It’s "Margaritaville" at the 21st Annual Reverse Raffle Live & Silent Auction
Saturday, August 15
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Florida Keys-Style at this Year’s Reverse Raffle Fundraiser
by Sue Dannahower

July was a great month! Both the 3rd and 4th of July were filled with fireworks and celebrations. Thanks to sponsors: City of Fort Pierce, Budweiser, the Law Firm of Hoskins, Turco, Lloyd & Lloyd, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Fort Pierce Yacht Club, Garber Buick/GMC of Fort Pierce, Ocean Chiropractic & Health Center, the Original Tiki Bar, Cobb’s Landing & Blue Water Beach Grill and Waste Management. The entire weekend was a huge success and enjoyed by thousands of folks from all over the four-county area.

August rings in our most popular annual fundraiser, the Reverse Raffle — Silent & Live Auctions at the Pelican Yacht Club. This year’s theme is the “Margaritaville.” Main Street Fort Pierce and All in Fun will transform the Pelican Yacht Club into our very own private “Key West” setting. The dress is tropical, comfortable, or casual attire. You won’t want to miss the biggest party on the Treasure Coast.

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**Calendar**

**Dine, Shop and Enjoy Beautiful, Historic, Downtown Fort Pierce!**

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**August 3, Monday:** The Cake Lady’s 1st Monday Girl’s Night Out — Learn cupcake decorating techniques. All materials included; wine and appetizers. Please register in advance, $35 per person, all inclusive; 772-242-8128.

**August 7, Friday:** Friday Fest — 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.; Live music; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3885; www.mainstreetfortpierce.org

**August 12, Wednesday:** Art Walk at Art Mundo Open Studio — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; 111 Orange Avenue; 772-766-0021, www.artmundo.org.

**August 13, Thursday:** Bike Night — 2nd Thursday of every month; Located at The Fort Pierce City Marina between Cobb’s Landing and the Original Tiki Bar.

**SUNRISE THEATRE**

**August 2, Sunday:** Free Summertime Movies — “Something’s Gotta Give” at 3:00 p.m.; 461-4775, www.sunriseatetheatre.com.

**August 3 – 7:** Missoula Children’s Summer Camp — “Red Riding Hood”; $125. Performance: August 7, Friday @ 7:00 p.m.; Tickets $10; 461-4775, www.sunriseatetheatre.com.


**SUNRISE THEATRE BLACK BOX**

**August 8, Saturday:** Comedy Corner Presents Steve Metta/Joe Riga at 8:00 p.m.; Tickets $15; 461-4775, www.sunriseatetheatre.com.

**August 14, Friday:** Treasure Coast Food Bank Presents Out Laugh Hunger — to Benefit Treasure Coast Food Bank; 7:00 p.m.; Tickets $25 / $50 VIP; 461-4775, www.sunriseatetheatre.com.

**August 28, Friday:** Pure Zeppelin Experience — presented by the Butterfly Project and Artists for MS; 8:00 p.m.; Tickets $25 / $35; 461-4775, www.sunriseatetheatre.com.

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**Wednesdays:** Wednesday Green Market — Rain or Shine 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Downtown Marina Square; 971-8480.

**Saturday:** The Jazz Market — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north side of the Downtown Fort Pierce Library; Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5299; www.jazzsociety.org

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Ten years ago, Main Street Fort Pierce set out on a new venture — to create a in-house newspaper that highlights the events, businesses, supporters, and positive happenings of downtown Fort Pierce. The first edition of the Main Street Focus was released in August, 2005. So much has happened since then and the Main Street Focus has documented every important milestone.

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In celebration of its 10th anniversary, Main Street Fort Pierce would like to bring special attention to the advertisers who have supported the Main Street Focus since the beginning (see listing). Please support these and all the advertisers of the Main Street Focus as well as the businesses of downtown Fort Pierce.

In addition to the writers and advertisers, the staff and board of Main Street Fort Pierce would like to thank all the readers of the Main Street Focus. The story of downtown Fort Pierce is ongoing and it is a pleasure to provide pieces of its past, present and future to the community each month.

