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**Saturday Morning, November 24
FOCCL General Meeting
With Program on
Florida-Friendly Landscaping**

Don't forget to join your fellow members for the Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 24. The morning will begin at 9:30 AM with coffee, juice, light snacks, and social time. The business portion of the meeting will start at 10:00 AM and will include the program presentation described below. The FOCCL Membership Meetings, which take place in the large meeting room of the Cape Coral Library at 921 SW 39th Terrace, are free and open to the public. We hope to see you there. (And feel free to bring a guest or two.)

**Program for the November
FOCCL Meeting
Lee County Master Gardeners
and Florida-Friendly Landscaping**

The program for the November General Meeting is very timely considering the local water problems that have recently affected us. Lee County Master Gardeners will provide information on Florida-friendly landscaping that works well with the seasonal changes in rainfall characteristic of this area and cultivation techniques that protect our delicate Southwest Florida environment. The Master Gardeners will be available to answer any gardening questions before and after the meeting. Please be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday morning November 24 and join us for this special program.

Mark Your Calendar

Sat. Nov. 3, 2018	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 15, 2018	2:00 to 5:30 PM	Fall Book Sale Preview Members Only
Fri. Nov. 16, 2018	9:00 AM to 4:30 PM	Fall Book Sale Open to the Public
Sat., Nov. 17, 2018	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Fall Book Sale Open to the Public
Sat., Nov. 24, 2018	9:30 AM	General Meeting
Sat., Jan. 5, 2019	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Sat., Jan. 19, 2019	9:30 AM	General Meeting
Sat., Mar 2, 2019	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	SWFL Reading Festival (at Fort Myers Library Campus)
Sat., Mar 16, 2019	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Sat., Mar 23, 2019	9:30 AM	General Meetings
* Program for Nov. 24, 2018 General Meeting: Florida Friendly Landscaping		

Welcome New Members

**Patricia Howard
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Darlene Franklin**



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

We'll have a bunch of events in November! So please be sure to take a look at "Mark Your Calendar" on the first page and also read the individual articles in this newsletter. We have a new exhibit (with five talented local artists from the Cape Coral Art League) going up in the library gallery at the beginning of the month, the Fall Book Sale fundraiser mid-month and then our General Meeting with a presentation about Florida-friendly landscaping on November 24. And of course, many interesting library programs sponsored by FOCCL are scheduled.

December will be relatively quiet for our group, but there is a variety of sponsored library programs planned during the month, several with a seasonal theme. (And a few of us on the FOCCL board and committees will be preparing behind the scenes for lots of activity coming up in January.) Until then....

Happy Holidays,

Monica

Monica Rahman, President
Friends of the
Cape Coral Library



There is no friend
as loyal
as a **BOOK**
- Ernest Hemingway



Still Seeking Volunteers for Open Positions on Friends of the Cape Coral Library Board

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Are you looking for a way to give back to the

community? Are you a naturally organized person or simply a life-long reader who loves libraries or maybe someone with extra time to fill doing something worthwhile?

Well, we could sure use people like you to serve on the board! Please don't be intimidated. Even if you're relatively new to our organization, you can learn about us as you go along. Current board and committee members would be happy to help you get acclimated. The only skills required are access to email and a word processing program to create simple documents from your home computer or laptop. That's it! If interested, please contact the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations Dawn Lavacque: 734-740-0119, Bdlavacque@comcast.net.

The following are elected, volunteer positions for the Board of Directors. The term is for 2-years beginning in March, 2019. Nominees for President are still being sought. Our current President, Monica Rahman, will be retiring after two 2-year terms (as required by the bylaws) and will be happy to share all her information with the new person. Monica will also continue to serve on the board in the role of Immediate Past President Advisor and will therefore be available to assist and answer your questions. Nominees for Vice President and Secretary also are being sought.

So if interested, please contact the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations: Dawn Lavacque, 734-740-0119, Bdlavacque@comcast.net. Thank you.

