



CMWIC NEWS for December 2021

December 14 Holiday Party: Pizza, Cookies, and Gift Drive

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

You are invited to our Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 14, at noon. We're "splurging" on pizza, salad, hot cider, and soft drinks for this party. There will also be a cookie exchange and an opportunity to contribute to the Central Marin Holiday Gift Drive.

To attend, you must be vaccinated and a member in good standing. It is important that you **RSVP**. As much as we all want to see one another, those who have not responded by December 13 will not be admitted.

Cookie Exchange: If you wish to participate in the cookie exchange, bake 2-4 dozen of your favorite cookies (or an assortment). Cookies need to be bagged, but not individually. Package about 3-4 cookies (depending on size) per each exchange bundle. Use a clear plastic bag (The Dollar Store is a great resource for inexpensive, festive bags) or wrap in plastic wrap with a small bow, if you are so inclined. Please include a recipe card or ingredient list for your cookies so that we can label the bags for potential allergens. We will have all the cookies on a table display for those wishing to participate.

Holiday Gift Drive: It's a new name, but it's the same great gift drive, sponsored by Central Marin Police and Fire, that we've supported for many years. Our contributions will go to local kids and families in need. Help make someone's holiday more cheerful by donating a gift card, cash, or check made out to "Central Marin Holiday Gift Drive." Please bring your donation to our luncheon.

Covid Prevention: If you have not already provided proof of vaccination, please bring it so that you can be admitted, The Community Center requires that everyone wear a mask when entering the building, using the rest room, etc. While our group ("cohort") is together in the main hall, however, we can remove our masks.

We need to know who will attend, so don't neglect to **RSVP.**

December Business Meeting Postponed

The Recreation Department no longer has the personnel to set up tables and chairs for CMWIC events. We are postponing the Business Meeting that would have taken place before the holiday party so that board members have time to do some heavy lifting. Our next Business Meeting will take place on January 11.

Members are invited to come early to help with setup. The more heave-ho, ho, ho, the merrier.



December 7 "First Tuesday" Holiday Crafts Workshop

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., CM

Linda Varonin will continue to teach/review how to make the origami trees that the Women's Club will donate to people at care homes and hospitals to spread holiday cheer. She has already trained a cadre of knitters and other members as helpers, so have no fear -- the teacher-learner ratio will be excellent! Linda says you can just do easy steps like fluffing out the trees, punching holes for ribbon, and folding squares, if you are hesitant about origami.

If you have not already shown your proof of Covid vaccination, be sure to bring it with you. Wear a mask when entering and exiting the building and using the restroom.

For more information, email linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Games Day Meets December 15

CMWIC Games Day is on Wednesday, December 15, at 1:00 PM at Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur. This is a fun afternoon that includes Corte Madera Rummy and other games. If you are not already on the "vaccinated" roster, be sure to bring your proof of vaccination, required for attendance at all CMWIC events.

Contact Joannie Vaughan joannievaughan@att.net or 415-924-0150.



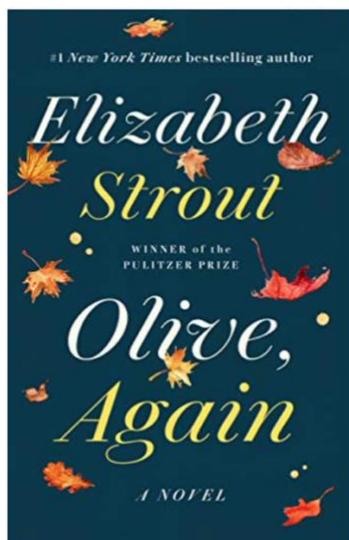
Holiday Light Tours December 13-23 Beginning at 4:30 PM

Cheryl Longinotti invites members for a slow roll to view dazzling holiday decorations. You'll ride comfortably in "Gertrude" while your friendly pilot, Cheryl, pedals.

You can be picked up at your home* for a 30- to 40-minute viewing of the decorative displays about town. A car will follow with hazard lights blinking for extra safety. Tours are shared in the holiday spirit (free) with a maximum of two passengers at a time.

**Hillside residents will need to identify an alternate pickup location that is easily accessible.*

To schedule a ride, contact Cheryl at 415-945-0963 or cyclingwithoutagemarin@gmail.com



Book Group DATE CHANGE: December 21 at 4:00 PM

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

Due to the weeklong closure of the Community Center, the Book Group will meet at a different date and time than originally announced. The group will meet on **Tuesday, December 21, at 4:00 PM** to discuss “Olive Again” by Elizabeth Strout.

The books scheduled for 2022 are:

- January: “Exiles” by Christina Baker Kline
- February: “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee
- March: “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah
- April: “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens
- May and June TBD

The Book Group is open to all vaccinated members in good standing. If you have not already shown your proof of Covid vaccination, be sure to bring it.

Contact Donna donna.wenig@gmail.com or Marion Bank mbank15@gmail.com.

