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Holiday4Heroes

“We Give Because They Give”

Who Are We?

Holiday4Heroes was founded in 2007 by Jonette Kessack, who owned a postage and wine store. This grassroots effort was started to fill a need to provide comfort and care to our deployed men and women all over the world. We are a group of team members, volunteers and business owners who had a desire to show our military that we remember them and appreciate their sacrifices for us.



What Do We Do?

What started as a holiday program, our first year sending 40 packages, became a year-round effort. We now send 100 to 200 comfort packages each month to our brave men and women, and 1,000 packages for our holiday mission. We have now sent almost a total of 20,000 packages.



To fill the need at home we have added more programs for our community to serve our in-need and homeless veterans and their families.

Additions To The Mission

In 2019, we started our Backpack for Homeless and In-Need Veterans Program partnering with the VA and various homeless coalitions. Our backpacks are filled with personal care items, high protein snacks and information on where to get help.



In 2020, we began distributing bulk food drops to our in-need veterans and their families through the VA food pantry.

In 2021 our local VA Clinic asked us if we could help fill a need in our community. We were asked if we could provide tents and water filtration bottles for our veterans who are losing their homes during the current housing crisis.

In 2022 we realized that some of our Mission Make Merry Families, sometimes, need a little extra help for emergencies. When funds are available, we provide what we can to help our families get through these difficult times with a little less stress. Please read about some of the things we are doing for our families.

Mission Make Merry

As the mission evolves, Holiday4Heroes supports our military families at home by giving them a Christmas filled with joy and less worries.

Every year we provide a merrier Christmas for local military families, who may be going through some difficult times. These families are recommended to us through the VA. The first year



we started with three families. Last year we were able to help 23 families.

Fast forward to 2023, we are currently seeking donations and all the necessary trimmings to help our veterans' families make their holiday season a little bit brighter.

This year, through the tremendous generosity of our community, we are hoping to be able to include gift certificates for food to help out with Thanksgiving dinner too.

How You Can Help

We are always being asked “what can we buy” or “what do you need.” Each and every donation is needed and appreciated!

There are many ways to help: Attend events, purchase monthly raffle tickets, pick up a box and fill it with supplies, volunteer to help pack boxes, make a monetary donation to help with costs, become a sponsor, donate gift cards and much more.

If you would like to help, please send your contact information to triciah4h@gmail.com. Tricia has taken over volunteer services and is an amazing addition to our committee. Packing dates are set and you will be able to sign up in advance!

Visit our website www.holiday4heroes.com for a list of supplies needed and for more information.

Holiday4Heroes, 3990 Wholesale Court, Suite 2, North Fort Myers, FL 33903, www.holiday4heroes.com, holiday4heroes@outlook.com, (239) 677-9923. (We are only open on certain days, please call to see when we are available.)

Brotherhood Of Heroes Resource Center And Museum

This museum is a physical chronicle of transformative moments in our nation's history. It features exhibits from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, World War I and II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the Gulf Wars and wars in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.



There is a tribute to women who have served in the military, as well as a Holocaust Memorial. If you want to go way back, there is even a rare dinosaur egg on display.

There is a musket from the Battle at Gettysburg, other weapons and ammunition of all types and sizes from each war, a rare collection of military uniforms, aviation devices and an original Jeep and bicycle from World War II.

This Resource Center and Museum was founded in the midst of the social turmoil of 2020. The Brotherhood of Heroes Museum hopes to educate the community as well as honor first responders and military service personnel through our exhibits that capture the dramatic events that shaped our nation.

The Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center is committed to helping first responders, military both active and veterans alike, their families, and the Cape Coral community. The Brotherhood of Heroes frequently hosts

events to benefit the community, and actively partners with many community-based organizations. For many, getting the help they need is a simple visit or phone call away.

Whether you are paying your respects at our Purple Heart Monument, taking in one of our breathtaking exhibits, using the resource center's services, or celebrating your birthday with us, The Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center and Museum will show you not only how the world has impacted Cape Coral, but how Cape Coral has impacted the world.

The Brotherhood of Heroes is a 501(c)(3) not for profit museum and resource center located in Cape Coral. Monetary donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated and would help us preserve artifacts, create new exhibit spaces, and provide events to the community.

Please visit our website for more information or our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/brotherhoodofheroes.

Resource Center

The Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center aims to be the go-to location for anyone that needs help in Cape Coral.

The Brotherhood of Heroes is home to the Lee County Sheriff's Department's Cape Coral Outreach Center and is the location for regular food distributions in collaboration

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Veterans Day Events

**Salute To Veterans Barbecue
Thursday, Nov. 9 – 12 to 1 p.m.**

Join us at Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral for a free barbecue to celebrate and to honor veterans and their families.

**Veterans Day Parade
Saturday, Nov. 11 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Join us as the community honors our American heroes and pays tribute to those who lost their lives, those who served honorably and those who are still proudly serving our country. The Veterans Day celebration is a cooperative effort of the City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation and local community volunteers. This year's parade will be on Cape Coral Parkway beginning at 11 a.m. The parade route is westbound from Cape Coral Parkway to Chester Street. For more details, call (239) 573-3122 or email seclerk@capecoral.gov.

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with the Gunterberg Foundation and Midwest Food Bank. The Brotherhood of Heroes Resource Center serves as the headquarters and meeting place for the Cape Coral Chapter of Disabled American Veterans, Korean War Vets, Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Marine League, American Merchant Marine Veterans, Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, Combat Infantrymen's Association, and the Cape Coral chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, while enjoying partnerships with numerous community-based organizations such as United Way, Mission United 211, and the AARP.

The resource center also offers a meeting room that is not only perfect for in-person meetings but is also Zoom equipped for remote meetings. The meeting room is cleaned and disinfected after every use, and face masks and hand sanitizer are always provided by the Brotherhood of Heroes.

New resources are constantly being added to the resource center, and the meeting room is available for bookings. Stop by or contact The Brotherhood of Heroes today to see how the resource center can help you!

Cpl. George Metzger Gallery

George Washington

Greeting visitors and providing an overview of the museum is Gen. George Washington. In 1782, during the American Revolution, Gen. Washington established the Badge of Merit, a forerunner of the Purple Heart and America's first military decoration. Gen. Washington would go on to serve as the first President of the United States from 1789 to 1797.



