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Fall has arrived and the excitement of the holidays is right around the corner. Many people start their holiday shopping early to avoid crowded malls, long lines, and buying the same old gifts. Consider shopping in Downtown Fort Pierce where you will get personal attention from the many shops that line our streets or at one of the two shopping opportunities hosted by Main Street Fort Pierce.

In November, our annual "Reflections of the Future" Art Exhibition procured by Anita Prentice, will be held on Thursday, November 10th. This year it will feature local artists from Peacock Clay Collaborative as well as mosaic creations by local artist Anita Prentice. Then on Thursday, December 8th, local watercolorist Colleen Nash Becht will hold her annual Christmas Shopping Party featuring original works of art as well as an array of items featuring her watercolors. So, join us for fabulous art and great food. Visit us at MainStreetFortPierce.org to view our calendar of events.

If you are not a member, now is the time to join. We couldn't survive without the support of our Members. Your personal involvement and membership commitment helps Main Street Fort Pierce accomplish goals, set new ones, and support downtown’s economic well-being, revitalization and cultural vibrancy in the very heart and soul of our downtown community. Stroll our downtown shops, visit the Farmer’s Market, have lunch on the waterfront, enjoy a scoop of gelato from Uncle Carlos’ or one of the Cake Lady’s delicious cupcakes. Shop and dine locally in Beautiful Historic Downtown Fort Pierce!
Holiday Shopping: Small Business Saturday is November 26th

The Thanksgiving meal is over and everyone is stuffed. Instead of rushing out to face the frantic mob of sometimes not-so-nice holiday shoppers, a more relaxing option would be to wait until Saturday, November 26th and shop at small, local businesses that offer friendly service, one-of-a-kind gifts, and the knowledge that every dollar you spend will stay in our community.

What exactly does it mean to keep money in our community? It means that parents have money to enroll their kids in soccer. It means local college students have money to pay their living expenses. It means that local businesses are able to expand and create more jobs for the people who live our community.

What are the one-of-a-kinds gifts? For that person that enjoys a night out and/or a good meal – a gift certificate at one of our many local restaurants or from our local seafood/meat markets. For the person that enjoys decorating their home – a piece of art from one of the many independent artists located downtown and/or home décor items from one of the multiple stores downtown that specialize in such items. For the person who loves jewelry – a special charm to personalize their bracelet/necklace, a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry from a local jewelry. For adventurous people – A gift certificate for a river cruise, a fishing charter, kayak/standup paddleboard trip, or horseback riding on the beach. For the person that loves cultural events – A membership to the A.E. Backus Museum and Gallery, a membership to the Sunrise Theatre for Performing Arts. For the person that wishes to memorialize a date or a loved one – Personalized bricks are available for display at the Backus House and/or the Sunrise Theatre.

For children – Soft, cute stuffed animals, books, clothing, furniture, wooden puzzles, and much more. For men – Gift certificates for a hot shave, haircut, log of local craft beer, personalized wooden canes, gift certificate for woodworking or other class. For women – Clothing, purses, dinnerware, shoes, stationary, faith journals, candles, spa and/or facial gift certificates, nail hair gift certificates, flowers-for-a-year gift certificates. These are only a handful of gift ideas that local merchants offer. To discover more, spend a lazy day meandering in and out of the wonderful shops that line the sidewalks in beautiful, historic downtown Fort Pierce for this year’s Small Business Saturday and for all of your holiday shopping.

There are even some credit card incentives for American Express holders as part of their grass roots effort to encourage their customers to shop local. Most American Express cardholders can earn 2X rewards for spending at small businesses (dry cleaners, restaurants, retailers, etc.) from now through December 31st. For more information, please visit www.amex.co/shopsmalloffer to enroll an eligible American Express card or to get more information.

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MOEC Kicks Off Manatee Awareness Month with Manatee Magic — Moe’s Big Birthday Bash

Do you know Moe? Moe the Manatee is the wildly loved mascot of the Manatee Observation and Education Center (MOEC). You may have seen the super-sized Moe waving at his neighbors downtown or met his friend Mini Moe (a plush toy replica) visiting different spots all over Fort Pierce. Moe is celebrating his 20th birthday on Saturday, November 5th, and wants you to join the celebration! Manatee Magic — Moe’s Big Birthday Bash offers a multitude of family-fun activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include: games, crafts, demonstrations, story hour, book signing, face painting, food, Moe’s birthday party (including yummy cake), and so much more! The party will continue from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the addition of adult libations and yummy cake), and so much more! The party will continue from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with food, the addition of adult libations and live music! Plan on staying until the party is over because one of Moe waving at his neighbors downtown or met his friend Mini Moe (a plush toy replica) visiting different spots all over Fort Pierce. Moe is celebrating his 20th birthday on Saturday, November 5th, and wants you to join the celebration! Manatee Magic — Moe’s Big Birthday Bash offers a multitude of family-fun activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include: games, crafts, demonstrations, story hour, book signing, face painting, food, Moe’s birthday party (including yummy cake), and so much more! The party will continue from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with food, the addition of adult libations and live music! Plan on staying until the party is over because one of Moe waving at his neighbors downtown or met his friend Mini Moe (a plush toy replica) visiting different spots all over Fort Pierce. Moe is celebrating his 20th birthday on Saturday, November 5th, and wants you to join the celebration! Manatee Magic — Moe’s Big Birthday Bash offers a multitude of family-fun activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include: games, crafts, demonstrations, story hour, book signing, face painting, food, Moe’s birthday party (including yummy cake), and so much more! The party will continue from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with food, the addition of adult libations and live music! Plan on staying until the party is over because one of Moe waving at his neighbors downtown or met his friend Mini Moe (a plush toy replica) visiting different spots all over Fort Pierce. Moe is celebrating his 20th birthday on Saturday, November 5th, and wants you to join the celebration! Manatee Magic — Moe’s Big Birthday Bash offers a multitude of family-fun activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include: games, crafts, demonstrations, story hour, book signing, face painting, food, Moe’s birthday party (including yummy cake), and so much more! The party will continue from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with food, the addition of adult libations and live music! Plan on staying until the party is over because one of the guests on the beautiful Indian River Lagoon led by Manatee Center staff. Beginning kayakers are welcome; a short overview of paddling safety and technique will be presented by staff. Cost: $18 to rent a kayak from us, $10 to use your own. Pre-registration is required by calling 772-466-1600 x3337 or e-mailing Education@ManateeEducationCenter.org.

√ Upcoming Special Interest Events:
  √ Sunset Naturalist Paddle — November 16th, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a leisurely sunset paddle on the beautiful Indian River Lagoon led by Manatee Center staff. Beginning kayakers are welcome; a short overview of paddling safety and technique will be presented by staff. Cost: $18 to rent a kayak from us, $10 to use your own. Pre-registration is required by calling 772-466-1600 x3337 or e-mailing Education@ManateeEducationCenter.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

Manatee Observation & Education Center is located at 480 N. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce. Exhibit Hall: 772-429-6266; Gift Shop 772-429-6267; www.ManateeEducationCenter.org.

√ On-going activities in the Center, free with admission, include: Tide Pool Touch Tank Demonstrations — Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Fin-tastic Fish Feedings — Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.; Meet the MOEC Reptiles — Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; Mermaid Tales — First Sunday of each month at 2 p.m.; and Lunch and Learn Lectures — Second Friday of each month at noon.

√ Sun-drenched Environment: MOEC highlights the Treasure Coast’s unique local marine environment, including the endangered Florida manatee and its inhabitants. Come visit us at MOEC and wish us a happy birthday! Manatee Observation & Education Center is located at 480 N. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce. Exhibit Hall: 772-429-6266; Gift Shop 772-429-6267; www.ManateeEducationCenter.org.

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√ Select the category you wish to enter and have some good old-fashioned fun. Prizes, ribbons and bragging rights will be awarded based upon the following criteria: length (25%), fullness (25%), style and shape (25%), and manliness (25%), in each of the categories listed.

√ The competition is on! Do you have what it takes to be a part of the first-ever Sandy Shoes Beard & Moustache Growing Challenge? What’s your style? the chin-strap? the Van-Dyke? the goatee? the Donegal? the Fu Man Chu? the soul-patch? the full and furry? Take No Shave November a few months farther by really getting your facial hair on.

√ Here are the rules: submit a photograph of your clean-shaven face along with your name, phone number and e-mail address to kpfredrick62@gmail.com. In your e-mail, tell us what category you are entering — beard or moustache. (You may enter both.) Grow your facial hair until March 18, 2017. Select the beard or moustache style that best fits you and your personality. Show up for judging and pictures at the 60th Anniversary of the Sandy Shoes Festival on March 18, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the A.E. Backus Museum, 500 N. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce.

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√ All results are final. No purchase necessary. Enter at your own risk. Not responsible for lost wages or irritated loved ones. No prize shall be awarded in any category without at least two entrants. E-mail kpfredrick62@gmail.com for more information.

√ The Grand Prize winner receives: Title of “Champion” of the Sandy Shoes Beard & Moustache Growing Challenge along with all the rights and privileges that go with that title; a trophy befitting the great honor bestowed upon him; gifts and prizes from local merchants; community wide recognition as one hairy guy; and best of all, lots of fun.

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Art Mundo’s 7th Annual Calendart Gala November 3rd
by Holly Theuns, Executive Director Art Mundo

Art Mundo’s largest fundraiser of the year and biggest party — Calendart 2017 — will be held Thursday, November 3rd, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre. Twenty-four artists and six original works of art generously donated by each artist come together to make twelve one-of-a-kind Art Mundo Calendart 2017 calendars — each with 12 original works of art by 12 different artists. Art Mundo is excited to auction these unique, one-of-a-kind collector’s items at a fun-filled evening gala. Only 12 calendars will be available for 2017.

