30th Annual Sights & Sounds Festival & Parade on December 2nd

Enter a FREE chance to win over $1,100 shopping spree in downtown on Small Business Saturday. Details inside.

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Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. Since I’m a foodie, it tends to be a lot about what’s cooking. With all the great smells that come from a holiday kitchen you can’t help but love this time of the year.

On November 8th, we have our Annual Reflections Art Show, Community: It’s the Little Things that Count. This event is spearheaded by local mosaic artist Anita Prentice. Anita, along with her diverse group of artists, will inspire you with wonderful artwork for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

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Discover our downtown shops, visit the farmers market, have lunch on the waterfront and enjoy.

‘Tis the Season to Enjoy Historic Downtown Fort Pierce

by Sue Dannahower

T is the season to enjoy Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. It’s a time to give thanks for the beauty and history of our town. From local art shows to festive concerts, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

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November 16, Friday:
ARTWALK —
sponsor: 305 South 7th Street 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.
mainstreetfortpierce.org.
FREE
Exhibit open Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Artist Reception on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 2, Sunday:
DOWNTOWN SHOPPING SPREE WORTH $1,000—Shop downtown for the Holidays in Downtown Fort Pierce!
Sunday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Visit 10 participating downtown merchants: Return the stamped passports to the City Parking Garage, 616 Orange Ave., or the City Hall, 100 N. 2nd Street, #103 by 8:00 p.m.

December 9, Saturday:
FIRST LUCY ANNUAL ART SALE — organized by the Downtown Business Alliance:
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 10 participating downtown businesses. Return the stamped passports to the City Parking Garage, 616 Orange Ave., or the City Hall, 100 N. 2nd Street, #103 by 8:00 p.m.

December 2, Sunday:
SIGHTS & SOUNDS ON 2nd FESTIVAL & PARADE "Joy to the World!"— Festival begins at 11:00 a.m. with performances from local dance groups, children’s activities, pictures with Santa, crafts, holiday shopping, and more. Parade begins at 4:00 p.m. with free lighting ceremony immediately following the last float.

December 2, Sunday:
First United Methodist Church of FP RAFFLE—a 1925 pew bench; 616 Orange Ave., tickets, $10 each, limited to 100; proceeds support local student missions; drawing held 12/27; call 772-464-9440 Mon. – Thurs., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seasonal Readers Advisory:
November 23, Thursday: Colleen Bient’s GIFT OF ART & ANNUAL PAINTING RAFFLE at the Palace/Bacus House 122 A.E. Bacus from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.; Free admission to art exhibit and sale featuring works by Colleen Bient; Raffle for Colleen’s painting Resurrection of Christ ($20,000.00 value) $12 each or 3 for $30; 466-3880; www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

November 29, Thursday: downtown BLOC at the Black Box. Friday, November 2, 6:00 p.m. BlueBird Productions presents: DOMINOX FARNICCO QUARTET at the Black Box. Saturday, November 10 @ 8:30 p.m. Comedy Corner presents: KEN MILLER / PAM SMEE brought to you by New Casey Persikis and Spa! Saturday, November 24 @ 8:00 p.m. DRUMLINE LIVE HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

November 29, Thursday: Cobbs Landing, 616 Orange Avenue • 772-464-0440
Welcome Our Neighbors — Making a Difference in Our Community
After completing a year’s deployment in Djibouti, Africa, as a Navy Chaplain.
First United Methodist Church
Located in Historic Fort Pierce
616 Orange Avenue • 772-464-0440

Don’t miss the popular “Another Man’s Treasure” Sale, this year expanding to a three-day event! There will be over 5,000 sq. ft. of treasures to discover — art, antiques, accessories, furniture, small appliances, housewares, collectibles, and more. The Members’ Preview Party will be held on Friday, November 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then on Saturday, November 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the public will be invited to shop for bargains galore and surprise discounts while they last! Finally, on Sunday, November 4, final discounts will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An auction of remaining items will take place immediately after 1 p.m.

LOCATION: 2777 Peters Road, Fort Pierce, off Okeechobee Road between I-95 and the Florida Turnpike. Enter address into Google maps for directions or download the map from www.BacusMuseum.com to find your treasure! For more information call 772-465-0630.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
772-465-0630 • www.bacusmuseum.com
Bud Adams Gallery of Historical Photographs
772-462-1795 • www.stlucieco.gov/history
St. Lucie County Am
772-243-6346 • www.marinecenter.com
National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum
772-243-5474 • www.floridaseal.org
Fort Pierce Police Athletic League
772-466-0609

St. Lucie County Aquarium
772-243-5474 • www.stlucieco.gov/county
Healthcare Botanical Gardens
772-464-4767 • health@botanicalgardens.org
Manatee Observation & Education Center
772-462-5845 • www.manatee.org
A.E. Backus Museum
772-465-0630 • www.bacusmuseum.com

First United Methodist Church
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Welcome Our Neighbors — Making a Difference in Our Community

Shop Local for the Holidays in Downtown Fort Pierce
The businesses of downtown Fort Pierce have your gift buying needs covered for this holiday season. Shop downtown for the most personalized gifts for your friends and loved ones. Check out these fun holiday shopping opportunities organized by the Downtown Business Alliance:
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
November 24
Small Business Saturday is a national event held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year, if you visit downtown Fort Pierce on Small Business Saturday you can enter a chance to win a Downtown Shopping Spree worth over $1,000! To enter this free drawing, participants need to:
Pick up a downtown passport at Chich and Shore Things, located at 205 N. 2nd Street. Have the passports stamped by six participating businesses. Return the stamped passports to downtown Fort Pierce.
They will take the drawing place shortly, on Facebook Live at 8:30 p.m. that evening, and the winner takes all.

SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE

Don’t miss the AE Bacus Museum’s Another Man’s Treasure Sale!

Some businesses will also have free Shop Small canvas bags available, while they last, for Small Business Saturday shoppers. Small Business Saturday is a great day to get most or all of your holiday shopping completed early and support your local merchants. (Don’t worry about missing the big game that day — it will be on at most of our local restaurants and/or bars.)

DOWNTOWN SIP & SHOP THURSDAYS
November 29 through December 20
Throughout the holiday shopping season, participating downtown businesses will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings starting on November 29th to December 20th. Not only will these businesses be open later for shopping, but most will offer tasty refreshments and beverages for their customers from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Also, be on the lookout for the Taste Trail. Every week during the Sip & Shop event this crafty amphibian will be hiding in a different merchant’s store. Find it and enter a drawing for special prizes.

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A Yes Vote on Amendment 14 Will Lead to Much Needed Road Improvement Projects Throughout St. Lucie County

By Linda Hudson, Mayor, City of Fort Pierce

Amendment 14 on the November 6 ballot will improve roads, sidewalks and water quality throughout St. Lucie County, Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie Village in the next decade. It will do so by adding a restricted, half-cent sales tax. Fort Pierce streets and roads, some of which are more than 100 years old, badly need resurfacing and reconstruction. We were not able to keep pace with routine maintenance and improvements during the economic downturn. Without this much-needed additional half-cent sales tax revenue, our roads will continue to deteriorate.

By approving Amendment 14—a sales tax increase that expires in 10 years—visitors and residents will share in contributing to targeted projects throughout St. Lucie County. The sales tax increase only applies to the first $5,000 of large purchases and does not apply to gas, groceries or medicine. The sales tax revenue will be restricted by state law, which requires that we adhere to the promises we make. In addition to your elected leaders, a special watchdog committee will provide oversight. In Fort Pierce, financial transparency already exists on our website; a separate portal will be created to track every dollar spent from Amendment 14. If Amendment 14 dollars cannot be spent on wages and benefits.

Fort Pierce residents will see value beyond our city boundaries. If you review the Amendment 14 lists of St. Lucie County, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie Village, you will see that the combined improvements over the next 10 years will improve our quality of life throughout the geographic borders of St. Lucie County.

Explore the promise of Amendment 14 on the November 6 ballot by visiting the city of Fort Pierce website, click on Residents, then Half-Cent Sales Tax. Email lhudson@city-ftpierce.org or call 772-467-3065 for more information or if you need a speaker on this topic.

Finally, all local governments in St. Lucie County have enthusiastically supported placing Amendment 14 on the ballot. Please do your part for better roads, more sidewalks and cleaner water and be an informed voter November 6.

Thanksgiving brings thoughts of giving thanks for our blessings: our family and friends; that we are not at war or at least not a declared war; our health; for our military; our jobs; that we can have food on our table; our faith, etc. I’d like to think for a moment about the giving part of Thanksgiving. There are a lot of people in our community that give their time so others can have a day of thanks and think of what we, each of us, can do to give back.

In the course of writing this article, I made a nonscientific survey of most of the restaurants in the downtown Fort Pierce area, personally or by phone. Each one told me that they would be closed for Thanksgiving to give their employees the day to spend with family and friends. I happen to think they should be congratulated for this. It’s a small but important way of saying that they care and that their employees matter to them.

I spoke with Pastor Brian Jenison with Common Ground Vineyard Church of the Vineyard Association of Churches. As they have in the past, in partnership with Mustard Seed Ministries, Common Ground will be setting up a tent at St. Marks at 9th and Orange to provide Thanksgiving dinner for people and families in need.

While all the side dishes have been provided, they could use additional parfaits. If you are looking for a way to help, roasting a second turkey and delivering it to them on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving would help them fulfill the need on Thanksgiving Day. They will have a refrigerated truck available. If you could at least partially carve said bird it would be greatly appreciated by the volunteers who will be working long hours making this all happen. There will also be a volunteer available to coordinate the delivery of meals to those in need or those unable to come for whatever reason. Drivers for deliveries will be needed and appreciated.

It’s a great opportunity to give back to the community. I’m sure financial donations to help defer costs would always be welcome. Your own religious affiliation may also be having some manner of assistance or outreach. You could check with your own church, temple or mosque.

On a more personal level, you can always contact friends, relatives or neighbors or even those with whom you work, and offer a small gesture of giving. Importico’s Bakery & Cafe in the Renaissance building on Indian River Drive offers specialty pies and breads for this and other holidays as a nice host gift and/or side dish. Some that got my attention were the apple caramel walnut pie and the pumpkin seed bread, but there is something for any taste. They also have vegan and gluten-free items. They are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; however, they will be closed on Thanksgiving, so call ahead to make arrangements.

If you are having grandchildren or other small guests and want to keep them entertained, The Cake Lady is offering classes in making and decorating cupcakes for the season. It’s fun and you can give them as gifts as well. Contact her at 772-242-8128 for more information.

If you want to send or give flowers or an arrangement, Chaney’s, at the corner of 2nd and A Street is the place to go. They have a wide selection of seasonal arrangements and cut flowers but if you want something special call ahead at 772-461-4100. They also deliver.

As an alternative, you or your children can pick some flowers and some dried grasses, etc., put a bow on them and give those as well. It’s the thought that counts. You could always get creative at the Saturday downtown Farmers’ Market and put together jams or veggies for a homemade arrangement. This is a great place to find unique host gifts.

Downtown Fort Pierce has a plethora of ideas to cover the giving and sharing part of the Thanksgiving holiday because that’s what really makes this day special.

Enjoy your holiday and may the fair winds and following seas always be with you.
The A.E. Backus Museum Presents an Exhibition by Renowned Glass Artist Dale Chihuly and Florida Glass Artist Marlene Rose

The exquisite beauty of studio glass by Dale Chihuly, the grand master, and Marlene Rose, a Florida-based next-generation master, will be on display in the A.E. Backus Museum’s exhibition, Masters of Glass: Dale Chihuly and Marlene Rose. The show, which will leave viewers in awe, can be seen at the Museum November 23 through December 30, 2018. The Museum is grateful to partner with Art Link International to present this exhibition to the community.

Dale Chihuly is an American glass sculptor known throughout the world. His works are part of private as well as museum collections in the United States, Canada, England, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait. Chihuly’s works are considered to have exceptional artistic importance in the category of blown glass. Many of his works are large-scale and they are often incorporated into exhibitions in botanical gardens, museums and other famous locations. The technical difficulties of working with glass forms can be substantial, but Chihuly has mastered the process and uses glass as the primary medium for his installation artwork. For more than five decades, Chihuly has worked with new and old techniques, pushing the boundaries of artwork in glass. He derives much of his inspiration from the world around him, creating masterpieces that capture the imagination and push beyond conventional ideas of beauty.

Marlene Rose, whose work will also be on view in Masters of Glass, is based in Clearwater, Florida. Her work has been shown in galleries and has been included in exhibitions around the world for more than two decades. Rose uses a different technique from the more popular blown glass. She pours liquid molten glass into sand molds that she creates to facilitate the finished pieces. The technique is in the ancient tradition of metal casting, going back thousands of years to create works in iron and bronze. The final creations of her process are a variety of mesmerizing forms and shapes that are all unique masterworks. We anticipate Rose attending the opening reception, schedule permitting.

Along with the exhibition, the Museum will host a Member’s Opening Reception and Holiday Sale on Friday, November 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, the public is invited to the Holiday Sale with free admission, refreshments, and entertainment. Holiday shoppers looking for unique, one-of-a-kind gifts will have an opportunity to view the show while they search for everything from A.E. Backus gift shop items to unique works of art. And special this year, don’t miss the luxury American-made accessories at the exclusive Casa del Rio Collection Trunk Show. Casa del Rio is a Florida owned and operated family business that specializes in alligator-hide handbags, accessories, and unique men’s items. The trunk show will be part of all of the activities included in the Holiday Sale, so members will get a special preview at the opening reception.

This season, the A.E. Backus Museum has something for everyone!
The 10th Annual Reflections Art Show
Community: It’s the Little Things that Count
by Sue Dannahower

The 10th Annual Reflections Art Show, Community: It’s the Little Things that Count is all about bringing a community of artists together for an extraordinary show. Celebrated mosaic artist, Anita Prentice, along with Main Street Fort Pierce hosts this event annually at the Platts/Backus House.

Each year, Anita Prentice curates work from a diverse group of artists working in myriad of medium. This year she is showing with Debbie Crouse, Cathy Estremera, Janet Fuller, Christopher Gunkle, Sherry Horton, Shelly Polvere, Ginny Piech Street, and Holly Theuns.

Anita has created numerous public monumental works, including a tribute for the Highwaymen on Fort Pierce’s Intermodal Train Station, grave markers for several Highwaymen artists, the butterfly mosaic at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden, the arch at Fort Pierce’s Melody Lane Fishing Pier, the 170+ benches at the South Hutchinson jetty and throughout St. Lucie County, historic Immokolee’s 1920s above-ground pool, the seawall at the former home of Jimmy Buffett in Key West, and so much more.

Debbie Crouse is an internationally-recognized digital media artist; Cathy Estremera makes books into wonderful pieces of art; and Christopher Gunkle loves acrylics and pen and ink drawings. Sherry Horton enjoys working in encaustics (artwork made with wax and paint); Shelly Polvere has her hand into cartooning; Ginny Piech Street works primarily in clay and painted paper collage; and Holly Theuns works in collage as well as hand-crafted jewelry.

You won’t want to miss this pre-holiday show. There will be a little something for everyone: painted mosaics, whimsical collages, book art, clay sculptures, Christmas ornaments, encaustics and a few surprises.

Save the date for Community: It’s the Little Things that Count, the 8th Annual Reflections Art Show. An artist reception will take place on Thursday, November 8, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy light appetizers and a cash bar. The exhibit will be held on Friday, November 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The exhibit is free to the public. Both events will be held at the Platts/Backus House, 122 A.E. Backus Avenue, in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. If you would you like more information, please call us at (772) 466-3880.

Joy to the World

30th Annual Sights & Sounds Festival & Parade on December 2nd

Sights & Sounds Festival & Parade

1 to 3:30 p.m.  .. Performances by area dance groups will entertain crowds from 2 stages on 2nd Street
1:30 p.m.  ......... Santa will arrive by fire truck and will be available for photos
There will be plenty of children’s activities, crafts, and fun for the entire family.

Sights & Sounds on 2nd Parade

4:00 p.m.  ............ The much anticipated annual holiday parade will begin down 2nd Street
See bands, horses, floats, local public safety and services groups, dance troops, children’s organizations and more bring in holiday cheer
as they march through Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. Get your seat early!

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony
Immediately following the parade, Mayor Linda Hudson with help from special guest, Santa, will light the City of Fort Pierce Christmas Tree at the Marina Way roundabout.
The musical light show at Marina Square follows the tree lighting ceremony.
This is a day full of holiday wonder and should not be missed!

For information about the Sights & Sounds on 2nd Festival & Parade, please call 466-3880.
New Pizza Place Joins Craft Beer Masters at Downtown Brew House

by Debra Magrann

The Van Duzer name in St. Lucie County is synonymous with giving. Scott Van Duzer is a Fort Pierce pizza icon. The “simple pizza man” established a name-sake foundation that serves our community unselfishly.

Stepping out on his own, Scott Van Duzer, “Jr.” (he has a different middle name than his dad), is following in his celebrated father’s footsteps, opening a pizza shop at the tap room of Sailfish Brewery on Second Street. Nearly nestled in the north corner of the establishment, the junior Van Duzer is a one-man pizza maker, taking on all aspects of business ownership. As a youth he aspired to one day own the pizzeria. In the meantime, joining the craft brewers at Sailfish was a perfect complement to the already popular downtown hangout. This energetic entrepreneur is a seasoned professional, motivated to make tasty hand-crafted pies in the family tradition: made to order.

Officially opened on October 1, Van Duzer is spending long days at The Crafted Pie at Sailfish Brewery, sometimes from 9:30 a.m. to midnight. “I need to do whatever it takes to get this up and running,” he says.

His journey began growing up in the pizza dough business, working at his dad’s Big Apple location in the Orange Blossom mall at the age of 12. Today, after 21 years, the eatery is adjacent to Indian River State College off of Virginia Avenue.

“I got to know one of the owners of Sailfish, Nick Vischoff, who opened up a place on 2nd Avenue in 2007,” says Van Duzer. “It’s a micro start-up in the sense of it being his baby — including responsibilities albeit maintaining a family and team affair between Big Apple and Sailfish. That’s the way it is here,” he adds.

What’s on the menu? The 16” pizza has a hand-tossed crust that can be customized with a variety of meats, veggies, anchovies or pineapple. Flavored flat breads are baked in a conventional oven. In addition, the affordably priced offerings include an appetizer sampler, jumbo, deep fried chicken wings, garlic knots, classic and seasoned fries, mac and cheese bites, beer-battered mozzarella sticks and pretzel bites. Beverages include Pepsi products.

The Crafted Pie is a St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce member. A ribbon cutting and a networking bash event are planned in the future. He has two employees serving take-out and a delivery option is also on the horizon.

A huge plus is the philanthropic nature of the Van Duzer brand. “We are definitely teaming up with Sailfish to bring Van Duzer Foundation to downtown,” he says. Since its inception, the foundation has raised and donated nearly $800,000 to St. Lucie County residents in need. The mission of the Van Duzer Foundation is to assist families and individuals in St. Lucie County, Florida, who experience financial and personal hardship brought about by unforeseen crisis or tragedy.

Orders can be taken over the phone for pickup. Call 772.577.4022. Hours of operation are Mondays to Thursdays, Noon to 11 p.m., Fridays from Noon to midnight, Saturdays from 11 a.m. to midnight, and Sundays from Noon to 8 p.m.

The Crafted Pie at Sailfish Brewery is located at 130 N. 2nd Street in Fort Pierce. For more information, visit the website www.sailfishbrewing.com/thecrafted-pie/.

Pecilan Centrall Mosaik Arts ~ Where Artistry Comes in Bits and Pieces

by Debra Magrann

The artist team of Diane Conception and Asia Booth are settling into their new spacious studio on Orange Avenue where they teach, sell and make intricate mosaic products that dazzle the imagination. Diane is a former New Jersey girl that whose employment at a military base, prepping soldiers to go to Afghanistan and Iraq, was high-stress and fast-paced. To unwind, she took photography, clay and mosaics classes at a local community college. Her first clay pot fell apart – owing the experience to a learning curve.

“Every Wednesday, for a year, I would visit a train station studio located near Union Square Park in New York City,” she says. The skill of making mosaic art developed over time but working at home didn’t cut it for her with curious pets hanging around. She became immersed in the process to the point that when it came time to retire (after decompressing and preparing a house to be sold) she followed a more creative path.

Moving to Florida, she rented a small space at the Fish House Arts Center in Port Salerno with the intention to work. She began to get asked if she taught. “I enjoyed a lot of popularity at the Fish House,” she says, “but her place was too small to hold classes.”

Diane met Asia and her mom at a networking event for local women entrepreneurs. At the time, they were pet sitters. Asia walked in with a mosaic bottle she crafted as a raffle prize. “She came the next day to my studio and we have been friends ever since,” Diane adds. Diane met Asia filled in, teaching classes when Diane would travel. “In 2016, I left Diane,” she says, adding that she would never imagine being a business partner without Diane’s support. They worked out of several locations in Jensen Beach and Stuart before landing here.

Asia’s interest in decorative artistry began in a high school studio art class with stone tile mosaics. She soon realized the stone was difficult to cut so she switched to glass. The instructor gave her free reign, launching her on a career that began when she was 16 years old. She sold her works to support student mission trips to exotic lands like Nepal, India and China. Admittedly, much of her knowledge was gained by trial and error. “I made a lot of mistakes,” she says, which refined her teaching skills. “I tell students that with patience and a willingness to learn, they can make a beautiful work of art. I love to work with tiny pieces; to see how intricate I can make a piece.” Her techniques in assemblage are precise and intentional.

Asia worked in the kitchen at Ground Floor Farms in Stuart where both she and Diane displayed their pieces on the hallway walls. They set up shop and stayed for two years. The owners commissioned them to do a large mural in their community room.

In 2017, Diane occupied space at the 111 Building on Orange Avenue when hurricane Irma hit and the underground was flooded. A move to higher ground meant that the Art Connection in the Arcade Building was the next step.

A resident of Port St. Lucie, Diane gradually learned about the downtown Fort Pierce art community and held classes with Beryl Muse at Notions and Portions. (A loaned display stand was wheeled from there around the block by Beryl and Diane are prominent in the front window of Pecilian Central Mosaic Arts.) Noticing a ‘for rent’ sign at 220 Orange Avenue, Diane made an inquiry, met a very supportive landlord and the rest, they say, is history. The studio includes a gallery, ample classroom space and plenty of storage. “We love everything about Fort Pierce,” she says. “We have good connections; everyone has been so welcoming. We think our works at the Art Connection in support of their mission.”

“The modern mosaic movement has seen a renaissance in the last 10 years,” Diane adds. Both artisans work in a variety of techniques: the direct method and pique assiette (‘plate thief’, a French term for a scrounger or recycler).

Since establishing the business in downtown Fort Pierce last month, their word-of-mouth referrals are on the rise. Building

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The Manatee Center Celebrates Manatee Awareness Month

by Rachel Truant, MOEC Manager

This November, celebrate Manatee Awareness Month by learning as much as you can about our state marine mammal — the manatee.

How do they look like? Also affectionately known as sea cows, these gentle giants span from eight to fourteen feet in length, weighing an average of 1,200 pounds. Although they are large, they do not contain much blubber — their large bodies are filled mostly with their stomachs and intestines. In fact, their intestines can span as long as 10 feet. Manatees are generally gray in color, and have flippers and a flat, paddle-shaped tail. They have five fingers/digits in their flippers (you can check the manatee skeleton in the Manatee Center for reference) and if you look closely, you will see fingernails, which look much like the toenails on elephants’ feet. Manatees use their flippers to steer, touch, scratch, or even hug.

How long do they live? Manatees can live up to 60 years in the wild, and even longer in captivity. How do they eat? Florida manatees have no natural enemies. The only time they die is from human-related causes.

Where do they live? Manatees are found in fresh, brackish and marine environments, most often in shallow, slow-moving rivers, estuaries, and coastal areas where they have the most access to seagrass and food plants. West Indian manatees (such as the ones found in Florida) have the ability to regulate their own salt levels, making it possible for them to switch between salt and freshwater environments. However, they need access to freshwater for drinking.

In the U.S., manatees live along the east coast and can be found as far west as Texas. However, manatees are sensitive to cold weather and can be shocked and injured by water temperatures below 68 degrees Fahrenheit. They migrate to Florida waters during the winter months, seeking out warmer water.

How do they reproduce? Manatees reproduce slowly, which is one of the many reasons it is so important to protect them. Florida manatees reproduce most during the spring and summer seasons. Manatees do not form parenting bonds. Instead, a single female calf every two to five years. The gestation period is about one year. Calves are born underwater and are immediately able to swim. Calf and birth one calf two every five to years. The gestation period is about one year. Calves are born underwater and are immediately able to swim.

How do they move? Typically, manatees will surface every three to five minutes, but they can hold their breath for over fifteen minutes.

How do they move? Manatees rely on their strong paddle-shaped tails to power them through the water. They typically move along at about five miles per hour but can swim as fast as 20 miles per hour or more for brief periods of time.

What do they eat? Manatees are herbivores. In fact, manatees consume about 10% of their body weight in plants each day. Florida manatees eat many different plants (over 60 species), including seagrass, mangrove leaves, algae, water hyacinth, and more.

The Manatee Center November Events

Season Hours: October 1st through May 31st we are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Friday, November 9 at 12 p.m.

Manatee Mystique

Lunch & Learn: Join us for a presentation by Diane Morgan. Mistaken for mermaids, eaten by pirates, loved by children, and saving lives in the 21st century, manatees are possibly the world’s most misunderstood and underestimated creature. Bring your lunch and learn all about the myths and facts of our state marine mammal, as well as their current conservation status and safeguards for human-manatee interactions. Free event.

Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m.

Painting with a Purpose

Celebrate manatee month by learning how to paint your very own manatee in a fun and friendly environment! This is a FUNdraiser for the Treasure Coast Manatee Foundation. Visit paintingwithapurpose.com for more information. Free event.

Friday, November 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Black Friday at the Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop

The Gift Shop will shine with special deals, and the Exhibit Hall will be open with special holiday crafts available for kids and families.

Saturday, November 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Small Business Saturday at the Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop

Support your local gift shop and Manatee Center. The Gift Shop will sparkle with special deals, and the Exhibit Hall will be open with special holiday crafts available for kids and families.

Recurring Programs

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. — Fin-Tastic Fish Feeding — come meet the fishes in the Center.

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. — Tide Pool Touch Tank — touch and hold tide pool critters.

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. — Meet the MOEC Reptiles — and witness Diego the corn snake eating.

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Her art has garnered numerous awards, has been on display in group and individual exhibits and is in state and corporate collections. She is a member of state and national associations. But it is the days spent with A. E. “Bean” Backus that is most memorable for Jacquelyn Modesitt Schindehette. It is a style that evokes a pursuit and patient observation of our living landscape that Shendihette captures on canvas in her plein air pieces. Working in oils, she masterly crafts each blade of grass, every single palm frond with deft and accuracy.

“The hammocks, pine forests, rivers of grass and natural springs hold more of a mystery for me as a painter than sandy beaches and coconut palms,” she says.

A Florida native, she began her art career alongside “Bean” Backus. “I was at the right time, in the right place,” she admits. Painting began as a hobby and blossomed under the direction of Bean Backus.

In the first years of marriage to Harry, who was a district manager at Florida Power & Light, Jackie did a lot of sewing while raising two sons. She was told by friends to go over to Bean’s place and just walk in. “Well, I wasn’t raised to just walk in to a man’s home,” she exclaims. As her sons grew older, she considered taking up painting and approached Bean’s home one day when that big, wooden door was wide open — meaning hospitality was in session. She loved it — the smell of turpentine filled the air. As she discussed her interest, he told her the supplies and materials she needed to begin. Every painting he did in those days was presold; he painted and she watched. Much of absorbing his style was done by asking questions. He would rise early in the morning and paint a few hours before anyone came by.

He made lunch every day, pausing to read the paper, resting in his chaise. “Bean was laid back and very generous with his information,” she says. “He had no secrets; he was willing to give everything he had.”

Jackie would visit two to three times a week while the boys were in school. It developed into a close friendship. In the later years, Don Brown, a childhood art student, lived with Bean as his manager. Main Street director Doris Tillman’s office was Bean’s bedroom and the connecting office was Don’s. A side room was where Don’s brother, Juan Dale Brown lived for a time.

“Often patrons would arrive and Bean was so humble,” Jackie says, continuing, “It was honest-to-goodness surprising to see him wonder out loud, ‘Will they like it?’” Sprinkled through the years came the prominent politician or celebrity.

“I started with oils and didn’t pick up a brush until I was in my mid 40s,” she adds. “I still have a hard time with them but I like the feel of pushing the paint around, being thick or thin, or making it dry faster. There is so much more that you can do today than back then.” Her favorite subjects are landscapes, adding a bird somewhere to add a pop of life to the image.

“I was fortunate to work with him in his studio for about 10 years in the very early part of my career. Actually, I had no ‘career’ at that time, just painting for pleasure, eager to learn all I could from such a great master painter. I am proud to call him my mentor but also a wonderful friend,” she adds.

“A lot of my choices (in subject matter) were influenced by my mother because she loved nature,” Jackie says. “She was a bird watcher and kept an extensive list of birds she sighted.” Jackie learned the native plant names and their habitats, gaining a keen awareness to place plants in the correct setting.

Me and the Bean: Jacqueline Schindehette, Backus Student — Indian River School of Artists

by Debra Magrann

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For many years, Jackie was on the board of the A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery. “Bean participated in many prestigious invitational-only shows at the Riviera Country Club in Coral Gables and Miami Museum of Science,” she recalls. “There would be a lottery as to who would purchase the Backus painting.” His collectors were a who’s who of Florida notables. “His Backus Palmer paintings were wall to wall,” she states.

Jackie continues, “He had a super intellect and could converse with the best. Jamaica was his retreat. When he visited, he would render 9 x 12 onsite sketches and return home to paint a larger canvas.” Afterward, he sold those sketches but she had always wanted one. She said to him, “Okay Bean, you’ve got to promise me that I get one of your sketches.” “Okay, hon, this time you can have one,” was his reply. It was to be his last trip to Jamaica. He gave her the one and only sketch. Her most memorable quote of Bean’s was in reference to his wife: “Well you know, I think Patsy liked me okay, but I think she really liked my lifestyle.”

Her formal art education was at the prestigious Art Students League in New York City in 1989. Invited and encouraged to study by local cowboy artist Carl Hartman, an apartment came available within walking distance of the school where she was immersed in classes from January through May. Adjusting to those winter months meant her Florida wardrobe needed extra layers. “I would cut through the southern part of Central Park to walk to school. It was amazing,” she says. “When I wasn’t in art school, I was at the Met or seeing plays,” she explains. Her husband, Harry, a physician, she credits, “The best feature is Mother Nature. I can still hear Bean saying that.”

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From a stable customer base, they offer demonstrations off site as well as individual and group classes. Ongoing monthly off-location classes are held at the House of Brews in Jensen Beach and the Verano community in Port St. Lucie. Jackie is a gifted master of traditional oil painting in a classical style, specializing in Landscapes. Her works evoke an old Florida when life was simpler and not so hurried. Like many of the painters that were influenced by Bean Backus, she records moments and moods that capture our natural beauty in all its glory, visually preserving the vanishing scrublands and savannas that once were plentiful.

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Her original artwork is for sale in large oils and smaller framed formats. She has a greeting card collection and has collectible, hand-designed and painted Christmas ornaments, too. “Although it happened in 2002, I remember it all like it was yesterday,” she says. “…that call from the governor’s office asking me to paint an ornament for the White House Christmas tree to represent the State of Florida. I was honored, excited and scared all at the same time.”

Pelicans are her favorite waterfowl. From the beach, they’ve provided her with inspiration and subject matter for many of her paintings. She participated in Ocala’s Horse Fever painted ponies outdoor exhibit in 2011 — think the Chicago Cows public art show that kicked off a national trend to display life-sized animals as outdoor sculptures. Her entry, “Horse Feathers” represented traditional scenic Florida birds and fauna.

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**Love, JAZZ Community: Take Me to the River**

by Don Bestor

November is one of our favorite months of the year at Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, and not just because of all the turkey and sweet potatoes. Now that Halloween has passed, and November is upon us, life on the Treasure Coast kicks into gear and ‘season’ begins. The Saturday morning Jazz Market is back in full swing down on Melody Lane, and the sound of music is back in the Sunrise Black Box Theatre with Jazz Jams every Tuesday evening beginning November 6th.

On Sunday afternoon, November 18th, Waterside Blues takes over Melody Lane and rocks the waterfront with a free concert. The Jazz Society will play beginning at 1 p.m., and at 3:00 p.m., the stage will light up featuring Dave Scott and the Reckless Shots. Time and again, Dave Scott and his screaming guitar has brought the crowd to its feet during the free concert on the waterfront. All you’ve got to do is show up — bring a lawn chair if you’d like, or just find a space along the seawall and enjoy the music and the atmosphere of a Sunday afternoon filled with music, sunshine, laughter, friends, and fun. Whether it’s spring, summer, or fall, Waterside Blues is Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society’s gift to the Treasure Coast to thank you for enjoying and supporting the arts in our community. Since we can’t cook dinner for everyone, music is the best gift we can give, and Waterside Blues is our gift of love to you and our community, so let your November refrain be, “Take Me to the River” on Sunday, November 18th, warm me with some sunshine, and rock me with some great, live music.

On Tuesday, November 27th, grab your favorite dancing partner and come out to enjoy our amazing 17-piece big band — FDO — For Dancers Only. We’ll set up a dance floor right there in the Black Box, so you can take a turn around the floor, dance cheek to cheek, and just enjoy some of the classics from the Great American Songbook. All summer long, we’ve been spending one night each month doing a little time travel with our special Class Reunion nights at the Sunrise Black Box. We’d love to hear from you to let us know if you’ve enjoyed the chance to focus on those very special times and the music that was the soundtrack of our lives. If you liked it, we’ll keep on doing the Class Reunion nights, so please feel free to pick up the phone and dial 772.460.JAZZ to let us know how we’re doing.

Whether it’s helping teach new students about jazz and blues through our master classes and special lesson programs, playing for the public on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and at the Saturday morning Jazz Market, or sharing our time and talent with other non-profits to help build a better community, we’re here to be a part of the community and help you make memories through music all year long. If you’d like to see our calendar, join the ranks of music lovers here on the Treasure Coast, or give a gift membership to someone you love, find us on Facebook, visit www.jazzsociety.org or call 772.460.JAZZ right now.

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**Thanksgiving at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market**

Fall is here and so are the fabulous vendors at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. After the long hot summer regular patrons and visitors are in for a treat every Saturday morning at Marina Square. Live music, including our long-time favorites, Rappure, Big Coque, and Live Bait, and some foot stomping sounds will be a delight. Dancers of all ages are welcome! Year-round vendors have braved the heat of summer and are ready to greet their returning seasonal friends. In addition to the regular vendors, there are several new ones to round out the shopping experience. The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market strives to bring commerce to historic Fort Pierce while supporting and promoting local business.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market will be collecting nonperishable foods for distribution to local food banks and soup kitchens. Collection boxes will be available at the Market Manager’s tent for all donations on October 6, October 13, and October 20. Please share the bounty of our local community with those who are in need. The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market provides fresh baked breads and pastries, coffee and healthy smoothies, fresh squeezed juice, and scrumptious hot breakfasts for any appetite. Get started with a sampling from any of the delicious food vendors. Then shop for take home goods — sauces, pasta, oils, cheese, kettle corn, smoked fish dip, olive oils and so much more. Something for everyone!

And of course, fresh produce, both seasonal locally grown and organic, and fruits and vegetables from all over the globe are just waiting for someone’s kitchen. Get to know your farmers. Most are delighted to talk about their products. For the home, Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market has locally crafted soaps and lotions, pet products, and plants. Only the finest artisanal products are offered.

Take a few minutes and enjoy the beautiful scenery at the Marina along the sea wall. Visit with friends, old and new. With so much to be thankful for, the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market is proud to be part of historic Fort Pierce. Come share the tradition — every Saturday, rain or shine, 8 a.m. to noon, the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. Make it part of your day!
Swig of Color: Second Street Studio Features Talents of a Painterly Duo

by Debra Magrann

Since their launch in 2016, veteran entrepreneurs and co-owners of Swig of Color Susan Garman and Rita Polizzi, have held their unique brand of painting parties in an airplane hangar, a barn, chiropractor’s office and dentists lab for starters. Local gigs at breweries, bars and restaurants round out a host of backdrops where clientele enjoy a relaxing evening as they sip and paint.

The rapidly expanding paint party industry has attracted a following among people desiring an outlet for creative energy paired with social connectivity. In the mix of color, canvas and alcoholic beverages, emerged a cottage industry that catapulted from concept to franchise, turning quick profits of green and gold. That popularity has made Swig of Color a lucrative career option for these working artists.

The artists help fill empty seats on slow nights. The Office on U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce has been their client from day one holding parties once a month. “Customers want to learn,” says Polizzi. “A template image with a step-by-step approach allows the painters to learn techniques. Repeat clientele come for different reasons: to learn, make friends and have fun,” she adds.

Included in their toolbox are administrative skills; Garman is a self-taught mixed media artist who graduated from St. Petersburg College with an Associates of Arts in Human Services, continuing studies at University of South Florida and Indian River State College. Polizzi is a designer with a background in fine arts and design coordinator, she encourages clients to gain confidence and experience the process of painting.

“Influenced by nature, Polizzi uses photography as a reference for her original designs used at Swig of Color. As lead instructor and design coordinator, she encourages clients to gain confidence and experience the process of painting.”

“Focusing on the fine art of fun, the Swig of Color experience is a confidence booster. Polizzi connects as a mentor rather than instructor giving close attention as she works the tables. Individuality is emphasized as well. Projects can be personalized and color modifications are allowed. It’s not a cookie-cutter art project. “Not at all, by any means,” says Garman. “We don’t want to be intimidating in any way.”

Swig of Color offers creative painting events to businesses, perfect for team building or coworker socials and networking opportunities in a relaxed setting. Parties are tailored for those looking for a social outlet for themselves, friends, and family. Their mobility, Our Van Goes to You, is a complete package with ease of set up and breakdown that makes it convenient for senior center activities, too.

Services are available at popular local hangouts, the studio, or call them to bring the party to your home or office. If you’re planning a moms’ and girls’ night in, birthday or any group activity — they can come to you. Additionally, fundraising and children’s parties are accommodated at their storefront location.

Public events are held each month that include all the supplies and instruction you need to create your own home décor. Special occasions, date night, girls’ night out, or if you just need some downtime, they have the expertise to make your night memorable. “We encourage our painters to order from our venue host,” Garman explains. “We think of them as our partners and their support helps grow the business.”

The motivation to move to downtown was an easy choice. They bounced around ideas, asking what they wanted to see manifest in the future which was to one day have a space. Word went out that they were hunting for a place and the former tenant, Ginny Pech Street, happens to be a good friend who made introductions to the landlord.

Making a home in downtown Fort Pierce means working with the neighboring business owners and the new cohesiveness that exists among the boutique shops and retailers. They support small, local businesses — not corporate restaurant franchises — in an effort to work hand-in-hand bringing them new customers.

Garman notes there is a vibe here. “The September food drive was one art-driven activity for National Hunger Month. There are a lot of good things happening downtown that we aspire to be part of. Incubator space is something we plan to do for artists to have a work area.”

A major alliance with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce has reaped significant benefits. Invited last year to a Chamber Business and Social Hour (BASH) — where every business brings food, drink and a door prize — they joined, getting involved with the rotating networking. “It’s a great way to introduce the public to the free event and learn more about the sponsoring business,” Garman says. Ribbon cuttings offer the same opportunity. “We have done a lot of corporate events with chamber businesses and forged some good relationships.”

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Making time for ourselves to practice yoga, get creative, meditate, spend time in nature — anything that gets us outside of our routine shifts our perspective. In your practice, you can add this “insight body meditation,” which uses inquiry and breath. Take a moment to sit quietly, close your eyes and begin to follow your breath in and out through your nose. Ask yourself if there is something in your life that may be causing stress for you. Begin to imagine the situation and take a deep inhale and exhale through your nose while softening that part of your body. Now imagine the stressful situation and see if you can be in the situation in your mind while keeping those areas soft and breathing deeply. Common places we may hold tension is in the jaw, stomach, lips, eyebrows, and shoulders.

The next time you find yourself in a stressful situation, remember the parts of your body where you tend to hold stress and take notice. Are able to soften those spaces? Sometimes creating space for ourselves to breathe and get perspective is all we need.

Margarida Tree has been practicing and teaching Yoga for 26 years and has owned and operated One Yoga Planet and Educating Yoga Teachers Trainings for 12 years in historic downtown Fort Pierce. As a Yoga Teacher she works with individuals from the “wholistic” approach of Yoga to help students find their own balance and harmony.

Mind/Body/Perspective: De-Stress in November

by Margarida Tree

So good, in fact, that Swig of Color was honored as the 2018 Retail Business of the Year at the 33rd Annual St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Business & Industry Awards. “It was pretty cool,” Garman says. “And very flattering while at the same time humbling,” Polizzi concurs.

Swig of Color’s first monthly customer appreciation was held in September. And the business lends support to nonprofits. “We’re artists!” Garman says. “We give back quite a bit — it’s in our nature. As busy business owners, we consider when someone asks. We have done things benefitting the Boys and Girls Club, namely a paper mural for children to paint (like an oversized coloring page) during the St. Lucie County Seafood Festival this spring at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center and last year’s City of PSL Rock Painting.” They also participated in the 3rd Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival this year.

The busy studio calendar includes Wednesday and Friday events while private events and guest artist workshops are planned for the future. Most Swig of Color events and venues run two to three hours and are suitable for painters ages 12 and up.

Seasonal themes appear during the holidays. Participants are strongly encouraged to sign-up in the event of a sell-out. Swig of Color supplies everything needed, including aprons. Casual wear is suggested. Acrylic paints are used for their ease of clean up and short drying time. Some venues allow painters to bring their own snacks or to have food delivered.

The public is invited to their St. Lucie County Chamber ribbon cutting at the new studio on Thursday, November 15 at 5:15 p.m. Swig of Color is on Facebook or to book a party online, visit the website: www.swigofcolor.com. To be a host, a refundable deposit is required to book your event. Contact Swig of Color by e-mail at talk2us@swigofcolor.com or phone 772.801.5025. Swig of Color is located at 203 N. 2nd Street in Fort Pierce. Their hours are Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday to Friday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
November Fishing Report: Fall Fishing
by Captain Bo Samuel, Pullin Drag Charters

During the month of November local waters start to cool bringing more fish into the area. Sheepshead, snapper, jack, and pompano are good choices for a fun day of fishing. Most anglers know that catching Florida pompano means a delicious fresh fish dinner. Look for them in shallow waters of the lagoon and off the beach and use live shrimp for best results. Remember to try around channel markers on incoming and outgoing tides when the current is moving for snapper and sheepshead.

Snook are still being caught on live mullet and pinfish in the inlet and around the bridges. Trout fishing is good first thing in the morning using soft plastics or live shrimp under a popping cork. And keep your eyes out for tripletail near buoys where they can sometimes be seen floating on the surface.

Check with your local bait and tackle shops for fishing license and regulations. Happy Thanksgiving be grateful for every catch, and keep Pullin Drag!

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Academy Captures Snapshot of Lagoon Health

On October 4th, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Academy Upper School students joined approximately 1,800 other students, teachers and environmental experts across the region to gather data along the 159 mile stretch of the Indian River Lagoon. A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon was coordinated by S.E.A. a Difference Environmental Services. St. Andrew’s riverfront campus was the planning hub and meeting space for St. Lucie County educators for the last several months.

St. Andrew’s Upper School students are no strangers to taking science, math and other lessons outdoors. In fact, their riverfront campus is the site for their Living Shoreline project, an ongoing initiative that is reaping rewards. “We are seeing better water quality and the return of sea life that has been absent from our shore.” says Suzanne Barry, Head of Schools. “Our restoration and science-based efforts towards the health of the Indian River Lagoon provides our students a unique educational and hands-on opportunity for learning.”

St. Andrew’s science teachers, in partnership with Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, guided students through the day. Students used a sea net to identify marine life, measured current flow, sediment and water quality using chemical, physical and biological parameters to capture the information. “We used this science and math-based day to provide other lessons in civics, economics and the arts. The Indian River Lagoon provides educational connections to a variety of disciplines. We believe this gathering of so many students studying this vital estuary will be a springboard for accelerated engagement in STEAM learning and potential solutions on our environmental challenges,” said Barry.

Students documented the data and submitted their findings to S.E.A. who will compile the information and publish a snapshot of the overall health of the aquatic ecosystem and biodiversity of the lagoon.

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