



THE COMPASS

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The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

March 2009

MARCH DINNER EVENT

The March Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at:

**Ramada Inn
Spokane International Airport
11:30 AM-1:00 PM**

Menu:

- Caesar salad
- Meatloaf
- Sautéed Vegetables
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Rolls w/ Butter
- Coffee/Tea
- Cake

Cost \$14.00 per person

Program: **Bingo**
No Host Wine Bar

Your reservation must be called in to your caller or Pip Witner at 465-4043 or e-mail, **pipw@hotmail.com** by Thursday February 26. Cancellations must be in by Friday, February 27.

**A RESERVATION MADE IS
A RESERVATION PAID!**



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Renée Brune

9620 N. Cedar Road
Spokane, WA 99208
464-8159

renee@brune.ws

Renée, her husband Jurgen, and their 15 year old daughter, Stephanie moved to Spokane in Sept. 2007. Jurgen's job with NIOSH as a mining engineer brought them to beautiful Spokane from Pittsburgh, PA. Their eldest daughter, Lauren, (19) is in her sophomore year at the University of Pittsburgh. They love the outdoors and are happy to be living in this location full of outdoor recreational activities. Hiking, skiing, backpacking, kayaking, cycling, traveling, theatre going, dining, are all interests of theirs. Renee is interested in Bunco, Daytime Books, Garden Group, Couples Gourmet, Theatre Goers, Hiking and Wine Tasting.

Martha Allegri

911 E. Beacon Ave. Apt. E231
Spokane, WA 99208
509-868-0033

Martha moved to Spokane from Falls Church, VA seven months ago to live near her oldest brother. She is a retired security officer. Martha is interested in Daytime Quilting, Scrappin' & Craftin', Theatre Goers and Bunco.

MARCH CALENDAR

- 2/26 Deadline for March lunch reservations
- 2/27 Deadline for March Lunch cancellations
- 3/2 Quilt 'n Stitch 6:00 p.m.
- 3/7 Garden Program 10:00 a.m.
- 3/7 Wine Tasting 5:00 p.m.
- 3/8 Theatre Goers: "No No Nanette" 2:00 p.m.
- 3/9 Scrappin' and Craftin' 10:00 a.m.
- 3/10 Bunco 6:00 p.m.
- 3/12 Books & Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- 3/13 Daytime Quilts 11:30 a.m.
- 3/19 Board Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- 3/19 Night Owls 7:30 p.m.
- 3/24 Ladies' Bridge 10:00 a.m.
- 3/24 Daytime Books 11:30 a.m.



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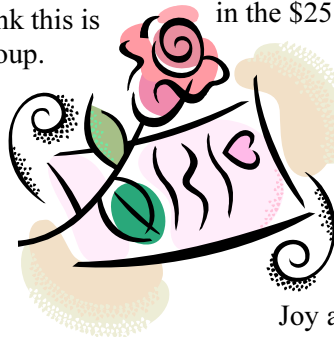
Birgitta is collecting old glasses, which she will then give to the Lion's Club, and they will distribute them to people in need within the United States. She is also collecting used cell phones, which can be given to people to be used only for 911. They can be brought to the luncheons and given to Birgitta. Thank you for your donations.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I have some good news for you, ladies. Thanks to Kathy Piper, we now have our very own web site: www.spokanecompassclub.org

Even though it is not quite complete, be sure to check it out. I have been doing some snooping and have found that many, many of the "newcomer" type clubs have their own sites, so I think this is a good thing for our group. One very important plus is that it is going to save us some money, because starting soon, you will receive your monthly newsletter by going to our web page. Our printing and mailing costs for the newsletter have been eating up way too large of a portion of our budget, and those costs were about to go up again. Truthfully, the Board was considering a dues increase because of this enormous expense. We have tried very, very hard to be sensitive to our budgets, and are pleased that we will not have to increase our dues this year. If you do not have access to a computer, of course, we will continue to mail your newsletter to you, but you will need to notify us. We are



hoping that the mailings will be kept minimal.

I am very proud of the fact that our dues have not increased in a long time - many years, in fact. In checking out other similar organizations, I have found that their dues are higher than ours. I have found no club with lower dues; most are in the \$25 range. Many of their monthly gatherings are costlier than ours, too. Your planners try SO hard to get you the best deals possible.

Last year I worked with Joy to plan our luncheons; this year Leta and Joy are working together. We meet with the banquet managers and try to get you every advantage that we can. We've had parking fees waived, set-ups waived - and the list goes on - because we want as many of you as possible who want to attend our functions to be able to. Sadly, in the last few years, the costs have gone up dramatically.

On a happier note, our interest groups are strong, and a very special part of our club. You are welcome to bring guests to your

groups for two visits without paying dues. Then, of course, we invite those people to join Compass Club and become a regular part of our membership.

Goodness, by the time you receive this, I hope we will be seeing signs of spring. I look forward to seeing you for our very popular March luncheon and Bingo extravaganza at the Ramada Inn near the airport. Good luck to all!!!

Karen Eckel

Board Meetings

Board meetings will be at the Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd. on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Dates for the Board meetings are:

March 19
April 16
May 21

WINE TASTING

The tasting will be on the **FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH** from 5:00 to 6:30.

Thanks to the great efforts of Ebba and Less Ostrom, they will be held at the Sons of Norway Hall at 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd. Maureen and Rick Boutz and Kathy and Bill Catron are co-chairing the group. Each month they will pick a wine theme (e.g. Sonoma County Zinfandels, Walla Walla wines, etc.) and purchase from five to seven

different wines for the tasting. Cheese and crackers will be provided. We will have tasting and rating notes, and the room will be set up just like a tasting at a winery or at Vino! On some of the months we may even do "blind" tastings.

Our next tasting will be on Saturday, March 7. We will taste Italian red and white wines. Come join the group as we

develop our wine palettes and taste some new, exciting wines. The cost is \$10.00 per person/\$20.00 per couple. **RESERVATIONS ONLY.**

RSVP to Kathy Catron at 467-2621 or

kdcatron@comcast.net.



THEATRE GOERS

We are attending "**No, No Nanette**" at the Civic Theatre on **Sunday March 8 at 2:00 PM**. We have already purchased our tickets but if you would like to join us, please let me know ASAP. We probably can't get you seats with our group but we'll do the best we can. Our next Civic Theatre performance will be a play (not a musical) called "Shakespeare in Hollywood". *What happens when Shakespeare's most beloved fairies materialize on the set of the 1934 film "A Midsummer Night's Dream"? Will their mischief-making inspire romance? One thing's for certain; Hollywood will never be the same again.* Performances begin April 3 and go through April 19. We will probably go to one of the Saturday or Sunday matinees but this decision will be made after input from our participants. If you would like to go, please let me know. Margot Hamstra-Havermann
margot_hamstra@comcast.net
325-5085

MOVIE GOERS

A few of us have been going to see feature films at local movie theatres (usually RiverPark Square) and then out for a glass of wine afterwards. It has been really fun. If you would like to join us please let me or Ro Lisk know and we'll add you to our email list.

Margot Hamstra-Havermann
margot_hamstra@comcast.net
Ro Lisk
rojohnwa@hotmail.com

BUNCO

Bunco meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, we start playing at 7:00 p.m. We play at various locations either at someone's home or Perkins on the North side, and Valley bowl in the Spokane Valley.

Everyone's welcome. You don't have to commit every month. Let me know if you'd like to receive the monthly email newsletter telling where and when. It costs \$5.00 to play and we all have fun and good company.
Sandra Krepps



PHILANTHROPY

Our Philanthropy raffle begins with \$1.00 raffle tickets for the following items:

- 1) \$35 gift card to Wild Sage American Bistro on 2nd and Lincoln
- 2) Blue and earth tone silk batik glasses case
- 3) Starfish bowl by potter Amy Whatt
- 4) Book Pillow
- 5) Bud vase with moose theme
- 6) Cookbook holder
- 7) Asian inspired vase
- 8) Ceramic earth toned candlestick
- 9) Knitted, beaded purple and teal scarf
- 10) Wright inspired necklace and earrings
- 11) Watercolor donated by Carol Bettinger
- 12) Mortar and pestle

Items will be available for viewing at the March luncheon and you also can begin to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will be sold up until the June drawing.

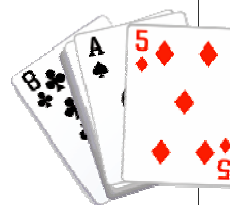
Jennifer Ogden
Philanthropy Chair

LADIES' BRIDGE

Ladies' Bridge meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Quality Inn (formerly Budget Inn), on 4th and Cowley St. Anyone who is a Compass Club member or would like to join Compass Club and wishes to play bridge with other club members, please call Maxine Grecny, 448-6746.

We request that the ladies arrive soon after 10:00 a.m. in order that they may be registered and pay their fee of \$4.00 to pay for the use of the meeting place, for prizes for the winners, and for materials used for playing.

Thanks so much.
~Maxine



DAYTIME BOOKS

We meet at 11:30 a.m. for discussion and lunch. The hostess provides the greens and drinks. Everyone brings something for the salad bar. Please RSVP. If a hostess can only accommodate a certain number, the first to RSVP will attend.

Date: **March 24, 2009**

Book: **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan**

By Lisa See

Hostess: Sheryl Krauser
1320 North River Vista St.
Spokane, WA 99224

Date: **April 28, 2009**

Book: **The Book Thief**

By Markus Zusak

Hostess: Virginia Bott
6807 East Jamison Rd
Spokane, WA 99223

Date: **May 26, 2009**

Book: **A Long Way Gone**

By Ishmael Beah

Hostess: Kathy Catron
17210 North Saddle Hill Rd
Colbert, WA 99005

Date: **June 16, 2009**

(Note new date)

Choose Books for next year

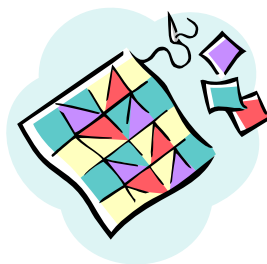
Hostess: Connie Branch
6503 W. Kitsap Dr.
Spokane, WA 99208



DAYTIME QUILTS

The day time quilt group meets the second Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. and all quilters are welcome!! Note: there has been a change in the way this group functions—**instead of having lessons, we have now formed a quilting circle.** That way everyone can work on whatever they want to bring. There will always be people who are willing to help you with some thing or to show you new ways to do things, but there will no longer be lessons each month. **Also, we will now bring our own lunches instead of each contributing an item for the salad bar.**

If you have any questions, please call **Val Gonzalez** at 209-9336. The February meeting will be at Val's house (weather permitting for parking) at 1710 E. Vaneta Ave.



QUILT & STITCH

Quilt and Stitch will meet on Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm at Log Cabin store. The hostess will be Shirley Rodman. Phone 315-5344, e-mail shirleyrodman@comcast.net
If you have any questions, please contact Shirley or Josie Selfridge (448-4493)

HAPPY FEET HIKERS

Attention: Yes, old man winter is almost gone and it looks like we can now start planning our morning outings. This winter was a rough one! With 6 feet or more of heaped snow on my lawn this winter, I am more than ready to stretch my legs and get some hiking on my "to-do" list in March. Because of the unpredictable weather, I will send out notices of when and where our hikes will take place via the Internet. If you have not yet signed up for my e-mail list, please let me know as soon as you can. If you don't have e-mail, please telephone me: (509) 927-8495.

So, let's polish our hiking boots and get out those walking sticks! See you soon!
Your faithful leader,
Tudi Pitman



SCRAPPIN' & CRAFTIN'

We will meet the second Monday of every month at Sons of Norway on Country Homes Blvd. from 10:00 to 1:00 pm. We will make a card using different techniques each month. All supplies are provided but there is a \$2.00 table fee for Sons of Norway, please RSVP to Deb Mallion @ 993-2975 so we have enough supplies for everyone. We also have a group of scrapbooking ladies that work on their projects while the others make cards. Come join us for a fun morning of crafting.

WINTER FUN

There are still a few weeks of winter left so we will continue to try and do a few winter activities. We've gone snow shoeing a couple of times; ice-skating once and we're continuing to work on a downhill skiing day. All events are coordinated through email so if you would like to be included be sure to give me your email address so you can get the notices.

Margot Hamstra-Havermann
Margot_Hamstra@comcast.net



SUNSHINE CLUB

Please call me if you have anyone that needs a little "Sunshine" and I will send them a card from all of us.

A sympathy card was sent out this month to **Dennis and Kathleen Morford** for her mother's passing.
Teresa - 464-3234



HELPING HANDS

If anyone in Compass Club has a question that they'd like answered, send it to the newsletter at mackenzien@comcast.net with your name and phone number. Your question will appear in the following month's newsletter. If anyone in Compass can answer it, they will call you (or, if appropriate, we will publish the answer here).

