

A Sneak Preview of Our Fall 2016 General Meeting

By Crystal Revak

The Friends are hosting a topical series beginning this fall titled “The Cape: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”. Our series begins Saturday, September 26, with “History of the Cape”, and will feature author Pat Molter Emerson who represents the Cape Coral Historical Society and is the author of *From Pioneers to Paradise*, the story of homesteaders and their descendants who watched as developers arrived in the 1950s and took a small rural farming community from obscurity to headlines. Concerns grew over the 103 square miles of canals being dredged to make waterfront home sites. Ms. Emerson’s book will be available for purchase.

In addition, the Cape Coral Library will display topic-related books, dvds and audios available for checkout. Join us at our general meetings, held at the Cape Coral Library in the large meeting room at 921 SW 39th Terrace, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, juice and snacks. For more information, please go to www.capefriends.org. The public is welcome, and there is no admission charge.

Spring Book Sale Was a Great Success

By Monica Rahman

Thank you to Bob and Paula Novander, all the volunteers who helped, the local media, and the many customers who shopped at the FOCCL Spring Book Sale for making it such a huge success. It was the best one ever! Over 1000 booklovers attended during the 2-1/2 days of the sale, and we made over \$9000. Thanks again to everyone.

Mark Your Calendar

SAT., JULY 9, 2016.....Board Meeting: 10:00 AM
 SAT., JULY 23, 2016.....General Meeting: 9:30 AM
 SAT., SEPT. 10, 2016.....Board Meeting: 10:00 AM
 SAT., SEPT. 24, 2016.....General Meeting: 9:30 AM
 SAT., NOV. 5, 2016.....Board Meeting: 10:00 AM
 SAT., NOV. 12, 2016.....General Meeting: 9:30 AM
 THURS., NOV. 17, 2016..... Book Sale Preview
 Members Only 2:00 to 5:30 PM
 FRI., NOV. 18, 2016.....Book Sale Open to the Public
 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
 SAT., NOV. 19, 2016....Book Sale Open to the Public
 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 SAT., DEC. 10, 2016....Holiday Luncheon: 11:30 AM

Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Meeting

Saturday, July 23 at 9:30 AM

By Crystal Revak

Join The Friends of the Cape Coral Library for our General Meeting on Saturday, July 23 which starts at 9:30 AM with coffee, juice and snacks.

The meeting begins at 10:00 and will be followed by one of our most popular events “Oh, the Books We’ve Enjoyed” which encourages attendees to share recommendations of books and authors they have recently read.

The FOCCL General Meetings are held in the Large Meeting Room of the Cape Coral Library at 921 SW 39th Terrace. For more information, please go to www.capefriends.org. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge.



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President's Letter

Dear Friends of the Cape Coral Library,

We've had a busy spring. The book sale in April was a record-breaker. We were thrilled to welcome the dozens of new members who've recently joined our organization. Everyone enjoyed the spring luncheon, and there was a large turnout at the Coloring the Earth awards ceremony in May. Our many volunteers devoted their time and talents to make these events a success. So let's all pat ourselves on the back for another great season!

Despite the flight of snowbirds to northern states and the sweltering days that have now descended upon us, the Cape Friends and the library will continue to bustle with activity. We'll continue to install exciting new exhibits in the art gallery, changing them out every 6 weeks

over the summer. We'll have a board meeting and a general meeting in July. The Summer Reading programs, sponsored by our organization, are expected to attract hundreds of youngsters and their families to the library every week.

Please take a look at "Mark Your Calendar" in this issue of the newsletter and note the dates for the September and November FOCCL general meetings, as well as for the fall book sale and the holiday luncheon. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and at the many activities, events and library programs we sponsor throughout the entire year. And as always, thank you for your ongoing support.

