

## UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB: Where Campus and Community Come Together

### Message from the President

We've reached the end of another year of friendships, fun, food, fundraising, fascinating speakers and fabulous scholarship recipients, all enjoyed through our membership in the UCSC Women's Club. Exciting events planned for the next few months include the Chocolate Festival on January 17 and our monthly speakers and lunches at the Arboretum beginning with nature photographer Steve Mandel on January 6. As always, the Interest Groups provide a variety of options for fun and friendship. The contact information for each group is on the club website: <http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>.

I encourage you to make a habit of checking for upcoming events on the website calendar. Website Coordinator Hazel Powell does a great job in keeping it current.

In the spirit of this season of giving, sharing and thanks-giving, I extend a HUGE thank you to all who served this year in coordinating an event or Interest Group, or on the Board of Directors. To members who have not served our club in a leadership role or on a team, I hope you will give it consideration. The club welcomes new ideas and has roles for members with varying experience and time to commit. The jobs range from Club President to helping decorate the tables at our meetings at the Arboretum; there is something for everyone. Thank you, Andrea Cohen, for recruiting members for the 2016-17 Board of Directors. If you are

interested in serving on the Board, please email: [acohen@ucsc.edu](mailto:acohen@ucsc.edu).

2016 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UCSC Women's Club. We are beginning to plan a celebration in the fall. If you have any suggestions, contact me: [lsalatich@gmail.com](mailto:lsalatich@gmail.com).

Best wishes to all of you for a holiday season full of love and joy!

*Laurie Salatich*, President

Laurie with her son and her cat, Guido



*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.*

Don't miss the Chocolate Festival coming up on January 17th.



# General Meetings

## **The Art of Wildlife Photography Steve Mandel on January 6, 2016**



This presentation will feature Steve Mandel's wildlife photos from around the globe. He will talk about how good wildlife images follow the same artistic principles which have been in place for over 35,000 years, the time of the classic cave paintings. He will discuss the plight of many of the animals he has photographed that are rapidly disappearing from the wild, and what can be done to help efforts to save them.

Steve was one of the pioneers in the use of digital photography in 1996 for taking pictures of galaxies, supernovae, and other astronomical objects. And, in 2007, he made some discoveries that led to him receiving the top global award for amateur contributions to astrophysics. In addition to using his photography in the interest of wildlife conservation, Steve formed a nonprofit for the protection of the Asiatic Lion in India. His wildlife photos have been displayed for the past five years in the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. His images have appeared as book covers, in magazines, and newspapers globally.

Along with his wife Carol Foote, an accomplished photographer in her own right, Steve loves exploring wild places in the world and photographing the remarkable animals that share the earth with us.

## **Flora Lu on February 3, 2016**



Flora Lu is the Provost of Colleges Nine and Ten. She is a professor of Environmental Studies.

Specializing in Ecological Anthropology, she studies the interrelationships between human societies and the natural environment with a geographic emphasis in the Amazon. She integrates social and natural science approaches to study resource use and conservation among indigenous peoples and migrant populations in Ecuador with a focus on land use, social change, cultural resilience, and household economic strategies.

Learn more about her at

[people.ucsc.edu/~floralu/Home.html](http://people.ucsc.edu/~floralu/Home.html).

Flora will speak at the second meeting of 2016.

All of the meetings will be at 11:30 AM at the UCSC Arboretum. Guests are always welcome at our meetings. Bring a friend.

Women's Club members provide the yummy savory and sweet food at our general meetings. Sign up for one meeting during the year. It must be finger food – no utensils needed!

Hazel Powell welcomes input for our website about club activities. Information and pictures from our fundraisers and interest groups are welcome.

## Chocolate Lovers!



We are so excited about the upcoming Santa Cruz Chocolate Festival on January 17th! It will be held from 1-4PM at the Santa Cruz Coconut Grove. There is a workshop from 11AM-1PM, just before the event opens. This was new last year and a huge success. Brian Wallace from Endorfin Chocolate is the presenter of this hands-on workshop.



Attendees will spend time making and demystifying a basic infused ganache, which can be used for truffles, cakes, or simply enjoyed straight by the spoonful! They will learn the techniques necessary to produce a few outside-of-the-box recipes at home – including a 2-ingredient chocolate ice cream, a chocolate-inspired green salad, and more. Everyone will receive a list of recipes to reproduce these wonderful chocolate creations at home.

