

Town & River Cruise Club

On Feb. 18 the Town & River Cruise Club travelled to The Three Fishermen Restaurant in North Fort Myers for our monthly luncheon. The restaurant is situated in a beautiful spot on the Caloosahatchee River. Several members decided to drive and do some shopping afterwards. Mike Marra, Ed Bourdon and their guests took their boats and enjoyed the warm, sunny weather and calm seas on the way up in the morning. The ride home in the afternoon was a little choppy, but it was certainly worth the effort. The 12 members who

chose to attend practiced social distancing as we sat in the open air portion of the restaurant. As usual, the food was delicious and the company was superb! Our next outing will

be hosted by Rick and Pam Simon on March 18 at Mantanzas on the Bay. Since more people are getting vaccinated, maybe a few more people will feel comfortable joining us.



Coming back home after a great day on the water



Now, that's a Cobb Salad!



The "Grouper Bake" was simply delicious.



Members enjoying conversations and drinks before a wonderful meal



Ken and Adrienne Beebe enjoyed their lunch.



A sneaky boater was finally able to take a photo of Edward Boudon, the club photographer.



These happy boaters had a great time cruising to The Three Fishermen.

Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes [Unapproved]

South Pointe South Clubhouse Thursday, February 11, 2021

Call To Order – President Mark Generales called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Owner Comment Period-no residents were present

Board of Directors

A quorum was established. Officers Present: President Mark Generales, Vice President Rick Chubb, and Treasurer Gary Hudson. Directors Present: Marge Byrne, Rick Chubb, Martha Smith, Myriam Lentz, Kay Gloris, and Joe Tomaino. Absent: Secretary Renee Notes, Executive Secretary Sally Stigler, and Directors Rick Ginsburg, and Carol Notes.

Approval Of Minutes – January 14, 2021 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Hudson

- Gary emailed January financial statements & supporting documents to Board Members on February 10. He noted that 9 of 57 lake assessments were in arrears and Sally will be re-billing before legal collection efforts are instituted.

- First Citizens Bank will be installing a scanner in the office of C. Budde CPA for remote deposit capture of checks

received by the association. The usual cost of the scanner will be waived and there will be monthly service charge of \$35.

- Mandatory and voluntary dues invoices were postmarked February 5 and are due by Feb. 26

- The annual report has been filed with the Secretary of State

- The associations PO Box renewal has been paid

- The associations three insurance policies are up for renewal in March/April

- 2021 State and Federal tax returns have been filed. No tax is due.

- With no questions, the financial report was approved by motion.

Committee Reports

Deeds Of Restriction/Architectural Review Committee – Gary Hudson

- Lee County had regularly provided to the association a listing of building permits issued to properties in Town & River. The last one received was November 1. Nothing since. Despite repeated emails and phone calls, the county has not responded. The association is over three months behind in following up on permits issued for projects which require association approval but for which no approval has been sought by the owner.

- Certified and first-class letters were mailed Friday to the owners of a property with an outstanding dock setback violation.

- Discussion was held on providing an opportunity
 - for Units 6 and 11 to join most of Town & River properties which are covered by the Amended, Restated, and Combined Deeds of Restriction (ARCDOR)

- for Unit A, Sections 1 & 2, and Unit 2 to reinstate their expired deeds of restriction and subsequently vote to come into ARCDOR

Lake Status - Renee had emailed that the latest lake report indicated the lake is in good shape.

New Business

- A director mentioned that an individual on North Town & River was spray painting his vehicle in his driveway and the fumes were going everywhere. This is against county code and code enforcement should be called for violations such as this.

- Gary said Marge deserves the boards thanks on her maintenance of the association's directory. With over 500 invoices mailed/postmarked February 5, as of today not one has been "returned to sender".

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 7:10 P.M. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will convene 6:30pm Thursday, March 11, 2021 at South Pointe South Clubhouse, 9734 Foxglove Circle, Ft. Myers.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Smith

Children's Advocacy Center

Raffle Items And Patrons Needed

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Children's Advocacy Center of SWFL (CAC) will be holding an online raffle April 5 to 23 to raise funds and raise awareness of the prevalence of child abuse in the community.

