CORTE MADERA WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into February, planning for the



Giant Indoor Yard Sale is in full swing. The sale, to be held March 7 with setup on March 6, is a giant opportunity to work with other members. Yes, it's work, but our

goal is always to have fun. There's a task to suit everyone's skills and preferences, from providing snacks or helping with setup on Friday, to sales or helping with cleanup on Saturday. GIYS Volunteer Coordinator Janis Luft will do her best to accommodate you. Make her task easier by letting her know your wishes right away: <u>Click Here</u>.

The 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment (women's suffrage) is being acknowledged across the country in myriad ways. Many states, including California, have scheduled events. Close to home, the Ross Valley Players' production of "Silent Skies" has gotten stellar reviews. The play deals with female astronomers at the start of the 1900s, a time when women were not allowed to use telescopes. The characters navigate the demands of family, romance, and science with humor and determination. Those interested in attending a performance with other CMWIC members (February 7 or 8) may contact Becky Reed at <u>beckyAreed@comcast.net</u>.

--Cheryl Longinotti, Club President

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SPECIAL EVENTS

February 11: Potluck and Presentation: "**One Woman, One Vote.**" *Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive, CM.*

10:30 AM: Business Meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

12:00 noon: Presentation and Potluck - "One Woman, One Vote." We'll view the final chapters of the PBS documentary, "One Woman, One Vote," a film that will stir your heart, with suffrage songs and images of our grandmothers and great-grandmothers daring to speak out in public.

Cheryl Longinotti will explain some of the current complexities of voting and why "Hard Won, Not Done" has been taken up as a slogan by present-day advocates.

Please bring a favorite dish to share. **RSVP by Friday**, **February 7**.



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How to Volunteer for the Yard Sale

You already know that the Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS) is scheduled for Saturday, March 7. And you "get" that its success is dependent upon your participation.

Here's the news: A steering committee is hard at work organizing the day of setup as well as the sale day, and you can now volunteer online, deciding how you wish to pitch in.

- Volunteer with the Setup Crew (Friday 11:00 AM-7:00 PM) or the Sale and Cleanup Crews (Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM). Note: When you click on the link to volunteer, please specify which day and way you'd like to help.
- Volunteer to drive a load of leftover items to one of the pre-designated locations at the end of the sale (about 3:00 PM) on Saturday. Large vehicles or trucks are preferred but a back seat or deep trunk will do, and you can team up with a friend.
- Sort and Save gently used items for the sale. Please refer to this list of items we cannot accept.

Volunteer today because ... the more the merrier. Thank you!

"Silent Sky" on February 7 or 8

Becky Reed is organizing a group to see the play "Silent Sky" by at Ross Valley Players (at the Art & Garden Center in Ross). The play is based on the true story of three women astronomers who helped pave the way to our understanding of the universe.

It takes place in 1900, while women were protesting to get the vote. Critics describe it as "luminous," "beautiful," and "an intellectual epic told on an intimate level." Gunderson is currently America's most produced living playwright. Becky loved the production and is happy to see it again with a group on the final weekend: Friday, February 7 or Saturday, February 8 at 8:00 PM. Tickets (with fees) cost \$31.44. The theater has installed 99 new, comfortable seats, so let Becky know if you want to go and she'll check availability at that time. beckyAreed@comcast.net

"Tea and Transit" Field Trip February 26

Linda Varonin will lead a trip to Lovejoy's Tea Room https://www.lovejoystearoom.com/ in San Francisco on Wednesday, February 26. But that's not all – getting there will be half the fun. The group will take the Larkspur ferry to the city, then take the J trolley to the tearoom on Church Street.

Order individually or share? Look at the menu and let Linda know your preference when you RSVP.

Meet at 9:30 AM at the CM Community Center parking lot to carpool to the ferry terminal or meet at the ferry in time to take the 10:10 boat.

There's also the option of taking BART! **Remember to bring your Clipper Card**. Get the senior version if applicable.

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

February 18: 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

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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.o rg/activities/marathon-bridge-and-games.html or call her at 415-265-1105.

February 19: 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.

February 25: Knitting Club

The Knitting Club is a group of 6-10 members who enjoy knitting and chatting. Some make simple creations, while others make amazingly complicated and beautiful items.

Most donate their creations to Kaiser for hospitalized babies, cancer patients, or hospice patients. Others give their finished projects 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.

Contact us by clicking on info@cortemaderawomensclub.org.

February 25: Book Club: <u>China Dolls by Lisa</u> See

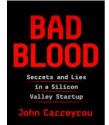
The book group will meet at 1:00 PM to discuss *China Dolls* by Lisa See.



Set in San Francisco on the eve of WWII, the novel follows three young women of different backgrounds as growing racial prejudice against Americans of Japanese descent redefines the boundaries of their

friendship.

Looking ahead, the selection for March is *Bad Blood* by Wall Street Journal reporter John Carreyrou, a nonfiction



account of fraud at Silicon Valley startup Theranos.

It is not necessary to sign up for this group; all are welcome to read the selection and drop in. Donna Wenig and Armelle Futterman lead the discussions. For additional information, please contact Donna Wenig.

New Member Spotlight: Michelle Cha



Michelle Cha recently joined the CMWIC after learning about us from her tutor, Becky Reed. Michelle is Korean and has lived in Marin since 2005.

Photo by Becky Reed She has two sons, Daniel, 19, who attends Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Alek, 7, who goes to Edna Maguire in Mill Valley. Alek has non-verbal severe autism and intellectual disability. Michelle's long-term goal is to open a group home for autistic young adults. When you see Michelle, please welcome her to the club.