Purple Heart

Established in 1932, the Purple Heart is a military decoration awarded to armed services members who were injured or killed while serving the U.S. Military. The Brotherhood of Heroes Museum is the permanent home of the Florida Purple Heart Wall, which chronicles the state's Purple Heart recipients who have died in combat since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the nation.



.50 Cal. Machine Gun

The awesome .50 Browning is a centerpiece in our museum. During World War II, virtually every U.S. and Allied combat aircraft, naval ship, armored vehicle

and infantry unit was equipped with big Brownings, known to millions of servicemen and women as the "Browning M2" or simply the "Ma Deuce."



Stalingrad

The German machine gunner on display depicts the Battle of Stalingrad, which marked a turning point in the Allied victory in Europe during World War II. From August 1942 through February 1943, more than two million troops fought in close quarters – and nearly two million people were



killed or injured in the fighting, including tens of thousands of Russian civilians.

Willys Jeep

A focal point of the museum is a 1945 Willys Jeep. It was found on a farm in Lancaster County, Pa., before being fully restored. After World War II, many Jeeps were used like tractors for farm work. In addition to being used in World War II, this Jeep was also used by Lancaster County fire department.



Brotherhood Of Heroes, 4522 Del Prado Blvd. S., Cape Coral, FL 33904, (239) 360-8913, www.thebrotherhoodofheroes.com.

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.



Thanksgiving Dinner

\$99.99

Feeds 8-10

Main Entree

• Pre-Cooked Large Whole Turkey, (approximately 16lbs.)

Side Dishes

- 2lb. Mashed Potatoes or 2lb. Sweet Potato Casserole
- 2lb. Green Bean Almondine, or 2lb. Green Bean Casserole
- 2lb. Apple Cranberry Stuffing
- 12ct. Hawaiian Rolls
- 32oz. Homemade Gravy.



*Add on a bakery pie for an additional charge



No substitutions available. All dinners come cold.

Please note: Farmer Joe's will be closed on Thanksgiving November 23rd.

Deadline to order: Sunday November 19th - while supplies last!



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The Future Of Cape Coral

Here We Grow!

The mission of the Cape Coral Economic and Business Development Office (EBDO) is to achieve a balanced economy in the Cape by encouraging the creation of new businesses, expanding existing businesses, and attracting new firms from outside the area. The EBDO creates and administers financial incentives, promotes Cape Coral through advertising and public relations programs, and serves as a business ombudsman to assist with licensing, zoning, and other government-related questions in the Cape.

Key Economic Indicators

Cape Coral By Numbers

- Cape Coral's Total Population = 216,992*
- Labor force = 126,072*
- Unemployment rate for May 2023 = 2.7 percent (same as May 2022)
- Cape Coral ranked No. 6 as the most popular place to move by Redfin, April 2022

*Per the U.S. Census, 2022

Cape Coral Vacancy Rates

- Retail 1.6 percent
- Office 2.0 percent
- Industrial 1.5 percent
- Multifamily 12.1 percent

Cape Coral Market Highlights

- Cape Coral is Fort Myers' second largest retail sub-market, with just under 10 million square feet of retail products.

- Vacancy has remained below 3 percent for 10 consecutive quarters, largely due to absorption edging out new construction.

- Over the past year, 170,000 square feet have been delivered, and an additional 110,000 square feet is set to deliver over the coming quarters.

- Logistics is the most dominant industrial subtype in Cape Coral, with 2.8 million square feet in this category. This is followed by 740,000 square feet of flex space and 370,000 square feet of specialized space.

- Vacancy in the Cape Coral industrial is 1.5 percent and has increased by 0.8 percent over the past 12 months.

- Total inventory has expanded by 170,000 square feet in the past three years.

Business Development Updates

Bimini Square – 338 Palmetto Drive And Cape Coral Parkway E. (Palm Tree Drive To Sunset Court)

- \$55 million investment
- 5.6-acre site
- Mixed-use project
- Waterfront restaurants
- 48,000 square feet of retail and professional space
- 218 premium apartments
- 25-slip boat dock
- 500-space public parking garage
- Anticipated groundbreaking: Fall 2023

The Cove At 47th – 870 S.E. 47th Terrace

- \$103 million project
- 327 luxury apartments
- Phase 1 complete – first quarter 2024
- First 100 residential units available
- Anticipated completion: December 2024

The Hadley – 1434 S.W. 2nd St.

- 444 units, multifamily development by The Latigo Group
- 28-acre site
- Amenities to include a fitness center, wellness area, sauna and meditation room, co-working spaces, and more.
- Expected completion: 2024

Cape Coral Grove – 2301 S.W. Pine Island Road

- Mixed-use destination offering new retail shops and restaurants, a boutique hotel, and park space
- Phase 1 infrastructure – 90 days
- Phase 2 residential – Fall 2023
- Five multifamily structures and a clubhouse
- 350 units to be constructed initially
- Phase 3 commercial/retail
- 12 tenant leases under negotiation and 30 letters of intent
- Commencement date: TBD

City Mattress – 915 N.E. 15th Place

- 10,000 square-foot retail store is set to become the eighth City Mattress location in Southwest Florida.
- The store will join other national tenants such as First Watch and Crumbl Cookie in the 13-acre retail development Cape Coral Commons.

Seven Islands – Northwest Old Burnt Store Road

- Pre-application meetings have taken place with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- In the final review stages of project conceptual and programmed uses for individual islands.
- Completion of conceptual in the next 60 days.

Victory Park – 2313 N.E. 24th Ave.

- 140-acre master planned development
- Proposed uses: medical, retail, multifamily residential, veteran services, and hotel
- Designed to promote walkability, biking, and public transit options
- In permitting for site plan

Slipaway Food Truck Park & Marina – 1811 Cape Coral Parkway E.

- \$20 million project
- 10 food trucks; 30 boat slips
- 1,370 feet of pathways and boardwalk
- Food truck applications are available on slipawaycape.com.
- Coming 2024

Island Pearl – S.W. Pine Island Road and Burnt Store Road

- Mixed-use development featuring lifestyle, retail, business, dining, and entertainment
- Phase 1 – 10,000 square-foot retail center
- Phase 1 site plan under review
- Dunkin' Donuts is the first confirmed tenant going into this location.

Sportsman Wearhouse – 527 S.W. Pine Island Road

- Utah-based retail company that offers outdoor gear and many different items, ranging from hunting and fishing to boating, outdoor cooking, and apparel.

