



Dear friends and neighbors,

As March approaches, so does the official start of Spring on Tuesday, March 19th, early this year!. We are already seeing the first California poppies, early roses and loads of narcissus thanks to plenty of rain. A blessing. Wishing you a very Happy Spring!



Valentine's Galore

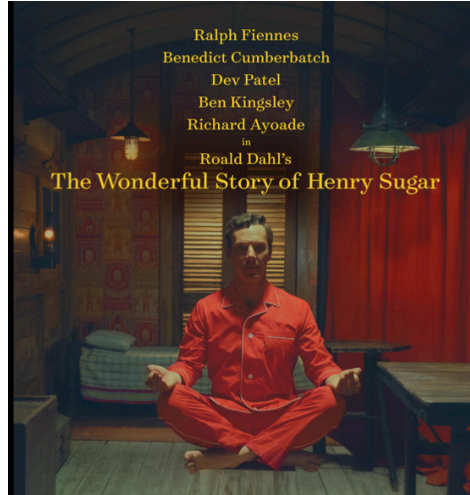
**What a treat the mail just brought
Not a bill, not an ad, but a gift from the heart.
Such kindness and friendship those students did show,
Their missives of joy brought a happy glow.**



A sweet surprise greeted Mill Valley Villagers as they discovered lovely handmade valentines in their mailboxes. The valentines were created by Mill Valley public school students from each of the five elementary schools as well as the middle and high schools. What a special bit of cheer they provided. We owe special thanks once again to Emily Uhlhorn who spearheaded the effort! This project, now in its 7th year, is a terrific example of an intergenerational collaboration that reaches across our community. Thanks to all.



A Wes Anderson Short Film... *The Wonderful World of Henry Sugar*



Last fall Netflix released four Wes Anderson short films. Many of you are already familiar with Wes Anderson's full length films, including *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Moonrise Kingdom*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *Grand Budapest Hotel* and more.

The new short films are all adaptations of Roald Dahl's work (like *Fantastic Mr. Fox*). Three are just 17-minutes long while *The Wonderful World of Henry Sugar* is thirty-nine. The latter stars Benedict Cumberbatch, Ralph Fiennes, Ben Kingsley, Dev Patel and Richard Ayoade, which may be all that is needed to convince you to take a look at this delightful short film. As Richard Brody wrote in [an article](#) in *The New Yorker* about these films: "Wes Anderson's Roald Dahl quartet abounds in audacious artifice and stinging political critique. Four new films make clear how crucial the author's work has been in the development of Anderson's art." The article is worth reading if you haven't already, tracing Anderson's long film history and connection with Dahl's stories. Hope you enjoy the film(s).

THE PLAZA GATHERING
Yes...we are doing it again
and again, and again, every Third Thursday
Members, Volunteers, Friends
Friends of Friends
At the Depot Plaza
4pm on Thursday, March 21

Members, volunteers, friends, friends of friends are all invited to join us each Third Thursday. We meet on the plaza at the picnic tables at 4pm to hang out, have a little snack and chat, meeting new people and seeing Village friends in person. AND **if it is rainy, look for us inside the Depot Cafe!**

Please BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) and join us on the plaza Thursday, March 21st at 4pm. Feel free to bring friends to introduce them to the village. We are a welcoming bunch. See you then.

Ready 94941
Disaster Preparedness Fair - Sunday, March 10th
Mill Valley Community Center
11am - 2pm



Southern Marin Fire District plans a Family-Friendly Fair at our Community Center to encourage demonstrations and discussions about preparing for natural disasters: the wildfires, earthquakes and floods that have spared Mill Valley in recent years but continue to present a real threat. Not to mention power outages as we have seen already!

Mill Valley Village has partnered with SFMD in recent years, providing a “Go Bag” to all our new members, and frequent reminders in our newsletters about keeping your plans and equipment up to date. This is a good moment to check that your plans and preparations are refreshed for the coming year.

We will have a booth at the fair and encourage all of you to stop by to participate. There will be games and free information including lots of ideas to share with your family and neighbors. See you there.

