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## Sanibel Festival Goes Around The World In 80 Shells



Last Thursday morning at The Community House, local dignitaries and special guests took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the 80th annual Sanibel Shell Festival, which drew thousands of visitors during the three-day show

photos by Jeff Lysiak

## 2017 Sanibel Shell Show Winners

### SCIENTIFIC DIVISION du Pont Trophy, Most outstanding entry in show

Joyce Matthys, Beaverton, OR  
**Conchologists of America Award**  
Pat and Bob Linn, Dunedin, FL  
**Best Sanibel-Captiva Shells,**

### Self-collected

Mary Giambruno  
**Best Florida-Caribbean Shells,**  
any source

Doug Thompson, Lynn Haven, FL  
**Howard Sexauer Award, Best**  
worldwide shells, any source  
Harry Berryman, North Port, FL  
**Marilyn Northrup Award, Shell**  
of Show: Self-collected

Doug Thompson, Lynn Haven, FL  
**Shell of Show: Any source**  
Greg Curry, Key West, FL

**Shell of Show: Fossil**  
Irene Longley, St. James City, FL  
**Elsie Malone Award, Best**  
Student Exhibit

Amelia Vasquez, Oviedo, FL  
**Best of the Blues**

Joyce Matthys, Beaverton, OR  
**Anne Joffe Sanibel Superstar**  
Award

Doug Thompson, Lynn Haven, FL  
**Judges' Special Ribbons**  
Ron and Mary Bopp, Bradenton, FL  
**Judges' Special Ribbons**  
Harry Berryman, North Port, FL  
**Judges' Merit Ribbons**  
Rachel Fields, New York, NY

### ARTISTIC DIVISION

**Myrtle Williams Weinstein**  
Award, Best shell flower exhibit  
Susan Butwin, Canadensis, PA  
**Gertrude A. Ford Award, Best**  
miniature flower arrangement

Wendy Robinson, Elgin, OT  
**Best Picture or Mosaic**  
Shanti Moore, Pompano Beach, FL  
**Wanda Will Award, Best jewelry**  
Wendy Painter, Oviedo, FL

**Dorothy K. Putnam Award, Best**  
mirror

Marti Gorun, Libertyville, IL  
**Best Single Sailor's Valentine**  
- Hobbyist

Joy Henderson and Judy Dinnick,  
Toronto, ON

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David Rhyne's prize-winning Sailor's  
Valentine entitled *Peacock*



Margaret Gammon's award-winning quilt  
*By The Sea, By The Sea, Eighty Shells I Do*  
See



From left, Sanibel shelling icon Pam Rambo taking a "shell-fie" with Gina Hunte and  
Daphne Hunte of Barbados in front of the famous Shell Love Bug vehicle

## Newcomer Joins Two Incumbents On Council

by Jeff Lysiak

Following Tuesday's municipal elections, two Sanibel City Council incumbents – Kevin Ruane and Mick Denham – will be joined by newcomer Jason Maughan over the next four years.

A total of 5,666 votes were cast – either in-person at the polls on March 7 or in advance by mail-in ballot – during this year's election, with three seats on the five-member council available. Ruane, the city's mayor for the last seven years, was the leading vote-getter with 29.95 percent of the vote, or 1,697 ballots cast.

"Obviously, I'm both honored and humbled that the citizens of Sanibel have the  
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The island Hammerheads made this replica of a ferry pilot house, which will be on display at the March 15 gala photo provided

## Historical Village Gala Is March 15

Tickets are still available for the Sanibel Historical Village's Let's Get Historical! dinner and dance at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 on the village grounds. The benefit will support the ongoing needs of the historical village. The theme is Dining and Dancing in the Days of the Ferry. A replica ferry pilot house built by the Hammerheads will be on display.

The event will include music by Kelly & Shelly, a husband-and-wife duo with an extremely versatile style. Performing

together for more than 25 years, the Kelly & Shelly duo comes highly recommended.

One of Kelly & Shelly's specialties is dance music, and the evening will have dancing as well as a sit-down dinner by Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's. Known for excellence throughout the island, Sanibel Catering will be offering three dinner choices: English sirloin, chicken marsala and pesto-crusted Atlantic salmon.

Tickets are \$150 each, with sponsor levels available at the \$1,000 and \$500 levels. For tickets, contact Emilie Alfino at 472-4648 or via email at info@sanibelmuseum.org.✱



Kiwanis Diner's Delight Coupon Books are now on sale photo provided

## Kiwanis Diner's Delight Coupon Books On Sale

Every year at this time, there's a rush to get the new Diners Delight Coupon Books when they are released. The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club began selling the books on March 7, so the next few weeks will be prime time for getting your hands on one before they sell out.

The popular coupon book is available for a \$35 contribution, and contains

2-for-1 coupons good at 28 participating Island restaurants, a potential savings of more than \$500. Coupons can be used starting on May 1 and are good through mid-December.

Books can be obtained from Kiwanis Club members and will also be on sale at Bank of the Islands, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank and Big Red Q Printing while they last.

The long-running Diner's Delight program, together with the club's annual Spaghetti Dinner, raises funds which the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club Foundation uses to support education and recreation programs for island youth.✱



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## Applicants Sought For Pension Board

The Sanibel City Council is accepting applications for the General Employee Pension Board of Trustees. The General Employee Pension Board of Trustees meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of February, May, August and November at 10 a.m. at City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road.

Any resident wishing to serve may apply online via the city's website – [www.MySanibel.com](http://www.MySanibel.com) – or pick up a printed applications to be submitted via

email to [Pamela.Smith@mysanibel.com](mailto:Pamela.Smith@mysanibel.com), via fax to 472-3065, or in person at City Hall.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 7 at noon.\*

## Calusa Heritage Day

Calusa Heritage Day will be held on the Calusa Heritage Trail on the property of Randell Research Center on Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Calusa Heritage Day is an outdoor archaeology and ecology history festival celebrating the Calusa legacy with

speakers, replicators, guided walking and boat tours, exhibitors and children's activities. Food will be available for purchase. Free water will be available throughout festival; bring your water bottle. The cost to attend is \$5. There is no charge for members and children ages 11 and younger.

Visit [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/calendar/grid/calusa-heritage-day/](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/calendar/grid/calusa-heritage-day/) or call Cindy Bear or Linda at 283-2157 for more information.

Calusa Heritage Trail is a 0.7-mile interpretive walkway that leads visitors through the mounds, canals and other features of the Pineland archaeological site.

Randell Research Center is located at 13810 Waterfront Drive in Pineland. Use Bokeelia for GPS settings.\*

## Experience The Beach At Night

On Wednesday, March 15, Sanibel Sea School will offer an evening class for adults called Life in the Dark. Participants will visit the beach during sunset, led by the organization's marine educators, to learn about the changes that occur as light turns to dark and observe some nocturnal sand-dwelling creatures.

"We spend a lot of time on the beach during the day," said Johnny Rader, who will be teaching the class. "At night, the shoreline can be a completely different place, and it's an amazing thing to experience."

Life in the Dark will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. The course fee is \$55 per student; scholarships are available.

Visit [www.sanibelseaschool.org/sanibel-adult-programs](http://www.sanibelseaschool.org/sanibel-adult-programs) or call 472-8585 to learn more and register.\*

## American Legion Post 123

On Sunday, March 12, American Legion Post 123 will be serving barbecued ribs and chicken from 1 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$12 to \$14.

On Friday, March 17, stop by Post 123 and enjoy a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage all day long.

On Sunday, March 19, a fish and shrimp fry will be offered at the legion.

Every Monday is the 8-ball pool league tournament at 5 p.m. Stop in and watch some good shooting. On Tuesdays, tacos are served all day. Spaghetti and meatballs are served all day on Wednesday. On Fridays, a six-ounce ribeye steak sandwich is on the menu. There are daily specials as well as half-pound burgers. Food is served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary has cookbooks available.

If you have a flag that needs to be retired, drop it off at Post 123, located at Mile Marker 3 on Sanibel-Captiva Road. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. The public is welcome.

For more information, call 472-9979.\*



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# Sanibel Is One Of The Safest Cities In Florida

The City of Sanibel has again been designated as one of the safest cities in Florida. Sanibel has just been designated as the seventh safest city based upon a report, Safest Cities in Florida, released by the National Council for Home Safety and Security. There are 410 municipalities in Florida.

Upon reading the report, Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane stated, "Our community places the highest priority on the personal safety of our citizens. We consider community safety an investment, not an expenditure; an investment in our daily quality of life as well as our property values." The methodology utilized by the national council for determining the designations included a review of the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report (UCR) as well as population and other data. The study did not include any cities that failed to submit an FBI UCR

report or cities with populations less than 5,000 persons. The remaining cities were ranked based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft) per 100,000 people. These variables were then weighted with violent crimes accounting for 70 percent of the total (due to their severity) and property crimes accounting for 30 percent. In 2016, the City of Sanibel experienced a 6 percent reduction,

from 112 in 2015 to 105 in 2016, within the federally reportable crimes. The City of Sanibel's 2016 UCR of 105 crimes is the lowest recorded the last 13 years. Chief of Police William Dalton added, "Our greatest asset to maintaining a safe community is a diligent, alert population committed to working in partnership with the police. We always urge our residents and visitors to report any type of suspicious behavior or activity. We always prefer to be in the crime prevention rather than response mode."\*\*

City of Sanibel Federally Reportable Crimes (UCR) 2006-2016									
	TOTAL UCR	BURGLARY	THEFT	ASSAULT	VEHICLE THEFT	ROBBERY	RAPE	MURDER	Other
2006	110	36	60	10	3	0	0	1	0
2007	115	24	73	16	2	0	0	0	0
2008	125	20	81	20	4	0	0	0	0
2009	130	15	94	18	3	0	0	0	0
2010	120	18	90	10	1	1	0	0	0
2011	120	24	88	5	3	0	0	0	0
2012	162	45	94	19	4	0	0	0	0
2013	210	53	148	3	4	1	1	0	0
2014	125	32	74	17	1	0	1	0	0
2015	112	24	56	27	3	0	2	0	0
2016	105	43	41	15	2	0	0	0	4



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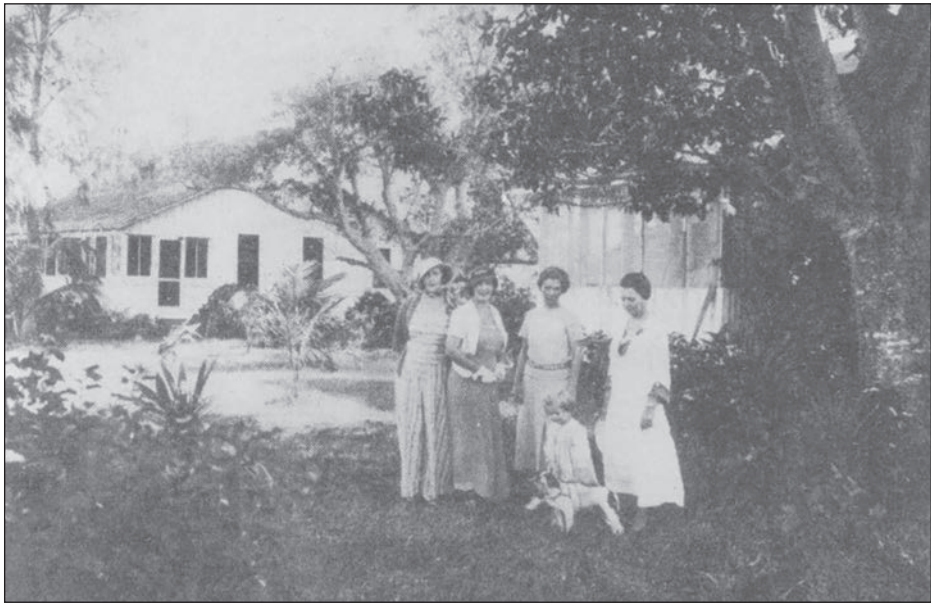




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Mrs. CB Chadwick, family and friends  
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Captiva Island Historical Society

## Looking Back: Mrs. CB Chadwick

This week's image features Mrs. C.B. Chadwick, family and friends near one of the cottages at South Seas Plantation, sometime after 1923.

The History Gallery, developed by the Captiva Island Historical Society, features many photos like this. All ages are welcome to step aboard a wooden replica of the old mailboat, *Santiva*, to capture the spirit of Captiva and learn through graphic and video panels about the events and people that shaped the island. The History Gallery is accessed through the Captiva Memorial Library, located on Chapin Lane and open during library hours.

Visit the Captiva Island Historical Society website [www.captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org/archives/research](http://www.captivaislandhistoricalsociety.org/archives/research) to view many more images to bring you closer to Captiva.✱

## Documentary On Sea Turtle Mortality

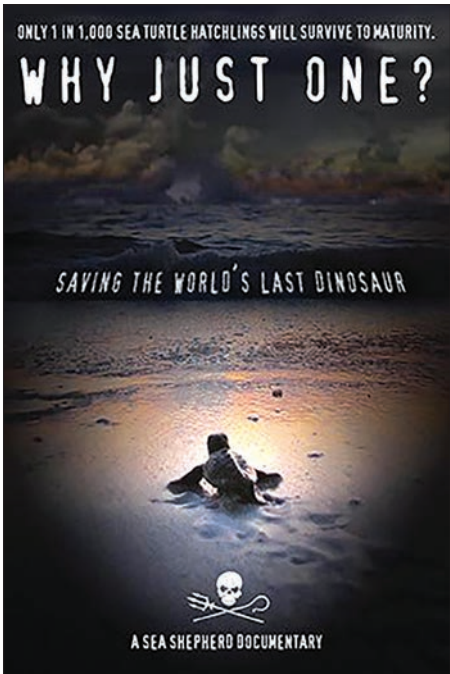
The sea turtle documentary film *Why Just One?* continues the 5th annual "Ding" Darling Wednesday Film Series on March 15 at 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

A project of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, the film addresses the dramatic decline in sea turtles and the organization's efforts to defend them. It strives to change the way people view sea turtles and those who risk their lives to defend them.

Join Sea Shepherd volunteers on the sandy shores of Costa Rica, where a war is taking place between poachers and conservationists. The conflict centers around the most ancient of creatures, the sea turtles that witnessed the extinction of the dinosaurs and the dawn of humankind.

*Why Just One?* explores the widely accepted statistic that only one in 1,000 sea turtle hatchlings survive to maturity. It is a story of courage, action and hope that good will prevail before it's too late. Sea Shepherd hopes the documentary will move viewers emotionally – and physically – to take action for the turtles.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the



free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season's remaining scheduled films. All showings begin at 1 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

March 15 – *Why Just One?*  
March 29 – *Seed: The Untold Story*  
April 12 – *The Future of Energy*✱



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## Art League Juried Works On Display At Sanibel Library



*Hearing the Hounds* by Stan Timson

Images provided

Sanibel-Captiva Art League is sponsoring a Juried and Judged Art Show during the month of March at the Sanibel Public Library. Members of the art league were invited to submit two paintings and receiving was held at the library on March 1. Organized by Rita McLain, the show was hung by Judy Clark, Anita Force Marshall and Jim Storer.

John Terelak, an American Impressionist painter from Rockport, Massachusetts was the juror. Judging was followed an instructive and enlightening gallery talk. Stan Timson was awarded first place for his acrylic painting *Hearing the Hounds*. Neil Glaser, with his watercolor *Lakeside*, was awarded second place. Third place went to Peter Zell for his oil painting *Sunset Grill*. There were four Merit Awards: Karen Berger for *Sanibel Sunday*, David King for *Sharp Lobed Hepatica*, Nory McNelis for *Sanibel View*, and Carol Rosenberg for *Community Series 6-3-16*.

Sanibel Captiva Art League invites residents and visitors to participate in plein air painting on Thursday mornings. These informal gatherings are held at a variety of locations, usually on Sanibel or Captiva. For more information about the paint-outs and the art league, visit [www.sancapart.com](http://www.sancapart.com).



*Sanibel View* by Nory McNelis



*Community Series 6-3-16* by Carol Rosenberg



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# New Shared Use Path Rest Area Approved

by Jeff Lysiak

On Tuesday, members of the Sanibel City Council approved a new shared use path rest area near the intersection of Casa Ybel Road and Middle Gulf Drive.

The proposed rest area – which will not include a shade structure – will contain a pair of five-foot benches, one five-foot bicycle rack and a water fountain in a pentagon-shaped tract surrounded by a strangler fig, sabal palm and a cluster of seagrapes.

Both James Evans, director of natural resources, and Keith Williams, public works director, signed off on the proposed project.

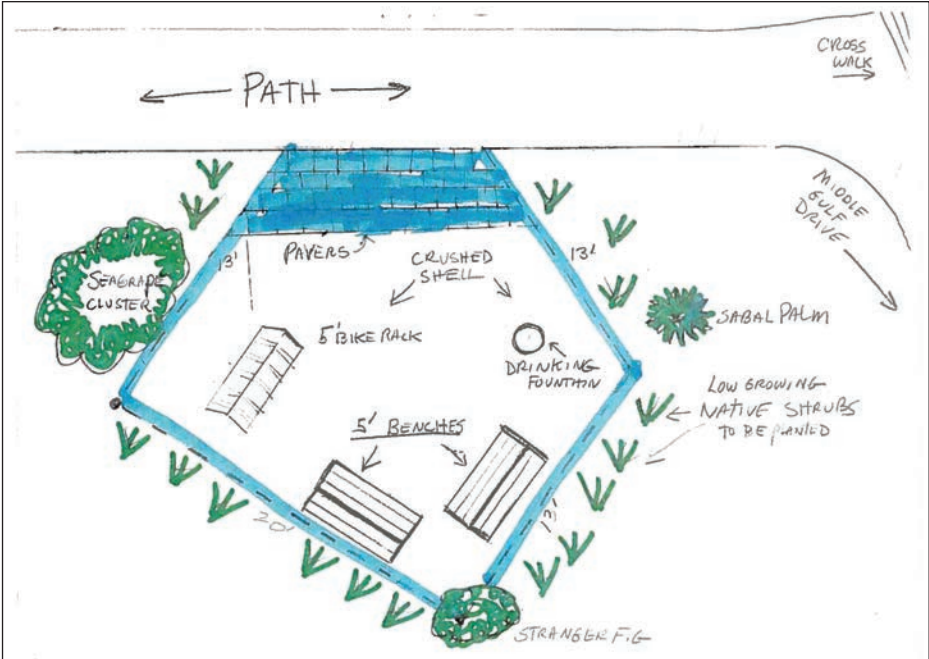
“Annual maintenance is estimated to cost \$350 in materials and requires 25

man-hours of staff time,” Williams wrote in his February 7 memorandum to City Manager Judie Zimomra. “In addition, we estimate a new bike rack will be required every five years at a cost of \$700.”

Council members voted unanimously to approve the project as part of Tuesday’s consent agenda.

Additionally, a resolution and city council order upholding on appeal the planning commission decision which denied a conditional use permit application to establish a low-speed vehicle rental business on Sanibel was adopted with a 5 to 0 vote.

In other business, councilors adopted a resolution in support of Senate Bill 10 and House Bill 761 directing the South Florida Water Management District to begin land acquisition, planning and design for the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) storage reservoir project. The EAA hopes to help reduce the harmful effects of freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries.✱



The proposed shared use path rest area near the Casa Ybel Road and Middle Gulf Drive intersection  
image courtesy City of Sanibel

## From page 1 Election Results

confidence in me... I’m grateful and thankful,” said Ruane. “My top priority remains working towards having cleaner water, which we want to fix for generations now and in the future. I’m hoping to push that ball into the end zone to help get that done.”



Kevin Ruane



Mick Denham



Jason Maughan

Vice Mayor Denham garnered the second-most votes, amassing 27.27 percent of the vote, or 1,545 ballots cast. “I’m very pleased to have won a seat on the council for another four years,” he said. “The mission we’ve set out as a council hasn’t changed – our top priorities are water quality, fiscal responsibility and redevelopment on the island.”

Maughan, a planning commissioner since 2014, narrowly upset incumbent Marty Harrity by 118 votes, winning the election with 22.43 percent of the vote, or 1,271 ballots cast. Harrity claimed 20.35 percent of the vote, or 1,153 ballots cast.

“I’m very humbled to win a position on the city council,” said Maughan. “It’s one of the great accomplishments of my life, to earn the trust of the island’s citizens. I’m ready to get to work.”

“I think that like with any election, the people have spoken,” added Harrity, who offered his gratitude to have been a long-time member of the city’s council. “It’s been a privilege to serve the people of Sanibel all these years, but there has to be winners and losers. Life goes on.”

Ruane, Denham and Maughan join fellow council members Jim Jennings and Chauncey Goss, both of whom were elected in 2015 and whose four-year terms will expire in March 2019. The trio will be sworn-in on Tuesday, March 21 during a special council meeting beginning at 9 a.m. at MacKenzie Hall.

Council will have to appoint a replacement for Maughan on the city’s seven-member planning commission.✱

## Encore And Premiere Film Screenings

Another encore of the film *Sanibel Before the Causeway* will be shown on Monday, March 13 at The Community House. This will be followed by the premiere of *Postcards & Photos from Sanibel* on Monday, March 20. Both films are sponsored by Eric Pfeifer, broker-owner of Pfeifer Realty Group, and are produced by seven-time Emmy winner David E. Carter.

*Sanibel Before the Causeway* features vintage film from the 1940s through the yearly ‘60s. The feature film has had four sell-outs at The Community House, plus another full house for a showing at Shell Point.

*Postcards & Photos from Sanibel* is done “Ken Burns style,” with narrators reading “letters and postcards from Sanibel” from 1884 through 1947. Carter said, “the narrative is all fact-based, with imagined letters and cards that reflect on the day-to-day life on Sanibel Island over the years.”

More than 150 postcards and photos illustrate stories from Sanibel’s past. In addition, nearly 20 photos taken by legendary Sanibel photographer Charlie McCullough are included in the narrative of the film.

This is the fourth documentary sponsored by Eric Pfeifer of Pfeifer Realty Group. Tickets for both films are \$7 each, and are now on sale at The Community House and Bailey’s General Store. All proceeds from ticket sales go to The Community House.

More details on the documentary can be seen at [www.SanibelStories.com](http://www.SanibelStories.com).✱

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**H2O members pose for a group photo before going skiing**

# Church Group Winter Retreat In Colorado

On Presidents' Day Weekend, February 17 through 21, the Sanibel Community Church H2O group traveled to Nederland, Colorado for their winter retreat.

“We took 52 students, parents and leaders, and it was a blast,” Youth Pastor Kevin Shafer said. “Aside from two days of skiing or snowboarding on beautiful Colorado terrain, we had two awesome speakers, Dave and Tara Powers. Dave and Tara spoke about how we need to form a friendship with Jesus, and instead

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of treating Jesus as a boss and just doing as he says, we need to see him as our friend... maybe even our best friend."

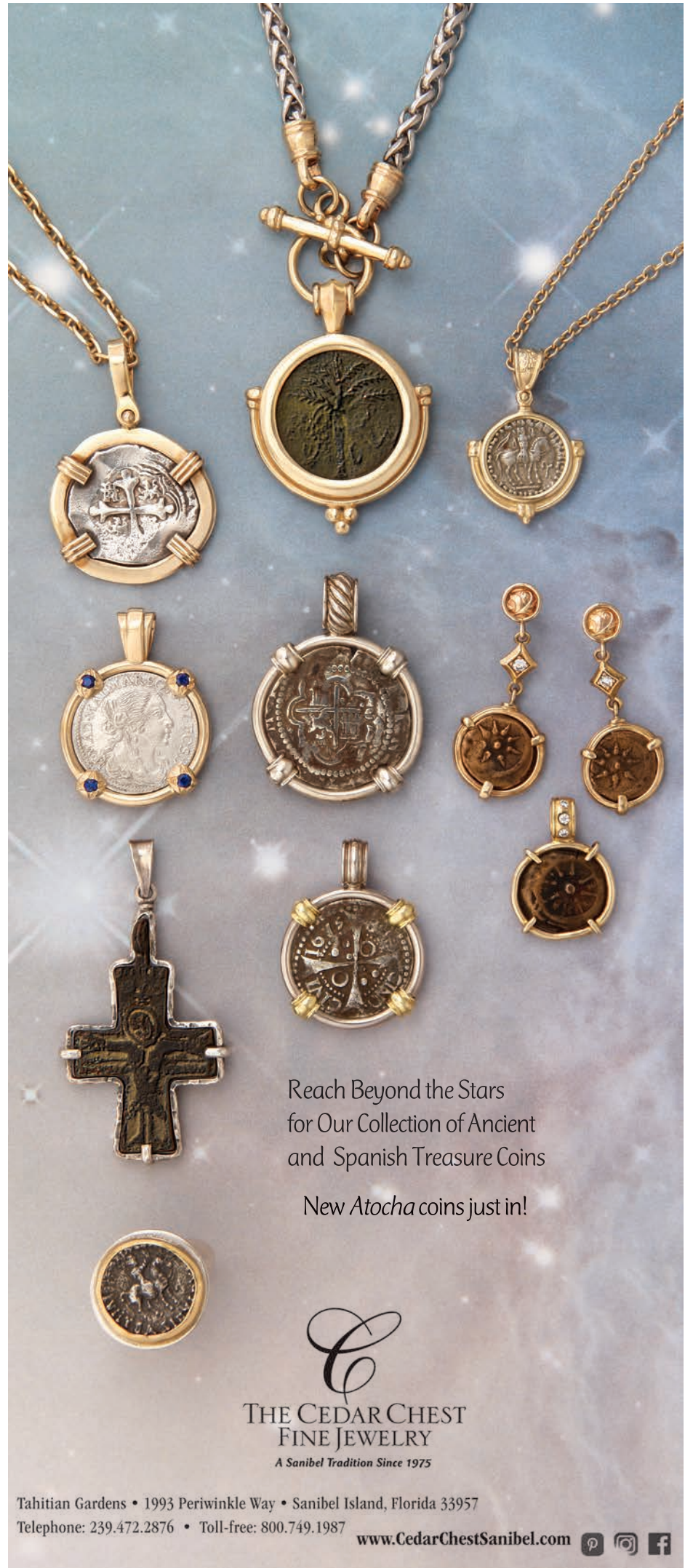
Throughout the weekend, lots of memories were made. A few members of the group went to Golden Gate Canyon State park for some ice blocking, where a person gets a block of ice and slides down a hill with it.

“As were taught how to be friends with Jesus, we all became friends with each other,” Pastor Shafer added.

H2O Student Ministries is for sixth through 12th grade young men and women. H2O meets on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for middle school students and 6 to 8 p.m. for high school students, and on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. All students are welcome to attend.✧



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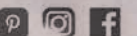
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## Celebration Of Life For 'Bird' Westall

The Celebration of Life for former Sanibel Mayor Mark "Bird" Westall will be held at 2 p.m. this Sunday, March 12 at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, located at 3333 Sanibel Captiva Road.

Westall served as a member of the City of Sanibel Planning Commission from 1985 to 1988; as the vice chair of the planning commission in 1988; as a member of city council from 1988 to 1996; two terms as Sanibel's vice mayor (1990-91 and 1991-92) and as one term as mayor from 1992-93.

Major legislative accomplishments during Mayor Westall's tenure include the establishment of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Conservation District, improving mangrove and wildlife habitat protection and the establishment of the Police Pension Fund for Sanibel's officers.✱

## Season Finale Concert To Benefit FISH

Chris Coile, local musician and entertainer, is performing his fifth and final concert the season to benefit FISH of SanCap. The concert will be held on Tuesday, March 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at George and Wendy's Seafood Grille. Coile will be joined by local singers and entertainers Mike Hill and Dee Kelly, part of the AllStars who perform regularly with Coile.

Coile has been performing for over 30 years, primarily on the east coast and Montana. He will be performing this summer in the Cape Cod area and be back on Sanibel early next fall. Classic rock 'n' roll, country, island and big band standards are his tunes of choice.

The benefit concert for FISH will include special tributes to The Beatles, Roy Orbison and Elvis. Coile's play list features some of the greatest hits since the 1950s.

There is no cover charge. All donations to FISH are voluntary. One hundred percent of Coile's CD sales go to FISH of SanCap.

Reservations are recommended. Call George and Wendy's Seafood Grille at 395-1263.✱



Chris Coile

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## Family Workshop On College Planning

Sanibel Community Church is sponsoring a workshop focused on what parents and students need to know before their students go to college. The topics to be discussed are:

- How to Select the Right College
- How to Graduate Debt-Free
- How to Identify a Career

- How to go to College for Less

The course will be led by experts Mike Crawford, certified financial planner and college planning specialist, and by Dr. Allen Hye, professor emeritus, Wright State University.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and includes lunch. Sanibel Community Church is subsidizing the event, but the attendees have a \$50 cost per family.

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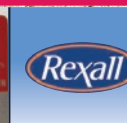
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## MARGARET LYNN RIDLEHOOVER

**M**argaret Lynn Ridlehoover, 73, of Sanibel, passed away on February 25, 2017 after a battle with kidney disease. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Lynn was the daughter of the late Harry and Catherine Huisman. She is survived by her loving husband, Edward Ridlehoover, son Jonathan Tongyai, daughter-in-law Carolyn Tongyai and grandson Scott Tongyai of Sanibel; stepson and daughter-in-law Alan and

Jill Ridlehoover, grandchildren Hunter and Grace of Walnut Creek, California; stepson and daughter-in-law Michael and Kristie Ridlehoover of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; sister Mildred Bachrach, and brother-in-law Fred Bachrach, nephew Jared Bachrach and niece Trinity Bachrach of Portland, Maine. She was preceded in death by her niece Tara Bachrach of Portland, Maine.

Lynn was born in Michigan, raised in New York and graduated from Eastchester High School. She attended Temple University and later received her teaching degree at the University of South Florida and taught at the Canterbury School in Fort Myers.

Lynn first came to Sanibel in 1972, and after the city incorporated, became the city's first purchasing agent. She also helped plan Sanibel's first 4th of July parade. She lived in Virginia and Georgia for a time and moved back to Sanibel in 2008 where she quickly became involved in the community. Lynn volunteered for CROW, Community Housing and Resources, FISH, was a former member of Zonta, served on the Sanibel Recreation Center Finance Committee, and recently served as vice president of PEO. She was a dear friend to many.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Community House on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to FISH of SanCap, Inc., 2430 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.✽



The Messiah College Concert Choir

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## College Concert Choir To Perform

**T**he Messiah College Concert Choir will be performing at Sanibel Community Church on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the main Sanctuary. The 45-member choir will be presenting a variety of repertoire, including selections from classic choral

pieces, as well as hymn arrangements and spirituals. The students in the choir minister to audiences both in the United States and in Europe. A love offering will be received for the choir. Light refreshments will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall.

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The children sang at the Ash Wednesday service

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## Celebrating The Beginning Of Lent

On Ash Wednesday, March 1, the LOGOS families at Sanibel Community Church celebrated the beginning of Lent by sharing a meal, choosing a Lent Family Challenge and stepping into March Mission projects together. During the worship service, the children sang, and family members received ashes together. This midweek family program meets on Wednesdays at Sanibel Community Church from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m.✱

## Variety Of Lenten Study Opportunities

During this Lenten Season, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is offering several special opportunities for study and growth. The following programs are all free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

Bible Study, now through April 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., will focus on the *Letter of James*. This brief but powerful book of the Bible explores some very important issues, including how we can and should put our faith into action. It is the source of the well-known maxim, "Faith without works is dead." Bring a Bible.

Booked For Lunch, held on Tuesday, April 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will include reviews of important works of fiction and non-fiction. Participants may bring a bag lunch; beverages are provided.

The Nature of Nature, held on Wednesday, March 15 with identical sessions at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., will be co-taught by the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, senior pastor at SCUCC, and Dr. Thomas Cooley, professor of english emeritus from Ohio State. The classes will include an exploration of the work of Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Emily Dickinson, using different selections and looking at biographical/historical contexts, to consider The Nature of Nature.

White Privilege, held on Tuesdays from March 14 through April 11 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., is a special seminar/group discussion focusing on the issue of "white privilege." How do those of us who are white perceive race? How do we perceive our own racial identity? The course will be closed after the

second week. A sign-up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall, or call to sign up so that study materials can be prepared for participants in advance, although advance registration is not required.

Twelve Steps to a New Life, held on Wednesdays, March 22, 29 and April 5, with identical programs at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., is an examination of Twelve-Step Spirituality and the concepts that undergird recovery programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, Al-Anon and many others. Twelve Steps to a New Life will explore the origins of the steps, and look at each one of the steps in detail. The course will involve film, lecture and discussion.

Balance and Fall Prevention, offered on Sunday, March 26 at 12:15 p.m., will feature physical therapist Rachel Tritaik, who will give a presentation on balance and fall prevention. Tritaik owns and manages Island Therapy Center. She has lectured on topics including osteoporosis, stroke, arthritis, fall/fracture prevention and back care and body mechanics. Lunch will be served.

Bridges of Hope, held on Sunday, April 2 at 12:15 p.m., will be a discussion on mental illness led by Joanne Halt, MA, the Faith Net representative for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Lee, Charlotte and Hendry counties. She will present a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on mental illness, the role of faith communities in supporting families, and the resources that NAMI supplies at a local level. Lunch will be served.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 2050 Periwinkle Way, across from the Periwinkle Place shopping area. For more information, call 472-0497, stop in the office or visit [www.sanibelucc.org](http://www.sanibelucc.org).✱



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Shell Festival



Staff, volunteers and supporters of the 80th Sanibel Shell Festival gathered at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on March 1 during the annual shell show judges' reception. Pictured from left are, Dorrie Hipschman, shell museum executive director, with scientific division judges Robert Janowsky and Dr. José H. Leal, shell museum science director and curator. photos by Jeff Lysick



From left, Shell Show Chair Mary Burton with Artistic Division judges John Whitenight and Sharlene Totten



Joyce Matthys' Scientific Division exhibit, *Rediscovering Sea-silk*, won the Du Pont Trophy

- Best Miniature Sailor's Valentine - Hobbyist**  
Marvin Hennemann, Fort Myers, FL
- Best Double Sailor's Valentine - Hobbyist**  
Yoko Kasai, Tokoyo, Japan
- Bettie K. McGowan Award, Best holiday exhibit**  
Shanti Moore, Pompano Beach, FL
- Best Shell Related Exhibit - Hobbyist**  
Margaret Gammon, Cape Coral, FL
- Terri Gosselin Award, Best exhibit in Hobbyist Miscellaneous Class**  
Cynthia Shelly, Bonita Springs, FL
- Daniel E. Malone Award, Best exhibit in Student Classes**  
Danielle Marra, Blue Bell, PA
- Best in Show - Hobbyist**  
Yoko Kasai, Tokoto, Japan
- Best Single Sailor's Valentine - Professional**  
David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL
- Best Double Sailor's Valentine - Professional**

- David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL
- Best Miniature Sailor's Valentine - Professional**  
David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL
- Best Medium Sailor's Valentine - Professional**  
Denise Betourne, Gilmanton, NH
- Best Flower Exhibit - Professional**  
Ann Stegner, Port Charlotte, FL
- Best Picture or Mosaic - Professional**  
Vickie Cassady, Fort Myers, FL
- Best Miscellaneous Exhibit - Professional**  
Bobby MacPhail, North Fort Myers, FL
- Captain Tom Clifford Award - Professional**  
David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL
- Judges' Special Ribbon**  
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- Judges' Special Ribbon**  
Marti Gorun, Libertyville, IL
- Judges' Merit Ribbon**  
Judy Dinnick, Toronto, ON



Holiday ornaments, floral bouquets and intricate figurines made from shells were sold by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Crafters

RIBBON REPORT

- SCIENTIFIC Student Grades 7 to 12**  
1st: Amelia Vasquez, Oviedo, FL
- Single Shell - Sanibel-Captiva - Self-collected**  
1st: Barry McBroom, Sebring, FL  
2nd: Marjorie Kronn, Elmont, NY  
3rd: Marti Gorun, Libertyville, IL
- Single Shell - Florida-Caribbean - Self-collected**  
1st: Rebecca Mensch, Fort Myers, FL  
2nd: Elliot Sudal, Sanibel, FL  
3rd: Donna Carey, Fort Myers, FL
- Single Shell - Florida-Caribbean - Any source**  
1st: Robert and Alice Pace, Miami, FL  
2nd: Holly Nordyke, Fort Myers, FL  
3rd: Donna Carey, Fort Myers, FL
- Single Shell - Worldwide - Self-collected**  
1st: Marilee McNeilus, Dodge City, MN  
2nd: Irene Longley, St. James City, FL  
3rd: Stefanie Wolf, Captiva, FL

- Single Shell - Worldwide - Any source**  
1st: Joyce Matthys, Beaverton, OR  
2nd: Constance Marshall Miller  
3rd: Michael Gillmore, Fort Myers, FL
- Single Shell - Unusual Variants - Any source**  
1st: 126 Bruce Schulz, Eugene, OR  
2nd: 287 Carol Saunders, Gold Beach, OR  
3rd: 311 Weezie Sachs, Louisville, KY
- Single Shell - Fossil - Shells and/or other sea life - Any source**  
1st: Irene Longley, St. James City, FL  
2nd: David Rosenquist, North Fort Myers, FL
- Single Specimen - Sea Life (Other than shells)**  
1st: Phyllis Gray, Orlando, FL  
2nd: Victoria Ross, Fort Myers, FL  
3rd: Bev Dolezal, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- Multiple Shells - Sanibel-Captiva - Self-collected**





From left, marine biologist Stefanie Wolf of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum with Sanibel School students Amanda Cohen, Isaac Peterson and Camryn Peach, who manned the live tank exhibits

- 1st: Bill Van Buren, Jr., Fort Myers, FL  
2nd: Debi McBroom, Sebring, FL  
3rd: Weezie Sachs, Louisville, KY

**Multiple Shells - Florida-Caribbean - Self-collected**

- 1st: Doug Thompson, Lynn Haven, FL  
2nd: Donna Carey, Fort Myers, FL  
3rd: Bethany Namour, Fort Myers, FL

**Multiple Shells - Worldwide - Any source**

- 1st: Harry Berryman, North Port, FL  
2nd: Holly Nordyke, Fort Myers, FL  
3rd: Bethany Namour, Fort Myers, FL

**Multiple Shells - One Superfamily or Family - or Subfamily - Any source**

- 1st: Pat and Bob Linn, Dunedin, FL  
2nd: Duane Kauffmann, Sarasota, FL

**Multiple Shells - One Genus - Any source**

- 1st: Greg Curry, Key West, FL  
**Multiple Shells - One Species - Self-collected**

- 1st: Doug Thompson, Lynn Haven, FL  
2nd: Rachel Fields, New York, NY  
3rd: Andrew Flynn and Jay Schulz, Sanibel, FL

**Multiple Shells - One Species - Any source**

- 1st: Marilee McNeilus, Dodge City, MN  
2nd: Michael Gillmore, Fort Myers, FL

**Multiple Shells - Educational - Any source**

- 1st: Joyce Matthys, Beaverton, OR  
2nd: Harry Berryman, North Port, FL  
3rd: Ron and Mary Bopp, Bradenton, FL

**Multiple Shells - Land or Fresh Water Shells - Any source**

- 1st: Robert and Alice Pace, Miami, FL

**Multiple Specimens - Fossils - Shells and/or other sea life - Any source**

- 1st: Ron and Mary Bopp, Bradenton, FL

**Multiple Shells - Miniatures - Adult shells only**

- 1st: Duane Kauffmann, Sarasota, FL

**Best of the Blues - Previous winner of a Blue Ribbon - at any past Sanibel Shell Show**

- 1st: Joyce Matthys, Beaverton, OR  
**Anne Joffe Sanibel - Superstar Award**

- 1st: Doug Thompson, Lynn Haven, FL  
**Special Theme - Around The World In 80 Shells - Shells only**

- 1st: Pat and Bob Linn, Dunedin, FL  
2nd: Doug Thompson, Lynn Haven, FL  
3rd: Bruce Schulz, Eugene, OR

**ARTISTIC**

**Hobbyist - Flower Arrangement - Made of Shells - Shells only**

- 1st: Susan Butwin, Canadensis, PA  
2nd: Sharon Thomas, Indianapolis, IN  
3rd: Joann Bucaida, Bonita Springs, FL

**Hobbyist - Flower Arrangement**

- 1st: Mary Hennemann, Fort Myers, FL  
2nd: Shanti Moore, Pompano Beach, FL

- 3rd: Wendy Robinson, Elgin, ON

**Hobbyist - Single Flower**

- 1st: Fran Thompson, Estero, FL  
2nd: Debbie Yamin, Fort Myers, FL

**Hobbyist - Single Stem of Flower**

- 1st: Mary Hennemann, Fort Myers, FL  
2nd: Debbie Yamin, Fort Myers, FL

- 3rd: Sharon Thomas, Indianapolis, IN

**Hobbyist - Miniature Flower**

- 1st: Wendy Robinson, Fort Myers, FL  
2nd: Tyler Schoenherr, Sanibel, FL

- 3rd: Cynthia Cosgrove, Orlando, FL

**Hobbyist - Lamp**

- 3rd: Diane Zimmer, Sanibel, FL

**Hobbyist - Jewelry - Single piece**

- 1st: Wendy Painter, Oviedo, FL  
2nd: Donna Timmermann, Sarasota, FL

- 3rd: Mary Ella Marra, Blue Bell, PA

**Hobbyist - Jewelry - Multiple pieces**

- 1st: Wendy Painter, Oviedo, FL  
2nd: Donna Carey, Fort Myers, FL

- 3rd: Dolores Wilzoch, Cape Coral, FL

**Hobbyist - Shell-Related**

- 1st: Margaret Gammon, Cape Coral, FL

- 2nd: Wendy Robinson, Elgin, OR

- 3rd: Donna Carey, Fort Myers, FL

**Hobbyist - Holiday Decoration**

- 1st: Shanti Moore, Pompano Beach, FL

- 2nd: Andrea Schopf, Lancaster, PA

**Hobbyist - Single Sailor's Valentine**

- 1st: Joy Henderson and Judy Dinnick, Toronto, ON

- 2nd: Donna Wilson, Ocean City, NJ

- 3rd: Sally Arbib, Ramsbury, United Kingdom

**Hobbyist - Single Miniature Valentine - 3 inch or smaller**



From left, Dr. Rick Batt, Ken Vinton and Harlan Wittkopf at the Authors Table



From left, Hatsue Iimuro and Asuka Sekiguchi of Japan learning how to create a Sailor's Valentine from expert Bill Jordan

- 1st: Marvin Hennemann, Fort Myers, FL

- 2nd: Dianne Reich, Sanibel, FL

- 3rd: Cynthia Cosgrove, Orlando, FL

**Hobbyist - Single Miniature Valentine - 4 inch minimum up to 6 inches**

- 1st: Dianne Reich, Sanibel, FL  
2nd: Donna Wilson, Ocean City, NJ

- 3rd: Yuki Shima, Tokyo, Japan

**Hobbyist - Traditional Single Sailor's Val. - Maximum 14 x 14 inches**

- 1st: Dianne Reich, Sanibel, FL  
2nd: Donna Wilson, Ocean City, NJ

- 3rd: Yuki Shima, Tokyo, Japan

**Hobbyist - Double Sailor's Valentine - Maximum 20 x 40 inches**

- 1st: Yoko Kasai, Tokyo, Japan

- 2nd: Victoria Ross, Fort Myers, FL

**Hobbyist - Novelties - Animals, caricatures, etc.**

- 1st: Andrea Schopf, Lancaster, PA

- 2nd: Erin Conklin, Fort Myers Beach, FL

- 3rd: Melinda Pierce, Evenston, IL

**Hobbyist - Flower Picture**

- 1st: Shanti Moore, Pompano Beach, FL

- 2nd: Marti Gorun, Libertyville, PA

**Hobbyist - Picture or Mosaic - Other than flowers**

- 1st: Mary Ella Marra, Blue Bell, PA

- 2nd: Wendy Macbeth, Weston, CT

**Hobbyist - Mirror**

- 1st: Marti Gorun, Libertyville, IL  
2nd: Andrea Schopf, Lancaster, PA

- 3rd: Mary Ella Marra, Blue Bell, PA

**Hobbyist - Multimedia**

- 1st: Michael Gillmore, Fort Myers, FL

- 2nd: Victoria Ross, Fort Myers, FL

- 3rd: Marilee McNeilus, Dodge City, MN

**Hobbyist - Shell Box**

- 1st: Carolyn Donato, Sanibel, FL

- 2nd: Joann Bucaida, Bonita Springs, FL

- 3rd: Wendy Robinson, Elgin, ON

**Hobbyist - Miscellaneous**

- 1st: Cynthia Skelly, Fort Myers, FL

- 2nd: Andrea Schopf, Lancaster, PA

- 2nd: Cynthia Cosgrove, Lancaster, PA

- 3rd: Wendy Macbeth, Weston, CT

**Hobbyist - Student Grades K to 6**

- 1st: Caroline Dolezal, Tequesta, FL

- 1st: Danielle Marra, Blue Bell, PA

- 2nd: Alannah Dolezal, Tequesta, FL

- 2nd: Ella Marra, Blue Bell, PA

- Honorable Mention: Athena Sarantopoulos, Lakeland, FL

**Hobbyist - Student Grades 7 to 12**

- 1st: Julia Wilson, Ocean City, NJ

- 2nd: Amelia Vasquez, Oviedo, FL

**Professional - Flower Arrangement - Shells only**

- 1st: Mary Burton, Leigh Acres, FL

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From left, Al Hanser and Robin Cook from The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, the Presenting Sponsor, raise a toast with SCCF's Jeff Siwicke, producer of Beer in the Bushes, and Erick Lindblad photo provided

## SCCF's Beer In The Bushes Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets are on sale for SCCF's 6th annual Beer in the Bushes. They can be purchased online at [www.sccfbeer.eventbrite.com](http://www.sccfbeer.eventbrite.com). Tickets are \$70 in advance of the event.

This popular music and craft beer tasting event is set for Saturday, April 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. Join the celebration on the grounds of SCCF's Nature Center for great craft beer, food truck offerings, live music, dancing and a few surprises.

"Beer in the Bushes has become the unofficial end-of-season party," said SCCF's Jeff Siwicke, creator of the event.

"Whether you're looking for new craft beer tastings, great food, world-class music or just a chance to catch up with fellow islanders at the end of a very busy tourist season, Beer in the Bushes is the place to be."

The headliner this year will be G Love and Special Sauce. A pioneer of the hip-hop blues sound from Philadelphia, this nationally touring band is known for their unique "sloppy" and "laid back" music that encompasses classic R&B sound.

Local food trucks under the coordination of Catering by Leslie Adams will keep everyone happy and full. All tickets include \$10 in TruxBux redeemable for dinner choices from any of the trucks.

"Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company as well as the host committee and other corporate

sponsors, we're able to bring back Beer in the Bushes again this year," said SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad. "We couldn't make Beer in the Bushes the good time it is without their generous support."

Guests will have a great evening while helping to support SCCF's mission of conserving coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in

the surrounding watershed.

The Sanibel-Captiva Nature Center is located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. Reservations and advance payment are requested; register online by going to [www.sccfbeer.eventbrite.com](http://www.sccfbeer.eventbrite.com). To learn more about event sponsorship opportunities, contact Cheryl Giattini at 395-2768 or [cgiattini@sccf.org](mailto:cgiattini@sccf.org).

## Orchid Society Meeting

Dendrobiums for Everyone will be the topic at the Monday, March 20 meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society. The program will be presented by John Romano, an award winning orchid grower. The meeting this month will take place beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library, located at 770 Dunlop Road.

Orchid novices are encouraged to come to the meeting's fundamentals session at 1 p.m. to hear Bill Overton discuss phalaenopsis. Overton has been growing orchids for over 40 years and is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. He will moderate this season's monthly fundamentals sessions.

Anyone with questions or an "ill orchid" that needs diagnosis can bring their plants to the meeting during show and tell. San-Cap Orchid Society members are invited to participate in a monthly show. Ribbons are awarded for best hybrid and best species orchids.



Members purchasing orchids at last month's meeting photo provided

Most meetings will have orchids for sale as well as an orchid raffle. Annual society membership is \$25 for singles or \$45 for couples. Guests may attend for \$5.

For more information, visit [www.sancaporchid.org](http://www.sancaporchid.org).

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## San Cap Art League

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Panelists:  
**Steven Johnson, Director of *Black Tide***  
**David Guest, retired Earthjustice attorney**  
**Rae Ann Wessel, SCCF Policy Director**



**Wednesday, March 15 7 pm**  
**Bailey Homestead Preserve 1300 Periwinkle Way**  
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**- Steven Johnson, Director of “Black Tide,” Veriscope Productions**




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<b>13</b> Weeds & Seeds - 8:45 <b>NEW Caloosahatchee Oxbow Cruise added Sunday, March 19. 1 pm, Advance Reservation Req'd, sign-up at <a href="http://www.sccf.org">www.sccf.org</a></b>	<b>14</b> Panthers/Corridors - 10 am  Guided Trail Walks at 11 a.m.	<b>15</b> Making Land Work tour at BHP - 10 am Crocodiles & Sanibel - 10 am <b>NEW PROGRAM! Screening of <i>Black Tide</i> documentary about water issues. 7pm at BHP</b>	<b>16</b> Turtle Tracks - 10	<b>17</b>
<b>20</b> Human Uses Native Plants at Bailey Homestead - 10	<b>21</b> Beach Walk at Bowman's - 8:30 am  SCCF@50 - 1 pm  Guided Trail Walks at 11 a.m.	<b>22</b> Making Land Work tour at Bailey Homestead - 10 am  Sun Tea from the Garden - BHP - 11 am Finding Home - 1 pm	<b>23</b> Photography Ethics - 10 am  Shorebirds - 2 pm  Deepwater Horizon film - 7 pm at SCA	<b>24</b> Tank Talk - 10 am

**Florida Crocodiles with  
Charles LeBuff on March 15**

Join author Charles LeBuff at SCCF's Nature Center to learn  
about the biology and historical aspects of Florida's American  
crocodile and this animal's ecological relationship to Sanibel-  
Captiva in a changing environment. Charles will be signing copies  
of his new book, *Florida's Crocodile*, following the talk.  
**Wednesday, March 15 at 10 a.m. in the SCCF auditorium.**



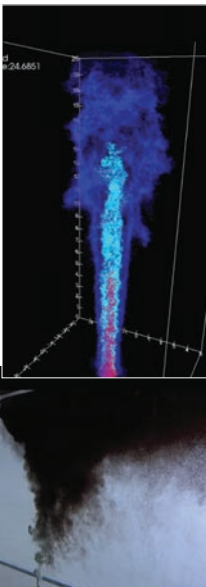

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**Thursday, March 23**  
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**Showing: 7 pm. Free**

**Deepwater Horizon  
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Join SCCF for a showing of the documentary, *Dispatches from the Gulf*,  
and panel discussion about the findings and current research in  
the Gulf related to the Deepwater Horizon.

Panelists:  
**Dr. Michael Parsons, Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University**  
**Dr. Marie DeLorenzo Research Toxicologist, NOAA, Charleston, SC.**





## March Winds Are Here To Stay



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**H**iding from the wind was the general theme when fishing towards the end of this past week. The month of March always tends to be one of our windier months and after

experiencing what has been weeks of near-perfect calm boating conditions, it took a few days to adapt to fishing in 20 to 30 mph winds. Once across bumpy exposed water and tucked away back in the sheltered creek systems, fishing was outstanding. Limits of the larger seatrout that we generally catch all winter have finally showed up in big numbers back in the deeper creek systems.

The geographical layout of Pine Island Sound makes it possible to hide and stay comfortable during most wind directions. I can still offer my clients the opportunity for a successful day's fishing even during these often windy, high pressure periods of March. Anglers at the southern end of

the sound certainly have it a little easier during these windy periods than the anglers fishing the more exposed waters at the northern end.

When fishing the southern end of the sound, we have lots of options all within just a few miles radius. We are able to duck into the many large sheltered mangrove bays and creeks both around St. James City and Sanibel and not have to spend much time out in open rougher bay. The west to east bend of Sanibel along with the few miles long southern tip of Pine Island offers shelter on just about any wind direction.

I do have to occasionally cancel trips due to wind, but luckily its not very often. Strong northwest wind is the worst and a game-changer, making it almost impossible to comfortably get around in. East to northeast wind will be the prevailing direction for the next few months. Any strong easterly wind intensifies an outgoing tide and causes the water to be blown out of the sound giving us extreme minus low tides that are not predicted on a tide chart. These big minus, east wind-generated low tides are some of my favorite times to be fishing back in mangrove creeks and holes as it consolidates fish into very small areas.

Mangrove creek fishing with shiners was my go-to all week. The action was great! On one windy day, we never left one small single creek system and just



Keith Siler from Ohio with our first keeper snook of season, a 29-incher caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

bounced spot to spot as the tide continued to dump out. In the middle and on the edges of these deeper channels, we caught lots of keeper trout along with jacks and ladyfish, then casted our shiners tighter to the roots and caught snook after snook. I did see quite a few larger snook in the deepest bends of these creeks but only managed to land one keeper during the first few open days of snook season.

Don't let the wind get you down. If March plays out anything like years past, we will have to deal with windy conditions this whole month. The better you learn

the layout of the sound, the more places you will find to catch fish while getting almost totally out of the wind. Unlike offshore anglers that have to sit home until the wind lets up, it's still possible for us backcountry fisherman to get out and enjoy a great day on the water.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email [captmattmitchell@aol.com](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com). ✨

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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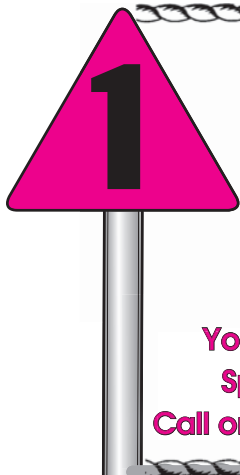
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Coontie is a native cycad and host plant for the atala butterfly

photos by Gerri Reaves

#### Plant Smart

## Choosing Zamias

by Gerri Reaves

You might be familiar with the two common cycads pictured here, but do you know which one is native?

Both coontie (*Zamia integrifolia*) and cardboard plant, or Mexican scurfy zamia (*Zamia furfuracea*), have striking similarities, particularly the fern- or palm-like leaves.

Despite that superficial look, however, cycads are more closely related to pines than to ferns or palms.

In fact, cycads were already part of the landscape before dinosaurs populated the earth, so they are classified as primitive in the plant world.

Native coontie is the plant with the

more slender shiny brighter green leaflets with smooth edges. Cardboard plant's are dull green and coarse-textured with finely serrated edges.

Coontie is smaller than the non-native, typically growing only one to four feet high, while the latter can form large clumps up to 10 feet wide.

Slow-growing and cold-, salt- and drought-tolerant, the native prefers well-drained sandy or limestone soil, dry conditions and full sun.

Coontie's male cones are elongated and cylindrical, and the female ones are squat, rounded and tightly packed bright orange seeds.

While it's available at native-plant nurseries, coontie is now rare in the wild and listed on the Florida Commercially Exploited Plant List. Law prohibits the collection of the coontie from the wild.



Non-native cardboard plant is another cycad commonly found in South Florida landscapes

One contributing factor to coontie's scarcity in the wild, besides habitat destruction, is its extensive use of the large starchy underground stems as a staple food source.

Native Americans produced Indian breadroot and pioneers harvested it commercially to make Florida arrowroot.

Like coontie, cardboard plant is very slow-growing and prefers full sun and well-drained soil. Attributes such as salt and drought tolerance qualify it as Florida friendly.

