

FEBRUARY EVENTS 2022

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 11:30 a.m. Let's plan on a Zoom lunch again this month. But things are shifting some so let's be open to a possible indoor/outdoor restaurant lunch. We could even do two events – one for those ready to eat out, the other for those who want to stick with Zoom. I'll send an easy RSVP message earlier than usual so we can assess our options -- we can even have a Zoom session to talk it over! You can reach me at 415-867-0410, or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu.

Book Group: Sunday, Feb. 13, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. RSVP to Janet Hankin, jghankin@jps.net. Janet will send an email, to the book group and others who want to join, with instructions to join the meeting.

The book for February will be **Hamnet** by Maggie O'Farrell. "Hamnet is an exploration of marriage and grief written into the silent opacities of a life that is at once extremely famous and profoundly obscure." (Geraldine Brooks, The New York Times). Maggie O'Farrell "is a spellbinding word-weaver, conjuring up a vivid historical milieu that is at once familiar and surreal in its immediacy." (Dawn Miranda Sherratt-Bado, The Literary Review).

The book for March will be **Père Goriot** by Honoré de Balzac. "Honoré de Balzac's most memorable story concentrates on the corruption of society, the sale of natural affection, the decadent debauchery of love, and the inherent doom of the selfless in a materialistic, social climbing world." (ReadersLane) "The resulting tale is a commentary on wealth and human desire that still rings true in the twenty-first century." (Amazon)

RCSF Speakers Series: Saturday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Our second guest speaker in this new series is Martha Schwartz, Professor in Practice of Landscape Architecture, Harvard Graduate School of Design, speaking on "Climate Intervention and Why We Will Need It." If you wish to attend, please register promptly at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ucO-vrD8jGN3atKaiPChcONZ4sSp9wQNI>

You will receive a registration confirmation and an email right away with information about joining the meeting.

Alternatively, you can send an email to kghenschel@gmail.com. Those who register will also receive a reminder email on Feb. 25. The Zoom "doors" will open at 12:15 p.m. and our speaker will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. There will be time for Q&A, and the session will end by 2:00 p.m.

Film Group: Saturday, Mar. 5, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will show another film from Iran: **A Hero**, newly released in 2022, and submitted to the Academy Awards in the Best Foreign Film category. The writer-director is the two time Oscar winner Asghar Farhadi, who also gave us **A Separation** and **The Salesman**. The story swirls around what looks like an unambiguous act of decency and honesty, but in truth there is much more to the story. It becomes a multilayered and intricately plotted fable, with intertwined family relations and business ties. This film requires close attention. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and I will send you the link.

Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project: Sat., March 19, at noon via Zoom. Details in March Newsletter.

Museum Tours: Friday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. Alice Neel, "People Come First," at the de Young Museum.

Friday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. Guo Pei, "Couture Fantasy," at the Legion of Honor.

Both groups will meet in the museums' cafés afterwards. Adults \$35, Seniors \$30, Members of FAMSF \$10. See club website for details and order form, or contact Alison at alisonboeckmann@fastmail.fm.

Writers' Workshops: Gloria Wu and Cynthia Travis invite members to join their Writers' Workshops. We meet via Zoom on Saturday afternoons to share our current output and discuss one another's work. To join, or for more information, please contact Gloria at gwu2550@gmail.com or Cynthia at ctravis@sonic.net.

You can renew your membership, join the club, or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women, at the club website: www.radcliffeclubsf.org. The "For Members" section of the website contains the updated Membership Directory, Membership Update, and a Treasurer's Report. Send changes to kghenschel@gmail.com.