



**Notes About Covid:**

- *At our meetings, gatherings, and other activities, we recommend that you wear a mask or have one close at hand.*
- *We will not be doing a potluck at this meeting because of the currently elevated risk of Covid transmission.*

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February  
**CMWIC NEWS for January 2023**



**From Our President, Suzi Beatie**

Hi, Members!

We're back to having our monthly newsletter. Thank you, Laura Merlo! And thank you, Cheryl Longinotti, for helping with club communication last month.

For those of you who didn't attend our January meeting, our talk from Laura Gill of the Marine Mammal Center was wonderful, and our club made a small donation to them as a thank you. The other, major news on that day was the board's decision to hold off this year on The Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS). Board members considered this very carefully from many viewpoints and unanimously decided to postpone it until next year. Armelle Futterman spoke meaningfully about our club activities, bringing up the two main things that we love about the GIYS. One is **connecting with community** and the other is **working together**. We think she was spot on.

Although it is important, we agree that fund raising is not our highest priority. The club has evolved to foster friendships, help members learn new things, and to care for our community and each other. Our bylaws specify our objectives as encouraging educational, cultural, social, philanthropic, and civic affairs. With this in mind, we would like you to bring ideas forward for an activity that might bring us joy through working together and connecting with community. Bring your ideas to our February 14 business meeting or email them to me directly at [Suzbeatie@gmail.com](mailto:Suzbeatie@gmail.com).

Cheers,

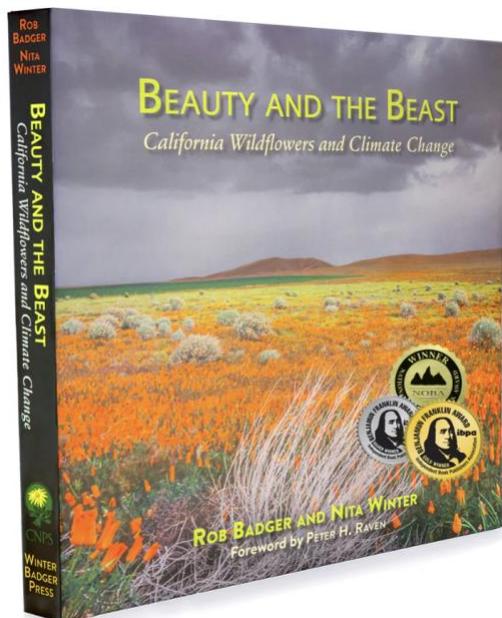
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## **Wildflower Photographers Rob Badger and Nita Winter at February 14 Meeting**

*CM Community Center*

Be sure to attend our month meeting on Tuesday, February 14 at noon. Internationally acclaimed conservation photographers Rob Badger and Nita Winter will take CMWIC members behind the scenes of their 27-year journey photographing wildflowers and "superblooms" throughout California and the West.



Their work has been featured in *Time*, *Mother Jones*, and *Sierra* magazines, and in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Los Angeles Times*.

Their book, "*Beauty and the Beast: California Wildflowers and Climate Change*," documents their travels near and far to record wildflowers where they naturally occur, in natural light, and without doing harm.

A recipient of the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for Conservation Photography, the book has been called "a delight for the eyes

and nourishment for the soul.” It will be available for sale at our February meeting for \$60 by cash, check, or credit card.

As usual, **RSVP** ([rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org](mailto:rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org)) for this meeting. If you can't join us, check out the four-minute interview from Doug McConnell's "Open Road" and other introductory videos at <https://wildflowerbooks.com/pages/videos>.

### **Valentine Treats on February 14**

(Reminder: We will not be doing a potluck at this meeting because of the currently elevated risk of Covid transmission.)

Everyone coming to hear our February speakers is invited to bake a batch of cookies to share, if you'd like.

If you do, please leave your plate/tray of treats in the room behind the fireplace during the presentation. After the talk and any book sales are completed, we will provide each person with a bag so you can select a few cookies to bring home.

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### **All Members Invited to Business Meeting**

*CM Community Center*

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 14, at 10:30 AM. This is where decisions about the club are made -- "the room where it happens." Bring your ideas. No RSVP necessary.

