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## FOCCL February 2025 Update

### Welcome New Lifetime Member

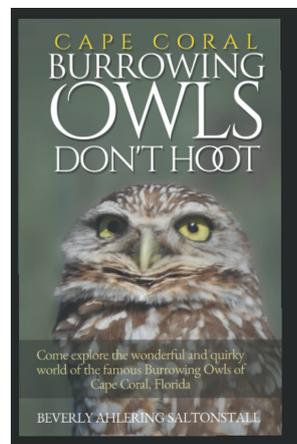
Richard and Arlene Leslie

### Welcome New Members

Nelson Guillen

### January General Meeting Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife

A very special thanks to Beverly Saltonstall from the Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife, and author of *Burrowing Owls Don't Hoot* who stepped in at the last minute and gave us a wonderfully entertaining and informative presentation on Cape Coral's own burrowing owls. Over 30 members and guests were in attendance.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Burrowing Owl Festival** **February 22 10AM - 4PM** **Rotary Park**



Join the Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife for a fun-filled day as we celebrate the 23rd Annual Burrowing Owl Festival. A fun filled community event dedicated to Cape Coral's iconic bird—the burrowing owl! The Friends of Cape Coral Library will be hosting a booth at the festival where children from ages 5-12 can create a drawing for our 19th Annual Children's Environmental Art Contest The theme this year is 'Let's Protect Our Mangroves!'

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### **Southwest Florida Reading Festival** **March 1, 10AM-4PM** **Fort Myers Regional Library**



Friends of Cape Coral Library is once again proud to be a sponsor of the SWFL Reading Festival. This free annual festival incites a passion for reading with many activities for all ages and a free book for every child and teen who attends. Our booth will be open for children to create artwork for the Children's Environmental Art Contest and our own sponsored author Debbie Macomber, well known writer of romance novels and contemporary women's literature will be speaking in the early afternoon. For more information check out the festival web page and download their app to help navigate the festival. [Southwest Florida Reading Festival - Fort Myers, FL](#).

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## General Membership Meeting March 22 - 9:30 AM Library Meeting Room



Join us on Saturday, March 22. Rescheduled from January our guest speaker is Mr. Philip Flood of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages the water resources in the southern half of the state, covering 16 counties from Orlando to the Florida Keys and serving a population of 9 million residents. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. Created in 1949, the agency is responsible for managing and protecting water resources of South Florida by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems. This is sure to be an informative and enlightening presentation. Light refreshments will be served at 9:30 followed by a short business meeting and our speaker.



Mark your calendars! Our always popular **Spring Book Sale** returns a little early this year. Members only day will be on Thursday, April 10th 10AM-3PM followed by public sale on Friday and Saturday April 11-12 from 9AM until 3PM. As always we will have thousands of books to choose from along with CDs, DVDs, BluRays, and record albums. Our crafty volunteers have promised some exciting new items for the spring holidays.



We will of course need volunteers for all of the above events. If you're available to volunteer for an hour or two or more for either the Burrowing Owl or SWFL

Reading Festival helping children draw entries for the Environmental Art Contest we'd love to have you. For more information on either of these events contact us through our website [capefriends.org](http://capefriends.org) or you can contact our Art Contest Coordinator Alessia Leathers directly at [alessialeathers@yahoo.com](mailto:alessialeathers@yahoo.com).

## Book Sale Volunteers



The **Book Sale Volunteer Coordinator** will handle sign up sheets, email appeals, communicating schedules to volunteers and liaise with Board of Director members who will serve as shift coordinators during the sale. This job needs to be filled ASAP so if you're available please email us at [booksale@capefriends.org](mailto:booksale@capefriends.org)

On Wednesday, April 9th we will be **setting up the sale** which is a big job! We will begin at 9 AM and stay until we finish- more volunteers means we'll finish sooner. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided for all.



Thursday through Saturday we will need **sales help, cashiers, and organizers**.



Saturday afternoon at 3PM we need help **taking the sale down**. This usually takes about an hour.

Sign up sheets for all jobs will be available at our General meeting in March or you can contact us at [booksale@capefriends.org](mailto:booksale@capefriends.org).



Looking for another way to support the library, use some of your valuable skills and meet new people? Look no further, the Board of Directors has an opening for **Assistant Treasurer**. The A/T will learn all the duties of Treasurer to serve as backup, assist with banking duties, and ultimately assume the role of Treasurer. Requirements are basic computer skills, experience with

spreadsheet software and ability to learn financial reporting software (Quicken). A summary of Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer duties is attached to the button below.

Send email to [treasurer@capefriends.org](mailto:treasurer@capefriends.org) or leave a message on FOCCL hotline 239-349-2572 if you are interested in learning more about the positions.

### Treasurer & Asst. Treasurer Duties



WE  
NEED  
BOOKS

got books?  
we pick-up donations!

