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MEET OUR 2022 TECH TREK CAMPERS!

Saturday, September 17th, 10:00 a.m.
Christ Lutheran Church
780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito

*****The wearing of masks and proof of vaccination/boosters are required*****

Come meet our **2022 Tech Trek Campers**. Despite a lot of challenges and thanks to the extra effort of the Tech Trek team, we sponsored three girls from the WCCUSD middle schools to attend the Tech Trek STEM Camp Residential Camp at Sonoma State University June 19-25. They are: **Claire Connallon** and **Molly Pitts** from Korematsu, and **Shaienne Arcinas** from Mira Vista. At this meeting, the girls will share their camp experiences. Their talks will include making water rockets during Engineering class, the Astronomy / Physics lecture, the Sonoma County Water Authority field trip, former Tech Trek Camper panel, and the Professional Women's Night.

Roberta Montgomery and Marsha Weintraub, Tech Trek Co-Chair

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are opening up. We had our first in person meeting on September 17 with our 2022 Tech Trek girls. It was a very special experience. See write up Page 1. We continue to be cautious, evaluating options including speaker requirements and will have in person gatherings when it is safe to do so. The Board will continue to meet via Zoom. Our meetings are now the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next Board meeting is **Tuesday, October 25, at 2:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend. As always, I appreciate your support. I enjoy working with such special women.

Proposed 2022-2023 Budget: At the October 25th Board meeting we will approve the 2022-2023 Budget. A draft of the proposed Budget is on page 3. It is basically the same as last year with adjustments tied to actuals. We will again not print a new Membership Directory and will continue to pay Christ Lutheran Church the room rental fee whether or not our meetings are in-person. Let me know if you have questions.

2022-2023 Programs: On **Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 11:00 am** we were invited to attend the CalACS-WCC Virtual meeting to hear Dr. Malika Jeffries-El's talk *"Moving the Needle: How key interventions can increase diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM"*. See Write-up Page 4. Contact Elaine Yamaguchi if you want to see a video of the talk. On **Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 am** we are sponsoring a virtual meeting with the Berkeley Branch where the LWV BAE will present the **California Propositions Pros and Cons**. Registration is required - tinyurl.com/mtt9we3u. At the **Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 am** virtual meeting Corrina Gould, director of the urban, indigenous, women-led Sogorea Te' Land Trust, will discuss the East Bay land on which her ancestors, the Lusjan Ohlone people, have lived for thousands of years. Note also the **AAUW CA Fund virtual events** where the women Fellows/Grant recipients will talk about their projects on **Saturday: October 15th, October 22nd and November 12** (10-noon) and on **Sunday: October 23rd** (1-3). Registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Roberta Montgomery, President



***** November 8 Mid-term Election *****

California Propositions Pros and Cons

League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville
Virtual Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

To receive Zoom link, **REGISTER** at tinyurl.com/mtt9we3u

This is a joint meeting with the Berkeley Branch



WEST CONTRA COSTA BRANCH AAUW ----- Proposed Budget 2022 – 2023
Christine Hills and Roberta Montgomery, Treasurers

INCOME:

Carry-over:		
Contra Costa College Scholarship		1,205
Scholarship Fund (SF)		1,965
“Let’s Go” Fund		2,510
	TOTAL	5,680
Reserve		9,066
Memberships:	4MBHL + (28 @ 16)	448
Donations – Adopt-A-Fund		1,696
	TOTAL	2,144
Other Donations		0
Total Proposed Income:		16,890

EXPENDITURES:

Insurance Assessment		144
Funds Assessment (tax deductible, from SF)		40
Newsletter and Directory:		
Printing, Postage and Labels		300
Directory Printing		0
Program:		
Speakers (5@100)		500
Hospitality		50
Rental for Meetings (7@80)		560
Installation Luncheon		100
Administration:		
Membership (VP expenses & recruiting)		100
President & Other Officers (supplies & misc.)		125
PO Box Rental		200
Tech-Trek Recruitment, Reception, Printing & Postage		300
Website		120
Registration Convention, Conferences		0
	TOTAL Regular Expenses	2,539
Contra Costa College Scholarship		1,205
Scholarship Fund (SF)		1,925
“Let’s Go” Fund		2,510
	TOTAL	5,640
Other Expenses / Donations / Reserve		8,711
Total Expenditures:		16,890



HEAR DR. MALIKA JEFFRIES-EL'S TALK

Moving the Needle: How key interventions can increase diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM

The California Section American Chemical Society
Women Chemists Committee

Virtual Meeting
Saturday, September 10, 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 Dr. Malika Jeffries-El and her talk is below.

All are welcome! To register either visit the CalACS website www.calacs.org or go to Brown Paper Tickets <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5488512>. **Register before Thursday, September 8, 12 noon.** The ZOOM link will be sent out by Brown Paper Tickets on or before the day of the event.

About the Speaker

Malika Jeffries-El is the Associate Dean of the Graduate School in Arts and Sciences and Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Division of Materials Science at Boston University. Dr. Jeffries-El's research focuses on the development of organic semiconductors –materials that combine the processing properties of polymers with the electronic properties of semiconductors. She is a fellow of the American Chemical Society and the Royal Society of Chemistry and has won numerous awards including the Percy Julian Award from the National Organization of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers (NOBCCChE), the ACS-Women Chemist Committee Rising Star award, the Iota Sigma Pi Agnes Fay Morgan Award, and the Stanley J. Israel award for diversity. She has authored over 40 publications, received over 4000 citations, and given over 175 invited lectures domestically and abroad. Professor Jeffries-El, is also a staunch advocate for diversity and a dedicated volunteer that has served in several activities within the American Chemical Society. She is a science communicator who seeks to encourage students from underrepresented groups to pursue STEM degrees and recently appeared on the NOVA series Beyond the Elements. She also serves the community through her work with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA).

Abstract

Although African Americans make up approximately 13% of the US population, they are severely underrepresented in advanced degrees awarded in STEM disciplines. Currently, they hold ~2% of tenure/tenure track positions in research institutions in the US. Despite the overwhelming statistics, Dr. Jeffries-El pursued and completed a doctorate in chemistry, obtained an academic job, and then tenure in promotion in due course. She was born in Brooklyn, NY where she lived in public housing and attended public school. Although her situation was less than ideal, she always had a passion for science that her parents encouraged her to pursue. In this talk, Dr. Jeffries-EL will discuss what excites her about science, diversity, equity and inclusion issues and potential solutions woven all within the context of her personal experiences.



ONLINE CALENDAR – MONTHLY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022:

CalACS-WCC Virtual Meeting: **Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 11:00 am** Dr. Malika Jeffries-El's talk *"Moving the Needle: How key interventions can increase diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM"*. See Write-up Page 4.

Meeting at CLC: Our 2022 Tech Trek Campers will share their experiences at Sonoma State University June 19-25. See write-up Page 1.

Board Meeting: using Zoom **Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 2:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend.

OCTOBER 2022:

LWV BAE Virtual Meeting: with Berkeley Branch **Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 am** League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville will present the **California Propositions Pros and Cons**. Registration is required - tinyurl.com/mtt9we3u

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NOVEMBER 2022:

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Virtual Meeting: using Zoom **Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 am**. Corrina Gould, director of the urban, indigenous, women-led Sogorea Te' Land Trust, will discuss the East Bay land on which her ancestors, the Lusjan Ohlone people, have lived for thousands of years.

Board Meeting: using Zoom **Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 2:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend.

SUNSHINE

Know someone who needs a note? Sally Dunham is our Sunshine Chair and will send cards on behalf of our branch. If you know of a member in need of a get well, condolence or congratulations card, contact Sally at (510) 758-4094 or sallydunham1@gmail.com.

AAUW FUND

Again, we will have a one time request from the West Contra Costa Branch of AAUW for donations to the AAUW Fund. The Vivian Coe Fund is fulfilled. See this year's recipient, Nadeeka Karunaratne below. The Funds are used for AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Please send your check made out to AAUW to **Barbara Vaughan**, 970 Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley, California 94708. Your donation will go to the Greatest Needs Fund unless another fund number is on the memo line of your check.

Barbara Vaughan, AAUW Fund VP

NADEEKA KARUNARATNE 2022-2023 AAUW AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



Name: [Nadeeka Karunaratne](#)
Award Year: 2022-23
Award: American Fellowship
Institution: University of California, Los Angeles
Location: Los Angeles, California
Discipline: Education
Degree and Specialization: Ph.D., Higher Education
Project Name: Women of Color Students' Responses to Experiences of Dating Violence in College

Nadeeka Karunaratne's work addresses campus sexual and relationship violence through uplifting the experiences of minoritized survivors and centering students' healing. Prior to pursuing her Ph.D., she served as a violence-prevention educator and a university cultural center program coordinator. She facilitates trauma-healing yoga programs on college campuses and in the larger community.