CAC is in need of raffle items such as: salon/spa gift cards, restaurant gift certificates, rounds of golf, hotel stays, tickets to area attractions, bottles of fine wine/liquor, jewelry, luxury gift baskets, chef experiences and more. All donors receive recognition on the raffle page throughout the month of April, on social media platforms and in the CAC newsletter. Contact Lisa, Irizzio@cac-swfl.org.

The agency is also offering \$250 patron opportunities to area individuals and businesses who wish to support our efforts to raise funds so we may continue to provide all our services free of charge to child victims of abuse. All patrons receive recognition on social media, on the CAC website and in the newsletter. Contact Lisa, Irizzio@cac-swfl.org.

Children's Advocacy Center, 3830 Evans Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901, www.cac-swfl.org.

Sudoku Puzzle

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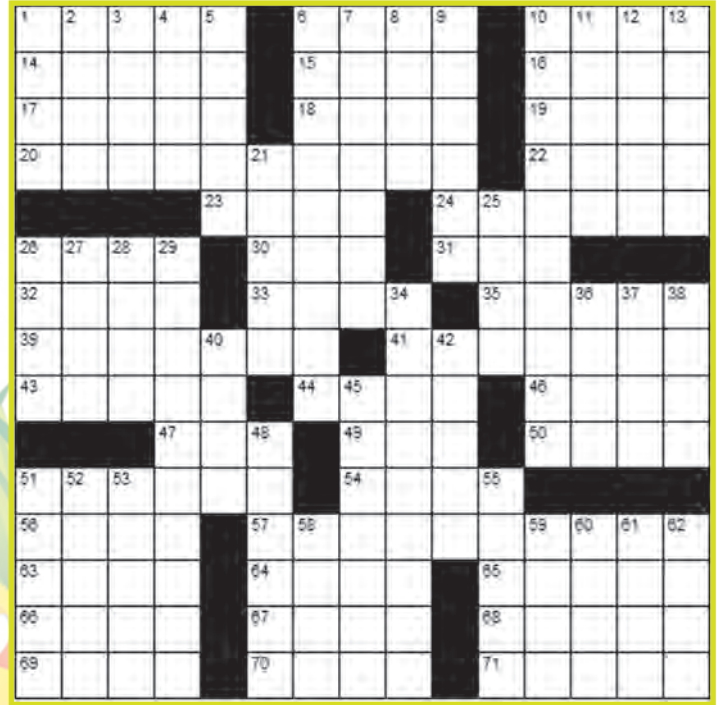
Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Splotches
6. Tussock
10. Vipers
14. 67 in Roman numerals
15. Dwarf buffalo
16. A D-Day beach
17. Stave off
18. Blend
19. Roman robe
20. A language of India
22. Egg-shaped
23. Verse
24. Agitate
26. At the peak of
30. Beer
31. To and ___
32. A temple (archaic)
33. Start over
35. Assists
39. She plays roles
41. Enrapture
43. Spacious
44. Not barefoot
46. 53 in Roman numerals
47. Bother
49. French for "friend"
50. Being
51. A dwarfed ornamental tree
54. Blend
56. God of love
57. A society of women
63. Medium-sized tubular pasta
64. Bit of dust
65. A tea-like beverage
66. River of Spain
67. Pitcher

68. Cambered
 69. Mortgage
 70. Sailors
 71. Low heavy horse carts
- ### Down
1. Ho-hum
 2. 66 in Roman numerals
 3. Baking appliance
 4. Fowl
 5. A stomach exercise
 6. Trashy
 7. Wild
 8. Thrust with a knife
 9. A government tax
 10. Car
 11. Kitchen appliance



12. Heathen
13. Second person singular of shall
21. Rise rapidly
25. By mouth
26. Distant
27. Meal in a shell
28. Savvy about
29. Approval
34. Mileage meters
36. Auspices
37. Not that
38. Anagram of "Ties"
40. Tropical American wildcat
42. Ancient Roman magistrate
45. A type of rodent

48. Fate
51. Edge on a cutting tool
52. Small African antelope
53. French for "our"
55. Wood nymph
58. Hawkeye State
59. German for "mister"
60. Killer whale
61. Comply with
62. Fathers

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Catch The Action

April On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

This is a month that has a lot to offer anglers on the coastal water of Southwest Florida. It's easy to argue that April may hold our best fishing of the year, plus some of our best weather. A month with a lot of possibilities, it's recommended to load the boat with a range of fishing arsenal that will cover everything from large to small you may encounter.

