

Yellow denotes active participation  
 and regular attendance required

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<u>Activity</u>	<u>Day/Time/ Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Chair</u>
DAYTIME			
Art Palette	Art outings will be flexible/scheduled according to activity and museum/gallery hours.	Join us while we consider "all things art" in a variety of places in the greater Seattle area. We may see art in a museum exhibition, visit a tiny gallery, attend a quilt gallery or show, go on art walks, look for murals, go to a play and maybe try some art making. The various outings will be offered either daytime, evenings or weekends throughout the year.	Grace Hamada
Afternoon Books	Monthly, every third Monday at 12:45PM	Group selects a range of books to read and discuss. This is not a drop-in group. Members commit to attending most meetings and leading during the year. Limit 20. Location TBA.	Jackie Wells and Luch Vedrich
Field Trip Trekkers	Monthly	Monthly field trips to interesting businesses, museums and locations/activities in the Greater Seattle area. Become a tourist in your own city! Suggestions for good trips or tours welcome	Kim York
Games, Games, Games	3rd Thursday from 1-3 pm	Enjoy playing old favorites and learning some new games all while making some new friends who love to play too. All levels welcome, we usually meet at Nancy's home unless otherwise notified	Nancy LaVallee
Garden Tours, Speakers and . . .	Varies	This club is for those who just love viewing beautiful gardens or who are active gardeners. We will provide information on a variety of gardening topics and visit gorgeous gardens in our community. Dates and times TBD. "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"- Audrey Hepburn	Dana Rodman, Sue Reichert

Genealogy	Varies	Do you have an interest in your family tree and its history? Looking for ways to capture and record it for your children and future generations? Experienced and novice digital genealogists desired! This group will discuss online platform options, how best to set up family trees and DNA data. Let's gather to discuss sources, interesting family insights and share resources to scan and upload photos and documents at add to your digital family tree. Identify resources to leverage, like the Seattle Genealogical Society.	Martha Weiss
Hello France	2nd Thursday of the month in member's homes, 1-3pm, may vary depending on activiy	Welcome to Hello France, this club will be a potpourri of all things France. We will try out French food, go on field trips to experience French art, explore French culture, travel and so much more. Join us once a month for some informative get togethers. Everyone is welcome.	Nancy LaVallee and Jane Brahm
Interior Design	Monthly, First Wednesday, at 1:30, starting September 4th, at the Mercer Island Library small meeting room, members' homes and Field Trips	This group meets once a month to discuss kitchen, bath and other small interior design projects, work on designing a space in your own home, specific member home issues or show and tell, and occasional interior design related field trips. Each meeting is open to suggestions from the participating members.	Helen Torris
Literary Awards Book Group	3rd Tuesday of the month 3:30-5:00 in members' homes (This group is full)	Book choices will be literary fiction from various award winning lists-- National Book Awards, the Booker Prize, Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, and many more!	Roberta Lewandowski. Saralee Kane
Mah Jongg	Mondays 10-12 and 1-3 at the Community Center at Mercer View, Also continue to play online on various days depending on player availability	Meet with others to play Mah Jongg, the traditional tile game. We play according to the National Mah Jongg League rules--also called "American." This group is for experienced as well as new players. Lessons begin late September or early October, and then again in April, depending on demand. Please contact chair so that she can send you more detailed info about the meeting time and place..	Michelle Goldberg
Mexican Train Dominoes	4th Tues 10-12 Rotates homes	Join us for fun and friendship for this easy to learn game. All levels welcome.	Carolyn Holm

Morning Books 1st Friday	1st Fri 9:30-12:00 Rotates homes	Our group focuses primarily on recent fiction. Members sign up for either the 1st OR 3rd Friday of the month. Social time starts at 9:30am, meeting begins at 10:00am. Books are selected together by both groups and both groups read the same book during the same month. Members are expected to attend most of the meetings, and everyone takes turns at hosting a meeting or leading a discussion at least once during the year. We meet in person, with a Zoom link offered on occasion if needed.	Sandi Lindstrom
Morning Books 3st Friday	3rd Fri 9:30-12:00 Rotates homes	Our group focuses primarily on recent fiction. Members sign up for either the 1st <u>OR</u> 3rd Friday of the month. Social time starts at 9:30am, meeting begins at 10:00am. Books are selected together by both groups and both groups read the same book during the same month. Members are expected to attend most of the meetings, and everyone takes turns at hosting a meeting or leading a discussion at least once during the year. We meet in person, with a Zoom link offered on occasion if needed.	Pat Scott
Needle Arts	Monday 10:00-12:00. Meets all year at Aljoja's	The Needle Arts group meets every Monday, including most holidays, to work on a variety of needle projects including: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, crewel, needlepoint, cross stitch, Hardanger, etc.	Denise Forsyth
New Members	1st Friday of the month, at 10AM, starting in August at Mercer Island Community Center	The morning coffees are once a month for prospective members, new members or members who still feel they are new! Come meet new friends and learn about Mercer Island.	Kate Collen and Branka Ignjatich
Non-Fiction Book Group	Meets on the 2nd Friday, social time begins at 9:30 and discussion at 10:00.	Explore and discuss a wide range of non-fiction titles to introduce new ideas and spark discussion. Group meets in members' homes and rotates hosting and leading the book discussions.	Rachel Baumgarten, Bonnie Godfred,
Pondering Podcasts	Monthly hour long zoom meeting	This group will learn about the podcast industry, share podcast experiences on various topics, and explore this medium as a learning tool. We hope to gain new perspectives, inspiration, and lively discussion each month. Join us!	Sue Reichert
Real Reads	Monthly, 2nd Thursdays at 10 am in members' homes	The second MIWC nonfiction book group discusses a variety of nonfiction titles to introduce new ideas and sparks discussion. Group meets in members homes and rotates hosting and leading book discussions.	Jayne Carlin

Salad & Socializing	Members' Homes:T- W- Th	Small groups meet once a month for lunch in one another's homes. Bring a salad or dish to share. This is a wonderful way to get to know more club members. Groups pick their meeting dates.	Lisa Casterella
Scrabble Day	1st Thursday from 1-3pm at the home of Nancy LaVallee	Come and join us for easy, relaxed, social afternoon over a board of tiles with friends - all levels welcome and we'll provide the dictionaries so don't feel intimidated. It's all in fun. We play two games, the first at 1pm and another at 2pm - we are usually finished by 3pm. It is OK to leave early-come as you are!	Nancy LaVallee
Short Story Group	Monthly, afternoons, time and day determined by the group.	If you enjoy the camaraderie and literary discussion of a book group but want a smaller obligation than a full length book, then this short story group might be an ideal fit for you. The goal is to read two short stories in advance each month, and then discuss them at the monthly meeting. This is not a drop in group. Each member will be expected to facilitate and or host a monthly discussion. Stories or essays will be chosen for themes, characters, etc. Authors may include Edger Allan Poe, Alice Munro, Flannery O'Conner, Franz Kafka, Raymond Carver, Ursula Le Guin, Lorrie Moore, etc. Note that many stories can be accessed free online or found in anthologies.	Rachel Baumgarten and Jan Zager
Tea Trekkers	Monthly	We get together several times a year to enjoy afternoon tea. We alternate potluck teas in our homes and going out to tea rooms in the area, incorporating local activities that may be of interest, like antique shop browsing or tulip fields on occasion.	Carolyn Holm Betty Laughlin
Women's Discussion Forum	Monthly , 4th Friday. Meetings in private homes.	This group meets once a month. It provides a forum for members to meet in private homes to discuss ideas and different topics of interest. Discussion topics are generated by the members, who are also encouraged to host, as well as help facilitate the chosen topics.	Sara Page, and Marjolijn Plomp
Writing Group	Monthly	This will be a fun, no-pressure group intended for those who want to explore writing as a creative outlet. We will offer themes and questions to explore each month, with the intention of discussing the experience of writing. Sharing your writing or asking for feedback is voluntary. We will reserve time in each session to "check in" and	Erin Horner and Jan Zager
SPORTS			

