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Calendar

NOVEMBER

Brunch – Saturday, 12 November 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

The October brunch will be held at the MI Grille, located at 420 Munson in Traverse City. We will meet in the back dining room.

Dining Out – Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

We will meet again at the **Grand Traverse Pie Company**, 525 W. Front Street – the one near Division St., **not** the one by the State Theater – in the back room (a nook, really). It's located in the strip mall one-two blocks east of US-31. You can get other items besides pie – although a pie for dinner sounds pretty good. First one there, grab a table.

**Under the Wide and Starry Sky,
Bibliomans' Book for December
by Nancy Horan - 466 pages**

Scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2016

Note: New Surprise Location and time to be Announced in December!

From Nancy Horan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Loving Frank*, comes her much-anticipated second novel, which tells the improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson and his tempestuous American wife, Fanny.

At the age of thirty-five, Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne has left her philandering husband in San Francisco to set sail for Belgium—with her three children and nanny in tow—to study art. It is a chance for this adventurous woman to start over, to make a better life for all of them, and to pursue her own desires. Not long after her arrival, however, tragedy strikes, and Fanny and her children repair to a quiet artists' colony in France where she can recuperate. Emerging from a deep sorrow, she meets a lively Scot, Robert Louis Stevenson, ten years her junior, who falls instantly in love with the earthy, independent, and opinionated “belle Americaine.”

Fanny does not immediately take to the slender young lawyer who longs to devote his life to writing—and who would eventually pen such classics as *Treasure Island* and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. In time, though, she succumbs to Stevenson's charms, and the two begin a fierce love affair—marked by intense joy and harrowing darkness—that spans the decades and the globe. The shared life of these two strong-willed individuals unfolds into an adventure as impassioned and unpredictable as any of Stevenson's own unforgettable tales.

ON THE COVER: OK, you've done the dune climb and checked all the views, but have you seen the old charcoal kilns in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore?

These concrete structures, located at the trailhead on Stocking Drive, are kilns built in the 1950's by lumberman Pierce Stocking. The sawmill he set up near this spot produced considerable waste that was converted into charcoal in these kilns.

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