



Third Annual Earth Day Festivities Set for April 28

On Saturday, April 28 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the Cape Coral Library will host the third annual Earth Day celebration organized by the Friends. A schedule for the day includes:

10:00 Presentation "Butterfly Gardening" by Cape Coral Garden Club

11:00 "Wacky Wildlife" by Toni Westland from J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge. After the presentation, children will have the opportunity to create recycled bats.

12:00 "How to Start a Burrowing Owl Nest" by Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife. This outdoor program for adults teaches how to start, maintain and protect owl burrows.

12:30 "I Love Owls" by Cindy Bear from Lee County's Environmental Education Program. Children will learn all about

our owls. What do they eat? Do they "talk"? Why do they live underground?

2:00 Art Contest / YOU CAN Contest Awards Ceremony

Other activities for the day include face painting, a Kid's Craft Corner and a Green Book Sale. Volunteers are still needed for the Green Book Sale and the children's corner.



The Second Annual Art "Coloring the Earth" Contest will feature the theme "Saving Wildlife." Children between the ages of 7 and 12 can enter by following the rules on the insert.



Enter the **YOU CAN Contest!** Bring as many aluminum soda cans and pop tabs as you can and help the environment as well as local organizations including Special Populations in the City of Cape Coral and Ronald McDonald House Charities. See insert poster for contest rules.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Alessia Leathers at alessialeathers@yahoo.com or call 239-458-4886.

Friends Meeting March 24 Features Author Charles Sobczak



Due to the SWFL Reading Festival, our regular meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 24 in the Cape Coral Library meeting room. A continental breakfast will be available at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Author Charles Sobczak, who lives and writes on Sanibel Island, will speak at this meeting. He formed Indigo Press in 1999 and published *Six Mornings on Sanibel* in November of that year. Since then he has gone on to win several state and national book awards including Writer of the Year 2005 given by the Lee County Alliance of the Arts. His most recent book is titled *Alligators, Sharks and Panthers*, which highlights the real stories of unprovoked attacks. Sobczak also explores the complex relationship between man and his fellow predators. His book is an unforgettable and engaging read for anyone living or vacationing in Florida!

Please join us! For more information, contact Camille Maurer at 945-0518 (cvm113@yahoo.com) or Marcy Schaller at 540-9610 (mschaller@swfla.rr.com).

Shirley O'Donnell Wins "Bad Hair Day" Contest

The Author's Luncheon with Nancy Cohen also featured a contest for a funny experience with hair. The winning entry in the "Bad Hair Day" contest goes to Shirley O'Donnell:

When I was 15 (a very distant memory) all my friends were dyeing their hair blonde. Being very short of funds my friend suggested I use peroxide, which was not an unusual thing to use in hair dyeing in those days. We set about the process and when we had finished it looked wonderful, I rolled up my hair in rollers, which was my custom and later went off to bed. We slept 3 (me and my two sisters) in a bed in those days and when I awoke my sister was sitting up in bed laughing her head off. I said are you having a bad dream or a nightmare, she said no, but you will when you look in the mirror. As I sat up in bed my rollers began to fall onto the pillow. I felt my head and most of the rollers and my bleached hair was on my pillow. It took about 6 weeks to get my hair into a reasonable shape, but believe me I never dyed my hair using peroxide again. That was a collection of bad hair days. My head attire of the day was a turban which I had to get special permission from the headmistress to wear.



From left: Shirley O'Donnell, First Place winner, Author Nancy Cohen, and Sherin Bayler, Second Place winner.

For winners and luncheon photos go to www.capefriends.org.



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President's Message

Dear Friends,

If you attended the Author's Luncheon on February 9 at the Broadway Palm, I hope you enjoyed yourself as much as I did! The food was wonderful, and Nancy Cohen was an engaging speaker. Thanks to **Camille Maurer, Pam Macabio**, and all their helpers for all their hard work in planning an enjoyable and successful luncheon.

This month's membership meeting is the Friends of the Cape Coral Library Annual Meeting. In addition to hearing Charles Sobczak speak, the slate of board nominees will be presented and elections will be held. This is an important meeting, so I hope you'll plan to spend Saturday morning, March 24 with your Friends.

I must tell you, with regret, that **Camille Maurer** has stepped down from her position as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Camille is a busy and involved member of the Cape Coral community,

and felt the need to focus her efforts on her other long-term commitments. We thank Camille for her service during the previous year, and all her hard work in planning enjoyable meetings, speakers, and luncheons for the Friends of the Cape Coral Library.

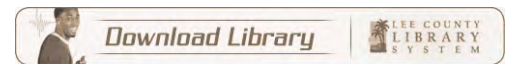
The Friends of the Cape Coral Library will have a presence at the Reading Festival this year. Because of our support of the Reading Festival, we will be allowed to display a banner "advertising" the Friends of the Cape Coral Library during David Baldacci's talk. The Friends will also have a table in the exhibit hall. If you plan to attend the Reading Festival, be sure to stop by!

The Earth Day celebration has become a very popular program at the library. This year's celebration will be no exception! Read all about it on the front page, and contact Alessia Leathers to volunteer.

Happy Spring to all!