Sponsors:

1652 - Louise R. Arbogast
 1889 - Thousand Oaks (CA) Branch Inc. 30th Anniversary
 4046 - Vivian Lamont Coe

2022 AAUW Fund Virtual Events

Saturday: October 15th, October 22nd, and November 12th 10-noon
Sunday, October 23rd 1-3 pm

California's 39 fellows and grant recipients will have an opportunity to explain their work at one of the events. **Registration is required.** Click [HERE](#) to register for one or more events.

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**

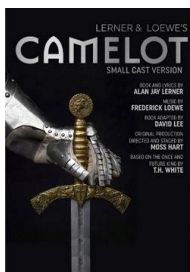
WALENTA, SUSAN (Art) **Sunrise Senior Living (510) 531-7190**
11889 Skyline Blvd, Apt 215
Oakland, CA 94619

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

Roberta Montgomery, President

CULTURE CORNER SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2022

By Barbara Miller



"Camelot"
at Contra Costa Civic Theater



Solano Stroll Poster, 2022



"Your Soul Knows the Way"
by Tiffany Conway at Richmond Art Center

Solano Stroll. Saturday and Sunday, Sept 10 & 11, 10:00am-5:00pm: Don't miss this year's Solano Stroll. On Saturday, shops will offer their wares on their sidewalks and other off-street areas. Sunday's event is the familiar street stroll with the street closed off and food booths, parade, entertainers, etc. The extensive parade has been replaced with a smaller one, consisting of an opening ceremony and 25 pre-selected entries, including the police and fire departments, student dancers and acrobats, and a band.

<https://www.solanoavenueassn.org/events/solano-avenue-stroll/>

There is a guide to the locations and times of various entertainment groups here:

https://www.solanoavenueassn.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/SAS_Entertainment_Line-up.pdf

City of El Cerrito. 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300. <https://www.el-cerrito.org/> Some public events are again being held in person; others use Zoom. Tours of the recycling center have not yet resumed. Check the city calendar to see what is happening and how to attend: <https://www.el-cerrito.org/>

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://el-cerrito.org/DocumentCenter/View/13983/Instructions-for-Public-Comments>

El Cerrito and Kensington Libraries. 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/>

- **Fridays, 12:00-1:00pm: One-on-One Tech Help.** Kensington Library. Sign up for a one-on-one appointment with a Tech Docent at the Kensington Library to get help with the Contra Costa Library website, e-books, e-readers, Kanopy, and other electronic library sources. NOTE that this program will not be available on Sept. 2 or 9.
- The library offers 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 movies to your TV, your computer, or your mobile phone. <https://ccclib.kanopy.com/>
 - **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.
 - **Research.** *Explora* offers the full text of high-quality research articles.

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, Sept 12 and Oct 10 6:30-8:30pm: Membership Meetings.** Open to the public. Mini Art Show plus program. 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.
- **Fri., Sept 30 through Sun., Oct 2: ECAA Art Show.** EC Community Center. If you are interested in entering your own work, the deadline is Sept 15. Details at: <https://elcerritoart.org/artshow-2/>

Richmond Art Center. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-620-6772. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. The largest visual arts center in the East Bay.

Masks are required, and vaccinations are strongly encouraged. Because of COVID-19, the center will limit attendance to 25% capacity.

- **Sat., Sept 17, 12pm-2pm: Fencelines Community Art Workshop.** Create art for environmental justice in Richmond. "A hands-on art workshop that will provide space to reflect on local conditions of environmental injustice in Richmond." Paint recycled wooden fence slats with images, messages and stories that answer the questions: "What message do you have for the polluting industry here in Richmond?" and "What vision do you have for your community in the future?" The slats will be displayed along a city-owned fence bordering Chevron. Next year, they will be shown at the Center. <https://richmondartcenter.org/events/fencelines-community-art-workshop-9-17-22/>
- Continuing exhibition:
 - **Through Sept 17: Rhythm and Rust.** Assemblages created by artist Donna Gatson using vintage objects to explore her heritage, thoughts, and inspirations as a Black woman. The exhibit tells stories of the past and reminds us of what still needs to be done to maintain people's humanity. Among the objects Gatson uses are old victrola parts, violin bodies, and the sounds of Ella Fitzgerald. <https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/rhythm-and-rust/>
- Upcoming exhibitions: (Opening reception for the first 3 fall exhibits will be Sat., Sep 17, 12:00-2:00pm.)