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**Broadway Comes to 2nd Street!**

by Anne Satterlee, Public Relations & Development Director, Sunrise Theatre

The **Sunrise Theatre** presents a fantastic 2015/16 Broadway on 2nd Street Series. There are six exciting National Broadway Touring Company performances for the upcoming 2015/16 Season and you don't have to travel to New York' to enjoy the shows! Membership starts at $75 and gets you the "best" seats in the house for all shows and you can save with the 2nd Street Series: purchase six shows and save 15%; four – five shows saves 10%; and two – three shows saves 5%. The six National Broadway Touring Company sensational shows are:

One of the best musicals of recent decades, *Ragtime*, comes to the Sunrise Theatre on Sunday, January 10 at 7 p.m. Based on the 1977 movie starring John Travolta, *Saturday Night Fever* is the coming-of-age tale of young Tony Manero who learns the value of life in 1970's Brooklyn. Based on the 1977 movie starring John Travolta, *Saturday Night Fever* is packed with legendary hits from the Bee Gees, including *Stayin' Alive*, *Night Fever*, *Jive Talkin*, *You Should Be Dancing*, and *How Deep Is Your Love*, in addition to several new songs written especially for this production. Tickets priced at $59/49. The magical family musical, *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber comes to the Sunrise Theatre on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Directed and choreographed by Tony® Award-winner Andy Blankenbuehler, this new production is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. The magical musical is full of unforgettable songs, including *Go Go Go Joseph*, *Any Dream Will Do*, and *Close Every Door*. Book your tickets and be part of the magic! Tickets priced at $69/59.

Don't walk to the high voltage Tony® Award-winning Broadway musical, *Million Dollar Quartet* on Friday, March 25 at 8 p.m. Inspired by the phenomenal true story of the famed recording session where Sam Phillips, the "Father of Rock 'n Roll" brought together icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for one unforgettable night. This thrilling musical brings you inside the recording studio for a monumental night of rock and roll that explodes off the stage, featuring 21 timeless hits including *Blue Suede Shoes*, *Sixteen Tons*, *Great Balls of Fire*, *I Walk the Line*, *Fever*, *Hound Dog*, and more. Tickets priced at $65/59.

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Natalie’s Orchid Island Juice Company’s CEO Receives Award

By Sue Dannahower

Marygrace Sexton, the CEO of Natalie’s Orchid Island Juice Company (Natalie’s), has been named by the Progressive Grocer as a 2015 Top Women in Grocery. Marygrace is the founder and inspiration for the company and she has worked to place Natalie’s juices in 30 states and 24-plus countries. Natalie’s (named after her elder daughter) was founded in 1989 in Vero Beach. Husband, Bobby, a citrus grower, encouraged Marygrace to start a fresh juice company. Natalie’s has since moved to a state-of-the-art facility in Fort Pierce employing over 88 workers. The company has always been family-owned and operated, but officially became women-owned when daughters, Natalie and Lucy Sexton joined the business. In 2014 Natalie’s Orchid Island Juice Company was certified as a women’s business enterprise by the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council.

Natalie’s produces over 5 million gallons of juice per year. All juices are clean label products and squeezed fresh, with no preservatives or hidden ingredients. The company has won eight National Awards for taste and nutrition by publications such as: Real Simple, Cooks Illustrated, Good Housekeeping, Woman’s Day, and Bon Appetit magazines.

Under Marygrace’s guidance, Natalie’s, gives back to more than 60 charitable organizations, churches and provides juice for Coffee with the Mayor. Main Street Fort Pierce congratulates Marygrace on producing quality juice using only Florida citrus.
“Life Chapters” Uncover Lost History of Fort Pierce

by Debra Magrann

Uncovering buried treasure is a thing of which dreams are based and those diligently seeking fame or fortune are sometimes able to realize their hopes of finding objects of value. Beyond material riches, there are jewels that can be easily retrieved with the blink of an eye if we only set our minds to ponder on the past. Most of us can recall days long gone spent with family and friends at the beach, park or in the woods.

Our treasured coast is home to myriad of things remembered including cherished memories of how life used to be — simple and carefree. How many of us can paint a picture in our mind’s eye of visiting Florida on a family vacation or cavorting on Spring Break somewhere on a beach? For one Fort Pierce downtown, the days of visiting relatives are vivid segments of earlier decades that bring to mind what is special about keeping traditions alive.

Robert Merritt is the Black Box manager at the Sunrise Theatre. His grandparents immigrated to Fort Pierce from Italy, and Easter vacations were the highlight of Robert’s youth. A native of New Jersey, his extended DeFrancesco family tree boasts over 100 members. “La famiglia e tutto” (family is everything) gives us roots to branch out on our own which Merritt eventually did as an adult, settling in Lakewood Park.