Both cycads are good choices as a groundcover if you want to reduce mowing, irrigation, and fertilizer application.

However, as the host plant for the rare atala butterfly (*Eumaeus atala florida*), coontie has benefits for wildlife that make it a better landscape choice.

At least two other non-native cycads are also common in the non-native landscape trade: king sago (*Cycas revoluta*) and queen sago (*Cycas circinalis*), both of which have suffered from a widespread incurable airborne fungus in recent years.

If you need other reasons to go native, consider these facts: coontie is immune to that fungus, and is even capable of converting nitrogen from the air into its own fertilizer source.

Zamia seeds are poisonous.

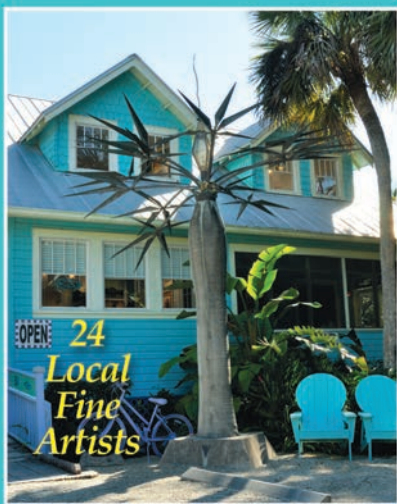
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# BAILEY-MATTHEWS NATIONAL SHELL MUSEUM

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Whether you're a long-time resident or a first-time visitor to Sanibel/Captiva, shells are probably on your mind. Your family delights in them at the beach, you might collect them as souvenirs. Perhaps you've become a local shell expert!

At the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, we love the beauty of shells, and we also love the natural world that they embody. I thought I would share with you some of what we at the Museum believe:

**WE BELIEVE THAT MOLLUSKS, THE SHELL CREATORS, ARE AMAZING ANIMALS. THERE ARE MORE KINDS OF MOLLUSKS THAN ANY OTHER ANIMALS IN THE OCEAN. THEY ARE A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE WORLD'S FOOD WEB—INCLUDING OUR OWN. MANY ARE ENDANGERED AND MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THEY EXIST.**



We believe that unless people come to care about the animals that create shells, these creatures and the ocean they live in are at risk—and our lives will be diminished in ways we can only begin to imagine.

When people meet mollusks, they fall in love with them. It may start with a love for their beautiful shells, then through our work, for the living creatures themselves—the shell creators.

We believe that there is no other place in the world that is doing this work. There is no other community in the world that is as invested in the health of these mollusks—and the ocean—as are our island friends.

We can change the world—one shell (and shell lover) at a time.



**DORRIE HIPSCHEMAN**

Executive Director  
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

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Daily Beach Walks at the Island Inn with our marine biologists this past year.

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**LEADING SCIENTISTS** participated in *Mollusks in Peril*, the first international conference on the topic. Their presentations are available online.

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**LOCAL SPECIES** hatched in the Museum's aquariums as we strive to learn more about these amazing creatures.



## APPRECIATING OUR COMMUNITY

6,689

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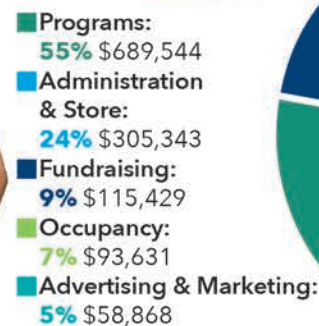
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Shell Of The Week

# Florida Cross-Barred Venus



by José H. Leal, PhD, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum Science Director and Curator

The Florida Cross-barred Venus, *Chione elevata* (Say, 1822), another member

of the venus clams family Veneridae, is one of the most common shells on the beaches of Southwest Florida. It measures up to about 25 mm (one inch). The shell valves have a characteristic sculpture of well-separated concentric ridges that are intercepted throughout the valve surface by more densely packed radial ribs. (The term radial in this case indicates a direction from shell from beak to edge, like the spokes on a wheel.) This resulting criss-crossed sculpture gives the species its common name. Do not mistake shells of this species for the Lady-in-waiting Venus, (*Puberella intapurplea*), or the young of the Southern Quahog (*Mercenaria campechiensis*) and the Northern Quahog (*Mercenaria mercenaria*). Shells of these three latter species lack the radial ridges on their valve sculptures. Learn more about local mollusks



The Florida Cross-barred Venus, *Chione elevata*, from Sanibel Island photo by José H. Leal

at <http://shellmuseum.org/shells/southwest-florida-shells>.

## Shell Museum Events

Daily programs are included with paid admission:

Live Tank Talks – Presented by a marine biologist throughout the day.

Mollusk Matinees – Talks presented by staff every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m.

Arts & Crafts – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Please check our arrival board in the main lobby for updates to daily schedules.

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum is located at 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road. Call 395-2233 or visit [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org).\*

# History And Urban Birding Tour Downtown

Audubon of Southwest Florida invites you to experience birding and local history during a unique event in downtown Fort Myers on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. History & Urban Birding will be led by chapter birders and local history aficionado Gerri Reaves. Participants will learn about the history of the town and look for birds at sunset over and around the downtown district and the Caloosahatchee.

Meet in Centennial Park at the Uncommon Friends water statue across from Harborside Event Center. Recommended parking is on the street near the center. Wear comfortable shoes and light clothes. Bring your binoculars, camera and water. No tour will be held if rainy conditions are prevailing.

Chapter birders and non-members, beginner to advanced birders are welcome. The tour is free, however, donations are appreciated. Visit [audubonswfl.org](http://audubonswfl.org) for more information.\*

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April 10  
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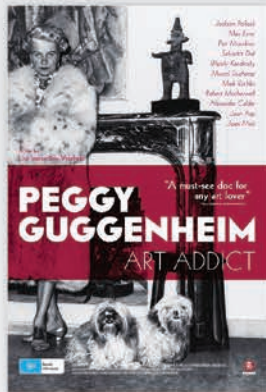


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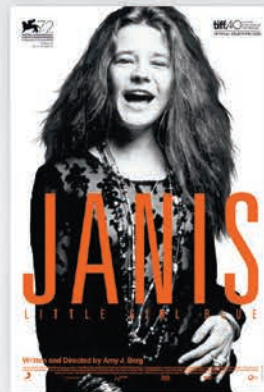


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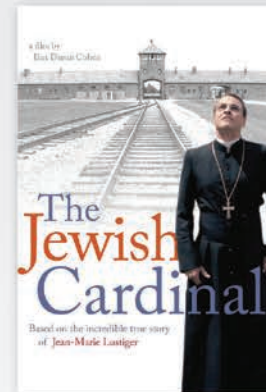
### Award-winning Documentaries



March 8  
**Peggy Guggenheim:  
Art Addict  
(2015)**



March 15  
**Janis: Little Girl Blue  
(2015)**



March 22  
**The Jewish Cardinal  
(2013)**

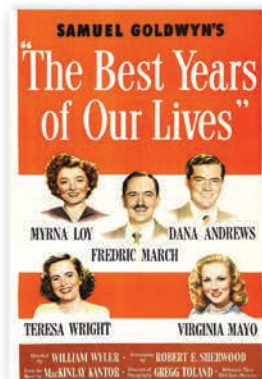
### Director's Series



March 29  
**The Little Foxes  
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April 5  
**Mrs. Miniver  
(1942)**



April 12  
**The Best Years of Our  
Lives (1946)**



April 19  
**How to Steal  
a Million (1966)**



## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Kemp's Ridley



by Bob Petcher

The Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) is regarded as the world's most endangered sea turtle by *National Geographic* magazine. Its numbers were so frighteningly low that the population dipped to between 200 to 300 nesting females in the 1980s. The rebound began after protection laws became stricter and unintended fishing captures

lessened. Today, there are reports that estimate 7,000 to 9,000 sea turtles of that particular species are thriving.

Of the seven sea turtle species, Kemp's ridleys are the smallest, coming in less than 100 pounds and mostly under two feet in length. Nesting primarily during the day is another distinction that sets them apart from their cousins. Loggerheads, greens, leatherbacks, hawksbills, olive ridleys and flatbacks are known to nest at night. And, only the Kemp's ridley and olive ridley possess a unique mass nesting behavior. Known as an arribada, the behavior features both species producing a large number of offspring during reproduction. Yet another distinction from other marine turtles is their sexual maturation. Kemp's reach sexual maturity between age 10 and 15, significantly younger than the other species.

With a triangular-shaped head, hooked beak and a strong jaw, Kemp's ridleys can live to be approximately 50 years old. Its specific function in the ecology of the oceans is to keep the crab population balanced, which makes sense since that is its favorite food.

Kemp's are not big into deep diving. In fact, the adult Kemp's breed prefers shallow waters to reach the bottom to feed on fish, jellyfish, mollusks and occasionally seaweed and sargassum. One drawback with swimming

in shallow waters is that they are easily hooked by fishermen.

At CROW, a female Kemp's ridley sea turtle was received from Fort Myers Beach on February 28. The report stated that the turtle had ingested two fishing hooks that had a steel fishing line attached. After x-rays, it was determined the hooks were in the mid and caudal esophagus.

Medical officials anesthetized the patient and performed an upper GI endoscopy using a rigid endoscope. Both hooks were manipulated and removed using long towel clamps to grasp them with an endoscope camera to visually aid the procedure.

After the surgery, medical officials said the patient was in good health. No restrictions are anticipated.

According to state regulations, all sea turtles must be measured, weighed and tagged before being released. Time and location will be determined by state officials.

"The patient was tagged on Friday, March 3 with a flipper tag on both the left and right sides," said CROW DVM intern Dr. Spencer Kehoe. "She also received a passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag."

The surgical procedure took time and effort on the part of CROW medical officials.

"Unfortunately, we have to perform this procedure more often than we would like," said Dr. Kehoe.

"With this patient, we were able to remove the hooks using only the endoscope. However, often times, further surgery is required."

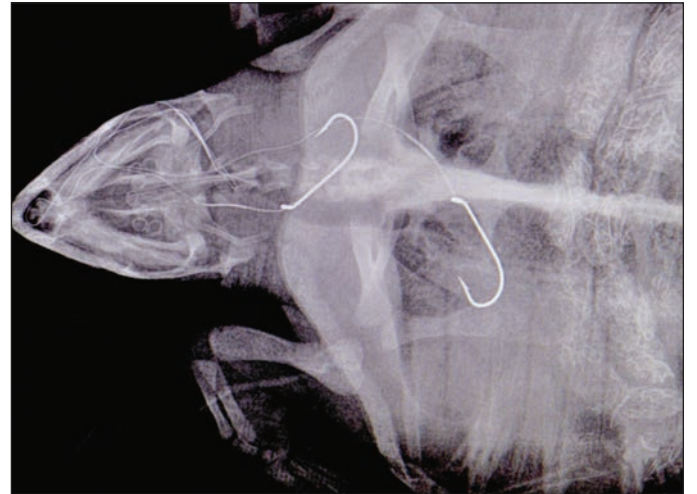
For more information on how to unhook an animal caught on your line or ways to prevent these accidents, visit [www.clearyourgear.org](http://www.clearyourgear.org).

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Patient #17-424 getting an exam

photos by Brian Bohlman



X-ray reveals the embedded hooks and steel fishing line

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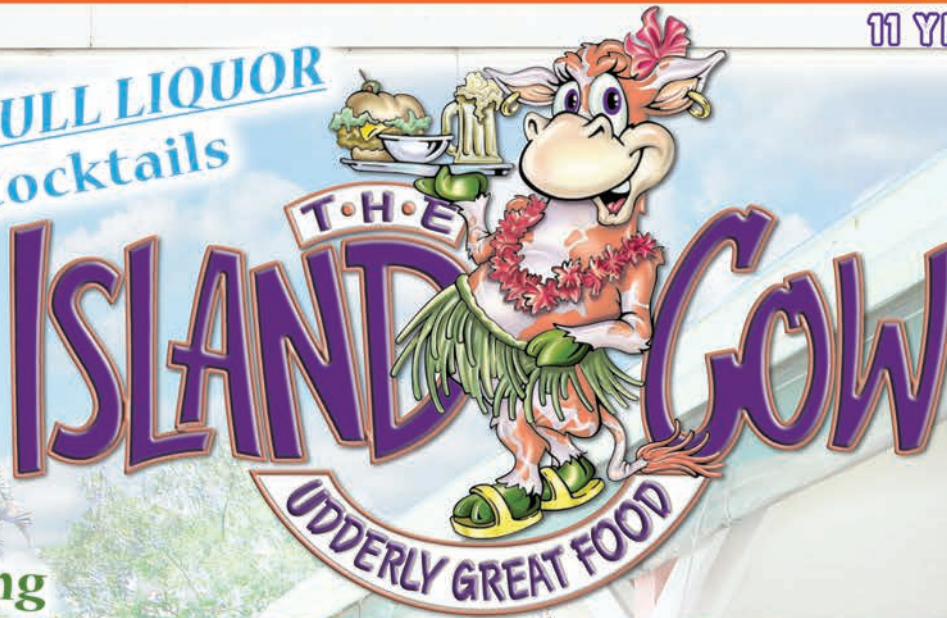
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Zickefoose's art depicts the maturation of baby birds

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## Discussion On Baby Birds At 'Ding' Lecture

In 2002, Julie Zickefoose, intrigued by the quick development of baby songbirds, began to draw and paint wild nestlings day by day, recording their swift growth and fledging. Over the next 13 years, the artist, writer and naturalist documented daily changes in 17 bird species from birth to flight.

Zickefoose will discuss her journey and resulting book, *Baby Birds: An Artist Looks into the Nest*, during two free presentations at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, March 17 as part of the 2017 "Ding" Darling Lecture Series at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

In her talk, Zickefoose will share her influences and artistic process for *Baby Birds*, which includes more than 500 artistic life studies. Art and science combine as the scientist's relentless curiosity joins the artist's quest for beauty. Attendees will hear how, among other close-encounter experiences, she ended up being foster mother to orphaned hummingbirds, chimney swifts and bluebirds.

Author of *Letters from Eden* and *The Bluebird Effect* – the latter included on the Oprah Book Club list – Zickefoose is a contributing editor for *Bird Watcher's Digest*. Following her presentations, she will be signing copies of her book, which are available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, proceeds from which benefit wildlife and education at "Ding" Darling.

HighTower/Thomas & Swartz Wealth Management sponsors the free 12-lecture series with support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). The season's complete schedule follows. Book signings will take place at all remaining lectures.

Seating for the lectures in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center Auditorium is limited and available on a first-come basis. Early arrivals can save one seat each and then may explore the Visitor & Education Center or Indigo Trail before the lecture starts. Saved seats must be filled



Julie Zickefoose

15 minutes before lecture time.

As usual, Wildlife Drive closes on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the center, Indigo Trail, and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

Note: Opinions expressed in guest lectures do not necessarily reflect the views of refuge and DDWS management, staff, and board of directors.

For more information, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

March 24 – Author Denege Patterson, *A Tour of the Islands of Pine Island Sound: Their Geology, Archaeology and History*

March 31 – Author Will Stolzenburg, *Heart of a Lion: A Lone Cat's Walk Across America*

April 7 – Photographer-sound recordist Gerrit Vyn, *The Living Bird: 100 Years of Listening to Nature*

April 14 – Author Charles Sobczak, *Alligators, Sharks, & Panthers: Deadly Encounters with Florida's Top Predator – Man* ✨



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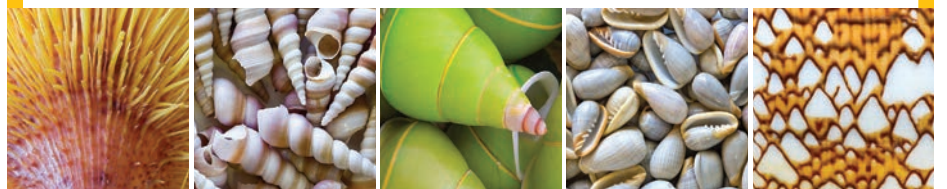
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## CROW Calendar Of Events

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) has specialty programs available for residents and visitors. Meet the staff and learn what it takes to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife in Southwest Florida.

For reservations, contact Rachel Rainbolt at [rainbolt@crowclinic.org](mailto:rainbolt@crowclinic.org) or 472-3644 ext. 229 to register. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road.

**Friday, March 10, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Why Animals Come to CROW.

Whether animals are sick, injured or orphaned, CROW aims to lead in their recovery. From fishing line entanglement to abducted babies, this presentation will address the most likely reasons patients are admitted to the hospital.

**Friday, March 10, 2 p.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises, presented by a CROW volunteer.

The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a “keystone species.” CROW’s presenter explains why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species.

**Friday, March 10, 2 to 3:30 p.m.,** \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators

and Staff.

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

**Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Baby Care at CROW, presented by a CROW volunteer.

Wildlife parents are devoted to the care of their young and rarely abandon them, and juveniles found “abandoned” might actually be in a natural stage of development. Those needing assistance are placed in a specialized wing of the wildlife hospital and are provided supportive care around the clock until they are old enough to care for themselves.

**Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101.

After a patient stabilizes in the hospital, CROW’s rehabilitation staff provides them with a combination of balanced diet, husbandry and physical therapy. Supportive care is necessary to ensure success during the final stage in the rehabilitation process. Ask the staff how they work their magic. One of CROW’s animal ambassadors will be present.

**Monday, March 13, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,** \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an

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**Monday, March 13, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

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**Monday, March 13, 2 p.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – CROW Case of the Week, presented by a CROW student.

CROW’s teaching hospital offers externship, fellowship and internship opportunities for natural science and veterinary medicine students. While on site, students learn the ins and outs of conservation medicine and wildlife rehabilitation, and share their favorite patient stories. One of CROW’s animal ambassadors will be present.

**Monday, March 13, 4 to 4:15 p.m.,** adults \$10, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge, advance registration required – Speaker Series: Introduction to Wildlife Photography with presenter Pam Jones-Morton, PhD, volunteer for Koreshan State Park.

To be a successful wildlife photographer, you must become a wildlife observer. Knowing your subject helps you anticipate interesting behavior so you’ll be prepared with the right settings when the action begins. This program is meant for introductory level photographers and will

conclude with a photo opportunity with some of CROW’s animal ambassadors.

**Tuesday, March 14, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101.

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**Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wildlife Rescue 101.

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The multi-award-winning film *Bag It! Is Your Life Too Plastic?* reveals, in an entertaining manner, just how plastic crazy people really are and how you can change the pattern.

Below is the full schedule for earth-friendly and free fun throughout the day:

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Wildlife Drive is open free to bikers and hikers only (\$5 fee per vehicle).

10 to 10:30 a.m. – Family Craft & Story, Visitor & Education Center

10 to 10:30 a.m. – Gators & Crocs Program, Crossdike Pavilion

11 to 11:45 a.m. – *Bag It! Is Your Life Too Plastic?* Film Showing, Visitor & Education Center Auditorium

1 to 1:30 p.m. – Birds of the Refuge Program, Crossdike Pavilion

For more information on Earth Day at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, call 472-1100.\*

## Elementary Spanish Club Debuts Salsa Dance Number

submitted by Kim Kouril

During a recent volunteer breakfast at The Sanibel School, the audience was treated to a performance by Spanish Elementary Club students in their couples dance debut.

Under the guidance of the school's Spanish teacher, Senora Zavala, the students moved gracefully to a salsa as they twirled their partners around the stage. All of this was done in preparation for an upcoming competition to be held at the World Language Fair at the Lee County School District on Saturday, March 11. Along with the Spanish Elementary Club students, the Spanish Middle School Club will perform, and there will be Sanibel School students participating in other categories, including a quiz bowl and poster contest.

The Sanibel School is proud of its students and is cheering them on as they prepare for the World Language Fair.\*



Spanish Elementary Club from The Sanibel School photo provided

## SANIBEL Music FESTIVAL

### Save March For Music 2017

Concerts are held at the Sanibel Congregational U.C.C.  
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### Daedalus String Quartet

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### Emerson String Quartet

With an unparalleled list of achievements over three decades including nine Grammys they were inducted into the Classical Music Hall of Fame in 2010.

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Sanibel Music Festival is grateful for the support of Lee County and Southwest Florida Community Foundation.





# San-Cap Optimists Uncork 10th Food & Wine Festival



Hundreds of guests took part in Sunday's 10th annual Sanibel Uncorked Winter Food & Wine Festival, hosted by the Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club underneath a giant tent at Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery. The festival included a variety of wine and beer samplings, gourmet appetizers and passed hors d'oeuvres.

photos by Jeff Lysiak



Mallorie Estrada and Mercedes Estrada from Michigan



Jerry Crowe and Fran Kieling



From left, Karen Ryan, Michael Belzile, Carmen and Luis Barroso, Kim Belzile and John Ryan



From left, Cora and Barry Wixley with Jim and Sharon Miller



From left, Kross Torregrossa, Emily Thomas, Thomas Higginson and Monica Hamme of Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's



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From left, Stan Howard, Chef Karl Hamme and Dani Howard



David Ponka and daughter Ella Louise Ponka from Ottawa, Canada



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# Sanibel Fishing Club Gathering

On Tuesday, March 14, the Sanibel Island Fishing Club will be holding its next club gathering at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. While the meeting gets under way at 6:30 p.m., the featured speaker will begin his presentation at 7 p.m. sharp. There is no admission charge for the event and the angling public is cordially invited to attend. Pizza and refreshments will be available at a nominal charge.

This month's featured speaker is Dr. Bruce Neill of the Sanibel Sea School. Dr. Neill earned his PhD in conservation biology from Montana State University. He has conducted research on coral reef biology and sea urchins, and has held positions at colleges, field schools and the American Museum of Natural History. He is an avid fisherman with a passion for teaching. He and his wife, Evelyn, founded Sanibel Sea School in 2005 to help more people connect with the ocean through meaningful, field-based experiences.

At this month's meeting, Dr. Neill will discuss patterns of tarpon behavior and migration and how this knowledge can help anglers find and catch the silver king. He will also focus on the biological perspective of other local popular sport fish and how this information can be applied to increase



Dr. Bruce Neill speaking at the Sea School's annual fundraiser photo provided

fishing success. This should be a very interesting presentation for anglers to learn more about their targeting species. A lengthy question-and-answer session will follow the lecture.

The Sanibel Island Fishing Club meets monthly through season and sponsors several group outings as well as lending support for various fishing related charities and organizations such as START, SCCF and the Sanibel Sea School. For information on joining the club, contact Warren Tiegen at 579-0354 or attend the next meeting.

The Sanibel Island Fishing club has

been an active social club for more than 30 years on the island. To learn more about the club and to view our

great fishing photos or to explore our fish recipe section, visit [www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com](http://www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com).✴

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## CROW Calendar

CROW's rehabilitation staff provides them with a combination of balanced diet, husbandry and physical therapy. Supportive care is necessary to ensure success during the final stage in the rehabilitation process. Ask the staff how they work their magic. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

**Wednesday, March 15, 2 p.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Birds of Prey, presented by CROW staff.

Raptors are birds that prey on other animals in the wild to survive. Their specialized beaks and talons make them some of the most effective hunters. This presentation discusses the unique adaptations of the native and migratory raptors of Florida. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

**Wednesday, March 15, 2 to 3:30 p.m.,** \$20 per person, advance registration required – Wildlife Walk with Rehabilitators and Staff.

Wildlife Walks are approximately 1.5 hours: a 45-minute presentation with a 45-minute tour. Not recommended for children under the age of 13. Photography opportunity following the tour with an animal ambassador.

**Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,** \$20 per person, advance

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**Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Patient Profiles: Gopher Tortoises, presented by a CROW volunteer.

The life of a gopher tortoise revolves around its burrow. These tortoises are found digging from southern Georgia to southeast Florida. Because of its contributions to the ecosystem, it is classified as a "keystone species." CROW's presenter explains why they are admitted and how the medical staff treats this species. One of CROW's animal ambassadors will be present.

**Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m.,** adults \$7, teens \$5, 12 and under no charge – Wild About Rehabilitation, presented by CROW staff.

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## Rec Center Fun Day

Register your child now for the upcoming Fun Day at the Sanibel Recreation Center on Friday, March 17. Fun Day offers a variety of athletic games, craft projects and special entertainment. Enrollment is available for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This program operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each child needs to bring a lunch, swimsuit and towel. Light snacks will be provided.

Register in advance by Friday, March 10 and receive the "Early Bird" rate of \$30 for members and \$30 for non-members; registration on or after March 11 is \$36 for members and \$48 for non-members.

The Sanibel Recreation Center is

located at 3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For more information, call 472-0345 or visit [www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com).

## Audubon 'Ding' Darling Bird Walk

The next bird walk of the 2017 Sanibel-Captiva Audubon season will be held on Saturday, March 11 at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Participants will meet in the overflow parking lot to the left as you drive in at 8 a.m. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. Refuge fees will apply; the Duck Stamp and Federal Senior Pass are accepted.

For more information, visit [www.san-capaudubon.org](http://www.san-capaudubon.org).

located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road by Wednesday, March 15. CROW is unable to accept electronics, appliances, computers, printers, mattresses, clothes or shoes.

For drop offs after hours or on Sunday, leave items under the building next to the elevator.

For more information, contact Liz Pearson at 472-3644 ext. 229 or [pearson@crowclinic.org](mailto:pearson@crowclinic.org).

## Donations Needed For CROW Yard Sale

Spring cleaning? Redecorating? Donate items for CROW's yard sale on March 17 and 18. Bring your gently used items to CROW,

## Shells Found



Marge and Denny O'Leary photo provided

Marge O'Leary, visiting from East Troy, Wisconsin, reported that she was "thrilled God allowed me to find his gifts from the sea" on February 22. "I found a junonia and a perfect alphabet cone near each other on the beach off of the East Gulf end," said O'Leary. During her stay, she also found a colorful moon shell and a Scotch bonnet. She said, "2017 will be my fourth year in a row coming to Florida, allowing me time to do some fun shelling."

## Shells Found



Sharon Troncin and Cindy Heilman photo provided

Sharon Troncin and her sister Cindy Heilman, visiting from Morton, Illinois found two junonias while staying on Captiva the week of February 12. The pair walked the beach along the Gulf every morning, from Blind Pass to 'Tween Waters Inn, where they found both rare shells.

"My sister found the first one on Monday on our way back to our rented cottage," said Troncin. "The following day, I found the second one in the water being pushed by the waves about halfway along our walk."

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Emerson String Quartet

## Emerson String Quartet To Perform March 18

The renowned Emerson String Quartet, with an unparalleled list of achievements over three decades, will perform during the Sanibel Music Festival at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 2050 Periwinkle Way.

The Emerson stands apart in the history of string quartets. They have acquired more than 30 acclaimed

photo courtesy Sanibel Music Festival

recordings, nine Grammy Awards (including two for Best Classical album), three Gramophone Awards, the Avery Fisher Prize and *Musical America's* Ensemble of the Year. They were inducted into the Classical Music Hall of Fame in 2010.

Formed in 1976, the quartet took its name from American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson. Violinists Eugene Druker and Philip Setzer alternate in the first chair position. They are joined by violist Lawrence Dutton and new cellist Paul Watkins, who replaced founding cellist David Finckel, who retired in 2015. The quartet approaches classical and contemporary repertoire with equal

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### BIG ARTS Documentary Series

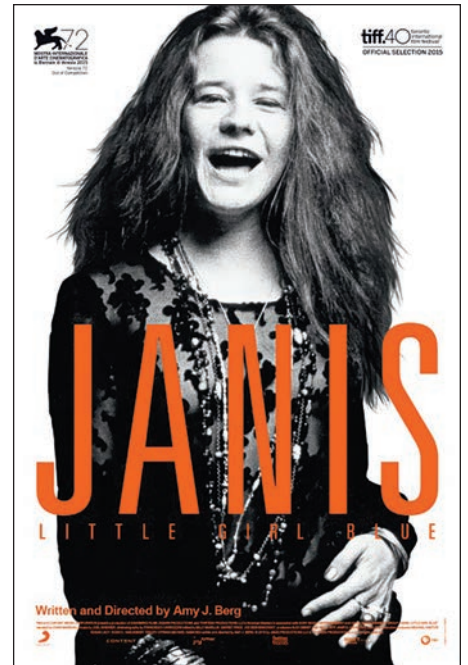
## Janis: Little Girl Blue

by Di Saggau

On Wednesday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m. the Island Cinema will show the third in this year's BIG ARTS Critically Acclaimed Documentary Series. *Janis: Little Girl Blue* tells the story of Janis Joplin, who died of a heroin overdose at age 27. More than any rock star of her generation she fearlessly vented the emotions of her needy inner girl-child. The film sustains a double vision of both the child and the hard living folk-blues mama Joplin became. It explores her demons.

