



MONTHLY NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Like the two-faced Roman god Janus, I look toward the past and peek toward the future. In November, Jana Haehl gave a fascinating account of Club history. If you missed it or want to refresh your memory, an audio recording is on the [Club website](#). Jana has posted documents from the Club's revival on the [Corte Madera Memories site](#).

Our December Holiday Party was a festive, colorful occasion. Contestants in the "Elegant-Ugly Sweater" contest evoked such enthusiastic response that the Applause-O-Meter almost shorted out! Holiday generosity abounded as members contributed gifts, gift cards, and cash for the Things for Teens and Toys for Kids campaign. One can view a photographic record of this and other recent activities on the [Gallery page](#) of the Club website.

I'm pleased to confirm that we will hold the Giant Indoor Yard Sale in 2020.

Ellen Greenwald-Willoughby, Barbara Friday, Armelle Futterman, Jennifer Henerlau, Janis Luft, Laura Merlo, Diana Mousley, Rita Nattestad, and Janet Sayles have all volunteered to take leadership roles. The rest of us can support their efforts and make this the most fun sale yet.

First steps: mark your calendars for March 6 (drop-off) and March 7 (sale) and begin to set aside gently used and desirable items to donate.

Happy Fun Year!

--Cheryl Longinotti, Club President

January 2020

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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SPECIAL EVENTS

January 14: Historian Marcie Miller Presents Explorer Louise Boyd. *Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive, CM*

10:30 AM: Business Meeting. All members are encouraged to drop in and attend our monthly Business Meetings.

12:00 noon: Potluck and Presentation. Marcie Miller of the Marin History Museum will tell us about San Rafael native Louise Arner Boyd (Boyd Park), a gold heiress who explored Greenland and the Arctic and who, in 1955, became the first woman to fly over the North Pole.

Marcie Miller has been called a master at illuminating Marin's history for contemporary audiences.



Please bring a favorite dish to share. As always, plates, utensils, and beverages are provided.

RSVP by Friday, January 10.

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January 29: Jelly Belly Factory Field Trip

Linda Varonin has arranged for a self-guided tour of the Jelly Belly factory in Fairfield. Meet at 9:30 AM at the Corte Madera Community Center parking lot to carpool.

Participants will have lunch together nearby and can expect to be home by 3:00 PM.

<https://www.jellybelly.com/california-factory-tours>

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Holiday Party Report: Food, Fashion, Fun and Generous Donations

A highlight of our holiday party on December 10 was the Ugly-Elegant Sweater Contest, which featured fierce competition, a living Applause Meter, and fervent clapping and cheering from the sidelines.

There was something for everyone: Outsize bows; reindeer, kittens, a llama and a zebra; fur and fringe; and enthusiastic runway modeling from someone previously best known for her knitting skills.



Standing (L to R): Liz Burd, Anne Miller, Kay Gillis, Robin Mullin, Dee Fratus, Tracy Ginther, Olga Thomson. In front: Helen Lambert and Armelle Futterman.



Applause meter Vicki Newton (at left) prepared to register audience response as Cheryl Longinotti (below) indicated each of the finalists.



Photos by Suzi Beatie

There was holiday magic, too, as Linda Varonin taught those gathered round the crafts table how to turn ordinary paper bags into beautiful stars using scissors, glue, and string.

Finally, a big thank you to our club members for their generous contributions to "Things for Teens and Toys for Kids" during the party.

In addition to a large number of actual "toys and things," more than \$300 worth of gift cards, along with \$320 in cash and checks, were donated.

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Location: Unless otherwise noted, all activities take place at the CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., CM.

January 15: Corte Madera Rummy

Location: Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur.

Corte Madera Rummy meets at Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM.

For questions about CM Rummy, phone Jane at 415-758-7102.

January 21: Marathon Bridge Group

Marathon Bridge meets the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM and plays three rounds of eight hands each, for a total of 24 hands. Scores are tallied throughout the season, with prizes for highest scores awarded in July. Players rotate through an established schedule each month, and new players are welcome to join either as scheduled players or to fill in as subs.

For more information, contact Jana Haehl at CMWIC Bridge <https://www.cortemaderawomensclub.org/activities/marathon-bridge-and-games.html> or call her at 415-265-1105.

January 28: Knitting Club

Maybe your new year's resolutions include one or more of these goals: Become more social, find a way to meditate, cultivate calmness, make new friends, give back to the community, find a craft I can do.

If so, the Knitting Club may be just the thing for you!

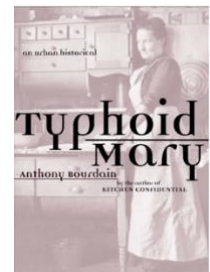
It's a group of 6-10 members who enjoy knitting and chatting. Some make extremely simple creations that are repetitive and easy to learn, while others make amazingly complicated and beautiful projects.

Most donate their creations to Kaiser for hospitalized babies, cancer patients, or hospice patients. Others give the fruits of their labor to friends or keep them for themselves. It's entirely up to the individual. Many people find that knitting calms and relaxes them when they are traveling, in a waiting room, or hanging out at home.

You are most welcome to join the Knitting Club. It meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM–12:30 PM behind the fireplace in the CM Community Center. There is no charge to participate.

January 28: Book Club: *Typhoid Mary* by Anthony Bourdain

The CMWIC Book Group meets at 1:00 PM with a discussion of *Typhoid Mary* by Anthony Bourdain, a steaming stew of tidbits about kitchens, contagious diseases, immigration, and prejudice set in New York in the early 1900s.



Enjoy the long hiatus and use the holidays to catch up on your reading. The January meeting will start with a short "Show and Tell" about a book that you have especially enjoyed recently.

It is not necessary to sign up for this group; you are welcome to read the selection and drop in. Donna Wenig and Armelle Futterman lead the discussions.

For additional information, please contact [Donna Wenig](mailto:Donna.Wenig).

New Member Spotlight: Marion Bank

I am Marion Bank, a new member of the Corte Madera Women's Club. My husband and I have just recently moved here from Framingham, Massachusetts, to be near our children and grandchildren (ages 6 and 8) who live in Mill Valley. We had been visiting them in Marin several times a year for over a decade, spent a few winters here and finally decided to make the move.

I am a retired Biology teacher. I taught at the High School level for over 34 years and then, for 7 more, as an Adjunct at a local Community College. I spent the last couple of years developing and teaching courses that were offered fully online. This allowed me to continue teaching remotely, even while I was spending time in CA or traveling abroad. I loved teaching and it was difficult for me to give it up, but I am now happy with the decision as it gives me more time to devote to family, outdoor activities and hobbies.



Some of my hobbies include painting in watercolor/acrylic/oil, crafts in general, travel, walking, museums, volunteering in the schools, baking with my little girls and just being out in nature. My husband and I have played non-competitive bridge and canasta (we are not very good) and I have recently started playing Mahjong again. Living in New England this was a way to be social in the winter, but we prefer more active outdoor activities if given a choice. I feel grateful to now have the luxury of time to devote to many of the activities that I could not do while I was working.

I was introduced to the club by Linda Varonin, who I met at a watercolor painting class at the Intergenerational Center in 2018. She was one of the first people I met in Corte Madera and she made it easy for me to see that we would enjoy living here.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future.

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