

November Book Sale

By Paula Novander

Secretary & wife of Book Sale Coordinator Bob Novander

This November's Book sale was fantastic – we sold just over \$9,000 in 3 days. Absolutely amazing the number of books we moved. Cape Coral library always has the best sales in all of Lee County but this was a new record for a November sale. We have never had so many great books so first I need to thank all who donate. Remind your friends and neighbors we are always collecting.

Many thanks to Barry H. and his bicycling buddies (and new member Cathy) who helped Bob unload the storage units on Wednesday. It was a hot day and that is a tough job. Then there were boxes EVERYWHERE.

Next many thanks to all the volunteers who come sort and place books on the tables. Our many volunteers make this a fun and worthwhile venture.

You are our angels and I am so happy to see your faces as you walk in the room. You keep showing up and I'll keep the Oreos coming. It is a lot of work and then I see this little boy hugging the Pokémon book he just bought and it is all worthwhile.

Finally, thanks to Tori Hersh and her staff at the library who help us gather books through the year. The other day I was there picking up and 2 different cars came to drop-off more books. We are on the way for another great sale.

On a sad note, I just received word that longtime volunteer and cashier Lucille Holden has passed away. God speed Lucille, you are greatly missed.

We are always taking donations so if you are downsizing and have books, CDs, DVDs, think of the Friends. You can leave small quantities with the librarians at the circulation desk – be sure they understand they are donations to the Friends. If you have a large donation we will come to your home, please leave a message on the Friends Hotline at 349-2572 or email the book sale coordinator from our website at Capefriends.org. All donations are tax deductible, be sure to ask for a receipt.



Mark Your Calendar

SAT., JAN. 2, 2016Board Meeting: 10:00 AM
SAT., JAN., 16, 2016 General Meeting: 9:30 AM
"Volunteering in the Cape"
SAT. MARCH 5, 2016 Board Meeting: 10:00
SAT., MARCH 19, 2016 SWFL Reading Festival
SAT., MARCH 26, 2016 .. General Meeting: 9:30 AM
THURS., APR. 21, 2016..... Book Sale Preview
Members Only: 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM
FRI., APR. 22, 2016....Book Sale Open to the Public:
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
SAT., APR. 23, 2016....Book Sale Open to the Public:
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
WED., MAY 4, 2016..... Annual Coloring the Earth
Contest Awards Ceremony: 6:00 PM
SAT., MAY 7, 2016..... Board Meeting: 10:00 AM

UPCOMING ART EVENTS IN THE LIBRARY

Please see the art gallery column in this newsletter for details on the following:

Sat., Jan. 9 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM

Celebrate Roc Day, see demonstrations and meet the fiber artists exhibiting that month in the gallery.

Sat., Feb. 6 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Meet the artists exhibiting during February in the gallery and enjoy light refreshments in the small conference room.



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy fall and early winter. We've updated our Bylaws as well as our website. The September and November programs at the General Meetings were as entertaining as they were informative. We held an art reception in September with gallery exhibitors Arts in Healthcare and Cape Coral Special Populations, and the artists as well as their guests enjoyed it immensely. In November, the "Side by Side" artists and authors event with the Pen Women was well-attended, the artwork was beautiful, and the audience loved hearing the writers talk about their work. The Fall Book Sale fundraiser in November was exceptionally successful. If you didn't make the Holiday Luncheon in December, you missed out on good food, great company and nice raffle prizes. To top the season off, the Friends hosted an artists' reception in the gallery on December 12th for painter Pat Cleveland and the Mini De-lights miniature club, with over 45 guests enjoying the artwork and mingling that afternoon in the gallery area.

Many kudo's are in order. Thank you to Crystal Revak for the well-planned programs at our meetings and the perfectly orchestrated Holiday Luncheon.

Tons of thanks to Paula and Bob Novander and the many member volunteers who helped them make the Fall Book Sale such a huge success. This year Alessia Leathers recruited some students from Cape Coral High School to assist in packing up the left over books at the end of the sale, so special thank you's to Shreeya D., Madison N., Haley F., Jorge C., Jessica V., and Ty H., whose youthful energy and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated. I also want to recognize Pam Macabio for all she has done over the years and continues to do for our organization. I'm especially grateful for her assistance in setting up the gallery exhibits. Thanks, Pam!

On a sad note, long-time member Lucille Holden passed away on December 6th. My most recent memory is seeing Lucille's smiling face as she helped set out the snacks and coffee for our general meetings last year. She is remembered by many as a bundle of energy and lots of fun. We'll miss her.

I wish all our members a healthy and happy 2016. I look forward to the many events we'll be holding this year and hope to see you there.

Yours Truly,
Monica Rahman, President
Friends of the Cape Coral Library



The Pen Women
Presentation

News, Information, and Books

Friends of the Cape Coral Library Meeting

January 16, 2016

“Oh the Things You Can Do: Volunteering in the Cape”

By Crystal Revak

Friends meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, juice and snacks. There will be a short business meeting at 10:00 a.m. followed by the program “Oh the Things You Can Do: Volunteering in the Cape”.

Four Cape Coral organizations will be featured:

The Cape Coral Lee County Public Library is one of six regional libraries serving Lee County. The library has an arts and humanities emphasis with The Friends of the Library providing a monthly art gallery exhibit featuring local artists. A butterfly garden with a fountain is located outside along with several areas for quiet reading. There is a large meeting room, small conference room, public Internet access, and wireless and wired Internet access for laptops. The library serves a large youth population with a variety of free programming for toddlers through teens.