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

The Friends welcome the following

New Members

Larry & Chris Anderson	Lois Luber
Debra Barclay	Jim Mammoser
Fran Coughlin	Vicki Marks
Lual DiNenna	Bob & Jeanie McCarthy
Christine Ferrara	Russell & Ruth McCathron
Patsy Furr	Lerneda Rigoni
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Cynthia Lind	Brad & Carol Whitmore
Harry & Mary Jo Lindgren	Joseph Zopp

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Summer Reading Program at the Cape Coral Library

Children's Programs at the Cape Coral Library

The Race of the Tortoise and the Hare -Fables for a Fit Life

2 p.m. Tuesday, July 12

Strength of character. Flexibility in a conflict. Endurance through tough times. Fables show us how to live a healthy life. Storyteller Katie Adams will exercise your imagination with her energetic performance of "The Race of the Tortoise and the Hare" and more. You may register online or get tickets at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library.

Jiggleman

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19

Witness the one and only Jiggleman and his unique brand of comedy in this wild show full of commotion and whimsy. You may register online or get tickets at the library.

Out of My Hands Juggling Show

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20

Lights! Magic! Juggling! This interactive show features Gerard Tricarico and his astonishing juggling skills. Register online or get tickets at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library.

On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 27

This hilarious reading adventure features magic, balloons, audience participation, tons of comedy and the incredible magical word converter. Get ready for a whirlwind of laughs as we go on adventures here, there and everywhere! Presented by Showtime for Kids. You may register online or get tickets at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library.

Teen Programs at the Cape Coral Library

Build a Drone with Soaring Sky

3 p.m. Thursday, July 7

Soaring Sky of Fort Myers, our local FAA Approved and Insured leader in Commercial Drone Services, returns to teach you how to build a drone. The group will work together to construct a single drone kit provided by the library.

Ready, Set, Collage!

3 p.m. Thursday, July 14

Laurie Morris will teach how to assemble colorful bits of paper into original works of art, with a surprise or two along the way. All materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Karate with Walter Garcia

2 p.m. Monday, July 18

Sensei Walter Garcia teaches the basics of self-defense, including coordination, balance and discipline.

What? Noooooooo!

3 p.m. Thursday, July 21

Kaye Byrnes will bring stories of terror, heartbreak and hilarity, told in the spoken word performance art of storytelling. Come prepared to leave reality behind while exploring people, places, and circumstances you might now consider unimaginable. We're not talking Little Red Riding Hood, we're talking stories that will sit in your head for a long, long time!

End of Summer Party

2 p.m. Thursday, July 28

You've earned it! Tweens and Teens are invited to a party to celebrate all they've read. Fun, food and friends! Sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Public Library. Registration is required



Friends of the Cape Coral Library Celebrated Eleventh Annual Children's Art Contest

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library and the Cape Coral Public Library celebrated the creativity of 15 young artists during the awards ceremony of the Eleventh Annual "Coloring the Earth" Children's Art Contest held on Wednesday at the Cape Coral Public Library.

This year's theme was all about our precious Florida black bear and ways to protect them. The keynote speaker was Defenders of Wildlife Coexistence Coordinator Lisa Ostberg, who talked about ways to coexist with the largest land mammal in Florida that depends mostly on berries, acorns and plants for survival.

Our unique Florida black bear is considered an "umbrella species" since the protection of this beautiful mammal benefits a greater number of plant and animal species that share the same habitat.

Thanks to the support of the Friends, there were awards for all young contestants. The awarded artworks will be exhibited at the Gallery of the Cape Coral Library from May 9 to June 29.

The Florida panther will be the theme for next year's contest. Guidelines will be announced at the end of the year. For more information, please contact Alessia Leathers, art contest chair at

alessialeathers@yahoo.com

The winners for this year are:

Category 7-8 years old

1st place Jayden Smith (8) Skyline Elementary School
2nd place Ellie Miller (8) Canterbury School
3rd place Audrie Rivernider (8) Gulf Elementary School

Honorable Mentions

Ashlynn Robinson (8) Gulf Elementary School
Lily Anderson (8) Tanglewood Elementary School

Category 9-10 years old

1st place Ashley Palomino (9) Gulf Elementary School
2nd place Zachary Roberts (10) Canterbury School
3rd place Elle Eisele (10) Canterbury School