In the film, Joplin's letters to friends, lovers and her cautiously supportive but disapproving parents are plaintive and direct. Read aloud by the singer-songwriter Chan Marshall, in a gentler voice than Joplin's, they reveal a forthright honesty, emotional openness and fierce intelligence. Her younger siblings offer wistful, caring remembrances.

San Francisco in its hippie heyday was her salvation and her destruction. The film includes a famous shot of Mama Cass in the audience at a concert, marveling at Joplin's talent. The portrait that emerges is one of a brash, talented girl who grew up an outcast in her small Texas town. Fraternities at a nearby college cruelly dubbed her Ugliest Man in



an annual poll. The true draw of the film is Janis herself, sweet and wild and vividly alive, she takes a little piece of your heart when she goes. The film runs one hour, 43 minutes.

Tickets are \$5 for members of BIG ARTS and \$6 for non-members. Tickets are available at BIG ARTS and the day of the film at the cinema located in Bailey's Shopping Center. Following the film, a discussion will take place at Island Cinema.

Showing next in the series is *The Jewish Cardinal* on March 22.✧

**Friday, March 24th from 5-7 pm**

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Bobby MacPhail's inventive shell creation, *Conchalele*

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## Shell Festival

2nd: Ann Stegner, Port Charlotte, FL  
**Professional - Flower Arrangement**  
 1st: Ann Stegner, Port Charlotte, FL  
 2nd: Christine Vogensen, Fort Myers, FL

**Professional - Miniature Flower Arrangement - Maximum 3 x 3 x 3 inches**  
 2nd: Constance Marshall Miller, Sanibel, FL

**Professional - Miniature Picture - Maximum 6 x 8 inches**

1st: Vickie Cassady, Fort Myers, FL

**Professional - Lamp**

1st: Susan Lloyd, Westport, CT

**Professional - Jewelry - Single piece**

1st: Todd Alan, Sarasota, FL  
 2nd: Anita Gober, Sanibel, FL  
 3rd: Brenda Rice, Shreveport, LA  
**Professional - Jewelry - Multiple**  
 1st: Pamela Pearson, Cape Coral, FL  
 1st: Anita Gober, Sanibel, FL  
 2nd: Bianca Terranova, Bonita Springs, FL



Port Charlotte resident Ann Stegner made a puppy using brown, white and black colored shells

**Professional - Shell Related Needlecraft**

1st: Peter Brimlow, Conway, SC

**Professional - Holiday**

1st: Judy Dinnick, Toronto, ON

1st: Constance Marshall Miller, Sanibel, FL

2nd: Machel Spence, Seattle, WA

**Professional - Single Sailor's Valentine - Minimum 13 inches, Maximum 32 inches**

1st: David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL

2nd: Constance Marshall Miller, Sanibel, FL

2nd: Judy Dinnick, Toronto, ON  
 3rd: Vickie Cassady, Fort Myers, FL  
**Professional - Single Miniature Valentine - 3 inches or smaller**

1st: David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL

2nd: Brenda Rice, Shreveport, LA

**Professional - Single Miniature Valentine - 4 inches minimum, 6 inches maximum**

1st: Denise Betourne, Gilmanton, NH

2nd: Gerda Reid, Marstons Mills, MA

3rd: Brenda Rice, Shreveport, LA

**Professional - Single Medium Sailor's Valentine - Minimum 7 inches, Maximum 12 inches**

1st: Judy Dinnick, Toronto, ON

1st: Denise Betourne, Gilmanton, NH

2nd: Karine Almir, Glendale, CA

2nd: Suzanne Dietsch, Wyand, IL

3rd: Gerda Reid, Marstons Mills, MA  
**Professional - Traditional Single Sailor's Valentine - Maximum 14 x 14 inches**

1st: Constance Marshall Miller, Sanibel, FL

2nd: Vickie Cassady, Fort Myers, FL

3rd: Gerda Reid, Marstons Mills, MA

**Professional - Double Sailor's Valentine - Maximum 20 x 40 inches**

1st: David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL

**Professional - Novelties - Animals, caricatures, etc.**

1st: Susan Lloyd, Westport, CT

2nd: Caryl Renz, Clearwater, FL

3rd: Heather Holmes O'Keefe, Grand Forks, ND

**Professional - Picture or Mosaic - Other than flowers**

1st: Karine Almir, Glendale, CA

2nd: Alla Baksanskaya, Brooklyn, NY

3rd: Brenda Rice, Shreveport, LA

**Professional - Mirror - Shells and/or other sea life**

1st: Susan Lloyd, Westport, CT

2nd: Heather Strawbridge, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Professional - Wreath**

**- Non-holiday**

1st: Heather Holmes O'Keefe, Grand Forks, ND

**Professional - Multimedia - Photo, painting, artistic rendering**

1st: Ronald Lusk, Boca Raton, FL

2nd: Constance Marshall Miller, Sanibel, FL

3rd: Jim Angevine, Madison, WI  
**Professional - Shell Table**

1st: Hatsue Imuro, Tokyo, Japan

2nd: Judy Dinnick, Toronto, ON

3rd: Anita Gober, Sanibel, FL

**Professional - Shell Box**

1st: Mary Burton, Leigh Acres, FL

2nd: Machel Spence, Seattle, WA

3rd: Susan Lloyd, Westport, CT

**Professional - Miscellaneous - Not applicable to other classes**

1st: Bobby MacPhail, North Fort Myers, FL

1st: David Rhyne, Sarasota, FL

2nd: Judy Dinnick, Toronto, ON

2nd: Caryl Renz, Clearwater, FL

3rd: Heather Holmes O'Keefe, Grand Forks, ND

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2nd: Jeffrey Oths, Sanibel, FL

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1st: Pat Linn, Dunedin, FL

2nd: Kathy McMillan and Erin Conklin

2nd: Charles Barr, Rockford, IL

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The new menu is full of traditional and unique breakfast items, signature burgers, custom sandwiches, fresh and local seafood, salads, steaks, pork and vegetarian options. There is a full liquor bar and various local beers on tap.

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## CIP'S PLACE

Cip's Place is named for the late Jimmy Cipriani, a longtime islander and owner of the property on which the restaurant sits. In Jimmy's memory, Cip's styles itself as a local watering hole. A large mural shows many islanders through the ages – including "Cip" – and if you don't recognize them all, ask to see the "key." Food choices range from "comfort" to culinary with some Caribbean and island favorites as well. Try the homemade potato chips, fried buttermilk chicken with sage gravy and snapper tacos. Choose between the outdoor garden patio and front porch. Indoor seating and full bar are also available. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily, with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m.

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## DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's is a well-known local's restaurant, famous for its great food and service with plenty of indoor and outdoor seating boasting "Award winning flavors from the Caribbean Rim." The restaurant is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's best-selling mystery novels. With locations on Sanibel & Captiva Islands and Fort Myers Beach, all locations offer island favorites like Yucatan shrimp and fish tacos along with raw bar selections and fresh local seafood dishes. Premium rums and tropical drinks such as the Island Mojito are a specialty of the house. The combined menu offers both lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Doc Ford's Sanibel, 2500 Island Inn Road, 472-8311; Doc Ford's Captiva, 5400 South Seas Plantation Road, 312-4275, Doc Ford's Fort Myers Beach, 708 Fishermans Wharf, 765-9660

## DUNES GOLF & TENNIS CLUB

The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club is open to the public and serves lunch daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chef specials include an assortment of salads, wraps and sandwiches, soup buffet Monday through Friday, and the popular hand-battered coconut shrimp and steak sandwich. Dinner is available only on event nights from 6 to 9 p.m. or for special seasonal dinners.

Featured monthly events include Trivia Night, Karaoke and Themed Dinner Nights. There is a Friday



**The new Doc Ford's Sanibel Island location has a great bar on the first level to complement the restaurant seating and upstairs bar**

photo by Bob Petcher

a la carte dinner menu with featured selections each week, such as steak and seafood.

Take in the sunset views while sipping on your favorite drink. Happy hour is every day from 3 to 6 p.m. Enjoy with the famous crab bisque as a starter.

949 Sand Castle Road, 472-3355

## GRAMMA DOT'S

Gramma Dot's, the only dockside dining on Sanibel, offers a lunch and dinner menu seven days a week from "Sanibel's only seaside saloon" where you can dine at the Sanibel Marina in view of luxury yachts and fishing boats and watch the comings and goings of seagoing folk and fishermen. The menu features a full line of fresh seafood, salads, sandwiches and more. Appropriate dress is required. If you're arriving by boat, check in with dockmaster for a lunch slip, monitor VHF 16. You can tie up for a night or two at the available dockage if you wish. Gramma Dot's is open daily at 11:30 a.m. For dinner, arrive before 8 p.m.

634 North Yachtsman Drive, 472-8138

## GREEN FLASH

The Green Flash has marvelous waterfront views of Captiva Island's bayside and Pine Island Sound. The Green Flash was built on the site of the historic Timmy's Nook, opened in 1950. Fittingly, seafood dominates the menu, although other options are offered as well. The Green Flash is easily navigable by boat and is located southwest of Marker 38 on the Intracoastal Waterway. Hours are daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner. All seats have a view of the waterfront. Reservations are not accepted.

15183 Captiva Drive, 472-3337

## IL CIELO

Il Cielo offers creative American cuisine and internationally inspired specials in an upscale casual atmosphere. From locally caught fish, American lamb and grass-finished beef to farm-fresh organic produce, there is a thoughtfully prepared dish on the menu for everyone. Il Cielo is open Tuesday through Sunday from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Happy hour is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and features signature small plates, appetizers and half-priced house wines, domestic beers and well drinks. There is live piano music by Scott McDonald Tuesday through Sunday nights beginning at 7 p.m.

1244 Periwinkle Way, 472-5555

## ISLAND COW

The Island Cow is a family favorite with its colorful indoor and outdoor seating and live entertainment. "Come as our guests... leave as our friends!" is the motto. The Cow serves breakfast, lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and meats and has an

extensive children's menu. Starbucks coffee is also on the menu. **Now serving full liquor island cocktails!** Breakfast is served between 7 and 11 a.m. Hours are 7 a.m. to 9-ish p.m.

2163 Periwinkle Way, 472-0606

## ISLAND PIZZA

Island Pizza is named so because it does pizza right. The dough is made daily and the ingredients include fresh produce from local vendors. That is why the "family-owned" restaurant has been voted "the best pizza on the island" from 2009 to 2016. Known as quaint and colorful, Island Pizza has more than 9 years of experience while specializing in home-cooked Italian cuisine. Besides pizza and classic Italian entrees, Island Pizza has a large selection of appetizers and salads as well as wings, calzones and seven choices for kids. Boar's Head deli meats are also served on subs.

Open seven days a week from 11 a.m. until late evening. Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with buy-one-get-one drafts on happy hour from noon to 5 p.m. Eat in, take out or free local delivery.

1619 Periwinkle Way, 472-1581

## JACARANDA

The Jac, as it is known to regulars, has been serving excellent seafood for three decades and offers the best of two worlds: dining room seating or dinner under the stars in the screened garden patio. The patio lounge is home to some of the best nightlife on the islands, seven nights a week, including live outdoor entertainment from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Expanded happy hour menu and reduced happy hour drink prices from 5 to 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight. Dinner reservations are suggested.

1223 Periwinkle Way, 472-1771

## JERRY'S RESTAURANT AND DELI

Jerry's Restaurant and Deli in Jerry's Market is the next best thing to dining in a tropical garden. This family-style restaurant has large windows to view the lush garden with caged tropical birds that are favorites with visitors and residents. Daily specials are offered in the spacious restaurant and you can order a sandwich or hot food from the deli or help yourself at the well-stocked salad bar to take out. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

1700 Periwinkle Way, 472-9300

## JOEY'S CUSTARD

Joey's Custard is a family owned and operated sandwich, coffee and ice cream shop in Bailey's Center. Owners Joey Almeida and mom Debi Almeida offer fresh-to-order paninis as well as Working Cow

ice cream products (custard, yogurt, sorbet, banana splits, sundaes, floats, smoothies, hard and soft serve ice cream) and coffee (five-bean house blend, Tim Horton, espresso, affogato). Try the Beach Box Lunch To Go (add \$2 to any sandwich and get a drink and bag of chips). Ask about BOGO with Island Cinema.

Joey's Custard is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

2467 Periwinkle Way in Bailey's Center, 472-7222

## MATZALUNA ITALIAN KITCHEN

Are you in the mood for pizza? Matzaluna Italian Kitchen has a wood-fired oven to bake authentic pizzas, including gluten-free ones. That's in addition to a big menu, involving over 20 combinations of pasta dinners from \$11.95 (including soup or salad and fresh baked bread), affordable veal, tender chicken, choice steaks and seafood (Italian style) in a casual market-like setting. Gluten-free pizza is also available. Matzaluna offers a large selection of Florida craft beer, both on draft and in cans and bottles. Enjoy \$5 apps at the bar from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily and happy hour is 4:30 to 6 p.m.

1200 Periwinkle Way, 472-1998

## MUCKY DUCK

Historically known as the neighborhood pub, The Mucky Duck may well be the most famous restaurant on Captiva Island due to its longevity of 40 years in business and quirky name. Then there are the fabulous sunsets. Patrons gladly wait on the beach for tables. This place draws crowds – as customers sip cocktails and beverages until they can take their seats. Reservations are not accepted. The Duck, serving fresh seafood, pub-style food, sandwiches, steaks and other items, is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

11546 Andy Rosse Lane, 472-3434

## OVER EASY CAFÉ

Over Easy Café is a pet-friendly place with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast and lunch. The covered patio is a popular spot. Choose from 22 different eggs benedict, scramblers and omelettes, 11 pancakes and French toast choices, 15 egg specialties and wraps, eight salads and 26 sandwiches and burgers, plus baked goods. Beer and wine is available. Breakfast is served all day. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

630 Tarpon Bay Road, 472-2625

## PASTURE & PEARL

Sanibel's newest restaurant, Pasture & Pearl is the latest collaboration from the well-traveled husband and wife team Chef Elaine Dammeyer and General Manager Christian Jego. Come as you're comfortable for a modern, fine dining experience. The cuisine celebrates locally, regionally, ethically and sustainably sourced ingredients, and wine selections are curated by resident sommelier Kory Lynn. The intimate atmosphere and attentive service evoke the hospitality of a dinner party. The menu offers seasonal vegetarian preparations, fresh, wild-caught and responsibly farmed seafood, and the finest cuts of freely pastured beef, lamb, chicken, duck and rabbit from White Oak Pastures, a 150-year-old, multigenerational farm in Southwest Georgia, including a custom cut especially developed for the signature dry aged bone-in ribeye.

The Village Shops, 2340 Periwinkle Way, 810-5514

## PECKING ORDER

The Pecking Order features tender, juicy, fried chicken and all the fixins. The chicken is marinated and seasoned, and the high-pressure deep-frying system produces a crispy coating that seals in the juices without allowing the fat to penetrate. Homemade sides include slow-cooked collard greens, sweet and spicy baked beans, cheesy shell mac, rice and beans, cole slaw, mashed red potatoes and gravy, Harlem special, cheesy grits and veggie chili. Try the Black Betty, a warm, dark chocolate torte filled with liquid dark chocolate, sprinkled with sea salt flakes and confectioners' sugar. Take out, delivery and outdoor dining available.

2496 Palm Ridge Road, 472-2534



## ROSIE'S CAFÉ & GRILL

Rosie's repertoire includes crab cakes, grouper and shrimp entrees and steaks with all the trimmings, Southwestern dishes such as burritos and fajitas, soup and sandwich combos and salads. Among the most popular items is Rosie's Famous Cheesesteak made from shaved rib eye, grilled mushrooms, onions and green peppers, Ultimate Cuban and Classic Reuben, homemade muffins and cinnamon rolls and Key lime pie, root beer floats and banana splits. A children's menu is also available. Carry out, indoor or outdoor seating. Check out the new menu items for breakfast, served from 8 to 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Happy hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. seven days a week with two-for-one draft beer and wine. The ice cream bar has 20-plus flavors of locally made Royal Scoop Ice Cream.

2330 Palm Ridge Road, 579-0807

## SANIBEL BEAN

The Sanibel Bean coffee shop is java central on Sanibel Island. With its indoor and outdoor seating and free Wi-Fi, it's a popular venue for laptop-toting coffee lovers to relax and check their inboxes, have breakfast or lunch or recharge the batteries in the afternoon. Besides a big selection of coffee from around the globe and a variety of coffee drinks, The Bean has tea and other beverages and a variety of hearty sandwiches, pastries and muffins, plus other light fare.

2240 Periwinkle Way, 395-1919

## SANIBEL DELI & COFFEE FACTORY

Sanibel Deli & Coffee Factory offers a gluten free menu in addition to homemade regular choices, along with award-winning New York style pizza and wings, Boar's Head meats, frozen yogurt, New York style bagels and ice cream. There is indoor seating as well as outdoor tables shaded with umbrellas. Free Wi-Fi. Eat in or take out as well.

2330 Palm Ridge Road, 472-2555

## SANIBEL GRILL

The Sanibel Grill has 19 big screen TVs with satellite TV tuned to every televised sporting event. The Grill shares a kitchen with The Timbers, serving the same fresh seafood, along with burgers, sandwiches, pizzas and salads. Crunchy Grouper and Crunchy Shrimp are signature dishes. Open seven days from 4 p.m. to midnight with happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight.

703 Tarpon Bay Road, 472-3128

## SANIBEL SPROUT

The Sanibel Sprout is the island's only 100 percent gluten-free/vegan/organic cafe: an oasis of health where the emphasis is on providing incredibly tasty and creative culinary creations designed to nourish and delight all of your senses. Order one of the fresh salads, Wizard Waffles, classic burger, Mexican plates and indulge in our Indian curry, Vietnamese pho and raw vegan lasagna. Pair your meal with a locally crafted beer, a glass of organic wine or housemade kombucha. The fresh juice bar is brimming with smoothies, herbal elixirs and custom juices, or come and enjoy an espresso or cappuccino with one of the delectable donuts, pies, cupcakes or truffles. The Sanibel Sprout is open for breakfast, lunch & dinner from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

2463 Periwinkle Way in Bailey's Center, 472-4499

## SUMMERLIN JAKE'S

Summerlin Jake's Seafood and Steaks, a sunset dining water view restaurant in Fort Myers, located near the Sanibel Bridge, offers new American cuisine prepared in the old Florida tradition. Paying tribute to the rich history of Punta Rassa, where Jake Summerlin owned a wharf that he used to ship his cattle to Cuba and the local waters that are famous for being the home to big game fishing, Summerlin Jake's offers freshly caught local seafood, tender, juicy prime steaks, smoked ribs, brisket & chicken and heart-healthy, vegan choices that are locally sourced, hand-selected and artfully prepared. Summerlin Jakes

is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Breakfast served 8 to 11:30 a.m.). Happy Hour is 3 to 6 p.m. daily. Live music on Friday and Saturday 5:30 to 10 p.m.

17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, 466-5377

## SUNDIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA

Voted Best Waterfront Dining in Southwest Florida. Awarded Best New Restaurant 2016, discover an authentic experience at Shima Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar as your meal is artfully prepared right before your eyes. Panoramic Gulf views await you at Sea Breeze Café where the menu celebrates fresh local produce and seafood. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner on the terrace or dining room, or expertly rolled sushi at the bar. Sanibel's favorite tiki bar, Turtle's Pool & Beach Bar, serves up island favorites at the bar or family-friendly patio. Choose from frosty drinks, signature sandwiches and classic favorites. Visit sundialresort.com/eat for menus, hours and reservations.

1451 Middle Gulf Drive, 472-4151

## TIMBERS RESTAURANT & FISH MARKET

The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market and the adjoining Sanibel Grill are mainstays of the island dining scene, boasting 35 years of fresh fish on Sanibel Island. The restaurant offers 13 dinners for \$15 daily before 5:30 p.m. plus a large selection of local seafood, such as grilled shrimp, fried grouper, oysters, clams and crab cakes. Besides specializing in fresh local seafood, the restaurant has a seafood market that opens at 11 a.m. (except Sunday, when it's open at 2 p.m.) Restaurant is open seven days from 5 to 9 p.m.

703 Tarpon Bay Road, 472-3128

## TOTALLY BAKED ON SANIBEL

Totally Baked On Sanibel is the island's #1 source for fresh baked breads, specialty pastries, donuts, cakes, pies, candies and other confections. The unique eatery within Islander Center also offers cof-

fees and breakfast sandwiches. For lunch, daily offerings include off-the-bone, hand-carved meats as well as soups, salads and other specialty items. Wedding cakes are made to order. Open seven days a week 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outdoor seating along the bike path. 2407 Periwinkle Way Suite 1, 312-4503

## TRADERS GULF COAST GRILL & GIFTS

Traders Gulf Coast Grill and Gifts is unique in that it combines a bustling restaurant with a large shopping emporium with casual clothing, jewelry, accessories, home decorating and gift items, books and lamps.

The restaurant serves bistro cuisine with island flair, featuring such offerings as black beans and rice, blackened fish and fresh salads from an open kitchen. There's no fryer in the place. The tables are freshly wrapped in white paper for each party, and there's a pot of colored crayons for doodling, whether you're an adult or a child. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., happy hour from 3 to 6 p.m. and dinner 5 to 9 p.m. There's live music from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Danny Morgan and Wednesdays with Chris Workman.

1551 Periwinkle Way, 472-7242

## TRADITIONS ON THE BEACH

Traditions on the Beach, Sanibel's first dining room, has been delighting its guests since 1895. Offering "Contemporary Cuisine, Sanibel Style," Traditions provides the highest level of service in a relaxed beachfront setting. Both the tapas menu, served in the Sunset Lounge, and the full dining room menu capture the flavors of the gulf, complemented by the unique atmosphere of the historic Island Inn. Award winning Chef Aziz uses only the finest fresh, local ingredients to create vibrant dishes. Drink, dine and dance at Traditions on the Beach, featuring live entertainment. Tapas and cocktails are available in the bar and lounge beginning at 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Regular dinner menu beginning at 5 p.m. daily. Reservations are suggested.

3111 West Gulf Drive, 472-4559

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## BIG ARTS Corner

BIG ARTS  
Workshops

Unleash your creativity, expand your horizons and meet terrific people this season at BIG ARTS on Sanibel.

For more information, visit [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org) or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

Workshops and classes which will be held during the month of March include:

- Bamboo Pen & Ink with Basic Drawing and Art Journaling by Linda Benson, Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, through March 24.
- Oil Painting: Make It and Take It by Linda Benson, Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m., through March 24.
- Open Studio, clothed model by Eleanor Gause, Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 14, 21 and 28.
- Instructed Life Drawing by Francesco Gillia, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, through March 27.
- Constructing the Human Figure in Simple Forms by Francesco Gillia, Mondays, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., through March 27.
- Acrylics for Beginner and Intermediate Painters by Jane Hudson, Fridays, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., through March 24.
- Glass Fusing by Petra Kaiser, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through March 22, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through March 23.

- Portrait Drawing/Painting by Mary Klunk, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, through March 27.
- Acrylic Painting, Still Life by Barbara Lipman, Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, through April 11.
- Cyanotype Process: Sun Printing on Paper and Fabric by Sue Lynch, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, March 16 and 23.
- Pouring Textures with Watercolors by Bea Pappas, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., through March 28.
- Printing with Gelli Products by Bea Pappas, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., through March 22.
- Experimental Master Class by Bea Pappas, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., through March 23.
- Decorative Painting, non-instructed open studio by Sally Parson, Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, through March 29.
- Life Drawing, non-instructed open studio by Carol Rosenberg, Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, through March 24 and Fridays, 12:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., through March 24.
- Creating Collages by Jane Runyeon, Thursdays and Fridays, 1:30 to 5 p.m., March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31.
- Clay, Sculpting, Ceramics & Pottery on the Wheel by Marjorie Bronsted, Wednesdays, 3:30 to 6 p.m., March 29 through May 3.
- Pottery Open Studio, non-instructed by Jerry Edelman, Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4 p.m., through March 27.
- Pottery on the Wheel by Kelly

Flaherty, Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m., through April 11.

- Clay 101/ 201 by David Hoggatt, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, through March 30.
- Adult Tap Workout by Bobby Logue, Tuesdays, noon to 1:30 p.m., March 14 and 21.
- Intermediate Tap by Bobby Logue, Fridays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., March 3, 10, 24 and 31 (no class March 17).
- Beginner's Tap by Bobby Logue, Fridays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., March 10 and 24 (no class March 17).
- Chorus Rehearsals by Steve Cramer, Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., through March 28.
- Voice Lessons, half-hour private by Lynn Martindale, Saturdays by appointment, through April 15.
- Using Self-Hypnosis for Sleep by William Morrow, Mondays 9:30 to 11 a.m., through March 20.
- The iCreate Series by Gerard Damiano:
  - o iCreate Lesson 3: Drawing & Painting, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, March 15.
  - o iCreate Lesson 4: Video, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, March 22.
  - o iCreate Lesson 5: Sharing Your Work, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, March 29.

- The iPhone Series by Gerard Damiano:
    - o iPhone Lesson 4: Media, Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, March 14.
    - o iPhone Lesson 5: Advanced, Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, March 16.
    - o iPhone Essentials, Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, March 23.
  - The iPad Series by Gerard Damiano:
    - o iPad Lesson 4: Media, Tuesday, 2 to 5 p.m., March 14.
    - o iPad Lesson 5: Advanced, Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m., March 16.
    - o iPad Essentials, Thursday 2 to 5 p.m., March 23.
  - Individual Classes by Gerard Damiano:
    - o Phone Photography by Herbert Sklar, Wednesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m., through March 22.
    - o Adobe Lightroom, Intermediate/Advanced by Denny Souers, Mondays, 1 to 4 p.m., through March 27.
- Call 395-0900 or stop by the BIG ARTS Center at 900 Dunlop Road to enroll. For complete course descriptions and the full season's workshops and seminars schedule, visit their website [www.bigarts.org/workshops](http://www.bigarts.org/workshops), or email [info@bigarts.org](mailto:info@bigarts.org).

Art And Wine  
Painting Party

Evening art and wine parties with local artist Sissi Janku are designed to encourage the artist within to complete a masterpiece. In a relaxed and casual atmosphere, students will learn the basic artistic concepts of line, color, perspective, light, form, composition, color theory, etc. Students will develop simple creative techniques that will result in exhilarating and interesting ways to express their artistic ideas, while developing their individuality and painting technique.

Classes, titled Colorful Sips, will be held at The Community House on the following Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.: March 22, April 5 and April 19. Cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.

On March 22, students will be painting a tucan that was created on a black canvas using an array of bright acrylics to nest him amongst tropical foliage and flowers.

For reservations, call The Community House at 472-2155



The painting of a colorful tucan will be used on March 22 photo provided

No experience is necessary. All materials are provided. Bring your favorite wine and a snack.

For more information, visit [www.sissijanku.com](http://www.sissijanku.com).

## LIVE ON THE ISLANDS

**Il Cielo** has live entertainment with Scott McDonald on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Island Cow** on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Dan Confrey. Peter Redpath plays on Saturday. On Sunday, it's Dan Confrey.

