inspire change through action as a thought leader, inspirational speaker and Founder of True II Soul Network (true2soul.com), a collective of professional members and community members that are challenging the status quo around trauma recovery, resiliency development and diversity & inclusion. A 27-year police veteran, Keda walks the talk of powerful healing and living the life we desire – personally and professionally. Her healing journey, coupled with her diverse training and professional history, is the driving force behind her two-fold mission: to revolutionize how we deal with trauma and create safe and inclusive spaces for this healing work to be done.

#### Abstract

So, you're surviving in this dog-eat-dog world - now what? How do we kick it up a notch? I know, firsthand, what this takes - as a Black female police veteran and an adult survivor of physical, sexual and racial trauma. A life full of challenges taught me a few important lessons - including that trust, adaptability, and authenticity are essential for success. Our achievements correlate with our willingness to be true to who we are, our capacity to trust ourselves and our readiness to release old versions of ourselves to transform our lives. As women, how do we lead in today's world? A better question is: How well do you trust your capacity to lead? Success is built on trust, and trust is built on honesty - with yourself and with others. Combine these with authenticity and adaptability for true empowerment - from home to boardroom. I don't have a magic pill or formula for you. What I offer are unique perspectives, life experiences, hard-won lessons and effective methods. My methods are how I was able to build a successful 27-year policing career - and this is how I was able to leave it (despite many clucking tongues and well-intentioned warnings). I'm now the Renaissance woman I always envisioned - as an actor, coach and inspirational speaker. I'm living a life that I should not have by all accounts and most societal rules. What life do you envision for yourself? I'll share a 5-Point Self-Check List, also known as my True II Soul ABCs: Alignment, Boots on the Ground, Communication, Care and Creativity. My "tried, tested and true" checklist brings clarity and guidance in pursuit of excellence. Want to kick it up a notch? This is what I live and breathe. Come learn how!



# **ONLINE CALENDAR – MONTHLY EVENTS**

# MAY 2022:

# CalACS-WCC Virtual Meeting: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Board Meeting: using Zoom Tuesday, May 24, at 2:00 pm. All members are invited to attend

# JUNE 2022:

WCC Tech Trek Virtual Reception: Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 pm

## AUGUST 2022:

**Board Meeting:** using Zoom **Tuesday, August 23, at 2:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

The Board decided that we would not print a new Directory. We will continue to use the **2019-2020 Directory with gold cover** that Ellen Mills and her husband Paul printed. Member information updates will be published in the Newsletter. I have extra copies of the 2019-2020 Directory. Let me know if you need one. \*\*\*\***NOTE Sue and Arthur Walenta have moved. New address below** 

All changes to date:

CORBIN, ROSEMARY 474 Western Drive, Richmond 94801, (510) 520-0404

PLAYER, PATRICIA (707) 603-8518 (new landline phone number)

SOUTO-MARTINEZ, MARTHA (Marty) martysoutomartinez@gmail.com

WALENTA, SUSAN (Art) Sunrise Senior Living (510) 531-7190 11889 Skyline Blvd, Apt 215 Oakland, CA 94619

WEINTRAUB, MARSHA marsha.weintraub@gmail.com (email in the directory has an extra "e" at the end of her last name)

**Roberta Montgomery, President** 

# BRANCH 2022-2023 ELECTED OFFICERS

Voting for our 2022-2023 elected officers was by email again this year. Members responded approving the proposed slate. Note that although Christine and I are sharing treasurer responsibilities, she will be the Treasurer of record since the President and Treasurer cannot be the same person.

President: Program Co-Vice Presidents: Membership Co-Vice Presidents: AAUW Fund Vice President: <u>Treasurer</u>: <u>Secretary</u>: Roberta Montgomery Maria LaForge and Gloria Merrill Mimi Fruehan, Christine Hills, and Judy Sam Barbara Vaughan Christine Hills (back-up, Roberta Montgomery) Marilynn Bracelin

**Roberta Montgomery, President** 

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# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022-2023 National dues has increased \$5 this year.