Achieva Credit Union – 3031 S.W. Pine Island Road

- (Under construction) 4,659 square feet, new branch location

For more information and to keep up with the growth of Cape Coral, please visit Cape Coral Economic and Business Development Office at www.capecoral.gov/EDO.

Coral Oaks Golf Course

By Allen Manguson, PGA A-4, Coral Oaks Golf Course
The Lesson Tee

Personalized instruction with PGA professionals, \$90 for an hour; \$30 for half hour.

Tip Of The Month

What controls distance on all shots? Length and pace of stroke is the answer. You would swing a driver back to your knee and through to your knee to hit it far. And the same can be said for a 10-foot putt. You would swing that back to your shoulder and through to your shoulder.

You can practice distance control on your putting. By controlling the length and pace of the stroke, remember that 1s and 2s are good scores; 3s and 4s are not when putting.

Fantastic Fairway Feats

Ed Suchicki had his first-ever hole in one on hole No. 6 with a 6-iron. Ed has been playing at Coral Oaks for many years.

Frank Seiler shot and broke his age twice in the past month, with scores of 75 and 78.

Please be sure to remind us of your “fantastic fairway feats” each month so we can share them with everyone!

October Rates*

Oct. 1 to 31: \$40 before 12 p.m., \$35 after 12 p.m., \$30 after 2 p.m.

*Rates do not include sales tax.

For more information about Coral Oaks, including amenities, details on PGA golf instruction, upcoming events, special online discount coupons, and to book tee times online, visit www.CoralOaksGolf.com.

So, what are you waiting for? Get out to Coral Oaks because “Every day is a great day at Coral Oaks!”

Coral Oaks Golf Course, 1800 N.W. 28th Ave., Cape Coral, Fla., (239) 573-3100, www.capecoral.gov/coraloak.



Artist: Andrew Libeck

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Cape Coral Art League

Shows And Events

Open Painting

Enjoy the company of fellow artists. Just drop by and bring your own art project and supplies. Enjoy some yummy snacks and enjoyable music too! No registration required! (Adults only, please.)



Every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Open to the public. \$2 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. (Pay at the door.)

Student Sundays – Teaching Young People Art (October Through June)

Exposing young people to the visual arts can help in the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, teamwork, decision-making, risk-taking, and, of course, inventiveness. At the Cape Coral Art League, we strive to teach the next generation about drawing, color, layout, perspective, and balance – skills that can benefit them in their academic work as well as expand their creativity. And they have fun while learning!

Ages 6 to 14 (no younger, please). 1 to 4 p.m. Fee: \$20. All materials provided. Cash or check at the door only. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register – no pre-sign-ups. No reservations required. New lesson every week. Check our Facebook page or our website for updates.

November

Express Yourself

Nov. 6 to 30 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Wine and cheese reception on Thursday, Nov. 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Free parking and entry.

Members' Month

Nov. 6 to 30 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Wine and cheese reception on Thursday, Nov. 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Free parking and entry.

December

Water Wonderland

Dec. 4 to 21 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Wine and cheese reception on Thursday, Dec. 7, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Free parking and entry.

Holiday Sale Of Members' Art

Dec. 4 to 21 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Wine and cheese reception on Thursday, Dec. 7, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Free parking and entry.

Upcoming 2024 Workshops

Please visit our website for updates.

Expressive Palette Knife With Jan Atkielski

Jan. 5 and 6, 2024

Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve Kayaking And Lunch With Carmen Sprague

Jan. 5 and 6

Instruction To Painting With Chalk Pastels With Leslie McNeil

Feb. 2 and 3

Storyboard Creative Painting With Linda Lucas

March 15 and 16

Resin And Dutch Pour With Tammy DeCaro

April 26 and 27

Unique Gifts At Reasonable Prices!

The gift shop is located inside the Cape Coral Art League and showcases talent within the league.

Come browse the creativity of local artists. Thinking of a gift for someone special? You will find it here among the unique and treasured. Artistic expression is found here – come in and experience it. Don't forget to pick up a mini – small originals made by our members – they are a perfect gift!

Speaking of gifts

Give a gift that keeps them creating! The Cape Coral Art League gift certificates are available in any amount. They can be redeemed toward a variety of classes and workshops for adults and children.

Office, gallery and gift shop hours are Monday through Thursday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cape Coral Art League, 516 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990, (239) 772-5657, www.capecoralartleague.org.

Smoke Alarms

Having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half. Renting or owning, all residences should have working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level. Keep smoke alarms at least 10 feet away from the stove to reduce false alarms. All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month and replaced when they are 10 years old.



means a set of wires come out of the smoke alarm and connect to electrical wiring in the home). Team members will test the alarms and replace the batteries as needed. If a hard-wired smoke alarm needs to be replaced, this is the responsibility of the homeowner, who may need to contact a licensed electrician.

Smoke Alarm Outreach Program

Through a partnership with the Cape Coral Fire Department Community Foundation and the American Red Cross, the Cape Coral Fire Department is proud to offer a free smoke alarm program for homes located in the Cape Coral service area. When at the home, the Smoke Alarm Outreach team members will test any pre-existing smoke alarms, change batteries in working smoke alarms, and install new 10-year battery smoke alarms to ensure your home is adequately covered. Carbon monoxide alarms are also available for those who request it. Team members can also provide fire and life safety information.

Hardwired smoke alarms: This program does not include replacing hard-wired smoke alarms (hard-wired

Renters: According to Florida State Statute 83.51 subsection 2, paragraph B, "Unless otherwise agreed in writing, at the commencement of the tenancy of a single-family home or duplex, the landlord shall install working smoke detection devices." In other words, the landlord is responsible for ensuring working smoke alarms are installed in rental units before occupants move in, unless it is otherwise agreed in writing. And you should **never** agree to not having smoke alarms installed.

To request a visit from a Smoke Alarm Outreach team member, please complete the form at www.capecoralfire.com/smoke-alarms. After submitting the form, you will be contacted to confirm which service you are requesting and to the date and time of the visit.

*Please note, all of our Smoke Alarm Outreach team members are trained, fingerprinted and cleared through a background screening.

Cape Fun-Mobile

The Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Fun-Mobile is an exciting recreation center on wheels that offers a variety of organized activities to promote outdoor play to the public at local parks for **free!** This mobile recreation program helps establish new play places and enrich current play opportunities.

As part of the program, children may have the chance to create unique art projects and play a game of basketball or soccer with a Cape Coral Police Officer or Lee County Sheriff, all in a fun and safe environment.

The Fun-Mobile is brought to you by Cape Coral Parks and Recreation, the Sheriff's Activities League (SYAL), and the Cape Coral Police Department (PAL). Parks and Recreation staff and SYAL and PAL will provide positive role models for participants by reinforcing good sportsmanship and outdoor activities.

What's even more exciting is the equipment within the Fun-Mobile is powered by the sun! Furnished with solar panels, the Fun-Mobile can go anywhere, and participants can even listen to music powered by the sun! In addition, families can register for camps and classes at the Fun-Mobile during select events using the vehicle's mobile registration system.

Check out the upcoming schedule at <https://bit.ly/3Ev4kAY> or scan the QR code and see the times and locations for the Fun-Mobile at Cape Coral parks and special events throughout the year!



Cape Coral Historical Museum

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Come visit us for more historical information about Cape Coral.

Hours: Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission: Adults, \$5; members, free; students with ID, free; children, 17 and under, free.

Cape Coral Historical Museum, 544 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990, (239) 772-7037, capecoralmuseum.org.

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“I Just Don’t Believe That...”

Dear friend,

When I meet people in town, they usually say, “Oh, yeah, I know you, you’re that doctor with the beard on TV.” Well, perhaps I should tell you a little more about myself, the picture from television and why I use it in my ads.

Let’s start with me, the guy with the beard. Ten years ago I was living here in Florida. At that time my mother was down visiting from New Jersey for the season when she showed up in my clinic with a **frozen shoulder**. She was desperate and in pain having lost practically all use of her dominant arm. She could hardly fix her hair, reach for a coffee cup or even fasten her brassiere. Basic hygiene had become extremely difficult for her. She was afraid, because the two orthopedic surgeons that she had consulted told her, “Your only option is to have your shoulder replaced.” I remember saying to my mother, “**I just don’t believe that.**”

Now at that time I was a chiropractor who worked primarily on the spine. Frankly... I didn’t know how I was going to help her. I just knew there was a non-surgical solution out there and I was going to find it.

And boy did I find it! I found the answer to my mother’s shoulder problem and much, much more. And where did I find it? Of all places, I found it at the birthplace of Elvis Presley, Tupelo, Mississippi. Immediately I hopped on a plane and flew into Memphis, rented a car and drove out to a chiropractic neurologist who was willing to teach me how to fix my mother’s frozen shoulder. I spent three days in his clinic shadowing him, learning a new technique I had never even heard about before. Eager to help my mother, I developed this new skill set quickly. When I returned to Florida I wanted to be able to immediately fix my mother’s shoulder.

And that’s exactly what happened. After I performed the first Non-Surgical Operation on her shoulder, her pain went away significantly and she recovered to nearly full range of motion. She was so happy that she avoided surgery and got her life back.

It’s strange how life is, because that same doctor who showed me how to fix my mother’s shoulder opened up his treasure chest of knowledge and showed me how to help people with **chronic knee, neck, low back pain and those suffering with neuropathy** in their hands and feet, **all without the use of Drugs, Surgery or Injections.**

I spent the next several months flying back and forth to Mississippi learning all that I could.

Many years later we now have over one thousand successful patient testimonials. Many of them were told by their doctors that their only option was to have their knee or shoulder replaced or to take toxic drugs for the rest of their lives to mask their neuropathy symptoms.

Al was one of those patients who was told he had **‘bone on bone’** degeneration. His knee stopped unlocking properly, similar to what I’m describing in the photo, and he was facing knee replacement surgery. He was suffering from **chronic degenerative knee pain**, couldn’t walk properly and was easily holding onto 60 pounds of excess body weight. His doctors would have eagerly scheduled him for a knee replacement surgery had he decided to go in that direction.

Immediately after the Non-Surgical Operation I performed on Al’s knee, he was squatting and walking up and down the stairs normally without pain.

Al is now in his early 70s touring Alaska in his RV. He has dropped over 60 pounds and is biking 15 - 20 miles per day and loving life. He regularly sends me great pictures from his adventures.

Joyce was told by her oncologist, “There’s nothing that can be done.” She would have to live with the chemo-induced **neuropathy in her hands and feet**. Hot and cold were indistinguishable and the numbness and tingling made it impossible for her to walk any distance.

Joyce was a cancer survivor only to have come out on the other side with another debilitating condition. She and her husband showed up in my clinic and told me what their medical doctor had said. I told her the same thing I told my mother, “**I just don’t believe that.**”

After a thorough neurological examination and report of findings she trusted me enough to follow my protocols. Within two weeks her numbness and tingling in her feet subsided and the feeling was coming back.. After 12 weeks she was feeling the sand between her toes as she walked along the beach again. At her one year checkup Joyce’s sensory loss had improved over 80% overall to within the normal range... She is all smiles these days!



You should know that **I don’t heal anyone of anything.** What I do is perform a specific non-surgical operation that resets the communication between the brain and knee or shoulder, instantly decreasing pain and inflammation, increasing strength and flexibility and **helping with tissue healing**. For our neuropathy patients we have a 4 step, proven approach that heals your nerves and reverses your symptoms. We get tremendous results. It’s as simple as that!

Today in the United States medical doctors are prescribing more drugs than ever before. These drugs are designed to cover up symptoms as your condition gets worse underneath the surface. The toxicity from the daily use of these chemicals ultimately leads to nasty side-effects and more drugs to treat the new symptoms. The current “healthcare” system was built to maintain your condition, not fix it. It’s a brilliant business model for the pharmaceutical industry and the hospitals, but a horrible strategy to follow if one is looking to age gracefully.

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out. By the way, further care is very affordable and you’ll be happy to know that the non-surgical, drug free therapies and procedures performed in my clinic **can cost as little as \$300 per month.** You see, I’m not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor because **higher costs can add up very quickly.**

“You shouldn’t be forced to choose drugs and surgery just because that’s the only treatment medicare and your insurance company will cover.”

You should know a little about my qualifications. That’s important so that there’s no misunderstanding about the **quality of care.** I’m the best-selling author of **Breaking The Cycle** - how to take control of your life when traditional medicine has failed. **An amazon #1 new release in three categories.** I’m a graduate of Life University School of Chiropractic practicing since 1998. I am a licensed chiropractic physician certified in functional neurology. I’ve been entrusted to take care of avid morning walkers, pro-athletes and business tycoons you may have heard of.