Although those carefree days are gone, he can easily recall racing radio-controlled boats with the model boat club members. His memories are like pages in a book: the days when the south bridge was wooden, being with his grampa catching fiddler crabs — often using a chicken leg on a string — and going to the Sunrise Theatre where the latest movies were playing. His boyhood fancies were simple, like fishing the ‘mosquito canals’ at A1A and the power plant. He always found new things to do. His early “Life Chapters” unfold like picture postcards of boyhood remembrances tied together by family.

Looking back, Merritt brought to mind the way downtown used to be and shared his experience as an adult living in New Jersey when he would jump into his car to travel all over the country. Once, while working in New York, he drove 24 hours to park at the jetty and then return home. His interest in leaving the northlands piqued in the ‘90s when his aunts read an article in the local paper showing off the newly remodeled Sunrise Theatre. When he made a permanent move to live in Fort Pierce, he began ushering there.

Fast-forward to today as Merritt manages the Black Box. He enjoys the work and attends many of the tribute band concerts. More memorable shows include the Beatles Tribute, an October 31, 2009 Rocky Horror Picture Show midnight event, One Night with Queen, Yes and the Pink Floyd Experience. A truly memorable event was experiencing ghost busters from Vero who set up their cameras overnight at the Sunrise Theatre. “Lights came on in dressing room number 5,” he stated, “without the flip of a switch.”

In this current Life Chapter, he balances work and an artistic flair for sculpture. He works in fine metals, which may be reminiscent of his near-decade-long career with the NYC Transit Authority. Merritt also enjoys semi-retirement selling unique items on eBay where he has a following of customers. His most time-consuming piece of artwork was a commission for Darryl Bey of BlueBird Productions.

“That was a one-of-a-kind copper wire sculpture with a jazz theme that included New Orleans street signs on a lamp post and a trumpet with a hand pointing.” He calls it the Basin Street Clock. His latest Life Chapter includes an HO scale train collection which beckons back to many a young boy’s Christmas morning, opening that special box to reveal a shiny, new locomotive.

You’ll find Robert Merritt most evenings when the doors open at the Sunrise Theatre’s Black Box. Ask for him by name and perhaps he will share a story or two with you.
The Art House — Leading the Way
by “Captain Mike” Michael R. Howard

Opening night for the Art House could not have been better. Coinciding with the rejuvenated downtown monthly Art Walk and the sold out David Crosby concert at the Sunrise Theater, the Art House opened to rave reviews and an overflowing crowd. Not even the heavy rains dampened the enthusiasm or attendance. I followed their renovations closely for several weeks and was in no way surprised to see the vivid splendor of their final work. The makeover was superb and when the curtain went up on June 10, the once-ugly duckling had indeed become the elegant swan.

The Art House sets the downtown art bar to a new height now and will certainly lead the way in establishing downtown Fort Pierce as an art destination. Their exhibits, artists and services combine to offer both the art enthusiasts and the casual shopper with everything either might want. From the moment you walk in you sense their professionalism, energy and enthusiasm. It’s a fun place to visit, shop, take art classes, consign your art work or just talk with the many gifted artists there who have bravely teamed together to make this unique art venture a success.

A short talk with owner Mary Bennett made clear her devotion to her stable of artists. Talking with the artists showed their appreciation and fondness for Mary in return. This endeavor is a “dream come true” for Mary. “This is my ministry” is how Mary passionately described it. This personal connection to the many artists there is obvious. I sense a very happy group willing to work hard together to be successful and give the downtown art scene a shot of vitality.

Some of the resident artists include Art Director Doug Maccon, Operations/Coordinator; Debi Crouse, Education Director; Cheryl Boglioli, Lisa Steffens and Janet Bird Fuller. Their work covers the spectrum from mixed media, to digital art, repurposed or second-generation art, steam punk, drawing and watercolors. The variety of their work is fascinating and intriguing.

Additionally there are several featured artists on display. Internationally known watercolor artist Colleen Nash Becht has work here that’s never been shown anywhere else before. Other featured artists include Shadie McKee, mixed media; Dale Beam, assemblage; Dave Farrow, acrylics with a maritime slant; and one of my favorites, Charles Blake, sculpture.

