

Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Meeting Saturday, July 23 at 9:30 AM

By Crystal Revak

Join The Friends of the Cape Coral Library for our General Meeting on Saturday, July 23 which starts at 9:30 AM with coffee, juice and snacks.

The meeting begins at 10:00 and will be followed by one of our most popular events "Oh, the Books We've Enjoyed" which encourages attendees to share recommendations of books and authors they have recently read.

The FOCCL General Meetings are held in the Meeting Room of the Cape Coral Library at 921 SW 39th Terrace. For more information, please go to www.capefriends.org. The public is welcome, and there is no admission charge.

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## Awards Ceremony for "Coloring the Earth" Art Contest Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 PM At the Cape Coral Library

The awards ceremony for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual "Coloring the Earth" art contest for children ages 7 to 12 will be held in the Meeting Room at the Cape Coral Library. This year's theme is Let's Protect Our Florida Black Bears. The public is encouraged to join youngsters, parents, teachers and prominent members of the community at this popular annual event sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. Hear a presentation by a wildlife expert and enjoy some refreshments. The Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library is located at 921 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Contact contest organizer Alessia Leathers at [alessialeathers@yahoo.com](mailto:alessialeathers@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Mark Your Calendar

WED., MAY 4, 2016..... Annual Coloring the Earth Contest Awards Ceremony: 6:00 PM  
SAT., MAY 7, 2016..... Board Meeting: 10:00 AM  
SAT., MAY 7, 2016.....FOCCL Spring Luncheon House of Omelets 11:30 AM  
SAT., JULY 9, 2016.....Board Meeting: 10:00 AM  
SAT., JULY 23, 2016.....General Meeting: 9:30 AM  
SAT., SEPT. 10, 2016.....Board Meeting: 10:00 AM  
SAT., SEPT. 24, 2016.....General Meeting: 9:30 AM

## Upcoming Art Events in the Meeting Room of the Cape Coral Library

### Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 PM

Awards Ceremony for "Coloring the Earth" Children's Art Contest. All ages welcome. Enjoy refreshments and a presentation by a wildlife expert.

### Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 PM

#### May 10 & May 24

Program for adults: Parts 3 and 4 of the four-part series "Art through the Ages", an introduction to the history and appreciation of the visual arts. (See article in this issue.)

### Saturday, May 14, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Program for adults: Dona Malone will show participants how to make hand crafted cards. (See article in this issue of Accents.)



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## President's Letter

Dear Friends,

We've had a busy spring. I'd like to take the opportunity to express appreciation to the many volunteers, whose efforts are essential to our organization.

We can thank VP Crystal Revak for the interesting speakers at our membership meetings. Crystal works hard to line up the presenters, while Tenza Jandula and Doris Powell ably handle the coffee and snack table at the meetings. By the way, Crystal also plans our spring and holiday luncheons, issues press releases and posts notices on our Facebook page.

Thank you to the volunteers whose efforts have made the art gallery a success. Lucille Tkachuk provided valuable help in hanging the recent portrait show. In April, visitors to the ArtPoems reception made numerous comments about how beautifully the artwork was displayed. Thanks to Dawn Lavacque and Pam Macabio for their assistance in putting the exhibits together.

Kudos to Patty Duncan, whose well-written monthly *Breeze* columns highlight the Friends of the Cape Coral Library activities, programs and events. We really appreciate the publicity. Thank you Patty!

By the time this letter is published, the Spring Book Sale will have just wound up and will no doubt have been another smashing success. As always, we're grateful to Paula and Bob Novander, who are busy collecting book donations all year long and coordinating the many volunteers necessary to make the sales run smoothly. Look for a recap of the most recent book sale and info on

the volunteers in the July issue of this newsletter.

Speaking of the newsletter, Kathy Bowen has the difficult task of compiling the many articles and photos, provided by various contributors, into a coherent publication. She finds a way to arrange all the pieces so everything somehow fits together on the pages. We appreciate you, Kathy.

The entries for the annual "Coloring the Earth" Art Contest have been pouring in thanks to Alessia Leathers, organizer since its inception 11 years ago. Alessia promoted the children's contest with a table at the Burrowing Owl Festival in February (with the support of FGCU students Cassie and Lauren and Gulf Elementary School art teacher Ms. Elizabeth Olancin) and at the Art Festival at the Cape Coral Arts Studio in March (with the help of student Ally.) Alessia (with FGCU students Kennedy, Nicole, Matthew, Kaila, Keegan, Samantha, Kristin and Bradley) manned our booth at the SWFL Reading Festival on March 19. They had paper and art supplies ready for kids to create their drawings for the contest and gave out materials about our Friends group as well.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and at the many activities, events and library programs we sponsor throughout the year- including over the summer months. To the snowbirds flying away in the hope of escaping heat and humidity, you'll be missed. Have a safe trip, but hurry back here soon.