My office is called **Active Health Brain & Body** and it is located at 6710 Winkler Road, Suite #1. It’s the gray Key West-style building at the corner of Cypress Lake Drive and Winkler Road behind the Bank of America. The phone number is **239-482-8686.** Please call my wonderful assistants Megan or Silvia today to make an appointment.



I wish you the Very Best in Health and Life!

Dr. Rob Davis, DC

P.S. When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only **\$97.**

P.P.S. Your time is as valuable to you as mine is to me. That’s why I have a “no wait” policy. It is highly unusual to wait more than a few minutes in my office.



My mother and I featured in a local publication for non-surgical shoulder solutions.

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Charting 60 Years Of Seafaring Splendor: Cape Coral Cruise Club Celebrates Milestone Anniversary!

Cape Coral, Florida
– Sept. 15, 2023

In the tranquil waters of Florida's Gulf Coast, the Cape Coral Cruise Club has marked a remarkable milestone – their 60th anniversary. Founded by nine adventurous couples in 1963, this illustrious club has spent six decades forging bonds, exploring the Sunshine State's picturesque waterways, and crafting unforgettable memories. Today, we take a journey back in time to celebrate their remarkable journey and the legacy they've created.



Setting Sail On A Dream

In an era when leisure boating was still in its infancy, these visionary pioneers sought to create a community bound by a shared love for the sea. With their hearts set on adventure, they embarked on countless voyages, cruising the waters of Florida's pristine coastline, the Florida Keys, and meandering rivers. It was more than just boating; it was about camaraderie and forging friendships that would stand the test of time.

From Leasing To Owning Paradise

The Cape Coral Cruise Club's devotion to their aquatic pursuits knew no bounds. In 1975, they leased "Chino Island," a move that allowed them to transform it into a cherished retreat for members and their families. This island oasis became a hub for gatherings, relaxation, and endless oceanic exploration.

But their ambitions didn't stop there. In 1987, they set their sights on a dream-come-true: "Hidden Island." With unwavering determination, they purchased this pristine paradise, complete with its lush flora and serene waters. Their love for the sea shone through as they constructed a magnificent pavilion and state-of-the-art dockage facilities, turning Hidden Island into a jewel in the heart of the Caloosahatchee River.



Venturing Far And Wide

While they are Florida's beloved cruisers, the Cape Coral Cruise Club is no stranger to far-off horizons. Over the years, they've cruised to distant shores, even reaching as far as the Abacos Bahamas, where they embarked on an epic three-week voyage. These daring expeditions have only strengthened the bonds between members, as they navigated through azure waters and discovered new wonders together.

A Fleet As Diverse As Their Dreams

The club's fleet is as diverse as their dreams, ranging from nimble 25-foot vessels to impressive 65-foot cruisers. Each boat boasts cozy and well-appointed accommodations, making overnight cruises a luxurious experience. It's this variety that has allowed members to tailor their excursions to their desires, whether it's a serene weekend getaway or a grand adventure along the coast.

Looking To The Future

As they celebrate their 60th anniversary, the Cape Coral Cruise Club shows no signs of slowing down. Their love for the sea and their commitment to fostering lifelong friendships remain as strong as ever. With every journey they undertake, they continue to carve their story into the ever-changing tides of Florida's maritime history.

In an era where the world rushes by at breakneck speed, the Cape Coral Cruise Club stands as a testament to the enduring power of community, adventure, and the timeless allure of the open sea. Here's to the next 60 years of cruising, camaraderie, and cherished memories. **Happy anniversary, Cape Coral Cruise Club!**

If you own a boat with full overnight accommodations and would like information on becoming a member of the Cape Coral Cruise Club, please contact our Membership Chairman, Terry Carlson, at (239) 770-6955. You can also follow us on Facebook and check out our website www.capecoralcruiseclub.com.



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Cape Coral Reindeer Run

Saturday, Dec. 9 – 4 p.m.

The Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department is proud to host the Second Annual Reindeer Run at the Coral Oaks Golf Course, 1800 N.W. 28th Ave., Cape Coral. The event is a family-friendly fun run so come dressed in your holiday spirit! Walking entrants are welcome. The first 300 participants will receive a medal.



After the race, spend time with us in Santa's workshop area, where you can visit local businesses and race sponsors or have the kids participate in free photos with Santa. There will be plenty of activities for the whole family!

The 5K will be chipped timed and scored by our Cape Coral residents Lin-Mark Sports of Cape Coral. Texted results will be available to all persons who sign up for it during the registration process. Please note that there are no awards for the 5K.



Early Bird Registration – Sept. 10 Through Dec. 8

1.5-Mile Family Fun Run/Walk – \$15 (child ages 4 to 12); \$20 (adults, 13-plus year-old)

5K run – no overall ages awards – \$25

Same Day Registration – Dec. 9 (Credit Card only)

1.5 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk – \$20 (child ages 4 to 12); \$25 (adults, 13-plus years-old)

5K run – \$30

Combo (5K Run And Family Run)

Sept. 10 through Dec. 8 – \$35

Dec. 9 (credit card only) – \$40

Race Packet

- Goodie bag provided by Cape Coral Parks and Recreation
- Reindeer Run T-shirt (Guaranteed to receive if registered prior to Nov. 20)
- Commemorative medal (Guaranteed for the first 300 registered participants only)
- Glow sticks, reindeer-themed gear and more!

Important Information

The first 300 participants to register will receive a medal. All participants who register prior to Nov. 20 are guaranteed to receive a T-shirt. If a participant is under 18, registration must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. Participants under 13 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Registration is subject to a convenience fee. Children under 3 years old do not need to register and do not receive a T-shirt.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for course assistance, 5K check-in, registration, spirit team and event cleanup. Fill out the application on our website at www.capereindeerrun.com.

Photos from last year's event

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Movie In The Park

The City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department proudly presents a free "Movie in the Park" series on our giant inflatable screen. The movie starts at dusk, but plan to arrive early to enjoy dinner from our onsite food truck, grab a good spot, and have a chance at our giveaways. Don't forget to bring a blanket and chairs to enjoy the movie!

Upcoming Movies

Saturday, Dec. 16, Four Freedoms Park, *Polar Express*
 Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, Four Freedoms Park, *Leap Year*

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For more information on membership, please visit our website at www.capecoralchamber.com.

