

The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter

THE COMPASS ROSE

DECEMBER 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/26 Deadline for luncheon reservations
- 11/28 Deadline for cancellation of luncheon reservation
- 12/2 Luncheon 11:00
- 12/6 Wine Tasting 5:00
- 12/10 Books & Coffee
- 12/14 BYOB 4:00
- 12/16 Daytime Books 11:30
- 12/18 Night Owls
- 12/21 Quilt & Stitch 1:00
- 1/6 January Luncheon

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING LUNCHEON VENUES

January:
Twigs Bistro

February:
Barrister Winery

March:
Bingo at Ramada Inn

April:
Glover Mansion

May:
Convention Center Style Show

June:
Cedars Floating Restaurant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your generosity, ladies, and the team work of the volunteers, which together made the auction such a huge success and the club financially secure, has left me (almost) speechless and overwhelmed. It is so inspirational and makes me a very proud member of the Compass Club. Our vice presidents are busy preparing another wonderful event for our Christmas luncheon. Susie Schneider has engaged the *Déjà Vu* barbershop quartet ... certainly something different and sure to make this another fun and



memorable event. Thank you also to the members who invite guests to the luncheons and group activities, as it is the agenda of the Compass Club to reach out to women and show them alternate sources

of friendship and entertainment. Whether or not you attend the luncheons you are an important link in the Compass chain of talented and impressive women.

Congratulations to you all.

Jan Wilson

"An army of sheep led by a lion is better than an army of lions led by a sheep."

Attributed to Alexander the Great, as quoted in *The British Battle Fleet: Its Inception and Growth Throughout the Centuries to the Present Day* (1915) by Frederick Thomas Jane,

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

On December 2nd, we will return to the Manito Country Club located at 5302 S. Hatch Road for a lovely lunch and entertainment provided by the barbershop quartet, *Déjà Vu*.

Jim Peters (tenor), Joe Lykins (lead), Bob Thackston (baritone) and Jon Kolp (bass) have over 100 years of combined barbershop quartet experience. *Déjà Vu* is the 2012 Evergreen District Division V Senior Quartet Champions.

Déjà Vu members also sing with both the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society, and perform at events all over the Inland Northwest. Jim, Joe, Bob, & Jon come from diverse backgrounds: a firefighter, an owner of an auto body shop, a computer programmer and a graphic designer, all sharing the love of barbershop harmony.

Check in: 11:00

Cost: \$20

Menu:

Chicken Crepes
Petite Signature Salad
Club-Made Rolls
Peppermint Ice Cream & Xmas Cookie
Coffee & Tea

For those who will be ordering wine, please note that *Manito CC will accept only CASH or CHECK.*

Note: Members wanting a vegetarian option please contact Ro at 747-6524.

The deadline for reservations for the December luncheon: **WEDNESDAY, November 26th.** Call Sheryl at 455.7789 or email: compassres@gmail.com

“Change is the law of life.
And those who look only to
the past or present are certain
to miss the future.”
-John F. Kennedy



BYOB

Come join the fun at this casual social gathering

open to all members of the Compass Club, their friends and family. It's usually on a Sunday and begins at 4:00 p.m. 'til 6-ish. Please bring your beverage of choice, and an appetizer to share with everyone.

Our next BYOB gathering is scheduled for **Sunday, December 14th** at Dona Farsdahl's home. If you are planning to come, calling or emailing Dona is **ESSENTIAL**. Check your directory for contact info.

Going forward, if the hostess has not received at least 5 RSVP's, **the event will be cancelled**. Club members have kindly and generously agreed to open their homes for these events...and simple courtesy demands that we let the hosts know in advance if we plan to attend.

Beyond December, we have no one scheduled to host BYOB, so if you would like to be a "Hostess with the Mostess", please let me know and we'll work on a date convenient for you.

Vicki Deschaine & Jan Wilson
BYOB Chairs

NIGHT OWLS

“A room without books is like a body without a soul.”
-Marcus Tullius Cicero

- December 18 *Every Dress a Decision* by Elizabeth Austen
Hosted by: JoAnn Perry
- January 15 *House Girl: A Novel (P.S.)* by Tara Conklin
Hosted by: Linda Milsow
- February 19 *Falling Angels* by Tracy Chevalier
Hosted by: Joanne Moyer
- March 19 *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen
Hosted by: Jan Lohan
- April 16 *Walking Across Egypt* by Clive Edgerton
Hosted by: Nancy Young
- May 21 *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffmann
Hosted by: Christine Miller
- June 18 Book Selection for Next Year
Hosted by: Ann Lively



TICKETS TO GAMES AFTERNOON

In conjunction with the auction, I am selling tickets to a Games Afternoon.

Tickets: \$20.00 each
Date: NOVEMBER 18th
Time: 1:00 - 4.00 p.m

Place: Sundance Meadows Clubhouse (55+ community) on Highway 291 just past the Sundance Golf Club.

Event: Bunco, Bingo, Trivia and surprises intermingled with refreshments and prizes.

To arrange for purchase of tickets, please email me at:
cjwilson1940@comcast.net.
Non-Compass friends are very welcome.

Jan Wilson

SENDING SUNSHINE



A Symphy card was sent to Mimi Anderson, and to Becky Dahlager. A Welcome Grandbaby card was sent to Mimi Anderson.

...AND

Holiday Greetings from the writer's cramp contingent . . .
That would be me, Shari Russell, corresponding secretary. Just a quick reminder for you to email or call me with any Club member's name and situation if you feel 'sunshine' needs to be sent. We have a large group, so I appreciate it when members pass along this important information.
Thanks so much for your assistance! Jingle, Jingle!



DAYTIME BOOKS

We meet at 11:30 a.m. for discussion and lunch. The hostess provides the greens, bread/rolls, and drinks. Everyone brings something for the salad bar.

Becky Dahlager, Chair

- December 16 Christmas Luncheon
Hostess: Birgitta Landreth
- January 27 *Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
- February 24 *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger
- March 24 *One Amazing Thing* by Chitra Bannerjee Divakaruni
- April 28 *Invention of Wing* by Sue Monk Kidd
- May 26 *Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker
- June 23 Choose new books



"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."

-Albus Dumbledore:

Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone



TWO BIT TOUR

On Wednesday, **November 19th** we had planned to stop on our way to Coeur D'Alene at the Nut Factory. However, the Factory retail store has closed since my last article.

Fancy that! So we will still travel to Coeur D'Alene for boutique shopping, Christmas gifts and lunch and whatever else strikes our interest. We will carpool so let me know by Monday, the 17th if you want to join in this fun "girls day" out.

The winter months approach so our outings will be much more indoor related - such as going to a movie matinee or a tour of the Spokane Franz bakery outlet. Watch your emails for details of any spur of the moment ideas.

For next year I'm planning a spring luncheon for 20 at The Clark House on Hayden Lake, a tour of the Hanford nuclear facility, and a 4 day fall wine tasting tour in British Columbia.

Watch your newsletter for details of these upcoming adventures. And, if you have an idea for a 2BTour, let me know and I'll work on it!

Vicki Deschaine
2BTour

PHILANTHROPY

At November's luncheon/auction, we suspended our philanthropy efforts in order to concentrate on the day's event. So far we have a whopping \$94 collected for our charity, SCRAPs. We raised a sizable sum for the clubs' operating expenses last month, so now let's try to do something similar for our furry friends who haven't a voice to tell us they're hungry, cold, lonely and abused. Thank you!

Vicki Deschaine
Philanthropy Chair

PAIN FREE WAY TO HELP THE ANIMALS

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon.com with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. One of the many choices is SCRAPs. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.





BOOKS & COFFEE

Books & Coffee meets on the second Thursday of the month. Members take turns hosting. We serve a light refreshment. Meeting begins at 10 a.m. We welcome newcomers!

December 10: Celebrate the holidays (still to be determined)

January: No meeting

February 12: *White Queen* by Phillipa Gregory
Hosted by Val Gonzalez

March 12: *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner
Hosted by Ann Armstrong

April 9: *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
Hosted by Becky Dahlager

Tudi Pitman, Leader

TRASH TO TREASURE

"The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources."

-Albert Einstein



Trash to Treasure will meet at 10:30 a.m. **November 14th** at the Monkey Business restaurant

located at 1913 W Maxwell for coffee, discussion and planning for a workshop in the new year. We shall then go back to Monroe Street to window shop and explore the shops of interest.

Please email me at cjwilson1940@comcast.net if you are able to attend. You do not have to be an official member of Trash to Treasure to come to our outings. With the word "trash" in your name one tends to be a little less formal.

Jan Wilson

CALLING ALL CAMPERS !

Those of you who enjoy camping, take note! A new Interest Group is forming for Compass members (and families) with an interest in camping, be it in tent, RV, or under the stars.

We will be setting up an initial meeting after the holidays to discuss interests, destinations, equipment, durations, etc.

Please contact me at Marti.Lee@yahoo.com if you would like to be on our Camping Group email list.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Marti Lee
p.s. I would love to have a co-chair for this group.

WINE TASTING



The third session of the 8th wine tasting season will be held on **Saturday, December 6th** at the home of April and Jim Laschinger. Details will be provided to the WTG members.

This location change is due to the continued renovations at The Fairwinds. Hopefully that work will be finished by year end. Stay tuned for any progress reports that are received.

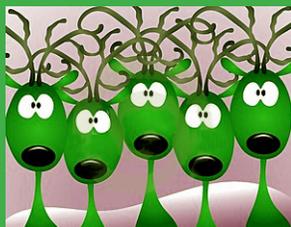
Members of this interest group will be receiving periodic emails concerning the idea of a third Pot Luck "food festival", assuming that can be arranged.

We are seeking new members, and are hoping that this announcement will spark your interest.

Please contact any of the four of us at either of the email addresses below.

Unless there are changes necessary due to weather or other factors, this tasting event will start promptly at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. The fee for tasters will be \$10 per person, and guests are always welcome. We hope to see you there.

Cheers !!!
Karen & Kit Eckel ---
kit.eckel@comcast.net
Sue & Dan Harris ---
harris1003@comcast.net



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Linda Jones:

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Spokane, WA 99206
927-4302 Cell 435-1043
gdfanclub@comcast.net

Linda has lived in Spokane 28 years. Prior to that time, she lived in Seattle and in Bellingham. She is retired now from a job in sales.

Linda is an avid sports fan of (especially) the Miami Heat and of fantasy football. She loves working in her flower and veggie gardens. She and Rick, her husband of 36 years, have one grown son, and are waiting patiently for grandchildren. Linda loves sewing and has recently developed a love of quilting.



THEATER GOERS

Theater goers will be attending the Civic's production of *The Servant of Two Masters* at 2:00 p.m. on

Sunday, **January 25th, 2015.**

The cost is \$28 for Adults and \$26 for Seniors (65 and over). Afterwards we will dine at the Steam Plant Grill. If interested, contact Mary Scarpelli @ 443-4865.

QUILT & STITCH



Quilt and Stitch will meet at the home of Sue Harris at 1:00 p.m. on **December 21st.**

"TREASURES FROM HEART & HOME" AUCTION RESULTS

Wow - \$6,262 and still counting! We set a new record with this year's auction - most successful fundraiser and highest attendance in recent years. We want to thank all of you who donated so generously. Thank you to our members who will be hosting events, those who crafted wonderful handmade goods, those who baked delectable treats, and others who gave us their "treasures." In addition, members donated their time to help us put the auction together. We had many volunteers to help us set up as well as those who assisted us on auction day. We truly could not have done this without you. Thanks most of all for those of you who shopped with us that day. You opened your hearts and your wallets. And for that, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Ways & Means
Rita Van Cleve & Dona Farsdahl

CHRISTMAS TREE ELEGANCE



CTE kicks off at the Davenport Hotel on **December 2nd** at 5:30 p.m. with the opening ceremony and viewing of 12 custom-decorated trees which will be raffled at drawings on December 13th. The trees, including 6 additional trees which will be displayed at River Park Square and raffled at drawings on December 14th, feature gift certificates, items, & cash totaling approximately \$5,000 per tree. The chance to win one of these fabulous trees and all its themed gifts has been a Spokane holiday tradition for over 30 years.

This extravaganza is created and sponsored by Spokane Symphony Associates, a 300-member volunteer organization that raised over \$200,000 in support of the Spokane Symphony last year.



Part of this annual event is the Holiday Luncheon & Fashion Show at 11:00 a.m., followed by the 3:00 p.m. Holiday Tea & Fashion Show, both held at the Davenport Hotel on December 9th. Reservations can be made by calling: 509.458.8733. Check out CTE on Facebook for details.

The **Symphony Associates need volunteers to help sell tickets at the Davenport. If you are interested in helping at this fun event, please call Nancy Mackenzie at 979.0540. To help sell tickets at River Park Square, call Jeanette Brenner at 990.6418. Ticket sales run from December 2nd through December 13th. The shifts are 10-12:30, 12:30-3, 3-6, and 6-9 p.m.**

And...a **HUGE** thank you to all of you who have helped in past years!



MINUTES OF NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

November 4th, 2014
Airport Ramada Inn

President, Jan Wilson, opened the very brief meeting by welcoming over ninety attendees to this fabulous auction luncheon. Eleven guests were introduced. Jan thanked Rita V. and Dona F. for their organizational skills and "vision". She also thanked the many club volunteers who invested time and effort. Jan extended a huge thank you to all Compass members and friends who contributed the wonderful items, hosted events and baskets for the auction. Thanks also went to the Vice Presidents, who made the arrangements for the warm and cheery venue, the food and the wine...

Hildy's gorgeous Chrysanthemum centerpieces were awarded by drawing. Philanthropy raffle and 50/50 will resume at the December luncheon. The meeting was adjourned, and the group continued the bidding on hundreds of lovely items and hosted events, and enjoyed a lasagna lunch nicely prepared by the Ramada Inn.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Catron
Recording Secretary



"Friends don't let friends do stupid things... Alone."
-Anonymous

VERY, VERY IMPORTANT NOTE !

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the **Reservation Deadline** for the December luncheon will be **Wednesday, November 26th.**

ON A DARK WINTER NIGHT..... CONTEMPLATE THIS

Did you know that adjectives in our language follow a certain pattern: opinion-size-age-shape-color-origin-material-purpose. In his WSJ article, Henry Hitchings, (author of *Defining the World: the Extraordinary Story of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary*), uses the example: A lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife. Try mixing up that order and the resulting sentence sounds bizarre. Mr. Hitchings takes this example from a book, *The Elements of Eloquence* by author Mark Forsyth, who aims to animate, perhaps elevate, our speech and writing by discussing alliteration, hyperbole, paradox, and such.



