

State Library Day in Tallahassee-- March 29, 2011

by Nellie Slaton

Cape Coral Friends Patrice Koerper and Nellie Slaton, SWFLN Executive Director Kathleen Degyanski, and Kimberly Sheen, reference librarian from Ava Marie University attended this year's advocacy event.

We met with Senators Garrtt Richter and Mike Bennett, Representatives Lizbeth Benaquista, Ken Roberson, Gary Aubuchon, and Matt Caldwell as well as with Senator Nancy Detert's Legislative Assistant, Gee Gee Kerr. We also left material with Representatives Paige Kregel and Trudi Williams.

We thanked the legislators for their past support of State library funding and urged them to fund State Aid at the current level of \$21.2 million and to fund all Library Cooperatives at the \$1.2 million level. We also emphasized that State Aid has decreased almost by one third over the past nine years. State Aid has decreased even in times of a strong economy and the effect on lower or no funding for the next fiscal year will heavily impact services and may even cause some libraries to close.

All the legislators we met with stated that they were strong library supporters and understood the importance of libraries. We in turn shared with them the many ways that libraries support a strong economy, assist job seekers, are an integral part of education, and provide a great return on investment. Libraries provide \$8.32 in value for every tax dollar received.

We also attended the Friends Idea Exchange and Reception with other library staff and supporters. We discussed membership, fundraising, advocacy and other important issues and how Friend's groups were addressing the issues.

Patrice and I were pleased to have the opportunity to represent the Cape Coral Friends of the library at this important event.

For more information about State Aid and State Library Day, visit the Florida Library Association's web site. Also, please call, email, or send a letter to our local legislators and urge them to support State Aid to Libraries and funding of Library Cooperatives.

Mark Your Calendar

May 13, 2011 Friends Spring Luncheon
September 10, 2011 Board Meeting
September 17, 2011 General Meeting
Nov 17, 2011 Fall Book Sale, Members only
Nov 18, 19, 2011 Fall Book Sale

No July Member Meeting

Because many of our members are either snowbirds or are away in July, we have decided to not meet that month to give as many members as possible the opportunity to participate in our annual book review usually held at the July membership meeting. Instead, book reviews by members will be the program for the September membership meeting. Please take this summer to read a good book or two and be prepared to share your thoughts and recommendations at the September 2011 meeting.

Financial Review Completed

by Kathryn Neson

Paula Novander, President of the Cape Coral Friends, and Pam Macabio, past president, completed a review of the Friends' financial records. Information reviewed included original bank statements, account balances on line, expenditure backup and revenue details. The organization is financially sound with a 2010 ending cash balance of \$30,155 and no debt. The ending balance was \$17,459 lower than the previous year due to a one-time expenditure of \$20,000 for the book drop portion of the new materials handling system.

Over 77% of the total expenses were spent on program activities, materials, or promotion of the library. The Friends spent \$4,804 on fund raising resulting in \$20,831 of revenue.

Several recommendations were made to improve the financial records. They included: bank statements should be balanced and signed by the treasurer every month; a copy of the Lee County Board of Commissioner's resolution for \$20,000 should be on file with the Cape Coral Friends; and the deposit voucher should be expanded to include categories of donations, book sales and other revenue.

The financial review will be given to the Friend's Board of the Cape Coral Library and then to the members at their May meetings. All financial information is available to Friends' members for review upon request.



Keep your children busy and learning all summer by having them take part in the summer reading programs sponsored by The Friend's of the Cape Coral Library



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

This will be my last President's Letter as we have now elected our new board members. I would like to thank everyone for all your help and support during my term. I will still be around, though, as the past president, and still bugging you to help with something or other! Thank you, board members, for all your help and support. I could not have done it without your generous assistance and all the hours each of you put in.

I want to say a special THANK YOU to Nellie Slaton. She is taking a break from the board this term. She has served the Friends in one capacity or another for more than twenty years. Again this year, for example, she went to Tallahassee (she has gone many times in the past) to help the library get funding from the state government. Be sure to read her report in this issue of the Accents.

In case you missed the March meeting let me introduce

the new board members (see their picture in this issue).

President: Paula Novander

Vice President: Patty Duncan

Secretary: Joyce Lyons

Treasurer: Kathryn Nelson

Coordinators:

Community Service:

Elaine Berryhill

Financial Services:

Bob Powell

We are very lucky to have these dedicated members step up to the plate and help the Friends continue to support our library. Patty Duncan is already hard at work setting up a great SPRING LUNCHEON. I hope all of you will plan to attend. Be sure to send her your reservation and check if you have not already done so.

Again, thank you all; I know you will give Paula all the support that you gave me.

Pam Macabio

Past President

May & June at the Library

Welcome to summer! The library staff members are quickly gearing up for one of our busiest seasons. We have some great programs starting soon including Sandy Lender a local fantasy author, a historical talk about Amelia Earhart, a hurricane readiness seminar, and a book discussion on White Doves at Morning. Of course, we are also offering our regular programs such as, Bagels Books and Banter, the Chess Club, Craft Corner, English Café, and Kids Read Down Fines.