Spanish mackerel invade our waters both inshore and offshore, plus are often caught in good numbers from public piers and bridges. They are roaming or looking for food in large schools throughout the coastal waters of Southwest Florida. Keep an eye open for birds working the water as mackerel often push schooling bait to the water's surface. Artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico may hold large numbers of Spanish, plus a few of their large cousins, king mackerel or kingfish. Groups of birds dipping to the water is a dead giveaway.

Reefs in the gulf within sight of land hold a variety of fish on any given day. Good eating snapper, grunts, mackerel, and the last run of spawning sheepsheads, plus hard fighting barracuda, sharks, goliath grouper, and a big cobia or permit are all a good possibility.

Many anglers will get a jumpstart on tarpon and find fish with little angling competition as May and June are the months that get most of the attention. Schools of tarpon are milling around waters off the gulf beaches ranging in depths from just off the beach out to 30 feet or more. Tarpon are moving inshore as well, areas including Pine Island Sound, San Carlos Bay, Charlotte Harbor, the Caloosahatchee River around the Midpoint and Cape Coral bridges are good areas to target.

Sharks, large and small are on the hunt and looking to challenge willing anglers. In my opinion, blacktip and spinner sharks are some of the most challenging fish to catch in our waters. Not only do they possess an extremely hard, no give up fight, they make violent jumps and they're



extremely fast. Many of the big spinners explode into such a wild spinning leap it's very difficult to keep them from exploiting the weak link in your rigging. A large spinner or blacktip will rival a tarpon for sheer power and fight. Also moving in with the tarpon are the hammerhead and bull sharks, the largest of which are hanging around the tarpon schools awaiting a fish in distress for an easy meal.

About every kid or young adult wants to catch a shark. It's not always possible, but it's good if you can match the size of the shark you target to the kid's age. You get a young kid hooked up to a big shark and it may be more fish than they can handle. There are plenty of sharks of various species ranging in size from 3 to 5 feet, this is a great size for most kids. For that matter, it's a good size for most adults.

With water temperature in the mid-70s the snook bite should be very good. April brings strong spring tides with lots of moving water and high daytime tides. Snook may range in size from little guys barely a foot long to big girls pushing 40 inches or more. My favorite thing with snook, no matter the size they all strike and fight with the same tenacity and determination. Redfish are growing in numbers and a properly placed bait under the shade of a mangrove shoreline or around an oyster bar may result in hard fighting reds up to 30 inches.

Our largest sea trout of the year come this month as their spring spawn is in full swing. Trout over 20 inches are common with a good number measuring 24 inches

and larger. Many of the largest trout are hooked targeting snook. Trout are feeding heavily on oily baitfish, live baitfish or look-alike lures is the best way to get their attention.

Season remains closed for snook, spotted sea trout, and redfish in waters of Southwest Florida from the Hernando/Pasco county line south through Gordon Pass in Collier County. You can still catch them, but make sure and return them to the water unharmed. You can visit www.myfwc.com for all current regulations.

To experience Southwest Florida at its best, there is no better way than on the water enjoying the outdoors and catching a few fish.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, call or text (239) 410-8576, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.



Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 26 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."

Word Scramble

Golf

By Ellie Neal

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| Driibe | Vgole |
| Owod | Geela |
| Nwsig | Afariwy |
| Goruh | Vierd |
| Tuterp | Obieg |
| Enrge | Rtac |

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Tax Season Scam Alert

Presented by Jacqueline J. Lambros, Registered Principal



With tax season upon us, many of us are busy gathering the appropriate documents, meeting with CPAs, and ensuring that relevant tax deadlines are met. But in all the hustle and bustle, taxpayers also need to keep an eye on the risks, especially tax season scams. Each year, scammers get more savvy with strategies they use to gain access to other people's personal information and money. To help you steer clear of this year's top scams, learn red flags to watch out for – along with some timely tax-filing reminders.