**The Jacaranda** has live entertainment Friday and Saturday with the Riverside Band. On Sunday, it's Wildfire and Julius and Friends. Renata plays on Monday. On Tuesday, it's Karaoke. Wednesday is the Jerry B. Variety Show. Sir Mitch plays on Thursday.

**The Mucky Duck** on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva features live music by Peter Redpath on Thursday and Sunday. Gary Earle plays Friday. Gene Federico performs on Saturday

*Restaurant owners/managers, please email or fax any changes to your entertainment schedule to [press@islandsunnews.com](mailto:press@islandsunnews.com) or 395-2299.\**

and Wednesday. Mark Dupuy plays on Monday. On Tuesday, it's John McLane.

**Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa** has live island style entertainment on Mondays.

**Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn** has live entertainment on Friday with Woody Brubaker and Barbara Dexter. Woody Brubaker and Barbara Smith play on Saturday. Dusk performs on Sunday. On Monday, it's Barbara Dexter. Mike Arnone plays on Tuesday. On Wednesday, it's Woody Brubaker. Woody Brubaker and Kathy Buda play on Thursday.

**Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa** has live island style entertainment on Mondays with Danny Morgan & Friends.

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## Programs At Sanibel Library



Stories For Grownups is hosted by Dr. Sid Simon  
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Sanibel Public Library's upcoming programs can be found on the library's website calendar at [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org).

First Fridays – Stories for Grownups will be held at 2 p.m. at the library on March 10. Dr. Sid Simon will speak to the audience for the first half, then stories will be shared by volunteers in the audience.

On Monday, March 13 at 2 p.m., Damaris Peters-Pike presents her *Off to*



Featured in the 2015 Art in Bloom show is a painting by Ann Bischoff entitled *Signs Of Our Times*, interpreted by Carol Zell

*Never Never Land* with Mary Martin program. Portrayed by historical actor Damaris Peters-Pike, "Mary Martin" will appear in costume, sing and answer questions about her life and career on Broadway.

The Shell Island Garden Club and Sanibel-Captiva Art League will present Art In Bloom featuring local artists' work complemented by 16 floral arrangements in the entrance lobby at the Sanibel Public Library. Art In Bloom will be on display starting at noon on Tuesday, March 14. The

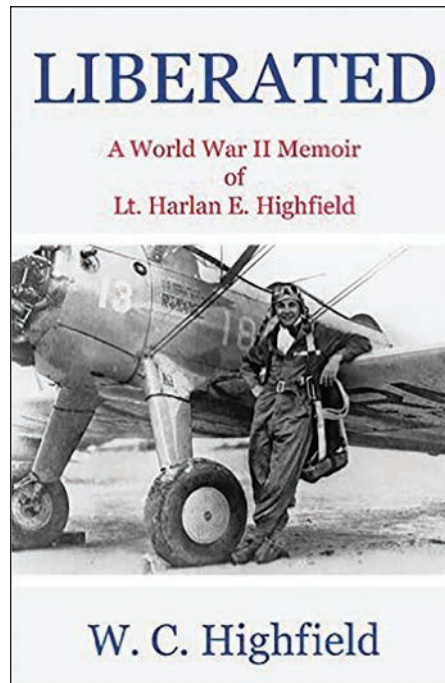


exhibit is also open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 16.

On Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m., Duane Shaffer's World War I program will review the invention of tanks and their impact on the war.

WC Highfield will be doing a presentation and signing of his new book, *Liberated: A World War II Memorial of Lt. Harlan E. Highfield* at 2 p.m. on March 21. The book presents a factual timeline of Highfield's

father's WWII experiences. The book chronicles Harlan Highfield's training as a P-40 fighter pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After being shot down in the Tunisian desert, Highfield spent more than two years as a POW in Italy and Germany.

Stop by the library this month to see hundreds of beer tap handles, pilsners, and brew ephemera on loan from Rick Goodrich.

The public is invited to these library programs; there is no registration required and no additional cost to participate. For more information, call 472-2483 or visit [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org). The Sanibel Public Library is located at 770 Dunlop Road.✱

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## Emerson Quartet

mastery and enthusiasm. *Time* magazine called them "America's greatest quartet."

Sponsored by Sue and Tom Pick, the March 18 program will include:

- Mozart's *String Quartet in C major, K. 465 "Dissonant"*
- Debussy's *String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10*
- Beethoven's *String Quartet in E-flat major, Op. 127*.

Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each online at [www.sanibelmusicfestival.org](http://www.sanibelmusicfestival.org) or by calling 344-7025. Tickets may also be purchased by cash or check only at the Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way.✱

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# FISH Fundraiser Goes Over The Top



FISH President Maggi Feiner, center, with Sanibel School Performing Arts students and Music Director Mr. "G," far right photos provided



From left, Chuck and Helen Kettelman and Barbara and Tom Dunham

The 4th annual Go FISH! fundraiser, where guests were invited to go "over the rainbow" in a *Wizard of Oz* themed evening, was held at The Sanctuary Golf Club on March 5.

FISH President and CEO Maggi Feiner said, "We are always so humbled by the generosity of our community. Every dollar raised goes directly back to this community. I cannot even find the words to reflect the deep appreciation I feel toward each and every person, business and organization that contributed, from the volunteers who worked so hard, to



continued on page 43 Holly Smith with Mayor Kevin Ruane and his wife Doreen



From left, Patty and Jim Sprankle with son James and guest, Rose Annis



Nancy and Chip Roach, honorary chairs



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From left, Pat Haggerty, Lyn Kern, Molly Clements and Pat Middendorf



From left, Nicole McHale, Michael and Helene Hall, with the Jim Sprankle "Go FISH" carving, and Eric Pfeifer





From left, Patty and Jeff Zimmer, Herb Hoover and Bonnie Howard and Jaime Richardson

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## FISH Fundraiser

the sponsors, to The Sanibel School Performing Arts students." Island Giving opportunities brought awareness to the programs of FISH and gave guests the opportunity to donate toward one or more programs that FISH offers. Auctioneer Eric Pfeifer, accompanied by FISH Board Vice Chair Nicole McHale, kept the guests entertained while helping to raise both funds and awareness of FISH's mission.

"The very special one-of-a-kind 'Go FISH' carving in the live auction by Jim Sprinkle stole the show. We cannot thank Jim enough for his bigheartedness in making and



Councilman Chauncey Goss with his parents, Porter and Mariel Goss



"Peppy" Pat Boris

donating his artwork for our celebration," said Nancy and Chip Roach, honorary event chairs. Other live auction packages included a private dinner at Sweet Melissa's Cafe, a three-night stay at Pinehurst Resort, a ruby and diamond pendant donated by Congress Jewelers, a basket full of fine wines, a three-night stay in Chicago, a golf excursion at the Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club, and a Sip-n-Soar Napa Valley trip.✱

## Reception Held For BIG ARTS Supporters



Penny Wilkinson and Dick Boehning



Elissa Karasin-Samet and Michael Samet  
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event are critical to the overall operation of BIG ARTS each year and support every program and performance.

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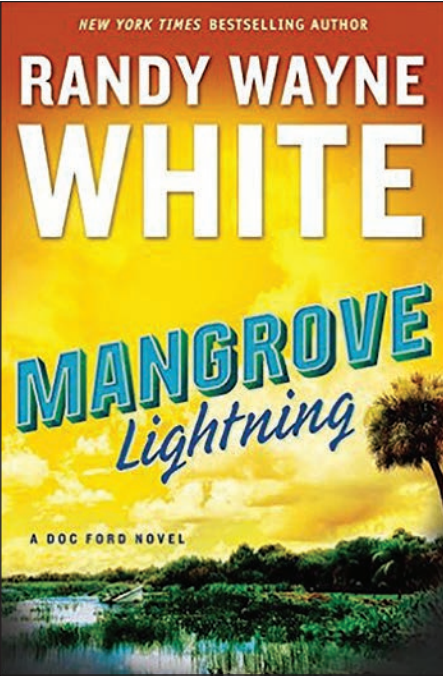
# Meet The Author At Book Signings

Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille Sanibel location will be hosting *New York Times* bestselling author Randy Wayne White of the Doc Ford Series, to celebrate the kickoff of his national book signing tour for the electrifying 24th installment in his beloved Doc Ford series, *Mangrove Lightning*. The event will be held at the new Doc Ford’s Sanibel location at 2500 Island Inn Road on Sunday, March 19 and Monday, March 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days.

White, “an outdoorsman, raconteur, journalist and former fishing guide as well as a bestselling novelist – has the writing of his popular Florida thrillers down to a finely tuned science, but he always brings something fresh to the mix.” – *St. Petersburg Times*.

White will begin each signing with a question-and-answer session before the book signing. *Mangrove Lightning* hardcover books will be available for purchase on site, the only place to acquire the novel before its official release date on March 21.

White will continue his book signing tour at Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille Captiva on Friday, March 31 from noon



to 3 p.m. at 5400 South Seas Plantation Road, and at Doc Ford’s Rum Bar & Grille Fort Myers Beach on Monday, April 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 765 Fishermans Wharf Drive.

All Doc Ford’s locations will be offering a full menu all day.

Copies of *Mangrove Lightning* and previously released installments of the Doc Ford Series are available for purchase at all three Doc Ford’s locations – Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel and Captiva Island. Call 472-8311 for more information.✪

## Top Ten Books

1. *The Sanibel Sunset Detective* by Ron Base
  2. *Accidental P. I.* by David Watts
  3. *Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles
  4. *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
  5. *Secret Of Keystone City* by William Hallstead
  6. *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly
  7. *The Summer Before The War* by Helene Simonson
  8. *The Orphans Tale* by Pamela Jenoff
  9. *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
  - 10 *Transplant Web* by SR Maxeiner
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## BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series Queen Of Katwe

by Di Saggau

The BIG ARTS Monday Night Movie for March 13, is *Queen of Katwe*, a film by Mira Nair based on Tim Crother’s book. It’s about a chess prodigy, a 10-year-old girl who lives in a poor township outside of Kampala, the Ugandan capital. Phiona, beautifully played by newcomer Madina Nalwanga, lives with her three siblings under the watchful eye of her mother Nakku (Lupita Nyong’o), who has lost her husband and scratches out a living selling food on the street.

Phiona and her brother cross paths with a local sports ministry head named Robert Katende, played by David Oyelowo. Realizing the slum kids he’s working with aren’t going to compete at football, he decides to teach them the art of chess, a game that equalizes issues of class education and income. It can be played by anyone in the world. Katende soon realizes that Phiona, the young girl from Katwe, has a special gift, especially when she starts beating him.

Robert, whose own youth was scarred by poverty and war, has an engineering degree but lacks the connections that would help land him a job working for the government or a private company. He is an inspiring coach, also a sly and cheerful class warrior. He fast-talks his way into a chess tournament held at a snooty private school, and proudly leads his charges into battle against opponents who are reluctant to shake their hands.

Oyelowo is charismatic as ever, capturing the kindness of a man who saw a potential escape for a young lady and did whatever he could to make it happen. His work is subtle and consistent. Opposite him, Nyong’o is phenomenal. She brings intense passion to her role. Phiona’s



awakening sense of her talent is the engine that drives the main plot of the film and also what makes it an affecting character study. When she starts to learn chess, she can barely read, and her growing awareness of the powers of her mind is thrilling to watch. The film runs 124 minutes. Moderators for the evening are Stan and Visnja Gembicki.

Admission to BIG ARTS Monday Night Film Series is \$10 and all screenings begin at 7 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Each film is followed by a complimentary reception and discussion. Film Sponsors: June Rosner and Russ Bilgore, Stan and Visnja Gembicki, Hyde Tucker, Penny Wilkinson and the *Island Sun*.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road. Tickets are available at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org), at the door or by calling 395-0900.✪

## Poet’s Corner



We invite submissions from local poets. Anyone interested may submit their work via email to [tutsie@centurylink.net](mailto:tutsie@centurylink.net). Each week, individual work will be showcased.

selected by Tanya Hochschild

### Wonder

by Joseph Boutin

Short and unsteady she waddles along the ocean’s edge. A wave pushes its way up the beach as she vainly attempts to out-manuever its charge.

Swiftly knee-deep water surrounds her, receding quickly drawing the sand beneath her feet away with the tide. The tingling on the bottom of her toes rouse a burst of giggles.

Newfound treasures – shells discarded by more savvy beachgoers – hold

her interest far longer before she turns

to a colony of Black Skimmers resting on a spit of land, their bright red bills dotting the sand creating a matador’s cape she prepares to charge. Her wobbly gait slices

through their center as the birds part like the Red Sea, leaving a path with no sign of life. She turns and retraces her design.

She sets her sights on the now visible fortress, its protector king on his own crusade. Catapult at the ready she begins the random destruction feet first dissecting turrets, planks and castle walls.

Back from the battlefield she wobbles exhausted, to her own encampment dragging from the plunder this day’s treasure: a discarded blue shovel, a green pail.

Joseph is currently Chairman and CEO of the Curtis Fund ([thecurtisfund.org](http://thecurtisfund.org)), a non-profit educational foundation serving high school students and adult learners pursuing post secondary educational opportunities.✪

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## Book Review

# Hillbilly Elegy

by Di Saggau



**H**illbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance is a memoir that takes a probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. It is told through the author's own story of growing up in a

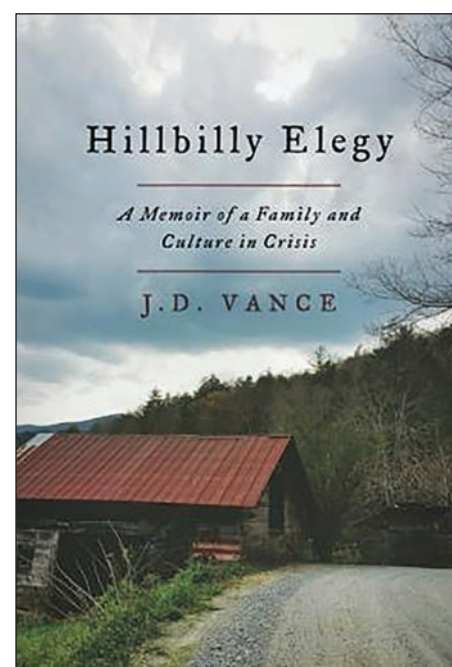
poor and in love" and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. Vance said his Mama and Papaw were the best things that ever happened to him. "They spent the last two decades of their lives showing me the value of love and stability and teaching me the life lessons that most people learn from their parents. Mama and Papaw taught me that we live in the best and greatest country on earth. This fact gave meaning to my childhood. Whenever times were tough, when I felt overwhelmed by the drama and the tumult of my youth, I knew that better days were ahead because I lived in a country that allowed me to make the good choices that others hadn't."

Delving into his own personal story and drawing on a wide array of sociological studies, Vance takes us deep into working class life in the Appalachian region. This demographic of our country has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, and

Vance provides a searching and clear-eyed attempt to understand when and how "hillbillies" lost faith in any hope of upward mobility. The book is funny at times, also disturbing and deeply moving. This is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of our country.

Vance's family struggled with poverty and domestic violence. His mother was addicted to drugs and many of his neighbors were jobless and on welfare. He escaped their fate by joining the Marines and serving in Iraq. He then attended Ohio State and Yale Law School. He describes moments known to many kids from troubled families, and tells us that in a given year, 640,000 children, most of them poor, will spend at least some time in foster care. Add that to the unknown number of kids who face abuse or neglect but somehow avoid the foster care system, and you have an epidemic, one that current policies exacerbate.

Through Vance's memories and family history, *Hillbilly Elegy* arrives at its broadest subject. Our hopelessly politicized approach to thinking about poverty. The book is an understated howl of protest against the radicalized blame game that has, for decades,



powered American politics and confounded our attempts to talk about poverty. It also suggests that it's our collective job to figure things out and is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.\*

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, I need to know more about reading with my kids. How important is it to read with my preschool children? Should I read to them every day,

what the alphabet is all about.

Reading with your child helps to develop and increase family ties and intimacy. When parents read "dialogically" or in other words, using the book as an opportunity to promote a conversation and sharing, this family time creates a warm, loving experience together. This can become a time to share your interests, perspective, and your values but it's also a time to listen. It gives a time for children to express themselves as well as an opportunity for parents to show their willingness to listen. Building a conversation around a book encourages our children to communicate with us.

Research tells us that reading exposes a child to rich language and diverse content. Book language uses a larger vocabulary and more complex grammatical structures than the short, one-way communication we tend to use in feeding and caring for our children and thereby builds your child's vocabulary and expands their language environment. Books of narrative fiction stimulate children's imagination and books of informational non-fiction answer questions, providing concepts and knowledge that are the cornerstones of science and math. Both types of books are important and all of their benefits can be realized with books in any language.

Again, reading with your child is extremely important. Through reading you will increase their chances for school success, deepen your relationship with your child and help them appreciate the joy of reading.

Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.\*

every couple of days? I do like to read to them, but we are so busy it's hard to find the time.

Matt G., Fort Myers Beach

**Matt,**

I'm so glad to hear that you enjoy reading with your children! Reading with your kids is one of the most important activities you can share with them. I suggest you schedule a time to read daily. Many parents and children enjoy a quiet reading time as part of a going-to-bed routine. Below I have listed several of the numerous benefits of reading with your child.

Reading with your children helps prepare their minds to succeed in school. The benefits of shared reading are continual and occur at every age. Babies are soothed by their parents' voices; school children reading to parents can show their new accomplishments or seek their parents' help. Books for toddlers can help children get ready to learn to read. Books that provide nursery rhymes, songs and verse help children learn to appreciate the sounds within words.

Children are used to listening to language for its meaning, but reading demands that they also pay attention to the sounds of language. Hearing words in terms of syllables, consonants and vowels encourages phoneme (speech sounds) awareness, which is the first step towards reading phonetically. No matter what language you speak, traditional nursery rhymes and songs help teach children

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# Park Residents Fete Fat Tuesday With Annual Mardi Gras Parade



Mardi Gras revelers marching down Main Street inside Periwinkle Park during the annual Fat Tuesday Parade on February 28  
photos by Jeff Lysiak



The Mardi Gras ladies are a parade staple



King Neptune and his Dancing Mermaids



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From left, Neil and Hilda Benton with Victor Mayeron



The 49ers Marching Kazoo Band performed *Wake Up Little Susie*



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The start of the Mardi Gras parade along Main Street



Mr. Sandman and a sleepy Susie leading the way for the kazoo band



A three-wheeled peacock



The king and queen of the 2017 Mardi Gras parade



Fat Tuesday celebrants dressed in their Mardi Gras best



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## Calusa Day At Historical Village

The Sanibel Historical Village will again honor the Calusa Indians during Calusa Day on Wednesday, March 22.

Calusa Day is an opportunity for people to see and hear more of the history. The Calusa people had a complex society for over a thousand years before contact with Ponce de Leon in 1513. By the 17th century, there were few Calusa left.

The historical village has artifacts from archaeological digs that illustrate Calusa daily life and art. "Visitors will be able to participate in a shell mound building activity and learn what is known about Calusa shell mounds," said Emilie Alfino, executive director.

Archaeologist Theresa Schober, author of *ArtCalusa, Exploring the Calusa in Art*, will interpret the life and experiences of the Calusa Indians through their contact with early European explorers.

Mounds constructed of shellfish remains dot the world's coastlines and are visible



**Theresa Schober** photos provided

features on both the Atlantic and gulf coasts of Florida. Answers to the question of how intentional shell mounds are built varies widely, from haphazard accumulation to the construction of geometrically complex monuments, Schober said.

Schober has worked in south Florida



**Archaeologist Theresa Schober at work**

since 1998, recording south Florida shell mound, midden, and mortuary sites. Her research has focused on the settlement and use of the Estero Bay estuarine system in southern Lee County by the Calusa Indians. A proponent of public engagement in archaeology and history, Schober

is executive producer of a forthcoming documentary film about the Calusa capital of Mound Key; she provides educator workshops on Florida history through the Florida Humanities Council. She serves as president of the Florida Anthropological

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**Boston Chamber Music Society**

## Sanibel Music Festival Concert This Tuesday

The Boston Chamber Music Society, with harpist Ann Hobson Pilot, will perform at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at

photo courtesy Sanibel Music Festival

2050 Periwinkle Way. This ensemble of superbly versatile musicians comes together in different instrumental combinations to perform chamber music.

The *Boston Globe* calls them "vivid, compelling and first-rate." They are New England's longest-running chamber music society, and they have built a reputation for impassioned performances, with "a perfect

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## Film Screening At Bailey Homestead

The third of the SCCF Evenings at the Homestead series will feature a screening and panel discussion of *Black Tide*, a film that takes on the water quality issues affecting the islands and estuary. The screening will take place on Wednesday, March 15 at the SCCF Bailey Homestead Preserve, located at 1300 Periwinkle Way. The cost to attend is \$10 per person. Advance tickets are required and available at [www.sccf.org](http://www.sccf.org).

*Black Tide* is an investigative documentary about the environmental and economic crisis in South Florida resulting from 50 years of water mismanagement and the power of "Big Sugar." The documentary has been featured at a number of significant film festivals, including being an official selection of CineEco 2016 International Festival of Environmental Cinema in Seia, Portugal.

Veriscope Productions' Steven Johnson, director of *Black Tide*, said, "I make political and environmental films and grew up in Southwest Florida. Frustrated by seeing the environmental devastation in our estuaries caused by the political power of 'Big Sugar' and poor water management decisions, I decided to make this documentary. I worked on it on and off for almost 10 years, while working on other projects. And with its release, South Florida is seeing one of the worst seasons of pollution in many years due to the reasons laid out in this film."

Johnson will be available for a panel discussion following the 50-minute film. He will be joined by SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director Rae Ann Wessel and retired Earth Justice attorney David Guest, both of whom were interviewed in the filming of *Black Tide*.

Doors open for refreshments at 7 p.m. and the screening begins at 7:30 p.m. Carpooling is requested.\*



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# Audubon Director To Speak At COTI Meeting



Eric Draper photo provided

Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida, will be the keynote speaker at The Committee of the Islands' upcoming annual meeting. Draper will speak on the science and politics driving Everglades restoration and estuary recovery. He calls it "Florida's greatest environmental challenge" in lining up public support for reducing pollution and

getting the water right. The meeting, open to the public, will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Audubon Florida operates Florida's premiere ecotourism destination at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, along with the Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland and manages the Lake Okeechobee Marsh and Rookery Bay sanctuaries, among others. The organization fields 70 professional staff, 1,700 volunteers and enjoys the support of 60,000 paid and online members and 45 local chapters. Audubon Florida's science staff conduct extensive Everglades and coastal bird habitat field research.

Draper is recognized as a leading and longtime advocate for Everglades restoration, water resource protection and land conservation. He served on the executive committee for the successful 2014 Amendment 1 campaign. He currently serves on the boards of Sustainable Florida and the Florida Ocean Alliance and is co-chair of the Florida Working Forest Partnership.

For additional information, send an email to [coti@coti.org](mailto:coti@coti.org). To read past commentaries on island issues, visit [www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org) or visit Committee of the Islands on Facebook.\*



Gurhan at work photo provided

## Cocktail Reception With The Designer

Whether it is the unique design wrought solely in gold or kissed with it in his tri-tonal silver line, women around the world seek out Gurhan pieces. Take the opportunity to meet the famed designer during his visit March 24 through March 26 to Lily & Co. Jewelers. There will be an exclusive cocktail reception and showing of the exquisite jewelry artistry by Gurhan from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 24. "We are delighted to be hosting a cocktail reception in honor of a talented designer such as Gurhan," said Lily & Co. owners Dan Schuyler and Karen Bell. "Having him visit for three days is a treat and we invite everyone to meet the wonderful, personable man behind the exquisite jewelry."

Gurhan's fingerprint on each piece is the essence of the brand – hand-hammering and natural imperfections – evidence that every piece is painstakingly crafted by hand in Gurhan's workshop.

It was in the early 1990s when Gurhan was handed a sheet of pure

24-karat gold during a casual trip to Istanbul, Turkey. He was immediately drawn to its warmth and sensuality. In a single moment, Gurhan's life changed forever; he would create fine jewelry using this unique material. Four years later, his first Gurhan pieces are created. Before him, pure gold jewelry had not been made since ancient times.

While embracing the challenge of using pure gold, Gurhan rejected modern teachings and instead studied techniques used by ancient goldsmiths. After locking himself in his Grand Bazaar workshop, Gurhan reincarnated the ancients, bringing their craft into today's modern world.

Gurhan defies the boundaries of traditional jewelry design, which is especially present in his 4/24 line that features a unique combination of an early Ottoman alloy containing four karats of gold and 24 karat gold, as well as a proprietary new way of setting diamonds.

More than 20 years after discovering pure gold, Gurhan continues to evolve and grow with retailers in more than 15 countries featuring his three different lines created from three different metals. He has become a leader in both the fine jewelry and fashion worlds.

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## Captiva Community Panel To Meet

The next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel is set for Tuesday, March 14 beginning at 9 a.m. in the meeting rooms by Chadwicks Square at South Seas Island Resort. This meeting is open to all interested islanders and the public.

Among the agenda items:  
• Review of Lee County staff report on proposed Captiva Plan update in

advance of the Local Planning Agency public hearing.  
• Update on priority committees including wastewater and Captiva Drive bike/pedestrian improvements, as well as a call for new committee members  
• A Captiva Erosion Prevention District update.  
• A Captiva Fire District update.  
• Other business as necessary.  
Public participation is invited and encouraged. The next Captiva Community Panel meeting will be April 11. Information and background documents are available online at [www.captivacommunitypanel.com](http://www.captivacommunitypanel.com).\*



## Unique Shave Brush Tree In Bloom At Sanibel Resort



Detailed image of the tree's colorful bloom

The Sanibel Moorings shaving brush tree (*Psuedobombax ellipticum*) is currently in bloom, and reports say it is quite a sight to see.

Each night from Friday, March 10 to Friday, April 7, Sanibel Moorings will offer a nightly opportunity to view the shaving brush tree in its bloom at 7:30 p.m. Officials suggest that visitors park in a guest-marked spot on the bay side of the property.

The shaving brush tree is located between buildings 15 and 16. Visitors should bring their own flashlights.

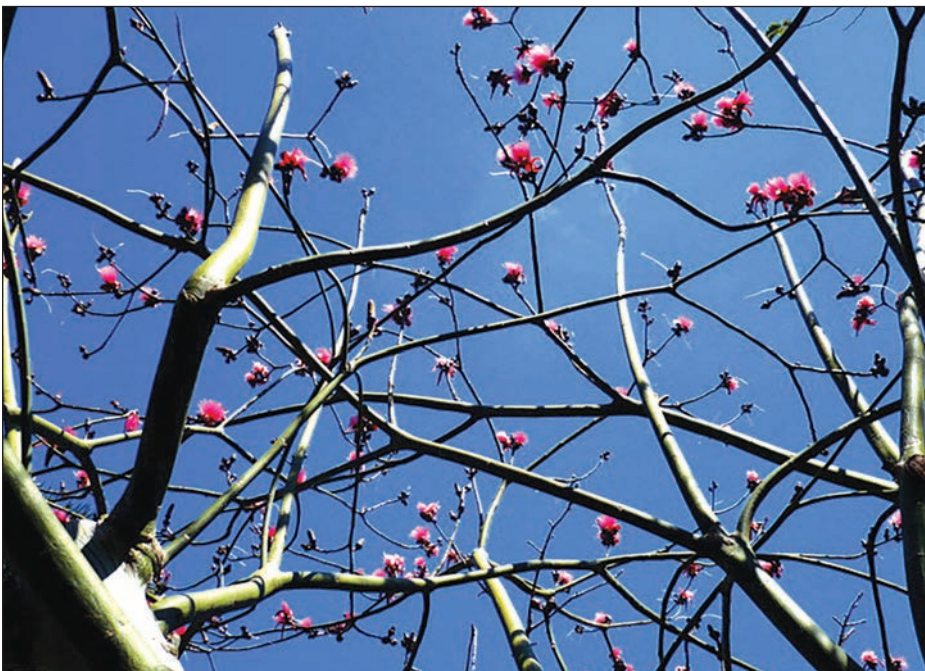
The tree is within Sanibel Moorings Resort Botanical Gardens, which are overflowing with six acres of mature and unusual tropical flora and fauna.