In addition to all this fun, we are happily getting ready for Summer Reading!! Each year the Library System welcomes the opportunity to share our love of

reading with our younger customers. Last year 31,699 children and families attended Friends of the Cape Coral Library sponsored summer reading programs here at the Cape Coral Public Library. So, as you can tell, we are ready for a busy summer of programs. We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy the season.

Tori Hersh
Branch Manager

Library Quote of the Month

"A capacity and taste for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others."

- Abraham Lincoln

Notes and Information

New Board for the Friends of the Library Was Installed in March by Paula Novander

I would like to thank Pam Macabio - Immediate Past President, Maria Magdalena and Nellie Slayton for their long-time service to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. They left some big shoes to fill !



New Officers

From the left: 2nd V.P. - Patty Duncan, Treasurer - Kathryn Nelson, Secretary - Joyce Lyons, President - Paula Novander, Financial Services Co-Ord - Bob Powell, (not pictured - Elaine Berryhill - Community Services Co-Ord.)

Citizen of the Year Award

by Pam Macabio

Congratulations to Joyce Lyons, who received the Citizen of the Year Award at the Cape Coral Council for Arts and Humanities annual dinner on April 26th. She was honored for her work with the Library Art Gallery and her support of cultural activities in the community. Cape Coral Mayor John Sullivan presented the award certificate to her, and later News-Press reporter Mae Bashi interviewed Joyce for an article.



The Friends of the Cape Coral Library cordially invite you to attend
The Friends of the Library Annual Spring Luncheon

Friday, May 13, 2011
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

at

Palmetto Pine Country Club
1940 Southwest 9th Court
Cape Coral, FL 33914

Menu selections:

Par Three Salad
Caesar Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad
Fish Sandwich
Reuben Sandwich
Tuscan Chicken Wrap

Cost: \$16 per person Includes beverage and dessert. Cash bar will be available

Questions? Need more information? Contact Patty Duncan at 541-2617 or joepatdun@aol.com

To attend, please print and mail this form.

Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email: _____

of Attendees _____ (@ \$16 per person)

Attendees will make their menu selections at the luncheon.

Return this form with check made payable to **The Friends of the Cape Coral library** and mail to:

Patty Duncan,
2829 SW 50th Terrace,
Cape Coral, FL. 33914.

Postmark by Saturday, May 7.



The Book Page

Hot Titles

Book Discussions

From Barcelona, with Love Elizabeth Adler
 One Summer David Baldacci
 Long Gone : A Novel Alafair Burke
 Outrage Robert Tanenbaum
 Heat Wave : A Novel Nancy Thayer
 Watch Me Die Erica Spindler
 Fallen : A Novel Karin Slaughter
 The dog who came in from the cold : a Corduroy
 Mansions novel Alexander McCall Smith
 The Devil Colony James Rollins
 Tigerlily's Orchids : A Novel Ruth Rendell

The following book discussions are being planned at the Cape Library. If you are interested in lively discussions please try to attend.

The May book discussion is "White Doves At Morning" by James Lee Burke. This is a well told story of the Civil War.

There is no discussion for June.

Find more books on Lee County Library System page of best sellers at:

[http://www.nextreads.com/Display2.aspx?sid=3bf78282-
cee4-4bba-9fea-5d99d1aaa64a&N=272390](http://www.nextreads.com/Display2.aspx?sid=3bf78282-cee4-4bba-9fea-5d99d1aaa64a&N=272390)

Notes from the Novelettes: Book Reviews from the Club's Reading List

by Monica Rahman

A group of female friends in Cape Coral formed a book club last year, and we call ourselves the Novelettes. The club's reading list is an assortment of books for a variety of tastes. Here are reviews for just a few of the novels that we've read and discussed.

Four to Score by Janet Evanovich

This book is the fourth one in the Stephanie Plum "numbered" series. Fans of the Trenton, New Jersey bounty hunter (who, despite her dangerous occupation, hates handling a gun and conveniently forgets hers at home most days) are legion. True to form, Evanovich includes the familiar eccentric characters found in the first three Plum books and introduces some new weirdos to the mix. Four to Score contains sexual references and profanity, but this mystery is a ton more fun to read than any straight-laced novel. Many, but not all, of the Novelettes who took part in the discussion said that they could identify with Stephanie. But everyone agreed that they found her two male love interests to be very sexy, that they couldn't remotely guess what would happen next, and that they laughed all the way through. Each of the books in the Plum series stands alone, so feel free to start with the first, One for the Money; just pick up the scintillating Four to Score reviewed here; or read any others in the series up through Smokin' Seventeen. Regardless of which book you choose, you'll enjoy a wild and wacky ride.