Regular members: **\$103** (AAUW National **\$67\***, State **\$20**, Branch **\$16**); DUAL members: **\$16** (Branch only) 50-year members pay **NO** dues **\*Note \$64 of National Dues is tax deductible** 

# THANKS FOR THE CONTRIBUTION!

Thanks to all members who made an extra contribution to supplement our Branch dues for 2021-2022. These contributions helped us meet our regular expenses (including meeting room rental, newsletter printing, insurance, post office box rental, and website support) that are not covered by our branch dues. **Note: contributions to operating expenses are NOT tax deductible.** 

# TWO WAYS TO PAY:

- 1. Make your **check** payable to **AAUW WCC**, and mail it to: AAUW WCC, PO BOX 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530, with the form below.
- 2. Pay **online** doing a renewal in the new AAUW Community Hub (instructions below). Note: BRANCH contributions cannot be made online.

Online Instructions: Go to my.aauw.org

- 1) Scroll below the blue login button and click **Forgot Password** at the bottom.
- Enter your email address, then click Reset Your Password to receive your login email. Note: If you do not receive the email, contact <u>connect@aauw.org</u> for help.
- 3) Once the email arrives, enter your email address and Create and Confirm your Password and access your Personal Snapshot.
- 4) Within your **Personal Snapshot**, click the blue **RENEW** button at the bottom to renew your national, add your branch [CA0090-West Contra Costa] and state memberships!

Form:

Name				
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Phone/Home/Cell_				
Email				
I have CHANGES to personal information at	oove.			
All members with email addresses will receive the newsletter via email.				
Check here if you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter by US mail				
In addition to my dues, I am enclosing a contribution of \$ to help us meet the expenses our annual dues no longer cover and further the good work of our Branch. Please see the list of "adopt-a-fund" choices to pick your favorite!				

## ADOPT- A-FUND FUNDRAISER

Everyone is "time impoverished" these days. In lieu of holding a garage sale, which is time consuming and produces small rewards, we, the Board, decided to ask the members to choose your pet fund to receive your donation again this year. Feel free to donate to an Entire Fund or partial Fund or no Fund at all, as you are able. The funds go to support Branch operating expenses, and these additional contributions are not tax deductible. Please note, if the budget item you select is over-subscribed, your donation will go to the Most-Needed bucket.

Budget Item	Budget	Your Contribution
Insurance Assessment – Required for all AAUW	\$153	
chapters		
Printing, Postage Labels – printing and mailing		
newsletters and chapter business		
Directory Printing	\$125	
Hospitality – Coffee, creamer, napkins, etc.	\$75	
Hall Rental – Christ Lutheran Church monthly rental @	\$560	
\$80/month		
PO Box Rental – 1 year	\$176	
Website fee paid yearly	\$120	
Speakers' Honorariums – monthly speakers' fees @	\$600	
\$100 per speaker.		
Tech Trek Recruitment, Reception, Printing & Postage	\$300	
Most Needed		

# **CULTURE CORNER SUMMER 2022 By Barbara Miller**



Untitled. By Dewey Crumpler's. "Crossings" at Richmond Art Center





El Cerrito worldOne and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Shrek, the Musical, current show by Youth Musical Theater Company

City of El Cerrito. 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300. https://www.el-cerrito.org/ Most public events are currently cancelled, including tours of the recycling center. Check the city calendar to see what is happening: https://www.el-cerrito.org/Calendar.aspx For copies of the minutes, agendas, and other information about meetings of city boards and commissions, click here: https://www.el-cerrito.org/698/Agendas-Minutes

- Tuesdays, May 17, June 7 and 21, 7:00pm: City Council Meeting. Via Zoom. City council meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and are open to the public. For instructions on streaming the meeting, submitting comments, and other information, go to: https://elcerrito.org/DocumentCenter/View/13983/Instructions-for-Public-Comments
- Monday, July 4, 11:00am-5:00pm: El Cerrito worldOne Fourth of July Festival. After two years without a Fourth of July festival, El Cerrito is finally bringing back our biggest and best holiday event and fund-raiser for the city. The festival will be only one day this year and will be somewhat smaller than in previous years. Still, there will be food, music, vendors, information booths, and family entertainment. NEW this year: a classic car show. At Cerrito Vista Park, on Moeser Lane and Pomona Ave. http://el-cerrito.org/702/July-4th-Festival
- Friday, August 5, 5:30pm: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EC Recycling Center. Speakers and familyfriendly events. Speakers will include Gregg Cook, one of the founders; Allan Gardiner, the man who built the original glass crusher in 1972: Becky Dowdakin and Mario Gonzales, former managers, Steve Zwetsch, the center's artist in residence, will perform on handmade instruments.

El Cerrito Library. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. (510) 526-7512. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. (510) 524-3043.

