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NOVATO VILLAGE STEERING COMMITTEE SAYS...

- ✓ We are planning a tour of the Buck Institute for those who have expressed an interest. The date and details are still in process. Look for an email announcement coming in mid-June.
- ✓ New plan: Please use this new RSVP email for Lunch, Happy Hour, and Movie Group: novatovillage@marinvillage.org.

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"The ability to wake up to another new day — one with which we will surely need to wrestle and reckon, but one that will also teach and transform us ... this is the unpromised gift for which to be grateful." ~Kristi Nelson

Sharon Kristin Nelson (née Harmon; June 25, 1945 – April 27, 2018) was an American primitive painter, actress, and author. She was married to the actor and musician Ricky Nelson for nineteen years, and is the sister of actor Mark Harmon.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Members: Marcella Battaglia, Marie Lazzari

Volunteers: Nancy Hackett, John Wright

Thank you for giving your time and energy to our village. We look forward to seeing you all at an event soon!

NOVATO VILLAGE EVENTS

If you need a ride to any of the events below, please call the office. (415) 457-4633

Thursday, June 1, 9:30am – Village Walkers at Indian Valley Campus of COM, 1800 Ignacio Blvd.

Thursday, June 8, 1:30pm – CoffeeTea&Chat, Creekside Bakery, 1719 Grant Ave.

Friday, June 9, 10:00am – Craft Event—String Art!, Sue Lyttle's home

Tuesday, June 13, 9:30am – SMART Train to Santa Rosa, Novato Fair parking lot: carpool

Tuesday, June 13, 1:30pm – Village Book Lovers' Group, location with RSVP

Wednesday, June 14, 11:00am – The More You Know...about Marin Villages' Services for Members, Zoom

Wednesday, June 21, noon – Lunch at Blazers Smokehouse, 7380 Redwood Blvd, Novato

Saturday, June 24, time and location TBA – Village Viewers Movie Group

Thursday, June 29, 4:00pm – Happy Hour, Las Guitarras Restaurant, 1017 Reichert Ave, Novato

Food & Drink

CoffeeTea&Chat

Thursday, June 8, 1:30 – 3:00pm

Creekside Bakery, 1719 Grant Ave, Novato

Drop in for friendly conversation outdoors on the patio. Get connected to other Novato Village members and volunteers. Bring a friend who might be interested in Novato Village. RSVP is not required. For more information, contact Marge Jackson, (415) 892-1238 or marge-32@hotmail.com. If you need a ride, contact the Marin Villages office at (415) 457-4633 or info@marinvillages.org.

Lunch at Blazers Smokehouse & Beer Garden

Wednesday, June 21, noon – 2:00pm

7380 Redwood Blvd, Novato

Blazers, a new smokehouse and beer garden, has opened in downtown Novato. They have indoor & outdoor dining, plus live music on most weekends. The owners, Keri & Erick Hendricks, are thrilled to bring their love for Southern barbecue to Novato. "What's important to us is the experience when it comes to our food and service," Keri said. "We have worked hard on delicious Southern dishes. We have an amazing smoker outside that gives an excellent smoke flavor and a tender, juicy meal." Everything at Blazers is house-made and crafted from their own recipes. Blazers' menu features smoked chicken, pulled pork, beef brisket, and barbecue ribs, as well as various salads, sandwiches, and traditional appetizers with a blazin' twist. There will also be options for those who are gluten-free, vegan, or vegetarian.

Please RSVP by Monday, June 19 so we can tell the restaurant how many guests we'll have for seating. Be prepared with credit card or cash. To RSVP, email: novatovillage@marinvillage.org, or call Joanne Keenan at (415) 883-5729. Joanne does not arrange rides. If you need a ride, contact the Marin Villages office at info@marinvillages.org or (415) 457-4633.

Happy Hour at Las Guitarras Restaurant

Thursday, June 29, 4:00 – 6:00pm

1017 Reichert Ave, Novato



Las Guitarras provides a warm and friendly ambiance. Family-owned and operated for 42 years, with a full bar and outdoor patio, this popular restaurant is a Marin favorite. It is known for its savory variety of traditional and authentic home-style meals in beautiful Old Town Novato.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 27 to novatovillage@marinvillage.org so we can tell the staff how many guests we'll have for seating. Please plan to pay with cash, not credit cards. Questions? Contact Marge Jackson, (415) 892-1238 or marge-32@hotmail.com. Marge does not arrange rides. If you need a ride, contact the Marin Villages office at (415) 457-4633 or info@marinvillages.org.





Happy Hour at Las Guitarras in May—a good time for all!

Education & Presentations

The More You Know...about Marin Villages' Services for Members

Wednesday, June 14, 11:00am – noon

Zoom presentation—link will be sent by email on Sunday, June 11



If you want to know more about the services Marin Villages/Novato Village can offer you as a member, Zoom in on this presentation. Learn about services that you may not be aware of so you are really getting full benefit. If anyone knows about the Village services available to members, it's **Marin Villages' Executive Director John Power!** John heads the Marin Villages team after three decades as a trusted authority and expert to local, state, and national nonprofit, government, corporate and private philanthropy leaders. John is focused on community-building, nonprofit development, and volunteer engagement.