This year’s twenty four Calendartists are: Lillian Anderson, Judy Coffman, Allie Comer, Debi Crouse, Ashley DeWitt, Katie Gianni, Linda Gillis, Mary Ann Hall, NC Hagood, Sherry Horton, Carson Kapp, Kim Klaus, Julie Lounibos, Susan Martin, Valerie Niewierski, Nolli (Maurice McMillian), Anita Prentice, Shelly Pulvere, Ethel Rowland, Judith Sharpe Levy, Judith Suri, Holly Theuns, Mimi Tischinski and Barbara Warren. A variety of mediums are included this year — wood burning on deerskin; mixed media; oil, acrylic and watercolor painting; textiles; graphite; pen & ink and marker.

Calendart is a fabulous opportunity to support Art Mundo’s mission of providing education, exhibition and community outreach in the contemporary arts and to start or add to your personal art collection. Eleven of these unique one-of-a-kind beauties will be sold to the highest bidder at live auction at the Calendart gala. One Calendart calendar will be awarded by raffle and you do not need to be present to win the raffle.

There will be a Chinese Auction with twelve 8 x 10 matted and framed works of art — one from each of the 24 Calendart artists. Be sure and look at the 2017 Calendartists’ slide show on the website — these are the works that will be available at the Chinese Auction and are representative of the theme of the artist’s’ work in this year’s calendars.

There will also be an exhibit and sale of other original work by the Calendart artists, just in time to start your holiday shopping. This evening will shine a spotlight on art and artists. The gala will be an evening full of friends, old and new, art and artists, music and musicians and some surprises. There will be live music by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, a light hors d’oeuvres buffet and a cash bar.

Calendart Gala tickets are $50 per person or three tickets for $100. They are available on our website, www.artmundo.org. Each gala ticket includes entry for one person to the evening’s festivities and one raffle ticket for the single Calendart calendar to be raffled off. Additional raffle tickets for the one Calendart calendar to be raffled this year are $10 for one or $25 for three. You can also call the office at 772-466-1010 to purchase gala event or Calendart raffle tickets. We hope to see you at the Calendart Gala!

About Art Mundo: Art Mundo is a not-for-profit, community arts education organization located at 122 A.E. Backus Drive, sharing space with Main Street Fort Pierce in the Historic Platts/Backus House in Downtown Fort Pierce. For more information on classes, calls to artists and upcoming events visit our website, www.artmundo.org, or call the office at 772-466-1010.

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IMPORTANT! NEW DATE for BACKUS MUSEUM’S GALA

Due to the hurricane, the Gala Opening has been rescheduled to Nov. 19

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Downtown Storefront is a Haven for Local Artists

by Joanne Blandford

Joe Miller wanted a space where he could teach his craft any day and anytime. A master woodworker, he was part of a large group of artists that exhibited in the 111 Building. He liked being downtown and began looking for studio space big enough to hold his woodworking classes and to sell woodworking tools. When he found the space at 127 N. 2nd Street, it was larger than he needed; so he asked his friend and fellow artist, Patti Arp, if she could help him fill the space with artists and manage the studio while he concentrated on what he enjoys most — teaching the young and the not-so-young the art of wood carving. At the time of this writing, the Woodcarver’s Den of Working Artists has 25 artists that display, sell and create art within the gallery.

One only has to walk through the doors of the Woodcarver’s Den of Working Artists to feel the positive energy and the flow of creativity. It is indeed a “happy place” as described by the artists that exhibit inside the 2nd Street storefront. These artists work together to promote each other, foster unknown talents, and share their knowledge in order to pass their skills on to the next generation of artists. Artists that wish to join the Woodcarver’s Den of Working Artists are reviewed to make sure their creations are authentic and made by hand. Then each artist is given a certain amount of space to exhibit his or her art. The artists can come and go to check on their sales and inventory but there are always a few artists on hand working on new projects or to explain their creations.

Almost every item in the Woodcarver’s Den is a one-of-a-kind piece that is not easily duplicated. They are items that, when given as gifts, tell the receiver that a lot of time was given to picking it out. The selection is wide and includes: jewelry, quilts, stained glass, cards, woodcarvings, floor cloths, carved flutes, photography, prints, glass yard art, cork bird houses, polymer clay boxes, acrylics, wood burned gourds, pastel and oil art, and more. They even supply chairs outside for husbands to relax on while their wives are inside shopping.

With the holiday season approaching, keep the Woodcarver’s Den of Working Artists in mind for a holiday shopping destination. In addition to the wide variety of original pieces of art sold by the participating artists, a gift certificate for one of the many classes they offer is a wonderful gift idea.