"Ghost" Tax Return Preparers

One truly frightening scam haunting taxpayers is the ghost preparer. These preparers remain hidden from the IRS by not signing returns, making the returns appear to be self-prepared. In cases where the individual E-files, the ghost preparer will refuse to digitally sign the return. The result can be disastrous for taxpayers, leaving them open to serious filing mistakes, tax fraud, penalties, and audit by the IRS.

Red flags. To help avoid this issue, be in the know when it comes to red flags surrounding ghost preparers. They usually:

- Don't sign the return with a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). (The PTIN is required by law for anyone who is paid to prepare or assist in preparing a federal tax return.)
- Lure clients in with the promise of big refunds. (Unfortunately, these scammers will resort to claiming fake deductions to boost the size of the refund.)

- Require payment in cash.
- Have refunds directed into their bank accounts, not the taxpayer's.

Pro tip. If you're looking for someone to prepare your taxes, the IRS has a great online resource that offers a tool for checking your tax preparer's credentials and tips for avoiding potential tax scammers. No matter who prepares your return, it's important to review it carefully, including the routing and banking numbers if you're receiving your refund via direct deposit.

New Round Of COVID-19 Scams

As the coronavirus continues to spread, so do scams, unfortunately. Criminals often try to exploit taxpayers during times of uncertainty, and this pandemic has been no exception. The latest COVID-19 scams center around the most recent round of stimulus payments. They have taken on a few forms, all with the singular goal of stealing taxpayers' money and personal information.

Red flags. The IRS Criminal Investigation Division has compiled a list of the latest COVID-19 scams. Here's what to be on the lookout for:

- Text messages asking you to disclose bank account information in order to receive the \$1,200 economic stimulus
- Emails, letters, and social media messages that use "coronavirus," "COVID-19," and "stimulus" in different ways, requesting personal information and financial account information (e.g., account numbers and passwords)
- Sale of fake at-home COVID-19 test kits
- Fake donation requests for individuals, groups, and areas heavily affected by COVID-19
- "Opportunities" to invest in companies developing COVID-19 vaccines, which also promise these companies will drastically increase in value as a result.

Pro tip. If you receive unsolicited emails or social media attempts that are aimed at gathering your personal information and appear to be from the IRS or an organization linked to the IRS, forward the message to phishing@irs.gov.

Online Identity Theft

One of the most common tax scams remains personal identity theft, which is particularly rampant during tax season. Why? By accessing the Social Security numbers, addresses, and birth dates of unsuspecting taxpayers, scammers can file phony tax returns and steal refunds. The worst part is this can all be done before the victims even know their identities have been stolen.

Red flags. So, what can you do to help ensure that someone doesn't file a return in your name? Know the warning signs of this pervasive scam:

- If you receive an IRS notice regarding a duplicate return, that you received wages from somewhere you never worked, additional taxes are owed, the refund will be offset, or collection actions are being taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return, contact the IRS *immediately*.
- As noted above, ensure that your tax preparer has the appropriate credentials.
- Unless there is a valid reason, don't give out your Social Security number – and always know who you're giving it to.

Pro tip. The best way to avoid this scam is to file your taxes early, before a scammer can access your information. You might also think about using an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) to proactively protect yourself from identity theft. The IP PIN is a six-digit number known only to you and the IRS that can be used to help the IRS verify your identity when a paper or electronic tax return is filed.

Never Has The IRS Ever . . .

When it comes to tax scams, one of the most important things to know is how the IRS does (and *doesn't*) contact taxpayers. Here are some things the IRS just won't do:

- Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount it says you owe
- Call to demand you make an immediate payment using a specific method (e.g., prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer)
- Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers, or other law enforcement to arrest you for not paying (Threats are a common tactic used by scammers.)

So, if you get a call or email that sounds like any of the above, it's likely a scam. For steps to take if you suspect fraudulent tax activity, visit the IRS's Report Phishing and Online Scams page.