The Art House offers a wide variety of art instruction and classes. These include drawing, monotypes, Bob Ross classes, acrylics, live models and more. Whatever your art interest may be, you’re sure to find it at the Art House. And be sure to stop by after your next concert at the Sunrise Theater. The Art House will always be open following the concert and you are encouraged to stop by for a glass of wine and visit with the many talented and friendly artists that now call the Art House their home. And look for another big event in the Fall to welcome in the influx of all the seasonal residents.

The Art House is located at 100 2nd Street, Suite 108; phone 772-207-3777. Their hours are 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit thearthouseftpierce.com or contact them through e-mail at thearthousefp@gmail.com.
Florida DCA Awards Grant for Sunrise Theatre's General Program Support

The City of Fort Pierce recently received a $68,942 grant award for the Sunrise Theatre from the Florida Department of State’s Division of Cultural Affairs (FL DCA) under the General Program Support (GPS) category. GPS funding is designed to support the general program activities of an organization that is realizing its stated mission and furthering the state’s cultural objectives by conducting, creating, producing, presenting, staging, or sponsoring cultural exhibitions, performances, educational programs, or events or providing professional services as a State Service Organization or Local Arts Agency.

According to Mayor Linda Hudson, “Our beautiful fully-restored Sunrise Theatre for the Performing Arts is an essential economic, social, cultural, and educational engine. Traffic generated by performances, educational offerings and summer camps spurs millions of dollars in positive economic impact for restaurants, hotels and retailers in our great city.”

For the 2015-2016 Season, the Sunrise Theatre reached $2.7 million in ticket sales. The theatre, now approaching its 10th year, has seen continued growth and development every year in terms of attendance, ticket sales, memberships, number and diversity of programs offered, but especially the breadth and depth of where patrons and visitors are coming from.

The Florida Department of State’s Division of Cultural Affairs is Florida’s legislatively designated state arts agency. The Division promotes the arts and culture as essential to quality of life for all Floridians. To achieve its mission, the Division funds and supports cultural programs that provide artistic excellence, diversity, education, access and economic vitality for Florida’s communities. For more information, visit dos.myflorida.com/cultural. ❖

Treasured Finds in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce

by Plythe Gibbons, Owner of Treasures of Fort Pierce

I enjoy strolling the streets of Historic Downtown Fort Pierce any day, but today I was on the prowl to find something cool and chic to wear to the Main Street Reverse Raffle. My mission was to find the perfect outfit for the “Margaritaville” themed event. So I ventured to the women’s clothing boutiques in downtown Fort Pierce.

My first stop was Whimsy. Whimsy is located a little north of downtown at 521 N. Second Street and is “The Unique Chic Boutique That Everyone Can Afford.” Whimsy has an assortment of floral sundresses, maxi dresses, and beach cover-ups for those looking for that chic casual look.

I left Whimsy and ventured to the central downtown area. Rosslow’s is located at 105 S. Second Street and has been serving the women of St. Lucie County for over 65 years. The store offers a wide variety of women’s clothing and accessories, ranging from casual to formal wear — Pandora, Alex & Ani, Brighton, and Vera Bradley, just to name a few. I am sure the ladies at Rosslow’s will be happy to find you that special outfit for the event.

Next on my stroll, I stopped into Angels & Cowgirls Southern Boutique. Angels & Cowgirls Southern Boutique is located at 206 Orange Avenue and is a southern cowgirl boutique with an angelic charm. Angels & Cowgirls Southern Boutique is proud of the fact that all of their merchandise is handpicked and that they only order 6 of each item. They do not reorder the same clothing, so you won’t see your friend wearing the same outfit. This is an important fact when every-one in town will be at the Reverse Raffle.

After leaving Angels & Cowgirls Southern Boutique, I walked 3 doors west to Alisari’s at 209 Orange Avenue. Alisari’s has been in downtown Fort Pierce for over 40 years. I found some tropical dresses, short and maxi, made by Simply Silk. These dresses are washable and easy wear for the Florida heat. Alisari’s also carries earrings, bracelets and necklaces to create the perfect ensemble.

Leaving Alisari’s, I stumbled upon a new retail shop that caught my eye, mainly because of the name, Mystique Boutique. As I entered the store I noticed several colorful maxi sundresses. There was an array of dresses to choose from, casual to cocktail and also intimate apparel. However, I saw two dresses I liked that had that local coastal tropical feel. But, it was a green off the shoulder exotic print, made out of a grab and go fabric, which I knew I would be comfortable in and would be perfect for the event at the Pelican Yacht Club.

What a fun day I had shopping in downtown Fort Pierce and I was able to find that special dress for the Main Street Fort Pierce Reverse Raffle. I enjoy living in Fort Pierce and I am proud of the treasures we can find right in our own historic downtown. Support local business — Shop Downtown Fort Pierce! ❖

Plythe Gibbons, owner of Treasures of Fort Pierce, and Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Chair can be contacted at www.treasuresfp.com.
“Margaritaville” 21st Annual Reverse Raffle – Live & Silent Auctions

by Pam Gillette

Join Main Street Fort Pierce as we transform the Pelican Yacht Club into a tropical paradise for the hottest party of the summer — the 21st Annual Reverse Raffle Live & Silent Auction on Saturday, August 15, 2015. “Margaritaville” is the theme this year and the event starts at 6:00 p.m. with registration, dancing, and the silent auction.

Come ready to party and dance the night away as DJ Jeff Brown from iHeart Media will entertain us with music from the tropics, today’s dance music, and limbo in the main room. Take a Shot Photo Booth will be on hand at the event to capture your memories of the evening.

For those of you who do not know what a Reverse Raffle is, that is why we are dedicated to providing high quality products and services to help clients reach their financial goals.

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**Varsity Sport Shop**

Fort Pierce native Kristina Yavorsky Gibbons purchased **Varsity Sport Shop** in August 2013 just when the 40-year-old sports shop moved from its original location to downtown Fort Pierce. Kristina was excited about continuing the traditions of the **Varsity Sport Shop** while bringing her own special touch to the business.

Kristina is proud of what she has accomplished over the past 2 years. Customer service is the key and with the help of her team, Tyler Dunn, Jose’ Santana, Dale van der Lugt, Linda Wilson, her husband Derrick and daughter Kate, **Varsity Sport Shop** welcomes you to come by and see what the shop has to offer.

**Varsity Sport Shop** remains the shop to go to for your custom trophies, plaques, company badges, nameplates, doorplates, and awards. They still custom embroider polos, t-shirts, jackets, and uniforms for all team sports and schools. This year they have teamed up with St. Andrews in downtown Fort Pierce for all of their sports uniforms and are proud to have outfitted all the little league uniforms including the State Championship team.

New to their retail line is apparel by Charles River and Hollaway along with accessories from Flipped Bird such as hair ties and bags, Thera Pearl, a Hot & Cold Therapy wrap and Fan Gear for all the local Pop Warner and High Schools. Varsity has also added screen-printing to their in-house decoration.

Kristina wants to say thank you to all the people that have continued to support **Varsity Sport Shop**, especially Fort Pierce Little League, St. Andrews Episcopal School, Fort Pierce PAL, and all the downtown businesses. “We are going to keep supporting the community we live in with great personal service, while striving to be the best at what we do.”

**Varsity Sport Shop** is located at 211 Orange Ave in Downtown Fort Pierce and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (they are only open Saturdays by appointment from June through August); closed on Sundays. Visit their website at www.varsitysportshop.com or call the shop at 772-465-1396.

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Linda Wilson, her husband Derrick and daughter Kate.

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**Jose’ Santana, Tyler Dunn, Dale van der Lugt, Kristina Yavorsky Gibbons, Kate Gibbons**
Everyone says it slows down to a crawl on the Treasure Coast every summer, and maybe that’s true for some, but anyone who is involved with the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society knows that summer is growing season — that’s right — growing season. For the past few years, the professional musicians involved with the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society have proved they don’t just know how to talk the talk; they also know how to walk the walk and practice what they preach by hosting a summer Jazz Camp for students.

Most summer camps involve arts and crafts and maybe swimming and a game or two, but as you can imagine, Jazz Camp is decidedly different and unique. For two weeks, students come to the camp and jump right into the music, having a chance to play with the professionals and learning how to improvise, change keys on the fly, and even how to scat like a natural. Musicians like Claudio Berardi, Dave Mundy, Maurice Sedaka, Bud Scales, and Don Bestor sit alongside students of all ages under the direction of the legendary musician, Mark Green. In addition to the remarkably talented instrumentalists on hand, the group of campers had the opportunity to learn some vocal stylings from the likes of the area’s most notable king of the microphone, Scatman Jack, and Mia Batalini, the vocalist for several local combos and the frontwoman for FDO, the 17-piece big band which always gets the crowd on its feet and swinging.

