

## February Movie Group - Movie Marathon!

Mount Vernon at Home's Movie Group, led by Board Member Kathi Hanrahan via Zoom, is unique in that participants are assigned two or more movies to watch in the month. When the group gets together, attendees enjoy providing their reviews and critiquing the direction, story, photography, special effects, and more. The group welcomes suggestions for interesting features or documentaries to add to the watch list and encourages other "movie critics" to join the lively discussions. This month, choose at least two of the following movies to watch and review. Some may be available on other streaming services, including Cable On-Demand.

February's movies are:

### **Last of the Sea Women (2024, AppleTV+) – Documentary**

A deep dive into the culture of the Haenyeo, the South Korean fisherwomen who have been harvesting seafood for their communities for centuries. On the shores of Jeju Island, a fierce group of South Korean divers fight to save their vanishing culture from looming threats. (Partially in Korean with English subtitles.) A similar great historical novel by Lisa See, "The Island of Sea Women: A Novel," delves into the lives of these amazing women in more detail.

### **Wicked (2024, Prime Video, Others) – Musical**

The movie tells the origin story of the Oz witches, after the long-running theater success of Wicked. Misunderstood because of her green skin, a young woman named Elphaba forges an unlikely but profound friendship with Glinda, a student with an unflinching desire for popularity. Following an encounter with the Wizard of Oz, their relationship soon reaches a crossroad as their lives begin to take very different paths. (Rotten Tomatoes, 88%)

### **The Six Triple Eight (2024, Netflix) – Historical drama**

Written, produced, and directed by Tyler Perry, this World War II drama tells the true story of the Women's Army Corps' 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only all-Black, all-female battalion to be sent overseas during the war. Their mission? To process a massive 3-year backlog in undelivered mail to American soldiers. Despite discrimination and war-torn conditions, they sort over seventeen million pieces of mail ahead of schedule.

### **Grumpy Old Men (1993, Prime Video) – Comedy/Drama**

John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon) and Max Goldman (Walter Matthau) are two curmudgeonly neighbors who have been at each other's throats for years. The rivalry of the former friends intensifies when Ariel (Ann-Margret) comes along and provides a love interest for both of them. When Max finds out that John is experiencing family troubles and financial ruin, however, he steps in to help. Their bond is further cemented when John has a health scare and Max makes the ultimate sacrifice for his friend. (Rotten Tomatoes, 65%)