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Mark Your Calendars for October Events in Historic Downtown

by Sue Dannahower

I always look forward to October — the days and nights are cooler and it is time for my favorite Main Street Fort Pierce event the “Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past” Historic Walking Tour. The walking tour takes place on Wednesday, October 29. Each year the tours get bigger and better and we are looking forward to sharing the history of our great city with you again this year. For more details check out the article in this month’s Focus or call the Main Street office at 772-466-3880.

Due to the success of the “Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past” Historic Walking Tour, Mayor Linda Hudson and I will be resuming the monthly Historic Trolley Tours in November. These tours are by reservation only and the dates will be posted on the Main Street website.

Other events going on this month include: Friday Fest on Friday, October 3rd – the band is the Riverdawgs; Coffee with the Mayor on Friday, October 17, at 8:00 a.m. (now being held at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club located at 700 North Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce); and the Main Street Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 25, at Gator Trace Country Club.

Main Street Fort Pierce holds over 30 events each year. These events bring thousands of people to the downtown area each month showcasing our historic community and boosting the downtown economy. Main Street Fort Pierce is committed to preserving the past, enriching the future, and making our community the best place possible to live, work, and play!

Remember to shop and dine locally in Beautiful Historic Downtown Fort Pierce!
Calendar

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

October 3, Friday: Happy Hour at River Dawgs (Arts & Crafts), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Rinelli’s Yellowtail Restaurant, 466-5474.

October 4, Saturday: Main Street Halloween Golf Tournament, October 25th. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and tombstones will be set up around the course ready to add your business name as a tee or green sponsor. Call the Main Street Fort Pierce office at 466-3880 to sign up your team, get a tombstone sign, or be a sponsor for the Halloween Golf Tournament.

October 5, Sunday: Tai Chi Classes: Every Tuesday 9 a.m. with Tai Chi instructor, Charlie Ottesen; $10 per person.

October 6, Monday: Volunteer needed for Ft. Pierce Police Athletic League. Persons interested in teaching the fundamentals of sports, mentoring and tutoring should contact Paul Pearson or Gabe Gonzales 772-486-0606.

October 7, Tuesday: Tai Chi Classes: Every Tuesday 9 a.m. with Tai Chi instructor, Charlie Ottesen; $10 per person.

October 8, Wednesday: Art Walk at Art Bank, 111 Orange Avenue; Artmundo.org@gmail.com; 766-0021, www.artmundo.org.

October 9, Thursday: Art Bank at Art Bank, 111 Orange Avenue; Artmundo.org@gmail.com; 766-0021, www.artmundo.org.

October 10, Friday: Fort Pierce River Walk Center for information, please call 489-6743 or visit cityoffortpierce.com. 600 North Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Classes include: Jazzercise, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Duplicate Bridge, Anusara Style Yoga, Ballroom Dancing, Belly Dancing, and Line Dancing.

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY MARINE CENTER
Please call 462-3474 for more info or visit www.stlucieco.gov/marine_center.

A.E. BACKUS MUSEUM
For information, please call 465-0630 or visit www.backusmuseum.com.

HEALTHCOTE BONTANICAL GARDENS
For information, please call 464-4672 or visit www.healthcotebotanicalgardens.org.

Free beginners Spanish Class: Every Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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For more information, please call 766-0021 or visit www.artmundo.org.

Main Street Halloween Golf Tournament, October 25th
by Pam Gillette

Budweiser, Ocean Chiropractic & Health Center and Waste Management of FL, Inc. would like to invite you to the sixth annual Halloween Golf Tournament to benefit Main Street Fort Pierce. The ghosts and goblins are diligently taking the sand traps, cutting the grass and manicuring the greens in preparation for a haunting good time on Saturday, October 25th, at Gator Trace Golf Club.

Our ghastly committee is looking for brave golfers and spooky sponsors ready to enjoy a great event while supporting a great cause...Main Street Fort Pierce. The cost is $75 per player or $300 per team. Your entry fee will include a continental breakfast, a round of golf, lunch and raffle prizes. Every golfer will walk away with a goody bag and a gift from one of our sponsors.

Every year Main Street holds a putting contest to see who the best putter at the tournament is. For a small donation you will get three chances to putt your ball through a special layout for a great prize; and for more games there is a lottery tree and par 3 poker.

Weekly Events

Tuesdays: Weight Watchers Meetings — 5:30 p.m. at Anytime Fitness; 461-2348.

Wednesdays: Art Mundo Open Studio — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 3 tours available. Reservations required. Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

Wednesday, October 29: Ghost of Fort Pierce Past Historic Walking Tour — First tour leaves at 5:30 p.m., Last tour leaves at 7:30 p.m., 3 tours available. Reservations required. Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

Saturdays: Ft. Pierce Farmer’s Market — 8:00 a.m. to Noon; Marina Square on Melody Lane; Market Manager, 540-1145.

FORT PIERCE RIVER WALK CENTER
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Thursday, October 9 & Friday, October 10 at 6 p.m. Tickets: $39 (Dinner & Show) — Sunrise Theatre and Indian River State College present Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre – Country Cruising to Murder.

Friday, October 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets: $35 — Bluebird Educational Foundation & Drummers Only Drum Shop present The Jason Marsalis Vibes Quartet.

FORT PIERCE JAZZ & BLUES SOCIETY
For more information, please call 460-5299 or visit www.jazzsociety.org.

Every Tuesday — Jazz Jam at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Fort Pierce Police Athletic League — First tour leaves at 5:30 p.m., 3 tours available. Reservations required. Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

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Thursdays: Fort Pierce Bike Night — 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.; 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce; Rinell’s Yellowtail Restaurant, 466-5474.

Saturdays: The Jazz Market — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., north side of the Downtown Fort Pierce Library, Jazz & Blues Society, 466-5299, www.jazzsociety.org.
“Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past” Historic Walking Tours

by Sue Dannahower

The “Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past” Historic Walking Tour will be held on Wednesday, October 29. This event only happens once a year so don’t miss the chance to hear the many secrets of Downtown Fort Pierce and the stories of the people who made this town great. You will encounter live characters at every stop! Actors will reveal the history of buildings and the evidence of a “ghostly presence.”

The “Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past” Historic Walking Tour tells out every year. Main Street Fort Pierce holds three different tours; North, South and Edgartown. The first tours leaves at 5:30 p.m. with tours leaving every 15 minutes after that. The last tour leaves at 7:30 p.m. Each tour includes 9 historic stops. Tours will last approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

Highlights for the North Tour include: a stop at Fee’s Hardware & Mortuary where the notorious Ashley Gang’s bodies were laid on the side-walk like prey displayed after a big hunt. Throughout the evening you will hear the explosion of cannons detonated by a squadron of soldiers reenacting former war time at the Old Fort Pierce. Other stops include pioneer rancher, Frank Raulerson; Henry Flagler and the former war time at the Old Fort Pierce. Other stops include Mrs. McCarty, grandmother of Dan McCarty, whose husband was gunned down in the streets over a land deal.

Walk with us on Wednesday, October 29, for the Main Street Fort Pierce “Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past” Historic Walking Tour. There is a $5 per person donation for the tour; children under 5 are free. The North & South Tours leave from the City Hall Plaza (between the new parking garage & City Hall building)

Moving on you will encounter a rugged old fisherman mending his fishing nets reminiscing about his life on the river. The coral and yellow houses sit side-by-side and boast of ghostly souls who wrap on windows and slam doors. Mr. Hill, a beekeeper and photographer shows his ghostly presence on the darkest of nights. Other stops include Mrs. McCarty, grandmother of Dan McCarty, whose husband was gunned down in the streets over a land deal.

Volunteer Opportunity: Would you like to be a tour guide or an actor? No experience necessary. For more information or to volunteer contact Sue Dannahower at (772) 618-0155 or Sue_Dannahower@Bellsouth.net.
The phrase, you might just as well hang it up, often refers to giving up on something that has gotten the best of you. At the A. E. Backus Museum of Art, Hang It Up refers to a new fundraiser cooked up by the Museum’s tireless volunteer Board of Associates. We call them the BOAs. This imaginative group of volunteers has cooked up a fun and creative “fun”raiser to help fund elementary school field trips coming to the Museum. While other charities have a Christmas tree sale, the Museum is having a wreath sale. The Hang It Up event will complement the Museum’s holiday fine art exhibition.

Now we’re not talking about just any old wreaths. Nope. We are looking for wreaths with pizzazz, wreaths with moxie and a certain je ne sais quois. No wreaths made from the cut-off, spindly, bottom of the Christmas tree branches for us. No siree Bob. We’re talking about imaginative wreaths that can be used year after year. We’re talking about themed wreaths that capture the creator’s personality or hobby. That’s what we’re looking for. They don’t have to be wreaths that are just for Christmas. We’re an equal opportunity wreath employer. Wreaths for any occasion are just fine with us. Want to make an Easter wreath? Go for it! Or perhaps you are patriot and want to create a Fourth of July wreath. That’s just fine with us.

Last week, I spent a few minutes on the Internet looking at creative wreaths and the sky is the limit. I literally Googled “creative wreaths” and there were hundreds of ideas. Pinterest is bursting with fabulous, doable ideas. Making a wreath is easy. Pick up a wreath frame (I hear pool noodles work just great), come up with...
An idea (don't hesitate to copy someone else's idea), find the materials and put it together.

So, you might be asking, what does this have to do with me? I'm getting to that. The Museum needs your help to design, create and donate a wreath for the sale. The Museum will provide an assortment of free wreath frames; metal, foam, grape vine, etc. Or, if you'd rather, purchase or build your own wreath form. It's up to you; but, make no mistake about it, we need you!

To reward your creative efforts, there will be plenty of great prizes awarded in a whole bunch of categories including: Traditional Holiday, Recycled Materials, Most Glamorous, Most Original, Funkiest, Prettiest, Cutest, Most Outside the Box (no pun intended), Sports, Youth (under 18) and Schools. The winning entry from a school will receive a $200 gift certificate for art supplies for their school. There will be ribbons and prizes and bragging rights for all. Every wreath that complies with the incredibly simple rules will be exhibited in the Museum during our Holiday Art Extravaganza. All donated wreaths will be priced and sold by the Museum. All proceeds benefit the Museum's educational outreach program. Your donation is tax-deductible as a charitable donation. Make it, drop it off, deduct the cost off your taxes and we'll do the rest.

Art Mundo and their wealth of incredibly talented wreath designers (also known as artists) will be partnering with the Museum for this event. They will be hosting wreath making workshops on Wednesday, October 15th and 22nd from 5 to 8 p.m. during their Open Studio evenings. Art Mundo wants to inspire the wreath-maker within. You do not have to be an artiste to participate in this activity. I saw Art Mundo's Executive Director, Holly Thensu, snapping up antique cookie cutters at the Backus' recent Treasure Sale. I'll bet there may be cookie cutter wreath in the works. From cookie cutters to cookie tins, anything goes with Hang It Up.

Why not create a sports wreath for the Gators or Seminoles? How about a wreath themed around cooking, golf or sewing? A wine themed wreath would be lovely and just think how much fun you can have acquiring corks! This might finally be the way to deduct that Beanie Baby collection off your taxes. Or, a way to get rid of that box of Happy Meal toys you've been saving. Old tea cups or grandma's silver-plate, coins, buttons or bows can all be creatively used in a wreath.

It is still so hot and muggy outside. The weather makes it hard to believe that the holiday shopping season will soon be here. But it is and so is the Hang It Up Wreath Extravaganza. Get in the spirit of things and help the Museum fund field trips for local 4th and 5th graders to come to the Museum. The cost for a field trip is steep and the schools can no longer afford to bring kids to the Museum. With your help, creativity and enthusiasm, we can bring more kids to experience original art in a Museum setting.

Visit the Museum's website www.BackusMuseum.com to learn more about Hang It Up. Or call 772-465-0630 and we'll tell you all about it. Once the Museum reopens on October 10th, for its 55th Season, free wreath forms will be available during regular Museum hours. Or call the Museum and pickup your free wreath form before we open. All completed wreaths need to be delivered to the Museum between November 15th and 23rd to be included in the exhibition and sale. The A.E. Backus Museum is located at 500 N. Indian River Drive along the waterfront in historic, downtown Fort Pierce. Regular hours are: Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.; closed on Monday and Tuesday. For information visit our website www.BackusMuseum.com or call 772-465-0630.
Early Fort Pierce – The Buckhorn Saloon

by Rick Modine

In 1898, “The Buckhorn Saloon” was the first building block built in Fort Pierce, then Brevard County and soon to be Saint Lucie County. (1) The story of the Buckhorn Saloon is a story that involves both counties, the Carlton family and a dream for a city that is still alive and standing. So is the building. The search in the history of this building has led to many questions to find out how it came to be, where the materials came from, who designed and built it, and the pictures of it as it once was in the early days of a new century and a growing settlement into a city.

During this time fires were a force to be reckoned with. One fire could spread to building to building and a whole town could be in jeopardy. Reuben Carlton built a two-story building that had only been up for just over a year. On September 12, 1902, both his home and business were burned to the ground, scorched the depot and almost burned a bakery and restaurant calling for the need of a fire department. (2) Where were block buildings being built? Most of them were being built up north where they had block plants, masons, and railways to move the materials. It wasn’t really in vogue to south Florida until 1915 and forward. Fort Pierce would build a block courthouse and jail. The Raulerson Building was built in the mid 20s and more followed. How did the Carlton Brothers come to decide they were going to have a new vision for a new city? Where did it come from? (3) On February 2, 1900, there is an architectural feature called “quions” above the windows and doors show solid concrete much like Orange and 2nd Street is now part of Rosslow’s. (4) The “len-horn” above the windows has on a cowboy hat also but with a bow tie, and the bartender in the apron and bow tie is unidentified. There is one other mystery mystery on a cowboy hat also but with a bow tie, and the bartender in the one in the interior photographs but I can tell you that the one in the bar projecting out from the wall bringing your attention once again to the crown molding and panels on the ceiling which would have been the wooden floor for the 2nd story — detail that would have been hidden by the planks and helped a little with the noise. Another question we now have is where did they go to get the beautifully carved furniture and mirrors to set up the saloon? There is a little confusion in the history books relating to who is in the interior photographs but I can tell you that in the one in the bar featuring a building that was still more than a decade ahead of its time.

Lucille R. Rights mentions in A Portrait of St. Lucie the Buckhorn as it being “the remodeled building, on the S.W. corner of Orange and 2nd Street is now part of Roslow’s.” (11) The “ten-tils” above the windows and doors show solid concrete much like now 110 years later. There are architectural features called “quions” (pronounced coins) on the corners of the building giving it a dimensional detail also used today on residential as well as commercial buildings. The ceiling has an impressive “crown” feature that appears to be concrete molded around the ceiling of the first floor. We don’t have any pictures of the upstairs floor. Crown molding prior to this has been made of plaster poured into a carved wooden mold in two pieces with sack cloth to bond or join them together. It must have been an impressive sight while looking out on the dirt streets that would turn into oyster shell streets and the Carlton Brother would add a wooden sidewalk to a booming town. (12)

The wagon ruts in the sand were filled in on Avenue A, Pine Street, Central Avenue, and Orange Avenue being built by Green Coats who owned the J.G. Coats & Company Livery Stable. The crushed shell came from Wabasso’s mile long Ais Indian Mound and was shipped down on Flagler’s railroad. (13) Now with the oyster shells, mules and scrappers, Fort Pierce got its first streets.

The interior photograph also tells us a story with its unpainted walls of cinder block behind an ornate wooden wall with stacked glasses on marble tops, bottles, linens and a cork puller. A closer inspection of the cork top liquor bottles has the “proverbial” X’s on them and one has the drug store Rx mark on it. Later when prohibition was passed you had to have a doctor’s prescription for alcohol. If there was a framed “Red Top Rye” advertisement above the bar projecting out from the wall bringing your attention once again to the crown molding and panels on the ceiling which would have been the wooden floor for the 2nd story — detail that would have been hidden by the planks and helped a little with the noise. Another question we now have is where did they go to get the beautifully carved furniture and mirrors to set up the saloon? There is a little confusion in the history books relating to who is in the interior photographs but I can tell you that in the one in the bar featuring a building that was still more than a decade ahead of its time. The lawman had been shot through the right eye, in the chest, above the heart and through both arms. (17) Disney was carried to Dr. W.E. Van Landingham’s office above the St. Lucie Bank. He had been hit in the right eye, right side and leg. (18) Fate had Sheriff Carlton’s killer attended to by one of Dan’s cousins, Dr. Van Landingham.

In December, 1903, Charles Emerson and Arthur Brown started a newspaper using a room upstairs in the Buckhorn Saloon; the Fort Pierce News was born. (14) The Fort Pierce News was then moved in 1909 to its present location. In 1910, the saloon was sold, and on November 1, 1910, the St. Lucie County Tribune, after the newly formed county. (15) The population of St. Lucie County had by that time reached 5,024 citizens.

The building has an ironic tale for the Carlton Family. On a Saturday night on May 22, 1915, a shootout between Night Marshal D.J. Disney and Sheriff Dan Carlton erupted. “The Sheriff was carried upstairs over the St. Lucie Drug Store to the office of Dr. H.D. Clark where he died on the examining table. The lawman had been shot through the right eye, in the chest, above the heart and through both arms.” (17) Disney was carried to Dr. W.E. Van Landingham’s office above the St. Lucie Bank. He had been hit in the right eye, right side and leg. (18) Fate had Sheriff Carlton’s killer attended to by one of Dan’s cousins, Dr. Van Landingham.

You are probably wondering why the Buckhorn Saloon closed its doors. The pineapple wine, card games, and years of politics and adventure were not enough to stand up to the age of Prohibition. There were more churchans than saloons and St. Lucie County, as well as the majority of Florida counties, voted to become “dry” before the Federal Prohibition became law in 1920. The St. Lucie County phone directory of 1918 has Mrs. Lucy Jane Carlton as the proprietor of the Carlton Café, 203 Orange Avenue, Phone 16. (19)
121 Offers Much More Than Great Food and Interesting Beverages

by Livia Wilson

121 is a very unique restaurant. It offers small, intimate setting perfect for date night or girl’s night. Tracy, owner of 121, takes the extra step in making all her customers feel welcome and appreciated. She cares about the health of her customers and offers lean body mass body ratings. Miki, from Palm Wellness, comes to 121 to give shoulder massages regularly for ladies night. 121 is not a typical restaurant, instead they try to connect with people to bring them closer to how they want to feel.

If you owned a restaurant like 121, wouldn’t you have people come to get their lean body mass body rating? Sure, if you had Tracy, a professional who really cares about out what is healthy. Or, give people shoulder massages? It isn’t a restaurant thing, but it’s a way of connecting people with something that brings them closer to how they want to feel. That’s what we want 121 to do as a restaurant.

This season, in partnership with BlueBird Educational Foundation, 121 will sponsor the 2014/15 Fall Concert Series. This is a series of musical events between October and March. The music presented in the series is a fusion of old and new, jazz, latin, soul, and blues and is the stuff which seems to define “groove.” BlueBird Educational Foundation is offering a pair of tickets and 121 is offering dinner for two. 121 aspires help people get their groove going.

121 is also giving away dinner for two each month based on people playing a game. Over the season, each month they gather entries in the game, starting first with people who interject select French phrases (we will put them at the tables) into the conversation on Paris night. Other ladies nights, we will do Italian, and Spanish and Greek featuring foods, games and virtual sight seeing of each part of the world.

If you have not heard Ron play the saxophone and Valerie sing, you have missed a great sax-usual experience. Usually, you can let it all go with these wonderful musical sounds on Saturday nights, as well as the Coffee Beans and others on Fridays and Saturdays.

Tuesday is Open Mic Night at 121. Diane hosts this event and the way it seems to bring such talent together is magical. When people do what they do professionally, for fun, it is the flow of magic. And, speaking of flow, the flow of air is a challenge for a small space and 121 has made a great improvement in that area too. If no one notices it — then it’s doing just what they hoped.

We hope the next year brings more friends and fun. 121 is happy to be celebrating its second anniversary this month. What they love hearing the most is how welcomed people feel and how much people really welcome delicious foods and interesting drinks. They have new a new beer called Orange Ave., which is more than interesting; it is quickly become a new favorite.

121 is located at the corner of Orange Ave. and Melody Lane in the Renaissance building facing the river and offers lunch every day except Sunday, when dinner is a 2 for 1 with a bottle of wine or only $29. With offerings like this you won’t feel guilty having an extra slice of espresso chocolate fudge Greek yogurt cheesecake for the love or the money.

Check our Facebook (121capasonthewater) to see what people are saying or the website (121melody.com) for the monthly calendar of events, or come by for Halloween, if you dare.
Start an Art Collection for $10

by Holly Theuns, Executive Director, Art Mundo

Ten dollars will buy a raffle ticket chance for one of Art Mundo’s thirty-three 2015 Calendar calendars. Each calendar has twelve original works of art by twelve different artists; all are suitable for framing. Calendar mediums this year include: oil, watercolor and acrylic paint; collage, photography, pen and ink; and mixed media and textiles. Just one calendar is an excellent way to start or add to an art collection. This is the sixth year Art Mundo has put on this fundraiser and every year the quality of Calendar art gets better. My Mom won a calendar last year — she was thrilled and has had Janie Hinkle of Jiffy Photo and Framing frame almost all of the art work and it looks great in our home.

Artists are juried into the calendar and this year the competition was stiff. Thanks to judges David Farrow, Sooz Schuble and Kathy Johnson for selecting this year’s thirty-six Calendaristi out of the field of entries. Thirty-six calendars will be created, thirty-three will be raffled off, and three, the best-of-the-best as determined by our professional judges, are sold to the highest bidder at live auction. Ten dollars buys you one raffle ticket and $25 buys you three raffle tickets plus a ticket to the 2015 Calendar Gala at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club on Saturday, November 8th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available from Art Mundo and any of the Calendaristi artists.

This year’s 2015 Calendaristi are: Lisa Allison, Gail Andrew, Lillian Anderson, Lis Bech, Mary Bemenderfer-Myers, Cheryl Boglioli, Marcy Brennan, Lance Camp, Anthony Catalano, Judy Coffman, Allie Conner, Martha Cross, Debi Crouse, Ashley Dewitt, Ginny Faetella, Caroline Frederiksen, Barbara Fuller, Susan Garman, Gretchen Green, Mary Ann Hall, Toni Hill, Janie Hinkle, Susan King, Inca Laun, Julie Lounibos, Georgina Love, Gwen McNenney, Shelly Polvere, Anita Prentice, Christine Preston, Kate Rutindo, Judith Sharpe-Levy, Jenny Shibona, Judith Suit, Holly Theuns and Annette Winkler. In addition to the piece each artist created to be juried in, they create and donate twelve more pieces of original art. A lot of time and love goes into creating these one-of-a-kind calendars. The original submissions will be on display at Art Mundo in the Underground and will be selling at silent or live auction at the November 8th Calendar Gala.

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PALS Dance Event Winner

Dana McSweeney, Seacoast National Bank Branch Manager and Main Street Fort Pierce Board Member, swept away her competition on Saturday, September 20th by clinching top honors as best dancer and top fundraiser at the 5th annual Dancing with our PALS. Dana and Craig Galvin, her professional dance instructor, delivered a near perfect score of 49 with their performance of the Salsa. Congratulations Dana and PALS for a great community event!
8th Calendart Gala. Seventy-five percent of the sale price of original submission goes to the donating artist; the balance is a donation to Art Mundo.

On Wednesday, October 8th from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., all 432 of these works of original art will be on display at Art Mundo for the October Art Walk. It is an impressive display of wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling art and the artists will all be at Art Walk. This art is only on display through Saturday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. Then the 36 calendars are made up by hand, each with twelve original works of art by twelve different artists.

All of the funds raised at this event will help Art Mundo continue their work providing a place for local artists to show their work, art classes, and art outreach in the community. If you love Art Mundo and believe in what we are doing, buy raffle tickets and attend the Gala and bid.

There will be opportunities to purchase 2015 Calendart raffle tickets to start, or add to your art collection. One raffle ticket costs $10. Three raffle tickets cost $25 and include one entry to the Gala and bid. This art is only on display through Saturday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. Then the 36 calendars are made up by hand, each with twelve original works of art by twelve different artists.

All of the funds raised at this event will help Art Mundo continue their work providing a place for local artists to show their work, art classes, and art outreach in the community. If you love Art Mundo and believe in what we are doing, buy raffle tickets and attend the Gala and bid.

There will be opportunities to purchase 2015 Calendart raffle tickets to start, or add to your art collection. One raffle ticket costs $10. Three raffle tickets cost $25 and include one entry to the 2015 Calendart Gala at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club on Saturday, November 8th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This will be the evening that 33 lucky winners will each take home a 2015 Calendart Calendar and three lucky high bidders take home one of three live auction calendars. There will also be 10 matted and framed original juried entry pieces sold at live auction and the silent auction for 26 of the juried pieces will end this evening at the Gala. If you don’t go home with a piece of art from this event, you didn’t try hard enough! There will be food, drink, fun, lots of art and a chance to help support the work that Art Mundo does to keep art a part of life in Fort Pierce.

Art Mundo is a center for creative expression located at 111 Orange Avenue in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. The Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please visit our website www.artmundo.org to find out about upcoming shows, calls to artists, classes and special events. Our phone number is 772-466-1010. Forty working artists share the refurbished bank headquarters building with us. Come and see the artists at work and visit the Loft third floor galleries.

Do you ever fell guilty because your pet is home alone while you are at work? Well, if you work in the downtown Fort Pierce area you no longer need to feel guilty. The Pride N’ Groom – Grooming and Doggie Day Care has opened at 301 Orange Avenue in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce.

Owner, Judy Labiang, came to St. Lucie County in 1969 and has been in the grooming business for 19 years. She started her career as a horse groomer and then moved to dogs and cats through her work at a local pet store. Judy began frequenting the downtown Fort Pierce area and found it to be a great place to live and work. When St. Lucie Restaurant and Supply Company closed a few months ago, Judy jumped at the chance to open up her own grooming business in the historic building.

Judy was fascinated by the history of the place showing me photos of the original building, which was the R.E. Mims Wagon Works Blacksmithing Company. Wanting to accentuate the character of the building, the crew worked hard to preserve the original walls, sinks and floors, while making the shop a comfortable workspace for her, her employees and her clients.

Joining Judy at The Pride N’ Groom is Tabitha Woods, the Day Care Specialist and Dennis Lambert, an additional groomer. Dennis says that Judy is like a St. Lucie County Dog Whisperer because of her ability to handle and care for your pets. Together Judy, Tabitha, and Dennis are happy and excited to be opening the shop in Fort Pierce. The team gets along so well together and wants to make The Pride N’ Groom a happy and fun place for your pets. They are looking into holding classes on pet training and possible pet seminars in the future. These classes will be by appointment only and will be featured on Facebook and their website when available.

The Pride N’ Groom is proud to offer only the healthiest products available for your pets. All shampoos and conditioners are organic as well as the cleaning products used at the store. The store will carry organic products and treats, along with a small retail area.

Judy says that, “Downtown Fort Pierce is a great location and we love seeing all the animals that pass by on a daily basis. We are very happy to be opening up our business here.” Pride N’ Groom had their grand opening on Saturday, September 13, with special $10 baths or $10 off grooming services. They are happily extending this offer through October for our readers. Call to make an appointment today at 772-801-4757.

The store is located at 301 Orange Avenue in downtown Fort Pierce. Store hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and they are closed on Sunday. Check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePrideNGroom.
**Love, JAZZ Community: Sharing the Love — And the Music**

by Don Bestor, President

One of the most unique and wonderful things about the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society is that the organization is chocked full of professional musicians who love what they do. They have a great time gathering and providing music at a price that everyone can enjoy, but nearly every musician in the Society also remembers what it was like getting started, breaking into the business, and becoming a professional. And while practice may be both the answer and the punchline to the age-old joke, “How do you get to Radio City Music Hall,” any professional musician will tell you that having an opportunity to practice and play with the pros is an invaluable and rare experience for young musicians.

To help the talented young musicians from our area cut their teeth and hone their musical chops, members of the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society have long offered opportunities for these talented up-and-comers to play with the pros — in practice and on stage in front of a live audience. Not only do members of the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society spend their year donating their time and talent to help raise money to help provide musical scholarships to tremendous, young potential artists, they also engage with students throughout St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River County during master’s classes, school programs, and mentoring.

When you attend a Tuesday night Jazz Jam at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre, part of your $6 cover charge ($5 if you’re a member) covers the cost of the venue and the delicious snacks and refreshments you’ll find on the table each week, but a portion of your ticket price also helps provide scholarships and even one-to-one mentoring opportunities for young musicians who gain so much from the chance to work with a pro and learn a few of the tricks of the trade. The same kind of modeling and teaching by example every parent tries to use on his or her own children is in play for young musicians who hope to have a career “in the biz.” Watching someone older and wiser navigate everything from how to think and improvise on the fly to how to handle a tough crowd are lessons that simply cannot be effectively taught or appreciated in a classroom setting. When a student becomes involved with the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, through summer jazz camps, master’s classes, in school programs, or as a regular attendee and hopeful at the weekly jazz jams and activities, you can bet that there will be notes of a completely different kind being taken and memorized. And a “pop quiz” for one of our young musicians is certainly not going to be a paper with multiple-choice questions. Instead, our students learn by climbing up on stage with the pros and having the opportunity to jam “with the big boys and girls.”