Scams Don't End With Tax Season

Although the focus here is on tax season, we would all be wise to remember that new scams are popping up every day, year-round. So, remain vigilant in keeping your personal information safe and be on the lookout for potential scams.

This material has been provided for general informational purposes only and does not constitute either tax or legal advice. Although we go to great lengths to make sure our information is accurate and useful, we recommend you consult a tax preparer, professional tax advisor, or lawyer.

Town & River Civic Association Inc. Balance Sheet As of February 28, 2021 Feb. 28, 21

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Citizens Bank 2580	6,768.39
First Citizens Bank - MMS	85,884.82
Total Checking/Savings	92,653.21
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	3,079.00
Total Accounts Receivable	3,079.00
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid, Lake Expense	978.37
Prepaid, Other Expense	1,358.87
Total Other Current Assets	2,337.24
Total Current Assets	98,069.45
Total Assets	<u>98,069.45</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Annual Dues, Advanced	269.72
Total Other Current Liabilities	269.72
Total Current Liabilities	269.72
Total Liabilities	269.72
Equity	
Prior Year Fund Balance	56,180.89
Retained Earnings	17,433.70
Net Income	24,185.14
Total Equity	97,799.73
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>98,069.45</u>

Town & River Lake Report

Inspection Date: Feb. 17

Inspected For:

Algae	OK
Aquatic Weeds	OK
Undesirable Shoreline Vegetation	OK
Water Quality	OK

Technician's comments: No signs of algae or invasive vegetation.



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From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

As always, I'm hoping that today's message finds everyone safe and healthy.



This month, I wanted to share my concerns regarding an ongoing scam ... one that refuses to go away ... the "fake check" scam.

Before all else, let's make certain that we have a solid understanding of how the "fake check" scam works. We can then discuss ensuring that you don't become a victim.

The scam is wholly dependent upon the victim's willingness to believe that a check that they are given is authentic. The process involves a person unknown to the victim who asks the victim to deposit a check.

The offers come to us in a number of ways: they may be sent via email, by text message, on social media. They can come from almost anywhere.

You're told that you've won a sum of money, qualify for a low-interest loan, can profit from the passing of a wealthy foreigner. The scams are endless....

The check is usually for a considerable amount of money and appears to have the essential characteristics of a genuine check. It contains an unconditional order to pay and is payable on demand. It may contain a bank

logo and address, a routing number, what appears to be a genuine MICR line (magnetic ink character recognition) and all of the other standard lines, marks and signatures.

These checks can be in the form of business or personal checks, cashier's checks, money orders or a check delivered electronically.

The victim is instructed to deposit the check and then forward some portion of the total amount to a third party.

The victim believes that he/she will benefit financially as he/she is permitted to keep the remaining/unsent money.

Unfortunately, these checks are fake, are counterfeit or are stolen and have absolutely no value.

It takes time for one's bank to discover that a check is fraudulent ... up to two weeks. In the meantime, the victim has already forwarded his/her personal funds to a third party and will likely lose the entire sum to this criminal act.

With personal computers, elaborate graphic software and high-end printers, it has become difficult to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit documents ... including United States currency.

The onus is on you to be alert and to protect yourself! Never send money, gift cards, money orders or wire funds to strangers ... especially following the receipt of a check from an unknown entity.

Be wary of third-party deals. Deals that sound "too

good to be true" usually are. Never send money or a product without contacting the bank that allegedly issued the instrument.

Lastly, when you're being pressured or rushed, stop and verify all information.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is here for you should you be in need of assistance! Please reach out to us at (239) 477-1000 (nonemergency) or 9-1-1 (under emergency circumstances).

Stay safe ... stay healthy!

Town & River Civic Association Inc.

