

WELCOME TO

Mother's Ink

we're so glad you're here!



HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

A Club Update

Since our last issue, we have welcomed a few new board members, a new co-director (Cayla Anderson), and many new members! We still need more volunteers to join our board and help us plan fun events so if you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to us via email (nmc.codirectors@gmail.com) or find one of the three co-directors at an event (Sophia, Tiara, or Cayla). See page 8 for current board openings.

A little more about our new co-director: Cayla has a kindergarten son, has lived in Novato for two years, has a board game addiction, and is part of the social media/newsletter and holiday party committees.

Upcoming Events

HERE ARE SOME, BUT NOT ALL, OF THE
EVENTS IN THE WORKS!

- April 2nd: NMC Easter Egg Hunt (page 2)
- April 15th: Family Outing - Brunch & Bowling in Petaluma
- April MNO: Sip & Snacks Happy Hour at Rolling Hills
- May 10th: Mothers' Social (page 9)
- June or July: Pajama Party
- June MNO: TBD, maybe a beauty event
- July 4th: Walk in the Novato Parade with us!
- July: Summer Picnic and NMC's 30th Birthday Party
- August: End-of-Summer Swim Party

Members can visit www.novatomothersclub.com/Novato-Community-Events/ for a full community event listing.



Join us at the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 AT 10AM
JOSEPH HOOG PARK IN NOVATO



Join us for a huge Easter Egg hunt with other members and the Novato community! We are hiding over 3,000 eggs. The egg hunt will begin at 10am, so arrive on time to partake in the fun. We will have a separate area set up for kids under 5. After the hunt, stick around for entertainment provided by Hernan the bubble guy and photos with the Easter Bunny!

This is sure to be a morning filled with adventure and a sense of community!

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Moms' Night In Recap

GAME NIGHT AT A CO-DIRECTOR'S HOUSE

A group of ladies met up at Tiara's house this month for a fun night in! We played some games, ate yummy food, and had a chance to get to know each other without the hustle and bustle of a night on the town. We loved seeing so many new faces at this event!

We would love to have another NMC Moms' Night In. If you're interested in hosting, please contact the co-directors at nmc.codirectors@gmail.com.



Family Outings Recap

Our Family Outings Committee has hosted two playdates since the last newsletter. In March, we also painted wooden eggs in an effort to make our Easter Egg hunt more eco-friendly. We hope to add more wooden eggs in 2024 and beyond to continue this tradition! The kids and adults had so much fun painting the eggs and a few pinecone masterpieces too!



Rock Painting Recap

We welcomed several non-board members at our March board meeting and painted rocks for our upcoming Easter Egg hunt. Encourage your kids to pick up the painted rocks at the hunt for a chance to win cool prizes!

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30pm. Please join us!

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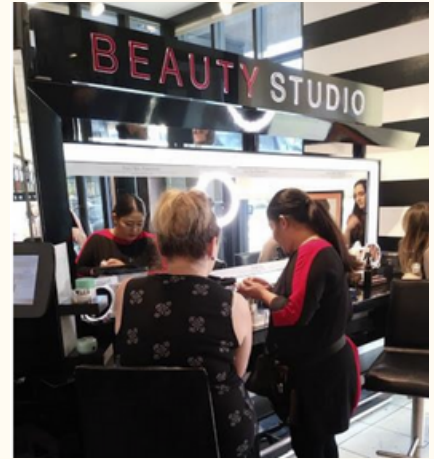


Moms' Night Out Recap & Upcoming

MONTHLY EVENTS JUST FOR MOM

We love our families but sometimes we need a night out with other moms. In February, we met up at Hopmonk Novato for some boot scootin' fun and learned to line dance!

Upcoming mom events include a sip and snack event at Rolling Hills In April, our annual Mothers' Social Event on May 10th (the NMC's "event of the year" with dinner, dancing, and a raffle - page 9), and hopefully a beauty event in June.



Join Our Board Today!

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE NOVATO MOTHERS CLUB?

Join our monthly board meetings, generally the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. Come enjoy snacks and appetizers while socializing and planning events with other moms.

LET'S CHAT!

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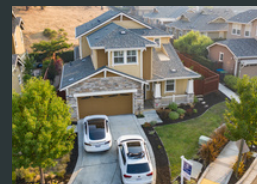
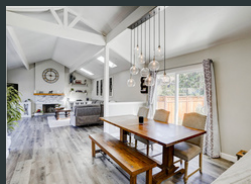
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Join the NMC Board

We have several NMC board openings! Join our board to help make the NMC a success and ensure we are able to offer all the fun events we have in mind!

Joining the board is a great way to form meaningful friendships with other Novato moms. Your commitment can be as much or as little as you are able to contribute. Each committee has at least two members on it so you would work as a team taking on what you can. All members are welcome to join the board, whether you joined yesterday or three years ago! We are a completely volunteer-run organization and would love to have you join our board!

Our board meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm (with our next meeting on 4/5), but we would love for you to join a committee even if you cannot attend! Please reach out to nmc.codirectors@gmail.com with any questions.

Although our official board transition occurs in August, we still have some needs for the rest of the current fiscal year. Details of the current openings can be found using the link below.

JOIN THE NMC BOARD: OPEN POSITIONS



4th of July Parade (July)

Volunteer to help coordinate our group march in the parade.

Pajama Party (maybe combine with Family Picnic)

Plan a pajama party complete with crafts, games, cookies, storytime, and music!



Family Picnic & NMC's Birthday Party (July)

The NMC is turning 30 this July, just in time for our family picnic!

End-of Summer Swim Party (August)

The NMC hosts an annual swim party to celebrate the end-of-summer.



Early Childhood Education Resource (Online)

Gather, organize, or edit content or assist with website maintenance.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm (next meeting 4/5).