The libraries are now open, but with restrictions. You can pick up and return books and browse, you can use computers for up to an hour, but you cannot sit and read for a long time. Masks are required of all individuals over the age of 2 when indoors. For hours and updates and a list of upcoming online events, check their websites: https://ccclib.org/locations/11/ and https://ccclib.org/locations/13/

- Sunday, May 15, 10:00am-4:00pm: Friends of the Kensington Library Book Sale.
- The library continues to offer the following services and many more. https://ccclib.org/digital-resources/
  - Kanopy. Get free access to thousands of movies with your library card. You can stream these 0 movies to your TV, your computer, or your mobile phone. <u>https://ccclib.kanopy.com/</u>
  - Newspapers. Using your library card, you can read entire newspapers online, including the East Bay Times and the New York Times.
  - Genealogy. Use AncestryLibrary, a genealogy database, to research your family tree. 0
  - **Research**. Explora offers the full text of high-quality research articles.  $\cap$

El Cerrito Art Association. The ECAA is a non-profit organization co-sponsored by the City of El Cerrito, that supports artists with its programs and activities. This organization has a membership meeting at 7pm on the second Monday of every month in the Patio room of the El Cerrito Community Center on 7007 Moeser Lane. https://elcerritoart.org/meeting-news/

Mondays June 13, July 11, and August 8, 7:00pm: Membership meetings. Open to the public. To learn what the meeting topic will be, go to the ECAA website a week or so before the meeting.

- Exhibits: Exhibits of local artists' work can always be seen at the Community Center (main hallway), the El Cerrito Library, and the DMV.
- ECAA Art Show Winners: See the winners from February's art show: <u>https://elcerritoart.org/mini-art-shows/</u>. Regular meetings feature a mini-art show of members' works.

**Richmond Art Center**. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-620-6772. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. (These may expand as COVID cases are reduced.) The largest visual arts center in the East Bay. This year, the RAC is proudly celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Bay Area Black Artists Exhibition. <u>http://www.richmondartcenter.org</u> Masks are required, and you must show proof of vaccination to be admitted.

- <u>Sat., May 14, 12pm-3pm</u>: Spring Family Day. Art-making, plants and more. Fun activities for the entire family. <u>https://richmondartcenter.org/events/spring-family-day-5-14-22/</u>
- Continuing exhibitions:
  - <u>Through May 21</u>: *Nobody is Illegal on Stolen Land*. West Gallery. Havana-born, Berkeleybased photographer Diamela Cutiño presents a series of photos that document the "March for Freedom," highlighting the power of Northern and Southern Indigenous solidarity movements. <u>https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/nadie-es-ilegal-en-tierra-robada/</u>
  - <u>Through June 4</u>: *Dewey Crumpler: Crossings*. Main Gallery. This long-postponed multi-mode exhibition, originally scheduled for spring 2020, asks us to "consider the history, lived legacy and future impact of the global shipping industry." The RAC is very excited about this exhibit. Topics addressed by Crumpler's work include mass migration; transatlantic trade routes unchanged since the 15<sup>th</sup> century; how the industry has shaped port cities like SF, Oakland and Richmond. More information is available here: <u>https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/dewey-crumpler/</u>
  - <u>Through June 3</u>: *Right Here, Right Now: A Biennial of Richmond Art.* South Gallery. RAC has selected eight Richmond artists for their risk-taking and visionary creative practices. It showcases their art in this exhibit. For more information and a list of selected artists, go to this link: <u>https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/right-here-right-now-2022/</u>
- Upcoming exhibitions: (Opening reception for all 3 will be Sat., June 18, 2:00-4:00pm.)
  - June 22-Aug 20: Main Gallery. *Emmy Lou Packard: Artist of Conscience*. Prints by Packard, a 20<sup>th</sup> century artist renowned for her paintings, linoleum prints and murals as well as for her activism. <u>https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/emmy-lou-packard/</u>
  - June 8-July 23: West Gallery. *The Eastern Shore: Works by J. B. Broussard*. A selection of work that honors the legacy and expressions of freedom of abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. <u>https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/jbbroussard/</u>
  - June 1-August 20: Community Gallery. Women Weaving Stories Mujeres Tejieno Historias. More information will be available soon at this website: https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/women-weaving-stories/

