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## FOCCL June 2023 Update

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### Welcome New Members

Philip and Dorothy Bartlett

Angie Conlin

Gail Deakin

Samantha Fiester

Sue Fryling

Aubrey Harwood

David Jung

Joyce Kessel

Brenda Kohut

Marina and Michael Kotch

Susan Lafitte

Elvira Langone

Melanie McKenzie

Ruth Ann Meyer

Leila Muvdi

Betty Rickaby

Wendy Roach

Lana Roll

Jamie Scott

Irene and Steve Stevenson

Don VonWahlde

Glen Wisser

G. Zettenberg

Amanda and Gage Zubek

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### Spring Book Sale Fundraiser April 20-22

Thanks to all who made our April Book Sale a great success! Once again Mary Achilles assembled a great team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to organize, sell and pack up books over four days. This was our most successful

post pandemic sale, earning \$7,750 to enhance our library! Thanks to all who came to shop and welcome to 20 new members who joined during the sale. Start planning ahead now for our sale in November! (see [www.capefriends.org/booksales](http://www.capefriends.org/booksales) for specifics)

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### **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.



### **Join Our Board of Directors**

We need new faces on the Board! Full-time residents preferred but seasonal residents could participate on a “co-position” basis. It works for committees (and other volunteer non-profits), so it could work for FOCCL. Please consider donating your time and talent to fill one of these open positions:

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

The Vice President is a voting Officer whose primary duties are to attend meetings and arrange for program presentations for one General meeting in 2023 (Dec) and two 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 stepping stone to the President, so this person, (or persons), will be expected to succeed Dawn as President when her 2nd term ends in March 2024. If you are not ready to jump in now, attend a Board meeting (or two) and consider being a candidate for VP after the March 2024 transition.

Attached for more detailed information are summaries of duties for FS Coordinator, VP and President.

Contact Dawn by email ([president@capefriends.org](mailto:president@capefriends.org)) or call 734-740-0119 if you are interested in attending a board meeting, volunteering or have questions about volunteer opportunities.

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## Thank you!

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library Board of Directors held a luncheon to say thanks to members who have volunteered for our organization throughout the year. There were forty guests in the library meeting room that day. A special thank you goes to the Hospitality Committee Chair, Linda Gumm, for

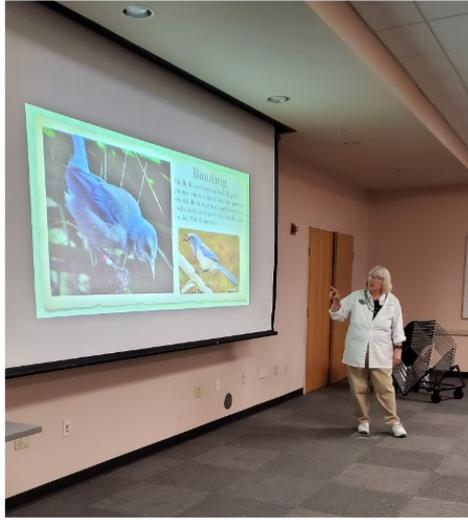
the delicious food and lovely table settings and to our Membership Chair Joanne Eddy, for organizing the event as well as collecting (and even creating some!) really nice door prizes. A good time was had by all!



## Coloring the Earth Art Contest

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in our annual Coloring the Earth Art Contest. A huge thank you goes out to Alessia Leathers who has organized this contest for seventeen years!

A panel of judges had the difficult job of selecting 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 is now framed for hanging on the walls of the gallery alcove. An awards ceremony was held at the library on May 10th and was well attended by winning artists and their families. A presentation on the Florida Scrub jay was given by Bren Curtis and prizes and refreshments were enjoyed by all!



It's time for the Lee County Summer Reading program, for readers of all ages, funded in part by Friends of the Cape Coral Library! This year's program is called All Together Now. There are many events planned including opportunities for all children and teens to receive a free book, participate in challenges, and win prizes! Adults are also encouraged to participate in the program. Registration is required. Check out the Summer Reading website for more information, <https://www.leegov.com/library/summer-reading-program>.

To see what events are scheduled at our library branch, go to [www.capefriends.org/](http://www.capefriends.org/) and click on Library Calendar of Events. The Kickoff Party is happening in the library meeting room on Thurs., June 8 at 2:00.

## Butterfly Garden

Summer is almost here, and the hot weather has returned to Florida. Luckily the new umbrellas purchased by the FOCCL are installed in our butterfly garden located behind the front circulation desk.

Bring a book and come relax for a while under them.





## General Membership Meeting - Saturday Morning July 15

All are invited to the Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Meeting on Saturday, July 15.

The morning will begin at 9:30 AM with coffee, tea, light snacks, and social time.

The business portion of the meeting will start at 10:00 AM followed by the program "Books We've Read".



This is one of our most popular programs where we all talk about books we've read recently and would recommend to others. Each person in attendance may talk about a couple of books, or more if time permits.

Bring a friend and get some great ideas for your To Be Read list!

## SNEAK PREVIEW



## General Membership Meeting - Saturday Morning September 16

Greg Rule, Meteorologist for WINK News, will join us on September 16 to present a behind the scenes look at hurricane forecasting. You don't want to miss this! More information



coming to you in August.

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## President's Message

Spring is here and hotter temps are around the corner. What better way to stay cool and get out of the house than to visit our wonderful library. If you like the heat and nature, the butterfly garden now has 2 umbrellas thanks to FOCCL FUNdraising. Don't forget we sell books in the library every day on 2 bookshelves facing the Reference desk. Our dedicated and knowledgeable First Dibs Committee ensures the shelves are packed with a great selection of gently used books, magazines, CDs and DVDs.



Even though it is quieter in the summer without seasonal Friends and residents, our volunteer work never stops. For example, we manage Art Gallery exhibits and incoming donations, sell books on eBay and on First Dibs shelves, write publicity and e-newsletters, pay the bills and conduct meetings. Things are running smoothly thanks to dedicated committee chairs and their helpers. Where we need help NOW is on the Board of Directors. Two of us are doing the work of 5 positions, which is not sustainable. None of the Board positions are difficult or overly time consuming and veterans on the board are willing to mentor/assist. The work we do on the BOD is very rewarding and ensures the future of the organization. I will continue to appeal via these updates, targeted emails and phone canvassing.

I look forward to getting some tips for my reading list at the July Membership meeting. Hope to see you there.

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## On Exhibit in Library Art Gallery

The Annual Young Artists Exhibit is currently in the library art gallery, and will be in place through June 29th. The exhibit features a display of projects by students in the art and science classes at St. Andrew Catholic School in Cape Coral on the hallway walls and in the three cases.

The 20 winning entries from the Coloring the Earth Children's Art Contest have been matted and framed and these are hanging in the alcove area of the gallery.

The gallery exhibit for this summer (from July 6 until end of August) will feature paintings by award winning local artist Beth Blewett on all the walls. In the cases will be a variety of gourds that have been painted and decorated by local artists Barbara Gomes and Veda Krust.

A sneak peek at some works by Beth Blewett:



For information about library art exhibits, contact Art Gallery Chairperson, Monica Rahman, by email to [gallery@capefriends.org](mailto:gallery@capefriends.org).

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

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