

January 11, 2017 - Speaker Program

The Crochet Coral Reef: Stitching Together Community and Climate Awareness at UC Santa Cruz

(Note that this is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.)

The Institute of the Arts and Sciences, in partnership with the Seymour Marine Discovery Center (SMDS) and the Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery, is hosting the *Crochet Coral Reef* project at UC Santa Cruz. Co-created by Margaret and Christine Wertheim, the [Crochet Coral Reef](#) includes both an exhibition and a community crochet project which respond to the environmental crisis of global warming and the escalating problem of oceanic plastic trash.

This talk will introduce the project and the [UC Santa Cruz Satellite Reef](#), the latest addition to the Wertheims' worldwide reefing effort.

Rachel Nelson is curator and project manager at UC Santa Cruz Institute of the Arts and Sciences (IAS). She is co-curator of *Collective Museum*, the innovative exhibition that spans UCSC's 1000 acres, and has helped create the pioneering artist-in-residency program at the IAS. Rachel has published articles in journals including *Third Text* and *NKA: Journal of Contemporary Art from Africa*. She received her PhD in Visual Studies at UC Santa Cruz in December.

Upcoming Events and Programs

January 11 - [General Meeting](#)

Rachel Nelson, "The Crochet Coral Reef: Stitching Together Community and Climate Awareness at UC Santa Cruz- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

(The Women's Club Chocolate Festival is on hiatus this year.)

February 1 - [General Meeting](#)

Speaker Program at the Arboretum - 1:30 am – 1:00 pm

March 1 - [General Meeting](#)

Speaker Program at the Arboretum - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

April 5 - [General Meeting](#)

Speaker Program at the Arboretum - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

May 3 - [Annual Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Recognition](#), 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

March 8 - UCSC GIVING DAY

Support the Women's Club by making a donation.

May 13 - [Human Race Fundraiser](#)

July 1 - Memberships Renewable

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2016 Scholarship Recipient

James "Nate" Nichols - When Nate Nichols started community college, he didn't know how to type. Yet, he is now completing his bachelor's degree in literature after overcoming significant adversity while raising his daughter as a single parent.

Long term, he wants to teach high school to students in marginalized schools. He will use his scholarship for childcare in the school year.

Shadowbrook Fund Raiser

On Wednesday, December 13, members gathered at Shadowbrook Restaurant for a fundraiser. One third of the costs of drinks and food purchases went to the fundraiser for the UCSC Women's Club. Following are some pictures from the event.



Past President, Laurie Salatich



Brad and Ann Kline



Claudia Parrish and Bonita Sebastian



Sally Gaynor and Virginia Rivera

UCSC Women's Club Interest Groups

Joining one or more Interest Groups is a great way to make new friends. If you like Food, Books, Finance, Gardening, Travel, Hiking, Bridge, Mah Jong, Music or other activities, come join us. We love making new friends and sharing the things we love to do. You can view a complete list of our many clubs by visiting us on our website:

womensclub.ucsc.edu/activities/interest-groups

The following is a partial summary of some of the clubs and what they have been doing:

Adventure Club

The re-invigorated Adventure Club has recently set it's calendar for much of the upcoming year. Upcoming events include a visit to the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, possibly an overnight in the town of Solvang, a day in Pescadero, a sail on the Chardonay, maybe an over-night trip to Cambria, and a day trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Come join our club if you want to attend some of these excursions and help plan one, as well.

Book Clubs



Book Club 4, or Happy Bookers, met Wednesday, Dec. 14 to talk about *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. Putting it mildly, we had a lively discussion. You might read it too and tell us what you think.

The Brown Bag Bibliophiles gathered at the home of Cynthia Noble-Vesecky for our December meeting. We discussed the book. *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonald and enjoyed a delicious holiday luncheon prepared by our host.

English in Action

English in Action volunteers help international visitors practice English and learn more about life in the U.S. Many researchers and visiting scholars come to Santa Cruz with their families. Visiting spouses who don't have a community appreciate the support of a volunteer to improve their English skills. Many of the foreign students are from Asia, but students also originate from Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South America. The program consists of an informal, non-structured meeting which gives the foreign scholar, student or spouse an opportunity to practice conversational English and ask questions about the community. Usually the meetings are once a week for an hour or so, but the time, location and number of meetings depend on what works for the students and the volunteer. It is not a class, but a one-to-one conversation. If you would like more information on the program or would like to volunteer, contact Karin Grobe, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org, 427-0984.

Here is Jacquy Griffith at Wilder Ranch with her student Xingpen and his family.



Financial Interest Group

The Financial Interest Group meets the 1st WEDNESDAY of the month 10:00 - 11:00 AM on the Westside of Santa Cruz, conveniently ending 30 minutes prior to the monthly Women's Club General Meeting at the Arboretum. The focus of this new group is Financial Planning. The club offers a Speaker Series with topics on Insurance, Estate & Legacy Planning, Real Estate, Health & Medical Care, Retirement benefits & more. Sign up to receive email notification of upcoming topics, and attend when you can. Contact Jane McKenzie: jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com or Virginia Rivera: vriviera@ucsc.edu

Garden Club 2

Members of the UC Garden 2 participated in outings from Half Moon Bay, and Palo Alto to Stanford Succulent/Cactus Garden.