The Woodcarver’s Den of Working Artists will soon have its own Facebook page. Joe Miller can be reached at 772-972-2188 and his website is www.joemillerwoodcarver.com. Cheryl Lynn Ferrari will manage the studio starting this month. She can be reached at 772-418-3593.

Woodcarver’s Den of Working Artists

Patti Arp — China & Copper Jewelry
Autumn Bialik — Pastel & Oil Art
Susan Datt — Wood Turned Gourds
Sandy Evoy — Acrylics
Melanie Jones — Wood Turned Bracelets
Patti Jones — Earring Holders & Polymer Clay Boxes
Ron & Sherry Leard — Cork Bird Houses
Linne Luoma — Glass Yard Art
Bonnie Pfehlin — Floor Cloths
Ann Steakin — Prints
Lee Tinkler — Photography
Gary Abel — Flute Canes
Danny Bell — Wood Carving
Larry & Judith Burchard — Stool Saw
Cheryl Lynn Ferrari — Oil Acrylic Art
Sabinne Leavel — Gift Cards
Debra & Ron Magrann — Wood Turned Pens
Joe Miller — Woodcarver
Darrell Remole — Stained Glass
Jenny Shirbord — Seed Bead Jewelry
Larry & Mary Steinbauer — Art Jewelry Cards
Bart Swearingen — Lavender
Marie Adamick — Quilts
Esperanza MacArthur — Jewelry

The Woodcarver’s Den of Working Artists all started from Joe Miller’s desire to expand his ability to teach and sell his woodworking tools. His dedication to his craft is evident by the way he teaches his classes. Every week, in addition to the many classes he offers to adults, he teaches a group of students from St. Andrews Episcopal Academy. He is patient and understanding while checking up on the teenagers’ progress and softly offers advice and/or praise to his students. The students first work with soap and work their way up to wood after learning the basic cutting techniques. All of his students start out by using his tools, however, if their interests in woodcarving expand, he has a large selection of tools available for purchase instead of having to order them online.

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Anita Prentice’s 8th Annual Reflections Invitational Show, November 10

by Holly Thews

A couple of weeks before Thanksgiving every year, for the last seven years, much loved local mosaic artist Anita Prentice has held a show of her work at the Main Street Fort Pierce office. Each year she invited different artists working in different media to join her. Every year the show is a sell-out and timed perfectly to start stocking the gift closet for the holidays. Giving a hand-crafted gift shows the recipient that you know their taste and also that you support the creative people in your community.

This year’s show is going to be incredible, starting with Anita Prentice’s mini mosaic works of art, some of them featuring images of local birds. The show will be held at Main Street Fort Pierce, 122 A.E. Backus Ave, in the old Beanie Backus house from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th. If you can’t attend on the 10th, there will be a Three-Hour-Last-Chance-Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11th. Many area collectors buy Prentice’s work, so come early for the best selection.

Prentice has invited the five owners of downtown’s Peacock Clay Collaborative to join her at this year’s Reflections show and sale. Eileen DiTullio, an art teacher at Lincoln Park Academy by day, has been working on a series of handmade working whistles in the shape of Florida wildlife. Think manatee, armadillo and opossum with babies — too cute for words — and they whistle! DiTullio teaches a wheel throwing class at Peacock Clay. Martha Cross, an art teacher at John Carroll High School, will be showing her original Leaf Vessels and an assortment of beautiful clay neck medallions finished with lusciously colored glazes. The problem is going to be deciding which you like best. Cross teaches a Saturday morning Kids Clay Class at Peacock. Check their website to see when the next classes start.

Peacock owner, Victoria Beck, is following her two passions, art and therapy, by working as an art therapist in a children’s inpatient psychiatric facility. For this show, Beck has been working on clay fish reminiscent of the fish in a plastic bag that you won at the carnival midway. Owner, Bridget Abernethy, loves art. Any kind of art and her meticulous nature means that her work in clay is beautifully executed. Abernethy will be showing her hanging clay vessels — perfect to display small architectural succulents to their best advantage.

Peacock Clay Collaborative owner, artist and head teacher, Ginny Piech Street, will be introducing this year’s annual collectible Christmas ornament at the show as well as a selection of other new work. Between her imaginative use of characters and flawless color sense, Piech Street’s work is guaranteed to surprise and amuse. She is also an excellent instructor who teaches an Introduction to Clay as well as a Hand Building class series and numerous two-day workshops.

The last artist featured in this year’s Reflections Invitational line up is Kate Rotondo. Rotondo channels her love for family and the environment, particularly from our backyards, but few of us have ever been there. After fifty years, the times are finally changing and our nearest neighboring country is cautiously welcoming American tourists. With the current thawing in international relations and our close proximity in mind, the A.E. Backus Museum will kick-off its new season and unveil its new building with a thought provoking exhibition titled Cuba: It’s Not All Black and White. Sponsored by Seacoast National Bank the exhibit will be on view November 13 – January 6, 2017.

