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## May 2022 SRS Newsletter

### May Presentation

#### History of Native American Tribes in our Region by Guy Nixon

Friday, May 20, 2022, 1 pm  
Mother Lode Lions Club Hall  
4701 Missouri Flat Rd., Diamond Springs, CA



"As a kid, I listened to stories—the oral tradition. My grandfather with his sawmill had many old men (in the 1930's) talk—and he remembered their stories. My Sunday School teacher in El Dorado (Mertile Schuster) was an 87-year-old Miwok in 1974. My father drove a Model T Ford and as a kid he could go on most any ranch and the old folks would come out and often want to talk (the sound of that automobile would bring out memories that

they had). And there were others whose stories I remembered and later others I recorded with a Camcorder."

"After the Navy, my dad and I started to research these stories. I found George Peabody from Hanks Exchange who had also collected stories and we worked together, realizing many of our stories were the same story but every telling of the stories had additional details the others may not have had. Thus, I ended up writing fourteen books and doing shows on the Sierra Community Access Channel 2 TV (also on YouTube). My effort has been to preserve history, with the correlation of broader events that affected it. Many folks can regurgitate a story they heard—but to research the details of that story to find out who, what, when, where, and most of all WHY? That is what I enjoy doing. In other words, I try to put the events and decisions in context of what all was happening around those folks and contributed to them doing what they did. I hope you will enjoy my presentation—answer some questions you had and enjoy the get-together."

### ***Guy Nixon***

Guy Nixon is a lifelong resident of El Dorado County and has done extensive research into Native American history. He has collected oral histories from local Native Americans and from those in the wider region. Guy has also regularly contributed to local Georgetown radio programs and shared his knowledge on local TV channels. Before the pandemic shutdown, he led popular workshops for SRS members.

Guy will bring some copies of his published books on the subject to our May 20 presentation. Those interested in purchasing may do so at that time.



**Happy  
Memorial  
Day!**

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## **Words from SRS President Mary Lynch**

During this time of year my thoughts turn to developing the presentations for next year, 2023. Our Curriculum Committee is gearing up to review all submitted proposals and chase ideas submitted by our members.

The popularity of local history ensures a place in our presentation line-up, but the committee would love to hear from you about the subjects that spark your curiosity. Please don't hesitate to tell a Board member your thoughts on any subject you would like to investigate. Please help us develop 11 presentations for the coming year by sending us your recommendations to my email ([mmnlynch@gmail.com](mailto:mmnlynch@gmail.com)) or speaking to another Board Member.

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## 2022 SRS Presentations

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

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## SRS Book Club in May

Mary McCombs is hosting the SRS Book Club on Thursday, May 12th, 2-4 pm at the Placerville Library. The book to be discussed this month is "[Caste: The Origin of our Discontents](#)" by Isabel Wilkerson.

The book club meets on the second Thursday of each month.

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## Some Senior Resources

### **Atlas Obscura**

At **Atlas Obscura**, their mission is to inspire wonder and curiosity about the incredible world we all share. You can just go to their

website at [www.atlasobscura.com](http://www.atlasobscura.com) and peruse information about places, events, and things. For a real treat, sign up to get a daily newsletter.

## **Earth/Sky News**

This one has to do with, as you might imagine, things about our Earth and the sky surrounding us. They have a great daily newsletter and so much to think about! See them at [EarthSky.org](http://EarthSky.org).

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### **And a Funny!**

"I always thought that something was missing...  
the painting is perfect now..."



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