If you’ve always wondered what it’s like to watch a star being born, all you have to do is stop by the Sunrise Black Box any Tuesday evening this fall, or Wednesdays at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. There you’ll see the pros perform, and you’ll also have the chance to see the stars of tomorrow quivering and new, shaking their way onto the stage for the chance of a lifetime. And if you choose to applaud just a little louder to show your encouragement, we won’t mind a bit. We consider it an honor and a privilege to help grow and nurture new talent, preserve this amazing American art form, and maybe help shape the future for a youngster who’s got the passion and can play but needs to learn the tricks of the trade. We’re so grateful to the community for joining us in that journey and for supporting the work we do through the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society.

If you’d like to learn more about the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, including membership information and all upcoming events (and believe us, there are a bunch of them coming up), please visit us at www.jazzsociety.org, or find us on Facebook. You can also go old school and call us at (772) 460-JAZZ or stop by the Sunrise Black Box any Tuesday evening for our regular jazz jams.
Treasure Coast Genealogy Society Workshops

by Pat Giordano

Genealogy is the study of your unique family history. It is a personal record of your ancestors — when they were born and where they lived, who their children were and who they married, and where you belong in your extended family tree.

Treasure Coast Genealogy Society can help you find out about your ancestors. Members volunteer at the Fort Pierce Branch Library helping folks with genealogy research. They are available to assist you at the library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

They also conduct workshops on a regular basis. Upcoming workshops include:

- **October 7, 1:30 p.m. — Informal Gig**
  “Land Records and Maps,” presented by Pat Giordano and Sally Poole.

- **October 21, 1:30 p.m. — Regular Meeting**
  “Genealogy from the Other Side of the Reference Desk,” presented by Mark Freed of our St. Lucie County Library System.

The Fort Pierce Branch Library is located at 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce, Florida. For more information you can call the Treasure Coast Genealogy Society at (772) 971-1821.

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**TECH BYTES: Avoiding Viruses from Video Websites**

by Michael Lewis

Fake Video Player Upgrader Sites/Utilities. Take care when clicking links to videos which are outside the typical video sites such as YouTube, Vimeo, Hulu, etc. The external sites usually pop up false messages asking you to upgrade your video player or media player. This is the #1 way malware and viruses get installed onto your computer. These fake upgrade sites usually get in friends’ Facebook pages and propagate through the network quickly and rapidly.

Always look for the name of the company in the link you are clicking to upgrade your software. When in doubt, go directly to the website of the product you would like to upgrade. For instance, if you want to safely upgrade your flash player you would go to www.adobe.com. If you happen to click a link and you do not know what to click, I recommend closing the browser using the “X” in the corner of your browser window. If that does not work turn the computer off using the start button (be sure to save your work before closing). Good luck and safe computing!


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Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market Now Bug Free

by Matt Hurley

There is a new vendor at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market that is sure to help you with your bug problems around the house. The Coolest Stuff – Carnivorous Plant Nursery has joined the Saturday morning market where you can purchase a wide variety of unusual carnivorous plants.

Jim Koerschner, owner and operator of The Coolest Stuff, has always had interest in unusual plants. His offerings include such plants as Venus Flytraps, Sun-dews, Pitcher Plants, Bonzai, small trees, California Redwoods, Colorado Blue Spruce, Mimosas, Foxtail palms, Christmas palms, airplants, Mexican hat plants, and assorted hanging baskets.

Jim started growing carnivorous plants as a hobby. His family and friends always told him he had the coolest stuff – thus the name for his business. Jim liked the fact that his plants thrived in the South Florida tropical weather conditions and he thought his plants would help with the mosquito and fly problem … and they do! His hobby has become a thriving business and customers seem to love the opportunity to grow these plants at home.

You may be wondering what a Carnivorous plant is. They are predatory flowering plants that kill insects in order to derive nutrition from their bodies. They share three attributes that operate together and separate them from other plants: 1. Capture and kill prey; 2. Have a mechanism to facilitate digestion of the prey; 3. Derive a significant benefit from nutrients assimilated from the prey.

To put it in more human terms, carnivorous plants eat things like insects, spiders, crustaceans and other small soil and water-living invertebrates. Carnivorous plants pull off this trick using specialized leaves that act as traps. Many traps lure prey with bright colors, extra sweet smelling floral nectaries, guide hairs, and/or leaf extensions. The plant and/or partner organisms digest the prey, once caught and killed. The plant then absorbs the nutrients made available from the corpse. Most carnivorous plants will grow without consuming prey but they grow much faster and reproduce much better with nutrients derived from their prey.