Honorable Mentions:

Stephen Krzastek (10) Canterbury School
Ezri Meade (10) Canterbury School

Category 11-12 years old

1st place Avery Taylor Carter (12) Rudolf Steiner School
2nd place Avery Verblaauw (11) Gulf Elementary School
3rd place Chloe Manuelidis (11) Canterbury School

Honorable Mentions

Clarice Spencer (11) Gulf Elementary School
Leah Morin (11) Gulf Elementary School



Art Contest Winners

Gallery Exhibits

Artists on Exhibit in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery

July 1 Through August 13, 2016

Work by **Stephen Hayford** will be on display in the alcove area of the gallery. An award-winning photographer, Hayford has been in photojournalism for more than 20 years, and his work has appeared in distinguished newspapers around the country. He currently creates unique pop-culture themed images for Lucasfilm, Disney, Hasbro, LEGO and other entertainment companies. This exhibit at the library will feature Hayford's photographs of dioramas and figures that he has created himself. There will be a mixture of themes: Star Wars, movies, Florida and more. Make sure you visit the gallery to enjoy this entertaining display.

Artist **Patricia Johnson** will exhibit her paintings in the hallway of the gallery. You will no doubt remember Pat's creations with alcohol ink on tile and glass that were featured in the gallery's cases a few months ago. But for years prior to exploring this newest medium, Pat Johnson was well known as a watercolorist. She is honored to have her painting *Pasque* in the permanent collection at the South Dakota State Capitol. Her paintings have received awards at national, regional, and local juried art shows. Of special note was the receipt of a Best of Show award at Northeast Fine Arts Exposition in Providence, RI. Patricia currently lives in Bokeelia, FL, and she teaches classes and workshops at several art organizations and galleries here in Southwest Florida. Spontaneous, transparent watercolor with wet-in-wet technique is her favorite method of working. She also enjoys using pen and ink, collage and mixed media. "This combination allows me to develop texture and detail as called for in curvilinear renderings of nature, or geometric shapes of man-made structures," explains Johnson. "My vision is fully realized when others feel emotion as they are viewing one of my creations...."

Miniatures created by **Jacqui Mullins Grindley** will be featured in the display cases. Jacqui has attracted many fans since her recent exhibits in this library and is back again with more of her delightful doll house room boxes and furniture as well as some examples of her latest passion: fanciful shoes. She employs a variety of materials such as Fimo clay, air-dried clay, wood, fabrics, paint, stains and synthetic moss.

August 16 Through September 29, 2016

The **Cape Coral Historical Museum** will exhibit in the cases and the walls in the gallery's hall. Thank you to the museum for offering to share with library patrons a variety of artifacts and photographs from their collection. If you don't have an opportunity to visit the library gallery before then, stop by to view this display right after the September 24th Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Meeting. They will feature a presentation about the early years of this city by *From Pioneers to Paradise* author, Pat Molter Emerson. You will be in an especially receptive mood to explore the past! [The Cape Coral Historical Museum is located at 544 Cultural Park Boulevard, and is operated by the Cape Coral Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) organization. Its purpose is to preserve the life and times of Cape Coral. Visit www.capecoralhistoricalmuseum.org for information.]

Paintings by artist **Carol Elliott** will be featured on the walls of the gallery in the alcove area. Elliott works primarily in watercolor and acrylic, and her favorite themes are landscapes, birds and flowers. A native of Maryland, Carol and her husband Tom moved aboard a sailboat named "Moonshadow" in 1987 and traveled the East Coast from New York to Florida, then through many islands of the Bahamas and on through the Caribbean to South America and Trinidad. In 2010 they settled in Florida, and she soon joined the Art Social Group of the Share Club in North Fort Myers. The group is sponsored by Lee Memorial Health Systems. Arts and crafts have been her life-long hobbies. From the moment she began modeling with clay at age 5, Carol was hooked! She's used her painting skills throughout the years and has learned from the many artists encountered while cruising the islands and while living here in Southwest Florida.



Pat Johnson painting.



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