Out Of The Office

A Local Escape To LaBelle

By Mandy Carter

In a world that never seems to stop moving, there's an undeniable allure in escaping the hustle and bustle of daily life, even if only for a weekend and no desire to drive too far. If you're seeking a nearby getaway that offers not just some much



needed quiet "me time" but also peaceful views and mouthwatering cuisine, look no further than The LaBelle Yacht Club. Hidden on the Caloosahatchee River in LaBelle, this hidden gem is a great spot for those craving a tranquil escape not far from home.

The Inn at LaBelle Yacht Club offers picturesque views from the riverfront room's back patio where you can enjoy a serene and peaceful atmosphere, allowing you to unwind and recharge. For dinner, you won't have to go far. Take a short walk down the path to the onsite restaurant, The Launch. It is a restaurant that strikes the perfect balance between casual comfort and upscale culinary bites.

So, the next time you're in need of a weekend escape from the daily grind, consider The LaBelle Yacht Club – where tranquility, breathtaking views, and good eats await.

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About Mandy Michelle Carter

Just a Southwest Florida mom living the dream; she loves to inspire parents to spend authentic time with your kids and to chase your own dreams unapologetically! Found on Instagram @mandymcarter and her family blog at Acupful.com.

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2023 Festival Of Trees

Thursday, Nov. 30 Through Sunday, Dec. 3

The 17th Annual Festival of Trees returns to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC)! Experience the beautiful trees decorated by local business to raise money for Goodwill of Southwest Florida and SBDAC. See these gorgeous creations beginning for just \$2 per person, beginning on Nov. 30.

View trees, vote, and buy raffle tickets to win a tree! Raffle tickets: \$10; 3 for \$25; 10 for \$50; 25 for \$100.

Festival Of Trees Viewing Times

Thursday, Nov. 30 – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1 – 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2 – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3 – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



2023 Festival Of Trees Event Information

Preview Party: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6 To 8 p.m.

Come be one of the first to see the beautifully decorated trees for the 17th Annual Festival of Trees! You are cordially invited to attend the official Festival of Trees Preview Party on Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

It's Shoebox Time!

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items, becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

Find A Shoebox

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. You can use your own shoeboxes or order our colorful preprinted ones, available in both cardboard and plastic. These sturdy options hold up well and can be lasting gifts in themselves for children to store cherished items. Boxes can be purchased on our website, www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child.

Get Your Label

Visit our label options page to find out whether an adhesive or printable label is best for you. Whichever you choose, use the label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for a boy or girl and which age category: Ages 2 to 4; 5 to 9; or 10 to 14.



Delectable hors d'oeuvres will be served alongside a cash bar. Check out all the goodies under the trees and pick your favorite while enjoying cheery holiday music! Only \$50 per person!

Love the trees and all the presents beneath them? You can't buy one, but you can try to win one! The first of the raffle tickets will be available to purchase during the Preview Party!

Also come for the one night only silent auction! Winners take their prizes home at the end of the evening. Proceeds go toward programs for SBDAC and Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida.

Wine And Paint: Thursday, Nov. 30, 6 To 9 p.m.

'Tis the season to get creative with one of our favorite local artists, Dharma Lefevre! This talented and quirky elf is going to show you how to create a gorgeous wintery landscape in acrylic. This is not like other paint parties. Dharma will be teaching color theory, how to translate landscapes and simplify what you see to produce scenery with depth and soul!

Dharma is a self-taught local artist; she has had various solo, and group shows and has worked on both charity and live painting for local events ... and did we mention she's a ton of fun! She can't wait to create alongside of you!

Each artist will be supplied with canvas, paint, paint brushes, and of course ... wine.

Tickets: \$45

Wreath Lighting Featuring Rosaline: Friday, Dec. 1, 6 To 10 p.m.

Another beautiful holiday tradition bringing Christmas to the River District.

At 7 p.m. join the mayor and Santa as they lead the stroll down First Street to the Art Center to light the giant wreath and pick the winner of the Mayor's Choice tree at the festival.

Rosaline will be playing from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and is a free concert. Some chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Santa's Block Party: Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. To 2 p.m.

Join Santa for fun, food, and holiday festivities! Santa's Block Party offers workshops including many fun holiday activities for children to enjoy with cookie decorating, a train ride, and many different kinds of arts and crafts. Kids Workshop bags will be available to purchase during the event. \$6 a bag.

Several different performances will be happening throughout the day. Touch a Firetruck and hang out with the Fort Myers Fire Department's mascot, Sparky the Dog! Scoops on First will have their amazing ice cream available for purchase.

Catch A Live Band (To Be Determined): Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 To 9:30 p.m.

Come enjoy the free concert on the front steps!

Tree Raffle Drawing: Sunday, Dec. 3, 5 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, 5100 Tice St., Fort Myers, FL 33905, and the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center.

Winner selection to be held via random drawing on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. Each Festival of Trees raffle winner will receive one of the fully decorated raffle trees, each valued at a minimum of \$500.

Each prize tree will have a separate raffle entry box which corresponds to that prize tree only. Prize selection is determined by the ticket holder by depositing entry ticket in the selected tree's entry box. Prize selection cannot be changed once raffle entry ticket has been deposited. Prizes are provided by the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation and in-kind tree sponsors.

Fill With Gifts

Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump, clothing outfit or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo – sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

Do not include candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Donate \$10 Per Shoebox

A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing, you can give online through our label options or "ways to give" pages, or by mailing a check in the postage-paid envelope available in our print brochure. If you use an online option on the labels page, you can follow your box and discover the destination of your gift.

Drop Off

Every year, National Collection Week takes place on the third week in November when more than 4,500 drop-off locations are open across the country. Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, Nov. 13 to 20. Drop-off locations will be updated mid-October, so please check back then for local drop-off locations.

Build A Shoebox Online

Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places – whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to numerous unreached people groups.

When you build a shoebox online, it provides believers in remote regions a creative way to share the Good News in a culturally sensitive manner. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them!

For more information on how to pack your "online" shoebox, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline.

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Dec. 30, 2023 - Feb. 17, 2024

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U.S. Department Of Agriculture Awards \$1 Million Grant To Cape Coral

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The City of Cape Coral will use the money to plant trees in numerous parks and green spaces across the city in all seven council districts. Cape Coral will hold workshops and volunteer tree-planting days annually to foster broad community engagement. The project

will promote the cultural and social benefits of trees while reducing the effects of climate change.

