



Accents

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Saturday Morning, Nov. 23
Friends of the Cape Coral Library
General Meeting

Don't forget to join your fellow members for the Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Meeting on Saturday, November 23rd. 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 General 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. You are also welcome to bring a guest or two.

Guest Speaker for
November FOCCL Meeting:
Pascha Donaldson of
Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife

Pascha Donaldson, Vice President of Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife, will talk about how the nonprofit, volunteer organization fulfills its mission to preserve and enhance the habitats of protected species and educate the community about Cape Coral's wildlife resources.

Over its 18-year existence, CCFW has identified and maintained thousands of burrows for owls and gopher tortoises. Burrowing owls aren't native to the area, so how did they come to settle in Cape Coral? Now they are an important feature of ecotourism in the state. CCFW has worked with the City and the Florida Wildlife Commission to define ordinances and regulations concerning owl burrow removal, and we'll hear what's new. They have also expanded their mission to acquire

Mark Your Calendar

Sat., Nov. 9, 2019	9:30 AM	Board Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 14, 2019	11:00 AM to 5:30 PM	Fall Book Sale Preview Members Only
Fri., Nov. 15, 2019	9:00 AM to 4:30 PM	Fall Book Sale Open to the Public
Sat., Nov. 16, 2019	9:00 AM to 3:30 PM	Fall Book Sale Open to the Public
Sat., Nov. 23, 2019	9:30 AM	General Meeting
Sat., Jan. 4, 2020	9:30 AM	Board Meeting
Sat., Jan. 25, 2020	9:30 AM	General Meeting
Sat., Mar. 7, 2020	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	SWFL Reading Festival (Fort Myers Library Campus)
Sat., Mar. 14, 2020	9:30 AM	Board Meeting
Sat., Mar. 21, 2020	9:30 AM	General Meeting

property in the Cape for habitat preservation. Pascha will tell us about this relatively new nonprofit called Cape Coral Wildlife Trust, of which she is President.

In terms of education, if you've lived in the Cape for more than a year, chances are you've heard of the Burrowing Owl Festival, a one-of-a-kind wildlife and environmental exposition and major fundraiser for the CCFW. Pascha will touch on Festival highlights and talk about other activities such as volunteers who visit local schools to educate students on the importance of sustaining populations of protected species like burrowing owls, gopher tortoises, scrub jays and eagles, as well as butterflies and purple martins.

So come to the Cape Coral Library on November 23 to learn what wonderful things this organization does for our community.

Mark Your Calendar for FOCCL Jan. 25 General Meeting

You don't want to miss our January 25 General Meeting to be held at the Southwest Florida Military Museum & Library. That's right, our first "offsite" meeting! Same time, different location. Sonya Raymond, Executive Director and librarian will tell her story about working with the organization, how the library was started and how she established a method to catalog all the items in the museum and library. This is a fascinating story of finding your purpose in retirement and making a positive contribution to your community along with a bit of Cape Coral history. Sonya will also conduct a tour of the Museum, which includes a new exhibit focusing on women in the military.

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President's Letter

Good-bye, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu. This is my final letter as President of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. It has been an amazing decade (or more) that I have served on the Board of Directors and we have seen many changes.

Back then writing checks for a few dollars to cover snacks for staff meetings lead to the cry "More Read, Less Feed". And it seemed like we bought an awful lot of rolling carts. Then came the installation of the Automatic Materials Return Handling equipment. The Friends were called on to purchase equipment for the drive-up drop-off Book Return. Thousands of dollars – Wow !

2 years ago it was \$23,000 to upgrade all the Audio / Visual equipment in the large meeting room.

Recently the Friends paid to replace all the heavy tables in the large meeting room with wheeled ones that everyone loves. Having moved those tables for many a Book Sale I can understand.

My husband Bob took on the Book Sale back in 2007 and as "wife of Book Sale Coordinator", I got to meet many of you who sign-up to help. It was a lot of work but we always enjoyed sneaking back for one more chocolate candy bar to keep up our energy. When we got the music going it was like a party.

Today The Friends are such an integral part of the library every day – they can't imagine being without us. It is a great feeling. The programs that we help with enhance Summer Reading Programs. Supplies for Chess Club, English Café, Adult and Teen craft programs, Color the Earth contest prizes and even our financial support of the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. A Festival that celebrates reading – how great is that. Hope some of you enjoy the Book Pages magazine supplied by the Friends.

I understand that Lakes is slightly busier than the Cape Coral Library but we have a Butterfly Garden and Art Gallery (all supported by the Friends). Principal Librarian Dora Schilling has assembled a great team of librarians. The Youth programs were always popular but now the teens are showing up, Summer Reading attendance was up 24 %. That's amazing.

IF you are new to the Cape or a long-time resident who finds themselves at the library a couple of times a week, please consider joining the Friends. You will meet many like-minded people and feel good about supporting a library that means so much to the community. I will always remember the evening I was watching children coming in for a program and one little girl was hopping all the way in through the door. She was SO excited about coming to the library. AND I loved that I was helping that happen.

Happy reading and see you in the GARDEN !

Paula Novander

President of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library



**Friends of Cape Coral Library
Fall Book Sale Fundraiser
(Meeting Room of Cape Coral Library at 921 SW 39th Terrace)**

Same Place, Some New Times, Great Sale!