The exhibition features 70 photographs and a dozen sculptures from the internationally acclaimed collection of Chicago art collectors, Madeleine and Harvey Plonsker. The Plonskers made dozens of trips to Cuba before the embargo was lifted and even more since then. Traveling with a group of missionaries, they were able to poke around behind the scenes to find artists and their work unavailable to other Cuban visitors. The Plonsker’s edge is that the collection explores life under communism and is at once social and political commentary. While Floridians are familiar with Cuban culture through visits to Miami, these images are of the real Cuba, unfiltered and raw.

Sunday, November 20, 2016, marks the new Museum’s welcoming the public. Admission to a day of discovery is free. Cuban artists, photographers and scholars will speak hourly about all things Cuban. Madeleine Plonsker, whose collection is on exhibition will also be speaking about the challenges and triumphs of collecting art in a Communist country. Refreshments will be provided. The A.E. Backus Museum located at 500 N. Indian River Drive in Downtown Fort Pierce is currently closed for construction but the office is staffed Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Museum will reopen to the public at noon on Sunday, November 20. Contact the Museum via e-mail Info@AEBakuSmuseum.com. Call 772-465-0630. Visit our website BackusMuseum.com for more information.
The 20th Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market season has now begun, and soon the 2016 Hurricane Season will be over. What do the Farmers’ Market and a hurricane have in common? For dozens of years, the Market has touted its motto, “It’s a Saturday Morning Tradition — Rain or Shine.” So when Hurricane Matthew roared through town on Thursday, October 6th, the Market’s mettle was truly tested. Could the Market live up to its motto?

Thankfully, Fort Pierce was spared from flooding and devastation when Hurricane Matthew blew through the Treasure Coast. It barely dampened the spirit of our community. Fort Pierce Public Works promptly picked up debris at Marina Square, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority restored the power, and the Market’s fantastic vendors, visitors, and patrons showed their community spirit by conducting Market business as usual two days after the storm. What a dedicated group of people all working together!

“We were spared the worst and now we can show our community spirit. We will have a Market tomorrow morning. Some vendors can’t make it, [but that’s] okay. But, our being there shows we want to make a difference and get people back to normal,” was the message e-mailed from Market President, Dan Cushman, Friday afternoon, October 7th.

Among the vendors participating in the Saturday, October 8th Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market were Lemonade Shake Up, Olive Tap, Gruwell Honey, Danny’s Delights, Faith’s Kitchen, Keeper’s Crabcakes, My Exotic Fruit, Macy’s Fish Dip, Kat’s Southern Twang, Lola Tortola Spices, and Okeechobee Beef, Seaside Smoothie, K Malu, Cider Doughnuts, Tony’s Gyro, and Grasso Bonsai.

Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market Manager, Eric Seibenick, presided under an umbrella since all Market equipment was still locked behind hurricane shutters. Market Board members Dan Cushman, Linda Hudson (Fort Pierce Mayor), Joe Importico, Faith Conti, and Brenda Gibbons were able to put aside their personal post-hurricane clean up duties and enjoy the Saturday morning tradition among balmy breezes and clear skies. Even the band played on as Alita and the Boys belted out their brand of rock and roll while the Market patrons enjoyed the music and dancing. The Fort Pierce Trolley made its regular rounds around town.

“All and all, the storm’s impact was to bring out the goodness and kindness in everyone and clearly the Market does provide a fantastic service to the community,” noted Brenda Gibbons of Gibbons Organic Produce.

Rain or shine, the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market looks forward to seeing you throughout the season, every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Marina Square. Parking is free on the streets and in the Parking Garage at City Hall. The free Trolley makes rounds from the Parking Garage to the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market at Marina Square, passing the Manatee Center and Backus House about every 20 minutes, making stops along the way to make it easy to carry all the goodies purchased back to your car.

The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market is extremely grateful for the safety and loyalty of our community. We were spared the worst and will continue to provide our best for you as part of our Saturday Morning Tradition on the Treasure Coast. Come be part, too!
the Treasure Coast Sports Commission is not only to recruit sporting events, but to retain them. This multi-year contract allows us to work with the SKA on an annual basis, rather than just every three years. This is excellent for Fort Pierce and hopefully sets the stage to bring future national tournaments by other fishing organizations to Fort Pierce,” said Rick Hatcher, Executive Director of the Treasure Coast Sports Commission.

St. Lucie County Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky, who also serves as the Chairman of the Tourist Development Council, was instrumental in securing the event making the initial contact to Southern Kingfish Association (SKA) proposing Fort Pierce as its next host city. “We all are familiar with the connotation of the Treasure Coast. To anglers they know that our fishing grounds are a treasure trove in themselves. By securing this agreement with the Southern Kingfish Association with a multi-year commitment, our area businesses, hoteliers, restaurants, and tourist venues will benefit annually from the treasures they will experience.”