Friends of the Cape Coral Library Fall Book Sale Fundraiser will be Mid-November

Soon it will be time for the popular Fall Book Sale fundraiser at the Cape Coral Library, which is located at 921 SW 39th Terrace. The large meeting room



will be filled again with ecstatic shoppers browsing through the thousands and thousands of quality used books, most priced at \$2 and under. Book lovers will find a large selection of fiction. Non-fiction books are organized by category: history, military, art, crafts, cooking, home & garden, self help, religion, philosophy, sports, children's books and more. CD's and DVD's will also be available for purchase. Our book sales are HUGE, and that's no exaggeration!

Dates & Times for Book Sale:

- **Thurs., Nov. 15 - 2:00 to 5:30 PM**
Members Only Preview Sale (Non-members can join the Friends of the Cape Coral Library at the door for only \$15 per family.)
- **Fri., Nov. 16 - 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM**
Book Sale OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- **Sat., Nov. 17 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**
Book Sale OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Volunteers Will be Needed: We need helpers to set up on the day before the sale (Wed.) and on Thurs. morning; then to straighten up on Thurs. afternoon, Fri., and Sat. during the sale; and then later to pack up on Sat. afternoon. To volunteer for the book sale, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Bonita Olesen by email to Bolesen014@gmail.com. If you don't have email access, you can call her at (239) 841-6527.

Donate Books: The Friends raise money primarily through the book sales and memberships to provide the Cape Coral Library with goods and services that aren't covered in the county budget. Book donations can be accepted throughout the year. Small quantities may be left at the Cape Coral Library circulation desk. For larger donations, drive to the back door of the library to drop them off. CD's and DVD's are also accepted. All donations are tax deductible, so ask for a receipt.

Welcome to New Employee at Cape Coral Library

Please be sure to say “hello” to the newest employee when you see her at the library. A hearty welcome to Jennifer....

Jennifer Algarra

Jennifer Algarra is the new Library Assistant at Cape Coral Library. She is excited to be working in the same library she learned to read and where her mother learned how to speak English. She was raised in Lee County and grew up in the libraries, which has fostered her love of books, and still has the very first library card she received at 5 years old. She is creative and loves to help and motivate others and wants to bring that with her in her new position. Her hobbies include, dancing, sewing, writing, crafting, reading and of course long walks on the beach and drinking virgin pina coladas and getting caught in the rain. She hopes to be a part of the library family for years to come and to one day rule the world.



Coming this Spring...

14th Annual Children’s “Coloring the Earth” Environmental Art Contest

The Cape Coral Public Library and the Friends of Cape Coral Library invite children ages 7 to 12 to participate in the 14th Annual Children’s Environmental Art Contest “Coloring the Earth.” The theme this time is *Let’s Save the Bees!* To enter the contest, children will be asked to create an original painting or drawing that shows how we can protect this precious species from bee-killing pesticides, habitat loss, air pollution and other main threats. Contest deadline will be 6:00 PM on Mon. April 22, so there’s still lots of time for kids to think about their entries. Be sure to look for details in future issues of this newsletter. Questions? Please contact Contest Chairperson Alessia Leathers at alessialeathers@yahoo.com



Theme for 2019 Art Contest:
Let’s Save the Bees!

Friends of Cape Coral Library Donated New Tables

FOCCL has generously donated over \$23,000 for the recent delivery and installation of 40 new tables to be used in the Cape Coral Library meeting room. These sturdy, but very portable, units replace the previous heavy and extremely cumbersome tables. The new ones fold for storage, have wheels that make movement easy, and lock when in place. County Library Administration, as well as local library management and staff, have expressed their sincere gratitude for the donation. As the Friends’ volunteers can also attest, after setting up and arranging tables for our past book sales, the new furniture should save everyone time, energy and back strain....

THANK YOU ! ! !

CRAFT PROGRAMS AT CAPE CORAL LIBRARY

Location: **Meeting Room**
Age Group: **Adults**

Explore arts and crafts through demonstrations and hands-on practice.