For more information, call 471-4119 during business hours. Sanibel Moorings is located at 845 East Gulf Drive.✧

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Shaving brush tree at Sanibel Moorings



View looking up through the tree

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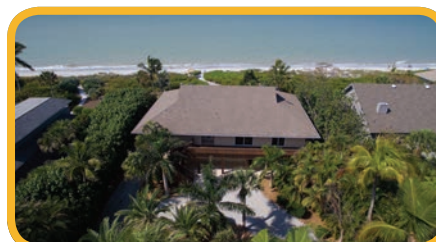
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From left, James Evans, City of Sanibel natural resources director; RaeAnn Wessel, SCCF natural resource policy director; Sarah Ashton, treasurer, “Ding” Darling Society; Doris Hardy, president, “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society; Congressman Francis Rooney; Paul Tritaik, JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge manager; and Mike Baldwin, vice president, “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society

## Realtors Working Together To Make A Difference

As part of this year’s Working Together to Make a Difference campaign, this is the second monthly report highlighting some community contributions made in February by members of the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors. Water Quality – On February 9, as a member of the “Ding” Darling

Wildlife Society Executive Committee, realtor Sarah Ashton was part of a group who welcomed Congressman Francis Rooney (FL-19th District) to the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. He came to tour the refuge, have lunch and then attend a meeting with SCCF at the Bailey Homestead Preserve. Rooney has made Florida water quality issues his primary focus and has succeeded in getting a letter on the topic, signed by all members of Florida’s Congress, sent to President Donald Trump. Annual Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner



From left, Jay Richter, Joe Mondelli, Melissa Rice, Brendan Albright, Jonathan Tongyai, Joel Goodman, Eric Pfeifer and Fred Bondurant

Fundraiser – February 25 at the newly-renovated Community House, the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club hosted its benefit for local youth scholarships, education and recreation. Many association members attended and worked at the event. Collections, Contributions, Volunteers and Donations – At the February 14 meeting, the association communications and public relations committee continued to identify new cooperative projects for 2017. One in the planning stages is a spring drive to

collect gently-used clothing for donation to nonprofits helping those rejoining or entering the workforce. If you have items to donate or other suggestions, contact committee members Judie Anderson, Sarah Ashton, Deb Gleason, Kelly Huguenin or Cathie Lewis; affiliate business partners Nanci Berlin of Barrier Island Title Services and Angela Larson Roehl of Rosier Insurance; or realtor chair Susan Andrews. Watch for next month’s progress report.✧

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Major business sponsors for the 16th Peek at the Unique are, from left, Eric Staubs and Matt Kirchner of Kirchner Contracting, Inc.; Sandi Hutchings, Gulf Breeze Cottages; Dan Hahn, Kevin Vertesch and Marya Teets, Dan Hahn Custom Builders/Sanibel Design Center; John Grey and Derrick Grey, John Grey Painting. Not pictured: Gene's Books on Periwinkle. photo provided

## Zonta Salutes Major Sponsors

submitted by Sue Denham

As the days tick down to Saturday, March 11, the date of the 16th Annual Peek at the Unique, Zonta members are pausing to pay special tribute to the principal sponsors whose generosity helps guarantee a successful event. For tickets or more details, email [zontapeektickets2017@gmail.com](mailto:zontapeektickets2017@gmail.com).

As always, the "Peek" – Zonta's renowned home tour that raises funds to empower women locally and globally – features four unique island homes. The businesses stepping up as house sponsors this year, with a donation of at least \$2,000, include returning house sponsor Gene's Books on Periwinkle, offering a wide choice of mysteries,

movies and music; returning house sponsors Dan Hahn Custom Builders/Sanibel Design Center, who built and decorated the tour home on Lagoon Drive; long-time supporter and first-time house sponsor Kirchner Contracting, Inc., who built the tour home on Cowry Court; and John Grey Painting, another long-time supporter and first-time house sponsor, who painted the tour home on Harbour Lane. Gulf Breeze Cottages, owned by Zontian Sandi Hutchings, a major supporter since 2011, is this year's sponsor of the tour's home base, Sanibel Community Church.

Kevin Vertesch, vice president of Dan Hahn Custom Builders, commented, "We have learned that sponsoring a Peek house is a great way to showcase our work while helping Zonta in their mission of empowering women."

Dan Hahn first sponsored a Peek home in 2010. John Grey, president

of John Grey Painting, added, "Our principal reason for giving to Zonta is the important work they do with women."

Individual benefactors contributing at least \$2,000 each, all returning sponsors, are islanders Sharon and Jim Ellen, former Peek homeowner Joan Sherman, and John and Martha Wolf, who again underwrote the sold-out VIP tour.

Through the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, a 501(c)3, proceeds from the Peek are awarded in grants to local organizations that empower women and to Zonta International for its global initiatives. Earlier this year, \$88,500 was awarded in local grants and \$28,760 pledged to ZI.

Numerous other island businesses

and individuals who provided sponsorships and personal donations ranging from \$25 to \$2,000 are recognized in the 100-page keepsake program given to all tour participants. Packed with information on the club and foundation, this is a valuable tool for learning about Zonta, and will be posted online at [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com) after the event. Zonta asks all Peek attendees to support the business sponsors listed in the Peek program.

"After fixed expenses such as transportation and printing, every dollar helps to empower women," said Zonta president and Peek co-chair Barbara Beran.

For more information about Zonta, Peek tickets, service partners and more, visit [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).✪



Paula Newton and Nancy Siegel with Calusa masks photo provided

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## Calusa Day

Society and vice president of the nonprofit Archaeological Research Cooperative.

Historical Village docents specializing in the Calusa will give talks in the museum's Calusa Room: Susan Schmidt will speak in the morning and Bonnie Frankel will speak in the afternoon.

Calusa Day will include activities for the children, including coloring Calusa masks. There will also be Calusa shells

and pottery available for viewing and handling.

The historical village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings except the Post Office. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).✪



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From left, SCCF Executive Director Erick Lindblad and President Gwenda Hielt-Clements raise a toast with Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company Executive Vice President Robin Cook and founder and Chairman Al Hanser photo provided

## Trust Company Sponsoring SCCF Fundraiser

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company will be the Presenting Sponsor of Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's first Farm to Table Dinner at the Bailey Homestead Preserve Pavilion on Friday, March 31 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"We are delighted and grateful that the trust company has generously agreed to sponsor our newest fundraising event," said SCCF Board President Gwenda Hielt-Clements. "Al and his team do so much for so many island nonprofits year in and year out. Without their support, many worthwhile initiatives wouldn't be possible."

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit SCCF's Native Landscapes & Garden Center, also located at the Bailey Homestead.

"If you haven't stopped by yet, please do. The garden center is a tremendous resource for home gardeners and a magical place for all

visitors," said Hielt-Clements.

The evening will be co-chaired by trustees Linda Uhler and Sandra Gross. The guest chef will be Frances Kroner of Cincinnati, Ohio. Chef Kroner's credentials include working for James Beard award winner and *Iron Chef* Michael Symon, and opening one of Cincinnati's first "pop-up" dining experiences. She is currently the executive chef for the Sleepy Bee Cafes, where she is known for her menus that promote local meat, dairy and produce with a creative edge. Chef Kroner will bring her culinary talents to the islands, designing a dinner featuring the best of Southwest Florida.

"We are so grateful that Sandy Gross, whose family owns the Sleepy Bee operations, was willing to underwrite Chef Kroner's participation in this event," said Uhler. "It has been so interesting working with her and local purveyors to plan the menu and other details for the 31st. It will be a wonderful evening."

This year's event is currently sold out, but SCCF is hopeful it can be presented again in .

Bailey Homestead Preserve is located at 1300 Periwinkle Way.\*

## Cooking Classes For Home Chefs

Community House resident chef Jarred Harris will host two classes for the home chef interested in providing gourmet fare at The Culinary Education Center of Sanibel. The first class will be held on Sunday, March 19 and the second class will be offered on Sunday, April 9. Both will take place at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way.

A Florida native and no stranger to Sanibel, Harris has 35 years of experience in the culinary industry. After having worked in England recently, he is back on Sanibel and offers unique gourmet cooking techniques with a focus on using fresh seasonal ingredients produced sustainably and locally.

The theme for the March 19 class, held from 4 to 6 p.m., will be Gourmet Prep for Home Cooks. Harris' menu will include salad of frisee, crispy pork belly with caramelized apples and calvados vinaigrette, duck leg confit with red wine syrup, baby vegetables and sweet potatoes dauphinoise, plus the chef's favorite chocolate tart.

The theme for the April 9 class, also



Jarred Harris

photo provided

held from 4 to 6 p.m., is Gourmet Prep for Home Cooks 2. The menu will include vichyssoise, beef bourguignonne with gnocchi, plus a vanilla ice cream with red wine syrup and gaufrette cookie for dessert.

Cost to attend each class is \$45.

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## Music Festival

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The March 14 program will include:

- Mozart's *Quintet for Clarinet, Two*

*Violins, Viola and Cello in A major, K. 581*

- Jongen's *Deux Pièces en Trio for Flute, Cello and Harp, Op. 80*

- Schubert's *Trio for Violin, Viola and Cello in B-flat major, D. 581*

- Ravel's *Introduction and Allegro for Harp, with the accompaniment of Flute, Clarinet and Strings.*

Tickets are \$45 each and may be purchased online at [www.sanibelmusicfestival.org](http://www.sanibelmusicfestival.org) or by calling 344-7025. Tickets may also be purchased by cash or check only at the Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way.\*

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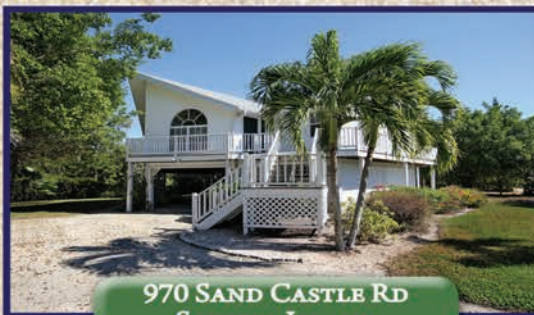


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Timothy P. Vick

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## Director Of Research Appointed

Timothy P. Vick, senior vice president has been appointed to director of research for The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and its divisions of The Naples Trust Company and The Tampa Bay Trust Company. Vick is responsible for monitoring

and evaluating a universe of assets across multiple financial markets for consideration in client portfolios.

Vick specializes in growth investing and the methods of Benjamin Graham and Warren Buffett. He is the author of three investment books, including the bestseller *How to Pick Stocks like Warren Buffett*. "Tim's focused approach to investment management and his expertise in evaluating asset opportunities has served our clients well," said Dick Pyle, president of The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. "In addition to conducting client portfolio management and securities research for the firm, he serves as a key member of the Asset Management Committee."

Prior to joining the firm, he served as a securities analyst and portfolio manager for buy-side investment firms. Tim has appeared on CNBC and CNN and has been quoted by *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *Barron's*, and *Chicago Tribune*.

Before establishing his career in the securities industry, Vick was as an award-winning investigative journalist in Chicago. He has served on several non-profit boards, including the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, Calumet College of St. Joseph, and the Jim and Betty Dye Foundation. He holds a master's degree in management from Purdue University and bachelor of arts in economics and history.✪

## New Team Member At Island Vacations



Susan Schrijver

photo provided

Susan Schrijver has joined the team of certified guest service professionals at Island Vacations of Sanibel & Captiva. She comes to Island Vacations with years of experience in the vacation rental industry and local

knowledge to assist guests in planning their stays.

"Susan has worked in the local vacation rental industry for many years and understands all aspects of the business," said Fran Peters, owner of Island Vacations of Sanibel & Captiva, Inc. "She is a great addition to our team and will continue the Island Vacations' tradition of helping guests create memorable vacation experiences."

For more information, call 472-7277 or visit [www.SanibelIslandVacations.com](http://www.SanibelIslandVacations.com).✪

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Improve your child's comfort level and abilities in the water with swimming lessons offered at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Classes will be held on Mondays and Fridays between March 13 and April 10.

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### STEPS TO BEACH ACCESS

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5251 Indian Ct., Sanibel, Florida \$789,000



### COLONIAL SHORES - CLOSE TO BEACHES

Rarely available lakefront property on an oversized corner lot in desirable gated community. This 3 bedroom/2 bathroom boasts an open concept living space, 42' kitchen cabinets, diagonal tile floors, crown molding, aluminium accordion hurricane shutters on the openings, and a lovely view of the lake. Colonial Shores is conveniently located to shopping, about 25 minutes from International Airport, 15 minutes from Ft. Myers and Sanibel beaches. Community Pool and Clubhouse.

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Thistle Lodge staff did a brilliant job at the Neighbor's Club rally photos provided

# Neighbor's Club Holds Rally

The Sanibel Captiva Neighbor's Club held a rally on March 1 at Thistle Lodge Restaurant at Casa Ybel Resort. The club raised \$50 for FISH of SanCap and representative Jim Nelson spoke about the programs helping

islanders in need. Pat Healey won the raffle, a gift certificate to Thistle Lodge. Thanks were offered to Dennis Riley and his outstanding staff for hosting the event. The Thistle Lodge is open to the public for lunch and dinner and offers waterfront dining to residents as well as vacationers. To sign up and join the Neighbors Club, visit Hollie's Boutique on Sanibel.✱



From left, Joyce Andrews, Ellen Petrick and Ilona Peters



From left, Helmut Peters, David Petrick and Mark Andrews

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## Cooking Classes

Space is limited. Make reservations online at [www.SanibelCommunityHouse.net](http://www.SanibelCommunityHouse.net) or by calling The Community House at 472-2155

### Sanibel Community Potluck

The monthly Sanibel Community Potluck Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 29 at The Community House beginning at 6 p.m.

This month will feature Lazy Flamingo Corporate Operations Manager Ron Rich, who will share his vast knowledge of local seafood. He topic will be: Everything you wanted to know about gulf shrimp and all of our local seafood, from mussels to clams, but were afraid (or not so afraid)

to ask. Rich grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York. While he was in college, he came to South Seas Island Resort to visit his brother over 20 years ago. Later, he moved here and has never looked back. Rich will be sharing samples of seafood with the potluck attendees, including mussels, clams and shrimp. Local musician Chape Whitman will again be providing music during the evening, from instrumentals to tunes by The Beatles. The potluck is free to those who bring an appetizer, main dish, side dish or dessert to share. A \$10 donation is requested from others to help provide for staffing and paper products. For more information, call Clair Beckmann at 472-4524.✱



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**SANIBEL EAST END:** Spacious home with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, screen enclosed heated pool, volume ceilings throughout, chefs kitchen, incredible bonus space with extra storage, 3 car garage and boat dockage. This home is located in the prestigious Kinzie Island, a private, gated community with private beach access on the East End of Sanibel. Association pool, tennis, pickle ball courts and beach access with cabana. An Island dream come true on Sanibel!

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Perfect floor plan for the family. Open kitchen, dining and living room, plus 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Dreamy cottage style home with wood floors through out, high ceilings on a private, tropical lot. Watch the manatees and wildlife. Wonderful canal views, boating access to the Gulf of Mexico. Beach access close by.

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# Stepping Outside Our Comfort Level



by Trinette Nelson

Every so often, most of us look around our home and wonder how we might step outside our comfort level just a bit to freshen up our tired looking living room or how we might inject some interest

and excitement to the guest bedroom. Sound familiar?

Let's examine some of the things that can cause a room to look a little frumpy or dated. Trendy decorating and color schemes tire quicker than individualized decorating does. Remember hunter green and burgundy? How about peach and teal? Color, more than any other design element, can precisely pinpoint the decade of a room's last makeover.

The style of the furniture and accessories is another tell-tale sign of an aging room décor. The days of more is more are gone, replaced by a simplified clean and open look that most people find appealing and stress inhibiting. Thematic decorating, with an

abundance of our favorite animal, tree or fruit, have become monotonous.

So, where do we begin in the freshening-up process? Let's start with the arrangement of the furniture. By simply pulling some of that furniture off the wall or switching the position of a few pieces, the room will suddenly feel different. Take all your accessories out of the room and one-by-one, bring back only the things you really love, positioning them in a different place than before.

If you would like to stretch the borders of your comfort level just a little, add a vase, lamp, throw pillow or rug in that color you wish you had the nerve to try. Try a mirror or painting that is not your traditional style.

Because you spend very short amounts of time there, a good place to try new looks is in the foyer, guest bedroom or powder room. You can get a little wild and crazy in those areas because you won't tire of it like you might in the family room or kitchen.

If it is time to replace some of your furniture, think in terms of pieces that compliment, rather than match, each other. The careful selection of furniture items and accessories will provide you with a style that is not only your very own but one that will age gracefully. Decorating outside our comfort level can be somewhat scary but, if you try it, you'll be asking yourself why you waited so long.

Trinette Nelson is an interior designer on Sanibel/Captiva Islands and can be reached at [linda@coincdecen.com](mailto:linda@coincdecen.com).

# Rotary Happenings

submitted by Shirley Jewell

Season on the island is definitely peaking, and with the season's arrival comes a strong contingent of visiting Rotarians. Even though The Dunes' dining room has been expanded recently, we're squeezing in this time of the year. Rotarians are encouraged that when traveling to visit local Rotary Clubs near their destination. This helps to broaden their understanding of what other Rotary clubs are doing and what projects that they are involved with. This insight may sometimes encourage visiting Rotarians to bring information back to their home Rotary clubs on how to raise funds or the types of projects that their home clubs may find interesting to pursue. Many Rotary friendships and partnership projects are developed in this fashion.

Partnerships, cooperation, understanding and friendships also happen in the religious realm. An as an example of that, right here on Sanibel, the Rev. John Danner of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and retired Rabbi James Rubin of Bat Yam Temple of the Islands congregations not only share the same physical space of the church for worship but also shared several impressive interfaith programs. These two men have formed a friendship beyond their religious faiths



Rabbi James Rubin photo provided

and invested time in getting to know each other as the individuals that they are.

Rotarian Danner invited Rubin to speak at Rotary this week, but not about his faith or his extensive body of work on interreligious affairs but on his historical study of the Civil War.

First, Rubin explained that he spent many of his formative years in the Commonwealth of Virginia and, during the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, he really didn't study American history; he studied the history of the Confederacy. These history lessons have a long and deep effect on the people of the south.

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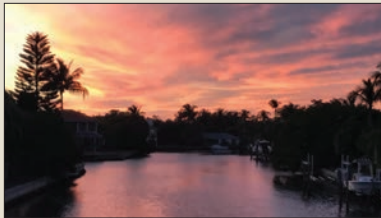
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# Sunset Gathering Held For Patrons Of FGCU Center



Harpist Leslie Gregory  
photos by Carol Orr Hartman

submitted by Zoë Spanbroek

In early February, the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education of FGCU held a Sunset Gathering at the Captiva Island Yacht Club to honor its advisors and patrons. All attendees came together for one common cause: to show their support for this small, local organization that continues to make big strides in environmental scholarship and



From left, David and Gillian Bath and Cathy and John McCabe

advocacy. Guests mingled amidst Leslie Gregory's harp music and an unforgettable sunset over the gulf. Acclaimed author and environmental activist Terry Tempest Williams gave an impassioned speech about the value of the center, and she and her husband made a substantial pledge of several thousand dollars.

Following the Sunset Gathering,

the center held a small reception on March 8. The event honored retiring FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw for his commitment to environmental sustainability and his ongoing support of the center. Sanibel residents Virginia and Ed Stringer, who previously worked with Bradshaw when he was president of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota, hosted the gathering.

The center welcomes contributions to its ongoing Haffenreffer Challenge. All gifts given at this time will be matched up to a total of \$6,000, thanks to Sanibel residents and long-time center supporters Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer and an anonymous donor. Donations go directly to center programs.

For more information about the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education and its programs, visit [www.fgcu.edu/cese](http://www.fgcu.edu/cese).✧



Terry Tempest Williams and center director Peter Blaze Corcoran



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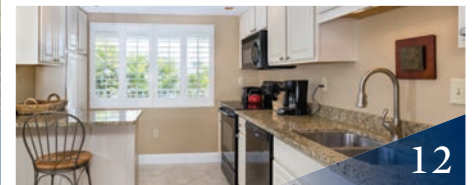
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# When Your Plan Doesn't Work Out



by Craig R. Hersch, Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trusts & Estates Attorney; CPA

“Sarah” had a will that left \$50,000 specific bequest of cash to each of her five grandchildren, while the rest, including her residence, was to be distributed among her two daughters.

At her passing, she owned her Florida homestead, a \$90,000 investment account, a \$10,000 checking account and an IRA account of \$1.2 million. Her two daughters were also the IRA account beneficiaries.

So what happens at Sarah's death? Does each of her grandchildren receive \$50,000? The short answer to that question is “No.”

The reason rests in the types of assets Sarah had at the time of her death. Her homestead is not an inventory asset of her probate estate under Florida law. Moreover, in my example, it is specifically devised to her two daughters. That only leaves \$100,000 of cash and other assets subject to her estate administration. This is what her will governs.

What of the \$1.2 million IRA account? That account has a beneficiary designation, so it is not subject to distribution under the terms of Sarah's will. This leaves her \$90,000 investment account and a \$10,000 checking account. Assuming, for a moment, that there are no creditors, taxes or administration expenses associated with Sarah's estate, then this \$100,000 would be apportioned among the five grandchildren, with each receiving \$20,000 as opposed to the \$50,000 promised under the will.

The grandchildren receive nothing from the IRA account because they are not a beneficiary of that account. Nor do they receive any equity from the homestead that was specifically devised to Sarah's daughters.

As you can see, it is therefore important to understand what assets you own and how you own them when making out your will or considering the distributions in your revocable living trust.

The same problem as Sarah's may arise when you have “Pay on Death” or “Transfer on Death” accounts. Assume that Sarah titled her investment and checking accounts as “Pay on Death” to her daughter, Jane. Even if Jane is named in Sarah's will as her personal representative (executor), the pay on death designation would usually result in Jane inheriting the accounts. Jane would not distribute those accounts in her role as personal representative under the will. It doesn't matter what Sarah has in the will, as her account would pass outside of the will. In this example, the grandchildren would inherit nothing. Jane's sister would also not receive any interest in the accounts, even though she was to share equally with Jane under the terms of the will.

Sometimes clients aren't certain how life insurance and annuities work either. Most life insurance and annuity contracts have designated beneficiaries and therefore pass outside of a will or revocable trust. Sometimes the trust is named as the beneficiary. Since life insurance is generally income tax free, naming a revocable trust usually doesn't carry any adverse income tax consequences. Annuities are a different story, however.

Distributions from annuities usually

carry with them some amount of ordinary income, resulting in the payment of income tax. The annuity contract should be carefully examined as well. If a person is not named as the contingent annuitant, then there is the possibility that the annuity company will make a full distribution upon the original annuitant's death. This could result in a significant distribution that triggers a large income tax. If the trust traps the income inside, then the highest marginal tax rate may also apply, exacerbating the problem.

This all highlights why you should have your estate planning attorney involved not only in the creation of your will and trust, but also in the proper titling of your various bank, investment and brokerage accounts, as well as having him at least confirm the proper beneficiaries of your IRA, 401(k), life insurance and annuities. Too often clients will take the advice of

their financial planner - or worse - the bank teller - when deciding how to title their accounts. As you can see from this simple discussion, a coordinated, thoughtful review by a qualified professional could head-off unintended consequences.

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## Republican Caucus Meeting

On Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m., Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman will speak to the Sanibel-Captiva Republican Caucus. The meeting will be held in the Sanibel Public Library Room 4, and is open to the public.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Will Smith at 395-0819.

## Program On Service Animals And Condominiums

Pet owners believe they can vacation or visit with pets they consider service animals, regardless of condominium rules. Sanibel associations have asked the Condominium Associations of Sanibel, Inc. (CASI) to help them explore the laws on service, therapy and emotional support animals.

CASI will host a program on Service Animals and Community Associations on Thursday, March 30 at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program will start at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to attend.

The presentation will be offered by attorneys Joseph E. Adams and JoAnn Burnett of the Becker & Poliakoff law firm. Adams concentrates his practice on community association law. He has been very active in community association legislation and rule making and has drafted several pieces of legislation that have been adopted by the Florida Legislature. Burnett is the attorney in the firm who handles most of the service and support animal matters and devotes almost her entire practice to discrimination and disability laws applicable to associations.

Of the many stories that prompted this workshop was a renter who insisted their dog was a service animal and could therefore use the association's swimming pool. When that happened, the Kings Crown board knew they needed a much clearer understanding of the law. Among the board's findings was that properties that allow short term rentals may be subject to ADA rules while those that have longer minimum rental periods may be governed by FHA standards. The Kings Crown board is encouraging their owners who rent to attend this workshop. They are also calling to invite rental agents and realtors to attend this workshop so that they can share a common understanding of the laws, as well as an association's rights.

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# Biggest Challenge For Red Sox Is Void Left From Big Papi’s Retirement



by Ed Frank

Filling the void left by the retirement of David Ortiz is the biggest challenge for the Boston Red Sox in the team’s quest for a second consecutive American League Eastern Division championship.

In a recent interview with David Dombrowski, the Red Sox president of baseball operations, he said the leadership and

offensive power of the future Hall of Famer will be sorely missed, but hopefully the team’s off-season moves will counter “Big Papi’s” absence.

Ortiz capped a brilliant 19-season Major League career last year (14 with the Red Sox) when he belted 38 home runs, drove in 127 runs and batted .315.

Dombrowski said Ortiz is “just taking it easy” in his first year of retirement, but emphasized the Red Sox want him to be part of the organization in the future.

Three significant acquisitions by Dombrowski should bolster Boston this season, topped by signing All-Star hurler Chris Sale, who won 17 games last season for a woeful Chicago White Sox team.

To get Sale, he had to trade away his top prospect, infielder Yoan Moncada, and three other minor leaguers.

In addition to Sale, the Red Sox acquired first-baseman Mitch Moreland and reliever Tyler Thornburg.

In a wide-ranging interview, Dombrowski was asked whether Cleveland’s sweep of the Red Sox in the post-season pointed to any significant weakness.

“I don’t think so. We were outpitched and just didn’t play well. For many of our young guys, it was their first taste of postseason play,” he said.

A 38-year veteran of Major League front office experience, Dombrowski said he favors reasonable changes in the game that will reduce “dead time” and speed up play.

He likes the recent rule change on intentional walks whereby a signal from the pitching team’s dugout will replace the long-standing practice of throwing four pitches to a standing catcher for an intentional base on balls.

Baseball instituted a change last year that is not being enforced in which a batter shall keep at least one foot in the batter’s box throughout his at-bat with a few exceptions such as a foul ball, wild pitch or time out.

“I understand why many batters don’t like the rule because of habits etc., but the rule would speed up the game and that’s what we need,” he said, adding that the rule is being followed in the minor leagues.

Two years ago, the Red Sox signed third-baseman Pablo Sandoval to a five-year \$90 million contract. The first year of the contract, he came into camp overweight, performed poorly and reportedly was a source of friction within the team. Last year, he missed nearly the entire season due to injury.

“He reported this year in good shape. He has lost weight, has worked hard physically and nutritionally and looks like he did when he was a young player,” Dombrowski said. However, he will have to “earn his way back” as the team’s starting third-baseman, he added.

The Red Sox recently announced they have formed a partnership with a company known as Begear to provide their players with custom-made bedding to improve their sleeping at home. The team has also upgraded the “sleep room” at Fenway Park.