City Walks	Walks every 2 weeks	We explore urban neighborhoods, parks and gardens in the Seattle area. We usually walk between 3-4 miles, go to a cafe for snacks or lunch after the walks and return around 2 PM (although usually there is a carpool that skips the meal and returns earlier). All levels welcome. Heavy rain cancels. No dogs please. Carpool meets at 9:30am at MIPC.	Roberta Lewandowski, Jayne Carlin
Hikes	Friday Hiking - Twice a month starting July - Nov. Winter hikes or snowshoeing, tbd. Twice a month hikes resume in Spring.	Spouses/significant others are welcome to join. Hikes typically range from 5-10 miles in length. We hike on trails typically in the Cascade Mountains. Meetup at MIPC parking lot for carpooling prior to hikes.	Susan Mattison and Aude Geltzer
Walkie-Talkies	Every Monday morning for approximately an hour. Meet at SE Starbucks.	Are you looking for another opportunity to walk on a regular basis? Our expectations are to accomplish an hourly walk of 2-3 miles on the island. The group will meet every Monday at the SE Starbucks.	Rachel Baumgarten
Biking Group	Cancelled	Cancelled. Contact Ann if you are interested in co-chairing	Ann Verbeck
<b>EVENING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Bunco	2nd Thurs 7pm Location varies	Bunco meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in member's homes. Join us for socializing, dice rolling, friendly competition and celebrating in a spirit of fun and friendship. No skills required.	Jeanne Bayley
Happy Hour	Monthly, generally 3rd Wednesday at 4:00 pm-6:00PM	This group meets once a month for happy hour to share drinks, food, laugh and chats. An E-vite will be sent at the beginning of each month with details on the meeting day and place.	Eliana Caputo Malaguzzi, Molly B. Kenny
Ladies Potluck	Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month in a member's home starting between 5 and 6pm.	This fun, informal group meets monthly. Everyone brings a dish to share. Enjoy great company and delicious food. Watch the newsletter for details.	Leslie Meserole

Science Fiction Book Group	Meets 7:00-8:15Pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.	Join the newly formed Sci-Fi book club, with membership capped at 15. This is not a drop-in group and members are expected to host and to lead a discussion at least once	Michelle Strickler
Sip & Savor	Meets in members' homes, typically once a month	SPOUSE/PARTNER INVITED. Get together with old friends as well as new ones. Bring your beverage of choice and a hearty appetizer to share. Co-Chair needed.	Vivian Chan, Co-Chair Needed
Sip & Savor, Weekend Edition	Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month, during the evening, in a member's home.	This group will meet on the weekends! Spouses, partners, and guests are invited. Bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. Spend the evening connecting with friends, old and new, in a relaxed setting. Watch the newsletter for details.	Leslie Meserole
VOLUNTEER/ MISC			
"All Hands on Deck"	As needed	Would you like to be involved without a year-long commitment? This group is for you! Miscellaneous tasks arise during the year and we would love your help at anytime	Lynn Tonglao
Civic Service Projects	Varies	Promote sociability in activities that promote quality of life in the Greater Seattle area through established programs. Activities may include a variety of environmental, homeless, education and elderly. If you belong to a community group that would like volunteers to assist in projects, please contact Chairs.	Kathryn Mahony, Regina DiJulio
December Fundraiser Event	December	This is the MIWC holiday traditional fundraiser event and luncheon managed by Civic Projects. Volunteers of all skills are needed to help make this a success	Kathry Mahony, Regina DiJulio
Event Help	Kick-off coffee, 2-3 luncheons/year, 2 evening socials.	Each of these events are unique and changes year to year., Help is needed implementing the programs, setting up for the socials and sometimes coordinating activities like the volunteers in charge of centerpieces, speakers registration or name tags.	Anni Zilz
Program speakers for luncheons	Varies	We try to get incredible speakers for our luncheons. Please help us find these people. We need volunteers who can supply ideas and inspiration for the speakers.	Michelle Goldberg
Sunshine Group	As needed	The Sunshine Group is ready to give a helping hand to members who are coping with illness, death of a family member, or any other crisis causing them to need a helping, caring, sharing hand. Join the list and you will be contacted as needed throughout the year.	Sharon Setzler