Join us at Via Piccola Trattoria for Lunch
Monday, March 25th at 1pm



Our fourth Monday lunches are in full swing and this month we are returning to a “new favorite”, **Via Piccola Trattoria**. We had a delightful luncheon there a few months ago and were quite impressed with the service, the variety of offerings and the welcome. Located at the Cove Shopping Center off Tiburon Boulevard, it is a great find. As these luncheons are quite popular we urge you to make sure to reserve your seat as soon as you know you can come. Contact Cathy Dunlap (millvalleyvillagenews@gmail.com or 415-608-8175) no later than the week before so she can make sure there are enough seats reserved for all. Please bring cash. See further details in the listing of events below.

SAVE THE DATE !!!!

It's Show Time!

Featuring

Mill Valley Village Artists

POP-UP SHOWCASE AND SPRING PARTY

Saturday, May 18th

2:00 - 5:00pm

Scout Hall



Drop in for Sips and Snacks

Celebrate Spring and our Creative Community

Applaud our Artists

Chat with your Village Friends

A separate invitation calling for participation for those members and volunteers who would like to share their paintings, drawings, collages, fabric art, quilting, knitting, photography, sculpture, ceramics and handwork, as well as written works of fiction, poetry and more, will follow soon.

Mill Valley Village - March Schedule of Programs

We hope you will join us at one or more of the Mill Valley Village activities listed below. You can also find these events on our website at www.mvvillage.org under either the **Events** or **Calendar** tab. To request to be sent our monthly newsletter by email just send us a note at: millvalleyvillageprograms@gmail.com. AND be sure to look for upcoming Marin Villages events in the *Village Square*, sent to all villagers the second Tuesday of the month.

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 9am

Our hiking group is for serious hikers wishing to spend the day on the wonderful trails of Marin County. Hikes are scheduled weekly on Fridays and vary from moderate to strenuous. We take 45-60 minute lunch breaks with some of the most beautiful views around. What a great way to get some good healthy exercise and get to know your Village neighbors better! If you are interested in joining us on the trail please contact Julian Brandes (jjb94941@gmail.com or 415-845-8392) for more information.

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, "Back Before Lunch Hikes", 9am

These hikes, aimed at those looking for a shorter hiking option than our Friday hikes, have typically been 3.5 to 5 miles long, with an elevation gain of 600-800 feet and lasting about 2 hours. The group meets early Monday mornings and is "back before lunch". The hike is very popular, not only for the wonderful hiking venues but for the connections forged on the trail. Sara Byruck is the long-time group coordinator and hike leader. For more information or to get on Sara's email list contact her at sbyruck@gmail.com.

Mondays, March 4 and 18, Storytelling Workshops, 2pm

We gather twice per month for 90 minutes to read aloud short selections from our works in progress, followed by discussion, quiet writing time and more sharing. The group meets the first and third Mondays of each month from 2:00 to 3:30. The group is currently full. Please email Cindy at Cindy@theygybe.net for questions and further details.

Tuesday, March 5, Recent Articles Group, 10:10am

Do you sometimes read a great article and want to discuss it with interesting Villagers? Join the Recent Articles Group on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:10 to 11:30. We explore any topic except politics and religion. For details contact Sue Steele (xerty.10@gmail.com or 415-388-7832).

Tuesday, March 5, Caregiving and Family - Challenges and Rewards, 1pm

Are you caring for a family member or friend? This group meets the first Tuesday of the month at a home near downtown Mill Valley. First convened in early 2015, the group has as its goal providing 'support that recognizes one's inner strengths and resiliency, no matter the circumstances'. If such a group might appeal to you, villagers are invited to contact Sara Byruck (sbyruck@gmail.com or 617-599-8116). Sara would be delighted to chat with you to see if it feels right. Give her a call.

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, Knitting and Needlework Group, 3pm

Have a knitting or needlework project you would like to undertake in the company of friends? If so this group might be for you. We meet weekly to discuss potential projects, enjoy each other's company and encourage each other as progress is made. Beginners are welcome. Mill Valley Village members and volunteers are welcome to contact Sara Byruck (617-599-8116 or sbyruck@gmail.com) for more information.