Profit And Loss February 2021

	Feb 21	Jan-Feb 21
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income - Mandatory	10,560.00	10,560.00
Income - Voluntary	19,230.00	19,230.00
Total Income	29,790.00	29,790.00
Estoppel Preparation Income	100.00	250.00
Interest Income	.51	1.05
Total Income	29,890.51	30,041.05
Expense		
Accounting Fees	450.00	765.00
Bank Fees	11.00	16.00
Corp Insurance	46.58	275.41
Email Service	243.00	243.00
Corp Insurance (do not use)	182.25	182.25
Legal Expense	82.50	797.50
Meeting Rooms	125.00	516.70
Newspaper Postage	138.50	275.28
Postage Expense	151.85	151.85
Printing & Postage	1,021.54	1,771.49
State Fee	61.25	61.25
Secretary Expense	0.00	390.00
Storage Expense	119.79	239.58
Utilities	45.38	90.60
Website Maintenance	40.00	80.00
Total Expense	2,718.64	5,855.91
Net Ordinary Income	27,171.87	24,185.14
Net Income	27,171.87	24,185.14

Free Community Shred Day Event

Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., P.A. (MNMW) will partner with Secure Shredding Inc. to host its fifth annual **free** Community Shred Day event on Friday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. The Secure Shredding Inc. truck will be on site at the Fort Myers MNMW location, 8961 Conference Drive. There will be a two-box maximum per person for shredding.

This is a **free** event; however, MNMW encourages participants to consider a donation to the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee counties when dropping off shred items. Donations for United Way can be in monetary form, canned or nonperishable goods, or new/gently used clothing. A representative from United Way will be on site to receive the donations and answer questions.

"Our annual Shred Day gains more and more traction each year. We have clients and people in the community calling all year round to find out when they can securely dispose of their old documents and papers safely," said Julio Barina, CPA, and partner at MNMW. "By offering this free service, we hope to provide awareness and support to the United Way and its partner agencies."

Items that can be shredded are bank statements, tax records, contracts, blank checks, etc. A good rule to determine if an item is "shreddable" is "if it tears, it can be destroyed." Items **not** suitable for shredding include hard drives, cell phones, batteries, etc. All shredded material will be recycled to support an eco-friendly environment.

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Our outdoor farmer's market is loaded with local produce, artisanal foods, edible and landscape plants, yoga on the lawn, live music, art, one-of-a-kind gifts, backyard farming workshops and all the good flavors and good vibes you can fit into your Saturday morning. Plus, there's plenty of shade, camaraderie and community – the perfect setting to enjoy a bite and relax!

Our weekly market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each and every Saturday, year-round and rain or shine.

Online Wine And Paint Night With David Acevedo
April 8 – 6:15 To 8 p.m.

Belly up to the brush bar and paint along virtually with creative genius David Acevedo! For one night only, enjoy an evening of creating and clinking while wearing your comfy pants!

Crossword Solution from page 2

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David will take you through the steps to create your one-of-a-kind, whimsical masterpiece to fill that empty wall space you've been staring at. Pour a drink, grab a snack and settle in for an exciting night of sipping and swirling with your friends from the Alliance for the Arts.

Spots are limited, so join us today!

The price is \$25 for Alliance members or \$30 for nonmembers plus \$5 per additional person in your Zoom room.

Supply List

- 16" x 20" canvas
- basic acrylics set (red, blue, yellow, black and white)
- three brushes, one round fine, and medium and large flat (see event image)
- a pencil
- a container with water
- paper towels
- table easel (optional, any flat surface will do!)
- cocktail, wine or bubbly water of your choice!

Please note: This interactive and hands-on class is hosted online, which means you get to enjoy it from the comfort of your living room, studio or kitchen table! It will be hosted via Zoom. If you've never used Zoom before, we suggest you take some time to familiarize yourself with the platform ahead of time and download the app. You can find everything you'll need at Zoom.us or in the app store on your phone or tablet. An access link will be provided prior to the start of class.

Seeing Is Believing: How To Look At A Masterpiece – Online Art Lecture

April 15 – 10:30 To 11:30 a.m.

There are three elements in a work of art that – when used in unison – establish it as an artistic masterpiece:

- Clarity of composition



This is a pastel, but we will use it as the inspiration for the painting!

- Psychological impact by the control of color and light
- Intensity of feeling projected through the physical scale and dramatic content of the painting's subject matter



The artists reviewed in this PowerPoint seminar will demonstrate that regardless of changing styles, the character of a masterpiece is its ability to reflect the human condition and is universal and timeless in its significance.

