

Friends' Fundraiser Earns \$\$



The Friends of the Cape Coral Library hosted a private wine-tasting fundraiser February 7 from 3 'til --. Approximately 60 tickets were sold and more than \$800 raised, a successful first attempt for this event. Held at the home of Patty and Joe Duncan, the fundraiser was presented with the help of Jerry Greenfield, author of *The Wine Whisperer*, (who gave a humorous and demonstrative presentation of wine-tasting 101) and MaryJane Vu, founder of the Waterside Wine Club. Generous pourings of international (inexpensive) wines (each more exquisite than the last) were shared along with an abundance of tasty hors d'oeuvres.

A special note of gratitude goes to Red's Salon and Spa (Reflective Lakes and Surfside Shops) for donating 24 wine glasses (offered in sets of four) for a raffle -- which raised more than \$200.

This fundraiser may become an annual event -- stay tuned.

April Book Sale

by Paula Novander
Immediate Past President

Save the date for our next book sale beginning with the "Members Only" sale Thursday April 23rd from 3:00 until 5:30 pm. We will continue on Friday the 24th from 9:00 am until 4:30 and Saturday the 25th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We are always looking for donations, so if you have some books, or even CDs and DVDs think of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. You may leave small quantities with the librarians at the circulation desk -- just be sure they understand they are donations to the Friends. If you have a large donation please leave a message on the Friends Hotline at 477-5100 or email the book sale coordinator at Capefriends.org and we can pick them up at your home. All donations are tax deductible; remember to ask for a receipt.

Mark Your Calendar

SAT., MAR. 7, 2015 Board Meeting: 10 a.m.
 SAT., MAR. 14, 2015 General Meeting 9:30 a.m.
 SAT., MAR. 21, 2015 SWFL Reading Festival: All day: Harborside Event Center
 SAT., MAR. 28, 2015 Rusty Brown presents Emma Lazarus: America's First Greeter.
 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 THURS., APRIL 23, 2015 Book Sale Preview
 Members only: 3 - 5:30 p.m.
 FRI., APRIL 24, 2015 Book Sale
 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 SAT., APRIL 25, 2015 Book Sale
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 SAT., MAY 2, 2015 Board Meeting: 10 a.m.
 SAT., MAY 2, 2015 Spring Luncheon
 12 noon.



I will have sign-up sheets at our meeting March 14th so consider volunteering to help set up. It takes a lot of hands to get all those books out on the tables and organized. We will begin the set up on Wed. April 22nd and finish on Thursday in time for the members-only sale from 3:00 until 5:30. To volunteer to help with the sale leave a message for Bob on the Friends Hotline at 477-5100.

Book Sale - Calendar

Thursday April 23	3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Members only
Friday April 24	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	
Saturday April 25	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

The By-Laws require an annual report from the President (as well as a few other Board members). This letter is my report as well as my good-bye.

When elected president two years ago, I asked Tori Hersh, our Library Manager, what she considered the most important work the Friends do for the Library. She answered unequivocally, "advocacy". Well, we had gone to Tallahassee to lobby for continued funding. And I, along with Nellie Slaton and Monica Rahman, appeared before the County Commission to advocate for continued millage rates for our libraries. So we were pretty well committed there, it seemed. Further, Friends' member (and First Dibs' volunteer) Mary Achilles acted as our Advocate in contacting County Commissioners last year, resulting in Commissioner Brian Hamman attending the Coloring the Earth Contest.

Nevertheless, there was another area of advocacy that seemed to need some work.

Programs that would bring more patrons to the library seemed an obvious way to advocate for our library, programs that would resonate within the community. In attempting to enhance this means of advocacy, this year, we had a storytelling theme of sorts. Mary Lou Williams, a local award-winning storyteller, presented Kim Weitkamp's renowned story-telling workshop in November. Many attendees (30+) of that workshop were writing memoirs. Some have written that they added layers of drama to their personal stories as a result of this workshop -- and that makes the cost of the program worth the effort. Further, Kim Weitkamp appeared in January to present storytelling at its best. Although only about 40 people attended (a poor showing for an international storytelling star), the program provided an exceptional example of storytelling excellence. In furthering the storytelling theme, in March, Rusty Brown will present *Emma Lazarus: America's*

First Greeter. (Lazarus was born in New York City in 1849, to Sephardic Jews. A brilliant student, she is most famous for her sonnet, "The New Colossus". Her words appear on a bronze plaque in the Statue of Liberty.) Rusty Brown is a spell-binding talent and registration for her performances fills up quickly.

Local talent -- and there is so much of it -- was a priority for me, as I believed it would bring more patrons to the library. So that was where I focused. From a local barbershop quartet to local storytellers, historians, authors, and cartoonists, these programs have enhanced community involvement. Of course, we also have our art gallery which features so much local, as well as national and international artists, with receptions which bring people out to our beautiful library campus. So our Library remains a vibrant heartbeat of the community and a showcase for many talented people.