Trees make a difference. Studies show that communities with access to trees and green spaces are associated with improved health outcomes, reduced crime, lower average temperatures, and an influx of other kinds of investments and new economic opportunities. Through funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the Forest Service is making historic investments in boosting the nation's tree cover in urban, suburban and rural communities nationwide. The USDA selected 385 grant proposals and funded proposals in all 50 states, two U.S. territories, three U.S. affiliated Pacific islands and several tribal communities.

*The grant funding will be up for approval by City Council at a future City Council meeting.

Tax Talk

Did You Get A Letter From IRS?

Bud Krater has been doing taxes in Lee County for over 30 years. He has his enrolled agent (EA) status with the IRS, which means he can represent you in front of the Internal Revenue Service. He is passionate about his job of saving people tax dollars. His company, A Bud Krater Inc., has three guarantees.



For more information, contact him at (239) 772-1040. He will be happy to help!

The IRS mails letters or notices to taxpayers for a variety of reasons including if:

- They have a balance due.
- They are due a larger or smaller refund.
- The agency has a question about their tax return.
- They need to verify their identity.
- The agency needs additional information.
- The agency changed their tax return.

Here Are Some Do's And Don'ts For Taxpayers Who Receive One

- Do inform your tax advisor immediately.
- Don't ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. The notice or letter will explain the reason for the contact and will give instructions on what to do.

• Don't panic. The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies generally contact taxpayers by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully and take the appropriate action.

• Do read the notice. If the IRS changed the tax return, the taxpayer should compare the information provided in the notice or letter with the information in their original return. In general, there is no need to contact the IRS if the taxpayer agrees with the notice.

• Do respond timely. If the notice or letter requires a response by a specific date, taxpayers should reply in a timely manner to:

- minimize additional interest and penalty charges.
- preserve their appeal rights if they don't agree.

• Do not call the IRS, call your tax advisor

• Do keep a copy of the notice or letter. It's important to keep a copy of all notices or letters with other tax records. Taxpayers may need these documents later.

• Do remember there is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer must contact the IRS by phone, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. The taxpayer should have a copy of their tax return and letter when calling. Typically, taxpayers only need to contact the agency if they don't agree with the information, if the IRS request additional information, or if the taxpayer has a balance due. Taxpayers can also write to the agency at the address on the notice or letter. If taxpayers write, they should allow at least 30 days for a response.

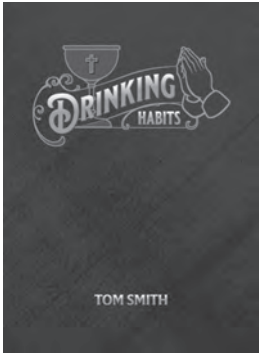
• Do avoid scams. The IRS will never contact a taxpayer using social media or text message. The first contact from the IRS usually comes in the mail. Taxpayers who are unsure if they owe money to the IRS can view their tax account information on IRS.gov.

[Source: www.irs.gov, IRS Tax Tip 2021-52]

Cape Coral's The Belle Theatre

Drinking Habits Oct. 13 To Nov. 5

The Belle Theatre proudly presents ... *Drinking Habits!* Accusations, mistaken identities, and romances run wild in this traditional, laugh-out-loud farce. Two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have been secretly making wine to keep the convent's doors open, but Paul and Sally, reporters and former fiancées, are hot on their trail. They go undercover as a nun and priest, but their presence combined with the addition of a new nun, spurs paranoia throughout the convent that spies have been sent from Rome to shut them down. Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect with lost loves.



Tickets: \$25 for adults. Student tickets are available for \$15 with valid student identification.

About The Belle

The Belle Theatre is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit performing arts center in the heart of Cape Coral. We strive to provide quality live entertainment featuring local artists as well as educational programming for all ages. Our mainstage season features full-scale musicals and plays including classics, new works and some of Broadway's biggest hits. Educational programming includes productions and workshops for young artists, classes and workshops for adults and specialty workshops for all ages! When our stage isn't filled with full-scale productions or our students' work, we offer concerts and other special events like open mic nights, karaoke and other fun community activities!

Founded by Cape Coral native, Tyler Young, The Belle is named after Tyler's late grandmother, Belmira Young, known as Belle to those who knew her best. "My Nana was always in the audience whether I was onstage, backstage or directing she was always there supporting me." Tyler has been involved in theatre since he was 7 years old, so opening The Belle in Spring 2022 was a dream come true.

The Belle Theatre, 2708 Santa Barbara Blvd., Suite 135, Cape Coral, FL 33914, (239) 323-5533, www.thebelletheatre.com.





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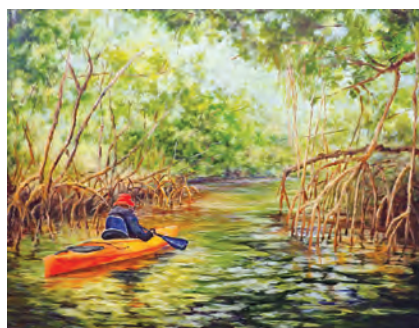


Friends Of The Cape Coral Library

Weissborn Paintings And Origami On Exhibit, Nov. 2 Through Dec. 27

Changing exhibitions in the Cape Coral Library's expansive art gallery are sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library and are designed to afford local artists the opportunity to share their work in this public forum. The current exhibit will be open during regular business hours from **Nov. 2 through Dec. 27**. For information, contact Art Gallery Chairperson, Monica Rahman, by email to galler@capefriends.org or visit www.capefriends.org. Follow "Friends of the Cape Coral Library" on Facebook.

The walls of the library gallery feature paintings by award-winning artist Elaine Weissborn. She has been interested in art and nature from an early age. Art classes in elementary and middle school were always a bright spot in her day. She briefly considered studying medical illustration as a way of combining her interests in both art and science. However, the need to obtain gainful employment led her to a bachelor's degree in medical technology, and later in life to a master's degree in library information and science. After over 20 years of service with the Lee County Library System, she retired from librarianship and was finally able to seriously



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Burrowing Owl

pursue the creative arts. She started her painting journey with Pat St. Onge at the Cape Coral Art League and has continued studying with several instructors at the Pine Island Art Association and with Patty Sole at the Cape Coral Art League. She has won awards at both art associations.

