

Past Programs 2007+

Water-wise Gardening & Water-saving Tips. Two Master Gardeners offered the Top Ten Ways To Save Water in home and garden. February 2014



Zero Waste Marin. Steve Devine, Program Manager of Zero Waste Marin, told us how to send less material to the landfill, make more thoughtful purchases and correctly discard unwanted items. January 2014

Holiday Luncheon. December 2013



Book Talk! Recommendations from the staff at our local independent bookstore, Book Passage. November. 2013

Overcoming Adversity: Members Share Personal Stories of Hope and Inspiration. October 2013



Bring a Friend to Lunch. September 2013

Larkspur Community Needs and Revenue Options: Discussion with Councilmember Len Rifkind and City Manager Dan Schwarz. June 2013.

Spring Luncheon Tea. May 2013

Volunteering to Support Our Community. Barbara McDonald and Loulie Sutro from Ross Valley Village gave an update on the "Village" program followed by a round-robin discussion about Club members' volunteer experiences. April 2013



Update on modernization of Neil Cummins School from Dr. Valerie Pitts, superintendent of the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District, and Michelle Walker, principal of the new Cove School. Dr Bob Bundy described new plans for the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve. March 2013

Marin Medical Reserve. Christine Erlach and Katherine Shotwell spoke on the professional volunteers that supplement Marin County's response to public health and disaster medical needs. February 2013

Highway 101/Greenbrae Interchange: a presentation by Transportation Authority of Marin. January 2014

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Holiday Luncheon, December 2012

Ring Your Bell: Members tell us about topics or causes about which they are passionate. At this luncheon, we featured:

Linda Varonin (The Godmothers of Timothy Murphy School),

Mary O'Malley (Friends of the Library) and

Linda Kreitzman & Laura Talmus (Beyond Differences). November 2012

Twin Cities Update: Lunch with the Mayors of Corte Madera (Bob Ravasio) and Larkspur (Len Rifkind). October 2012

Ring Your Bell. At this luncheon, we featured:

Marge Bottari on Reverse Mortgages,

Suzi Beatie on America's Cup,

Becky Reed on mentoring and

Jana Haehl on development of the Town Park Plaza. September 2012

Mother's Day Tea. May 2012

Twin Cities Update with Councilmembers Diane Furst (Corte Madera) and Ann Morrison (Larkspur). March 2012



Safety in the Home & Community with Officer Patty Monge. February 2012

Second-Hand Smoke. Jennie Cook, past President of the American Lung Association and Elizabeth Emerson of the Marin County Tobacco Control Project spoke about their successful campaign to prohibit smoking in multiple-family dwellings throughout the city of Larkspur. January 2012

Holiday Luncheon. December 2011

Starting Your Own Business or Going Back to Work. Leonard Weingarten from the Small Business Development Center and Nancy Richardson from the YWCA 50+ Employment Support Program for Women described resources for business planning, job preparation and employment education for Marin County women age 50 and over. October 2011

Marin Village: Helping Seniors Age in Place, September 2011

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Ring Your Bell! This month featured:

**Marge Bottari on reverse mortgages ,
Marianne Rafter on the Larkspur Library, and
Suzanne Kanner on her work teaching yoga to those learning to work with
their new canine assistants at Guide Dogs for the Blind. March 2011**

**CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Four of our members,
Ann Shores, Suzi Beatie, Phyllis Galanis, and Kathy Hartzell spoke about
what we can do to prevent a hazardous event from becoming a disaster.
February 2011**

Update on Schools, January 2011



Holiday Potluck Luncheon, December 2010

**Ring Your Bell! This month's speakers were
Suzi Beatie on support groups at Marin General,
Kappy Reed on Casa de la Esperanza (a Mexican orphanage) ,
Ruth Dell on 10,000 Degrees (a local organization that provides scholarships,
training and mentors to help kids go to college), Mary Warner on the
proposed Community Garden at Town Park, Catherine Way on Marin Search
and Rescue.**

**A representative from the Lark Theater on programming from the National
Theatre of London, and
Pam Foley on reopening the Alto Tunnel. November 2010**

**Larkspur History. Dick Cunningham spoke about his research
into pioneer families that influenced the development of Larkspur
and Corte Madera. October 2010**



**Twin Cities Update from Todd Cusimano, Twin Cities Police Chief,
Kathy Hartzell, Larkspur Councilmember, and Diane Furst: Corte
Madera Councilmember. September 2010**

Ring Your Bell! March 2010

**Marin Brain Injury Network provides services to adult survivors of
acquired brain injury and their families. At this event there was a viewing of
a documentary made by a local high school student whose cousin suffered a
traumatic brain injury playing high school football. February 2010**

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Twin Cities Update. The following people gave short presentations to the 40+ attendees:

Officer Don Hinton on status of new Twin Cities police station

Jana Haehl on Corte Madera Community Center patio renovations,

Cheryl Longinotti on bike corridor improvements & re-opening of the Alto Tunnel, and

Kathy Hartzell on Larkspur city manager search, proposed move of Corbett's Hardware, and development of the Niven property.

