



# September 2024 Newsletter

September 20, 2024  
**Yosemite Then and Now**  
by Cheryl Purgett



The group will learn interesting historical facts about Yosemite, its current highlights, and what to expect while there.

Cheryl has been hiking in Yosemite for almost 30 years. When she retired from the hospital in 2016, she began to look at volunteering, and was in the 2017 class. She has been a Visitor Information Assistant in the valley every June since, and enjoys educating people about the park, and helping them plan their visits. She has also assisted with several Horsetail Fall fire falls, and will also talk about that, and the many wonderful waterfalls of Yosemite.

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## Your help is needed

Our attendance at the presentations seems to be dropping and the Board would like to understand why and what can be done to increase attendance. With 135 members, I expect at least 50% of our members to attend. Perhaps we expect too much. Currently about 30% of members are attending. Please find any board member at the September presentation and share your opinions and suggested solutions.

Thank you

Sincerely, your president, Mary Lynch

Carol Heape, one of the founding members of Sierra Renaissance Society, suffered a stroke in early August and is making progress in her recovery. She is signed up with Caring Bridge to keep people updated on her progress. The link is below.

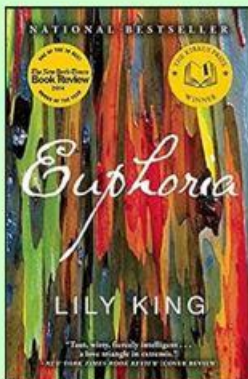
<https://www.caringbridge>

## Book Group Selections

**Book Group** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 1-3PM at the Placerville Main Library.

***Euphoria*** by Lily King

**September 2024**

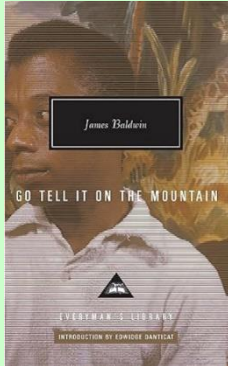


A New York times Bestseller  
Winner of the 2014 Kirkus Prize  
Winner of the 2014 New England Book Award for Fiction  
A Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award  
A Best Book of the Year for:  
New York Times Book Review, Time, NPR, Washington-Post,  
Entertainment Weekly, Newsday, Vouge, New York  
Magazine, Seattle Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Wall  
Street Journal, Boston Globe, The Guardian Kirkus Reviews,  
Amazon, Publishers Weekly, Our man in Boston, Oprah, Salon.

***“Euphoria*** is Lily King's nationally bestselling breakout novel of three young, gifted anthropologists of the 30's caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and, ultimately their lives. Inspired by events in the life of revolutionary anthropologist Margaret Mead, ***Euphoria*** is dazzling...suspenseful, brilliant...an exhilarating novel.” *Boston Globe*

***Go Tell It On The Mountain*** by James Baldwin

October 2024



*Go Tell It On The Mountain*, first published in 1953, is Baldwin's first major work, a semi-autobiographical novel that has established itself as an American classic. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way, Americans understand themselves.

***Brooklyn*** by Colm Tóibín

November 2024



Hauntingly beautiful and heartbreaking, Colm Tóibín's sixth novel, *Brooklyn*, is set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s, when one young woman crosses the ocean to make a new life for herself.

Eilis Lacey has come of age in small-town Ireland in the years following World War Two. Though skilled at bookkeeping, she cannot find a job in the miserable Irish economy. When an Irish priest from Brooklyn offers to sponsor Eilis in America--to live and work in a Brooklyn neighborhood "just like Ireland"--she decides she must go, leaving her fragile mother and her charismatic sister behind.

Eilis finds work in a department store on Fulton Street, and when she least expects it, finds love. Tony, a blond Italian from a big family, slowly wins her over with patient charm. He takes Eilis to Coney Island and Ebbets Field, and home to dinner in the two-room apartment he shares with his brothers and parents. He talks of having children who are Dodgers fans. But just as Eilis begins to fall in love with Tony, devastating news from Ireland threatens the promise of her future.

## What's Happening this Month

- Tuesday  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>
**Genealogy Group** meets 1-3 PM  
 Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center  
 3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville
- Thursday  
September 12<sup>th</sup>
**Book Group** meets 1-3 PM  
 Placerville Main Library  
 345 Fair Lane, Placerville
- Friday  
September 20<sup>th</sup>
**Monthly Meeting:** Yosemite Then and Now  
 by Cheryl Purgett  
 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs  
 Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3PM


## Genealogy Group

Sierra Renaissance Society (SRS) is very pleased to let you know that the Genealogy (Family Tree) work group is once again meeting at the LDS Family History Center (3275 Cedar Ravine Rd, Placerville) on **the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of each month 1-3p.m. The format is informal with a discussion of questions, progress & challenges with the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour down in the LDS lab with knowledgeable volunteers. If you're not currently a member of SRS & would like to be, come with your yearly dues of \$20.00 (for all large presentations & workshops for 2024) & give to Nancy. Also, we would appreciate if you pass along this information to others who may be working on their own Family Tree.

<b>Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar</b>		
<b>2024 Dates</b>	<b>Presentation Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
September 20, 2024	Yosemite Then and Now	Cheryl Purgett
October 18, 2024	Sierra Wildlife w/Ambassadors	Judy Monestier Sierra Wildlife Rescue
November 15, 2024	El Dorado Agriculture—Past, Present and Future and the Annual Meeting	Greg Boeger, Charles Mansfield, Paul Bush, David Bolster, Leeann Mila
December NO Meeting	No Presentation	
	2025	
January NO Meeting	No Presentation	
February 21, 2025	Fencing and Wildlife	Kathleen Jermstad
<b>All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall                      4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM</b>		

Link to You Tube videos of previous presentations:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

### **How to negotiate the You Tube link**

- At the bottom of the YouTube screen is a "CC" icon; if you select that icon, you will see captions for that video. Bill does not do the captions—they are automatically generated by YouTube after about a day on the channel. The better and clearer the speaker, the better the captions.
- The gear icon  at the bottom of the YouTube screen is your gateway to a more personalized viewing experience. By selecting it, you can easily adjust the playback speed from .25x to 2x. This means you can watch a video at a pace that suits you, making the content more digestible and enjoyable.

A PDF of the newsletter can be found on the SRSedc.com website at the link below:

[Newsletter in PDF link](#)