Research has shown that the long, grueling baseball season, along with long cross-country travel, often affects players’ performances negatively in the later stages of the season.

Last week, each Red Sox was fitted with pillows, sheets and mattresses to fit each



David Dombrowski  
photo courtesy Red Sox

player’s sleep style and body frame. The cool-vented pillow are molded for specific body types.

The Las Vegas odds-makers have made the Red Sox the preseason favorites to repeat as AL East champions.

No question that the retirement of David Ortiz leaves a big, big question mark for most Red Sox fans.

But the shrewd, long-successful Dombrowski feels the 2017 edition of the Red Sox is up to the challenge.✪

## Skin Cancer Screenings At Twins Stadium On Saturday

Moffitt’s Sun Safety Tour is a partnership between Moffitt and the Tampa Bay Rays offering free skin cancer screenings at specified baseball spring training venues in March. The 10th annual Spring Swing tour kicked off March 4 when the Rays hosted the Baltimore Orioles at Charlotte Sports Park in Port Charlotte. Now, the second leg of the tour will be on Saturday, March 11 when the Boston Red Sox visit the Minnesota Twins in Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex in Fort Myers. Screening time is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with game time at 1:05 p.m.

Screeners will look for early signs of skin cancer while promoting sun safety, skin cancer awareness and education. Fans who receive a screening will receive a free Spring Swing T-shirt, sunscreen and sun safety educational materials and promotional items.

During the previous nine spring training seasons, Spring Swing has screened more than 3,900 people, identifying 4,010 suspected cancerous lesions, including 25 suspected melanomas.

The Spring Swing tour will end on Sunday, March 26 when the New York Yankees host the Rays at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa. Again, screening will begin approximately 2 1/2 hours before game time.

For more information, visit [Moffitt.org/SpringSwing](http://Moffitt.org/SpringSwing).✪

## Spring Training Home Schedules

### Boston Red Sox – JetBlue Park

March 9 – Team USA, Baseball Classic; 1:05 p.m.

March 10 – Baltimore; 6:05 p.m.

March 11 – Tampa Bay (split squad); 1:05 p.m.

March 14 – Toronto; 1:05 p.m.

March 16 – Pittsburgh; 1:05 p.m.

### Minnesota Twins – CenturyLink Sports Complex

March 9 – Colombia, Baseball Classic; 1:05 p.m.

March 11 – Boston; 1:05 p.m.

March 12 – Baltimore (split squad); 1:05 p.m.

March 13 – Tampa Bay; 1:05 p.m.

March 15 – St. Louis; 1:05 p.m.✪

## SANIBEL 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE 2016-17 Standings through March 6

Standing	Team Name	Won	Lost
First	Bunt’s Ball Busters	302	138
Second	Sandycappers	213	227
Third	Fresh Legion Crew	188	252
Fourth	Sanibel Cafe	177	263

### March 6 Results

Bunt’s Ball Busters	10	Sandycappers	10
Fresh Legion Crew	11	Sanibel Cafe	9

### Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League

## Top Teams Tie

It’s a good thing that the Sanibel 8-Ball Pool League season is drawing to a close because league leading Bunt’s Ball Busters is running out of steam. Sandycappers won the last four games of their match on Monday night to capture a 10-10 tie. Hero for the Sandycappers was John Riegert who smashed Dave Doane, 4-0. Three of Riegert’s teammates, Jeff Brown, John Bates, and Kevin Pottorf, posted two wins each over Rich Ennis, Mike DeWitt and Bob Buntrock. The only bright light for Bunt’s was Terry Ricotta with four wins over Jack Cunningham.

Fresh Legion Crew’s Tarzan Russell grabbed four wins over Sanibel Café’s

Randy Carson to lead his team to an 11-9 victory. He was backed by Doc Lubinski and Nate Buffam who posted 3-1 victories over Rich McCurry and Dave Graham. Pete Mindel was the big stick for Sanibel Café with a 4-0 effort against Gator Gates. Matt Hall helped him out with three wins against Tom Yorgey.

Nine players have paid their \$20 entry fees for the league’s annual singles tournament, scheduled for Monday, March 27. Entered to date are Rich McCurry, Karla McCurry, Bob Buntrock, Rich Ennis, John Riegert, John Bates, Randy Carson, Mike DeWitt and Tom Yorgey. Last year’s winners were: 1. Mike DeWitt; 2. Rich Ennis; 3. Randy Carson; 4. Kevin Pottorf; 5. and 6. Gator Gates and Jimbo Gaubatz; 7. and 8. Terry Ricotta and Doc Lubinski.✪

## SPORTS QUIZ

- Who are the only three major-league third basemen to have a season in which they hit 40-plus home runs and led the A.L. in runs scored?
- Two major-league players are tied for the most Gold Gloves for an outfielder (12). Name them.
- Tampa Bay’s Jameis Winston tied a record in 2015 for most touchdown passes by a rookie in a game (five). Who else did it?
- Name the last ACC men’s basketball team before Boston College in 2015-16 to go winless in conference play for a season.
- How many times have the Florida Panthers registered at least 100 points in the standings for an NHL season?
- Who was the first African-American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in swimming?
- When was the last time before 2016 that the U.S. team swept the first session of golf’s Ryder Cup?

## ANSWERS

- Al Rosen (1953), Alex Rodriguez (2005, 2007) and Josh Donaldson (2015). 2. Roberto Clemente and Willie Mays. 3. Ray Buivid (Chicago Bears, 1937) and Matthew Stafford (Detroit Lions, 2009).
4. Maryland; in 1986-87. 5. Once, in the 2015-16 season. 6. Simone Manuel of the U.S. in 2016.
7. It was 1975.



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## Rotary Happenings

So, when Rubin himself was serving our country in Korea, where tensions were high, for stress relief, he and his fellow soldiers discussed the Civil War.

Per Wikipedia: "During the American Civil War (1861 to 1865), the Union referred to the United States of America and specifically to the national government of President Abraham Lincoln and the 23 free states and five border states that supported it. The Union was opposed by 11 southern slave states that formed the Confederate States, or 'the Confederacy.'"

Rubin's questioned what was it that President Lincoln used to rally the men of the Federal Union to go to war against the Confederacy? Why did Gen. Robert E. Lee turn down the Union Army's offer to lead the Union troops from the north and become the leader of the army Commonwealth of Northern Virginia?

As to the first question, many would say the answer was to end human slavery... but was that really it? That may have been true for the men who volunteered to fight to end slavery, but more was involved for our government, including the economic growth of our country.

Fighting for their rights of self-determination regarding slavery and opposing the proposed tariffs on imported

goods coming into the southern states to finance the growth of northern states and their industrial growth. Our southern states were determined to preserve their states' rights over federal laws, causing 11 southern states to secede from the union. They were willing to go to war over states' rights and led that charge by bombarding Union soldiers at the first battle of the Civil War at Fort Sumter, South Carolina from April 12 to 14, 1861.

As to the second question, Gen. Lee had been asked to lead the Union Army, but his southern roots took hold and he joined the Confederacy. Southerners continue that rooted determination of states' rights even today. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. An outstanding military leader, he fought valiantly, but his troops were outnumbered.

Facts at the time of the Civil War in 1861: The U.S. population in northern states was 22 million people versus nine million people in the south. Northern soldiers totalled approximately two million to the southern army's one million troops. Somewhere around 750,000 soldiers were killed during the Civil War. The war ended in 1865 with the surrendering of Lee and the Confederate Army.

*The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meets Friday mornings at 7 a.m. at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. Guests are welcome.\**

## ISLAND SUN BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Top Agents



Linda Naton



Harrell, Tolp and Albright Team



LeAne Suarez

John Naumann & Associates announced the top associates for the month of February. The top listing agent was LeAne Taylor Suarez and the top listing team was Harrell, Tolp & Albright. The top sales agent was Linda Naton and the top team was Harrell, Tolp and Albright.\*

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Photo Contest Winner



Pair of roseate spoonbills

photo by Scott Joffe

The winner of RS Walsh Landscaping’s February photo contest is Scott Joffe. The theme of the February contest was “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Submitted photos were posted on RS Walsh’s In The Garden Facebook page and at the company’s Sanibel garden center. Visitors to the Facebook page and the garden center were able to vote on their favorites. Joffe’s photo of a roseate spoonbill coming in for a landing received the most votes. He will receive a \$50 gift certificate to In The Garden. Honorable mentions went to Teresa Anzalone, Laurie Hafener, Cheri Hollis and Ed Sessa.

The March contest theme is Palm Trees and the deadline for submissions is Monday, March 20. Submissions should include the photographer’s name, phone number, location of the photo and a short story behind the photo. Up to five photos per person are allowed. Submissions can be sent via e-mail to [inthegarden@rswalsh.com](mailto:inthegarden@rswalsh.com).

For more information, call 395-5859 or visit [www.rswalsh.com](http://www.rswalsh.com).✱



A young lady winds up to toss a mullet

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Mullet Toss Is Now A Two-Day Event

The Matlacha Mariners are holding its 26th annual Mullet Toss Championship from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, at the Matlacha Community Park located at 4577 Pine Island Road NW, in Matlacha. The popular annual event raises money to support Pine Island charitable work. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on both days, with mullet flinging contests from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children and adults. Winners for each category will be determined by best distance tosses.

On Saturday, the whole family can

participate in groups: Fry Division, Boys and Girls matches, ages 1 to 5; Fingerlings Division, Boys and Girls matches, ages 6 to 10; Juvenile Division, Boys and Girls matches, ages 11 to 15; and Adult Men and Women matches, ages 16 and older.

New this year on Sunday are mullet tossing competitions for public safety officers, restaurants and bars as well as businesses and organizations. Individual members in each group will compete with one another to win group-bragging rights and an annual traveling trophy.

For complete details, visit [www.MatlachaMariners.org](http://www.MatlachaMariners.org). For more information, contact Rick Williams at 898-5004. Vendor contact is Lisa Dence at Olde Fish House Marina at 321-3281.✱

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Benjamin and Emma Ravish

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## Fund Provides Kids With Handcycles

Thanks to support from Grampy's Charities and Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Save the Kid Fund presented its first adaptive bicycles to two Fort Myers siblings through its Freedom Program at the bank's McGregor branch.

Emma Ravish, born with no legs, and Benjamin Ravish, handicapped with underdeveloped legs as a result of

childhood polio, both received custom-made handcycles, worth \$2,500, that will enable them to participate in the normal childhood experience of riding a bike.

"Having a bicycle to ride gives these kids independence and social freedom," said Jack Johannemann, Save the Kid Fund director. "It's amazing to see how riding a bicycle can bring such wonderful smiles to their faces."

Save the Kid Fund's Freedom Program provides special adaptive bicycles to children with disabilities. With six local children already on a waiting list, Save the Kid Fund works to



Benjamin Ravish, Craig Albert, Ed Ravish, Dave Essig, Jack Johannemann, Jim Castle, Joe Callaghan, Bob Risch, Annie and Emma Ravish

donate adaptive bicycles as quickly as they can raise funds to purchase them.

Grampy's Charities has supported Save the Kid Fund, opening up new avenues to fundraise and continue delivering adaptive bicycles to children with disabilities. Sanibel Captiva Community Bank partnered with Grampy's Charities in fundraising earlier this year, making it possible for Save the Kid Fund to present bicycles to the Ravishes.

A small, all-volunteer organization, Save the Kid Fund has provided more than \$1.1 million in assistance since 1986. The organization is dedicated to bettering the lives of children. Learn more at [www.savethekid.org](http://www.savethekid.org).

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### BeautifulLife:

## Social Circles

by Kay Casperson



Is your head spinning lately with things to do, people to see and places to go? Welcome to springtime, spring break, Easter and all the fun activities that surround us this time of year. There are

always so many events and activities that are being planned, and sometimes hard to attend all of them. You have to pick and choose what makes the most sense for you, but more importantly, what social scenes are best for you and who do you really want to spend time with?

Choosing your social network and the people you surround yourself with – whether for a short event, an evening out, a weekly or monthly group or even family gatherings – is an important decision to make. The reason this is important is because the people we surround ourselves with and those we choose to spend our time with is what we ultimately become like. That is why I encourage everyone around me including my family, my staff and my friends to make smart choices in terms of who they socialize with.

There are many aspects to creating a beautifulife and one of those is making smart social choices. The best way to do

this is to find people, groups, events and parties that align with your interests and values. Are you encouraged and fulfilled when you are with these individuals or are you attending things just because you have been asked to? Do you feel good after spending your valuable time with these individuals or groups or are you just attending because you have done so in the past or feel obligated?

I encourage you to take a real good look at the amount of time you spend with people, organizations or events that are not really where your heart is and move into a direction of really good choices in terms of where and who you spend your valuable time with. Make sure that you are able to give this time from your heart and that in return you feel good, fulfilled, uplifted and inspired. Remember, the choice is yours and you are in control of every minute of your life, take the control back and decide who should be in your social circle not the other way around.

My affirmation for you this week is:

"I am in control of my destiny and will allow only those that I choose to influence me and inspire me to continue my road to a beautifulife!"

Beauty and lifestyle expert Kay Casperson lives on Sanibel with her husband, two daughters and dogs. She produces her own inspirational collections of skincare, cosmetics, wellness, apparel and accessories, and operates four Lifestyle Spa & Boutique locations in Southwest Florida and Orlando. Learn more at [kaycasperson.com](http://kaycasperson.com).✱

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## Island Seniors At Center 4 Life

Meet your friends and make some new ones at the Center 4 Life. Browse through the following activities, then stop by to sign up.

**Minnesota Twins Spring Training Baseball Tickets** – Tuesday, March 21 vs. Philadelphia Phillies at 1:05 p.m. Ticket cost for members is \$22 and \$27 for non-member guests. Must be a current Island Seniors member to purchase baseball tickets. Ticket sales are for limited time only. All sales are final. Transportation is on your own.

**Chihuly Collection & Dali Museum (Frida Kahlo at the Dali) Trip** – Friday, March 24. Cost is \$75 for members and \$85 for non-members.

Trip includes round trip transportation including a docent-led tour of the Chihuly Collection, Dali Museum and a special exhibition of Frida Kahlo at the Dali. Lunch will be on your own at the Banyan Café. Advance registration is required. The trip is limited to 27 participants on a first come basis.

**Complimentary Skin Cancer Screening by Riverchase Dermatology** – Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Screenings are quick and easy. The exam is a non-invasive and a visual inspection of exposed areas of the body will be done after a brief medical history is completed. Advance registration is required.

**Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano: Connecting with Facebook** – Wednesday, March 15, 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Despite its popularity, some still find Facebook incomprehensible, and have concerns about privacy and security. This class demystifies Facebook with a simple, no-nonsense approach. Learn privacy settings to protect your page by controlling who has access to your content. Sign up for your free Facebook account prior to class and be prepared to login from your portable computer or device. You must register in advance to participate and bring your own device. Be prepared to use your Apple ID and password.

**Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano: Travel Apps** – Wednesday, March 22, 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Locate yourself on a map, estimate travel times, get directions and even beat traffic. Use apps to find the cheapest gas or the nearest public restroom. Translate languages, convert currency. Call a car, or book a flight. Get reviews on restaurants and hotels. Beat long distance roaming charges and stay connected while abroad. This class offers tips, tricks and techniques to benefit the tourist and seasoned traveler alike. Sign up for your free Facebook account prior to class and be prepared to login from your portable computer or device. Register in advance and bring your own device. Be prepared to use your Apple ID and password.

**Keeping up with Technology with Gerard Damiano: Healing and Harmonizing Apps** – Wednesday, March 29, 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members.

There is a wealth of information at the touch of virtual button. Soothing sounds, lunar cycles, star charts and more. Shop consciously and select products that reflect your values. Harmonize with your devices and learn tools that help to promote a healthy lifestyle. Sign up for your free Facebook account prior to class and be prepared to login from your portable computer or device. Register in advance and bring your own device. Be prepared to use your Apple ID and password.

### Games

Cost for all games is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for non-members. Prizes will be awarded.

**Bridge** – Monday and Wednesday. Register by noon; the game begins at 12:30 p.m.

**Mahjongg** – Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

**Hand & Foot** – Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

**Hearts** – Friday at 12:30 p.m.

**BINGO** – Friday, March 24 at 1 p.m.

**Kayaking on Tuesdays and Thursdays** – March 14 (weather permitting) at 8:30 a.m. There is space for 16 people on eight two-person kayaks and limited space for those who own their own kayaks. Island Seniors will provide kayaks, paddles and life jackets. Bring water, a snack, sun lotion, bug spray, sunglasses, towel, hat and change of clothing. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Advance registration is required.

**Line Dancing Classes** – Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

The instructor will review dance steps then turn up the music so you can dance. Bring a friend. Call to register.

### Fitness Classes

Members cost is \$4 per class, visitors \$7 per class. Annual membership is \$20. Sanibel Recreation Center

members must show their membership card to attend.

**Happy Hour Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Keep your brain fit and your heart, lungs and muscles strong with a combination of aerobics and muscle conditioning exercises. Hand weights, stretch cords and body weight are used. Athletic footwear required. Connie DeCicco is the instructor.

**Essential Total Fitness** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Cardio, muscle strengthening and flexibility training with hand weights, stretch cords, chairs and stability balls. Athletic footwear is required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

**Power Hour Fitness** – Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. Hand weights, stretch cords, stability balls and mats are used. Improve core strength and balance. Athletic footwear required. Mahnaz Bassiri is the instructor.

**Gentle Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Stretch, tone and strengthen while improving flexibility, proper alignment and circulation. Bring a towel. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

**Chair Yoga** – Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. Similar to gentle yoga but all poses are done in a chair. Kim Kouril is the instructor.

For more information, call 472-5743 or stop by the Center 4 Life, located at 2401 Library Way on Sanibel.✱

## MOAA Meeting

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club on Monday, March 13 at 5:45 pm. This is the annual meeting for the nomination and election of officers. The speaker will be Ed Greenan who will speak on violence, terrorism and religion.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Jeff Nichols at 515-720-5204 for membership information.✱



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## What Happens When You Cry



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Readers:** When we think of crying, we usually relate it to grief, pain (whether it be emotional or physical), shame and sometimes, even guilt. We cry for a lot of reasons.

Sometimes we cry because "I'll never let go, Jack" happens in a movie. When I was pregnant with my daughter Samara in 1989, I remember crying at some totally inappropriate moment during the whale movie, *Orca*. It was so odd, but to this day I recall how good it felt to let those tears out and blow my nose. It's funny looking back. Personally, I'm not a crier, it takes a lot, but I have, and I do and, on occasion, it's provoked by normal things such as grief, or the fear of losing someone I

love, or if I really, really hurt myself. I once started crying after pain induced by cutting open my finger while chopping an onion.

Any type of emotional surge, whether it is positive or negative, can trigger tears. When we've finished crying, we feel so much better! That feeling of relief you experience after crying comes from "feel-good" hormones and neurotransmitters that are released during the episode. Emotional crying contains "leucine-enkephalin," an endorphin which improves mood and reduces pain. Your tears contain endorphins, so when you cry, you can feel yourself start to settle down almost instantly after shedding some tears. As an added effect, our emotional pain tolerance increases after we have cried. This is human nature. Some other interesting benefits associated with crying include enhanced communication, better coping skills and antibacterial effects. Let me explain:

Crying releases stress. Stress-crying releases toxins that assist the body in ridding itself of chemicals that are known to raise cortisol levels. Cortisol is the hormone that puts fat around your belly and so controlling that could

contribute to weight loss. Controlling cortisol helps you cope with stress. Do not allow your stress or emotions to remain bottled up inside you.

Tears are antibacterial. As for the killing off of bacteria, an article published by *Medical Daily* found that tears (which contain lysozyme) can kill up to 95 percent of bacteria in under 10 minutes!

Crying improves communication. Babies cannot speak, so they let you know about their discomfort by crying. As for adults, seeing another person's tears quickly sums up the extreme level of anger, frustration or sadness, that words fail to convey. I have a longer article at my website which explains why some people prefer to cry alone in the shower.

Wherever you cry, it would be a disservice to yourself, your mental health and your physical body to prevent the occasional vulnerable state (and euphoria) that emotional crying provides. In order to restore balance to both your body and mind, you should try to embrace the lachrimation. Men, especially, it is a sign of a kind-hearted sensitive man, and there's nothing wrong with letting your guard down. It is not a sign of weakness like you might think.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.SuzyCohen.com](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).*✱

Eden Energy Medicine (Part 2)

## Strengthen Your Heart's Energy



by Karen L. Semmelman, Certified EEM, JD, AAML (03-01)

**R**emember that your heart is the largest generator of electricity in the body and the last organ to stop when the "lights go out." We want to

do whatever we can to assist the heart's energy to stay strong and vibrant.

Last week, we learned two tools to assist:

1. Improving our internal compass to help revitalize;
2. Holding our heart source point to reduce heart disease.

This week, we will visit additional techniques, some of which you may remember from prior columns – that demonstrates how interconnected our energies are. By moving energies in one area, the impact is far reaching, effecting many other parts of our being as well.

Bite down on both little fingers at the base of the nail beds. If you feel disease of the heart, panic, hysteria, etc., this technique assists in sending energy right into the heart since it's the end of the heart meridian on the inside edge of the nail bed and the outside edge of the nail bed is the small intestine, it's paired meridian partner.

• Trace Heart Meridian – If you are feeling anxious, overwhelmed, in panic, have angina, experience pain in your armpits, gums bleeding, low or

high blood pressure, pain in chest, chill easily, circulation problems, dizziness, overheat easily, heart palpitations, bleeding problems, extreme thirst, excessive bruising or swollen glands, then it is extremely likely you will benefit from tracing your heart meridian.

• Affirmation for this meridian is: "I deeply and completely love and accept myself." Some believe that heart is the center of our essence, which enables connection not only to ourselves where we find center, but also to all other living things, including humans. From a Chinese medicine standpoint, the heart is the last organ to cease functioning, so we want to keep it healthy. Remembering that matter follows energy, stating a positive thought shifts the energy just by the intention... this is the metaphysical fabric of life! We are all part of that pure fabric of existence, so reap its benefits.

• Pathway of Meridian – Heart meridian is associated with the heart organ. The beginning point of heart meridian is at the deepest recesses under your armpit, where it is the most protected of all meridian pathways. The end point is at the medial edge of the base of the nail on your little finger. To trace heart, place your open palm under the opposite side of the body in the middle of your armpit. Continue moving your open palm down the inside of the arm in a direct line to the underside of the little finger, where you pull the energy off. That's it. You just traced heart meridian.

*If you have a question, email Karen at [SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com](mailto:SemmEnergyCenter@gmail.com) or visit [www.semmelmanenergy.com](http://www.semmelmanenergy.com). EEM does not diagnose or cure illness, but working with subtle energies of the body has been shown to help many conditions.*✱

## Hole In One

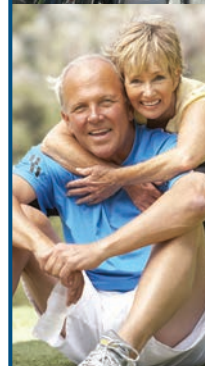


Mo Rains

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**T**he Dunes Women's Golf Association President Mo Rains got a hole in one on the second hole at The Dunes on February 19.

Playing and witnessing the hole in one were David and Lisa Drew and Gordon Rains.✱



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Doctor and Dietician

# Prolonged Sitting Is A Health Hazard



by Ross Hauser, MD  
and Marion Hauser, MS, RD

Most of us spend a good part of our day sitting down. It's a difficult position to avoid. We sit during our commute, sit at our desk at work, and then arrive home, happy to be able to sit, relax and de-stress by the TV. Excess sitting, though, has been linked to a host of health conditions such as obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, cancer and depression.

Does working out counteract the effects of this "sitting disease?" Unfortunately, the time you spend at the gym or outside exercising doesn't seem to counteract the

accumulative ill effects of prolonged sitting. Those glued to a seat still die earlier than those that don't, even if they exercise. It's similar to smoking. It's still bad for you, even if you exercise.

How does prolonged sitting cause health problems? When muscles are immobile, circulation slows down. You use up less blood sugar and burn up less fat. This increases the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and other problems. Upon standing, these same muscular and cellular systems are activated by carrying your own bodyweight. Our bodies are designed to move and be active.

Make a plan to stand when you can. Try to take a standing break every 30 minutes. Standing up and taking activity breaks, even for a minute, is helpful. While at work, consider using a standing desk, walk during lunch breaks, or even try conducting standing or walking meetings. When at home, stand and walk around occasionally while reading or watching TV, or take short walk breaks in the sunshine. Reduce sitting, little by little, each week. As you sit less, moving becomes more natural.

Get up and moving. Staying out of your chair is a step to a healthier lifestyle!

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical and Rehabilitation Services has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.\**

# Club Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club is accepting scholarship applications for the 2017-18 school year. Scholarships of \$3,000 per year, over a period of four years, will be awarded. Additionally, several one-year scholarships in varying amounts are available.

Eligible applicants must be Sanibel or Captiva residents, employed full time

on the islands or a family member of such (of any age) attending a college or vocational school.

The club collects the applications and an independent committee makes the selection.

Applications must be submitted by March 31. They can be obtained by directly accessing the Kiwanis website at [www.SanibelKiwanis.org](http://www.SanibelKiwanis.org) or by contacting any of the following: Loretta Kupper (579-0660 or [loretta@sanibelinsurance.com](mailto:loretta@sanibelinsurance.com)), Bill Traum (561-2900 or [billtraum@me.com](mailto:billtraum@me.com)) or Chris Heidrick (579-0660 or [chris@sanibelinsurance.com](mailto:chris@sanibelinsurance.com)).\*

# Parkinson's Screening Session

Lee Health is holding a community resource and screening session for people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease on Saturday, March 18 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Outpatient Rehabilitation at City Center, 3114 Cleveland Avenue, in Fort Myers. Registration is necessary to reserve an appointment time.

Space is limited. Call 343-4960 to reserve.

"The Parkinson's Clinic gives a person with Parkinson's and their loved ones the opportunity to discuss concerns related to changes in function," said Nathalie Grondin, physical therapist and coordinator of the Lee Health's Parkinson's Disease Rehabilitation Team. All participants are

screened by licensed therapists trained to detect physical deficits which may benefit from therapy intervention. Participants are also provided with a list of available resources including seminars, group exercise classes and support group meetings throughout Lee County.

Each participant can expect to visit with a physical therapist to address mobility concerns, an occupational therapist to address self-care activities and home management, as well as a speech language pathologist to discuss communication and swallowing concerns.

Resources related to education, support group, exercise group and identification of individualized therapy needs will be provided and a report of recommendations will be sent to your health care professional of choice.

Appointment times are limited. For more information and to register, call 343-4960.\*

# Got A Problem? Dr. Connie Is In



by Constance Clancy

**Q:** I have been told that I have little patience and I get frustrated easily. How can I become more patient?

**A:** We are a society of instant gratification seekers. We what it now

and we don't like to wait. The ability to delay gratification helps attain a greater long-term goal. Patience is a victory of the reasoning brain over the impulsive one.

Researchers at Princeton University identified the neocortex as a region in the brain associated with patience. They presented student volunteers with various problems to solve, including several in which they would have to decide whether to spend money now or save it for later.

The researchers scanned the volunteers' brains with MRI machines while they made their choices. The results were consistent: when the volunteers chose immediate rewards, the emotional center of their brain was activated, while opting for future rewards lit up the neocortex. Two entirely different structures were operating.

What is most practical about this finding is that patience seems to be more a function of reasoning than of emotion. Whereas the emotional brain may have a more difficult time imagining the future, the logical brain can foresee consequences and be more patient about waiting for positive results.

So the lesson is when it comes to patience, don't leave it up to emotions. When you need to make choices, be mindful and realize they are not based on emotion and your patience will gradually evolve.