Exercise

Novato Village Walkers—at the Indian Valley Campus, College of Marin (COM)

Thursday, June 1, 9:30 – 10:30am

Indian Valley Campus, 1800 Ignacio Blvd., Novato

Our walk will be at the Indian Valley Campus of COM. We will start at the Indian Valley COM free parking lot #4 (on the left) just before you get to the large pay parking lot adjacent to the baseball field located at the very end of Ignacio Blvd. The plan is to walk from the parking lot to Indian Valley Rd. The path is wide and will accommodate separations. It's a very level walk—no hills, about 3/4 of a mile round trip. This is a firm, dirt-packed path. Please RSVP to Pat Bailey at pbailey49@aol.com or text or phone (415) 652-9073.



McInnis Levee walk in May—it was a beautiful day but the trail was a bit muddy!

Books

Village Book Lovers' Group

Tuesday, June 13, 1:30pm

Barbara Wein's home—RSVP for directions

Seven members enjoyed beautiful weather at our last meeting. Here's the book roster for the next few months:

June – *The World That We Knew* by Alice Hoffman

July – *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi

August – *Hail Mary* by Andy Weir

Our meeting in June will be at Barbara Wein's home in San Marin. Directions will be sent to those who RSVP by Monday, June 12. Email your RSVP to Diana Shima at dianashima3@comcast.net. Come join us!

Fun Adventure

SMART Train—Clipper Card Adventure to Santa Rosa

Tuesday, June 13, 9:30am – 2:30pm or so

Carpool meet-up: Novato Fair Shopping Center, Diablo Ave & Redwood Avenue, Novato; then carpool to SMART Train station



A fun adventure for Novato Village members and volunteers! Join us in taking the SMART Train from the San Marin station to downtown Santa Rosa. We will have lunch in historic downtown Santa Rosa before returning on the train. We plan to carpool from the Novato Fair Shopping Center (Diablo Blvd Safeway & Dollar Store) parking lot at 9:30am. Park on the Dollar Store side of the parking lot along the Redwood Blvd. section.

We will take one to three cars for parking at the San Marin SMART Train parking lot. **Round trip SMART Train fare is \$4.50 using your senior Clipper Card.** The train leaves at 10:19am and we will return on either the 1:28pm or 2:32pm train, depending on the time we take for walking around town and having lunch.

RSVP required: contact Pat Bailey to get more information and to confirm your RSVP by Sunday, June 11: pbailey49@aol.com or (415) 652-9073.

Arts & Crafts

Craft Event—String Art!

Friday, June 9, 10:00am – noon

Sue Lyttle's home: 2041A Mill Road, Novato



String art is fun, easy, unique, and beautiful! Your creation can be framed and hung on your wall, and your friends will admire your creativity. Try your hand at this craft at Sue Lyttle's home. There will be a fee of **\$5 per person**, for supplies. To **reserve your place**, call, email, or text Sue Lyttle, (650) 799-6900 or suelyttle@comcast.net. There will be a maximum of **10 people** and we will be working outside, so you might want to wear a sun hat.

Groups

Village Viewers Movie Group

Saturday, June 24 – note different week for the event

Time and location to be announced by email

In May, we saw *BlackBerry*, starring Matthew Johnson, Glenn Howerton and Jay Baruchel. This was the story of the BlackBerry phone and how it met its demise. The story was interesting to most and the acting was well done. The time and location for June 24th will be announced the Wednesday prior to the event by email. Contact Joanne Lang, with questions or movie suggestions at (916) 716-5800 or write to this email: novatovillage@marinvillage.org. Hope to see you there!



May Village Viewers give thumbs up or thumbs down for BlackBerry

Village Business

Novato Village Steering Committee

There will be no Steering Committee meeting in June. We'll meet again on July 18; time and location will be in the July newsletter.

OTHER MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS

Men's Coffee

Wednesdays, June 7 & 21, 11:30am



This is an informal gathering with no particular agenda beyond the company of friends. We encourage you, whether a volunteer or member, to come join us. The group meets at restaurants and coffee shops around Mill Valley twice a month. To get more information or to be put on the reminder list for upcoming meetings contact Irv Gubman (irvgubman@gmail.com or (415) 250-6155).

Fathers and Others Day Not Home Alone

Sunday, June 18, 2:00pm

Pacific Catch, 133 Corte Madera Town Center 



Let's celebrate the "Pop stars" in our lives! Fathers, uncles, grandfathers and others. All members and volunteers are welcome! Join Not Home Alone hostess Donnalee Wells and other Marin Villagers for an early Fathers and Others Day dinner. First come, first served. Please **bring cash** for your meal. All attendees must be COVID vaccinated. RSVP ASAP to Donnalee at donnaleewells@comcast.net or text or call (415) 302-9244. Please call the Marin Villages office ASAP if you need a ride. Volunteer rides are limited on holidays.

