



Novato Village

January 2020 Newsletter

The Month-at-a-Glance

Wednesday, January 8 Monthly Coffee – guest speaker	10:30am-noon
Tuesday, January 14 Book Lovers' Club	12:30-2:00pm
Wednesday, January 15 Happy Hour	4:00-6:00pm
Thursday, January 16 "Mexican Train" Dominos	1:00-3:00pm
* Tuesday, January 21* Steering Committee – date & time change for January only	2:00-3:30pm
Wednesday, January 22 Monthly luncheon	noon-1:30pm
Wednesday, January 22 Marin Villages Great Books group	12:30-2:30pm
Saturday, February 1 Novato Village Informational Presentation	1:00-3:00pm

We encourage members and volunteers to join us at these activities – and bring a friend! Details below and for information on all activities throughout Marin Villages, go to our website at www.marinvillages.org.

A FAREWELL NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LISA BRINKMANN

The reality of my pending retirement hit home recently at one of the holiday parties, when it was noted that I had spent close to a decade promoting the importance of Villages and the need for community-based organizations to provide another link in the social safety net to ensure “good” aging for the older adults in our community. Somehow a decade sounded **so** much longer than ten years!

I am very grateful to the many individuals who have believed in the mission of Marin Villages from our beginnings and throughout the last 7+ years. Imagine, engaging older adults from diverse backgrounds, with unique skills and experiences, in a movement to connect neighbors, encourage community participation, and promote extending one’s independence for the sole purpose of creating an active, healthy and safe environment in which to age—look what we’ve accomplished!

I am very proud of the organization we’ve become. These first ten years found us learning from our experiences, building systems and processes to meet the changing needs of the organization, and establishing guiding principles to reinforce our mission of helping older adults remain active, connected, and independent in the place they call home.

The next decade is very appropriately starting with the year 2020, as it will see us sharpening our vision to ensure success for the next ten years. I thank all our members, volunteers, and donors—current and those who may no longer be with us—for your generosity in sharing your experiences, time and beneficence. I will look back with warm and fond memories of all the lessons I’ve learned, and know my life has been enriched by all of you. Thank you.

VILLAGE EVENTS

MONTHLY COFFEE – Guest Speaker: Amanda Tomlin, Adult Service librarian

When: Wednesday, January 8, 10:30am-noon

Where: Community Room, NovaRo III, 31 Pinheiro Circle, Novato, CA

Join us for Novato Village’s monthly coffee with guest speaker, **Amanda Tomlin**, one of the adult service librarians at the Novato Library since 2001, to answer these questions and more: **Are libraries still relevant? What can they do for you? Do they still have books?** You'll get the answer to all those questions along with an overview of what the Marin County Free Library has on offer, from book clubs to e-books, programs to special requests, services for the homebound, and what's in store for the future.

Contact: Marge Jackson at marge-32@hotmail.com or 415-892-1238 and Beth Livoti at llivoti@comcast.net

Directions: 101 north to San Marin exit, left on San Marin Dr., left on Redwood Blvd., right on Pinheiro Circle.

Parking: Street parking is available on Pinheiro Circle and also on Redwood Blvd. (Please be careful not to park in designated resident spaces. Thanks!)

BOOK LOVERS' CLUB

When: Tuesday, January 14, 12:30-2:00pm

Where: Creekside Bakery, 1719 Grant Ave, Novato, CA

Contact: Contact Gladys Andraca at gandraca@aol.com

Book: *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey

LET'S PLAY MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS!

When: Thursday, January 16, 1:00-3:00pm

Where: Linda Henderson's home. Contact Linda for the address.

Contact: Linda Henderson at 415-382-8910.

If you don't know how to play Mexican Train Dominos – come on over and see what it's all about! Toot-toot...it's a hoot.

STEERING COMMITTEE

When: *Tuesday, January 21,* 2:00-3:30pm (date & time change for January only)

Where: Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949

Contact: Jean Gunn at jmbgunn@gmail.com

HAPPY HOUR – Cheers!

When: Wednesday, January 15, 4:00-6:00pm

Where: Rickey's at InnMarin, 250 Entrada Dr., Novato, CA 94949

Contact: Marge Jackson at marge-32@hotmail.com or 415-892-1238 and Beth Livoti at llivoti@comcast.net

Join our **first happy hour of 2020** at the newly reopened Rickey's at InnMarin in Ignacio. We will meet in the newly refurbished restaurant around a warm fireplace and enjoy the great appetizers and cocktails at fantastic prices!

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

When: Wednesday, January 22, Noon-1:30pm

Where: Boca Tavern, 340 Ignacio Boulevard, Novato, CA 94949

Contact: Joanne Keenan at jkeenan@pacbell.net

Boca Tavern offers classic American fare made with local, seasonal ingredients. See you there! Links to the lunch menu: <http://www.bocatavern.com/food/menus/Lunch-Menu-December-2019.pdf> and <http://www.bocatavern.com/food/index.html>

MARIN VILLAGES GREAT BOOKS GROUP

When: Wednesday, January 22, 12:30-2:30pm.

Where: Ginni Saunders' home. Contact Ginni for the address.

Contact: Ginni Saunders ginnisaunders@gmail.com

Marin Villages Great Books Club meets once a month. We are continuing the readings from Great Books Conversations 2. For more information, contact Ginni Saunders at ginnisaunders@gmail.com

Novato Village Informational Presentation at Novato Public Library – Tell a friend!

When: Saturday, February 1, 1:00-3:00pm

Where: Novato Public Library, 1720 Novato Blvd, Novato, CA 94947

Contact: Jean Gunn at jmbgunn@gmail.com

Learn more about Novato Village, part of Marin Villages, with the goal of empowering older adults to be active, connected, and independent. Get your questions answered. Bring a friend!

Though the following are not Marin Village sponsored events, they may be of interest to members and volunteers.

Novato Public Library has these events on Saturdays in January...take a look!

When: Saturday, January 11, 11am-noon

Where: Novato Public Library, 1720 Novato Blvd, Novato, CA 94947

What: *Onions, and Garlic and Leeks, Oh My!* - Sponsored by Marin Master Gardeners. Laura Colvin will unravel the mysteries of growing garlic and onions (a.k.a. alliums)! Learn the best cultural practices for growing these cool season gems in your garden and how to keep them for months.

When: Saturday, January 18, Noon-1:00pm

Where: Novato Public Library, 1720 Novato Blvd, Novato, CA 94947

What: *The Ease and Joy of Growing Edibles in Containers* - Sponsored by Marin Master Gardeners.

Whether you are downsizing or want to raise your gardens up for greater comfort, you'll love growing nutritious edibles in containers. Learn which edibles to plant: herbs, edible flowers, lettuces, and salad greens – maintain and harvest without bending over.

When: Saturday, January 25, 1:00-2:00pm

Where: Novato Public Library, 1720 Novato Blvd, Novato, CA 94947

What: *History of Mount Burdell* - Sponsored by the Friends of the Novato Libraries. Ranger Mike Warner of Marin County Parks will present a 1 hour slideshow on the history of Mt. Burdell, including ranching and mining operations on the mountain and how the area came to be the way it is today.

Were you at the Holiday Luncheon on December 11 at Rickey's, InnMarin? Maybe you'll find yourself in the photos. We had a wonderful time, enjoying the music of guest Arthur Javier, conversation, and delicious food at an excellent value.