Elaine works with acrylic paints, and originally found inspiration for painting from the works of the Florida Highwaymen and A.E. Backus. These paintings seemed to reflect her love of photographing the "Real Florida" as promoted by the Florida State Park System.

She enjoys combining her interest in photography with painting, and frequently creates paintings from her own photographic prints. Her photography has been recognized in CHNEP annual calendars, by the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough, by the Friends of Cape Coral Wildlife Burrowing Owl Photo Contest, and by Florida Scenic Highways.



Ms. Anhinga

In addition, beautiful origami created by multitalented Elaine will be in the display case. Origami has also been a passion for Elaine from an early age. She particularly enjoys the complex models of John Montroll; 3-D geometric origami; and the modular origami of Tomoko Fuse. The items on display are all folded and assembled from square origami paper. Some of the models are created from up to 30 identical carefully assembled units.

Fall Book Sale

Thursday, Nov. 16 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Members only preview sale. (Nonmembers may join at the door for just \$15 per family.)

Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Open to the public.)

About the sale: From Nov. 16 through 18 the large meeting room of the Cape Coral Library, located at 921 S.W. 39th Terrace, will be filled with thousands of quality used books arranged by category. There will be lots of fiction for adults and a section for children and teens. Find nonfiction sorted by subject, such as art, crafts, history, biography, cookbooks, gardening and more. (The Friends of the Cape Coral Library recently received a large donation of brand-new nonfiction books, primarily on historical topics, and these beauties will be offered for purchase at this sale.) Find audio books and music CDs, plus movies on DVD. Most items are \$1 or \$2, with small paperbacks at less than a buck! We will also highlight a large selection of "special" books (such as those by Florida authors, autographed books, collectibles and more) that are priced somewhat higher, but are still an incredible bargain. The sale is a good source for holiday gifts.

Proceeds from the event are used to support the Cape Coral Public Library branch.

How to pay: Bring cash or personal check. (Credit cards are not accepted.)

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Friends Of Cape Coral Library General Meeting – Saturday, Dec. 2

All are invited to the next Friends of the Cape Coral Library (FOCCL) general meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2. The morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments. The business portion of the meeting will start at 10 a.m. and the program described below will follow. FOCCL general meetings are free and open to the public and take place in the large meeting room at the Cape Coral Library. You're welcome to bring a guest or two. For more information on Friends of the Cape Coral Library visit www.capefriends.org and follow us on Facebook.

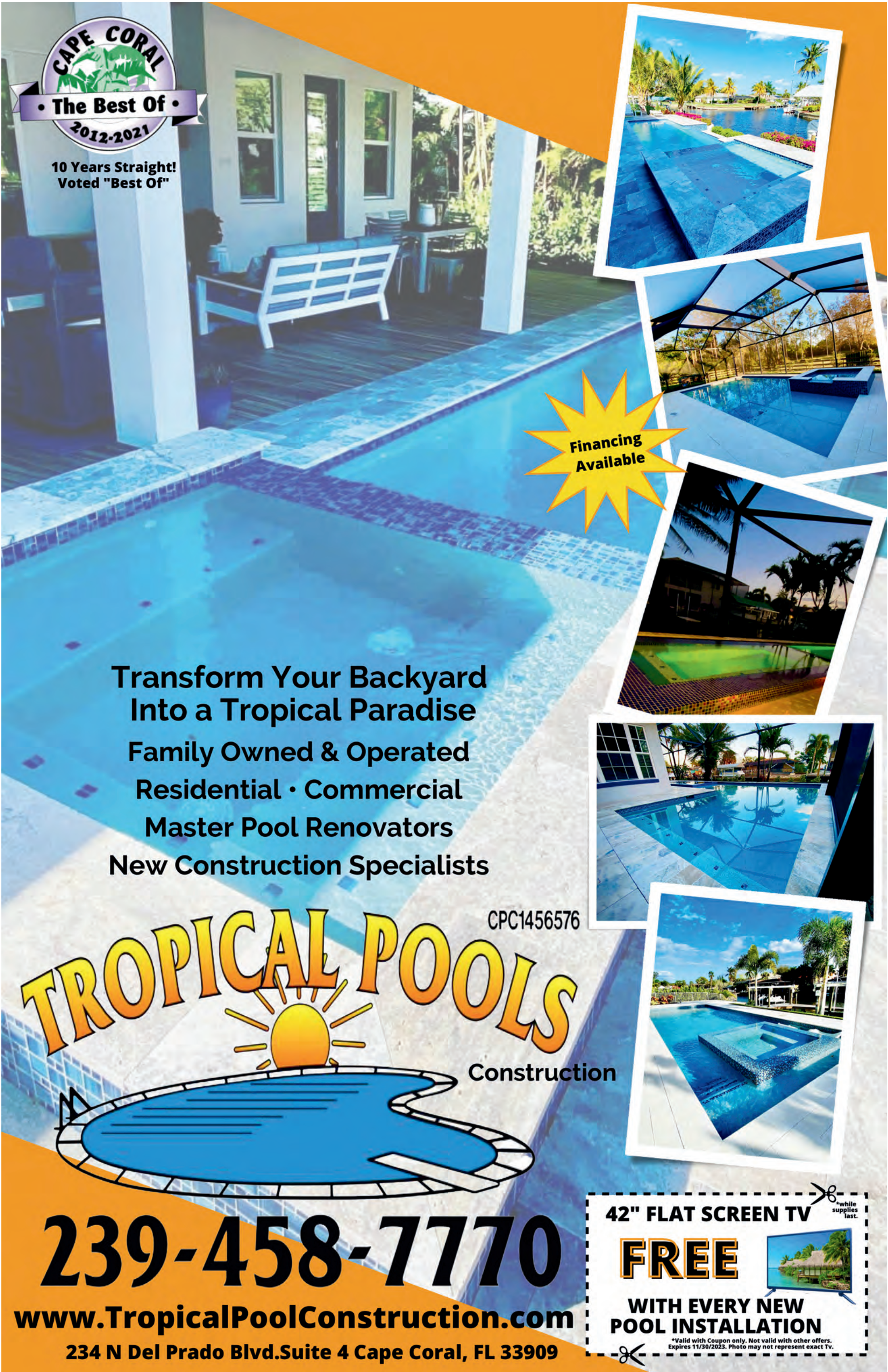
Program for December meeting: Members of the Garden Club of Cape Coral will do a presentation on using local plants in holiday decorating.

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