

RADCLIFFE CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

AUGUST EVENTS 2014

Culinary Adventures: San Francisco: Thursday, August 14, 11:30 a.m. *The Commissary*, in the Presidio, 101 Montgomery, near the corner with Sheridan Ave, on Infantry Row adjacent to the Main Parade Grounds. A while in coming, and, by some reports, still evolving, this spot is notable for its location, yes, but, for many, primarily its very famous chef, Traci Des Jardins. Here she ventures right into the middle of one of our S.F. trends, Spanish “influenced” California. A daily menu, many interesting shared small plates and lunch fare. This is a drive-to location (contact Pat for carpools) unless you can hook up with The Presidio Go Lunch Shuttle (stops at Marina Middle School (Fillmore and Chestnut), Howard and Main, Van Ness and Union. RSVP to Pat Bourne, 415.474-0212 or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu.

Book Group: There will be no August Book Group. The next meeting of the book group will be at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 14, at the home of Dare Michos in San Francisco. The book for September is *THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY* by Rachel Joyce. “A novel of charm, humor, and profound insight into the thoughts and feelings we all bury deep within our hearts.”

The book for October will be *PLEASE LOOK AFTER MOM* by Kyung-Sook Shin. “Told through the piercing voices and urgent perspectives of a daughter, son, husband, and mother, *Please Look After Mom* is at once an authentic picture of contemporary life in Korea and a universal story of family love.” It was awarded the Man Asian Literary prize.

Film Group: There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 27, at 1 p.m., when the film will be *COLD COMFORT FARM*, a comic British film from 1995.

Museum Dates: Guests welcome! Please arrive 10 minutes early. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café. RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu or 415-661-5849 (home), 415-317-2150 (cell). Send check (made out to Alison Boeckmann) to Alison Boeckmann, 1536 Willard Street, SF 94117. Museum events are joint with the Harvard Club of San Francisco.

Sunday, September 7, 9:30 a.m., Legion of Honor "Masters of Fire: The Copper Age in the Holy Land." Long before the pyramids were built in Egypt and writing was introduced in Mesopotamia, people in the Southern Levant—dwelling in the lands that today include Israel, Jordan, and their surrounding areas—were the first in the region to create metallurgy, temples, elaborate textiles, cash crops for export, and stratified societies. *Masters of Fire* is the first exhibition in the United States devoted to the art of this formative period. This will be an artist-led talk with Binta Ayofemi, an artist who lectures on art and design at SFMOMA, Stanford University, and California College of the Arts. Binta will also take us to see Parmigianino's "**Schiava Turca**", which is on temporary display at the Legion. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café. The cost is \$20 plus general admission to the museum. Tickets are not timed and can be purchased at the door or from the museum web site <http://legionofhonor.famsf.org> Adults \$10, seniors \$7, members free.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 9:45 am. Asian Art Museum "Roads of Arabia: Archaeology and History of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia." An eye-opening look at the largely unknown ancient past of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia *Roads of Arabia* features objects recently excavated from throughout the Arabian Peninsula. These artifacts trace the impact of ancient trade routes and pilgrimage roads stretching from Yemen in the south to Iraq and Mediterranean cultures in the north. Elegant alabaster bowls, Hellenistic bronze statues, gilded candlesticks and Egyptian blown glass testify to a lively mercantile and cultural interchange among distant civilizations spanning antiquity through the early centuries of Islam. For more information, see also <http://www.roadsofarabia.com>. Private Docent Tour with admission to the museum before the general public. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café. Kathy Henschel will try to arrange for us to have exclusive use of the beautiful Peterson room and garden. The cost is \$10 for members of the Asian Art Museum and guests; \$27 for adults; \$23 for seniors. Includes docent and admission.

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