

Canyon Keepers 2024 Meeting Schedule

Month	Date and Time	Location	Topic/Guest Speaker
August	08/06/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Connecting to Nature through Conservation & Recreation</p> <p>Speaker: Erin Tarr – Bear Yuba Land Trust</p> <p>Topic: BYLT mission and work. Highlights of projects. Community connections through art, events, and trails.</p> <p>Bio: I grew up in Iowa and was introduced to outdoor exploration and appreciation at an early age. Continued my journey west and got my bachelor's at Sac State before starting my career in conservation. Takeaways are understanding BYLT mission and projects. Importance of land trusts in your community. How to engage with the work!</p>

			Coming Up...
September	09/03/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: How Southern Pacific and Lake Tahoe Railway Saved Lake Tahoe</p> <p>Speaker: Roger Staab</p> <p>Topic: The program looks at the objectives and operation of the Bliss family's Lake Tahoe Railway, how the Tahoe Water Wars threatened to impose major impacts on Lake Tahoe and the railroad, the background role SP played in addition to broad-gauging the line, and the overall significance to Lake Tahoe tourism.</p> <p>Bio: After a career as a civilian employee at Naval Civil Engineering Lab and Sacramento Army Depot, I retired and moved to Colfax where I began a second career researching the railroad history of the area. My initial interest in the current subject was focused on the narrow gauge railroad that ran from Truckee to Tahoe City, later converted to standard gauge by Southern Pacific. However, I soon became aware of the Tahoe Water Wars playing in the background and it became the focus of the story. Viewers will learn how the Bliss Family and Southern Pacific worked together to preserve their railroad connection to Tahoe and ultimately to save Lake Tahoe tourism.</p>
October	10/1/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Finding your way in nature without your phone</p> <p>Speaker: Jessica Carew Kraft</p> <p>Topic: Nature is always making a map for us, and the land is full of clues and signs, though most of us have been trained out of this awareness by our digital tech. We will learn techniques for reading the landscape, expanding awareness, and amplifying perception used by wildlife trackers and all of our ancestors to forage and navigate. If you've ever wondered about how humans survived and thrived in wild environments, or questioned how to keep yourself from getting lost without using GPS, this talk will give you more knowledge and the confidence to safely wander off the beaten path. Kraft will also share her personal story of learning the skills of rewilding depicted in her book.</p>

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Bio: Jessica Carew Kraft is the author of *Why We Need to Be Wild: One Woman's Quest for Ancient Human Answers to 21st-Century Questions* (Sourcebooks, 2023). An independent journalist trained in anthropology, she holds degrees from the University of London, Yale University, and Swarthmore College. Her reporting on health, culture, tech, and education has been published in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Politico*, *NBC News*, *KQED*, and many other outlets. In mid-life, she became a naturalist and wild food forager. Formerly residing in Berkeley, she now lives with her two daughters and like-minded neighbors of various species in the




forest of the Sierra Foothills.

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February 2024	02/06/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Auburn SRA updates from staff and volunteers; video “Auburn Dam: The Dam That Never Was.”</p> <p>Speaker: Joe Shanahan, Activity Chairs</p> <p>Topic: Park Interpreter Joe Shanahan will explain ASRA's plans for 2024. Canyon Keeper Activity chairs will describe their roles, volunteer opportunities, and needs. In addition to bringing park volunteers up to speed on plans for 2024, this will be a good opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about park volunteering. The evening will wrap up with a repeat showing of local filmmaker Steve Hubbard’s video, “Auburn Dam: The Dam That Never Was.”</p> <p>Bio: Steve Hubbard, Friends of Auburn Ravine: Steve is a freelance writer and filmmaker in Placer County, California. Following a career in telecom he has produced a number of books, films, and articles about the history and environment in the Sierra Nevada. He teaches documentary photography at Sierra College. A number of his films have appeared in film festivals like the Wild and Scenic Festival and California Capital film festival.</p>
March 2024	3/5/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Natural Resources Preservation and Enhancement</p> <p>Speaker: Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Director of Agriculture, Parks, and Natural Resources</p> <p>Topic: The mission of the Department of Agriculture, Parks, and Natural Resources is to protect human health and the environment, provide ample outdoor recreational opportunities to the public, and collaboratively work to manage Placer County’s natural resources in a sustainable manner. Guided by the County’s General Plan, it seeks to protect and sustain its native flora and fauna and waters by careful management and preservation of sensitive habitats. Its responsibilities include regulating pesticide use, protecting consumers, preventing invasive species, resolving human-wildlife conflicts, and managing its parks and trails. It also coordinates and implements projects and actions to protect the county from catastrophic wildfire.</p> <p>Bio: Although both his parents were teachers, Josh has always loved agriculture and spent his early years working in orchards. After receiving his B.S. in Fruit Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2000, he joined the Placer County Agriculture Department, first as a seasonal insect detection trapper, then a full-time inspector. His subsequent County positions and achievements led to his appointment as Director in 2023. In that capacity Josh frequently works with many of the county’s other departments and partners including the Planning division, CEO’s office, CAL FIRE, Placer Resource Conservation District, Placer County Water Agency, and Air Pollution Control District.</p>