You could say the recipe is one part practice, one part participation with the pros, and one part performance, and all three parts together add up to a big pile of fun, music, and education during the summer for campers of all ages. Initially, Jazz Camp was designed for teenagers only, but members of the Fort Pierce Jazz Society soon realized that there are lots of amateur musicians in the area who would enjoy an opportunity to play with and learn from the pros, so the camp was opened up for the young and young-at-heart, too. This year, both weeks of Jazz Camp were loaded to the gills with students from age 13 to 69, and everyone had a great time and a chance to perform the fruits of their labor at a special performance at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre during one of the Society’s weekly Tuesday Night Jazz Jams. The stage was packed, and so was the audience, and the excitement and enthusiasm were high as each jazz camper, young and old, had a moment in the spotlight, a chance to perform something old, something new, something borrowed, and even something blue — bluesy, that is.

Each of us remembers his first big break or that first time someone gave us a chance to shine. We remember that teacher, coach, mentor, family member or friend who shared knowledge and skills with us unconditionally, wanting only for us to succeed and shine. Being that kind of mentor or encouragement for others is part of our mission at the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, and we do our best to plant the seeds of music and a love of jazz and blues everywhere we go throughout the year. So you can imagine how great it feels for us to watch the students we’ve helped walking across the stage to accept a scholarship or stepping up to the microphone to belt out a solo and bask in the limelight. That’s Christmas, birthday, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Thanksgiving, and Halloween all wrapped up together, and all of us at the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society love the opportunity to enjoy that harvest and share with the entire community, the awesome fruits of our labor. Thank you for always coming out to support our musicians, our programs, and the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society.
Lori McNamara Paints Plein Air

by Holly Theuns, Executive Director, Art Mundo

What is Plein Air? Out-of-doors. Local artist Lori McNamara packs up her easel, her oil paints, masonite boards, a folding chair, sun umbrella, plenty of water and sunscreen and all of the other things she might need out in the middle of the Savannas, packs them in her little red car and takes off for some local sight of natural beauty. We have a lot of them and I think McNamara knows them all. She has been painting in and around Fort Pierce almost all of her life. There was a five-year stint in Georgia — but she missed the pink and lavender horizon of Florida. The creamy colored horizon of Georgia just wasn’t home.

Do you know how the sky gets that dark roiling gray before it storms and you can see the rain coming before it gets here? McNamara captures that in her work. All of the blues and greens and turquoises of the lagoon you see when you come down off the Citrus overpass — McNamara’s work reflects that. Other than an AA degree in Art from the old Indian River Junior College and a few lessons with Beanie Backus, McNamara is self-taught. She has honed her innate ability to have her hands create what her eyes see. In my eyes that makes her a master.

You will have a chance to see some of McNamara’s work at Art Mundo in the Underground during the month of August. I’ll bet everyone recognizes at least one of the locations in her paintings. Her favorite place to paint is Heathcote Botanical Gardens. The garden is close to her heart. She married her husband Jack in the Japanese Garden there and when I asked her what was on her bucket list she said she wanted to compile a book of her paintings from Heathcote over the years. She has preserved some of the history of the garden in oils. The long-gone, three-headed-palm and old Banyan tree live on in her work. Next year is the 50th Anniversary of Heathcote Botanical Gardens and the Executive Director, Miriam Charles, told me they were in the process of deciding which of Lori’s paintings would grace the front of the 50th Anniversary commemorative tee shirt.

Charles said the garden loves to have Lori and the other artists come to paint. She once found McNamara painting in the garden’s rainforest, which had recently been dedicated to her late mother, Gloria Moore, who, along with Bud Adams, Jan Bals, Peggy Berg, Laura Baker and Norma Axx founded Heathcote Botanical Gardens. As soon as Charles saw the work in progress she knew she had to have it, and bought it, wet, right off of McNamara’s easel.

I had an eighty-year-old Water Oak in my front yard on 2nd Street, until a heavy wind in 2014 took the tree out. Luckily, I have a Lori McNamara painting of my historic house with that majestic old oak in the front yard. A bit of history preserved. McNamara has a painting of the old Wabasso Tackle Shop and probably many other buildings and vistas that may have been lost to us otherwise.