In preparation for the event, downtown businesses are invited to provide a special offer for SKA participants — this could be in the form of a discount, promotion or coupon available only during the week of the event. There is no cost to submit your offer. If interested, businesses are asked to contact Taylor Hardison at the St. Lucie County Tourism Office at hardison@stlucieco.org or 772-462-1472.

Local businesses wishing to purchase a sponsorship for the event can contact Ryan Strickland of the Treasure Coast Sports Commission at rstrickland@treasurecoastsports.org or 772-380-6221. For general information about the event or to program schedule visit www.FishSKA.com.

Downtown Art – Where is it?

Your assignment – try to find this public sculpture while exploring and enjoying downtown Fort Pierce.

We hope you all enjoyed finding Last month’s Downtown art, which is located in Manatee Center/Backus Museum & Gallery parking lot near the boat ramp.
See What’s New at The Studio #207 Salon – the Hair & Nail Spot
by Pam Gillette

The Studio #207 is the Hair & Nail Spot that offers you quality services with cutting edge style. Over the last eight months, Andi Larroude, owner, and her staff, have expanded the salon to offer their clients a full range of services to help promote a healthy lifestyle. Andi says, “We want everyone to feel special, look good, feel good and be healthy.”

The Studio #207 introduces three new services, a new private room for facials and micro derma procedures, and a new line of skin care products. The new services include a VeraSpa Tanning Room, Sunlighten Sauna Room, private Wig Room and Full Service Treatment Room. The Studio #207 has a new line of haircare products from Kevin Murphy – skincare for your hair. These products are weightlessly designed to deliver performance, strength and longevity while using the highest natural quality ingredients. Additional new products are John Masters, a line of organic hair and skin line and Dermalogica products.

The VeraSpa Tanning Room is the place to go if you want a beautiful, sun-kissed tan without the sun! You can choose from an extended tan (clear) or extended tan with instant cosmetic bronzer that is paraben-free, gluten-free, cruelty-free and non-comedogenic.

The salon is offering unlimited monthly spray tanning membership for $75.00 a month or $25.00 per session. If you are a first-timer they have a special for $20.00 for your first session.

The Sunlighten Sauna Room is a sauna room that empowers the market that is clinically shown to raise core temperatures, lower blood pressure and aid in weight loss. Infrared heat is completely safe and healthy for all living things, since it does not contain harmful UV rays associated with unprotected sunlight. The Sunlighten Sauna has many health benefits from detoxification, relaxation, weight loss, heart health, pain relief, anti-aging, cell health/immunity and wound healing. Unlimited monthly membership is available for $80.00 monthly or individual sessions start at $20.00 depending on the type of service you desire.

The Wig Room is a private room available for a scheduled wig fitting. Whether you are looking for a new look, want a low maintenance option of throwing on a wig after the gym or if you are struggling with the devastation of hair loss. The Studio #207 is the place to go. Andi has recently begun pursuing her dream and studied the art of wigs. She hopes to help women and men of all ages with their hair woes through wigs. The salon will carry Raquel Welch luxury wigs and also offer a variety of HairUWear extensions. Maria Creek, past owner of Alisari’s, has joined the staff and will be available by appointment for wig fittings.

Full Service Treatment Room is a private spa room to make you feel special. Llycsela Mogo is a trained esthetician who will specialize in teen acne and will be happy to meet with you to discuss your skin care needs. The salon will offer European facials, express facials, T-zone teen treatment, back facials, microzone treatments, chemical peels, bioactive peels, scalp facial treatments and waxing.

The Studio #207 offers all types of hair services, including cuts, blow dries, color, keratin treatments, extensions, and styling by Andi Larroude (owner/stylist/wigs), Glyna Summers (stylist, 30 years’ experience), Charlene Walker (stylist, 24 years’ experience) she specializes in natural hair care, and Aly McKeen (stylist, 10 years’ experience) specializing in special occasion hair and makeup for your wedding or special event.

The salon offers full nail services by Helen and Aimée including manicures, pedicures and gels. The nail salon has been relocated to the back of the building with their own entrance and parking. All of the staff at The Studio #207 have years of experience and are trained to listen to your needs. The salon offers everything from beautiful blow outs to perfect pedicures, and now VeraSpa Tanning, Sunlighten Sauna, wigs and facials. If you have a flair for style, then The Studio #207 will suit your needs!

The Studio #207 is located at 210 B Second Street in Fort Pierce. Call today for an appointment at 772-468-3005 or check out their website at www.thestudio207.com.

Their hours are Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday they will be open in the evenings until 7; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Financing Available for Property Improvements to Local Businesses and Homeowners

The St. Lucie Board of County Commissioners has developed a new energy and sustainability financing program called Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) which enables local businesses and homeowners to secure 100% upfront financing for assorted property improvements, including: (1) energy efficiency (e.g., HVAC, LED lights); (2) solar technologies; (3) wind resilience (e.g., roofs, windows, and hurricane shutters); and, (4) water conservation.

