

RADCLIFFE CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

FEBRUARY EVENTS 2015

ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, February 14, at 11:30 a.m., at the home of Alison Boeckmann, 1536 Willard Street, San Francisco CA 94117. The meeting will be preceded by a pot-luck luncheon. Among club business for discussion is a proposal for a chapter of the Alumnae Network for Harvard Women (ANHW) <http://www.harvardwomensig.com>. Parking is available in the neighborhood. The N Judah, 6 Parnassus, 43 Masonic are a few blocks away, but it is an uphill walk (Woodland Ave is easier). Car pools are suggested. RSVP to Alison at 415-661-5849 or alisonboeckmann@fastmail.fm

Culinary Adventures: San Francisco: Thursday, February 12, 11:30 a.m., *Bouli Bar*, 1 Ferry Building (Embarcadero at Market), at the far south end of the building. Most people know this as Boulette's Larder, and it is still that, but it's also now Bouli Bar, with new lunch and dinner service. The chef, Amaryll Schwertner, has a unique sensibility, an amazing sense of balance and sources like nobody else in the business. M. Bauer, not a wholehearted fan of hers, has been known to say that she channels "the mind of Alice Waters;" while describing a dish as having "a beautiful blend of flavors and textures," he carps that there wasn't enough toast to go with it. Let's see for ourselves. Much of the menu is organized around the wood oven; it's a casual, non-pretentious place. RSVP to Pat Bourne: 415-474-0212 or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu. Embarcadero Station is a two minute walk away; smart meters on the Embarcadero and a little north on surrounding streets. Stay tuned to find out whether we'll eat in the front or the back section.

Book Group: Sunday, February 8, 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 for February will be *WILD: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Coast Trail* by Cheryl Strayed. "At age 26, following the death of her mother, divorce, and a run of reckless behavior, Cheryl Strayed found herself alone near the foot of the Pacific Crest Trail--inexperienced, over-equipped, and desperate to reclaim her life. Wild tracks Strayed's personal journey on the PCT through California and Oregon, as she comes to terms with devastating loss and her unpredictable reactions to it."

The book for March will be *OLD FILTH*, by Janet Gardam. "This mordantly funny novel examines the life of Sir Edward Feathers, a desiccated barrister known to colleagues and friends as Old Filth (the nickname stands for "Failed in London Try Hong Kong"). After a lucrative career in Asia, Filth settles into retirement in Dorset. With anatomical precision, Gardam reveals that, contrary to appearances, Sir Edward's life is seething with incident: a "raj orphan," whose mother died when he was born and whose father took no notice of him, he was shipped from Malaysia to Wales (cheaper than England) and entrusted to a foster mother who was cruel to him. What happened in the years before he settled into school, and was casually adopted by his best friend's kindly English country family, haunts, corrodes, and quickens Filth's heart; Gardam's prose is so economical that no moment she describes is either gratuitous or wasted." Copyright © 2006 The New Yorker.

Film Group: Saturday February 28 at 1 p.m., at the San Francisco Towers home of Ellie Zuckerman, 1661 Pine Street #511, San Francisco. We will watch Part 1 of *The Barchester Chronicles*, a 1982 PBS Masterpiece Theatre miniseries based on the novels of Anthony Trollope. The film reveals the darker side of small town life. When church reform is threatened in Barchester, and a clergyman faces a religious crisis. He is in conflict with his archdeacon son in law, resulting in a power struggle complicated by the arrival of a new Bishop and his pushy wife, as well as a devious chaplain. The film has the superb acting, scenery and costumes expected of a Masterpiece Theatre production. RSVP to Ellie at 415-222-6111 (home) or 925-876-82632 (cell) or elz@post.harvard.edu. Parking is available if Ellie is notified ahead of time.

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, March 15, 9:30 a.m. at the de Young museum: "The Figure in Art." An artist-led talk with Binta Ayofemi. We will visit two exhibits: "Botticelli to Braque: Masterpieces from the National Galleries of Scotland." Includes works by many of the greatest painters from the Renaissance to the early 20th century. "Embodiments: Masterworks of African Figurative Sculpture." This selection of sculptures from sub-Saharan Africa pays homage to the figure in African art. The cost is \$20 plus admission to the museum (purchased from the museum.) Tickets are not timed and can be purchased at the door or from the museum web site <http://deyoung.famsf.org>. Adults \$23, seniors \$20

Sunday, April 19, 9:45 a.m. at the Asian Art museum: “Seduction: Japan’s Floating World.” (Note change of date).

In Edo Period Japan (1615-1868), the "floating world" was a phrase that referred to both the pleasure quarters in major cities and a pleasure-seeking way of life. The most famous of these pleasure quarters was the Yoshiwara - a walled and moated district in Edo (present-day Tokyo) where one could abandon the rigors of daily life in pursuit of sensual delights. Purposefully excluding the harsh realities of the sex trade, floating world artists created an idealized realm of high style and exquisite beauty. "Seduction" offers you the opportunity to explore the intersection of art and desire, and to consider how fantasy can attract and obscure. Kathy Henschel has arranged for us to use the beautiful Peterson Room and garden. The cost is \$10 for members of the Asian Art Museum and guests; \$25 for adults; \$20 for seniors.

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