

Join us on Saturday, November 12 for our Branch Meeting and Luncheon

Keeping the Hats on Straight with Joan Morris

- Balancing deadlines and managing versatility
- Surviving in the ever-shifting world of digital first journalism
- Shifting gears while driving 90 on the information highway
- How today's journalism honors versatility above all else
- Establishing yourself as a go-to person, over and over again
- Remembering the basic goal



Joan Morris is the pets and wildlife columnist for the Bay Area News Group. She also is the garden page editor and founder of Our Garden, a demonstration garden operated by the Contra Costa Master Gardeners. The garden offers free classes every Wednesday, April through October, and donates about 14,000 pounds of fresh produce each year to the Monument Crisis Center.

Joan was born in Texas and raised in New Mexico. She earned a BA degree in journalism, with a minor in Russian Studies, from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She joined the staff of the Contra Costa Times in 1988 and has had various reporting and editing positions. Four years ago she inherited the pets and wildlife column when longtime columnist Gary Bogue retired. Her column now appears five days a week in the East Bay Times, and twice a week in the Mercury News.