Some examples are things like "Where is a great hotel to stay at in Cannon Beach", or "I need a good furniture refinisher", or something simple like "how do I make a corner on a quilt".

Q: I am trying to find a source for red or green One inch wide elastic. If anyone knows where I could get some, please e-mail me at pipw@hotmail.com.
Thanks – **Pip Witner**

Q: I'm looking for an artist to create my new book cover. It'll be called "Wisewoman In Training." (Autobiography) Please call me if you are interested. Thanks – **Sidney Blomquist** – 466-9249.

NIGHTOWLS

Mar: Three Cups of Tea
by Dave Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
hostess: Emily Hargis

Apr: In an Instant
by Lee Woodruff
hostess: Myrna Brandmueller

May: Franklin & Lucy
by Joseph Persico
hostess: Linda Milsow

June: End of the year planning dinner
hostess: Jo Anne Perry



BOOKS & COFFEE

Books & Coffee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10AM, February - November. We take December and January off. RSVPs are encouraged so the hostess can provide the number of chairs and coffee cups needed. All Compass members are invited and will be welcomed warmly.

March 12: *Run* by Ann Patchett. Hostess Val Gonzalez, 209-9336

April 9: *Emma's War* by Deborah Scroggins. Hostess Tudy Pitman, 927-8495

May 14: *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. Hostess Nan Colburn, 893-0086

June 11: *Tall Grass* by Sandra Dallas. Hostess Eleanor Weston, 238-3271

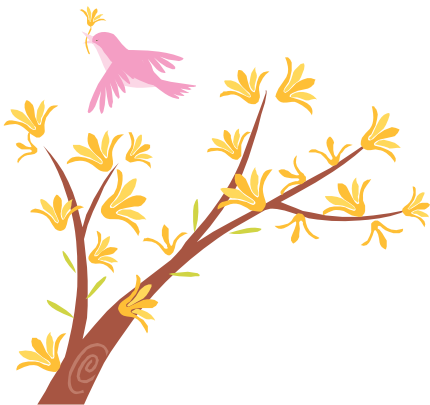




COUPLES GOURMET

Everyone is welcome to attend the party, regardless of joining the dinner group. If you can't attend the party, but wish to join next session, please RSVP to get on the list.

Couples Gourmet does not require you to be a gourmet cook--just a love of food and socializing with other couples! We meet in groups of four couples. Each couple takes a turn to hostess and plan a menu, with the other three couples contributing part of the meal. Questions? Feel free to call!



COMPASS GARDENERS

We can all hope that Spring will come eventually, and with the Spring we will be thinking about and working in our gardens!! So from March until October I will be setting up some interesting activities that should give us the skills and fun that we all enjoy.

First, please email me if you are interested in being on the gardening email list so that when there is an activity or a change in the activity I can contact you. If you do not have email, please send the phone number where we can contact you, although that is much harder for me with my busy schedule. I will certainly do so! My email is: pamelabrown@windermere.com



After doing the interest survey last year, and in light of my work responsibilities, I will alternate dates with Saturday mornings and Friday mornings or afternoons, depending on the availability of the place and person. Hopefully this will allow a variety of members to participate.

The March program will be “Annuals- Selecting and/or Propagating” on Saturday, March 7 at 10:00. It will be held on the north side – either at the library or at a local nursery. I will let you know when you RSVP. We will have an industry spokesman help us with tips for success. Email Pamela at pamelabrown@windermere.com or call 714-3955. Future programs will include water features, organic gardening, birds and bees, and field trips. Call with more suggestions.

For your interest, I will be presenting a “Landscape Design for the Spokane Region” workshop, along with Sheryl Johnson, on Saturday April 11 at the downtown library, from 10 to 1. It is a benefit for AAUW and we would love to have Compass members join. It will cover common design problems seen in Spokane, a region specific plant list, and a Spokane landscape maintenance calendar. The fee of \$25 goes toward the AAUW and materials fee of \$10 to Sheryl and me to cover our printing costs. If interested call me at 714-3955.

An interesting resource I found is: www.schoolgardenco.com which is a small company that produces herbal body products for gardeners, with the proceeds going to school garden programs, a project near to my heart.





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"The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts."

Bertrand Russell

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Compass Club Monthly Planner

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