Sanibel Flats by Randy Wayne White

White is a local author, and several of the Novelettes recently met him at a book signing. He was exceptionally gracious as he posed for photos with us. Sanibel Flats offered the first appearance of Marion ("Doc") Ford and introduced some other characters and Southwest Florida locations that would populate White's future novels. Ford is a flawed hero and multi-dimensional personality whose fearlessness leads him

into a variety of dangerous and violent adventures. Book club member Mary found the novel too graphic for her taste. One of the Novelettes, Janet, remarked that this book is one big fantasy for men, and she compared it to "chick flick" romances that appeal to women. Speaking of movies, Jan could picture one particular moment in Sanibel Flats where emeralds rained down as being a perfect scene for the cinema. Several of the Novelettes nodded in agreement when Fran commented that she found the interplay between two characters to be the highlight of the book. Tomlinson is a very likeable counter point to Ford (the first being intuitive, spiritual, and peace loving and the second being scientific, cynical, and macho). Despite their contrasting natures, the two men are friends. All in all, Sanibel Flats is action-filled, entertaining, and quirky. Descriptions of the local geography and wildlife contribute to the sense of immediacy. One can see why this work proved to be a very successful novel that launched the Doc Ford book series.

Look Again by Lisa Scottoline

The story centers around single woman and journalist, Ellen Gleeson, who sees an age-progressed "Have you seen this child?" flyer with a photo that looks eerily like her three-year-old adopted son. Ellen's search for the truth leads her into terrifying situations and legal complications. No doubt, author Scottoline's background as a journalist and attorney enabled her to tell the story with such conviction and clarity. The detailed descriptions of Ellen's clothes, surroundings, and daily routine make her seem very real. The interaction between Ellen and her adorable adopted son, Will, rings true. The action is so believable that I found myself mentally shouting "Be careful!" The book leads the reader to ponder: *What would I do if I found myself in Ellen's shoes?*

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Gallery Exhibits

Exhibiting May 1 to June 15



Marianne Bell started her parallel artistic passions in both classical ballet and fine art at an early age. For most of her career, Marianne focused on dance. Approaching retirement she began her journey into the world of fine art. Finally, at age 64, she entered the Schuler Art world as a full time student where she has been developing her skills as taught by excellent teachers.

Marianne has her work in private collections in Seaside and Carmel, California, Washington, DC, Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland, Clementon, New Jersey, Oakford, Pennsylvania, and Pompano, Naples and Cape Coral Florida.

For Marianne, it is the journey, not the destination.....

Carol Rosenberg holds a BA in Studio Art from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. She has worked as an illustrator for WVIZ-PBS-TV and American Greetings in Cleveland. Her paintings, life drawings, assemblages, sculpture and calligraphy have won awards and have been shown in individual and group exhibitions, juried and invitational shows in colleges and galleries in the Cleveland area and in Southwest Florida. She is a member of Cape Coral Art League and participates the Art League's Portrait Open Studio on Tuesday mornings.

Exhibiting June 16 to August 1

Sandra Fay Mark: After a long career in art education, including high school art in California, Tokyo, and Ludwigsburg, Germany, Sandra moved to Ft Myers. Sandra and husband, John, joined the Center for the Arts in Bonita Springs and began a return to her first love, Art. Her paintings are in mixed media and display her love of color, She began fused glass and kiln-firing at the Cape Coral Arts Studio. She enjoys experimenting with different mediums just for the fun of it.

John Merchant took early retirement in 1991 from corporate management to become a freelance writer. His activities in the visual arts had been spasmodic. His formal art training was acquired by a succession of avocational classes spread over many years, and included five years as a part-time student at the College o Art in Sheffield, England. His creative efforts have centered on clay and on stone abstract sculpture, but also include busts and human figures in motion. He also creates computer generated, abstract art giclees. A member of the Bonita Springs Art League and the Southwest Florida Craft Guild, he takes full advantage of their classes and studio facilities.

Book Reviews

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Novelette Dee was taken aback by the "huge moral dilemma" that Ellen faced. Dee felt that the possibility of ever giving up her own child would be "mind boggling". Pat believes that "this could happen to anybody" and pointed out that there have been actual news stories about similar situations. In summary, the book is (Please excuse the cliché!) a page turner. Several of the Novelettes had been too engrossed in the plot to put the book down. Look Again epitomizes a work that involves the reader thoroughly and maintains the suspense so masterfully as to evoke such comments.

Each of the novels listed here is available through the Library. Except for Sanibel Flats, they can be found in other formats in addition to the traditional printed book.

Hotline Number

The Friends of the Library have a hotline number! Call us with questions or comments. Our number is

349-2572

Leave a message with your phone number and we will get back to you. And don't forget to check the website CapeFriends.org for more information.

New Members

Marge Quinn
Maria Pando
Janet Opp

Please renew your membership for 2011, if you have not yet done so. We would like to keep all our Friends! Fill out the form on the back page and mail it in. Or you may go to our web page and renew there. Visit www.capefriends.org



Use this form to join or **renew** your membership or change your address.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 15.00
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