Each session will begin with a demonstration followed by an opportunity to create, practice, and explore. Everyone is also welcome to bring carpet-friendly arts and crafts supplies and work on their own projects.



Tuesday, November 20, 2018
from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Craft: Paper Quilling

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Registration is required for this particular program.

Craft: Winter Greeting Cards

Create three different winter themed greeting cards in this session. Everyone is welcome to bring carpet-friendly arts and crafts supplies and work on their own projects.

Tuesday, December 18, 2018
from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Craft: Paper Poinsettia



SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM AT CAPE CORAL LIBRARY



Location: **Meeting Room**
Saturday, December 8, 2018
from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

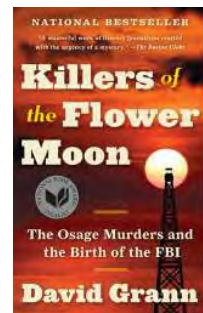
An amazing afternoon of holiday favorites performed by Jane Rosenbohm, an accomplished classical guitarist with over 46 years of experience in Musical Arts. Her passion and skill with the Classical Guitar is an inspiration to many as she continues to educate and perform. Door prizes will include a soprano ukulele!

BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS AT CAPE CORAL LIBRARY

Location: **Library Conference Room**

Wednesday, November 7
from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join a discussion of David Grann's book Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI. In the 1920s, members of the Osage Indian Nation struck it rich when oil was discovered under their Oklahoma land. Then the mysterious deaths began. Over 24 Osage were murdered. A young J. Edgar Hoover, heading up the newly created and struggling FBI, enlisted a former Texas Ranger to help crack the case. Infiltrating the area, Ranger Tom White's undercover team along with the Osage themselves would eventually bring to light a terrible and murderous conspiracy.



Friday, December 7, 2018
from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

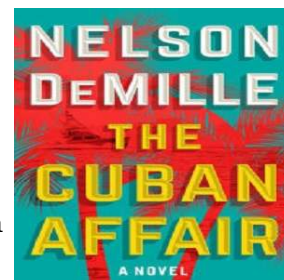
Program is in German



A book reading and presentation by author Ludger Heutmann (in German). Does the terrible winter weather in Germany make you long for a winter spent in the sun? Ludger Heutmann, author of Ueberwintern in Florida, has a great deal of affection for the "country of boundless possibility" - America- that has become a part of his life. But he also casts a critical eye on deep-rooted assumptions and opinions of the citizens of "God's country." In his book, Heutman uses his own personal experience along with factual data to present an informative picture of Florida and the United States.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join a discussion of The Cuban Affair by Nelson DeMille. U.S. Army combat veteran Daniel "Mac" McCormick lives in Key West, where he struggles to make payments on his forty-two foot charter fishing boat, The Maine. A wealthy Miami lawyer, Carlos, convinces Mac to help his Cuban clients, Sara and Eduardo, smuggle a fortune in American dollars which have been hidden away since Castro's revolution.



Artists on Exhibit in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery In November and December 2018 By Helen Barnett

An eclectic array of photography, paintings, miniature rooms and decorated eggs will be featured at the Cape Coral Library Gallery from November 6 through December 26 according to Monica Rahman, Gallery Chairperson. The library is located at 921 SW 39th Terrace. All of the artists in this exhibit happen to be members of the Cape Coral Art League.



William Koscher

William Koscher's photographs on aluminum will be displayed in the alcove area of the gallery. A retired high school history teacher from Massachusetts, Koscher has been an avid photographer since his teens. As a Coast Guard Academy cadet he sailed with the Barque Eagle across the Atlantic, sparking an early interest in travel and photography. With his landscapes, travel, wildlife, architecture and florals he seeks to "evoke wonder, curiosity, mood and emotion." Printing on aluminum, he says, creates especially vibrant prints. He is a member of the Cape Coral Art League and has garnered many awards for his work both in Massachusetts and Southwest Florida.

Betsy Koscher, William's wife, will be exhibiting her paintings and chalk pastel with his photographs. She is an accomplished artist/teacher who studied at the Rhode Island School of Design. Her husband also credits her with providing a critical eye for his work. She teaches a children's art class at the Cape Coral Art League.



Judy Usavage

The Gallery is pleased to welcome back Judy Usavage who first exhibited in 2016. Her series of "cloud paintings" will be on view in the hallway area of the gallery. Originally from Illinois she has lived in Florida for many years



and is convinced that "Florida has the best sky scenes, unmatched anywhere in the United States." She is a member of the Lee and Peace River Painters, plein air groups that capture area scenes year-round, but took a month off



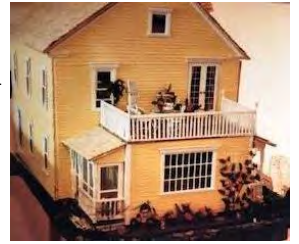
this year as temperatures soared. Her dramatic, ethereal paintings reflect influences of Turner, Sargent and Monet. She believes that "art adds a deeper dimension to one's life because it is an expression of one's reaction to the environment around us and our inner feelings."

Along with Judy's paintings her husband, adventure author James P. Usavage will have his four novels displayed in the gallery's glass case. The books include "A.C.E. Vanguard" "Miocene II" "Waltzing With the Wind" and "Footsteps in the Attic." The case will also feature his poetry and some photographs of the couple's recent western road trip.

Gallery Exhibits Continued

Judith MacLaren

Multi-talented artist Judith MacLaren is familiar to gallery goers for her work in the recent Decorative Artists of Southwest Florida exhibition. She is also a miniaturist and is showing a group of exquisite tiny rooms she made by hand for a 17-room house in 1982. Although she no longer has the house, photographs reveal an extraordinary bit of architecture that she created. It is a step back in time when “doll” houses were popular and reflect a dedication to authentic representation.



KiKi Brewsaugh

KiKi Brewsaugh will be exhibiting her hand-painted eggs along with “cracked egg art” in the gallery’s glass case. She has perfected this delicate art form requiring patience and imagination for which she calls upon “spirit of the universe.”

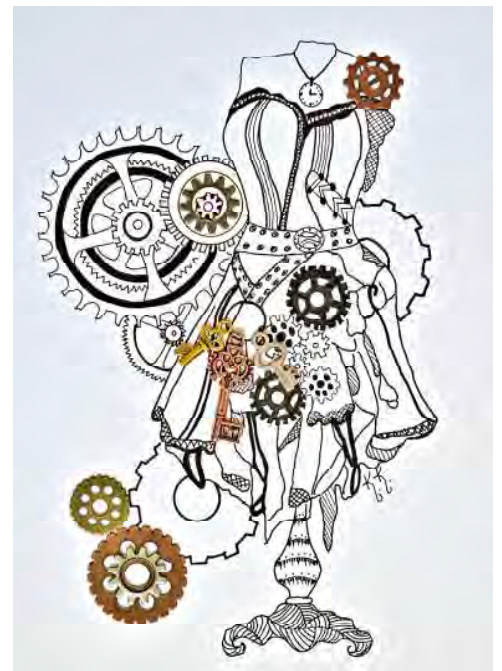


Themes vary from divers under water to Christmas figures and “steampunk that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th century steam-powered machinery.” She also creates small mosaic-like paintings from eggshells that have been crushed and re-assembled on canvas. She maintains KiKi’s Art Studio in Lehigh Acres.

These monthly exhibitions are sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. Exhibitions are designed to afford local artists the opportunity to share their work in a public forum

without fees or commissions. Library visitors of all ages also benefit from this visual cultural experience.

For more information contact Monica Rahman, Art Gallery Chairperson at 239-258-2991 or monica4608@comcast.net.





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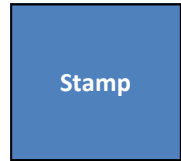
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