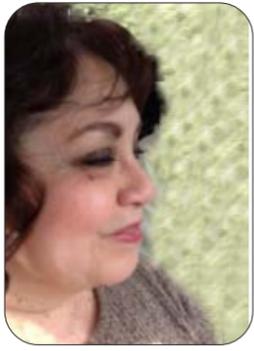


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Eva Dunn,
Editor

Celebration!

New Beginnings... Spring, New Life... Easter; Reverent Traditions... Passover, Seder Dinner, Good Friday, Easter Dinner. These all have a beautiful place in our lives. They inspire values, legacy, Hope, a Future, a Love for Creation, for Creator, for God. Just as the earth in spring brings forth new life, so are our spirits encouraged to grow in compassion, mercy and love. Blessings.

It was a wonderful Easter; to have my husband next to me in a beautiful, joyous Easter celebration at Rolling Hills Church was so amazing; celebrating with grandkids and friends at an Easter dinner afterwards was so much fun! Somehow this holiday is the 'green light' to the rest of spring; so many events happening all around us, wonderful and worthwhile, exciting and wow... The dilemma is how to choose! Art, Music, Dance, Festivals!!

This month I'm introducing a new column which will feature local writer Kat Everitt's poetry, short stories, and lyrics. Kat says, "...they are re-livings of my long life and many experiences and relationships: in my own style and with what grace I can muster!"

I have read many of Kat's offerings and I thoroughly enjoy the cadence of her words and the casual yet intense way she captures emotions and paints a 'picture' with words. I am very pleased to welcome Kat Everitt to the *Gold Country Times*. See page 15 for her first submission, Haikus, in her new column titled: My Side of The Mountain. A pretty perfect title, wouldn't you agree?

Hotel Sutter Coupons

Hotel Sutter guests are encouraged to shop and taste right here in Sutter Creek! Hotel owner Karen Sage invites local businesses to provide a small coupon or message, for their guest room incentive packets (it should be valid for 6 months so that we can encourage wedding guests to come back to Sutter Creek again).

She suggests a discount coupon, a complimentary item, a fun fact about your store – anything you can offer that would help keep hotel guests right here to shop.

Coupons should be dropped off at the Hotels front desk, must fit inside a regular #10 envelope – should be 8" wide x 3.66 wide. This is an opportunity to get customers into Your store. The Hotel is booked steadily from April through October 2014.

Operation Care

Operation Care is holding a Summer Solstice Celebration on June 21st from 6-10pm at Sierra Ridge Winery. This fundraiser is to benefit the Fresh Start program which helps women and children in our safehouse transition into their own safe, violence free home.

Tickets are available at our office, 619 New York Ranch Road in Jackson or online at www.operationcare.org

Kat Everitt

Welcome to my Writings! The Poetry, Lyrics, Short Stories and Commentaries I write are all a matter of my own experiences in life and in music: they are re-livings of my long life and many experiences and relationships: in my own style and with what grace I can muster!

I've been writing since I was a kid: was published in American Girl Magazine and Seventeen Magazine and in the the Anthology of New Wisconsin Poets, presented by August Derleth at the University of Wisconsin, Madison - all before the sixties were even over.

I wrote for Nursing and for Teaching and for Grants and for Poetry Publications for decades... Now, semi-retired: I write for My Self, for My Family and Friends, and for All Who Enjoy My Writing! It's an honor to have folks read my Writings! I hope my life touches yours in ways you can relate to fully! Enjoy the Journeys With Me! *Kat Everitt*, Upcountry Pioneer

Amador Artist Open Studios

Come September 20th and 21st, the public will be invited to discover the richness and variety of artistic talent to be found here in Amador County. This free, self-guided tour will allow visitors to wander through working studios and visit with artists in a variety of media. Participating artists submit a piece of artwork to be raffled off during the event. Proceeds support the Amador County Artists Association's Scholarship Program and Annual Student Art Show.

The Artists Association is currently offering county artists the opportunity to participate in this annual event in order to show and sell their work. This event has been well attended in previous years and has featured the county's finest artists. Those interested in being a part of this exciting community event should call or email Judy Day at 209-223-1347 or winefrk@earthlink.net for more information, and to obtain an application. Completed applications and fees must be received by June 1, 2014.

Clean It Green 2014

"Clean It Green It 2014" event on April 26, 9am, at Detert Park, Jackson. This event begins with the annual City of Jackson/Amador County community clean up with cash prize money for most litter collected in K-8th Grade and High School groups. Next, a "Green It" fair in the park will feature vendors with programs, services, products and all things green! The first 100 "Clean It" volunteers will enjoy a Bar-B-Que provided by American River Bank and listen to music by Lightning Boy and his Thundering Blues Band. There will be an E-waste collection event held simultaneously at Busi Parking lot next to Mel & Faye's Diner supporting the Argonaut High School Science Club.

IBCA "SHRED DAY"

On Saturday, May 3, from 9am-1pm at Howard Park in Ione, documents will be accepted for shred. Do you have old documents and files that need to be disposed of in a safe and secure way? Bring them to Shred Day in Ione!

This event allows you to bring your documents and see them shredded while you watch. Cost is \$8 per box. For more information, call 209-304-8133. Sponsored by the Ione Business and Community Association.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



AMADOR FFA

March 29th we were proud to host a dinner and dance as a fundraiser for both Argonaut and Amador High School's Ag programs. For months, both schools planned, and organized the event to make it the best it could be. The night of the event, more than 400 people came to support the FFA organizations. Approximately 35 students from both chapters came to set up, serve, and clean-up the event.

The event was a huge success; lots of food, music, fun, and an awesome raffle! Both Argonaut and Sutter Creek FFA's would like to extend a special Thank you to all of the parents, and community members that helped to make this event possible!

The proceeds of the dinner will help students to attend the State and National FFA conventions, Career Development Events, speaking competitions, and to buy supplies for our agriculture classes. Because of the generosity of our community, students will have the opportunity to grow and learn in a variety of agriculture sectors. Thank you again to everyone who supported this amazing night!

Respectfully, Sutter Creek FFA Chapter

4th ANNUAL WALK FOR THE TROOPS

Ione invites you on Saturday, April 26 to enjoy a beautiful, full military ceremony and a walk for the troops. It takes one day to show gratitude and the utmost respect for our Veterans, Fallen, and Currently Serving, the ones that give the ultimate sacrifice and courageousness for freedom and the greatest enjoyment of the United States. Wear your Red, White, and Blues. At 11a.m, Full Military Ceremony at the corner of Preston & Main Street; walk to the Preston Castle in memory. At 1pm - Catered Lunch at Preston Castle with live music by "30 Years After"~ Door Prizes & Raffle Prizes. Lunch: BBQ Chicken, Santa Maria Beans. For more information, please visit: <http://ionevetpark.org/>

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