- Sep 14-Nov 17: Main Gallery. **From the Pueblo, For the Pueblo**. Liberación Grafica, an RAC artist-in-residence program, presents “silkscreen prints created for community events that speak to key issues like environmental justice, food sovereignty, and the prison industrial complex.” The work attempts to open up conversations around ideas of liberation. For more information about LG and the exhibit, visit this site: <https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/liberacion-grafica/>
- Sep 14-Nov 17: Community Gallery. **De Fantasías y Realidades**. Oakland-based artist Daniel Camacho presents paintings, murals and sculptures that “fuse Mexican popular culture with the social and political experiences of his community,” blurring the lines between fantasy and reality. For more information about Daniel Camacho and the exhibit, go to: <https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/de-fantasias-y-realidades/>
- Sep 14-Nov 17: South Gallery. **New Visions**. As part of making available diverse artwork coming from emerging Bay Area artists, Kim Champion, Tiffany Conway, Ashara Ekundayo and Bertrell Smith present their painting, collage, color palettes and other media. More information at: <https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/new-visions-emerging-artists-from-art-of-the-african-diaspora/>
- Sep 28-Nov 17: **Melanin: Color, Composition and Connection**. A solo exhibition of abstract paintings by Daniel White, emphasizing the geometric forms, lines and color that reveal melanin's power of connection. Reception: Saturday, Oct 1, 12pm-2pm. <https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/melanin-color-composition-and-connection/>

NIAD Art Center. 551 23rd Ave., Richmond. 510-620-0290. <http://niadart.org> NIAD is a progressive art studio for adult artists with developmental disabilities. Listed here are a few of the online exhibitions. Please click this link for these and other exhibitions, new and old. <https://niadartstore.org/collections>

- New Online Exhibition: **I Wanna See All My Friends at Once**. Organized by Cone Shape Top. “I around bodies coming together under the unifying force of music for release, freedom, self-expression and camaraderie.” https://niadart.myshopify.com/collections/i-wanna-see-all-my-friends-at-once-organized-by-cone-shape-top-online-exhibition?mc_cid=1f1b6a39ec&mc_eid=6ce61b3921
- New Online Exhibition: **Question Mark**. Organized by Betsy Odom. Works examine the tension between anticipation and dread, interrogation and ambiguity. <https://niadartstore.org/collections/question-mark-organized-by-betsy-odom-online-exhibition>
- New Online Exhibition: **Touching**. Organized by Zachary Epcar. “Touching brings together a selection of works that expand, contract, distort, and modify...They offer us windows to an elsewhere.” https://niadartstore.org/collections/touching-organized-by-zachary-epcar-online-exhibition?mc_cid=6f62b8325c&mc_eid=6ce61b3921
- New Online Exhibition: **A New Geometry**. Organized by e bond. This exhibition is an opportunity to get a better sense of how to experience space. https://niadartstore.org/collections/a-new-geometry-organized-by-e-bond-online-exhibition?mc_cid=0df23dfe65&mc_eid=6ce61b3921
- Sept 2-Sept 23: **Day or Night It Looks Like Night**. Organized by Liliana Herrera. Various artists interpret their reactions to Sept. 9, 2020 the day when the skies were orange all day. <https://niadartstore.org/collections/day-or-night-it-looks-like-night>
- Saturday, Sept 10: **Reception** for September NIAD exhibitions. Details were still being worked out when this was written, so check the NIAD website for time and other details.

Cerrito Theater (Rialto Cinemas). 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 510-273-9102. El Cerrito's own restored art deco movie theater. Proof of vaccination and masks are required for entry. To see a list of current and upcoming offerings, visit: <https://rialtocinemas.com/cerrito/>

- National Theatre Live. London plays filmed during a live performance. You can purchase tickets here: <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/rialtocinemascerrito/2629>
 - Tuesday, Sept 6, 7:00pm: **42nd Street the Musical**. A revival of the Broadway musical that popularized the songs *Lullaby of Broadway*, *We're in the Money*, and, of course, *42nd Street*.
 - Monday, Sept 12; Wednesday, Sept 21; Monday, Sept 26; and Wednesday, Oct 5, 7:00pm: **Straight Line Crazy**, by David Hare, starring Ralph Fiennes. About “the most powerful man in New York, a master manipulator whose legacy changed the city forever.”
 - Wed., Oct 12; Monday, Oct 17; Mon., Oct 24; and Wed., Nov 2, 7:00pm: **Jack Absolute Flies Again**, a new comedy by Richard Bean and Oliver Chris. *The Guardian* called it “One of the

funniest productions in the National's history." Based on Richard Brinsley Sheridan's *The Rivals*.