Marcy Schaller

At the Cape Coral Library



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The Lee County Library System now has digital audio books available, the downloadable version of a book to your home computer. According to the helpful flyer available at the library, this service can be completed in three easy steps:

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Sharon Myers, Branch Librarian

Come to the Festival!

The Southwest Florida Reading Festival has published its exciting lineup of popular best-selling authors! The Festival presents a variety of topics and genres, and something for every reading level with separate presentation stages for adult fiction and non-fiction, young adult books, and children's literature and picture books.

Adult authors include: David Baldacci, Elizabeth Becka, Reshonda Tate Billingsley, Suzanne Brockmann, Dixie Cash, Lori Copeland, Laura Esquivel (tenta-

tive), Ed Gaffney, Robin Jones Gunn, Michael Grunwald, Karen Harper, Robert Hicks, Jeff Klinkenberg, Jeff Lindsay, Erin McCarthy, Linda Lael Miller, Les Standiford and F. Paul Wilson.

Young Adult authors include: Holly Black, Doug Wilhelm and Bob McLeod.

Children's authors include: Tony Abbott, Holly Black, Roger Eschbacher, Bob McLeod and Irene Smalls.

Audio Book Narrators include: Scott Brick, Paul Ruben and Susan Ericksen.

Gallery Shows

March



Cynthia Eagan paints a range of landscape, animal, and still life paintings in acrylics and oils. Her paintings are noted for unusual combinations of colors and strong contrasts. She exhibits throughout Florida and has won ribbons and recognition throughout South-west Florida.



Quilt Artist Carol Elrod retired as a report for the Indianapolis Star in 1991 and ventured into quilt making, an art form that had intrigued her since receiving a stack of her husband's grandmother's bed quilts in the 1970s. She experiments with paints and dyes, computer-assisted designs, free-motion embroidery and quilting and thread painting. Her wall hangings have been shown in Pennsylvania, and other east coast exhibitions, and received a blue ribbon for best pictorial quilt at the Pennsylvania. National Quilt Extravaganza.



Caloosa Carvers Club, a 100-member group of talented wood carvers, will display a variety of pieces of all sizes and styles. Its purpose is to stimulate and encourage interest in woodcarving and to provide an environment in which the members can learn, develop and enlarge their skills in this art form; to promote wood carving via teaching, demonstrations, exhibitions and participation in local events.

April

Claire Amos, a watercolor artist from Matlacha, creates bold and bright work that includes everyday subjects like Florida birds, flowers, palm trees and sunsets. She displays on Pine Island at Pine Bay Gallery and on the east coast at Rainbow On the Beach in Hillsborough Beach.

Diana Rutherford's portraits have a down-home, Florida informality, combining intensity and sympathy with her subject. She is a prize-winning portraitist and her work is included in many private collections around the world including the collection of Jimmy Buffet. Diana has had numerous solo exhibits in Boston, where she graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, and in France, where she lived and painted for several years. Her work has been shown in Japan, the Caribbean, Arizona and around Florida. Diana taught art in Tortola, BVI; Cambridge, MA; the ART-SMART program for homeless children in Boston; and at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts in Ft. Myers, FL.

In the early 70's while touring Van Briggie Pottery in Colorado, Ingeborg's interest in clay was sparked. She studied clay, at the University of Colorado, attended workshops and worked to learn her craft. She lived in Grenoble, France for three years and attended the University of Grenoble, traveled extensively throughout Europe and broadened her horizon and expanded her knowledge or art and clay. After living in the Pacific Northwest, she continued her education in Vancouver, set up a home studio and became a member of the Oregon Potter's Association. In 2002 Ingeborg moved to St. James City and opened her business, a working pottery situated in an open air building where people can see work in progress. Her interest in clay is varied and ranges from high fire functional work, Raku, wood firing, hand building and wheelwork to glaze development.

Annual Book Sale Nets \$11,000

January's book sale was one of our most successful ever, netting approximately \$11,000. To all who volunteered your time and effort, thank you so much. The book sale couldn't happen without all of you! A special thank-you goes to all the guys who do the hard work of lugging all the boxes of books from the storage lockers to the library meeting room.

Calendar of Events

March 17	Southwest Florida Reading Festival
March 24	Membership Meeting
April 28	Earth Day
May 5	Board Meeting
May 18	Spring Luncheon

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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to plan the 2007 fund-raising activities for the Friends. If you would be interested in developing programs during the year, please contact Pam Macabio at 239-547-5195.



Friends Funds at Work for The Library

The Friends commitment to support the Cape Coral Library has increased each year, topping \$12,000 in 2006. Our funds were used for new library equipment and youth programs, contributed to the success of the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, paid subscription for the monthly Book Page, and sponsored the annual Earth Day activities. All of these funds are generated through Friends' activities including book sales, author luncheons and membership dues. Your membership and participation in our fundraisers enable the Cape Coral Library to expand its services to local and visiting patrons.

The largest applications of the Friends funds were:

Staff & Library Equip	\$3,063.82
Reading Festival	\$2,000.00
Youth Programs	\$1,476.32
Library Programs	\$914.65
Book Page	\$720.00
Earth Day	\$644.88



Friends of the Cape Coral Library

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or change your address.

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I would be interested in helping at:

- Library or Friends of the Library events
- Friends of the Library Committee work such as:
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 - Accents
 - Publicity
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