

MAY EVENTS 2023

Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Annual Meeting: Saturday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will elect officers, decide on club contributions, and hear updates on activities and projects. All RCSF members will receive the Zoom link and materials for the meeting, which may include a discussion topic of general interest, by email before May 18th.

Book Group: Sunday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Alison Boeckmann alisonboeckmann@fastmail.fm will send an email to the book group, and to others who request the email with instructions for joining the meeting.

The book for **May** will be **The Dry** by Jane Harper. "... set in a parched Australian farming community within a day's drive of Melbourne. It's a region that hasn't seen rain in two years ... a breathless page-turner ... the weather has driven everyone half-mad ..." (Janet Maslin, New York Times). "... a telling account of community life in rural Australia during the worst drought for decades ... This is a story about heroism ... and the struggle to atone." (Sue Turnbull, Sydney Morning Herald)

The book for **June** will be **The Fortunes and Misfortunes of the Famous Moll Flanders** by Daniel Defoe. "... Moll Flanders is compelled from earliest childhood to make her own way in the world and to live off her wit and beauty. Her desire to climb the rungs of society leads through a tangled web of incest, adultery, prostitution, deception and theft ... the novel, through its self-made protagonist, highlights the intricacies and double standards of Moll's contemporary society, and offers an irresistible and evocative insight into both the drawing rooms and seedy back alleys of seventeenth-century England." (Alma Classics). It is free from Project Gutenberg <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/370> as well as libraries.

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. On the water side of the Ferry Building; restaurant name to be announced. Watch for an "easy RSVP" message coming soon. Questions and RSVPs to Pat Bourne at 415-867-0410 or to patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com.

Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project announces a new Matching Challenge Grant of \$25,000 from a generous anonymous alumna. All new gifts for the RCOHP will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000. You can see the latest on the RCOHP page of the RCSF website: radcliffeclubsf.org.

Thursday, June 2 at 12:00 p.m. The Crimson Society is sponsoring a hybrid Oral History event. Julie Cheever, Suzy Underwood, and Alice Abarbanel will present a history and update along with women who have coordinated Written Histories. There will be breakout rooms both for the Zoomers and for those who attend in person. <https://alumni.harvard.edu/reunions/haa-crimson-society>. All are invited to attend.

Film Group: Saturday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. We will view **Secrets and Lies**, a deeply moving and well-acted film by the British director Mike Leigh. Many of you have probably seen this a number of years ago, but it is well worth seeing again. If you would like to join us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and I will send you the link.

Harvard Elections: All alumnae and alumni are eligible to vote for the University's Overseers and Harvard Alumni Association Directors. The voting is open until May 16 and can be done either online or by paper ballot. For more information, see elections.harvard.edu.

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