Technology/Computer Help Office Hours

Wednesday, June 21, 4:00 – 5:30pm

Zoom



Issues with your printer? iPhone not syncing properly? If so, join our volunteer tech support group for the answers to these and all of your other burning technology questions! We look forward to continuing to help solve your frustrating tech problems. This is a space where you can "drop in," ask questions, and receive personalized, individually focused, expert tech advice from some of our wonderful tech volunteers. Even if you'd just like to sit in to learn a little more about technology, we'd love to have you participate! So bring your questions about your computers, tablets, phones, etc., and our dedicated tech volunteers will do the rest. This

opportunity is available to all Marin Villages members and volunteers. Please join us at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89289995207!>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Met: Live in HD—Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*

Sunday, June 3, 9:55am & Wednesday, June 7, 6:30pm
Century Regency, 280 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael

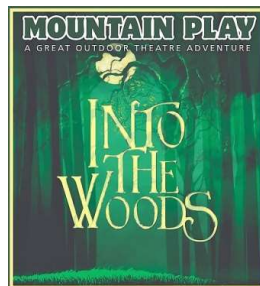


Renowned director and actor Simon McBurney recently made his Metropolitan Opera debut with a daring reimagination of *Die Zauberflöte* (*The Magic Flute*), and the critics are hailing it as a highlight of the season. For our Novato Village opera fans, tickets are available at this link:
<https://www.fathomevents.com/events/The-Metropolitan-Opera-Die-Zauberflote-2023>

The Financial Times calls the production, "Equal parts dazzling, grounded and laugh-out-loud funny... ★★★★★," with the *Observer* declaring that it "captures the anything-can-happen shimmer that defines live theater." Experience Mozart's beloved fable live from the Met stage to cinemas nationwide, featuring soprano Erin Morley and tenor Lawrence Brownlee under the baton of Maestro Nathalie Stutzmann.

Mountain Play—*Into the Woods*

June 4, 10, 11, 18 – times vary
Cushing Memorial Amphitheatre, Mill Valley



Journey with Cinderella, the Baker, his Wife, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack, and more of everyone's favorite fairytale characters as they navigate the woods in search of wishes fulfilled.

But be careful what you wish for... Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by James Lapine. For general information on transportation to Cushing Memorial Ampitheatre and other details, visit <https://www.mountainplay.org/mountainvisit/#getthere>. To buy tickets, use this link: <https://www.mountainplay.org/shows/ticket-information/>. Accessible seating and accommodations for people who use wheelchairs are available by reservation only; please call (415) 383-1100.

Marin County Fair 2023: Electrifying!

Friday, June 30 to Tuesday, July 4, 11:00am – 11:00pm
10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael



The Marin County Fair will return in full (indoors and outdoors) for the first time since 2019. With the theme Electrifying!, this year's fair will celebrate all things electric, solar, and charged with excitement. Details at this link: <https://www.fair.marincounty.org/2023>. Tickets can be purchased online at the link. Children under four and active-duty military are free every day.

Special day Friday, June 30: ages 12 and under, 65 and over, and veterans with ID are free.

Plan ahead: if you purchase tickets between June 1 and 29, cost is \$20. From June 30 to July 3, all tickets are \$25. Tickets for July 4 are \$25. Although there are no early-bird tickets for July 4, be sure to buy early to guarantee your tickets, as capacity will be limited.

NOVATO VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating!

Our 100 Members Celebration on May 5th was such a festive event! The theme was aligned with Cinco De Mayo, so colorful décor fit right in with the marker of enjoying over 100 members that are now part of Novato Village.

We thank Safeway on Diablo Avenue for their donation of fruit platters and cupcakes. Linda Henderson arranged for us to meet at the community center in her neighborhood. We had several guests from the Marin Villages office: John Power, executive director; BJ Slater, membership coordinator and operations manager; and Matt Dawe, volunteer manager; who joined us to cheer for our enthusiastic efforts to acknowledge the 100-member goal.

Thank you to the Novato Village committee that planned the gala 100 Members Celebration event: Beth Livoti, Linda Henderson, Beryl Bourke, Marge Jackson, Pat Bailey, Sue Lyttle, Joanne Lang, Joanne Keenan, and Joyce Applen. And we look forward to more members—no limit on participation in Novato Village. Thank you all for joining!



AND MORE...

Club 90

Happy birthday, Janet Bogart!



HELP US HELP OTHERS

If you know someone who could use our services or is interested in volunteering with an organization serving older adults in Marin, please have them call the office at (415) 457-4633, or visit our website (www.marinvillages.org) for application forms. We always welcome donations to support our work! Please visit <https://marin.helpfulvillage.com/pages/10049-marin-villages---donate> to contribute.

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