Join art historian Kevin Costello as he examines masterpieces by Titian, Rembrandt, Francois Boucher, Jean-Auguste Ingres, Edgar Degas, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Jackson Pollock, David Hockney, and Anselm Kiefer.

This exciting, live virtual art lecture series is free to Alliance members or \$15 for nonmembers. You may become a member to participate.

Please note: This interactive and hands-on lecture is hosted online, which means you get to enjoy it from the comfort of your living room, studio or kitchen table! It will be hosted via Zoom. If you've never used Zoom before, we suggest you take some time to familiarize yourself with the platform ahead of time and download the app. You can find everything you'll need at Zoom.us or in the app store on your phone or tablet. An access link will be provided prior to the start of class.

About the presenter, Kevin Costello: Kevin Costello graduated from the Chelsea School of Art and University of London's Goldsmiths College with diplomas in Fine Art and Art History.

Kevin's involvement in the Sarasota arts community is varied and includes having been art and architecture correspondent for the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* and a contributing writer for *Arts and Culture Magazine*.

Kevin, a studio artist, has taught painting, figure and conceptual drawing, sculpture and art history at the San Francisco Academy of Art, the San Francisco Museum of Art, and the Ringling College of Art and Design.

He is a poet and a lecturer in contemporary art history at numerous arts and continuing education institutions throughout Central West Florida.

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My Take On The Vaccine

As a healthcare worker, I was happy when I knew I was eligible for the vaccine. When the whole world went sideways last year, I was unsure of our next step. I have since taken that step.

I scheduled my appointment through Publix and received my first shot on February 5th. Yes, the following day I did have a slight headache, body aches, and fatigue. These mild symptoms are common after many inoculations, and especially after the COVID-19 vaccine. After the second shot, I had the same symptoms, but with a fever. This too, is the normal and healthy response of our immune system doing its job. I was back in fighting shape the next day.

I know that some people are hesitant about all vaccines, and that's alright. It's true that if someone has a history of severe allergic reactions to any ingredient in the vaccine, they should not receive it. Otherwise, all eligible adults should feel safe to roll up their sleeves.

The data coming in on the vaccines is incredibly reassuring. My own experience with my patients who have received the vaccine makes me confident that we can soon get back to normal, or at the very least, a new normal. To some extent, we may be wearing masks and social distancing

for some time. To get the vaccine or not will continue to be a personal decision. I chose to get the vaccine for the safety of my patients and my office staff, and we still have our COVID-19 precaution protocols in place. This is due to respect for the virus and the realization that most of my patients are 64 years old or older suffering from neuropathy. Many have underlying conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, or obesity, some recovering from chemotherapy. Our continued and advancing steps to having a healthy society are second to none.

There is no need to ignore your neuropathy pain, burning, tingling or numbness when we can possibly help. You too can take steps to achieve optimal, pain-free health with confidence.

As the number of folks who are vaccinated rise, I predict a resurgence in eating out, in travel, in festivals, and most important of all, the special joy of family dinners. On the menu... Hugs with your children and grandchildren! I can't wait.

I am **Dr. Danielle Zappile**, and I'll see you in good Health!

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Dr. Danielle Zappile is a chiropractic physician since 2009. This is paid content approved by GoingStraightToHealth.com LLC, a duly authorized Florida corporation.

Players Circle Theatre Announces Return Engagements Of Popular Artists

Three popular artists and shows will be featured in April at the Players Circle Theatre, located at the Shell Factory in North Fort Myers. Danny Sinoff continues his residency each Thursday night. Stand-up comedian R.C. Smith also returns for two nights during April.



Danny Sinoff

A new show, *Broadway and Beyond*, brings back Natalie Brouwer and maestro Brian Gurl. Brouwer performed in *Broadway Babes* and *Love on the Rocks* in March at the Players Circle Theatre; joining her will be Matt Michael and Liz Aiello. Piano maestro Brian Gurl is also on the program. Expect the unexpected, when Gurl takes his seat at the piano. Dates, times, and ticket prices will be announced.