In other areas, while e-books gain popularity, it has seemed more and more important to look for new areas to raise funds. Elaine Berryhill, our secretary, headed a fundraising committee and selected four energetic Friends. They came up with some exceptional ideas and, this February, we had a successful wine-tasting fundraiser, a result of those meetings and efforts.

The absolute lack in my presidency is the failure to keep our webpage current. For reasons I can not explain, I simply ignored it -- and that technology is so important to our Organization's growth. I'm sure Monica will do better in this area.

So I come to the end of a presidency I didn't seek but one that I accepted because it seemed the right thing to do. I have so enjoyed meeting each one of you and doing what I could to make sure I turned the Organization over to the next president in good condition. I hope I have done that.

Patty Duncan, President
Friends of the Cape Coral
Library

News, Information, and Books

Friends of the Cape Coral Library

General Meeting

Sat., March 14th at 9:30 AM

By Monica Rahman

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 AM for the Friends of the Cape Coral library General Meeting. Have some coffee, juice, and light snacks; hear about all the exciting upcoming events; and enjoy chatting with new and old friends. There will be sign-up sheets available for those who want to volunteer at the book sale in April. New officers will be installed at this meeting, followed by a special presentation honoring board and committee chairs who are retiring. The FOCCL General Meetings are held in the Large Meeting Room of the Cape Coral Library located at 921 SW 39th Terrace. The public is welcome, and there is no admission charge. So feel free to bring a guest or two.



Emma Lazarus, is to be portrayed by Rusty Brown on Saturday, March 28. Don't miss this wonderful presentation. Be sure to register by contacting the library at 479-4636.

The Garden Club of Cape Coral

March in the Park

Sat, March 14, 9am – 3pm

Where:

Jaycee Park, 4125 SE 20th Pl,
Cape Coral, FL, United States
On the river, at the end of
Beach Parkway off Del Prado S.

Description:

Our annual plant and garden art sale with over 40 vendors, informative speakers, food, music and raffles. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Cape Coral, this is our biggest fund-raiser.

FOCCL Spring Luncheon on Sat., May 2nd at Woody's in Cape Coral - \$16 per Person, Inclusive

Please see the flyer in this edition of the "Accents" newsletter for details and reservation information on the Friends of the Cape Coral Library Spring Luncheon. Enjoy a delicious lunch, good company, a game and a raffle. The \$16 price includes one of three menu options, soft drinks, tax and tip. You're welcome to come alone or to bring guests; just be sure to submit payment for each person by the April 25th deadline. We hope to see you there! Again, please see the flyer. If you have any questions, call Monica Rahman at (239) 258-2991 or email monica4608@comcast.net.

Don't Miss These Exciting, Free Programs At the Cape Coral Library in March

By Monica Rahman

The following programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. They are open to the public, and there is no admission charge. Just be sure to contact the library to pre-register and reserve a seat by going to the calendar on website www.leelibrary.net or by calling the Cape Coral Library at (239) 533-4500.

Friday, March 13 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM- Digital Photography Basics taught by well-known photographer Stephen Hayford. Attendees should bring their digital cameras.

Saturday, March 14 from 1:30 to 3:15 PM- "My Guitar" with Jane Rosenbohm performing Classical, Spanish, and Contemporary selections; providing commentary on the history of the guitar; and offering anecdotes about her life as a guitarist. Attendees will receive a raffle ticket at the door. At the end of the presentation, a winning number will be called. The prize is a Tyler Mountain acoustic guitar!

Saturday, March 28 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM- "Emma Lazarus: America's First Greeter" features a performance by popular actress Rusty Brown. Anyone who has seen Brown's previous programs can tell you how much they've enjoyed her portrayals of historic figures.

Gallery Exhibits

Artists on Exhibit in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery

Brought to you by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library Monica Rahman

MARCH 2 TO MARCH 31, 2015

Artwork by members of the **Portrait and Figure Painters Society of SW Florida** will be displayed in the alcove area of the library's art gallery. This exhibit is titled "Prominent People" and will feature painted portraits of notable individuals both contemporary and historical. The exhibition includes work by artists **Robert Pavon, Renate M. Reuter, Marianne Keefe, Tracy Cullimore, Shelly Salter, Jean Eaton,** and **Dorothy Salcedo.** Artwork by the Society's "Artist of the Month", **Ann Pelt,** will be displayed in the hallway area of the gallery.

Martha Grattan, whose clay art has been in the cases during February, will exhibit new pieces during the month of March. Clay art by **Mary Ann Lehmann** will also be on display. Both are members of the **Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild.**



Beaded jewelry designed by **Pamela Pearson** will be shown in the cases. Each of her lovely pieces is unique and has a story behind it that explains the inspiration or the materials that were "repurposed" to create it.

APRIL 1 TO MAY 13, 2015

Portraits by various artists who participate in the **Open Portrait Sessions with a Model** offered through the **Cape Coral Art League** will be exhibited in the library gallery. Held Tuesday mornings from January to April, the sessions provide a costumed model for a nominal fee. There is no instructor, artists work in whatever medium they prefer, and everyone brings their own materials. For more information on the Open Portrait Sessions, email Marianne Bell at rbmb2@comcast.net. Visitors will enjoy this show at the library and the different interpretations of the subject matter.