January 2010

Ring Your Bell! At this program, the following people "rang their bells":

Patricia Gill, Executive Director of Marin Brain Injury Network

Kathy Hartzell: Getting rid of stuff through Marin Freecycle and the Craig's List

Robin Moller: CM Community Center Patio Renovation

Nancy Davis: Marin County Free Library & Friends of the Corte Madera Library

Trish Marelli: her home décor business

Kathleen Hoffhine: her Larkspur Curves business

Ruth Dell: Ross Valley Players and their production of "The Miracle Worker"

Linda Kreitzman: her Academic and Professional Consulting business
November 2009



Second-Hand Smoke, October 2009

Seniors in Transition, September 2009

Mother's Day Luncheon Tea, May 2009

Using the Water We Have: Dan Carney from the Marin Municipal Water District on water conservation, April 2009

Twin Cities Update #2: Kathy Hartzell, Larkspur City Council, and Valerie Pitts, Larkspur School District Superintendent, March 2009

Twin Cities Update #1: Bob Pendoley, Asst General Manager of Corte Madera, February 2009

Finding Bargains: Members shared tips, tricks and top picks for stretching hard-earned dollars, January 2009

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Holiday Luncheon, December 2008

Health Care for All: Creating a single-payer healthcare system in California, November 2008

What are the issues on the 2008 Ballot? Presentation by the League of Women Voters, October 2008

Advanced Directives aka Living Will, Health Care Directive, or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. An Advance Directive informs others about your wishes. Find out why this is important and how you can set one up, September 2008

Ring Your Bell Day #2: Seven women each gave a short presentation about a project about which she is passionate, August 2008

Careers for Women in Nonprofits: Norma LaRosa, Program Director at the Cross Cultural Journeys Foundation, talked about her own fulfilling work, and give tips and guidelines on how to parlay your own passion into a job you can feel good about (and get paid for it)! July 2008

Ring Your Bell Day: Eight dynamic women each gave a short presentation about a project about which she is passionate, June 2008

Our Local Library: Nancy Davis, head librarian at the Corte Madera branch of the Marin County Free Library talked about what's currently available at local libraries and plans for the future, May 2008.

Fair Trade: Alli Reed, Northwest Coordinator of United Students for Fair Trade, made a presentation about Fair Trade, a way to use your spending to improve the lot of small farmers around the world. April 2008.

Discussion with Bob Pendoley, Corte Madera's Planning Director. Our town is on the brink of many changes — Bob is one of the few people who knows about everything that's going on! March 2008.

Twin Citites Update: Superintendent Valerie Pitts and School Board members Monica Bonny, Sherrie Mowbray and Jenn Bernabie spoke about the facilities modernization plan for the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District. February 2008.

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Twin Cities Update: Status of facilities modernization at the TUHSD (Tamalpais Union High School District), by Susan Schmidt & Sarah Schoening; Corte Madera Community Center & The Village expansion plans; status of Niven property plans in Larkspur and Larkspur Centennial plans. January 2008.

GetReady94925! The CMWIC hosted this first disaster training in Corte Madera for almost 100 people. For more information about preparing yourself and your family for a disaster, go to www.getready94925.org.

Too Much Stuff! Member Jeannie Perry gave a presentation on professional organizers and tips for taming the clutter-beast!

Re-Thinking Plastics: Stuart Moody of Green Sangha gave a sobering presentation on the dangers of plastics and plastics pollution and gave positive suggestions on how to use less plastic in our daily lives. Patty Garbarino of Marin Sanitary and Jim Varone of Mill Valley Refuse contributed suggestions for recycling.

Larkspur — from Naughty to Nice: Helen Heitkamp from the Larkspur Heritage Preservation Board, gave us a tantalizing history of Larkspur's racier past!

Proposed Twin Cities Police Dept. Facility: Captain Todd Cusimano and Chief Phil Green of the Twin Cities Police Dept. (TCPD) answered questions about the proposed TCPD facility (March 2007).

Getting Prepared for Disaster: Tips for getting prepared for a local disaster, from the obvious "must-do" of collecting food, water, prescriptions and sundries, to the less-obvious, such as backing up your computer.

Estate Planning: A professional estate planner described what the process of completing an estate plan.

Book Exchange: Bring a book, get a book (or two or three).

Writers Share: A newly-published author shared her new book, and described what it took to get it published.

Travel Program: Discover great places to see and stay, all around the world.

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Backpacking Solo on the Pacific Crest Trail: One of our members showed stunning photos from her hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. She described what she carried in her backpack and answered questions about what it's like to be a woman alone for 600 miles.