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### **'First Tuesday' Workshop Envelope Making With Linda February 7**

*CM Community Center*

This month's First Tuesday event is a workshop: Envelope Making (from photo calendar pages) on February 7 from 11:00 AM until noon.

You can send your valentines in style or make any letter or note memorable by sending it in one of the handmade envelopes you will learn how to make at this workshop.

Bring your own scissors, please. New, large (8 x 10 or so) calendars are still needed for this project.

RSVP to [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com).

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### **Marathon Bridge Tuesday, February 21**

## *CM Community Center*

The Marathon Bridge Group will meet on February 21 and the third Tuesday of each month, from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Contact: Jana Haehl, [jghaehl@comcast.net](mailto:jghaehl@comcast.net) or 415-265-1105.

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### **Ladies Who Lunch Going to Piatti on Friday, February 24**

*625 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley*

Come join Ladies Who Lunch at Piatti on Friday, February 24 at noon. Get to know more members in a smaller group and enjoy the delicious Italian food at Piatti in Mill Valley.

Bring cash to pay for your meal and tip.

Please RSVP to [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com), who will make a reservation a few days ahead. All members are welcome.

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### **Knitting Group to Meet February 28**

*Meet at tables in Pixley Park across from the CM Post Office*

Because the Community Center will be in use for a blood drive, the Knitting Group will meet at the tables in the park across the road from the Corte Madera Post Office on Tuesday, February 28, from 11:00 AM until noon, weather permitting.



Join this vibrant group to knit or crochet items to be given to hospitals and assisted-living centers.

Donations of blanket-style yarn skeins are needed. One skein makes one blanket. You will be gifted a hand-knit, tiny sweater card for your kind donation!

All CMWIC members are welcome. This group has donated to 26 different organizations, but most often to Kaiser in the departments of pediatrics, oncology, palliative care, and cardiology. We also donate to individuals we know who have dementia or other long-term health problems and are living in care communities.

Email [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com) with questions.

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### **Book Group Meets February 28 to Discuss "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig**

*Meet at Pixley Park picnic tables across from CM Post Office*

The Book Group's February book is "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Because a blood drive is taking place at the CM Community Center on February 28, the group will meet at the Pixley Park picnic tables across from the CM Post Office on Pixley Avenue at the usual meeting time, 1:00 PM.

For more information, please contact:

- Donna Wenig at [donna.wenig@gmail.com](mailto:donna.wenig@gmail.com) or
  - Marion Bank at [mb.shop15@gmail.com](mailto:mb.shop15@gmail.com)
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### **New Members**

We have welcomed a record number of new members in recent months, bringing club membership to a healthy 116. Thank you all for being on the lookout for new faces at our club events and making everyone welcome.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the club, need help accessing our members-only webpage, or have changed your contact information, please email Armelle Futterman at [rmlvanfutt@gmail.com](mailto:rmlvanfutt@gmail.com).

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### **CMWIC Member to Teach Community Ed Course in Linguistics**

New member Lorrie Verplaetse will teach a new Community Education course at College of Marin starting mid-February. Scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 5:15 until 6:45, it will meet for four weeks.

Here is the link with a description of the course, along with a link to Lorrie's academic background: [Talk about Talk: Linguistic Principles of Conversation](http://marincommunityed.augusoft.net)  
[marincommunityed.augusoft.net](http://marincommunityed.augusoft.net)

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Consider taking this class or sending this information to a friend.

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### **New Member Spotlight: Jana Zanetto**

"My husband, Jeff, and I have lived in San Rafael for 10 years, having moved here after I retired from teaching ESL and English at City College (in San Francisco) for 32 years.

“In retirement I was able to teach French again, thanks to another Women’s Club member, Ellen Karel. I taught at Book Passage and privately for several years. Besides my love for teaching and French, I also love cycling (especially bike touring) and international travel, and I spend three months in France every year now.



“Reading and advocacy for environmental and social issues are also important to me. I’m looking forward to getting to know our members and their wide interests at club meetings and activities.”

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