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# NEWS & NOTES

## Smith College Club of the Peninsula

Happy New Year!

Already in January, the club has hosted the Annual Hot Cider party to meet prospective students and their families along with current students and alums.

**Join us for our annual faculty speaker event on February 1st.** See below for details on how to RSVP. Look for your invitation from the college to meet our new president, Kathleen McCartney, in San Francisco and, in late March, the club will be hosting a wine tasting.

We hope you to see you soon at one of our upcoming events!

Lori Kahn '92 and Nisha Thatte-Potter '88  
SCCP Communications

## Upcoming Events

### Smith Professor Michael Marcotrigiano to join us on February 1st

The Faculty Speaker Event has arrived early this year. We are happy to host Professor Michael Marcotrigiano, PhD, Director of the Botanic Gardens at Smith College, who will be speaking to us on the pertinent topic of Invasive Plants. Did you know that eucalyptus trees are invasive to this area?

In this talk, we will consider the following: are invasive exotic species really the issue they have been made out to be? Find out how some exotic species have caused serious ecological issues in the landscape and learn why this happens. How do we stop it? Should we? Is there a difference between an aggressive plant and an invasive species? This event is great for the casual gardener all the way up to the sophisticated horticulturist. Learn what this distinguished Smith professor has to say and offer to our students and alums!

Please join us for a fascinating lecture, delicious refreshments and a great discussion on one of the biggest ecological topics hot on our environmentally conscious minds.

We will begin serving refreshments and hors d'oeuvres at 5pm, and will begin the lecture at 5:45pm.

## Event Fees and Payment Methods:

Members of the Smith College Club of the Peninsula - free  
Non-member alums, East Bay and SF/Marin club alums - \$10  
Guests of Smith alums - \$20

Members have already received an Evite with the information. If you are interested in attending and did not receive an Evite, please contact Catharine Wallace at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com).

RSVPs and payments are requested by January 30th, 2014.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Welcome Reception for Kathleen McCartney, 11th President of Smith College

The college is sponsoring a San Francisco reception in honor of Smith College President Kathleen McCartney. Please plan on joining local alumnae, parents, current students, and friends of the college in welcoming her to the Smith community. You will have a chance to meet President McCartney and listen as she shares her vision for Smith and an update on Women for the World, the college's ambitious campaign to reimagine the liberal arts for the 21st century.

Mark your calendar now, and watch for your invitation from the college in the mail later this month.

Wednesday, March 19  
San Francisco Jazz Center  
201 Franklin Street (at Fell Street)  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Reception and remarks  
If you have questions, please email [smithevents@smith.edu](mailto:smithevents@smith.edu).

## Annual Hot Cider Party

On Saturday, January 4, 2014, Smith alumnae and current and prospective Smith students and their parents gathered at the Palo Alto home of Laura Selznick '68 for our Club's annual Hot Cider Party. Smith alumnae in attendance came from classes of 1960 through 2013, with each decade in between also represented. Everyone enjoyed sharing favorite Smith memories and munching on Laura's delicious home-baked goodies. The silver ladle bequeathed to Laura by Miss Annie Porter '23 was once again put to good use in serving up the hot cider that has become our annual tradition.



Alums, current students, newly admitted students and prospective gather for our annual hot cider party.

### Attention All Knitters & Crocheters!

As the cool weather and rainy season set in, it's a great opportunity to help those who need it. If you knit or crochet, or have always wanted to learn, we are calling on you to help us make 7"x9" pieces to send in to Warm Up America, and organization that will sew these pieces together into blankets and donate them to homeless shelters, battered women's shelters, family shelters, Red Cross centers, VA hospitals and the like for those who need them. We encourage you to make them on your own, or better yet, get in contact with Catharine Wallace '07 to set up an afternoon to be social with Smithies and be socially responsible all at once. We will be happy to teach those who are new to knitting or crocheting, and the 7"x9" pieces are perfect for practicing new stitches. If you are interested in participating, please contact Catharine at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com) or 408-394-5129.

### Call for Interviewers

The College admissions process and alumnae volunteer interviewing for the class of 2018 is in full swing! We've received over 16 interview requests so far. As always Chris Conklin '82, the Alumnae Admissions Co-ordinator for our Club, would LOVE to have more volunteers to interview prospective students all the way from south SF to Gilroy!

If you'd like to interview a student near your home or place of work, please contact Chris Conklin at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com) or 408-394-5129. It's a fun and essential role for Smith!

## Book Club Update



The bookclub took December off for the holidays but met again in January to discuss "Snow Country" by Yasunari Kawabata

Upcoming books are:

February 19: *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal  
March 19: *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki (Smith '80)  
April 16: *The Sisters: The Saga of the Mitford Family* by Mary Lovell

We meet every third Wednesday and we always welcome new members! Contact **Sally Smith '64** at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com) to get on the email list.

## Membership Update and Reminder

Annual membership dues are now payable for the fiscal year September 2013 through August 2014. We want to thank the 78 alumnae who have paid membership dues and the 36 members who also made additional charitable donations to support Club activities this year. We really appreciate your generous sponsorship!

To become a Club member for the current year, please select one of two options from our website [here](#) :

1. You can print out the membership form and mail it along with a dues check to the address listed, OR
2. You can fill out the membership form online and pay dues via PayPal.

We are an inclusive group and encourage all alumnae to join the Club and participate in our activities. ***Please note that the Club will waive membership dues for alumnae experiencing current financial hardships.***

Please note that the Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which has been granted tax exempt status by both the IRS and the CA Franchise Tax Board. Contributions to the Club are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

*Only members receive Evites to all of our fun and interesting Club events, so be sure to join the Club so you receive these invitations too!*

## Community Notices

**We welcome events that would be of interest to the Smith College Community. Please**

send them to [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com) for consideration.

## Women & Girls Summit 2014

The Women & Girls Summit helps empower young girls from our under-resourced schools by introducing them to and engaging them with private and public sector women leaders. It will be held at Monroe Middle School in San Jose/Campbell on Tuesday, February 25 from 8am to 12:30pm.

Please join us for a morning where elected officials, community leaders, and women executives help inspire young girls at Monroe Middle School through panel discussions, hands-on activities, and classroom visits about the importance of college and career.

For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/svlg-women-girls-summit-tickets-10054107105>

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