
RADCLIFFE CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

DECEMBER EVENTS 2013

Special Evening: **New Year's Eve Supper, Tuesday, December 31 at 7 p.m.** Alison Boeckmann, has again opened her home at 1536 Willard Street, San Francisco for this special gathering for 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 28 to Alison at 415-661-5849 or alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu.

Culinary Adventures: **San Francisco: Thursday, December 12, 11:30 a.m.** *Skool*, 1725 Alameda Street (at DeHaro). We've been talking about a Design District lunch tour; let's start with *Skool*, a Japanese/Asian spot. A modern sensibility in both décor and food, lots of seafood, unusual items like sea urchin flan and ikura, fresh uni, more than one kale salad and lunch "boxes." RSVP to Pat Bourne, 474-0212 or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu. Parking is reported to be easy, but the 19 Polk goes right by, as does the 10; the 22 is 3 blocks away.

Book Group: **Sunday**, at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 8, 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 for December is *DANCE OF THE HAPPY SHADES*, by Alice Munro. Munro was just awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, the first for Canada and for a short story writer. The book for January (2014) is *GOD'S HOTEL: A DOCTOR, A HOSPITAL, AND A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HEART OF MEDICINE* by Victoria Sweet. "Victoria Sweet writes beautifully about the enormous richness of life at Laguna Honda, the chronic [care] hospital where she has spent the last twenty years, and the intense sense of place and community that binds patients and staff there. Such community in the medical world is vanishingly rare now, and Laguna Honda may be the last of its kind... God's Hotel is a most important book which raises fundamental questions about the nature of medicine in our time. It should be required reading for anyone interested in the 'business' of healthcare – and especially those interested in the humanity of healthcare." –Oliver Sacks, M.D.

Film Group: **Film Group**: Because of the busy holiday season, we will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Saturday January 25, 2014 at Sue Kimball's. The film will be *Everlasting Moments*. Further details will be in the January Newsletter.

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.

Sunday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the de Young museum. "David Hockney: A Bigger Exhibition" marks the return of the celebrated British artist to California with an exhibition assembled exclusively for the de Young. Expansive in scope and monumental in scale, this show is the first comprehensive survey of his 21st-century work and represents one of the most prolific decades of his career. Renowned for his use of traditional media as well as evolving technologies, Hockney has selected monumental paintings, Photoshop portraits, digital films that track the changing seasons, vivid landscapes created using the iPad, as well as never-before-exhibited charcoal drawings and paintings completed in 2013.

Due to the cost, we will not have a private docent. Instead, a self-guided tour using the audio guide is suggested. Coffee / lunch at the de Young Cafe at 11 am. Anyone who is interested in "The Art of Bulgari: La Dolce Vita & Beyond, 1950–1990" exhibit can also visit it on their own; the Hockney ticket will also get you into Bulgari. This event will be joint with the Harvard Club of SF.

Tickets are timed and are free for members of FAMSF and their guests; non-member cost is \$28 adult, \$25 senior. Use your FAMSF membership card to get tickets for yourself and as many guests as you are permitted, so we can bring in as many of the group as possible. If you let Alison know your FAMSF membership number (on your card), she will try to get us all tickets in the same time slot.

There are free public tours of Hockney at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, and of Bulgari: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm but our experience is that these are crowded and it is difficult to reserve a space.

If you have a change of address, please contact Janet Taber-Coppola at 415-515-5646 or janet@tabercoppola.com.