Dates & Times for Book Sale:

- Thurs., Nov. 14 - 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM- Members Only Preview Sale
NOW OPENING FOR MEMBERS EARLIER (AT 11:00 AM)
(Non-members can join Friends of Cape Coral Library at the door for \$15 per family.)
- Fri., Nov, 15 - 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM- Book Sale- Open to the Public
- Sat., Nov. 16 - 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM- Book Sale- Open to the Public
NOW OPEN FOR AN EXTRA HALF HOUR (UNTIL 3:30 PM)

About the Sale: It's time again for the immensely popular multiple day event. Our book sales are held each April and November. For anyone who hasn't visited one of our huge semi-annual fundraisers before, brace yourself for a booklover's dream! The big meeting room of the Cape Coral Library will be filled to the brim with tables of quality used books arranged by category. There will be lots of fiction for adults and a section for children. Find non-fiction sorted by Art, Crafts, Sports, Hobbies, Travel, Military, History, Biography, Nature, Gardening, Philosophy, Religion, Self-help, Cook Books galore and much, much more. There will also be many DVD's, music CD's, and some audio books on CD. Most items at the sale are \$1 or \$2. We'll also have a table for Special books of interest to collectors that are priced somewhat higher, but are still a bargain! Just be sure to bring cash or your checkbook, since **credit cards cannot be accepted.**

Volunteers: What's even more fun than shopping for books? Helping out at the sale! Many volunteers will be needed to set up on the day before the sale (Wednesday); then some to straighten up on Thursday afternoon, Friday, and Saturday during the sale; and later to pack up on Saturday afternoon. To volunteer for the sale, you can leave a message for Book Sale Coordinator Bonita Olesen on the Friends Hotline at (239) 349-2572 or email her at bolesen014@gmail.com. To make sure we have enough people when we'll be most busy, she needs commitment to a specific day and time. Thank you!

To Donate Books: The Friends of the Cape Coral Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer organization that raises funds through book sales, membership dues, etc. to purchase goods and services that are not included in the County Library budget and to provide enhancements to the library experience. Donations of books, CD's and DVD's for the sales are accepted all year round. Small quantities can be dropped off at the Cape Coral Library circulation desk. Please mention that they are donations for the Friends book sale. Larger donations should request a receipt, since they're tax deductible. You can drop some boxes off at the back door of the library *or better yet* have books picked up at your home by calling the Friends' hotline at (239) 349-2572 and leaving a message.

Renew Your Membership at Fall Book Sale

By Dawn LaVacque

Renewing your membership during the Fall Book Sale is an easy way to save time and money while conserving paper and reducing USPS gas usage. Consider this: in the past, 1st renewal notices mailed early January required 200 stamps, 400 envelopes, 800 labels and associated printer ink, 100 sheets of paper and associated printer ink, for total cost of about \$150.00. The 2nd (final) renewal notices mailed mid-February required another 100 stamps, 200 envelopes, 400 labels, etc., costing \$75.00. Plus, think of the gas used to deliver 300 pieces of mail to you and then (potentially) 200 pieces back to our PO Box!



While \$225.00 is a small percentage of our administrative expense, a 25% reduction will pay for refreshments for several Membership Meetings. Also, you'll save on postage and the hassle of mailing. So, if you are in town Nov. 14-16, stop in the library during the Book Sale, see me on Thursday (Member Preview Day) or get a renewal form from a cashier and pay (check or cash) on Friday or Saturday.

NOTE: You can also renew at the Nov. 23 Membership Meeting or online at www.capefriends.org.



One of our youngest book sale fans



Book Lovers at Spring Sale



Exploring Arts and Crafts

Here are some photos from the most recent session on Paper Quilling.

Quilling is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs.



Thank You Shirley O'Donnell!

Shirley resigned recently after many years on the Board of Directors, most recently as our representative on the Lee County Library Advisory Board. Prior to that, she was Treasurer for 2 terms. Shirley joined the Friends in 2002 and jumped right in as Book Sale Coordinator. She also started the First Dibs committee, where we sell books every day in the library.

In this photo, Friends' President Paula Novander presents a Certificate of Appreciation.

Many thanks, Shirley.



Happy Shoppers at Spring 2019 Book Sale. Cashiers Marlene and Nora are in foreground.



Spring 2019 Sale at cashier line.



A busy day at the Spring 2019 Book Sale.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FINE CRAFT GUILD EXHIBITION "HAND IN HAND ART" FEATURED AT CAPE CORAL LIBRARY NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2019



"Hand in Hand Art," an exhibition showcasing original handmade art pieces created by members of the Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild (SWFFCG) will be featured in the gallery of Cape Coral Library located at 921 SW 39th Terrace from November 2 through December 30, 2019.

The Gallery, sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library, is designed to give local artists the opportunity to share their work in a public forum without fees or commissions. "We are fortunate to have so many talented local artists, like these members of the Guild," said Monica Rahman, Art Gallery Chairperson.



The SWFFCG is the only 3D art guild in Southwest Florida and has been encouraging high standards of performance and accomplishment in fine crafts since 1971, according to Christine Vogensen, Guild president who is a mixed media artist. Members create art employing metal, glass, wood, stone, fiber, clay, mixed media and photography. Currently there are more than 70 active members of the Guild. Within the art community they provide teaching demonstrations, art scholarships and local exhibitions. Guild meetings are held monthly at the Cape Coral Art Studio, on Coronado Parkway.



"Each work in the exhibition represents an artist's feelings, thoughts and imagination which they use to manipulate an art medium or mediums to craft a handmade art piece," Vogensen explained. "Some pieces are individually created while others may be a collaboration of two or more artists. The results are unique art objects crafted by creative hands and minds." All work in the Guild's exhibition is strictly juried and must be original, she emphasized. Pieces made from kits, commercial patterns, molds, decals or patterns that are the dominant design are not acceptable. No giclees or reproductions are permitted in Guild member shows.

Bimonthly exhibitions at the Library may be viewed during its regular business hours. For more information about the Library Gallery, contact Monica Rahman, Art Gallery Chairperson at 239-258-2991 or monica4608@comcast.net





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