Installation of Officers

By Paula Novander

There is one change to the slate of officers which will be installed at our March meeting on the 14th. I will serve as Secretary and Mary Ann Ferrarese will serve as Financial Services Coordinator.

President Monica Rahman
 Vice President / Programs Crystal Revak
 Secretary Paula Novander
 Treasurer Shirley O'Donnell
 Immediate Past President Patty Duncan
 Community Services Coordinator Connie Boggs
 (ACCENTS, Sunshine, Art Gallery, etc.)
 Financial Services Coordinator
 Mary Ann Ferrarese
 (Book Sale, Membership, Hospitality, etc.)

Assistant Treasurer Pat Faucher
 (This position has been added to the ByLaws. It must be approved by the Membership before the change is made.)

New Members

Lois Frisby
 Diane Schilff

Madelyn Olson

has upgraded her membership to a lifetime member-

March 2015 Reads

As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust ... Alan Bradley
The Rosie Effect: A Novel Graeme Simsion
The Magician's Lie: A Novel Greer Macallister
The Girl on the Train: A Novel Paula Hawkins
Golden Son: Book II of the Red Rising Trilogy
 ..Pierce Brown
The Dress Shop of Dreams: A Novel Menna
 van Praag
The Bishop's Wife Mette Ivie Harrison
Vanessa and Her Sister: A Novel Priya Parmar
First Frost Sarah Addison Allen
Full Throttle Julie Ann Walker

Tenth Annual Art Contest

The Cape Coral Public Library and the Friends of Cape Coral Library invite children ages 7 to 12 to participate in the Tenth Annual Art Contest “Coloring the Earth.” The theme this time is all about Bald Eagles in Southwest Florida and ways to protect them. To enter the contest, create an original painting or drawing that shows how we can protect this precious species that call Lee County home.

Prizes and Awards Ceremony

Winners will be selected from three age categories: 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. There will be five awards for each age group with ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as for two honorable mentions. The winning works of art will be exhibited in the Gallery at the Cape Coral Public Library for one month. Wildlife biologist Dr. Jerry Jackson, professor emeritus of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) as well as producer and host of the radio show “With the Wild Things” –broadcast on public radio station WGCU 90.1 FM– will be our keynote speaker at the Awards Ceremony, to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Cape Coral Public Library, located on 921 SW 39th Terrace.

Contest Rules

Open to all children ages 7 to 12. Submit one entry only.

Entries should be on a flat medium to heavy-weight art paper size 8.5” x 11”. Watercolor, crayons, pencils, color markers and/or any other preferred material may be used.

Write on the back of the entry your name, age, and phone number, as well as your grade level, school, teacher’s name and how you learned about the contest.

Visit the City of Cape Coral website to learn more about Bald Eagles at http://www.capecoral.net/department/community_development/environmental/bald_eagle_information.php#.VCyf8ezD-M8

Artwork will be viewed and voted on by three recognized local artists, a bird specialist and the editor of The Cape of The News-Press. Entries will be judged based on originality and quality of art. Winners will be notified by phone by May 1, 2015.

Participants must pick up their artwork at the library before June 16, 2015.

Deadline

All artwork must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015. The Cape Coral Public Library will have a designated box in the children’s area to receive entries. Questions? Please contact Alessia Leathers at alessialeathers@yahoo.com



Tenth Annual
Art Contest
Coloring the Earth!
2015

Let's Protect our Bald Eagles in Southwest Florida!

THE SCHOOL IS NEITHER ENDORSING NOR SPONSORING THIS EVENT, PRODUCT OR SERVICE, NOR ENDORSING THE VIEWS OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION



Spring Luncheon 2015

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2015

Time: Arrive: 12:00 Noon

Lunch Served: 12:30 PM

Place: Woody's Island Rum & Grille
2408 Surfside Blvd., Suite 101
Cape Coral, FL 33991

(It's off of Veterans Parkway, south of Belk's)

Cost: \$16 per person, inclusive

[\$16 includes your choice of one of the menu options (listed below) plus soft drink. Tax and gratuity are also included.] Enjoy a nice lunch in their private upstairs party room, socializing, a game, raffle prizes.... There is a power chair lift for use by an individual in lieu of taking the stairs. There is also a restroom upstairs. Non-members and guests are very welcome; please just note number of people attending on your form and include \$16 for each person.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION WITH PAYMENT BY APRIL 25TH. THANKS!

Include a check written out to "FOCCL".

MAIL TO: Monica Rahman, Attn: FOCCL Spring Lunch
1313 SW 18th Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33991

Questions? Email monica4608@comcast.net or call Monica at (239) 258-2991

MENU CHOICES: Please indicate menu choice on the line preceding the item.

- Reuben Sandwich with Home-made Potato Chips
- Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich with Side of Cole Slaw
- Pine Island Cobb Salad with Grilled Chicken

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Number of People Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (\$16 per person)



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