Yours Truly,

Monica Rahman, President  
Friends of the Cape Coral Library

## News, Information, and Books

### New Officers Installed



*Pat Faucher was installed as Assistant Treasurer, and Mary Achilles is our new Community Services Coordinator.*



*FGCU student volunteers helped at our booth at the SWFL Reading Festival*

*The Friends welcome the following*

### **New Members**

Brandon Mayes  
Nerissa Hewitt  
Helen Barnett  
John Rall

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### Creating Hand Crafted Cards Free Library Program May 14 at 1:00 PM

*By Monica Rahman*

This program for adults is sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. Dona Malone, who wowed visitors to the library gallery a few months ago with her display of beautifully handcrafted cards, will teach a class on Saturday, May 14 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Participants will have the opportunity to create three handmade cards for any occasion (or two cards and a bookmark) using stamps, cutouts, and paper art. Supplies will be provided. The program will take place in the Meeting Room of the Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library, which is located at 921 SW 39th Terrace. Visit [leelibrary.net](http://leelibrary.net) or call (239) 479-4636 for information on library programs.



*Kenny Jandula was the lucky winner of the guitar raffle at the Jane Rosenbohm program in Feb.*

# Welcome to Craft Corner at the Library - Knitting and Crocheting Program

## Mondays at 3:00 PM

By Monica Rahman

If you come into the meeting room at the Cape Coral Library most Monday afternoons, you will find a group of crafters working on their individual knitting and crocheting projects while chatting amiably. The Craft Corner program will meet from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Mondays May 2, 9, 16 and 23; on Tuesday, May 31; on Mondays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27; and ongoing throughout the summer and the rest of the year. While the majority of people who attend have at least rudimentary knowledge of the craft, the other participants are helpful and often willing to assist somewhat less experienced newcomers. In addition to knitting and crocheting, you may also find someone doing needlework or embroidery. The members share supplies and maintain a "give and take" craft cart containing yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and patterns. Usually 15 to 20 people attend in the summer, with twice as many attending during the winter. Most of the current crafters happen to be adult women, but one of the regulars is a talented knitter named Bill, and men and teenagers are always welcome.

While there is no official leader or instructor, Donna is considered to be the informal greeter for the group because of her outgoing personality. "Over three years ago, I came in here with my little knitting bag and didn't know a

soul," declares Donna. "Now I have all these friends....," she said, gesturing about the room. Mary and Sara have been attending Craft Corner for 8 and 9 years respectively. A recent widow named Chris commented, as she worked on a cable knit vest, how much she appreciates the camaraderie. Jean happily showed off the white sweater, beret and crocheted necklace she's created.

Many of the regulars donate their handy work to non-profits and churches. Last year the crafters gave 14 large blankets with an American flag design to the SW Florida Military Museum for distribution to WWII veterans. Many of the crafters make and give away cancer caps and prayer shawls. Jean recently heard about an organization seeking donations of prosthetic breasts made of yarn for women to wear after mastectomies as an alternative to reconstructive surgery. So that may be another worthwhile project for the crafters in the future.

Craft Corner is an ongoing program at the Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library, which is located at 921 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terrace. It is open to the public, is free of charge and is sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. For questions regarding this program, you can contact Librarian Janet Calkins at (239) 533-4533.

## Some Free Programs of Interest in May and June at the Cape Coral Library

By Monica Rahman

Two Wellness Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library have gained a lot of fans. **Tai Chi/Qi Gong** is a low impact, stress reducing exercise for all fitness levels and will be offered on Thursdays (May 5, May 19 and June 9) at 11:00 AM. **Hatha Yoga** concentrates on physical health and mental well-being through postures, breathing techniques and meditation. Bring a towel or yoga mat to this program, which is offered on Wednesdays (May 11 and May 25) at 9:30 AM.

Another program of note is **Advocating Longer Term Care Residents: What You Need to Know**. Offered on Friday, May 20 at 1:00 PM, this is an informative presentation by Barbara Brayton, the District Ombudsman Manager for the State of Florida's Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. The presentation regards patients living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. The seminar is designed to inform and empower residents, caregivers and family members on patients' rights and what to do when these rights are violated.

There are two programs of interest under the Senior Health Series. **Friendship** is offered on Monday, May 16 at 1:00 PM. Discover the many values and health benefits of friendship. Another program in the series, **Safe Travel**, centers on tips for summer travelers to help minimize risk and maximize fun and will be offered on Monday, June 13 at 1:00 PM.