“Nothing else can quite substitute for a few well-chosen, well-timed, sincere words of praise. They’re absolutely free... and worth a fortune.”
-Sam Walton, WalMart Founder

BOARD MEMBERS & INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS 2014-15

- President:..... Jan Wilson
- Vice Presidents: Locations/Programs: Ro Lisk & Mimi Anderson & Susie Schneider
- Past President/Advisor:..... Vicki Deschaine
- Recording Secretary: Kathy Catron
- Corresponding Secretary:..... Shari Russell
- Treasurer:..... Pat Partovi
- Membership & Bulk Mailing:..... Sue Harris
- Decorations:..... Hildy Cox
- Newsletter:..... Morgan Smith
- Philanthropy: Vicki Deschaine
- Publicity:..... Suzanne Lopes
- Phone Committee:..... Sheryl Krauser
- Ways & Means:..... Rita VanCleve & Dona Farsdahl
- Webmaster:..... Kathy Piper
- Interest Group Coordinator.....April Laschinger

Interest Group Chairpersons

- BYOB: Vicki Deschaine & Jan Wilson
- Books & Coffee:..... Tudi Pitman
- Camping: Marti Lee
- Compass Dinner:..... Pat Partovi
- Daytime Books:..... Becky Dahlager
- Happy Feet Hikers:..... Dona Farsdahl & Linda Milsow
- KnitWits N More:..... Jan Wilson
- Night Owls:..... Ann Lively
- Quilt & Stitch:..... Sue Harris
- Theater Goers:..... Mary Scarpelli
- Trash To Treasure..... Jan Wilson
- Two Bit Tours..... Vicki Deschaine
- Wine Tasting: Karen Eckel & Sue Harris

For contact information, please refer to your printed directory.

AMAZON.COM'S 2014 BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR NUMBERS 1-15

- Everything I Never Told You:* Celeste Ng
- All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel:* Anthony Doerr
- In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette:* Hampton Sides
- Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League:* Jeff Hobbs
- Redeployment:* Phil Klay
- Revival: A Novel:* Stephen King
- Savage Harvest: A Tale of Cannibals, Colonialism, and Michael Rockefeller's Tragic Quests for Primitive Art:* Carl Hoffman
- Book of Unknown Americans:* Cristina Henriquez
- Big Little Lies:* Liane Moriarty
- Station Eleven: A novel:* Emily St. John Mandel
- Updike:* Adam Begley
- Paying Guests:* Sarah Waters
- Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End:* Atul Gawande
- Bone Clocks: A Novel:* David Mitchel
- Laughing Monsters: A Novel:* Denis Johnson

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1st Pamela Brown
- 2nd Sandy Linebarger
- 4th Judy Lerner
- 5th Mari Ann Leffler
- 10th Barbara Boniface
- 11th Sharon Colley
- 19th Karen Snyder Scott
- 21st Christine Welch
- 22nd Karen Hedrick
- 24th Barbara Birch
- 27th Christine Miller
- 29th Sonia Bertsch
- 31st Marie Hackney
Sylvia Bumgarner
Barb Richardson-Crandall

SPARKLING JEWELRY..... A REALLY GOOD REASON TO CHECK FACEBOOK

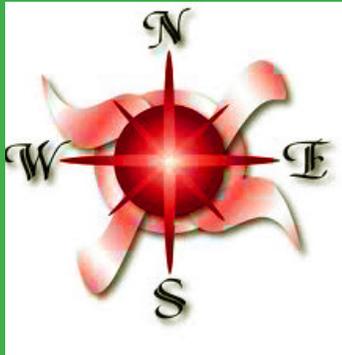


If you want your jewelry to sparkle for the Holidays, see our CC Facebook page for a gentle & effective make-it-yourself jewelry cleaner recipe from a Beverly Hills jeweler long, long, long ago.....

You will need a Facebook account in order to access anything on Facebook. Remember: in setting up an account, you need not divulge any personal or identifying information. It is simple to set up an additional email account on Yahoo.com, gmail.com, etc. that you could use only for Facebook access.

If you have questions, or would like help registering, please contact one of the board members.

THE COMPASS CLUB



SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

www.SpokaneCompassClub.org

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FACEBOOK !

DECEMBER 2014 MONTHLY PLANNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
***Luncheon Reservation Deadline November 26 ***	1	2 Luncheon check in 11:00	3	4	4	6 Wine Tasting 5:00
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