



hello February

January came in quietly, but it didn't stay that way for long.

Thanks to a whole lot of participation (and a surprising amount of tartan), the new year got off to a lively start at the clubhouse. The Burns Sunday Café turned out to be one of those afternoons that reminds us why this whole thing works: Scottish-themed food, kilts and plaid in generous supply, poetry, improv, musical performances galore...and the bagpipes very loud!

Later in the month, Movie Night: *This Is Spinal Tap* proved that January evenings are better when shared. The screening was incredibly well attended - probably because before the movie even rolled, a few brave Board members along with some equally brave friends, treated everyone to a theatrical opening performance that set the right tone for the evening (or at least we like to think it did).

Somewhere in January, the board set up a human production line to mail out membership letters. You should have received a note from us together with a coupon for the Sunday Café. Don't pass up this opportunity to ~~to get a free drink~~ to enjoy the spirit of our community.

All told, January felt like a strong start: full rooms, big laughs, creative risks, and neighbors showing up for one another. If this is how we're beginning 2026, we're feeling pretty good about what's ahead (at least up here on the mountain...we do what we can).



Community theatre at its finest(?)



Spinal Tap at the clubhouse giving drive-in vibes



No shortage of tartan



Vegetarian haggis at the Burns Cafe



Was Spinal Tap MWPCA's most epic screening?



Fantastic turnout for Burns; well done everyone!

more cowbell, more often!

For those of you who were out of town — or who had your heads wrapped in some sort of insulating material — and missed the siren call of bagpipes emanating from our Sunday Café Open Mic on January 25th (aka Robbie Burns Day), you missed seeing your neighbors and friends put themselves out there in song, poetry, storytelling, and plaid for all the world to applaud.

(Or at least it felt like all the world to those of us behind the counter, frantically dishing out veggie haggis and shortbread.)

FOMO sufferers, take heart! These community-affirming, neighborhood free-for-alls will now be happening every 4th Sunday of the month. You can thank our tirelessly insouciant organizer, emcee, and social visionary Ben Livesey for that bit of good news — and while you're at it, ask him to put your name on his growing list of participants: **bd.livesey@gmail.com**

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Coming up next: a special MWPCA Sunday Café Anniversary Open Mic! It's been a fun and treasured experience serving our small mountain community this past year — and it looks like the joy is mutual. On any given Sunday, there's a happy balance of regulars, curious new neighbors, and visitors just passing through. We have a flourishing list of fantastic volunteers who sling pie like nobody's business, and home bakers who supply us with tasty carbs and healthy soups. (Grammatical clarification: the fantastic volunteers do not sling the home bakers.)

So here's to all of us. Join us at our Open Mic on February 22nd, when we'll raise a brand-new signature Sunday Café cocktail (available sans alcohol, too) in a toast to this beautiful neighborhood — and to you, our dear friends and neighbors who've made Sunday afternoons just a bit more delightful.

OPEN MIC

MUSIC · POETRY · STORYTELLING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND · 2–5PM

ALL WELCOME!

To sign up, email: bd.livesey@gmail.com

To volunteer at the café, email: sandra@workingdesigner.com



SAVE THE DATE(S):

February 9 - Café closed - no Superbowl party this year

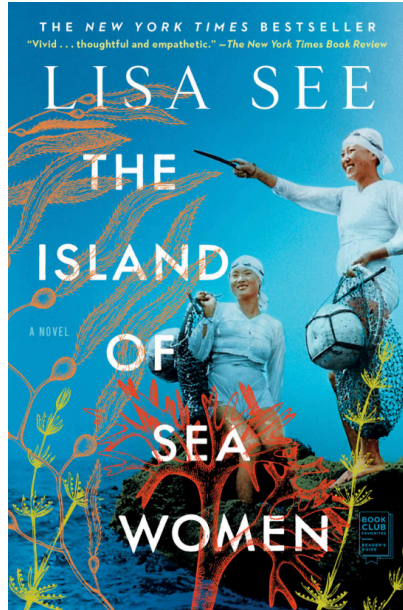
February 22 - **Open Mic** celebrating the Sunday Cafe's **1st Anniversary!!**

March 1 - **Live music** with favorites, **Easy Winners** - guitar, bass, banjo ... saw!

March 15 - **Open mic** and **St. Pat's Day Celebration**

don't miss our book club

We got off to a great start with *What happened to Ruthy Ramirez* last month. Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 19 at 6:30pm, and we've got a wonderful lineup planned through May. If you're someone who's interested in meeting new people and enjoy having conversations with fellow readers, then come join us. **Everyone is welcome!**



February 19 | Island of the Sea Women by Lisa See (400 pages)

March 19 | West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge (371 pages)

April 16 | I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (304 pages)

May 21 | Flesh by David Szalay (368 pages)

Come for one meeting or all of them. Questions? Reach out to Esther at esther_ehrensaft@yahoo.com

community: what brings us together makes us stronger (from our president)

I'll be eternally grateful to Kay deClark, who invited me to move into her glorious 1920s home on Annie Lane while I was in college. That invitation brought me to Mount Tam, this place that's wild and beautiful, filled with animals, giant redwoods, winding trails, and the ocean just beyond. Years later, I moved a whopping 200 yards to our cozy forever home.

But more than the environment, I was struck by the people; the unique culture and welcoming nature of those who choose to live up here. Today, more than ever, I'm grateful for this community of neighbors. I experience people here as creative, compassionate, generous, engaged, and adventurous. They're often willing to jump in and help without being asked.

With the addition of our Sunday Café last year, there's been an even stronger sense of connection in our neighborhood. Managed, staffed, and supplied entirely by volunteers, the Café has become a place where folks drop by for a

drink, the view, a snack, and a chat. Sometimes there's music. Sometimes there's other entertainment. There's always conversation — and very often something baked, poured, or passed down the counter with a smile.

Whether you're new to the neighborhood (welcome!) or have made Mt Tam your home for many years, I hope you'll join us at our events, movie nights, music festivals, workdays, and of course at the Sunday Café. We'll be glad to see you.

And finally, please consider renewing your membership or becoming part of the MWPCA. Your dues and donations help us care for this beautiful shared space, plan thoughtfully for the future, and keep all of these good things - conversations, connections, and community - going strong.

Nancy Gribler
MWPCA Board President

and still...



If your days could use a little more calm, Tuesday Morning Meditation continues at the clubhouse. This is a chance to pause, breathe, and spend a quiet moment reconnecting with yourself and the beautiful place we call home. No experience required, no expectations; just come as you are.

📅 Tuesdays

🕒 9:00–9:50am

💛 Donation-based, benefiting the MWPCA

🧘 Led by Devin Patel

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on the horizon

Tuesday Morning Meditation | Tuesdays • 9:00–9:50am

Sunday Café | February 22nd - Open Mic!

Book Club | Thursday, January 15 • 6:30pm

It really does take a village so if you have any questions or suggestions regarding The Lookout, or if you want to get involved, then email Bronia Hill at bronia@promoteyourselfnow.net.



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