For the main event, we have roughly 28 vendors lined up so far. They are a nice

mix of returning and new vendors! We can still take up to 10 more vendors in December.

We continue to seek sponsorship and Silent Auction items! If there are any businesses that you frequent and feel comfortable asking, please do! Every sponsorship and Silent Auction dollar goes straight toward scholarships! All of our forms are on the website, but if you need help or have questions please contact Ann Berry-Kline at 831-332-4042 or aebk@mac.com.

We have some FABULOUS silent auction items that have been donated already! We have 4 posters of the 30th anniversary of the 'Screaming Hand' signed by artist Jim Philips, 4 Giants tickets with VIP parking, chocolate baskets, bottles of wine, plus much, much more!

We closed the poster contest in November; the winning entry by Naomi Brauner is on our website. Posters are already appearing around town!

**Watch for an email with a link so you can sign up to volunteer for the event!**

We appreciate our volunteers! They make this event so enjoyable for patrons and vendors!

**We will open nominations for Chocoholic of the Year award in early January and voting will follow the week after.**

Tasting tickets, wine and cupcake decorating vouchers, and aprons are available online, at the door or through Ann. Workshop tickets must be purchased in advance either online or get in touch with Ann. Go to [santacruzchocolatefestival.org](http://santacruzchocolatefestival.org) to purchase workshop, tasting tickets, aprons or vouchers for wine or cupcake decorating.

It's going to be another great event!

### **We Are Fifty!**

That is, the UCSC Women's Club will be 50 this year. The first meeting was held on April 1, 1966, one year after the UCSC campus opened. Originally it was formed to welcome newcomers who had come to Santa Cruz from all over the country. It was open to women faculty and staff, and wives of faculty and staff. There were 41 members.

Eleven years later the club's by-laws were changed to allow non-University associate members to join. The first scholarship was awarded in 1976, and scholarships have continued for 40 years.

Originally there were no dues. Members met for tea and dessert at an annual meeting; interest groups met frequently. One of the oldest groups is the Garden Club and it thrives today. Other groups were Book Club 1, a Furniture Exchange, a Baby Sitting Co-op, a Gourmet group and a Beach Walkers group. A popular outing was a holiday shopping and sightseeing trip to San Francisco.

We have this information from an article Hazel Powell wrote in 2009 after interviewing the three surviving original members, Emily Clark, Kay Wagstaff and Evelyn Casolari. They are no longer with us. In this, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year it would be good to learn more about the early days of the club. We would be happy to hear from anyone who can contribute to our history. Perhaps the next newsletter will tell us more.

### **Help Wanted/Board Positions**

Do you enjoy providing leadership and hands-on support for volunteer organizations? Are you organized and capable of taking on projects either big or small? Does working in a small team or committee appeal to you?

The Women's Club Board seeks volunteers for the following Board positions:

President, Chocolate Festival Coordinator  
Fundraising Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator.  
Two-year terms begin July 1, 2016.

Consider offering your expertise toward our shared goals.

Please contact Nominating Committee Chair Andrea Cohen (831-459-2380 or [acohen@ucsc.edu](mailto:acohen@ucsc.edu)) for more information.

## *Interest Groups*

Interest Groups attract many women to join the Women's Club. Joining one or several groups is a great way to make new friends.

See the complete list in the calendar that follows. There are some new groups:

One is the **Finance Club** led by Virginia Rivera and Jane McKenzie. Here is a note from Virginia:

The UCSC Women's Club Financial Interest Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. The date coincides with the UCSC Women's Club General Meeting that starts at 11:30. The location will either be at Jane McKenzie's office, 1010 Fair Avenue, Suite G, Santa Cruz or in a conference room of UCSC's University Relations division located at 2155 Delaware Avenue, Suite 225, Santa Cruz. For more information, please contact Virginia Rivera at (831) 459-5227 or [vrivera@ucsc.edu](mailto:vrivera@ucsc.edu), or Jane McKenzie at (831)234-5730 or [jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com](mailto:jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com)

Have a look at some of the other Interest Groups:

### **Bon Appetit**

In October the group met for wine and appetizers at the home of Beatrice and Scott Barbokov. Here are their guests enjoying a warm evening on their deck, with fine wine and delicious food they prepared.

The group is large and is not taking new members.





## Hiking Group



Laurie Salatich leads a hiking group which meets on the second Thursday morning of the month.