PACE financing is available to private and non-profit landowners in St. Lucie County, who have paid their taxes on time over the last three years and have equity in the subject property. PACE is collateralized by the equity in the property, rather than a credit check, and financing is available for 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year terms. Property-owners repay the annual assessments as a part of their property tax bill, and the voluntary assessments stay with the land rather than the owner.

St. Lucie County and SELF collaborated for several years to create the local PACE program and secure private financing from Inland Green Capital, LLC. Dozens of local governments in Florida have since developed, or are beginning to develop comparable programs, and some states, such as California, have already exceeded a billion dollars of PACE projects. Counties and cities play a vital role in facilitating the statewide PACE program.

Counties in the Treasure Coast have since developed, or are beginning to develop comparable programs, and some states, such as California, have already exceeded a billion dollars of PACE projects. Counties and cities play a vital role in facilitating the statewide PACE program. PACE financing is an innovative tool for community and economic revitalization. He added, “We are pleased to be helping local property owners make much-needed improvements that harden their structures, reduce operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the value of their properties."

For more information about St. Lucie County’s PACE program, please contact SELF at www.solarenergyloanfund.org or call (772) 468-1818. To learn more about St. Lucie County, please call Erick Gill at # (772) 462-1791 or visit http://www.stlucieco.gov. 

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Receives the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting 22nd Consecutive Years

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority has received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the September 30, 2015, presentation of their Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The award, which FPUA has received for the past 22 years, is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Attaining this award represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management and has been awarded to the Department of Finance for Fort Pierce Utilities Authority.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and new user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

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.

Mega Yacht Center Opens in Fort Pierce

Introducing the Fort Pierce Yachting Center (FPYC), the Treasure Coast’s newest large yacht facility and marina. Current plans are to include catering to the mega yacht community, up to 500 ft., and capable of all aspects of marine repairs and maintenance.

Fort Pierce Yachting Center has over 40,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space available for tenants. Future plans are to include a dry dock and large marine travel lift with 12 large workspace sheds accommodating 140- to 200-foot yachts. Our new tenant list will include world-renowned refit companies and other specialty marine manufacturers.

The facility features approximately 1,300 linear feet of deep-water access (over 20 ft.) at the dock. There are no vertical restrictions (bridges, powerline, etc.) to the ocean, with a scenic 2.3 mile uninhabited access from the facility to the ocean/inlet. For more information please call 772-460-2040 or e-mail info@fortpierceyachtingcenter.com.
It's getting to be that time on the Treasure Coast when the humidity drops and the breezes feel cool and refreshing against your skin. The leaves may not change colors, but the license plates do, and the air gets just a little more festive. Around here, we call it "the season"; and one of the surest ways to know that the season has arrived in St. Lucie County is when it’s time for Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society’s Waterside Blues concert. Fortunately for all of us, it’s time, and Sunday, November 13th is the big day for the annual, free concert that brings us all down by the waterside for an afternoon of awesome music, dancing, food, and friendship.

The stage will be set up on Melody Lane, right by the fountains, just across the street from the Fort Pierce Free Library on Sunday, November 13th. At 1:00 p.m. sharp, members of the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society will make their way to the stage, and the music and merriment will commence with a free concert filled with classics, smooth jazz, swing music, and songs from the Great American Songbook floating on the gentle breeze kicked up by the adjacent Indian River. There will be vendors selling food, soft drinks, and adult refreshments, and you’ll have a chance to enjoy a performance presented by professionals who have played with the likes of Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, and the Alan Parsons Project.

But wait, there’s more! At 3:00 p.m., Bluestone, one of the premier bands on the East Coast, will take to the stage and have the crowd and indeed, all of historic, downtown Fort Pierce, rocking. Past Waterside Blues crowds no doubt remember former guitar wizard and all-around great guy, David Shelley, who lost a valiant battle with cancer in August, 2015. His former band, Bluestone, will be taking to the stage at Waterside Blues for the first time in St. Lucie County without Shelley, but you’ll be amazed by the high-energy blues, featuring guitar and vocals that will alternately fill and tear out your soul in an afternoon of music, sunshine, and celebration that won’t cost you a penny.

Just bring your lawn chair, and plan to have a memorable afternoon that will instantly become a family tradition as Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society says thank you to Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County the best way possible – by honoring your support and encouragement with the gift of phenomenally good music. The non-profit organization, which provides weekly jazz jams throughout the year and presents concerts, master classes, workshops, and scholarships to aspiring young musicians through St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River County, hosts the Waterside Blues concert event twice each year – once in spring and once each fall. And while the concert is free, family-friendly, and open to the public, no one will mind a bit if you pick Sunday, November 13th as the day when you join or gift a friend or colleague with a membership to the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society.