Your donation of gently used books of resale quality benefits Friends of the Cape Coral Library. Also accepted are CDs, DVDs and audiobooks.

Call the Friends hotline and leave a message today.

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Friends of the Cape Coral Library is a non-profit volunteer organization that raises funds to purchase goods and services for the Cape Coral Library branch and select Lee County Library System programs. Funds are raised through book sales, membership dues, donations and grants. To learn more visit [www.capefriends.org](http://www.capefriends.org)



In order for our Book Sale- along with First Dibs and EBay sales- to be successful we need books. Donations have been a little down this winter so please keep us in mind if you're cleaning out, moving, downsizing or know someone who is.

Does this look familiar? We also accept record albums. Maybe it's time to say goodbye to those oldies once and for all!



## President's Message



Dear Friends,

Our long cold winter- also known as the month of January- is over. We can put away those jackets and long pants and go back to enjoying our perfect Florida weather, reuniting with our snowbird friends and recognizing the value of community. It's certainly important to our group. Here's just two examples.

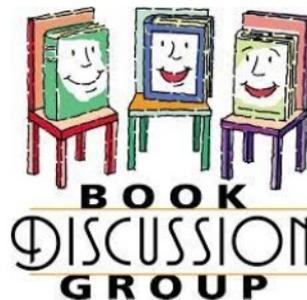
In January, the day before our General Meeting we got a call from our scheduled speaker that he was too sick to attend. One phone call and our problem was solved when Beverly Saltonstall from the Friends of CC Wildlife agreed to give her presentation (originally scheduled for March) the next day.

Winter in Florida means festivals and the FOCCL will have booths at two- The Burrowing Owl Festival and The Southwest Florida Reading Festival. Both booths are a means for children to participate in our annual Environmental Art Contest. Alessia Leathers has been organizing this contest for nineteen years! Hundreds of children submit artwork thanks to Alessia collecting art supplies and information about the year's theme (this year's is Save The Mangroves) organizing judges (other community members!) and creating a wonderful award celebration with speakers, refreshments and prizes.

Come join us at the festivals and at our next General Meeting on March 22nd (where our January speaker will be available) and enjoy being a part of our FOCCL community.

Teresa Goulding

President FOCCL



Looking for a Book Club but don't want the responsibility of hosting the group at your home? The library offers a Book Discussion program on the first Wednesday of the month in the Conference room, typically from 11AM-12PM. Find titles of featured books and program timing on the Library online calendar. Books for next month's program are available for checkout on a shelf behind the Circulation desk. Upcoming titles are:

March 5- The Women by Kristen Hannah

April 2 - Here One Moment by Lianne Moriarty



The FOCCL are happy to sponsor in part with other Lee County Library Friends a new program of online author events. Each month a bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed author from around the world will be featured in this new program. These featured writers and thought leaders cover a wide range of fiction and nonfiction genres. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the author. All presentations are available on demand after the live event. Registration is required.

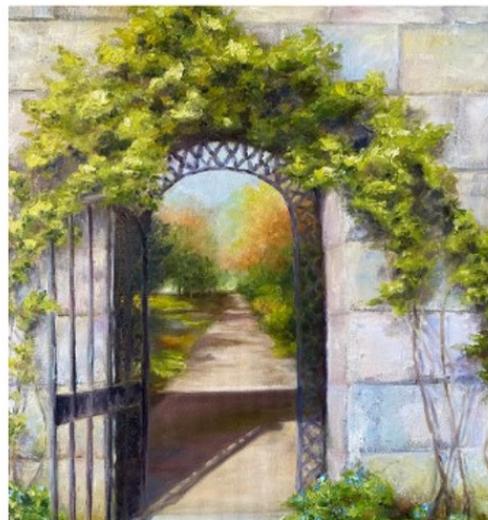
For more information and to register go to [LSC | Watch | Lee County Library System Online Author Events \(library.org\)](https://www.library.org/LSC-Watch).

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## Library Art Gallery

On display now through February 27th- Kim Carioto-Krugle has returned to the gallery again after a couple of years and has over 40 pieces of new artwork for the walls that include not only beautiful paintings but also incredible "mosaics" created with tiny pieces of paper. Small, colorful and whimsical paintings by Martha Stevenson and art by some of her friends and students are in all three display cases.





**Coming Attractions:** March 5th through May 5th the gallery exhibit will feature paintings by talented local artist and art instructor Pat St. Onge on the walls and glass art by Pat Johnson in the cases.

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**Website:** [CapeFriends.org](http://CapeFriends.org)

**Photos from Events:** [CapeFriends.org/photo\\_gallery](http://CapeFriends.org/photo_gallery)

**Annual Calendar:** [CapeFriends.org/calendar](http://CapeFriends.org/calendar)

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**Cape Coral Public Library** [Calendar of Events](#).

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