On the topic of staying safe, The Lee County Sheriff's Marine Unit will present a program on **Boat Safety**. This is scheduled for Saturday, June 11 at 1:00 PM and will feature a talk on boat and water safety laws.

Free **Hearing Screenings** will be held at the library on Friday, June 17 between 1:30 and 3:00 PM. (Please note that these are *screenings* as opposed to hearing *tests*.)

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library recently donated a large screen and A/V System for the meeting room of the library. This makes it a great venue for showing popular **Movies** by major motion picture studios. A free film intended for Adults will be shown on Wednesday, May 18 at 3:00 PM. There are no less than four movies scheduled for June! One for Adults will be shown on Wednesday, June 1 at 3:00 PM. Movies for Teens are scheduled for Thursday, June 23 at 2:00 PM and on Saturday, June 25 at 1:00 PM. Then a Kid's movie will be shown on Wednesday, June 29 at 1:00 PM. The library system's movie licensing agreement doesn't allow us to list the titles here, so please refer to the posters and monthly program flyers available at the library or visit [www.leelibrary.net](http://www.leelibrary.net) for the names of the films being shown.

The Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library is located at 921 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terrace. All of the programs offered at the library are open to the public and are free of charge. Those listed in this article do not require pre-registration.

## Gallery Exhibits

### Artists on Exhibit in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery

*Brought to you by*

*The Friends of the Cape Coral Library*

*By Monica Rahman*

**APRIL 1 THROUGH MAY 5, 2016**

Anyone who missed the **ArtPoems** exhibit in April has a few more days in May to view the twenty-two pieces of artwork, each paired with a poem. **ArtPoems** is a Southwest Florida collaboration between poets and artists and recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. This year's artists are Ava Roeder, Honey Costa, Roy Rodriguez, Scott Guelcher, Beth Everhart, Jaye Boswell, Paul David Adamick, Linda Lally, Jonas Stirner, Kathy Kuser and Paula Eckerty. This year's poets include JD Daniels, Dan Reed England, Joyce Berrian Ferrari, Lorraine Walker Williams, Joe Pacheco, Holly Lee McEntyre, Sid Simon, Linda Hughes, Gary McLouth, Larry Stiles and Sandy Greco.

**MAY 9 THROUGH JUNE 29, 2016**

All of the pieces of artwork to be featured in this gallery exhibit were created by children. The art on display will also have an environmental and earth-friendly theme.

Winning entries from this year's "**Coloring the Earth**" Art Contest will be exhibited on the gallery walls. The annual contest for children ages 7 to 12 is now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. The theme for the artwork this time is Florida Black Bears and How to Protect Them. The Friends of the Cape Coral Library provided frames so that the children's artwork can be displayed professionally in an art gallery setting.

Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students of teacher Elizabeth Olancin at **Gulf Elementary School** in Cape Coral will exhibit their creations in the large cases and on the hallway walls. The artwork is made from reused and recycled materials.

Clay figures and illustrations will be displayed in the two-shelf case. These were created by students in the **Children's Art Class** taught this winter by Betsy Koscher at the **Cape Coral Art League**. Several of the youngsters' paintings will also be hung.

## Free Art Appreciation Program Continues

### At Cape Coral Library

**May 10 & May 24 at 1:00 PM**

*By Monica Rahman*

This free program for adults at the Cape Coral Library entitled "Art Through the Ages" is a humanities series focusing on the visual arts and is intended to help participants better appreciate art in a new and informative way. This journey through time will expand the understanding of why art is what it is today by exploring the work of famous artists of the past.

The final two sessions of this original 4-part series will take place on Tuesdays, May 10 and May 24 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Both will be held in the meeting room of the library, which is equipped with a large screen and state-of-the-art AV system. So there will be many examples of art to view, study and enjoy. Presenter Hal Klingler is a local artist, who holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Toledo and is a current board member of the Cape Coral Art League. The topic on May 10 will be *The Masters and their Masterpieces*. The topic on May 24 will be *The Modern Era of Art to the Present*. If you weren't available for the previous sessions in this series, don't be discouraged. Each part of the series is presented independently, so you can still pick up a good deal of interesting and worthwhile information by attending on one or both days. The program is open to the public, is offered free of charge and requires no pre-registration. The Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library is located at 921 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Visit [leelibrary.net](http://leelibrary.net) or call (239) 479-4636 for more information.



The audience enjoyed readings of poetry during the ArtPoems reception in the library gallery on April 6.



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