**NIAD Art Center**. 551 23rd Ave., Richmond. 510-620-0290. <u>http://niadart.org</u>\_NIAD is a progressive art studio for adult artists with developmental disabilities. After a short time with on-site exhibitions, it has returned to virtual programs, although artists are returning to work at the center. Listed here are some of the newer online exhibitions. Many of the older exhibitions are still available for viewing, and new ones come out almost weekly. Please check the home page for a more exhaustive list of exhibitions, new and old. <u>https://niadartstore.org/collections</u>

- <u>Online Exhibition</u>: Can't Be Shook. Selected by Alex Gartelmann. "I wanted to create an exhibition of works that I just couldn't shake, a group of things that struck that deep internal chord which has no words or explanation." <u>https://niadart.myshopify.com/collections/cant-be-shook-organized-by-alex-gartelmann-online-exhibition</u>
- Online Exhibition : Luxe, calme et volupte. Selected by Lou Mo. A selection of artworks by both NIAD artists and 3 young international artists that raise awareness of women's health and wellness. <u>https://niadart.myshopify.com/collections/calme-luxe-et-volupte-selected-by-lou-mo-online-exhibition?mc\_cid=526fc59149&mc\_eid=6ce61b3921</u>
- Online Exhibition: Desire Desire. Organized by Diego Leclery. Leclery says he would like every work here to be viewed with the question: How do I know what I want?
  <a href="https://niadartstore.org/collections/desire-desire-organized-by-diego-leclery-online-exhibition">https://niadartstore.org/collections/desire-desire-organized-by-diego-leclery-online-exhibition</a>

 Online Exhibition: Superbloom. Organized by Erin McCluskey Wheeler. A celebration of the colors and brightness of spring blooms even in a year that is not a superbloom year. <u>https://niadartstore.org/collections/superbloom-organized-by-erin-mccluskey-wheeler-23rd-street-gallery</u>

<u>Cerrito Theater (Rialto Cinemas</u>). 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 510-273-9102. <u>El Cerrito's own</u> restored art deco movie theater. This theater is now open. Proof of vaccination is required for entry. Masks must be worn in the theater. To see a list of current and upcoming offerings, visit their website: <u>https://rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito</u>

- <u>National Theatre Live</u>. London plays filmed during a live performance. Limited showings of each play. You can purchase tickets here: <u>https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/rialtocinemascerrito/2629</u>
  - Mondays, June 6 & 20 and Wednesdays, June 15 & 29, 7:00pm: Shakespeare's Henry V, directed by Max Webster and starring Kit Harington. Filmed at the Donmar Warehouse in London.
  - <u>Tuesday, August 2, 7:00pm. Kinky Boots—The Musical from London's West End. A highly praised musical with songs by Cyndi Lauper, and book by Harvey Feirstein (La Cage Aux Folles).</u> <u>The Hollywood News called it the "freshest, most fabulous, feel-good musical of the decade."</u> <u>https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2021\_kinky\_cer</u>
- <u>Cerrito Classics</u>. Movies from years ago now considered classics.
  - <u>Thursday, May 19, 7:00pm: American Graffiti.</u> One of the first films (1973) directed by George Lucas—before Star Wars and Indiana Jones. The film received five Academy Award nominations. Starring Harrison Ford, Richard Dreyfuss, and Ron Howard. Written by Francis Ford Coppola.

<u>Masquers Playhouse</u>. 105 Park Place., Richmond. 510-232-3888. After years of reconstruction, the Masquers Playhouse is once again presenting live plays in Point Richmond. A non-profit community theater. <u>Proof of vaccination and masks required.</u> <u>https://www.masquers.org/</u>

- June 3-July 2, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm, Sundays at 2:00pm: Sordid Lives. A comedy by Del Shores, directed by Carl Smith. This play won 14 Drama-Logue awards, became a cult classic and was eventually made into a film and later a TV series.
- <u>August 26-September 24</u>, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm, Sundays at 2:00pm: Compared to What?. This play is about two Pullman Porters who visit West Oakland in 1926 and are torn between the need to form a union and the dangers of belonging to one. It is said to be historically accurate. Written by Oakland playwright Judith Offer; directed by Norman Gee.

