

DECEMBER EVENTS 2012

New Year's Eve Supper, **7 p.m., Monday, December 31** at the home of Alison Boeckmann, 1536 Willard Street, San Francisco. Our club's traditional Celebration of the New Year "Cambridge-Time"- with a champagne toast at 9 p.m.! Please let Alison know if you'd like to collaborate on food, wine and/or champagne. RSVP by Saturday, December 29 to Alison at 415-661-5849 or alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu.

Culinary Adventures: **San Francisco: Thursday, December 13, 11:30 a.m.** *Gilberth's*, 2427 Third Street (between 22nd and 20th, Streets, close to 22nd). It's been almost a year since we've cased out Dogpatch, high time! *Gilberth's* is a fairly recent addition; P. Unterman describes it as "pan-Latin American fusion." That's a compliment; she calls the chimichurri "addictive" for example. Bonus: ice cream afterwards at Mr. and Mrs. Miscellaneous (this time they'll be open!). RSVP to Pat Bourne, 415-474-0212 or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu. The 48 bus (from Portola via 24th) goes right there, as does the 22 Fillmore; disembark the T Muni at 20th

Book Group: **Sunday, Sunday, December 9, at 3 p.m.** at the home of Alison Boeckmann, 1536 Willard Street, San Francisco. RSVP to Alison at 415.661.5849 or alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu. The book is *THE BROOKLYN FOLLIES*, by Paul Auster. "Auster's graceful, offhand storytelling carries readers along, with enough shadow to keep the tale this side of schmaltz. The result is an affectionate portrait of the city as the ultimate refuge of the human spirit." The book for January is *THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS* by Rebecca Skloot. "As Rebecca Skloot so brilliantly shows, the story of the Lacks family—past and present—is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of."

Writing Group: The Writing Group will meet early in January 2013.

Film Group: **Film Group:** Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m. at the San Francisco Towers home of Sue Kimball, 1661 Pine Street #837, San Francisco CA 94109. We will watch *MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS*, a 2005 comedy drama directed by Stephen Frears (who went on to win an Oscar for directing *The Queen*), starring Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins. The time is 1937 and Dench is a wealthy recently widowed woman at loose ends. She decides to buy an old derelict theater in London's Soho, called the Windmill, and proceeds to transform it into London's most innovative entertainment night spot. The theater will go down in history for, among other things, its all nude revue. The film is based on a true story. RSVP to Sue, at 415-447-5470 or suekimball@comcast.net. Parking is available if Sue is notified ahead of time.

Museum Dates: **Private Docent Tours.** Guests welcome! Please arrive 10 minutes early. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café or other local place. RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at 415-661-5849 (home), 415-317-2150 (cell) or alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu. Send check (made out to Alison Boeckmann) to Alison Boeckmann, 1536 Willard Street, SF 94117.

No docent tour in December.

Sunday, January 6 at 11 a.m. at the SFMOMA: "*Jasper Johns: Seeing with the Mind's Eye.*" This major exhibition -- the artist's first Bay Area museum survey in 35 years-- represents the full range of his career. It both reveals the scope of Johns's achievement and reflects the particular interest in his art in the Bay Area. Cost: \$10 plus admission.

Sunday Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Legion of Honor: "*Royal Treasures from the Louvre: Louis XIV to Marie-Antoinette.*" An unparalleled collection of decorative arts from the Musée du Louvre, Paris, including some of the most exquisite treasures of the French monarchy from the time of Louis XIV until the Revolution of 1789. No docent. This will be an experiment with a self-guided or audio tour followed by our usual coffee break at the café at 11:00 a.m. Free with museum admission; entry to the exhibit is not timed.

* **REMINDER: If you have not renewed your membership for the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco** you will have a green stripe on your address label. You may download a form at our website below.

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