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FOCCL April 2023 Update

Welcome New Members

Barbara Nightingale
Andrew Jackson
Susan Bicknese
Carole Graveline
Lee Cates
Germaine Guy
Fran Starkweather
Bruce Loving
Angie Busse
Angela Freeland



Happening Soon!
Spring Book Sale Fundraiser April 20-22

Dates and Times:

**Thurs., April 20 - 10 AM to 3 PM - Friends Members Only Preview Sale
(Non-members can join FOCCL at the door for only \$15 per family.)**

Fri., April 21 - 9 AM to 3 PM - Book Sale OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sat., April 22 - 9 AM to 3 PM - Book Sale OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Location: Cape Coral Public Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral,
FL 33914**

All Sales Cash or Personal Check only. NO Credit Cards Accepted.

About the Sale: For anyone who hasn't yet experienced 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 thousands of quality used books arranged by category and genre, including fiction and non-fiction titles, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks, and a separate display of books for Children and Teens. Most items are \$1 or \$2, with small paperbacks less than a buck. You'll also find a Special table for books of interest to collectors that are somewhat higher priced but still great bargains!

Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Book Sale April 19-22

It's not too late to volunteer, we can still use help on the following days/times:



Wednesday 4/19, Morning (9-12:30) and afternoon (12:30-4:00+) shifts - For Set-up: unpack, sort and stage books. We will be there until all books are sorted and in place.

During the sale on Saturday 4/22, Morning shift (9-noon) - Help with a variety of tasks.

Saturday 4/22, 3:00-4:30- For Pack Up at the end: Box up remaining books and straighten up the room.

Email Mary Achilles at booksale@capefriends.org by Monday, 4/17, and specify when you can help.

eBay Sales

If you're looking for a great way to enhance your computer skills and be directly involved in making money for the library, eBay Committee Chair Lorelee Hamel is looking for backup coverage when she is out of town. She will teach you everything that needs to be done - monitor eBay to respond to a sale, close the sale, print shipping labels, get books from storage, package them and take them to the Post Office. She is also looking for someone to help list books on

eBay.

Book Donation Hotline

The Hotline Committee needs another transporter on the team. Transporters receive a text from the coordinator with donor information, transporters contact the donor to make arrangements to pick up the donation, then deliver the donation to our storage unit at 4413 SE 15th Ave (one block west of Del Prado). Durable shopping bags are provided, some lifting is required. This public service is key to providing the supply of books needed for our two Book Sale events per year!

Nominating Committee

In November 2022 all our Board positions were filled for the first time in nearly 4 years! Then the bubble burst: 3 Board members resigned for various reasons in the past 4 months. One of our approaches to finding candidates for the positions is to form a Nominating Committee of 3 members. The Committee meets and develops a strategy and action plan to appeal to candidates. Working on this committee is a great way to learn about the organization and make a REAL impact on our future.

Send email to president@capefriends.org if you're interested in volunteering for committees other than Book sales, or if you have interest or questions about volunteer opportunities.

Thank you!

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to the Burrowing Owl Festival and Southwest Florida Reading Festival. Nearly 200 children completed entries for our Coloring the Earth Children's Art Contest. The FOCCL-sponsored author Gregg Hurwitz, author of the Orphan series among other titles, donated two autographed hardcover books which will be offered as door prizes at our upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.



Thanks also to Walt Irmen, docent at the Edison-Ford Winter Estates, for speaking at our March General Meeting. Walt gave an interesting and entertaining talk on the friendship and business relationship between Henry Ford and Thomas Edison.



Let's Save the Florida Scrub-Jay!

17TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL ART CONTEST



Coloring The Earth Art Contest

Children in Lee County ages 5 through 12 are invited to participate in the 17th Annual Children's Environmental Art Contest "Coloring the Earth." Organized by Friends of the Cape Coral Library and the Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library, the theme for 2023 is "Save the Florida Scrub-Jay." Entries must be received by noon on Saturday, April 29, 2023. There is a designated box in the children's area of the library to drop off entries.

A panel of judges will select twenty winning contest entries (five awards for each of the four age categories: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12) in early May, and the artwork will be framed for hanging on the walls of the gallery alcove.

Art Contest Awards Ceremony- May 10th at 6:00 PM

An awards ceremony will be held in the large meeting room of the library. The public is welcome to attend, enjoy refreshments, applaud the contest winners, and see an interactive presentation about Florida Scrub-Jays.



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

When: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Where: Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Blvd. Cape Coral

Volunteers will receive an invitation at the end of April with complete details.

FOCCL General Membership Meeting- Books We Have Read

When: Saturday, July 15, 9:30AM-11:00AM

Where: Cape Coral- Lee County Public Library Meeting Room

Start thinking about what books you've read this year that you loved and want to share with others!



President's Message

At the March Annual Meeting I announced that 3 Board members had resigned: Barb Borders, Treasurer; Dee Stevenson, Vice President; and Mary Ann Ferrarese, Financial Services Coordinator. I am so sorry to see them go! Mary Ann served in various positions for 8 years!



I also announced that I had assumed Treasurer duties and would be a candidate for Treasurer when my 4-year term as President ends in March 2024.

So, once again, we need new faces on the Board! Please consider donating your time and talent by serving on the Nominating Committee or filling one of these open positions:

The Financial Services Coordinator is a voting Board member who oversees 6 Standing Committees and provides reports about committee activity at all Board and General meetings. Basic computer and communication skills are required. We estimate the time requirement to be about 6 hours every other month (to prepare for and attend meetings). This is a great way to be involved in running the business with a minimum time requirement.

The Vice President's primary duties are to attend meetings and arrange for presentations ("Programs") for 2 General meetings in 2023 (Sept & Dec) and 2 General meetings in 2024 (Jan & Mar). This is an opportunity to bring in speakers of interest to you and fellow members. The Vice President is a steppingstone to President, so this person will be expected to step in as President at the end of my term in March 2024. Another concept that other volunteer non-profits have found successful is "Co-VP" and "Co-President" positions to lighten the load.

Attached for more detailed information are summaries of duties for FS Coordinator, VP and President. Feel free to contact me if you have any interest or questions.

Dawn LaVacque

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Duties of President

Duties of Vice-President

Duties of FS Coordinator



On Exhibit in Library Art Gallery

May 9 - June 29. Winning artwork from the 2023 "Coloring the Earth" Children's Art Contest will be on display in the alcove area of the gallery. Projects by students from St. Andrew Catholic School will be on the hallway walls and in the gallery cases. Be sure to stop by and be amazed by all the young talent on display!

Science Teacher James Less has been with St. Andrew for five years and appreciates the opportunity to show off art, photographs and posters from his students' projects that illustrate environmental issues facing the Everglades. St. Andrew Art Teacher Diana Villadolid has been teaching there for nineteen years, and original artwork created in her K-8 classes will be on display in the gallery. Thank you to these two dedicated educators for sharing their students' talents.

For information about library art exhibits, contact Art Gallery Chairperson, Monica Rahman, by email to gALLERY@CAPEFRIENDS.ORG.

Website: CapeFriends.org

Photos from Events: CapeFriends.org/photo_gallery

Annual Calendar: CapeFriends.org/calendar

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