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE
INFO!](#)



2023 Mothers' Social – May 10th

THE "EVENT OF THE YEAR" FOR THE NMC

The Mothers' Social is happening soon, May 10th, and we cannot wait! The theme this year is WESTERN! The NMC fundraises to cover the costs of this event with admission and raffle ticket sales, and it is always so much fun for everyone involved.

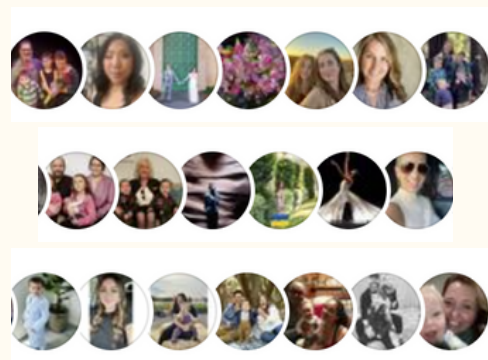
We still need more mamas to help us set up/clean up and there is also always more room on the party planning committee! Email nmc.codirectors@gmail.com to volunteer.



Dads' Nights Out

DADS NEED A BREAK TOO

The growing group of NMC dads went bowling in February and met up for dinner at drinks at Finnegan's in March. The dad group is very friendly (look at those smiles!) and communicative so please encourage the dad in your life to join the fun next time!



NMC Member-Only Facebook Group

If you're a member and have not yet joined our Member-Only Facebook group, now's the time! This group is an excellent way for members to communicate and collaborate outside of official NMC events. We have loved seeing our community get to know each other even better than before through this group!



Poppytots

Poppytots Play Cafe

JOIN US EACH MONTH FOR AN NMC-EXCLUSIVE PLAYDATE

Tracy, an NMC member and the owner of Poppytots Play Cafe, has generously offered to host a FREE monthly playdate for NMC members on the 2nd Monday of every month. This event is for NMC members only and will be posted on our website each month.

The cafe is designed for children 5 and under and is closed to the public during the NMC play date. This is a great opportunity for NMC members to establish playgroups for kids 5 and under! If you have a baby that is too little to play, we still encourage you to come sit with the other parents and enjoy some time with other adults while the bigger kids play. Come for any part of the 3-hour window. Moms, dads, and especially kids are welcome to join in the fun!



We encourage our members to purchase something in the gift shop during the playdates, host a party (there's a discount code on our website), or visit the play cafe at other times to support Tracy! She's done amazing things for the community and the NMC and deserves our support.



Thank you to our 2023 Easter Egg Hunt Sponsors & Donors



NMC Book Club – Upcoming Reads



The Novato Mothers Club Book Club is a great place to discuss mom/family life, get to know other members, and discuss a book over coffee and pastries! We welcome all members, even if you have not read the book.

We are currently reading *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig and will meet to discuss it on Sunday, 4/23.

Two meetings from now, we will discuss *Fairy Tale* by Stephen King (this one is long so we set it for a future date).

Three meetings from now, we plan on reading *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin (there is a long wait list for this one at the library so get your hold request in now).

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Mothers' Support



WE LOVE YOU, VICTORIA!

Our dear friend, Victoria, has been diagnosed with cervical cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. As most of you know, Victoria is one of the kindest and most generous people you could ever meet. She has given so much to the Novato Mothers Club over the years and is still helping so much even now! A Meal Train and GoFundMe have been set up if you would like to help Victoria and Jackson during this time.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/mgg5vk>

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BABY COLT IS HOME!

Meagan and Adam Allsman received a Christmas miracle on December 18th. Born at 29 weeks, Colt Malcom Allsman was gifted to the world earlier than anticipated, and is finally home! The family could use your continued support so they can focus on healing, bonding and adjusting back at home.

Their Meal Train is located at:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nlzm66>.

MOTHERS' SUPPORT

If you are a member who needs a little support and would benefit from a home cooked meal, please email NMC.codirectors@gmail.com. If you are currently expecting, please update your profile at novatomothersclub.com/Sys/Profile to request a meal.

Newsletter Submissions & Sponsorships Welcome



Would you like to write an article, submit an advertisement, or contribute other information towards a future newsletter? Visit www.novatomothersclub.com/news-submissions for our guidelines.

Co-Director Corner

Thanks for joining us and reading our newsletter! We are pleased to report nine new members joined this month and around 70% of our total members are part of our combined online [Facebook Group](#) so we are more connected than ever before.

We have had so much fun these past few months attending and planning events with all of you and have been so pleased to see so many new and familiar faces at each of them! As a reminder, all members are welcome to join any of our board meetings (the next one is on 4/5 at 6:30pm) and contribute to our committees. See page 8 for our open positions and reach out to any of the three co-directors with any questions.

My personal favorite event since our last newsletter was the Moms' Night In! I loved changing out of my daytime loungewear and putting on my onesie pajamas (complete with a booty flap) before heading over to Tiara's house. I also loved the games that Courtney came up with that allowed all 18 attendees to play and get to know each other. We laughed a lot and learned so much about each other. We had at least two members join earlier the same day to attend and a few more who had not yet attended a Mom-only event through the NMC.

I am not even sure which event I am most looking forward to in the coming months. This will be my first Easter Egg Hunt with the club and I cannot wait to meet the Easter Bunny and watch my son search for eggs with his NMC friends! My first in-person event with the NMC was the Mothers' Social two years ago so that one holds a special place in my heart and is SO much fun! It is one of our largest events of the year and is coming up quick on May 10th. Our Mothers' Social committee is working hard to choose the menu and figure out the playlist to go with our theme! The pajama party is also making a comeback this summer and I cannot wait to don my PJs for another party, this time with kids! There is so much in the works, and I hope to see you at an event soon!

-Cayla

Meet your Co-Directors



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