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<p>April 2024</p>	<p>4/2/2024 5:45 for light refreshments 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker</p>	<p>Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA</p>	<p>Title of Presentation: <i>Climate, Snowpack, and Resource Planning at Placer County Water Agency</i> Speakers: <i>Andy Fecko & Darin Reintjes</i> Topic: <i>PCWA will cover their efforts to analyze and adapt to future climate scenarios in the American, Yuba and Bear River watersheds.</i> Bios: <i>Darin Reintjes is PCWA’s Director of Resource Management. He is responsible for long range planning of the Agency’s water supplies and climate adaptation strategies.</i> <i>Andy Fecko serves as PCWA’s General Manager. The Agency serves nearly 250,000 people in Placer County and generates enough renewable hydroelectric energy to serve most of the county.</i> <i>Andy and Darin have each been with PCWA for 18 years.</i></p>
			
<p>May</p>	<p>05/07/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main</p>	<p>Canyon View Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA</p>	<p>Title of Presentation: <i>Interpretation Open House</i> Speaker: <i>Auburn SRA Interpreters and Volunteers</i> Topic: <i>Join us for a showcase of Auburn SRA’s finest interpretive displays presented by the Canyon Keepers Interpretation Committee. Each display will involve an interactive element and be a pleasurable, educational experience for all ages. All displays featured at this open house are available for use at docent duty and tabling events. Techniques used by presenters aim to enrich the visitor experience and create a lasting positive</i></p>

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	speaker		<p><i>impression on people and the places they visit.</i></p> <p>Bio: <i>The Auburn SRA Interpretation Committee has been entertaining, educating, and inspiring visitors since its establishment. Today the committee is focused on signage improvements throughout the park, drafting interpretive content to be used in programs, and organizing materials so they are accessible and easy to use. The current committee chair is Heather Rogers who has been affiliated with Auburn SRA for more than a decade and has a true passion for educating and inspiring others through interpretation. If you'd like to Join the interpretation committee, please reach out to Heather: hrogers.wildlife@gmail.com.</i></p> <p><i>We look forward to seeing you at this wondrous event and hope that it inspires YOU to inspire others through interpretation.</i></p>
June	<p>6/4/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker</p>	<p>Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA</p>	<p>Title of Presentation: <i>What is Next?</i></p> <p>Speaker: <i>Mary West</i></p> <p>Topic: <i>The Emigrant Gap Demonstration State Forest</i></p> <p>Bio: <i>Mary West is author of the book series Day Hiker - Gold Country Trail Guide I, II, III and now IV. All available on Amazon. The books are a collection of the Day Hiker columns where West shares her longtime love of the outdoors, favorite hikes in Northern California's Gold Country and beyond. West was the recipient of the 2017 and 2019 CRAFT Award for Best Outdoor Column and the 2020 Craft Award for her second book in the series-Day Hiker Gold Country.</i></p>

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<p>July</p>	<p>07/02/2024 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker</p>	<p>Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA</p>	<p>Title of Presentation: <i>California State Parks in Vintage Postcards</i> by Michael Lynch Speaker: Mike Lynch</p> <p>Topic: This program will explore the history of California State Parks through postcards. This presentation will feature some of the postcard images that can be found in the new book, <i>California State Parks in Vintage Postcards</i> by Mike Lynch and Rhodi Lee The unique book features over 700 vintage postcards images depicting California's incomparable State Parks and is 176 pages long in full-color.</p> <p>Authors and historians Michael Lynch and Rhodi Lee have amassed a collection of more than 12,000 state parks postcards. The cards from this collection made up most of the images in the book, which graphically tells the story of nearly 100 state parks units.</p> <p>Bio: Mike Lynch is a longtime American River Canyon Historian. Lynch has served more than 30 years as a State Park Ranger and is the former Auburn State Recreation Area Superintendent.</p>

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Canyon Keepers meetings are held on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month unless otherwise specified. For additional meeting information, or to make any suggestions for future topics/speakers, contact William Wauters at williamwauters@yahoo.com