## Adventure Group

The Adventure Group was formed for those adventurous souls who want to venture out and do something different. The adventures vary greatly and range from going to a spa, paddling a kayak, and visiting historical sites and museums. The group was not active for a bit, but it just has been reactivated. The new committee consists of four women who work together to provide and organize adventures: Lori Green, Lorraine Margon, Sharon Cooper and Chris Zemny. The adventures are not always on the same day of the week, to accommodate the different places that they experience. Members are welcome to join in one adventure or experience as many as they like. The group usually carools and has lunch together.

The first adventure of the revitalized group, in October, was led by Chris Zemny to Refuge Spa in Carmel, where the women enjoyed massages, hot and cold pools, saunas and steam rooms in the beautiful and peaceful setting of the spa.

Another adventure included going to Half Moon Bay and the holiday boutique at the Johnston House. Lorraine Margon led that adventure. Here is what she says about it: Fourteen members "adventured" to Half Moon Bay on Saturday, November 14, for the

Johnston House's annual Holiday Boutique. The group toured the historic James Johnston House (aka The White House of Half Moon Bay), which dates back to 1855. This home was decorated in holiday splendor and each room contained homemade ornaments, items made by local artisans, gourmet foods and more. As evidenced in the photo, much shopping was done with many purchases made with holiday gift-giving in mind. Before heading back to Santa Cruz, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch and ocean views at the Miramar Beach Restaurant.



Pictured (left to right): Lorraine Margon, Lesley Youdall, Sandra Starratt, Sharon Cooper, Pam Johansen, Amanda Van Loan, Carolyn Christopherson, Fereshteh Fatemi, Lori Green, Ilene Wilson, Alice Rink, Audrey Strayer, Bonita Sebastian, Ellen Kimmel, and May Clark.

## Garden Club



Jean Gergen, Jeanine Eberhart, Irene Wilson & Robynnn Walters on Oct. 12, 2015 at Cecile Preble's home for a garden club meeting.

## **UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS WINTER 2016**

<http://womensclub.ucsc.edu>

### **ADVENTURE CLUB**

4-6 Outings per year decided by group  
Chris Zemny: rabjudge@sbcglobal.net  
Lorraine Margon: LorraineMargon@gmail.com  
Lori Green: sewsewig@sbcglobal.net  
Sharon Cooper: coop2612@sbcglobal.net

### **BIKING GROUP**

Local Rides: (10 -15 mi) Every Thursday, 9:00 am  
Travel Rides: (13 - 25 mi) Every Monday, 9:00 am  
Chris Zemny: rabjudge@sbcglobal.net

### **BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group**

4 times per year, decided by group  
Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu  
CLOSED to new members

### **BOOK CLUB 1**

1st Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Colleen Page: colleen\_page@msn.com

### **BOOK CLUBS 2 & 3**

are not adding new members so as  
to stay at a reasonable size for discussions

### **BOOK CLUB 4 (Happy Bookers)**

2<sup>ND</sup> 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

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 12:30 pm  
Virginia Law: veelaw29@gmail.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

### **FINANCE CLUB**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
Virginia Rivera: vvriviera@ucsc.edu  
Jane McKenzie: jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com

### **GARDEN CLUB 1**

2<sup>ND</sup> Monday, 11:00 - 1:00 pm  
Cherry Thompson: cherrythompson@gmail.com  
Barbara Vorlop: bvorlop@comcast.net  
Liaison: Trician Comings: triciansc@mindspring.com

### **HIKING CLUB**

2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday, 9:30 am, plus 1 optional hike/month  
Laurie Salatich: Isalatich@gmail.com

### **LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE**

1<sup>ST</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm  
Irma Andrews: irma\_andrews@hotmail.com  
Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

### **LUNCH BUNCH 1**

3<sup>RD</sup> Friday, Noon  
Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com  
CLOSED to new members

### **LUNCH BUNCH 2**

1<sup>ST</sup> Friday, Noon  
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

### **PLAY READING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 1:00 – 3:00/4:00 pm  
May Clark: mwc@kestrel-press.com

### **SEW 'N' SEWS**

Every Tuesday, 6:00 pm  
Jo Barbier: escalonajo@sbcglobal.net

### **TRAVEL CLUB**

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

### **WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 12:30 -1:30 pm  
Fereshteh Fatemi: ferangelika@mac.com

### **INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR**

Kerrie McCaffrey: kerrie@cruzio.com