

Morsels for the Mind Book Group

Date: Sept. 29, 2014

Book Title: *The Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland

Hostess: Nancy M. hosted at Women's City Club

Food Served: Taco Salad, chips, cookies

Book Synopsis: A story of Auguste Renoir's masterpiece painting depicting the gathering of his real friends enjoying a summer Sunday on the terrace of the Maison Fournaise in Chatou France. A slice of la vie moderne.

Review:

3 1/2 * Goodreads

Some felt that although interesting it was too long, too many unnecessary subplots, and too much flowery description. Others enjoyed the historical references and found they wanted to learn more about some of the other characters.

Highlights of Discussion:

Impressionism, changes taking place in world of art, The models and identifying them in the painting. Had a contest to see who could identify the most. Prizes were postcards of the painting and menu booklets sent to us from Susan Vreeland. Appreciated the amount of research Susan did.

Attendance: Nancy M., Nancy S., Nancy D., Ginny, Sandy, Ann S., Julie, Laura

Suggestions/ Business: