



# NEWSLETTER

## Happy North Oakland Village 10 Year Anniversary

### March CALENDAR

**ALL EVENTS MEET AT NOV OFFICE UNLESS OTHERWISE  
INDICATED -- See Upcoming Events for details**

- Each Monday 10:30 - **Menders/Handability**, **members & volunteers**
- Tuesday 3rd 2:00 - **Memoir writing group**, **members, new members welcome**
- Sunday 8th 3:00 - **Sunday Stroll**, Heather Farm Park, Walnut Creek, **members and volunteers**
- Wednesday 11th Noon - **Lunch Bunch**, Crepe Pan, 4184 Piedmont ave, **members & volunteers**
- Monday 16th 2:00 - **Salon**, meets at member's home - currently full **members**
- Tuesday 17th 2:00 - **Memoir writing group**, **members**
- Wednesday 18th 2:00 - **Healthy Aging, Older but Wiser**, **members**
- Wednesday 18th 10:30 - **Group Outing**, City Slicker Farms, **members and volunteers**
- Friday 20th 10:30 - **Time To Talk**, learn about NOV, **all welcome**

- Friday 20th 1:30 - **Bridge**, call Norma Harrison (510) 547-7530 **members**
- Tuesday 24th 12:30 - **Newsletter Review Committee**
- Tuesday 24th 1:30 - **Playreading**, One act Plays, **members and volunteers**
- Wednesday 25th 2:00 - **Census Workshop**, Be counted, **members, volunteers, and friends**
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- Friday 27th 11:00 - **Singing with Sara**, **members and volunteers**
- Friday 27th (last Friday) - Non-fiction **Book group** - **members & volunteers**
- Sunday 29th 5:00 - **All Member Meeting**, **members**
- Sunday 29th 5:00 - **Potluck**, **all welcome**
- Tuesday 31st 4:00 - **Board Meeting**, **members & volunteers**

## Upcoming Events:

### **Memoir Writing group** **March 3rd & 17th Tuesday at 2 pm**

The NOV Memoir Writing group will welcome new writing members. We meet twice a month at the NOV office to share interesting, thoughtful, and engaging memoirs. Please call the office if you have any questions.



### **Sunday Stroll** **March 8th 3:00**

Heather Farm Park - Walnut Creek  
A two mile plus walk around the lakes on paved level paths to see birds, turtles, a possible river otter and gardens. Meet for car pool at NOV

parking lot at 3 pm (daylight savings time begins this day).

For those driving separately, take highway 24 to Walnut Creek, take the Ygnacio Valley exit, turn right on Ygnacio Valley, drive one mile+/- to the

stop light at San Carlos. Turn left on N. San Carlos into Heather Farm Park. Drive straight ahead two blocks to the stop sign. Turn right into parking lot where we will meet around 3:30. Optional dinner at mutually chosen local restaurant afterward around 5:30. Rain Cancels.  
Janet Bertram and Will Dvorak land 510 339 3356 cell 510 914 2330.

## **Lunch Bunch**

**Wednesday, March 11th Noon**

The Lunch bunch will meet at The Crepe Pan,  
4184 Piedmont ave.

Please join us!

Email or call Norma Harrison, (510) 547-7530, betnorh@sbcglobal.net



## **City Slicker Farms Outing**

**Wednesday, March 18th**

Meet at NOV parking lot at 10:30 for transportation

City Slickers' Farms turned a vacant brownfield site into a thriving community in West Oakland. Launched in June 2016 after deep community involvement

in the planning and design process, the park is now a hub for sustainable agriculture, environmental awareness and action, and health education. Nowhere else in the Bay Area has an organization demonstrated the permanence of urban agriculture in the way that the West Oakland Farm Park proves possible, nor are there any similar parks in the city that integrate environmental and agricultural learning opportunities as fully as this site.

We will tour the farm and learn about their programs, followed by a picnic in the farm park. Bring your lunch, drinks will be provided. Please call the office to sign up so we can plan the transportation

## **One Act Playreading**

**Tuesday, March 24th 2:00**

At the January meeting, the Playreaders concurred that it would be beneficial to read some one act plays. By reading a one act, which take about 30 minutes, we will be able to have not only a

critique and analysis, but also a chance to read it a second time. It is probable that two one acts per meeting can be read, allowing for each member to read an expanded number of roles. The scripts will be selected from the anthology, "24 Favorite One Act Plays". This one book will be used two or more meetings. Our March 10 reading will be will be Thornton Wilder's "The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden" and a second TBA. Call me if you'd like to attend so I can suggest particular roles for you to prepare.

Paul Shepard  
(510)547-4575

**The Happy Journey to  
Trenton and Camden**

**By Thornton Wilder**



## Census Workshop - Be Counted!

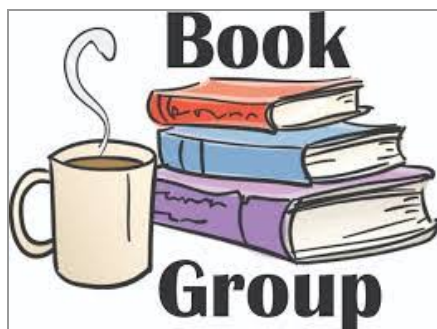
**Wednesday, March 25th 2:00**

The 2020 Census will take place in March and April and, for the first time, the form will be available to fill out online. To ensure that everyone is

counted, North Oakland Village will have a Census Workshop on March 25. We will have computer terminals set up and tech-savvy helpers to assist you in completing your census form.

The Census is vital in determining our representation in Congress and funding for Federal programs in our area. Come and be counted!

Open to all Members, Volunteers, and Friends - Bring Friends!



### Non-fiction Book Group

Friday March 27th 2:00. The book group will meet to discuss, Code Red, by EJ Dionne

## Gregory Finnegan

One of the many great ideas Jo Studer left us with before she returned to England was the tradition of an annual picnic. A year ago that was Gregory Finnegan's first experience with North Oakland Village. His wife, Robin, aware of the Village movement in Boston and Cambridge, went online to look for a local Village when they moved to Oakland in 2018. Robin saw the picnic on the calendar, she and Greg came to the park, liked what they saw and decided to join. Now he's on the Board.

Greg was born in Hawaii, with a career Navy dad who was stationed there and a mom who had come from San Francisco and was a civilian clerk for the Army. But he grew up in Redwood City, attended school there and watched all the post-WW2 changes in the Bay Area.

When it was time for college. Greg chose University of the Pacific where he pursued an innovative multi-disciplinary program and earned first, a B.A. in Liberal Arts then a PhD in Anthropology from Brandeis University in Massachusetts. One's image of anthropologists doesn't

usually picture them as librarians, but that's where Greg's path led, first at Dartmouth then Harvard, far from his west coast home.

When it was time to retire, though, he and Robin headed west again. By that time both their sons had tenured jobs at Bay Area colleges. One is a paleontologist at UC Berkeley and lives in the Temescal area. The other, at UC Santa Cruz, teaches geomorphology and has a home in San Jose. So now, the whole family is within driving distance of each other.

You can't miss Greg. He is the only regular at potlucks with a full, white beard. The next time you see him, shake his hand and say thanks for being part of our Village Leadership.

Ruby Long

## Letter from our President

Dear NOV community,  
Members, volunteers and friends who want to know more about the future of North Oakland Village should plan to arrive at 5:00 for the potluck on March 29. Time has been set aside for us to have a conversation about where North Oakland Village is and where it's going. I can assure you it won't go on too long because we'll have a beautiful table of potluck contributions beckoning us to come eat and have some fun. Although NOV is successful in almost every way, we will need to make some changes if we are to become a Village that is sustainable for the long run. This calls for good conversation where your board can share some of the initiatives we're working on and to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please make every effort to come!



See you at the potluck!

*Warmly, Susan* Board President North Oakland Village

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## Volunteers

If you are a new volunteer to NOV we thank you for your interest in supporting our community. If you are looking for something else to do there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the NOV office.



You are welcome to contact me or the office with any questions.

Joanne Devereaux [jm.devereaux@att.net](mailto:jm.devereaux@att.net) or 510-547-8500

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## In Case you missed it....

### Museum Exhibit on Burning Man and EJ Dion outing



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Ronnie's Movie Night

#### ***Amazing Grace***

**Friday March 20 7:00**

2501 Harrison, Oakland, CA

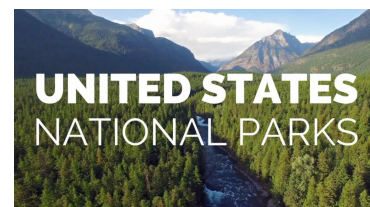
More than 40 years after she delivered two spellbinding nights of gospel music, this documentary-long shelved because of technical problems; takes viewers back to the legendary live recording of Aretha Franklin's album

**Amazing Grace** at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Watts, Los Angeles in January 1972.



### Parks Vacations

Many national parks are quite accessible and make for a great vacation destination, but you need to plan early to stay in the parks.



Great resources to help you get started are the newly released guidebook, *Barrier-Free Travel: National Park Lodges for Wheelers and Slow Walkers*, by Candy Harrington and an online [Outside Magazine](#) article about the best 25 accessible trails in the U.S.

And don't forget to apply for your National Parks [America the Beautiful Access Pass](#) that offers lifetime and 1-year passes for Seniors.

For accessible N. CA travel ideas & info, check out [Access Northern California](#).

**"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, beautiful old people are works of art " Eleanor Roose**

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