

CMWIC News for February 2026

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A message from our President, Pamela Berg

*Roses are red.
Violets are blue.
Our club is so fun
Because of people like you!*

A little trivia... Valentine's Day originated as a holiday in the 1300s. It is recognized as a day to honor love and affection, with various customs observed worldwide. Perhaps Valentine's Day 2026 provides a nice opportunity to reach out to a club friend and make plans to participate in a club activity or simply to get together and share a walk or a meal. Happy Valentine's Day to each of you!



Our "First Tuesday" is moving to February 24, due to a Blood Drive at the Community Center. Note other time changes for Feb 24 also.

******* SOS: SAVE YOUR STUFF! Mark your calendars for the Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS) held on Saturday, April 11, from 8am-2pm. Lots of help is needed on Friday, April 10 for setup from 11am-6pm. This is a fun and vital opportunity to raise scholarship money for local college-bound girls. Save your stuff and get your friends to save as well and maybe even bring a friend to help.**

Questions to Barbara Friday at b.Friday@comcast.net *****

February 10, 10:30 am. CM Community Center. Planning meeting for Board members and anyone else who'd like to attend. Ideas are always welcomed.

February 10, noon. Potluck luncheon. CM Community Center.

Our speaker will be Dana Swisher, Neil Cummins elementary school teacher, Marin County's 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year, and founder of Refugia Marin. Dana will discuss Refugia's mission of conservation and educating the community about the myriad benefits of using native plants to create thriving wildlife habitats.

In addition to reviving an area of Corte Madera's Town Park by eradicating invasive plant species and cultivating a haven for local pollinators, Refugia Marin is working on a Native Habitat Landscape at Hall Middle School and a People's Garden in Cove Park, among other projects.

Please **RSVP** at ****rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org**** to ensure adequate seating.

February 17, Tuesday, 11am- Noon. Craft Hour. CM Community Center. February craft will be decoupage oyster shells. Decoupage oyster shells can be used as a ring holder (to hold a cherished item) or a salt-cellar... your choice.



Please **RSVP** To Vini so she has enough for everyone. Designvc@comcast.net



Don't Trash

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February 17, Tuesday, Noon-2:00pm, Canasta. CM Community Center Come to open play and practice canasta with your friends. Bring cards, if you have them.

February 17, Tuesday, 4pm, Women Who Love Wine. Zinz Wine Bar, 207 Corte Madera Ave. Schmooze and sip responsibly with fellow Club members at our popular local haunt. Contact Bonnie Roberts to **RSVP** [**drpampers@yahoo.com**](mailto:drpampers@yahoo.com)

February 24 Tuesday, 10-11am. Knitting. CM Community Center Bring your projects or come get inspiration. Yarn and needles available. You may choose to donate to Kaiser Palliative care or pediatrics or oncology. Questions or to get on the reminder list, email: linda.varonin@gmail.com.

February 24, 2026, Tuesday, 10-11am. Book Group, CM Community Center,
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

March	<u>James</u> by Percival Everett
April	<u>After the Party</u> by Lisa Jewell
May	<u>We will be Jaguars</u> by Mitch Anderson and Nemonte Nenquimo
June	to be announced

February 24, Noon-1:30pm. Brown Bag Lunch Presentation, CM Community Center.

An Overview of AI; Demystifying Artificial Intelligence for Everyday Life, with a section on hacking and INTERNET SECURITY! Beryn Hammil, a.k.a. “The Chic Geek,” has spent the past decade helping people unlock the full potential of their Apple devices. Her enthusiasm for teaching and technology brought her to the Corte Madera and San Rafael libraries ten years ago as a volunteer, where her *All Things Apple* classes quickly became a local favorite. When the pandemic arrived, Beryn found its silver lining; an opportunity to migrate her classes to Zoom. That shift opened the virtual doors to students far beyond Marin County. Today, her weekly sessions attract about 200 participants joining from across the United States and beyond, all eager to learn from her clear, lively, and approachable style.



February 26, Thursday, 12:30pm. Ladies Who Lunch, R’Noh Thai, 1000 Magnolia, Larkspur
This restaurant has been a fixture in Larkspur for years featuring Thai cuisine.

RSVP to Judi Sheridan, judisheridan@gmail.com

Ongoing: Community support for La Casa Buena, A Homeward Bound Residence

La Casa Buena: Always appreciate blank greeting cards, toiletries, and magazines.

Email; linda.varonin@gmail.com for more information. Or bring donations to a Tuesday luncheon.

GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE (GIYS) 2026 DONATION GUIDELINES

Please donate items that you would be willing to buy in clean and working condition. Due to limited space, we may decline large items or items which we cannot sell. Your donations make our scholarships possible.

What we are looking for:

- Small Household Items – Home Accessories, kitchenware of all kinds, linens, lamps, dishware, glasses and pots. Sorry, no pillows.
- Clothing and Accessories in Excellent Shape – Women’s, Men’s, and Children’s including shoes, belts, scarves
- Jewelry both costume and fine
- Artwork and Art Supplies
- Children’s Toys, Books, and Games - No adult books please

We cannot accept the following:

- No Electronics or Large Appliances such as computers, monitors, TVs or microwaves
- No Perishables – no food, cosmetics, or broken or stained items
- No Children’s strollers, cribs, high chairs, or car seats
- No Furniture or Large Heavy Items such as sofas, mattresses, blinds, or ceiling fans
- No large exercise equipment like skis, stationary bikes, treadmills

Donations accepted Friday, April 10th - 11:30AM - 5:00PM at the front entrance of Corte Madera Community Center – 498 Tamalpais Dr.

The 2026 GIYS is Saturday, 4/11/26 from 9-3 \$10 Early Bird access 8AM.

Questions to: yardsale@cortemaderawomensclub.org

Your donations make our scholarships possible. THANK YOU!