R.C. Smith

Each week, Sinoff will feature a specific theme from music of the past – themes such as Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, and Cole Porter songs. Performances on Thursday are at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15 and \$25.



Natalie Brouwer

Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, Smith will be the featured artist. He was known as one of the best “TV warm-up guys” in the business for almost 20 years. The Friday show is at 8 p.m.; Saturday’s show is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$25.

For tickets contact (239) 800-3292 or PlayersCircleTheater.com.

The Players Circle Theatre is located at the Shell Factory and Nature Park, 16554 North Cleveland Ave., North Fort Myers. The 200-seat Players Circle Theatre has been converted into a nightclub/cabaret-style facility, which will have 74 limited, spaced seating, temperature checks, thorough sanitizing, and masks are worn by all audience members until

seated. In compliance with all CDC guidelines.

A special food and drink menu are available for nightclub patrons, serving delicious, shareable plates and drinks in the theatre 45 minutes before performances and during shows. Full dinner and bar also available at the adjacent Southern Grill. Call (239) 995-3999 for reservations.



Brian Gurl

The Players Circle Theatre was developed by veterans of the Southwest Florida theatre movement, Carrie Lund Cacioppo and Robert Cacioppo. They are prominent faces of theatre in Lee County for over 35 years, having started Lee County’s first professional theatre on Sanibel Island and the Florida Repertory Theatre, which has been named “one of America’s best regional theatres” by *The Wall Street Journal*. Players Circle Theatre is a professional black box theatre providing Broadway-level entertainment. Follow it online at PlayersCircle.org.



Save the date Saturday, May 15 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, May 16 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for the 2021 Nautical Expo at the Lee Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers.

This Nautical Expo is the largest show of its kind on Florida’s Gulf Coast between Tampa and Key Largo including an outdoor nautical flea market, boating and fishing gadgets, arts and crafts, flats-fishing skiffs, marine electronics, fly-fishing tying and instruction, 300-seat fresh and saltwater fishing seminars, deck and pontoon boats, hunting air boats, kayaks and paddleboards, skinny-water surprises, wood and metal nautical art, outdoor furniture and even a selection of food trucks that will be offering \$5 portions. A breakfast truck will be on site from 7 to 11 a.m. both days.

Fresh and saltwater fishing seminars sponsored by MirrOlure will be held on the hour from local guides who know the local waters. There will be 300-plus seats spaced out in pairs in the main building with a stage and a full P.A. system. The Saturday seminar area will include a “Miss Nautical Mile” pageant.

Meet Faith Lynn, international mermaid. Faith is starring in an upcoming movie and loves coming to nautical shows

to meet and take photos with kids. Faith will be seated in a clamshell and her costume is **amazing!** She will be with us all weekend.

Win free gate passes! We’re giving away 200 gate passes, 100 pairs! Sign up for our newsletter at nauticalmilemagazine.com and you’ll be automatically entered. Winners will be notified via email on May 13, passes will be at the will-call table.

Attendance is \$12, kids under 18 are free, and the facility has a required parking fee of \$5 per vehicle.

Your host, *Nautical Mile* magazine, has been a staple in Southwest Florida’s coastal community for nearly two decades. They have had tremendous success with fishing seminars, tournaments and coastal oriented shows. They have a long history of pleasing a crowd and look forward to making this the largest show of its kind in the state. Contact your host directly at: thenauticalmile@gmail.com.

Every reasonable action within our ability to make this a family-friendly and COVID-19 safe expo. The main building will have partial vendor capacity allowing booths to be spread out with wider walking aisles. The seminar area will have approximately 300 chairs available set apart in pairs. The outdoor vendors will be set up several feet apart, and we’re renting more outdoor area than needed for this show to encourage physical distancing. We are confident of safety measures in place, however, if you feel sick or are concerned about COVID exposure in public, please reconsider attending.

Word Scramble Solution from page 3


Birdie	Rough	Glove	Drive
Wood	Putter	Eagle	Bogie
Swing	Green	Fairway	Cart

Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

7	1	9	8	2	4	3	6	5
4	8	3	9	6	5	1	7	2
5	2	6	7	3	1	8	9	4
8	9	7	1	5	3	4	2	6
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