McNamara runs a group called the Plein Air Painters of the Treasure Coast. They go out together once a week when it is not quite so hot and paint Plein Air. One of the things on my bucket list is to join them and try my hand at Plein Air. I asked George Love, an accomplished oil painter and Art Mundo’s Oil Painting 101 teacher about McNamara’s work and here is what she told me: “Lori McNamara’s paintings are full of chunky, juicy color. She paints confidently, after years of observing what’s around her. Lori has a way of putting color into places you never thought would have them. Her strokes can show the wind blasting through a palm tree or stirring up the ocean. In other works, she shows her sheer pleasure of being immersed in nature, with flowers, sunlight and beautiful skies with moving clouds.”

If you love Fort Pierce — the sky, the water, the palms and other native vegetation — then you will love Lori McNamara’s work. Come to the August show and see if you can go home without adding something to your collection. McNamara does commission work so if you don’t see your favorite scene or would like to capture a moment in time with a painting of your family’s house, talk to Lori. McNamara has a blog at http://lorisart.blogspot.com/ if you want to see more of her work online.

Art Walk will be held on Wednesday, August 12th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Art Walk is free and gives the community a chance to see art exhibits, meet local artists, buy art and enjoy refreshments.

Lori McNamara’s artwork will be on exhibit until Friday, August 28, 2015.
Cooking with Cast Iron

Years ago I was given a ginormous (extremely large) cast iron skillet. Back then I couldn’t imagine how or why I would ever use it. Fast forward to the 21 Century when cast iron trended, with all of the top chefs making use of the typically Southern cooking cookware. So I dragged out my unused rusty skillet, cleaned it up, and now it is my go-to for searing and baking. See Diva Recipes for a few of my favorites.

Seasoning: “Seasoning” is the process of oiling and heating cast iron to protect its porous surface from moisture. The oil is absorbed, creating a rustproof nonstick surface, which means your food will cook evenly and your skillet will have a beautiful sheen. Here’s how to season yours:

1. Rinse with hot water and dry thoroughly.
2. Spread a thin layer of vegetable oil over both the inside and outside surfaces.
3. Place the pan upside down on a rack in a broiler pan.
4. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Turn off the oven and let the pan cool before removing. It is now ready to use.

Cleaning: Do not use soap when cleaning and do not put it in the dishwasher. Wash with a stiff brush or Brillo pad under hot running water; dry immediately, and rub with a thin coating of vegetable oil. Store in a cool, dry place with a folded paper towel between the lid and the pan to prevent rust.
Tech Bytes: Windows 10
by Michael Lewis, Mike’s Downtown Computer Repair

The biggest question many people have is whether or not to upgrade. If your computer is running fine and everything is working you may want to wait. If you are having issues of any kind with viruses or malware and/or hardware problems, Windows 10 may be the solution.

Regardless if you decide to upgrade or not, the first thing you should do is backup your personal files. The easiest way to accomplish this is to copy your entire user directory from your existing Windows installation. Be sure to copy any special folders you created that are not located in your user profile such as Outlook or third party programs. As a safeguard against losing any of your personal data I recommend using a program called Acronis to backup your entire computer. A trial version may be downloaded at www.acronis.com and can be used to make a full backup.

Once you have a verified full backup, it’s time to install. Microsoft has not given away too many details about how the update will be installed. Windows will prompt you in the lower right hand corner with a white Windows symbol. I have been using the beta since October of 2014 and for me it has been full of performance with very few bugs mostly related to third party programs. Windows 10 will be available July 29th to Windows 7, 8, and 8.1 users.

Upgrading is ultimately up to you and with a proper backup you have nothing to worry about. Look for our official Windows 10 review next month. As always, good luck and safe computing!

Mike’s Downtown Computer Repair is located at 207 Orange Ave. Suite E in Fort Pierce; phone (772) 448-8153, cell (772) 480-3427. ❖

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award 19 Years in a Row

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award, which FPUA has received for the past 19 years, reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, FPUA had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity’s budget serves as: a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; and a communications device.

Budget documents must be rated “proficient” in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

About FPUA: Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a municipal utility whose mission is “to provide our customers with economical, reliable and friendly service in a continuous effort to enhance the quality of life in our community.” Fort Pierce is one of more than 2,000 communities in the United States served by a community-owned electric utility, and one of very few who also provide water, wastewater, natural gas, and Internet services. Public utility systems are owned by the people they serve. All benefits from our locally controlled utility remain right here in the community. Additional information is available at www.fpua.com. ❖

D ani’s Healthy Organic Fun Food
Mediterranean Gourmet and Gluten-free Delights
by Eric Seibenick

What if you took your Mom’s mouth-watering recipes and made them healthier without telling her? Dani Michaeli did just that and created Dani’s Healthy Organic Fun Food in 2011. While co-owning a restaurant in Queens, NY, he found himself excited by the idea of local green market sales — the food was so much fresher. So he revamped his mother’s recipes and included healthier versions of her favorite and best memories of his heritage.