Wednesdays, March 6 and 20, Men's Coffee, 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 in. The group meets at restaurants around Mill Valley the first and third Wednesdays at 11:30am. To be put on the reminder list for meetings contact Irv Gubman (415-250-6155 or (irvgubman@gmail.com)).

Wednesday, March 6, Movie Group, 4pm

Once a month we get together via Zoom to meet, greet, enjoy each other's company and talk about that month's selected movie. In advance, we watch the movie and then talk about what struck us about it, what we liked (or not), what it made us think about, remember or yearn for...and on and on. Mill Valley Village volunteers and members who are interested in joining this group, please contact Seela Lewis (seelalewis@gmail.com).

Wednesday, March 13, Coffee at the Sweetwater, 10:30am

Please join us at our monthly get-togethers second Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Sweetwater Music Hall. It is a casual plan, you come and go as you have time, sit and chat with friends and meet new ones. It is a great opportunity to get to meet other villagers and get to know more about the village. You are welcome to bring your own "cuppa" as the cafe is not open, although a pot of coffee and donuts are provided.

Tuesday, March 19, Third Tuesday Book Club. 1pm

This book club, led by Beth Brandes (brb94941@gmail.com) and Carolyn Burwell (carburwell@gmail.com), meets monthly on the third Tuesday. Like the "Third Thursday Book Club", it is kept small to encourage discussion and camaraderie, and is currently full. When openings become available that opportunity will be posted in the newsletter.

Wednesday, March 20, Third Wednesday Walkers, 10am

We hold 2-3 mile flat terrain walks or excursions in places of interest, urban or rural, ocean or mountain, often carpooling to destinations and staying for lunch at local restaurants. We love to "get outta town"...but mostly within 20 to 40 minutes' drive, or ferry or bus or train ride. Gathering in Mill Valley at 9:30 or 10 we are usually home by 2. To get on the list to be sent details contact Karen Robbins (415-519-3420 or karobbins@comcast.net).

Thursday, March 21, Third Thursday Book Club, 1pm

This book club meets the third Thursday of each month. Both book clubs, for local village volunteers and members, are kept small to encourage discussion and camaraderie, and are currently full. When openings become available they will be posted in the newsletter. For questions please contact Ginnie Job (ginniejob4@gmail.com).

Thursday, March 21, GATHERING ON THE PLAZA, 4pm

Members, volunteers, friends, friends of friends and curious passers-by are invited to join us at the picnic tables on the Plaza to hang out, have a little snack, get outta the house, meet new people and see Village friends in person. This is a **BYOB** event so bring your favorite beverage (and friends) and come join us. We'll be looking for you!

Monday, March 25, Via Piccola Trattoria, 1pm

This month we return to a new favorite, **Via Piccola Trattoria**, in the Cove Shopping Center (1 Blackfield Drive) off Tiburon Boulevard. The plan is simple, you bring cash, order what you want, and we add it up, calculate tax and tip and make change. Contact Cathy Dunlap (millvalleyvillagenews@gmail.com or 415-608-8175) as soon as you know you can come, but no later than the week before so we have enough seats reserved for all.

Mill Valley Village - Regularly Scheduled Programs

Back Before Lunch Hike - Mondays



Knitting and Needlework Group - Tuesdays



Hiking Group - Fridays



Recent Articles Group - First Tuesday



Caregiving Discussion Group - First Tuesday



Movie Group - First Wednesday



Coffee at the Sweetwater - Second Wednesday



Book Club - Third Tuesday



Third Wednesday Walkers - Third Wednesday



Book Club - Third Thursday

**JOIN Us
On The PLAZA**

**MEMBERS
VOLUNTEERS
FRIENDS
FRIENDS OF FRIENDS**

Plaza Gathering - Third Thursday



Lunch Group - Fourth Monday



Storytelling Workshops - First and Third Mondays



Men's Coffee - First and Third Wednesdays

**Until next month, stay well.
We look forward to seeing you soon.**