When a bug lands on or in the leaf or pitcher of the plant the leaves are often sticky which trap the bug. Then the leaf will curl over the bug to digest the creature.

The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market has proven to be a great success for Jim Koerschner and The Coolest Stuff – Carnivorous Plant Nursery. Jim says the market gives him lots of exposure to new customers and he describes the market as “a great venue with a breezy engaging atmosphere”.

Come and discover the variety of fresh and unusual products available to you at The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market.
Future Chef Cooking Contest

by Matt Hurley

Food Day in the United States is celebrated annually in October, and Mayor Linda Hudson proclaimed October 24 as National Food Day in Fort Pierce. As part of the celebration of the holiday there will be a cook-off held at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market on October 18.

Food Day works hard to raise awareness surrounding food issues in the U.S. such as nutrition education, sustainable agriculture, hunger, farm animal welfare, and farm and food service worker rights.

As the opening of Food Day week, the Slow Food Gold and Treasure Coast organization in conjunction with the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market and the Culinary Arts Council of the St Lucie County Schools will be hosting a Future Chef Cook-off. Participants of this competition are from St. Lucie County High Schools and two Middle Schools. The event will be held at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market on October 18th. Judging starts at 10:30 a.m. The students will choose from items available for sale at the market first thing in the morning. They will then create their recipes and prepare dishes that will be served to our judges. The prepared dishes will be judged on appearance, originality, presentation and taste. Two hundred dollars will be presented to the winning teams. The food items and the vendors from which they were purchased will be available for each dish.

There are two Middle Schools with Culinary programs who will be working on the desserts. Cooking has become a lost art and we are fortunate to have so many Culinary Arts programs within our school system.

This year’s cooking event will be a first for the Slow Food Organization and it is sure to be a superb culinary event. For more information on this event please contact Sheryl Paul at 772-359-0899 or by e-mail at sherylp461@gmail.com.

Plan to attend and show your support for National Food Day and your local Slow Food GTC organization, www.SlowFoodGTC.org.
A Tribute to Dan Dannahower 1953 – 2014
by Larry Benning

Most of you knew Dan Dannahower through his fishing articles in the Main Street Fort Pierce Focus. A great many of you knew him personally. Dan lost his battle with cancer on Monday September 1, 2014 and I think I can speak for all of us when I say that we will miss him greatly.

Dan was a lifelong resident and a pillar of the community he loved, Fort Pierce. He was one of the first graduates of Fort Pierce Central High School. He later attended Indian River State College and Braniff Airlines Flight Engineer School. Dan had an impressive 36-year flying career with United Airlines where he held a variety of management positions. His final assignment was that of an international Boeing 777 Captain.

Dan was an avid fisherman, a certified diver and a skydiver. Like most of us it wasn’t that you caught a bunch of fish that mattered, as much as you got a chance to be on the water. He enjoyed camping, elk hunting, and almost anything outdoors.

He also enjoyed photography. Dan believed that there wasn’t anywhere else in the world that could match Fort Pierce.

Not many of you are going to recognize Dan’s favorite band, LOBO. That’s going back pretty far even for me. His friends tell me “if Dan was there, LOBO was playing somewhere.”

Dan was a man of many talents and he enjoyed life. He was a successful, loving husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of almost 40 years, Sue Payne Dannahower; son, Dan Dannahower and his wife Heather; daughter, Kristen Marie Barchers and her husband Victor; Grandchildren: Miah and William W. Dannahower; Charles Barchers. Brothers: James and Stephen Dannahower, Sister: Linda Dannahower Nunn. Father: William R. (Bill) Dannahower. And his beloved pets: Kono, Lexi and Coco. He is predeceased by his mother Lucia Sevier Dannahower.

Fort Pierce and Main Street will certainly miss Dan Dannahower.

Recipe Corner
by Sue Dannahower

Cheese Soup with German Lager, Black Forest Ham and Whole Grain Croutons

Pam Gillette made this soup for our German themed gourmet dinner group. It was so good — probably one of my favorite soups — like a creamy onion soup.

1 cup unsalted butter
8 ounces Black Forest ham, diced
2 medium yellow onion, chopped
6 shallots, chopped
2 clove garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon chili powder (I have)
½ cup all-purpose flour
1½ cup German lager
14 cups chicken stock
½ teaspoon cumin seed
4 cups shredded Swiss cheese
4 cups shredded Havarti (or jack cheese, or Gouda)
Sea salt
Freshly ground white pepper
8 slices whole grain German bread, chopped
4 tablespoons chopped cilantro

In a stockpot, melt ½ cup of the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion, shallots, garlic, and chili powder. Sauté until glossy, about 2 minutes.

Add the flour to create a roux. Whisk in the German lager and stock.

Add the cumin seed, and lower the heat to medium. Cook until the liquid is reduced by almost one-half, about 30 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in the cheeses. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

To make the croutons, melt the remaining butter in a medium sauté pan over high heat. Add the diced German whole grain bread, and pan-toast until crispy.

Pour into serving bowls and top with the croutons and the cilantro. Serve immediately.

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