Every Saturday at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market, Dani’s Healthy Organic Fun Food sells organic Mediterranean gourmet gluten-free foods — spreads, baked falafel, and pita chips. Everything is proudly made from scratch in an organic Wellington-based kitchen. Locally grown ingredients are used whenever possible to further support the community and our friends.

For two years, the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market has contributed to a substantial growth in the business and Dani is delighted that his clientele grows every week. The fabulous location on the water and regular customers who are so very loyal makes the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market truly feel like family.

Dani’s Healthy Organic Fun Food’s hottest selling items are Organic Artichoke Spread, Baked Organic Falafel, Natural Olive Tapenade, and Organic Hummus. The Artichoke Spread can be used in many ways in addition to being a dip or spread. It is a far healthier and surprisingly better tasting alternative to fattening mayonnaise when used in chicken, tuna, crab, lobster, salmon, or shrimp salad.

The Falafel is great for a no-braider hors-d’oeuvres plate — just warm them up and pair with any one of his seven scrumptious spreads, stick in a toothpick and voila! Instant sensation! Look for Dani’s Healthy Organic Fun Food in the center of the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market every Saturday morning, rain or shine. It’s a Saturday morning tradition! ❖
The kids are out of school so it’s time to take the family out fishing. Inspect your fishing gear and update your tackle supply. It’s time to hit the water every chance you can get in between those afternoon thunder storms. The weather is hot inland, but on the water it feels great with a light breeze. The fishing was awesome in June.

The dolphin, kingfish and cobia have been caught offshore from 70 to 100 feet of water. The rips and weed lines are present with lots of scattered weed. Fish with live bait using a leader wire and treble hook with a stinger (another 4” leader wire with a treble hook). Leaving one dolphin hooked in the water keeps the school around the boat. Use a spinner with a short mono leader with #4 hook and use cut ballyhoo, squid, live bait, shrimps or any cut bait you have to continue catching those dolphin. Trolling with ballyhoo and plugs works well if you don’t have the live bait. Remember those skirts! Adding a skirt to your bait helps attract those fish. There are a number of color combos, so have plenty on hand and be ready to change them when needed.

For those windy, rough days, the river has plenty to offer with nice size snapper, redfish and trout on the flats. Whether you are in a boat or wading, Bear Point and east of the channel along Indian River Drive are great locations to fish. There are plenty of docks and structures to cast near.

Snook season is closed until September but they are still great to catch and release. Coming up this month is open lobster season! Mini season was on July 29th and 30th with a bag limit of 12 lobster per person with a saltwater license and lobster permit. Open season starts August 6th until March 31st with a bag limit of 6 per person with a saltwater license and lobster permit.

Make sure you check with your local bait and tackle stores for brochures on species regulations on size and limits. Or you can check at www.myfwc.com for all the regulations.

Recipe Corner

Pan Seared Beef Tenderloin

4 (6-oz.) beef tenderloin fillets
1 teaspoon freshly cracked pepper
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons olive oil

Take tenderloin out of fridge 1 hour prior to cooking and season with salt and pepper. Melt butter with olive oil in a large stainless steel or cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add fillets, and cook 5 to 7 minutes on each side or to desired degree of doneness. Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

I always use a meat thermometer: medium-rare comes off the heat at 125-130. Resting the meat under a loose foil blanket will increase the internal temperature by about 5 degrees. Serve.

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

1/4 cup butter
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 (20 ounce) can sliced pineapple, drained
1-1/3 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup shortening
3/4 cup milk
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
Maraschino cherries

Preheat oven to 350°F. Melt butter in iron skillet. Sprinkle brown sugar over butter. Arrange pineapple slices on top brown sugar/butter. Place cherries in center of slices.

Beat remaining ingredients till well blended. Pour over pineapple in skillet and bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Remove from oven and turn onto heat-proof plate.

Serves 6 – 8.

Recipe by Sue Dannahower

See the new Food 411 column on page 25 to find out more about cast iron skillets.

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