*Constance Clancy-Fisher, EdD is a licensed mental health therapist, hypnotherapist, author and holistic stress management instructor. If you have a question, email Constance at [constanceclancyfisher@gmail.com](mailto:constanceclancyfisher@gmail.com).\**

# Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

**Dear Mom & Me,**

On a recent visit to my parents, I realized that they are now starting to develop serious health problems. I suggested that they move to be closer to me, but they seemed very reluctant to do so. They are fearful that they will be unable to find a doctor who will take them on as patients.

I inquired around my area and find it is a very real problem because so many of the doctors here will not take Medicare patients.

Do others complain about this problem?  
*Agatha*

**Dear Agatha,**

This is a real problem and also a national problem. With the new administration, we do not know yet what the final solutions to what our health care problems are going to be like. Many doctors complain that they cannot pay rent and staff and are forced to take patients that are private pay only. Your parents could also ask their present physicians if they have any contacts in your area and possibly there could be a referral.

In the meantime, they could go to the hospital emergency room if a crisis develops.

*Lizzie*

**Dear Agatha,**

Moving to a new area does present problems and can be very difficult, and being on Medicare just compounds the problem. You could talk to the medical society in your area. They may have some valuable information and, who knows, they may have a wonderful referral service. Best of luck to you.

*Pryce*

*Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).\**

# Scholarship Applications Sought

The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is currently accepting scholarship applications from local Lee County college-bound students for its 2017 Scholarship Award Program. The scholarships are for those who have had a personal experience with someone suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

Seniors from local high schools are invited to submit an application for a

\$1,000 scholarship. Each applicant is asked to write a narrative about his/her positive experience with a family member or friend who is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. A panel of Advisory Council members of the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center will review the applications focusing on the narrative as well as the student's volunteer experience and future goals.

Completed applications, including letters of recommendation, must be postmarked by March 31. Recipients will be announced in May. To obtain an application, students can visit [www.alzheimersswfl.org](http://www.alzheimersswfl.org).

For more information, call 437-3007.\*





### Red Sunset Clam Chowder

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 1 1/2 dozen littleneck clams, rinsed well  
 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped  
 Salt and pepper to taste

Cook bacon in a three-quart heavy saucepan over medium heat until golden. Reduce heat to low. Add onion, bell pepper, and celery and cook until softened, about five minutes. Stir in potato, clam juice, and tomatoes; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add clams; cover and simmer 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until clams open. Discard any clams not open after 10 minutes. Move pan off heat. Remove clams with tongs reserving a few clams in the shell for garnish. Detach clam meat from remaining shells and return meat to chowder. Stir in parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Note: The chowder (without the clams and parsley) can be made one day ahead. Bring chowder to a simmer then add clams and proceed as directed.

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Red Sunset Clam Chowder

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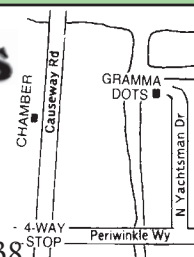
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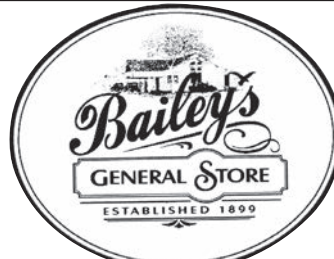
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## PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS Of Sanibel

### Papillion Found



Papillion

PAWS of Sanibel found this Papillon (pronounced Pappy-yun) on Bowman's Beach Road. If you know who this dog's people are, please call Pam at PAWS of Sanibel at 472-4823.\*

Lee County Domestic Animal Services

### Zion And Marley



Zion ID# 690792



Marley ID# 599703

Zion is a 6 year old male domestic shorthair and one of our senior cats that has a healthy appetite. He loves to hang out in his cat box and watch what is going on. He is the perfect "Cat in the Hat" for your home. Through the month of March, his \$25 adoption fee is waived for Dr. Seuss month.

Marley is a 4 year old male labrador mix with lots of spunk. His absolute favorite thing to do is to toss a tennis ball around. He has been training with

our volunteers and will sit quietly when asked and has developed nice leash skills. His adoption fee is \$25.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*

Haven on Earth Animal League

### Taters And Princess Lea

Hello, I'm Taters. Look how cute I am! I'm a very sweet girl and about 2 years old. Before I was rescued, I was a loving mom to three litters. I didn't receive the nutrition that I needed, so I was malnourished. I am currently living with a foster family that is giving me good nutrition and lots of attention and I am doing great. Now I just need to find my forever home. I'm spayed and up-to-date on all vaccines. My adoption fee is \$75, or \$30 for a senior on a limited income.

Hello, my name is Princess Lea. I am a very loveable female lap cat that likes to give hugs. I have a beautiful tortoiseshell coat with stunning copper eyes and I'm only 1 year old. I'm spayed and up-to-date on all vaccines. My owner loved me very much but was not able to afford to keep a pet. My adoption fee is \$100. I am currently residing at the PetSmart at Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress. Please come see me and take me home so I can give you hugs all the time.

To find out more about both cats up for adoption, call Diane at 860-833-4472.

We are being cared for by Haven on Earth Animal League. For more information, email [havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com](mailto:havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com).\*



Taters



Princess Lea

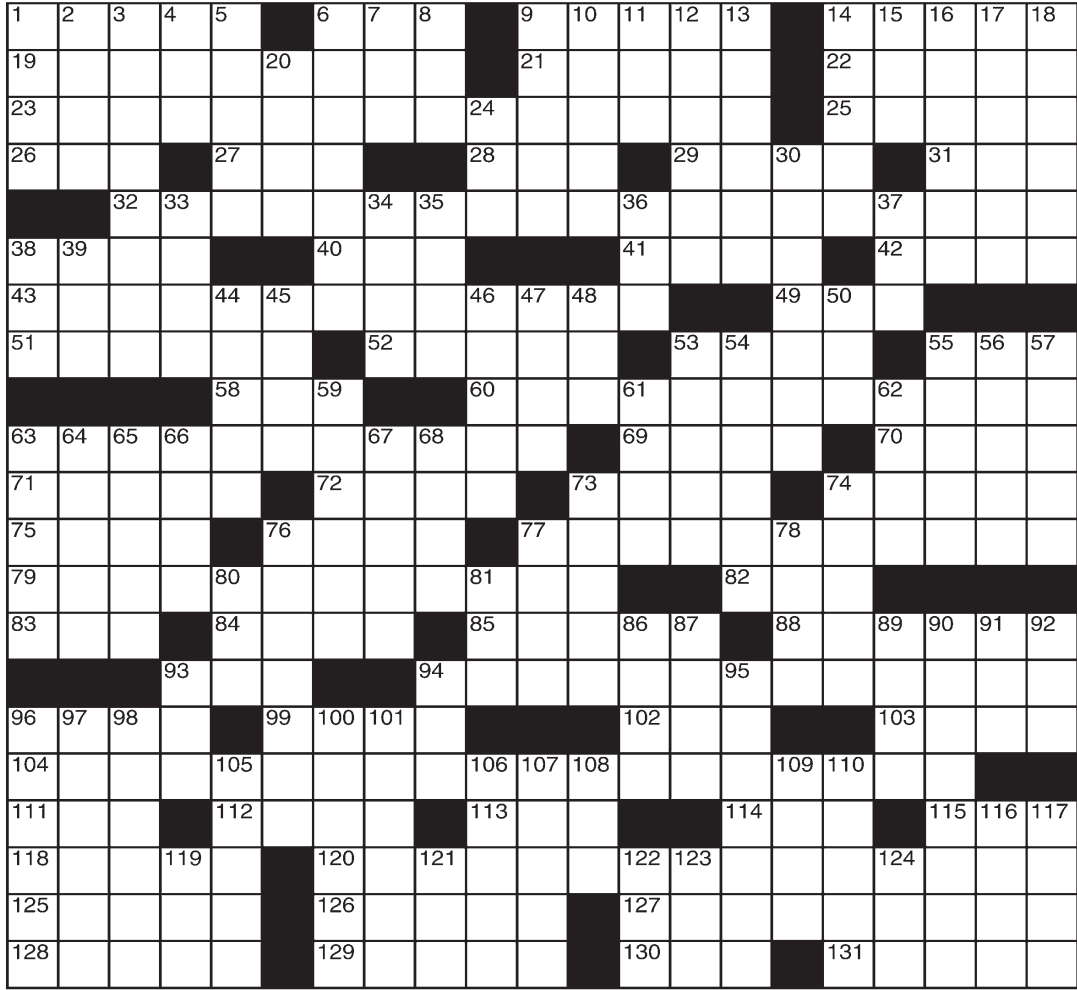


PUZZLES

Answers on page 37B

Super Crossword FILM SPLICING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Earth Day's month  
6 Maned antelope  
9 Large gulf link  
14 Tons  
19 Excludes  
21 Dribble  
22 Sign off on  
23 1940 thriller drama; 1942 romantic drama  
25 Four-stringer  
26 Hop- — - thumb  
27 Horse morsel  
28 Enjoy dinner  
29 Really digging  
31 Homer, e.g.  
32 1982 horror; 1939 western  
38 One with adoring fans  
40 Moray, e.g.  
41 Film's Mrs. Victor Laszlo  
42 Expends  
43 1996 neo-noir crime drama; 1990 crime drama  
49 Titled man  
51 Wedding day destinations  
52 Fiendish look
- 53 D-Day city in France  
55 Takes too much, briefly  
58 Pie-mode link  
60 1979 comedy-drama; 1982 musical  
63 2007 comedy-drama; 1946 spy thriller  
69 Many rented homes: Abbr.  
70 Zenith  
71 Make — of (jot down)  
72 "This guy walks into — ..."  
73 Irene of "Fame" fame  
74 Bone, to Fido  
75 "—" in an analogy  
76 Braggarts' displays  
77 2005 historical drama; 2002 musical  
79 2000 neo-noir thriller; 1982 comedy-drama  
82 Certain sow  
83 Poetic "prior to"
- 84 See 85-Across  
85 With 84-Across, diver's gas cylinder  
88 "But — I know?"  
93 21st Greek letter  
94 1980 spoof comedy; 1976 satirical drama  
96 "Waterloo" quartet  
99 Chop cut  
102 Gold, in León  
103 Major rtes.  
104 1931 horror; 2010 sci-fi thriller  
111 Get spoiled  
112 Cookie with creme  
113 La.-to-Mich. dir.  
114 Vast stretch  
115 — -pitch  
118 Break in, e.g.  
120 1963 historical drama; 1950 period drama  
125 Locale  
126 "Skyfall" singer  
127 Alaskan port  
128 Civic's make  
129 Aired again
- 130 Norma — (film heroine)  
131 Pea piercers
- DOWN**
- 1 Word form for "height"  
2 Haiku, e.g.  
3 Deep red wine  
4 Serpent tail?  
5 USMC rank  
6 Having a bit of a beard  
7 13th Greek letters  
8 Hagen with three Tonys  
9 Old politico Stevenson  
10 Spoiled kids  
11 O'er there  
12 Gregarious  
13 Argots  
14 Chaos  
15 Biblical priest  
16 Luau hellos  
17 NYPD part  
18 Mown strips  
20 Ella's singing  
24 Cell insect  
30 China buys  
33 Gymnast Korbut  
34 Bout arbiters  
35 Valley  
36 "— a pity ..."  
37 Your and my  
38 "— tree falls ..."
- 39 NFL's Cowboys, on scoreboards  
44 Speak grandly  
45 Fjord city  
46 Loris' cousin  
47 Meadows  
48 Prince Valiant's son  
50 — bit (soon)  
53 Italian island  
54 Affix  
55 — year (annually)  
56 Yankee Joe, informally  
57 Ensure  
59 Spanish region  
61 Cole — (shoe brand)  
62 Antidrug cop  
63 Actress Pressly  
64 Indy great Al  
65 Phrase of denial  
66 Siouan tribe  
67 Former Apple laptop  
68 Brewery kiln  
73 Prepare for playing, as a tape  
74 With 119-Down, position Mike Ditka played  
76 Online store  
77 Tiny: Prefix  
78 Gordie of hockey
- 80 Highest degree  
81 Fed. stipend program  
86 Alliance  
87 River of Bern  
89 "Horton Hears —!"  
90 City native  
91 Not moist  
92 Signs off on  
93 Stove item  
94 Kitchen pest  
95 Zero relaxation  
96 Over again  
97 Mustang  
98 — down the hatches  
100 Like a small garage  
101 Tristan's lady  
105 Split country  
106 — Gay (WWII B-29)  
107 Way to sign a contract  
108 Tchr.'s gp.  
109 Reggae artist Peter  
110 — water (up the creek)  
116 Theater box  
117 Single bills  
119 See 74-Down  
121 Musket tip?  
122 Black goo  
123 Biochem strand  
124 "Either you do it — will"



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Do as you're told  
5 A cont.  
8 Old foggy  
12 Geometry measure  
13 Born  
14 Divisible by two  
15 Soared  
17 Choose the best  
18 Japanese pond carp  
19 With resolution  
21 Twelve  
24 Highway division  
25 Saharan  
26 Demonstrated, as when on strike  
30 Chaps  
31 Chess wins  
32 Consumed  
33 Sank a billiard ball  
35 Caspian feeder  
36 Addict  
37 William Tell's target  
38 Formosa, today  
41 Annoy  
42 — Major  
43 Fined for speeding, e.g.  
48 Indonesian island
- 49 High-arc shot  
50 Basin accessory  
51 Help in a crime  
52 "Tasty!"  
53 Annoyingly slow
- DOWN**
- 1 Rowing tool  
2 Sis' counterpart  
3 Common Mkt.  
4 Talked on and on  
5 Opposed  
6 Lawyer's payment  
7 Clearly
- 8 embarrassed  
9 Edict  
10 Farmer's home?  
11 Sans siblings  
16 A billion years  
20 Tattoo-parlor supply  
21 Moist  
22 Sandwich cookie  
23 Brass component  
24 Metric measure  
26 Obviously  
27 Rainout cover  
28 Common Latin abbr.  
29 Strike from
- 31 Smaller plateau  
34 Persian Gulf nation  
35 Maintenance  
37 Noah's boat  
38 Big brass instrument  
39 Bedouin  
40 — of Capri  
41 Cold War weapon (Abbr.)  
44 Debt notice  
45 Pair  
46 "A mouse!"  
47 Parched

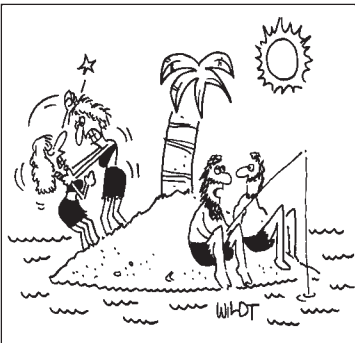
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G ( S U I T C A S E ) M D I B Z X  
V S Q O R T O P A E T A T P M  
K I G A E D C H T C U P E O T  
A Y N W U S W O H S F Q L M E  
P K N L J H F E E C U E L O K  
A Y X V U S R K R Q P D I O C  
N M K J H F E A C C B Z K R U  
Y X V U T R Q R P O S M S B B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Briefcase Cup Mop Skillet  
Broom Dustpan Pail Suitcase  
Bucket Hammer Pitcher Teapot  
Crank Hoe Screwdriver





"Oh, we have plenty of food and fresh water.  
They're fighting over a \_\_\_\_\_."

answer on page 37

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Lounge  
**ZEAL**   

Cluster  
**UNBLED**   

Edge  
**FINGER**   

Mosey  
**BLAME**   

**TODAY'S WORD**

	9		2					4
		8			5		7	
4				9		6		
	4				7		5	
3				8				9
		2	3			7		
9					6		3	
	2			5		1		
		7	1					8

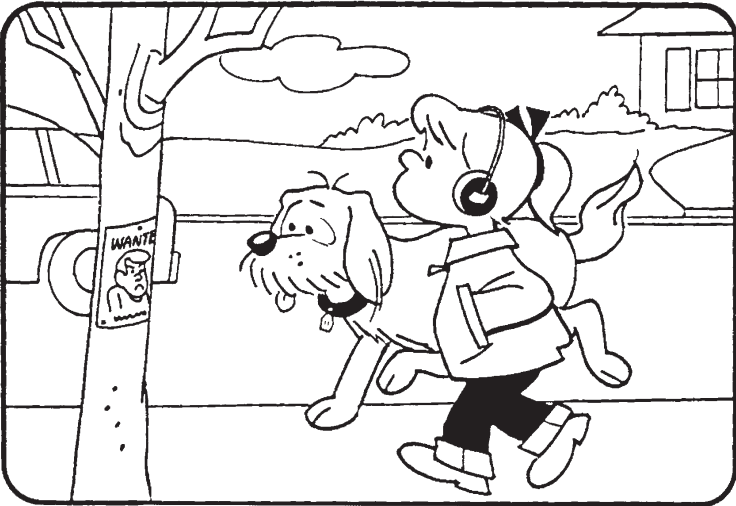
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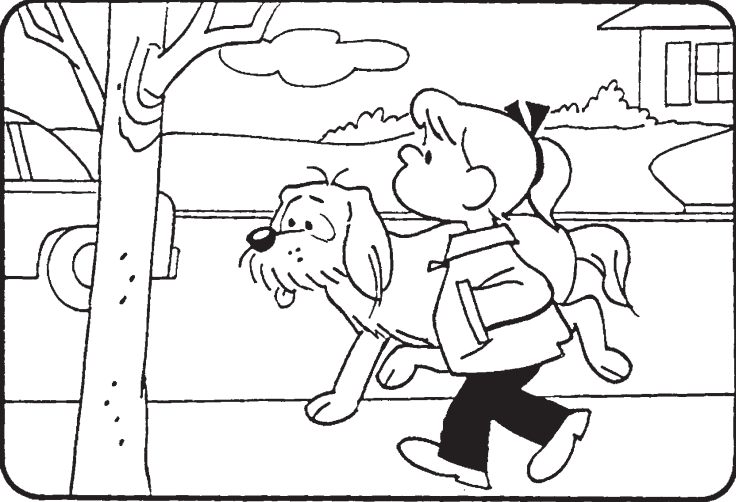
answer on page 37B

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



4. Headset is missing. 5. Tail is different. 6. Collar is missing. 7. Cuffs are missing. 8. Poster is missing. 9. Car is different. 10. Tail is different. 11. Collar is missing. 12. Cuffs are missing.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Keep an open mind about a suggestion you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off, as you come to learn more about the potential benefits opening up.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want.

Appearances often can be deceiving. **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be what you've been waiting for.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Allowing your artistic nature full expression will help restore your spirits and will put you in the mood to take on

that new career challenge. A Libra creates excitement.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships as well as the strengthening of old relationships.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Like St. Patrick (who was also born this week), your spiritual strength is an inspiration to others.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

• Thanks to Peter Jackson's films, you're probably familiar with J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series, even if you haven't read the books. There's been quite a lot of scholarship about the novels. Most of the research focuses on literary analysis and historical analogies, and understandably so; a work of fantasy doesn't seem to lend itself to scientific analysis. However, the Journal of Interdisciplinary Science Topics recently published an article titled, "Simply Walking into Mordor: How Much Lembas Would the Fellowship Have Needed?" In it, Skye Rosetti and Krisho Manaharan make public their calculations of the caloric intake that would have been necessary for the Fellowship to walk 92 days to Mordor: precisely 1,780,214.59.

• A survey from retailer Long Tall Sally

found that 40 percent of American women own shoes that they know they can't walk in, but wear them anyway. The average woman claims she can last two hours in painful shoes.

• You probably know that "fuzz" has been a common slang term for police, but did you ever wonder why? It began in the United Kingdom, where police officers in London sometimes wore fuzzy hats.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America." -- William J. Clinton.

## SCRAMBLERS

### solution

1. Laze; 2. Bundle;
3. Fringe; 4. Amble

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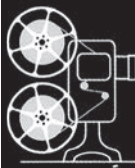
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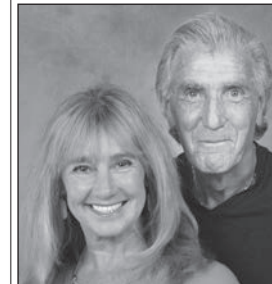


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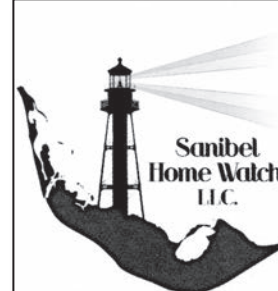
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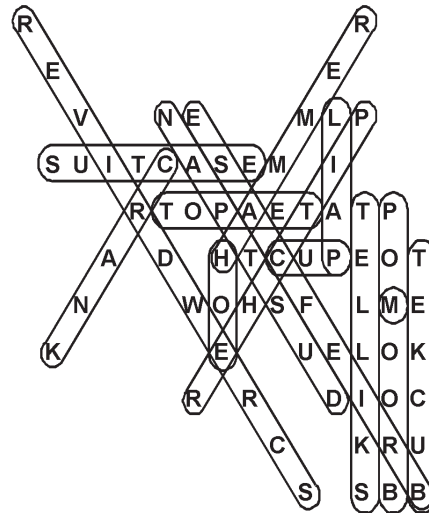
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# 50th Vietnam War Commemoration



Wreath laying at the Vietnam War Memorial on the corner of McGregor and Colonial boulevards in Fort Myers

photo courtesy Estero Island Chapter, NSDAR

Estero Island Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is honoring the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration with a series of events in Lee County throughout the month of March. The commemoration includes an exhibit at Lee County Regional Library that began March 1, a Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony on March 29 and proclamations by both Fort Myers Mayor Randall Henderson and Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann.

The 50th Vietnam War Commemoration activities are being held in tandem with the national organization based in Washington, DC, and DAR chapters across the country to recognize the sacrifices of Vietnam War veterans and their families. This is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who returned home after the war more than 40 years ago.

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act empowers the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program on behalf of the nation that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. By presidential proclamation on May 25,

2012, the commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9 million Americans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the period of the Vietnam War; approximately 7 million are living today.

Vietnam era service men and women make up the largest percentage of combat veterans living in Florida. Florida is one of three states with the largest number of living Vietnam veterans.

“In the fall of 1971, I was an Army nurse at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where I witnessed the 173rd Airborne unit return from Vietnam,” said Carolee Dunivan, co-chair of the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration organized by Estero Island Chapter, NSDAR. “To my dismay, the soldiers were not greeted with parades or appreciation like the celebrations I remembered from previous wars when growing up in rural Nebraska. Veterans of WWI and WWII had been venerated as local and national heroes in elaborate spectacles. In the conspicuous absence of any sort of

public honor, men and women who served in Vietnam, the war we ‘lost,’ tried to return to their lives and families in a country that seemed to want to forget those that served in it.

“Despite attempts to return to a normal life, as more soldiers returned, suicides, accidents and violence increased in the rural community on the border of Kentucky and Tennessee.”

Richard Plesak, current president of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Firebase #594 chapter in Lee County, is pleased that his organization was approached by the Estero Island Chapter, NSDAR, to partner for the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration. The Cape Coral-based group will be presenting the colors on March 29. Plesak said, “It’s a commemoration for us, and we want to honor our brothers and sisters who didn’t come home. Although Vietnam vets have had the same problems and concerns as vets of other wars, for some reason it’s been a different experience.”

Locally, VVA Chapter #594 provides assistance to veterans and their families in Lee County, regardless of the war they served. According to Plesak, more than 75,000 vets are registered with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lee County.

The 50th Vietnam War Commemoration is recognition of the veterans who are now being honored for their contribution to our nation’s history.

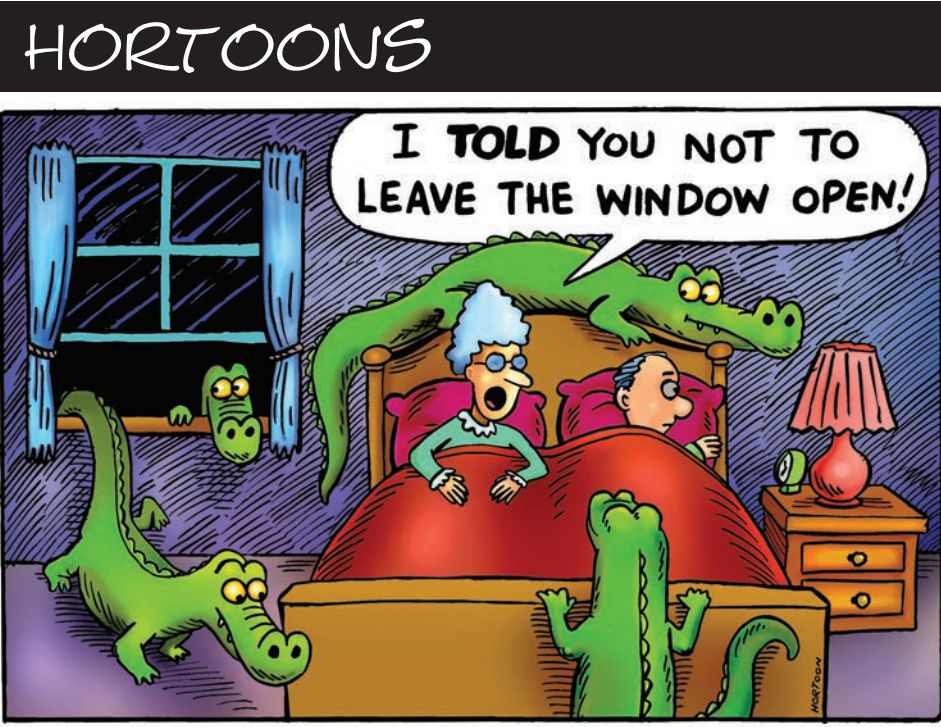
From March 1 to 30, a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration display can be viewed at Fort Myers Regional Library. The Estero Island, Caloosahatchee and Lawrence Kearney Chapters of NSDAR are co-hosting the display throughout the month.

On March 29, there will be a Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony to honor local Vietnam veterans at Fort Myers Regional Library in the South Building Meeting Rooms A-D from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Advance sign up is required.

The ceremony will include attendance by veterans and their families, Vietnam Veterans of America Color Guard, POW/MIA recognition, presentation by Estero Island Chapter, NSDAR, certificates of appreciation and 50th commemoration lapel pins, reading of proclamations by Fort Myers Mayor Randall Henderson and Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann and attendance by other local dignitaries.

Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers.

For more information, contact Carolee Dunivan at 708-890-7280 or visit [www.eidar.org](http://www.eidar.org).



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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
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Jonathan Harbour	Fort Myers	1990	6,805	\$2,699,000	\$2,500,000	68
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2005	4,908	\$1,598,700	\$1,250,000	26
Hidden Harbor	Bonita Springs	1994	4,677	\$1,575,000	\$1,525,000	267
East Rocks	Sanibel	1996	2,536	\$1,300,000	\$1,257,000	38
Edgewater	Fort Myers	1995	3,361	\$1,295,000	\$1,200,000	9
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	3,769	\$1,184,500	\$1,165,000	95
Useppa Island	Useppa Island	1980	4,825	\$1,100,000	\$950,000	251
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2015	2,301	\$1,100,000	\$985,000	244
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Easy-living ground-level expanded 3 bedroom. Now with over 1700 sq. ft. under air. Views of San Carlos Bay from great room, master suite, & central living room. Just 29 steps to beach. Handy to community pool, clubhouse, tennis, bike storeroom, plus east-end shopping, fishing pier, marina, & more. \$574,000



**9441 Peaceful Dr, Gumbo Limbo**  
Private tropical double-sized parcel, almost half acre, next to preserved land. Located on back border of subdivision. In Eco-Zone "G" with survey showing total impervious coverage allowed = ~6,875 sq. ft. Facing west so sunny backyard. Great spot for a large or small pool home with sunset views. \$274,000



**537 Lake Murex Circle**  
Pool home with elevator. \$899,000



**2010 Sunrise Circle**  
4+bedroom with elevator. \$799,000



**1550 Centre Street**  
Inland residential lot. \$199,000



**Nutmeg Village #303**  
Top-floor 2 bedroom. \$774,000

  
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