So mark your calendar now, grab your lawn chair, some sunblock, and someone you like to dance with, and head down to Melody Lane on Sunday, November 13th for Waterside Blues. If you’d like more information on Waterside Blues, the Jazz Jams, or other opportunities to enjoy great live music on the Treasure Coast, please call Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society at 772-460-JAZZ or visit online at www.jazzsociety.org.

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Main Street’s Annual Golf Tournament was held in October at Gator Trace Golf & Country Club. Participants enjoyed a round of golf while helping fund the programs and events of Main Street Fort Pierce.

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Team FPUA Blue
Estela Holman, Angelica Holman, Kyle Holman, Gary Gillette

2nd Place
Team Budweiser 1
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Team Wile
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Putting Contest
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Men
Longest Drive: Tony Bishop
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Tech Bytes: Phone Scams

by Michael Lewis, Mike's Downtown Computer Repair

Last month we focused our article on fake support calls from fake computer call centers. This month we continue with another warning. Phone scams in general are making a huge comeback. Look out for anyone calling to help you with support on anything in your household; this includes automobiles, appliances, and computer equipment. These fake support callers can masquerade as anyone to get your information so watch out. Never give out any information to anyone on the phone unless they can verify where they are calling from and if they can provide proper identification. If possible try to record the number and report it here: www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams. Good luck and safe computing!

Mike’s Downtown Computer Repair is located at 209 Orange Ave. Suite E in Fort Pierce, phone (772) 448-8153, cell (772) 480-3424.
Winter Fishing
by Joe Payne

Cooler weather has finally arrived on the Treasure Coast. For many residents and visitors, the cooler temps are a welcome reprieve from the record heat we had this summer. I think we are all ready for some cooler days and more temperate conditions. Although the timing and frequency of cold fronts rolling through south Florida varies from year to year, the general pattern is pretty well fixed. Fronts moving down from the north are stronger than in the summer and have enough energy to push past us and even down into the Bahamas. Soon the threat of tropical storm weather will be a thing of the past for another year and we will begin to slide into our winter seasonal weather pattern. Strong cold fronts pushed by large and very cold arctic air masses can roll through as often as once a week and occasionally even more often. These systems which bring ice and snow to the northern parts of our country maintain enough energy to push on through our state and into the Caribbean, bringing us overcast skies, blustery winds and rain, and much cooler temperatures. A few days after the front things generally settle down and we have beautiful clear cool days until the next system starts the cycle anew. This pattern continues through March or April when the fronts begin to have less energy and we transition to our great spring weather of clear calm days and pleasant temperatures. Our changing winter weather creates a number of pleasant and not so pleasant days to be out on the water. Offshore fishing in the ocean can be at its best for game fish like kingfish, cobia, wahoo, etc. The prime sailfish season reaches its peak and the Treasure Coast is known as a world-class sailfish venue. Bottom fishing offshore for grouper, snapper, etc. can be off and on due to changing temperatures, pressures and water clarity. Your best bet is to check with local marinas and tackle shops for up to date info on what’s biting and where. The Atlantic in winter tends to be rougher and can be downright dangerous with big waves and chop whipped up by those frontal winds. Be sure and get a good weather briefing and be ready to change your plans if need be. Fishing the river and inshore waters also has good and not so good days, again due to frequently changing temperatures, pressures and surface conditions. Cool snaps often slow the bite for game fish like snook. Those choppy, squally days of a frontal passage sometimes create a great trout bite. You may need a sweater and rain gear but the results may be worth it. Again, your local tackle shops are the best bet for info on when and where to go. Happy Fishing! ❖

Recipe Corner
by Sue Dannabauer

Cranberry-Pineapple Relish
1 cup fresh cranberries
1/2 cup water
1 cup fresh strawberries, diced
2 cups diced fresh pineapple
1 jalapenos, seeded, diced
2 Tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 Tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro leaves
1/8 teaspoon salt


Indian River Magazine Receives Florida Magazine Association Awards

Indian River magazine has won two statewide awards as it celebrates its 10th anniversary. The magazine was honored with two Charlie Awards during the Florida Magazine Association’s annual conference in Orlando on Sept. 23. “The awards recognize the tremendous work of our highly talented staff,” said Indian River magazine Publisher Gregory Enns.

The FMA singled out the magazine’s Back Country department, which features the photography of naturalist and rancher Bud Adams. Adams’ wildlife photography has been featured in the magazine since its first issue. The FMA also cited Indian River for general excellence for its media kit, which provides a guide to the magazine’s editorial, advertising sales, distribution and history. Michelle Moore Burney, the magazine’s longtime design editor, created the media kit.

Indian River, the largest general-interest magazine in the region, was founded in 2006 by Treasure Coast natives Gregory Enns and Allen Osteen. The magazine is launching a season-long celebration of its anniversary beginning with its fall issue that was published in October.

For more information about Indian River magazine visit www.indianrivermag.com or contact its publisher, Gregory Enns at 772-940-9005 or enns@indianrivermag.com.
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