



Beta Lambda Newsletter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society California – Area II



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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From the President's Pen

Programs Projects Philanthropy People

Hello Sisters,

The longer days are often accompanied with the expectation to get more done in the hours between dawn and dusk, so I encourage you to embrace that feeling and do more...of the things that bring you joy. If you're like me and love to read, check out the list of books recommended by our members. Some of my all-time favorites include:

🌀 Beryl Markham's autobiography [West with the Night](#) (she was the first person to fly the Atlantic east to west in a solo non-stop flight).

🌀 [The One-in-a-Million Boy](#) by Monica Woods is the fictional story of a unique friendship between 104-year-old Ona and an 11-year-old boy.

🌀 In [Running with Sherman](#), Christopher McDougall tells the story of "how a Rescue Donkey inspired a Rag-tag Gang of Runners to Enter the Craziest Race in America."

And there's always [Harry Potter](#).

If anyone is interested in sharing, reading, and talking about books (A.K.A. a Beta Lambda Book Club), let me know and we can organize a safe in-person gathering to do so.

Read on!



Kim



MAKES CENTS

Fiscal wisdom from our Treasurer, Annette N

Dues are payable now for the 2021-2022 year. They are \$85 for Active members and \$35 for Reserve members. Please make your *check out to BETA LAMBDA* and then either mail your check to Annette Null, 20405 Live Oak Rd, Red Bluff, 96080 or *Venmo* your dues to Beta-Lambda-2 (with the rose image- and I recently found out there are TWO with the rose image, so be sure that it is Beta-Lambda-2!) by JUNE 15 at the very latest.

If your dues are received before June 1, your name will be put in a "hat" and you will have a chance to receive half of your dues back! It could be YOU, so pay by June 1!

Upon payment, you will receive a receipt via email or snail mail should you not have an email, or if you request a hard copy be mailed to you, I can do that.

Thank you in advance for paying your dues on time! Please pay early so that the Executive Board will not need to remind you. The dues window ends June 15, 2021.

Thank you to the 20+ who have already paid dues!!!! Yay!!!!



The Arts in Tehama County 2021

By Barbara L

Main Event Gallery

Hours: 11 am – 5 pm
Thursday, Friday and Saturday

✦ April 30 – May 29

“The Art of Flora”

Featured Artist:
Susan F. Greaves



✦ June 4 – June 26

“The Art of the Authenticity”

Featured Artist:
Armando Mejorado

✦ July 2 – August 14

“The Art of the Travel”

Featured Artist:
Angela Ferrell



"The Art of Flora"

Artist, Susan F. Greaves

Artist, Susan F. Greaves said the most exciting thing in her life is her art. This enthusiasm and passion for art has led her on a 40-year journey devoted to capturing color and light in her impressionist-style paintings. Her florals explode with vibrant colors and come to life on canvas as she applies distinctive loose brush strokes.

When composing a floral still life, Greaves says, "I rush to my rose garden in the spring before the bugs can do the damage. I watch for unusual species in the stores and generous friends call when their gardens bloom. Once the posies are in hand, I decide on the composition, which is the most important factor. I may focus on an explosive bouquet in a compatible vase or a close-up of a few buds. Other times I may hint at a story, including related objects."

"Painting florals, for me is an excuse to use color," said Susan. "The music of color, warm against cool, light against dark, close harmony or bold statements, can be played to its fullest expression. Art is sincere. It's based on both mind and heart and combines the best of both."

PROMISED SUNFLOWERS

Susan Greaves



DKG Beta Lambda FOSTER YOUTH AGING OUT SUPPORT

A HUGE "Thank You" to all the Beta Lambda Sisters who have supported our Tehama County Aging Out Foster Youth as they transition to independent living. As of the end of April, we have collected close to \$800 in our Foster Youth Basket fund! Amazing!

Thanks also to Gigi, Annette's generous and creative sister, for the lovingly sewn pillowcases and new pillows she donated to this important Beta Lambda cause (see the pillowcases pictured below).

Donations are still being collected. Contact Annette with your cash/check or donate using Venmo.



DKG Beta Lambda CALENDAR



- **May 8 (Saturday); 10:00 am** – Scholarship Brunch and Awards; *via Zoom*
- **June 5 (Saturday); 10:00 am** – 2021-2022 Chapter Planning Meeting; Annette Null's home – 20405 Live Oak Road
- **June 10 (Thursday)** Beta Lambda Field Trip and Picnic; *cancelled*
- **DKG International Conferences:**
 - July 7 – 10 – Portland, OR
 - July 21 – 24 – San Antonio, TX
 - July 28 – 31 – Tampere, Finland; *postponed*

Guests are always welcome to Beta Lambda calendar events. Please watch your email and the Beta Lambda website for Zoom access information.



Beta Lambda Sisters

May

- 🎁 9 - Shannon R
Veronica G
- 🎁 13 - Lisa S
- 🎁 24 - Melanie H
- 🎁 29 - Jeanne W

June

- 🎁 1 - Susan B
- 🎁 8 - June P
- 🎁 13 - Collette B
- 🎁 14 - Jessalyn M

July

- 🎁 6 - Nancy M
- 🎁 7 - Eletta J
Cathy D
- 🎁 9 - Lee S
Cathey H
- 🎁 12 - Carol G

August

- 🎁 7 - Margarita R
- 🎁 11 - Marcie M
- 🎁 24 - Juliann C
- 🎁 25 - Jan S



Beta Lambda Website

FILLED with good stuff!

<https://betalambdadkg.weebly.com/>



What is better on a hot summer day than a large glass of iced tea and a GOOD book?



Summer Reading Suggestions from your DKG Beta Lambda Sisters



Any of the John Lescroart mystery series - for fans of mysteries and San Francisco; featuring Dismas Hardy, Lawyer extraordinaire!

<https://johnlescroart.com/books/>



Wildflower by Dr. Teresa Von Woy - captivating memoir of how the author overcame a childhood of poverty and abuse - inspirational!

<https://www.drteresavanwoy.com/author>



What Unites Us by Dan Rather - Down to earth reflections on patriotism from a familiar news journalist

[NPR Interview What Unites Us](#)



The Posy Book: Garden-Inspired Bouquets that Tell a Story by Teresa H. Sabankaya - beautiful, delightful book sharing the meanings behind and makings of old fashioned posies

<https://teresasabankaya.com/products/the-posy-book>

Ever considered audiobooks? Such an easy way for your ears to read while your hands are busy. Audiobooks are available for your phone, your iPod, your tablet and/or your computer. A membership is required but some vendors offer free limited time trials. For audiobook vendor reviews click [HERE](#), ...And there is always the public library, offering audio books on compact disc and free streaming to your device with an app.

Try these suggestions:



The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah - the story of a family's struggle during the harsh realities of the Great Depression

<https://kristinhannah.com/books/the-four-winds/>



The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah - a novel about a family trying to survive both the Alaskan wilderness and their own relationship demons

<https://kristinhannah.com/books/the-great-alone/>



The Giver of Stars - by Jojo Moyes - based on a true story, this novel brings to life the history of the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky

<https://www.jojomoyes.com/books/the-giver-of-stars/>



Fighting Words - by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley - a novel that addresses the stigma of childhood sexual abuse; 5/5 review from Common Sense Media; written for the Young Adolescent audience, but powerful reading for any age reader

[Fighting Words](#)