

# San Francisco Village News - November 2011



## San Francisco Village

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### From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Last week some I spent three days with some inspiring people who are starting villages all around the country. There are over 60 villages now in operation and another 120 or so in formation. I hope you are as proud as I am of being part of an amazing movement. San Francisco Village has a very good reputation in the village movement as witnessed by our presence at the conference. SFV Board President, Gayle Geary, was a speaker and a panelist throughout the three day conference, and SF Village was cited repeatedly as a model to which many other villages aspire. Both Keyatta and I attended workshops as did Mary Moore Gaines and Eva Auchincloss. Our attendance will make our Village even better! Our own Dr. Walter Bortz was the keynote speaker and received a standing ovation. It was a very proud moment

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### Save The Date - SFV Holiday Party - December 6

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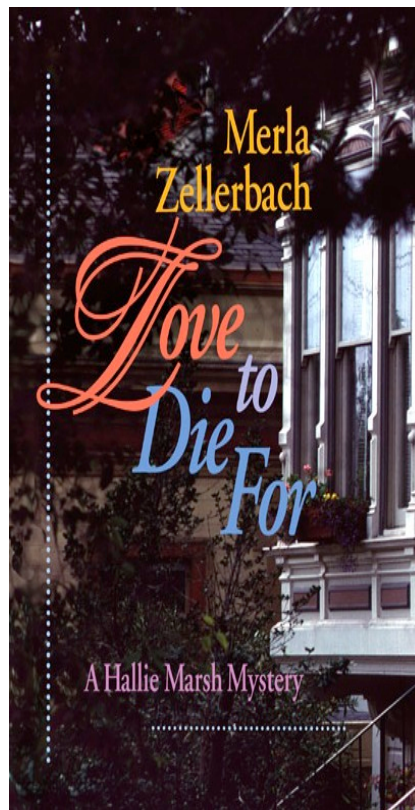
**Happy Holidays!** Well, we guess it's a little early for this greeting but it's not too early to start planning the San Francisco Village Annual Holiday Party. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 6, in the evening. We're working on a great venue which we'll have confirmed soon. Watch for a special announcement soon but mark your calendar now!

for SF Village.

Warmly,

Janis

## Come and Hear Merla Zellerbach on November 6



Village members and friends have a great opportunity to hear Merla Zellerbach talk about her new book, "Love to Die For" at Books, Inc. in Laurel Village this Sunday November 6 at 5:00 PM. Village member Gladys Thacher will introduce

Merla. Many thanks to Books, Inc. – our favorite book partner – for hosting this event. Award-winning author and editor

Merla Zellerbach has crafted a clever thriller set in San Francisco. Don't miss out on this unique event. Please RSVP to SF Village at [info@sfvillage.org](mailto:info@sfvillage.org) or by

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## Looking for Great Recipes and Great Wine Recommendations

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We all loved Gayle Geary's Lemon Chicken recipe last month! Do you have a great recipe you'd like to share or a wine you're just dying for everyone to know about? Share them with us by emailing your ideas to [janis@sfvillage.org](mailto:janis@sfvillage.org). We'll definitely include them in future newsletters.

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## Donate to Community Thrift Store and Support the Village at the Same Time!

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San Francisco Village has a unique opportunity to receive cash donations from Community Thrift Store (623 Valencia Street SF 94110 -- 415-861-4910, [www.communitythriftsf.org](http://www.communitythriftsf.org)). Take your old but usable items to the store, give them the special ***SF Village code #122***. They will deduct their operating costs and give us the rest in cash. They welcome donations of clean

calling 415-387-1375 ext. 0. If you decide at the last minute, please just show up at Books Inc. at 3515 California Street and bring a friend. Ample parking available.

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## Falls Prevention in Older Adults Workshop

The Institute on Aging is offering scholarships to SF Village members for the full day conference on Falls Prevention. Topics will cover hip fracture risk and prevention; Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Abuse; accurate fittings for assistive devices -- all of which will help you stay on your feet and lead a happier and more fulfilling life. The all-day event is from 8:30 to 5:00 at The Event Center at St Mary's Cathedral (1111 Gough Street, SF) on Wednesday November 9th. Please call Laura Rhine at IOA (415-750-4140 ext 223) or register at [www.ioaging.org](http://www.ioaging.org). The site has free parking and is wheelchair accessible. Thank you IOA for this generous offer!

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## Financial Boot Camp for Seniors on Saturday November 12

San Francisco Village will be the special guest at this event on Saturday November 12 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Presidio Golf Club, sponsored by Jordan, Miller and Associates of

clothing, jewelry and accessories, costumes, leather goods, shoes and boots that are still wearable, art and decorations, sports equipment, house wares, lamps, luggage and much, much more. For large amounts (over 20 bags of goods) they will pick up at your house. Next year SF Village plans to coordinate pick-up days where we will collect your goods and drop them off at Community Thrift. This is a wonderful way to bring in funds that will help us improve our operations, offer reduced fee memberships, and update our phone system to better serve our members. So, gather your usable goods and drop them off at Community Thrift. Be sure to mention **SF Village account # 122**. Watch this newsletter for more information about potential pick-up days next year.

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**Members:  
Need a Village Volunteer to  
Help You?**

**Call 387-1375**

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San Francisco. They feature one special nonprofit at their events and Gayle Geary, Board President of SF Village, will speak. **It's free and open to anyone concerned about their finances as they age.**

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## **Discovered Treasures Fundraising Event is November 4**

If you haven't already done so (and over 150 of you have), please call to get tickets to our one-of-a-kind fundraiser for SF Village. It's called ***Discovered Treasures*** and will be held this Friday, November 4th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the St. Francis Yacht Club on San Francisco's beautiful waterfront. Come and enjoy each other's company, feast on delicious treats and beverages, check out all the wonderful donated items to the silent auction, and bid on your favorites. Our website shows a list of all the items ([www.sfvillage.org](http://www.sfvillage.org)). Some tickets are still available. Call us at 415-387-1375 to purchase your ticket(s). We hope to see you there.

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## **Movie Reviews by SFV Member Ralph Beren**

### **Movie Magic: Reviews by Ralph Beren of SF Village**

This month, I am recommending two

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films. One is about the relationship between two women, while the other explores the relationship between two men.

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## **Volunteer of the Month: Sarah Goldman**



### **Sarah Goldman**

By Mary Moore Gaines

Sarah is an active, interested and creative member of San Francisco Village. She has a Master of Social Work (MSW), so it is not surprising that Sarah is very much into helping people. Shortly after Sarah became a member, she realized that her landlady, an elderly and independent woman who was living alone, needed help with daily chores. Sarah knew that her neighbor wouldn't accept an outright offer of help. So, with the help of her nephew and SFV, we devised a plan. The nephew came to the door one Saturday morning with an experienced home help representative. He announced quietly that the woman had come to clean house and help with cooking. His aunt was startled but allowed the woman in. They became fast friends and the mission was accomplished.

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No events

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