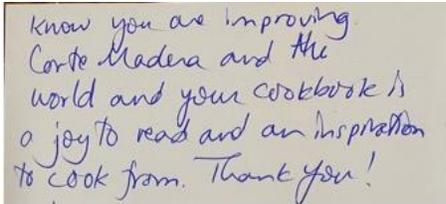
January 4: Member Social With Games

On January 4, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, Becky Reed will host a “First Tuesday” get-together offering time to relax and catch up with other members. Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided, and we’ll play a game or two -- come and be surprised!

If you have not already shown your proof of Covid vaccination, be sure to bring it so that you can be admitted. Masks must be worn as you enter the building, or anytime you are not with “our cohort” – CMWIC members.

For more information, contact Becky Reed at beckyareed@comcast.net,

A Love Note to Our Cookbook?



The response to our cookbook has been tremendously gratifying. We want to share this note:

"[I] know you are improving Corte Madera and the world and your cookbook is a joy to read and an inspiration to cook from. Thank you!"

If you are looking for holiday gifts, look no further -- but be quick! We have only a few copies left. Contact Armelle at rmlvanfutt@gmail.com.

"Ladies Who Lunch" and Knitting Postponed Until January

"Ladies Who Lunch" and the Knitting/Sewing/Crafts Group will not meet in December. Both groups will get together again in January. Be sure to read the January newsletter to learn when and where.

Marathon Bridge Meets January 18

Due to scheduling conflicts at the Community Center in November and December, the next bridge date will be January 18.

Contact Jana Haehl jghaehl@comcast.net or 415-265-1105 if you have questions or would like to join the Bridge Group, which plays on the third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Are You a Facebook Fiend? Consider Posting to CMWIC FB Page

If you have excellent social media skills and a good sense of how to represent the club to the public, you may be the right person to regularly update our Facebook page.

For a job description, contact Linda at linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Is There a Club Field Trip in Your Future?

Those who participated in field trips and hikes over the years found it very rewarding to

discover nearby venues and to get away from daily routine with a great group of friends. We got to know each other better during these trips. The CMWIC wants to continue offering and to be able to enjoy our field trips.

If you want to share a place or activity, leading a trip might be for you. You can choose the destination and tailor the experience to your taste.

If you are interested in leading even a single trip, contact Linda at fieldtrips@cortemaderawomensclub.org.

Welcome New Member, Town Council Member Leila Mongan

A message from one of our newest members:



“Hello! I'm Leila (rhymes with Sheila), and I have been a Corte Madera resident since 2010. I grew up in the Seattle area and attended Stanford University. After college, I lived in Los Angeles for a few years, then I moved to Manhattan to attend NYU Law School, and then I lived in Washington, D.C., where I clerked for federal judges for several years after law school.

“In D.C., I met my husband, Mike, a fellow attorney and a Marin native, and we decided to move back to the area when it was time to start a family. Our two children, Kate (10 years old), and Jamie (7 years old), attend Neil Cummins Elementary. Although I no longer practice law, I keep myself busy volunteering in our local school, in the community and, as of last spring, as a Corte Madera Town Council member. We live in Madera Gardens and we love this community. I try to take every opportunity to make new friends and meet new neighbors, and so I'm very excited to be part of this group and get to know all of you!”

More New Members

We are happy to welcome two new members, Jill Sellers of Larkspur and Joannie Connors of Corte Madera. Look for photos and more information about them in an upcoming newsletter.

The Corte Madera Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to present:

Corte Madera Director's Invitational Exhibition of Mixed Media

December 4-16, 2021

Community Center

498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Let's Celebrate Local Talent Together

and kick off cultural events hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department. Approximately fifty paintings and other pieces of art will be on display and available for public viewing including two evening reception events.

Questions contact: Ashley Howe, ahowe@tcmmail.org



Reception Events:

Saturday, December 4, 5-7pm

Thursday, December 16, 5-7pm

Gallery Hours:

Mon-Weds: 10am-4pm (Closed Tues. 12/14)

Thurs: 10am-Noon & 2-4pm

Weekend hours may be added

Watercolor by Misty Segura-Bowers (top) & Photograph by Beverly Anderson (bottom)

Masks are required indoors to support the wellness of our community

A Perk: Columbia Sportswear Employee Store Available Through December 12

CMWIC members can shop at the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store now through December 12. The store, located in Richmond, offers items marked with the employee price (up to 50% below regular retail pricing). The store has the latest products from the Columbia Sportswear Company family (Columbia, Mountain Hardwear, SOREL, and prAna).

Covid Response: Safety of our employees and shoppers is our number one priority. You can find more information on our store and the safety precautions we are taking due to Covid [here](#).

What to Bring to Access the Store:

- This invitation (printed or shown on mobile phone)
- Personal photo ID

This invitation is valid for you plus four guests (you must be present) .

This invitation grants store access only (offer not valid online).

Find store location and hours [here](#).

Reach out to RichmondEmployeeStore@columbia.com for additional questions.
