

Sausalito Library Speaker Series

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City Hall, 420 Litho Street

6:30 p.m. Refreshments; 7 p.m.. Speaker

January 14

Journalist **Michael Kohn**

Dateline: Mongolia

For centuries Mongolia was locked away from the world, hidden first by China and later by the USSR as a sort of Central Asian time capsule. Then in 1990, the country burst open with a peaceful Democratic Revolution and Mongolia was left to fend for itself in the modern world. *Dateline Mongolia* captures the spirit of this transformation from Communist isolation to a Democratic and Capitalistic free for all, told through the eyes of Michael Kohn, an American journalist who spent three years reporting from the capital, Ulaanbaatar.

March 10

Robert Burton, M.D., neurologist and author of the Salon.com neuroscience and popular culture feature, *Mind Reader*.

How do we know what we know?

Burton will discuss his new book, *On Being Certain: Believing You Are Right Even When You're Not*, a revolutionary look at how we know what we know. Drawing from personal case studies and recent neuroscience advances, as well as such far-ranging subject material as the physics of baseball, high-stakes poker, and popular discussions of gut feelings and the nature of intuition, *On Being Certain* systematically demonstrates that despite how certainty feels, it is neither a conscious choice nor even a thought process. Certainty and similar states of "knowing what we know" are sensations that feel like thoughts, but arise out of involuntary brain mechanisms that function independently of reason.

May 19

TBA Docent from the **Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco**

Annie Liebovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005

One of the most celebrated photographers of our time, Annie Liebovitz has been making witty, powerful images documenting American popular culture since the early 1970s. The material in the exhibition encompasses work Liebovitz made on assignment as a professional photographer as well as personal photographs of her family and close friends. Portraits of public figures include the pregnant Demi Moore and Nelson Mandela in Soweto and George W. Bush and his Cabinet..

Exhibition dates at the deYoung: March 1 – May 25