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## MARIN VILLAGES



NOVATO VILLAGE  
NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2020

We encourage members and volunteers to bring guests to Novato Village events and activities—help spread the word and grow our Village! Also, check out [www.marinvillage.org](http://www.marinvillage.org) to view the wide variety of activities throughout Marin that are available to you as Village members and/or volunteers.

### **WELCOME, Peter Lee, Interim Executive Director!**

Peter Lee officially joined Marin Villages as interim executive director in January 2020. You will have a chance to meet him at one or more of our various events as the new year gets going. Meanwhile Peter can be reached at [info@marinvillages.org](mailto:info@marinvillages.org) or through the main office phone number: 415 457-4633, if you have a need to speak to him directly. Of course, BJ and Diane are continuing and remain ready, willing, and able to assist you as always. The entire team at Marin Villages is gearing up for an exciting year of helping us all stay connected, active, and independent in the place we call home in the community we love!

## LOCAL VILLAGE EVENTS (open to all, unless noted)

If you would like to participate in any of the activities in this newsletter and need transportation, please call the office at [415-457-4633](tel:415-457-4633) to arrange a ride.

### Food & Drink

#### **Monthly Coffee**

Wednesday, February 12, 10:30am – noon  
Community Room, NovaRo III, 31 Pinheiro Circle, Novato

February brainstorming! Come with your ideas for future coffee activities—speakers you'd enjoy, crafts we might do. Share your experiences or something unusual that happened to you with us—in short, tell us what you'd like! For more information, contact Marge Jackson, [marge-32@hotmail.com](mailto:marge-32@hotmail.com) or (415) 892-1238, or Beth Livoti, [llivoti@comcast.net](mailto:llivoti@comcast.net).

Directions: 101 north to San Marin exit, left on San Marin Dr., left on Redwood Blvd., right on Pinheiro Circle. Street parking is available on Pinheiro Circle and also on Redwood Blvd. (Please be careful not to park in designated resident spaces. Thanks!)

#### **Happy Hour**

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 – 6:00pm  
Rickey's, Inn Marin, 250 Entrada Drive, Novato

Rickey's is newly refurbished and cozy. Join us as we sit by the fireplace and raise our glasses. Cheers! For more information, contact Marge Jackson, [marge-32@hotmail.com](mailto:marge-32@hotmail.com) or (415) 892-1238, or Beth Livoti, [llivoti@comcast.net](mailto:llivoti@comcast.net).

#### **Monthly Luncheon**

Wednesday, February 26, Noon – 1:30pm  
Jenny Low's Chinese Cuisine, 120 Vintage Way, Novato

Join us at this casual restaurant offering a long list of familiar Chinese dishes, including health-minded options. For more information, contact Joanne Keenan, [jkeenan@pacbell.net](mailto:jkeenan@pacbell.net).

See the menu: <https://jennielow.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/newmenu.pdf>

## Books

### **Book Lovers' Club**

Tuesday, February 11, 12:30 – 2:00pm  
At the home of Marge Jackson

Book: **Harm Done** by Ruth Rendell (Inspector Wexford #18)  
*"The search for the body commenced. Then the victim walked into town." Behind the picture-postcard facade of Kingsmarkham lays a community rife with violence, betrayal, and a taste for vengeance* (goodreads.com)

Does this whet your appetite for a good mystery? Join us to discuss this offering from a master mystery writer. For more information and the address, contact Marge Jackson, [marge-32@hotmail.com](mailto:marge-32@hotmail.com) or (415) 892-1238.

## Fun & Games

### **Mexican Train Dominos**

Friday, February 21, 1:00 – 3:00pm  
At the home of Roberta Dixon

Roberta says, "Old Bogglers & new Mexican Train players, this is a game I play with all ages. So even if you have never played before, please come. It's easy and the camaraderie is really fun. Look forward to seeing you all." Contact Roberta for the location at [dixoncra@aol.com](mailto:dixoncra@aol.com).

## Village Business

### **Novato Village Steering Committee**

\*Tuesday, February 18\*, 2:00 – 3:30pm (date changed for Presidents' Day, February only)  
Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato

For information, contact Jean Gunn at [jmbgunn@gmail.com](mailto:jmbgunn@gmail.com)

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## **MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS**

## **Aging in Marin Series: Safety in Numbers, hosted by Ross Valley and Twin Cities Villages**

Sunday, February 9, 2:00 – 4:30pm

Drakes Landing Community Room, adjacent to Jason's Restaurant  
300 Drakes Landing Road, Greenbrae

Join us at this free event for members and friends, and enjoy wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres. There is a free raffle for ten emergency radios and four "Go-backpacks," so get your raffle ticket when you enter.

The discussions will cover Safety for all Seniors in Fire Season and Evacuations, Safety by the Ballot (the March wildfire ballot measure), and Safety by being Counted (shaping your future by participation in the 2020 Census).

An RSVP is required for all attendees. Please call the Marin Villages' office at (415) 457-4633 to RSVP and reserve a ride if needed.

## **Great Books Club**

Wednesday, February 26, 12:30 – 2:30pm

At the home of Ginni Saunders

Great Books Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We read a 50 – 75 page essay, story, or poem drawn from both historic and contemporary classics. Our source is Conversations 2, published by the Great Books Foundation. **New members welcome!** Please join us and tell your friends! For more information, contact Ginni Saunders at [ginnisaunders@gmail.com](mailto:ginnisaunders@gmail.com).

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Falling Strategies: Prevent Falls, Reduce Injuries, and Land Safely**

Presented by Marin County Commission on Aging

Thursday, February 6, 10:00 – 11:00am

Margaret Todd Senior Center, 1560 Hill Rd., Novato

More than one in four older adults falls each year. Falling can pose serious physical and mental health risks, both immediately and long-term. The good news is that most falls are preventable, and this presentation will show you how.

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Followed at 11:15 by the Commission on Aging Business Meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend! For more information about the Marin County Commission on Aging call (415) 473-7118 or visit [www.livelonglivewellmarin.org](http://www.livelonglivewellmarin.org)

**The Met: Live in HD presents The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess**  
Wednesday, February 5, 1:00-4:40pm  
Novato Rowland Plaza 8, 44 Rowland Way, Novato

The Gershwins' modern American masterpiece has its first Met performances in almost three decades, starring bass-baritone Eric Owens and soprano Angel Blue in the title roles. Director James Robinson's stylish production transports audiences to Catfish Row, a setting vibrant with the music, dancing, emotion, and heartbreak of its inhabitants.

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## AND MORE...

### January lunch at Boca Tavern with a dozen Novato Villagers!



### From the January coffee...

Joanne Lang, a Novato Village Steering Committee member who attended the January coffee, enjoyed the speaker and had this to share:

“Amanda Tomlin, librarian, provided a wealth of information. One may think they know everything about what the library has to offer, but

there is so much more. The library offers eBooks, DVDs, classes, apps for eAudio books, special programs for the blind and great information for affordable prescriptions just to name a few. You can go to <https://marinlibrary.org/> to learn more. Keep an eye on the Events tab to learn about classes for all ages; the Services tab will give you an overview of the many opportunities available to you; or click Browse to obtain a full view of the resources that are accessible. Thank you, Amanda, for all the information.”

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## HELP US HELP OTHERS

If you know someone who could use our services, is interested in volunteering, or would like to donate to an organization serving older adults in Marin, please have them call the office at (415) 457-4633, or visit our website ([www.marinvillages.org](http://www.marinvillages.org)) for application forms and online donations.

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