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## March 2022 Newsletter

### **March Presentation Women of Influence: Women Making History in El Dorado County by Mary Cory**

Friday, March 18, 2022

Mother Lode Lions Club Hall

4701 Missouri Flat Rd., Diamond Springs, CA



***Women of Influence – Women Making History in El Dorado County*** is an exhibit currently at the El Dorado County Historical Museum. The exhibit was curated by Mary Cory, working with Museum volunteers researching and selecting the women, photographs, and artifacts represented in the Museum's collections. The exhibit highlights various women who lived in this county, such as Margaret Kelley, a teacher in county schools for over 50 years; Stella Tracy, a major benefactor and preserver of county history; Gertrude Kirk, the first woman to register to vote in the county – and an early automobile driver; Georgia Leoni, who ran a ranch with her husband; Dr. Jean Babcock, who started practicing medicine in Placerville at a time when women doctors were not very common; Lucy Wakefield who made a good living making and selling pies to

the miners; Nancy Gooch who arrived as a slave and eventually was able to purchase property in Coloma; and Datsolali who wove baskets that are works of art.

This slideshow presentation shows photographs of many county women in the exhibit, and shares some of their fascinating history. The El Dorado County Historical Museum is open to the public with a reservation. Please visit our website at [www.edcgov.us/government/museum](http://www.edcgov.us/government/museum) for this and other historical information.

Mary Cory has been the director of the El Dorado County Historical Museum since 1999. She has been working professionally in the museum field for over 40 years and got her master's degree in Museums Studies from George Washington University, with further studies at the Getty Museum, the National Archives, and Western

Archives Institute. She thoroughly enjoys acquiring and sharing El Dorado County's history.



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## Words from SRS President Mary Lynch

Our 2022 inaugural presentation was a great way to restart our Society and initiate the year's presentations. 55 members' attention was focused on Art Baggett's fascinating tale of skiing the Muir trail.

This month we honor Womens' History. Please stroll through local history with Mary Cory as she relates tales of influential women who left their mark on Placerville history.

Please recognize two new volunteers, Pat Knowles and Mark Stanley. Mark is providing help with our information technology set-up and Pat is welcoming members as they check-in. We are so very appreciative of their time and efforts. The office of Treasurer needs filling. Please contact me if you have an interest in being Treasurer for the Society.

I'm looking forward to meeting and greeting each and every one of you at our March 18 meeting!

*Mary Lynch*

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## 2022 SRS Presentations

<b><u>2022 Date</u></b>	<b><u>Presentation Title</u></b>	<b><u>Speaker</u></b>
January	<i>No meeting</i>	-----
February 18	<i>Skiing the Muir Trail</i>	Art Baggett
March 18	<b>Women of Influence: Making History in El Dorado County</b>	Mary Cory
April 15	<b>Helping Community Love and Respect Each Other</b>	David Zelinsky
May 20	<b>History of Native American Tribes in our Region</b>	Guy Nixon
June 17	<b>World Religions</b>	Margaret Maughn
July	<i>No meeting</i>	-----
August 19	<b>Mushrooms and their Uses</b>	Dr. Hobbs
September 16	<b>Skeletons in the Closet: Gold Rush Stories of El Dorado County</b>	Mary Cory
October 21	<b>Better Smartphone Photography</b>	Bill Robinson
November 18	<b>Annual Business meeting &amp; Presentation</b>	
December	<i>No meeting</i>	-----

## Free COVID-19 Tests



Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests  
[COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) – Free at-home COVID-19 tests

## And a Funny or two...

*"We're really excited around here today. Our loan was approved! We're closing on a full tank of gas at the end of the week."*



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