- Coming in November: Chekhov's *The Seagull* and Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*.
- **Cerrito Classics.** The classics will take a new form this fall. Instead of one classic a month, you will be able to see one or all of six classic movies that will be shown for a week. When the schedule is available, it will be published at this website: <https://rialtocinemas.com/cerrito-classics-cer/>

Contra Costa Civic Theater. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9012. Live productions at our local non-profit community theater. The theater has reopened for in-person performances. Proof of vaccination and masks required. <https://ccct.org/2022-23-season/>

- **Plays.** Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm; Sundays at 2:00pm. Check the website before going, as plays are not always performed every Friday.
 - September 9 to October 9: **Camelot.** The small cast version of Lerner and Lowe's memorable musical about King Arthur. Based on *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White. Buy tickets here: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=139516>

Rosie the Riveter WW II Home Front National Historic Park. 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond. 510-232-5050. This park was established to tell the story of the people, largely women and minorities, who provided the labor at home to support our effort in World War II. Richmond had 55 different war industries, including the Kaiser Shipyards which produced 747 ships. Many of the programs are available again. Check the website or call before you go to a scheduled event to be sure it is being held. <https://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

- Fridays, 10:30-11:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm: **Rosie Fridays – Meet Real WW II Home Front Workers.** In person. Women, now in their 90s, 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.
- **Red Oak Victory Ship.** The Red Oak is the last surviving ship built at the Richmond shipyards. Holiday and other events are held aboard the ship. The monthly shipboard **Home Front Film Festival** is an opportunity to see movies that take place during the time of WW II. NOTE: Boarding the Red Oak requires negotiating a gangway and interior steps. <https://redoakvictory.us/>
 - Sunday, Sept 11, 9:00am-1:00pm: **Aloha-Themed Pancake Breakfast.** This year's September 11 event has a Hawaiian theme. While you enjoy fresh-made pancakes, you can listen to the same music that the Red Oak crew listened to in 1944—the Aloha Swing Sound of the Alcatraz Islanders. The winners of the best Hawaiian shirt contest will be able to sound the ship's bell. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aloha-themed-pancake-breakfast-on-red-oak-victory-tickets-403601933247?aff=erelexpmlt>
 - Thursday, Sept 15, 7:00-10:00pm: Movie: **Windtalkers.** Boarding starts at 6:30pm. <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=1A3475C8-DCEB-AD8A-EB7DAFBCA48B3F0D>.
 - Thursday, Oct 27, 7:00-10:00pm: Movie: *Whisky Galore.* 2016. Boarding starts at 6:30pm.

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

- 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.

El Cerrito Historical Society. This group works to preserve and record the city's history and make that information available to the public. Learn about El Cerrito's history from the collection of printed and

electronic information available at the Dorothy and Sundar Shadi History Room in City Hall. Take a walking tour through El Cerrito's history along San Pablo Ave. using brochures available online (see below). Or go to their well-maintained and extensive website to learn about the aspects of El Cerrito's history that most interest you. <http://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/index.html>

- Thursday, Sept 15, 2:00pm: ***A History and Tour of Blake Garden.*** 70 Rincon Road, Kensington. Brothers Anson and Edwin Blake owned and developed this 22-acre estate in the mid-1920s. Today, the mansion is owned by the University of California, and the 10½ acre garden is used by landscape architecture students and features over 1000 species of plants. This 90-minute tour will end with light refreshments in the garden. Unfortunately, the tour will not include the inside of the mansion. RSVP to Dave Weinstein, 510-524-1737 or davidweinstein@yahoo.com
- Anytime. The ECHS offers a brochure to guide you on a historical walking tour of the commercial El Cerrito. You can print out the brochure from this site:
<http://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/ecprintfiles/walkingtourbrochure.pdf>
 There is a map of the area covered by the tour, with historic sites highlighted, here:
<http://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/ecprintfiles/walkingtourmap.pdf>