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the resources and services of the Cape Coral Library. The Friends raise funds for supporting programs and purchasing materials for the library that are not covered by the Lee County budget. As library advocates, members speak out in support of local, state, and national libraries.

Southwest Florida Military Museum & Library honors United States soldiers, preserves military history and educates today’s and future generations the true meaning of military service and sacrifice. Through authentic artifacts, displayed in a variety of formats throughout the museum, viewers can bear witness to the experiences and sacrifices of past members of U.S. Armed Forces. Museum exhibits cover every aspect of military service from the Revolutionary War to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The museum is a tribute to U.S. military heritage and those who have served in the military, during peacetime and in war.

Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to preserve and enhance the habitats of protected wildlife species and to educate the community about Cape Coral’s wildlife resources. Projects include a starter burrow program, adopt-a-burrow, staking days, and the locally famous annual burrowing owl festival, scheduled for February 27, 2016.

Speakers will present, answer questions and have materials available. The Cape Coral Library will display topic-related books, dvds and audios for checkout. Meetings are held in the large meeting room at the Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral. Friends meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.capefriends.org or call 239-349-2572 (Press 2 for Friends information).

The Friends welcome the following

New Members

Theresa Cassell
Shawn and Carrie Ciscitelli
Gary and Marie Clark
Kelly Daniels
Charlene Davies
Joe and Paula DelCampo
Judy Dugre
Linda Gendron
Susan and Jerry Geyer
David Gonzales
Mary Gumm
Susan A. Johnson
Dawn Lavacque
Maxine Morris
Seth Nadreau
Donald Raff
Cheryl Schaaf
Janice Shrawder
Dave Siskin
Connie Walsh
Patricia Zinke

Dan Butler and Janet Jones have generously upgraded their membership and are now Life Members.

Library Quote of the Month

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.

You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

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The Book Sale



Right: Boxes and books everywhere. A busy and successful book sale.

Left: Checkout ladies Sherin and Lucille with Paula Novander., April 2010.

Below: Members shop for books.



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The Christmas Lunch



And winners with Crystal Revak



Gallery Exhibits

Artists on Exhibit in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery

Brought to you by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library

By Monica Rahman

January 4 Through January 29, 2016

The Weavers of Char-Lee and **Art Quilters Unlimited** will be displaying their work on the walls and in the cases in the library's gallery. This exhibit is titled "Woven Earth" and will feature hand-woven and handspun work. Contact: Rose Young at (239) 540-5836 for more information on these two organizations dedicated to Fiber Art.

Special Event in the Library on January 9 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM

The Weavers of Char-Lee will hold their 12th annual Roc Day Celebration on Saturday, January 9th from 1:00 to 4:30 PM in the hallway of the library's art gallery. There will be a variety of activities and demonstrations. Roc Day is celebrated worldwide as the day when weavers and spinners bring their looms and wheels out of storage to resume their craft following the Twelve Days of Christmas. (The "roc" is the distaff on a spinning wheel which holds the wool or flax for spinning.) This event at the library has been extremely popular in past years. So make sure you head over in the afternoon on January 9th to join the excitement.

February 1 through February 28, 2016

Artwork by members of the **Portrait and Figure Painters Society of SW Florida (PFPS)** will be displayed on the walls of the library's art gallery. This is a double-themed exhibit. The first theme is "Faces of all Ages". The second part will feature portraits of "Babies, Children and Youths". As is revealed in its mission statement, the society strives to promote, stimulate and foster creative fine art painting in various media and styles and "to encourage and promote fine portrait and figure artists, teachers, students, our communities - national and international- in their professional growth and success." The PFPS most recently received accolades for its Art Expo exhibit at the prestigious Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers this September. The exhibit showcased paintings by ten of the society's professional, award-winning fine artists.



On display in the library gallery case for the month of February, find glass creations by **Patty Arenburg**. Patty has had a life-long interest in art. Upon retiring several years ago, Patty discovered fused glass and became fascinated by the medium, which continues to amaze her by its beauty. Arenburg's work has been accepted into juried shows at the von Liebig Art Center in Naples, the Art Center of Marco Island and the Cape Coral Art Studio Gallery.

Artisan Jewelry by **Sandy Jones** will be on display in the gallery. Sandy infuses each piece with color energy by "soaking" them in both moonlight and sunlight. She points out that "Color is, quite simply, vibration that the eye recognizes, and of course can have a profound impact on our attitude!" The stones Sandy uses are semi-precious, and most are hand-cut. The pearls are freshwater, the silver is sterling and the gold is gold filled. She tries to apply as much positive energy as possible into each of her beautiful pieces.

Also on display in the small case, enjoy unique handcrafted cards by **Dona Malone**. A Cape Coral resident since 2003, Dona is enthusiastic about rubber stamping and employs this technique in creating her charming cards.

Artists Reception on Saturday February 6, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

An **Artists' Reception** for the February exhibitors will be held at the Cape Coral Library in the small conference room off of the gallery. This will be a great opportunity to view the exhibit, meet some of the artists and enjoy light refreshments. The event is free, and everyone is most welcome to attend. No reservations are required. For more information on the reception or about the library's art gallery exhibits, call Monica Rahman of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library at (239) 258-2991 or email her at monica4608@comcast.net.



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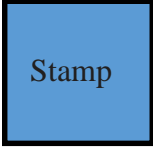
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Meet new friends and be involved in making the Cape Coral Library an interesting and informative place.



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