



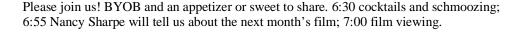
#### **MOVIE NIGHT a SMASH SUCCESS!!**

by Gail Sergenian

The first VSR Movie Night was a success! About a dozen of us met at the clubhouse on March 20th for socializing and film viewing. Our film for the night was *THE LAST PICTURE SHOW*. Released in 1971, it takes place during the 50's and stars Jeff Bridges, Cybill Shepherd, Cloris Leachman, Ellyn Burstyn and others. After cocktails, Edythe Salzman told us to look at the beginning and ending scenes to see how they related to each other. It turns out that they portrayed the same bleak background of the small town in Texas in which most of the action takes place, setting the scene in the beginning and reviewing where it had been at the end.

One of the comments heard afterwards was how the director, Peter Bogdanovich captured that period just right: the emotions and behavior of high school seniors, life in small towns in Texas at that time, etc. It was great fun to see it with others who could identify with that period and was a perfect choice for our first film.

Save the date for our next Movie Night on Tuesday April 17th. We will be viewing *OH BROTHER WHERE ART THOU?*, a Coen brothers film starring George Clooney, John Turturro, and Tim Blake Nelson, with John Goodman, Holly Hunter, and Charles Durning in supporting roles. Set in rural Mississippi during the Great Depression, it is a satire loosely based on Homer's The Odyssey. The music is delightful folk music from the period and area, including lot of bluegrass.





## While We Were Cold in Westford, Some Were Basking in the Sun



Left to right: Paul & Jayne, Buzz & Nancy, on their 10 days in Aruba

They stayed at the Costa Linda Beach Resort. The weather was beautiful with temps in the mid 80's, although they did have one day with a 30 second rain shower.

They spent 10 days relaxing by the pool & on Eagle Beach. They were "forced" to indulge in several local rum and tropical drinks. Some were frozen which reminded us of home. The Aruban food was delicious and they tried every seafood dish on the menu. Their two favorite restaurants were Papiamentos & Barefoot on the Beach.



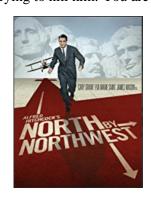


## NORTH BY NORTHWEST

Edythe Salzman and I are taking a Groton Continuing Education class focusing on great directors and their impact on cinema. In association with the course, we just viewed this 1959 film again, "North by Northwest". Wow! It was a digitized version and it was sharp and beautiful. I had forgotten how good a film it is. That iconic scene at a remote point on the highway where Cary Grant is standing alone waiting to meet with someone who has been trying to kill him. You are

thinking he will get attacked by someone in a car. After a few cars drive by (including a black limousine—Hitchcock's sense of humor), one car stops and a man gets out and ok, you think that's it. However, it turns out that the man is just there to catch a bus. But just before he boards, he says something about how strange it is that the plane overhead is dusting where there are no crops. Uh oh...

In an interview, Hitchcock talked about how suspense was more important to him than mystery. Reflection upon his films reveals that the above scene in NORTH BY NORTH-WEST is but one example of that. He uses music and different camera techniques to achieve that chilling sense of something bad about to happen. Think of Martin Balsam walking up the stairs in PSYCHO.



This film stars Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, Martin Landau, Leo G. Carroll and others. Mount Rushmore. Hitchcock directing. Awesome!



## Work-Play Day & Kentucky Derby

Bob Morton and Dick Martel will be coordinating this year's Work & Play Day May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Contact Bob and Dick at [emails removed] or sign up in the mailroom. Buzz McArdle will be coordinating the Kentucky Derby Play portion of the day. Contact Buzz at [email removed] Festivities are free for all participants, or \$10 for non-workers. We're sure everyone will have a great time! May 5<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching and as always, the more of us there, the more fun we'll have! -The Property Committee



#### **Smoke Detector Recall**

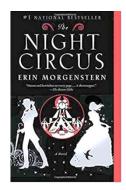
KIDDE Corp. has just announced a recall of 500,000 dual sensor smoke detectors. The models are PI2010 or PI9010. The manufacturing dates are between 10SEP16 and 13OCT17. More information at <a href="https://www.kidde.com">www.kidde.com</a>. Click on Product Alerts and look for the 3/21/2018 item.





## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

by Dianne Marston



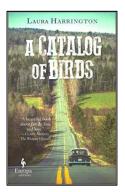
The Book Club's next meeting will be on April 19, when we will discuss the book, *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

"The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*, But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose by their mercurial instructors. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing. Despite the high stakes, Celia and Marco soon tumble headfirst into love, setting off a domino effect of dangerous consequences, and leaving the lives of everyone, from the performers to the patrons, hanging in the balance."

"The Night Circus is the real deal, the kind of novel that will appeal to romantics, history buffs, circus aficionados, mystery fans, and lovers of a good story. . . . Steeped in circus lore, filled with evocative scenes of magic and illusion, enriched by characters as varied as the clockmaker who crafted the circus's iconic timepiece . . . The Night Circus is worth staying up for." —Bookreporter

We plan to meet again on May 31. We are very excited to have Laura Harrington, author of *A Catalog of Birds*, as our guest. Many Book Clubbers remember when Laura came to meet with us when we discussed her first novel, *Alice Bliss*. We were thrilled with her presentation and are eager to welcome her back.

"Catalog of Birds is the story of a family and a community confronted with a loss of innocence and wounds that may never heal. The legacy of war and its destruction of nature is seared onto the memories of a small American town. Laura Harrington has written a tale of forgiveness, of ourselves, and those we love. Illuminated by heartbreak and promise, the novel is alive with spirit and wonder and hope for the future." [from the book cover]



As always, all Villagers are welcome to join us. We enjoy refreshments and socializing at 1:00 and begin our discussion at 1:30.



### **VSR Irrigation System**

The Village irrigation system will be turned on soon. We have established procedures to deal with the damage and failures that occur within a system of this size and complexity. Residents should report all problems with the irrigation system to Lorie Paquette at Evergreen Harvard Group (EHG) The preferred method of reporting problems is by email [email removed]. You can also report by telephone to (800) 973-4300 or (603) 622-7000. If you call after normal working hours please do not request that the answering service page a repairman unless there is an emergency such as a broken system pipe that is gushing or a major leak.

EHG will refer all problems to the Irrigation Committee who will evaluate the situation, correct it if they can, refer it to Morin's Landscaping for repair, or place it on a repair backlog list for future correction as funds become available. Items given to Morin's for repair will normally be corrected during Morin's weekly maintenance visit. EHG will provide feedback to the resident as to the corrective action taken. — VSR Irrigation Committee





# Social Events

Apr 14 6:15pm Celine Dion & Cher (A Skip Giles Production) Cocktails 6:15, Show@7pm

Apr 19 1:00 pm Book Club discusses *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern May 5 9:30 am Work-Play Day / Kentucky Derby (Rain date: May 12) Karaoke No Charge BYOB Cocktails 6:15, Karaoke 7:00

May 28 Memorial Day BBQ
July 4 Ice Cream Social
Oct 20 Progressive Dinner

Dec 8 Holiday Party at Parish Hall

Dec 11 Holiday Caroling

2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 7:00 pm Social Committee Meetings – Please join us!

Mondays 8:30 am Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room Everyone Welcome

Tuesdays 9:00 am Yoga in the fitness room Everyone Welcome

Tuesdays 6:00 pm New Exercise Class!

Wednesday 8:00 am Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room Everyone Welcome

Thursdays 9:00 am Yoga in the fitness room Everyone Welcome

There is a small fee for these classes. For information email Barbara West.



Welcome to our New Neighbors!

Daryl Shackleton

Louise Provan

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