In May, members attended the Gamble House home and garden tours in Palo Alto. Members were able to roam around the Gamble House Garden and garden shop, as well as to tour five private gardens in Palo Alto. Attached is a photo of Alice Rink enjoying a rest on a real red brick lounge chair. Although, hard to believe, it was incredibly comfortable.

In July, members participated in Half Moon Bay's annual Farm & Garden walking tour. Members toured an aquaculture farm, hydroponic farms (produce & flowers) & Harley Goat Farm (to see how they make their cheese).

Members also enjoyed an October outing to Stanford's Rodin Sculpture Garden and Succulent/Cactus Garden.

For 2017, we have many events planned.



Alice Rink enjoying red brick lounge chair



Garden Club members

Learn to Play Bridge

This group meets on the 1st & 4th Mondays of the month from 6:30-9:00 pm. It is designed for members who have never played bridge and want to learn the game in a relaxed atmosphere, as well as those who want more practice in playing. But anyone who wants practice or just enjoys the game can come to play on the other Mondays as well. New members are always welcome.

Contact Irma Andrews irma_andrews@hotmail.com or Ellen Prichard evelyn.prichard@yahoo.com

UCSC Events

Our newest club, UCSC Events, focuses on bringing the campus and the community together. Members are invited to attend campus lectures and presentations in Science, Music, Art, Film and Theater. It's an opportunity for those who are unfamiliar with the campus to partner with those of us who know our way around a bit. We meet at convenient locations off-campus and carpool to events together. Members are welcome to bring a



Cactus Garden

friend who may not yet be a Women's Club member but who would like to meet others and attend some campus events. If you'd like to join, contact Pam Howell: pam@knitwitit.com We plan to start-up this club in January 2017.

Travel Club

In November we had our largest group meeting ever! Twenty-three members (and guests) attended the Travel Club meeting at Rusty Bowman's home in November. Irma and Peter Andrews entertained us with stories and pictures of their adventures in circling the world, or, more precisely, the Southern hemisphere.



Travel Club Members

Mission Statement

The UCSC Women's Club is open to all women of the campus and town communities. Its purpose is to be of service to the University, to foster friendship between town and gown, and to encourage understanding and support for the mission and functions of the University. A special goal of the club is to raise money for scholarships for UCSC re-entry students.

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS 2016/2017<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>**INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR**

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ADVENTURE CLUB

Monthly Outings chosen by members
 Sharon Cooper: coop2512@sbcglobal.net
 Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com

BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu
 CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 1

2nd Friday 11:00 am
 Colleen Page: colleen_page@msn.com
 NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BOOK CLUB 2

3rd Thursday, 1:00 pm
 Alberta Nidever: 688-8931
 CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 3 (BBBs)

2nd Wednesday, Noon
 Cynthia Noble-Vesecky: cynoble@yahoo.com
 CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 4 (Happy Bookers)

2ND Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
 Eleanor Southers: southers@verizon.net

BOOK CLUB 5

3rd Monday 1:00 – 2:30 pm
 Mary Jane Chambers: mjchmbrs@sbcglobal.net
 NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BRIDGE CLUB

2nd Tuesday, 12:30 pm
 Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Student Meeting Times To Be Arranged
 Karin Grobe: kgrobe@wormdoctor.org

FIAT MUSICA CHORAL GROUP

Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 Michele Kibrick: kibrick@cruzio.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

1st Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:00
 Jane McKenzie: jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com
 Virginia Rivera: vvriviera@ucsc.edu

GARDEN CLUB 1

2ND Monday, 11:00 - 1:00 pm
 Cherry Thompson: cherrythompson@gmail.com
 Barbara Vorlop: bvorlop@comcast.net
 Liaison: Trician Comings: triciansc@mindspring.com
 CLOSED to New Members

GARDEN CLUB 2

Monthly Excursions chosen by members
 Lupe Allen: lupea@ucsc.edu

HIKING CLUB

2ND Thursday, 9:30 am, plus 1 optional hike
 Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@gmail.com

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

1ST and 4TH Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
 Irma Andrews: irma_andrews@hotmail.com
 Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

LUNCH BUNCH 1

3RD Friday, 11:30
 Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH 2

1st Friday, 11:30
 Toni Wagner: tmwagner3@gmail.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 1

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm
 Hazel Powell: hpowellb40@aol.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 2

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12:30 pm
 Dorothy Carroll: doneto@sbcglobal.net

SEW 'N' SEWS

Every Wednesday, 1:00 pm
 Jo Barbier escalonajo1@gmail.com

TRAVEL CLUB

Last Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am
 Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu
 CLOSED to New Members

UCSC EVENTS

Monthly Outings: Campus Events chosen by members
 Pam Howell: pam@knitwitit.com
 NEW MEMBERS WANTED

WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB

2nd Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 pm
 Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu