



MONTHLY NEWS

Giant Indoor Yard Sale: Ride the Roller Coaster

Preparing for and anticipating the Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS) is a lot like riding a roller coaster. Each ride begins with a long wait in line, settling into a seat with other passengers, and the start of that slow, steady haul up the first incline. Isn't this just like the GIYS? You feel the anticipation mounting as the day gets closer, and you remember previous sales with equal parts pleasure and apprehension. Before you know it, the first dip is upon you and it's March 6, time to set up, and March 7, time to sell -- and the ride is in full swing.

I think our GIYS is one of the best things we do as a group. It gives us an opportunity to build fellowship as we work together on a project that benefits the community. What could be better than helping to send a deserving girl to college or providing gently used household items and clothes to people who need them?

Won't you please look through your closets and drawers, cabinets and garage to identify saleable items and bring them to the CM Community Center on Friday, March 6, 11-6. (See the list of items we cannot accept at [donation guidelines](#).)

If you are volunteering for Setup, bring your energy and focus to this important task. If you are volunteering for Sales on Saturday, March 7, with doors opening promptly at 9AM, bring your good cheer and helpfulness, as the GIYS is our face to the community. If you are signed up to be a Cleanup Angel, beginning at 3PM, the close of the sale, you are especially appreciated. If you have not signed up yet, please know that you are needed and will be welcome on either day.

MARCH 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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As with the roller coaster ride, the fun is in participating, not in watching from the sidelines. Thank you to all who have signed

up to take this exciting ride. Special thanks to Volunteer Coordinator Janis Luft, Publicity Coordinator Armelle Futterman, Newsletter Editor Laura Merlo, Setup Coordinators Janet Sayles and Diana Mousley, Sales Coordinators Ellen Greenwald-Willoughby and Jane McEwen, and Cleanup Coordinator Jennifer Henerlau. Without these women, this event would not be possible.



Don't miss the fun -- see you at the sale!

--**Barbara Friday**, GIYS Facilitator

CMWIC President Cheryl Longinotti is on vacation. Her column will resume in April.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

March 10: Potluck and Presentation

Groundbreaking Yosemite Ranger Laurel Munson Boyers. *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.

Noon: Potluck and Presentation. *Bring a friend to hear this fascinating speaker. The public is being invited to this presentation.*

Laurel Munson Boyers was born in Yosemite Valley and has lived inside the park for 52



years. Her career included 31 years in Wilderness Management, where she served not only as the park's first female horse patrol ranger but also as its first female wilderness manager, responsible for the almost 95% of Yosemite that is designated as wilderness. A recipient

of the National Wilderness Leadership Award and the Yosemite Award, she retired in 2008.

She has also worked in Denali and the Grand Tetons and has had three international assignments: assisting in the development of environmental legislation in Namibia, recreational management of Japan's Mt. Fuji, and planning around sociological considerations in the parks of New Zealand. The fourth generation of her family to be involved in Yosemite, she still lives inside the park with her husband of 29 years.

Please bring a favorite dish to share. As always, plates, utensils, and beverages are provided. *You are encouraged to bring a friend, and if you do, please RSVP for them.*

RSVP by Friday, March 6.

March 13: Ferry & Tour of Salesforce Tower

On lucky Friday the 13th, a generous friend of Linda Varonin will guide field trip participants on a tour of the 41st Floor of Salesforce Tower.

A gondola can take brave people on an aerial ride over the grounds, or you can take the stairs, escalator, or elevator to the viewing area.



The parklike surroundings offer open, grassy areas and well-labeled plantings. The tour will be followed by lunch nearby.

Meet at the CM Community Center at 9:45 AM to carpool or meet at the Larkspur ferry for the 10:10 AM boat. It is a five-block walk from the S.F. Ferry Building to the Salesforce Tower. Remember to bring your Clipper Card.

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

March 18: Scenic Walk in S.F.

Linda will lead a 2.5-mile hike from the Legion of Honor to the west end of Golden Gate Park, taking in Sutro Baths, The Cliff House, and Playland. This is the sixth hike she has led from the book, "Walking San Francisco's 49 Mile Scenic Drive" by Kristine Poggioli and Carolyn Eidson, who spoke at a CMWIC lunch last year.

This walk is open to all and we will park cars at each end. Hikers can expect to return to CM before 1PM, so those wishing to play CM Rummy can participate in both activities. Meet at CM Community Center parking lot at 9AM to carpool. RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

March 17: Marathon Bridge Group

Marathon Bridge meets the third Tuesday of each month at 11AM 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 or call her at 415-265-1105.

March 18: Corte Madera Rummy

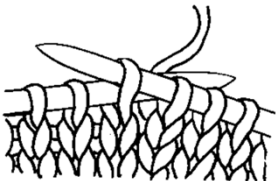
Location: Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur.

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

For questions about CM Rummy, please phone Jane.

March 24: Knitting Club

The Knitting Club is a group of 6-10 members who enjoy knitting and chatting. Some make simple creations while others prefer the challenge of complicated projects.



Most donate their creations to Kaiser for hospitalized babies, cancer patients, or hospice patients.

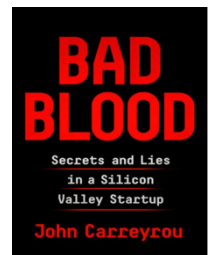
Others give their finished items to friends or keep them for themselves. It's entirely up to the individual.

Many people find that knitting 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 11AM–12:30 PM behind the fireplace in the CM Community Center. There is no charge to participate.

March 24: Book Club

The CMWIC Book Group meets at 1PM with a discussion of *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; you are welcome to read the selection and drop in.

The selection for April 28 is *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks. This work of historical fiction shows how a small English village quarantined itself during the 17th century Black Plague epidemic.

Donna Wenig and Armelle Futterman lead the discussions.

For additional information, please contact Donna Wenig.

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