<u>Youth Musical Theater Company (YMTC)</u>. 2925-2945 Bolivar Dr., Berkeley. 510-595-5514. Masks and proof of vaccination are required. <u>https://ymtcbayarea.org/</u>. For location addresses and directions, <u>https://ymtcbayarea.org/shows/2021-2022-season/venues/</u>

- <u>Saturdays, May 21 and 28 at 2pm; Sundays, May 22 and 29 at 1pm and 5pm</u>: **Shrek, The Musical**. This will be performed at the YMTC Bolivar Stage in Aquatic Park in Berkeley. "Shrek is the outrageously funny story of a swamp-dwelling ogre's quest to rescue Princess Fiona with the help of a talkative donkey. The adventure is filled with exciting dance numbers, evil men of little character, and fairy tale creatures who learn to let their freak flag fly."
- <u>Weekends, July 15-24</u>: *Ragtime*. Based on the novel by E. L. Doctorow. This will be performed at the El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Center. "An odyssey spanning a decade, and a faithful adaptation of Doctorow's celebrated novel, *Ragtime* is a truly American story, one that feels more timely and relevant now than ever."

<u>Contra Costa Civic Theater</u>. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9012. Live productions at our local non-profit community theater. <u>Proof of vaccination and masks required. <u>https://ccct.org/</u></u>

Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park. 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond.

510-232-5050. Some indoor portions of Rosie the Riveter Park have re-opened. You can view the outdoor Rosie the Riveter Memorial any time. For updates, go to: <u>https://www.nps.gov/rori/index.htm</u>.

 Fridays now through the summer, 10:30-11:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm: Rosie Fridays – Meet Real WW II Home Front Workers. In person. Women who actually worked in Richmond during World War II discuss their experiences and answer questions. Call 510-232-5050 before going to be sure the event is being held, as it may be cancelled for weather or health reasons.

- <u>Sundays, 10am-4pm</u>: Visit the Red Oak Victory Ship. The Red Oak is the last surviving ship built at the Richmond shipyards. Choose between a self-guided tour or a docent-led tour. Exploring the Red Oak requires negotiating a gangway and interior steps. <u>https://redoakvictory.us/</u>
- June 19, 9:00am-1:00pm. Father's Day Pancake Breakfast. On the Red Oak. Pancakes, sausage, bacon and scrambled eggs, accompanied by apple slices, coffee and orange juice. Mimosas are available for an extra fee. Live music.
- August 15, 9:00am-1:00pm. Pancake Breakfast to Celebrate the End of WW II. On the Red Oak.
- September 11, 9:00am-1:00pm. Pancake Breakfast to Commemorate First Responders.

**<u>El Cerrito Trail Trekkers</u>**. Formed to build, maintain, use, and publicize the little-known urban trails of El Cerrito. <u>http://www.ectrailtrekkers.org/</u>

Anytime: Discover Hidden Poems in El Cerrito. The El Cerrito Arts and Culture Commission has worked with the Trail Trekkers to hide 26 poems, along with short biographies of the poets, in containers all around El Cerrito. Our local version of geocaching. When you find them read the poem and then sign and date the logs. This game has recently been updated with new poems. Go to the Trekkers website, click on PLACES along the top row and select "Geocaching in El Cerrito". There are three hikes, the first of which features California poets laureate, the second U.S. poets laureate, and the third local poets. The clues on the website for each poem's location are GPS coordinates, so you will need a way to locate these. There is also a map, but it gives the general area, not the precise location.

<u>Kensington Symphony Orchestra</u>. Concerts performed at Unitarian-Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. (415) 794-1269. NOTE: Proof of vaccination and masks required.

https://www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org/

Saturday, June 11, 7:30pm: Program to be announced. Check the website in early June.

Contra Costa College. 2600 Mission Bell Drive. San Pablo.

- Friday, May 20, 7:00-9:30pm: JAZZ-ology dinner show at La Strada Restaurant, 2215 Church, Lane, San Pablo. 510-237-9047. The JAZZ-ology vocal ensemble from Contra Costa College will perform their *France Tour Show* during dinner. Seating and ordering is at 7pm; the show and dinner begin at 7:30pm. \$10 for the show; \$40 for a 3-course dinner. For more information about JAZZ-ology and menu choices, check out: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-ology-dinner-show-at-la-strada-tickets-304191243197?aff=ebdssbdestsearch">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-ology-dinner-show-at-la-strada-tickets-304191243197?aff=ebdssbdestsearch</a>
- In 2016, JAZZ-ology won Down Beat Magazine's Student Music Award for outstanding performance. There is an article about this in the student newspaper here: <u>https://cccadvocate.com/6321/showcase/jazz-ology-sets-national-pace/</u>