

October 2025 SV CWA Newsletter

Note from the President



October always brings a sense of nostalgia—memories of childhood, crisp air, and the excitement that comes with the changing season. To celebrate that feeling and continue building bridges with local organizations, Salinas Valley CWA proudly hosted our **3rd Annual Pumpkin Painting Event** in collaboration with **Monterey County 4-H**.

We were thrilled to receive generous pumpkin donations from **Sakata Seeds**—thank you for helping make this event possible! Upon arrival, kids and parents jumped into the fun with our

Pumpkin Wheel activity, modeled after the one we host at County Farm Days. Participants spun the wheel to land on a pumpkin variety name, then tried to match it to the correct image. Some guesses were spot-on, others were tricky—but laughter and learning filled the air.



The event kicked off with a warm welcome from **President Miranda Sampson**, followed by a short educational talk from **Secretary Mary Ann Hooker** on the lifecycle of pumpkins. This informative segment gave youth attendees a chance to add an educational component to their 4-H Record Books.

As the painting began, creativity bloomed. Kids transformed pumpkins into colorful works of art, and even parents joined in, letting their imaginations run wild. The joy and artistic spirit of the day reminded us why we love this season so much. Huge shoutout to Deirdre O'Grady for coordinating and making this event possible!



As October winds down, our **Bus Trip Committee** is in full swing finalizing plans for our annual outing to **Santana Row in San Jose on November 1, 2025**. This beloved tradition brings together women from across industries to celebrate another year of hard work with camaraderie, shopping, and fun. This year is extra special as we mark **50 years of CWA!**

Looking ahead, we're seeking **SV CWA volunteers** for a **4-H Baking Contest in King City on February 28, 2026**. Volunteers will help coordinate and judge the event. If you're available that morning or afternoon and would like to support local youth, please email salinasvalleycwa@gmail.com. More details will follow in a separate message.

Thank you for being part of this vibrant community. Here's to fall, friendship, and the future of agriculture!

Membership Spotlight

We would like to welcome all our new and returning members to the Salinas Valley Chapter of the California Women for Agriculture! The Membership Spotlight is a chance to highlight one of our amazing members each month, building connections within our chapter.

Email salinasvalleycwa@gmail.com if you're interested in being highlighted for our Membership Spotlight next month!

2025 Meetings & Events

See upcoming events on our "[What's Happening](#)" page for Board Meetings and Membership Events, and always keep an eye on your inbox!

CWA Bus Trip – November 1, 2025.

Our next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, 2025 from 5:30-6:30 pm. In person attendance will be 19045 Portola Dr, Salinas, CA, 93908. Virtual attendance can be done so through [Google Meeting linked here](#).

Committees

Interested in joining a committee? Email SalinasValleyCWA@gmail.com.

Scholarship

In our continuing commitment to promote awareness and education, the Salinas Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture (CWA) offers two scholarship programs for women in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties.

Stay tuned for info on our 2026 Scholarships! Join the committee NOW. Email SalinasValleyCWA@gmail.com.

Photo Contest

Our 2025 Photo Contest is closed and we give a huge thank you to all those that participated by submitting their beautiful photos! See submissions [on our website](#).

Start thinking about your submissions for next year! Maximum of 2 entries per person, photos should reflect agriculture, and photo format should be vertical with at least 300 dpi.

Bus Trip

Our [Annual Bus Trip](#) on November 1, 2025! The bus trip serves as a fundraiser for scholarships as well as a recreational activity for our organization and community members.

If you're attending, take pictures and email them to SalinasValleyCWA@gmail.com. Or tag us on instagram [@salinascwa](#).

