A.E. Backus Museum Opens for 55th Season in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce
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The sultry days of summer are coming to a close. The autumnal equinox takes place on September 23, marking the official end of summer and the start of fall.

At Main Street Fort Pierce, September signals the resumption of the monthly Coffee with the Mayor and the Gold Hammer Award. Please join Mayor Linda Hudson and Main Street Fort Pierce at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19, at our new location — the Fort Pierce Yacht Club.

The Gold Hammer Award recognizes the efforts of city residents and business owners in Fort Pierce that have significantly improved their home or business through new construction or rehabilitation efforts. The Award is presented on a semi-annual basis — September and March. With numerous public revitalization projects completed or underway in the City, homeowners and businesses in the community can be nominated for the Mayor’s Gold Hammer Award by contacting the Mayor’s office at 467-3000, x3027, for a nomination form.

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Remember to shop and dine locally in Beautiful Historic Downtown Fort Pierce!
Local Educator Joins Main Street Board of Directors

Main Street Fort Pierce welcomes Donna Roberts to its board of directors. Donna, the oldest of six siblings, was born and raised in Fort Pierce. She is married and a stepmother to two beautiful daughters.

As an IRSC graduate, Donna transferred to the University of Central Florida where she earned her BS Degree in Vocational Education and then to Florida Atlantic University to earn her Master’s Degree in Education. She is a faculty member at Indian River State College where she has been employed for 34 years.

Donna serves on several State committees as an advocate for adult education, as well as local committees such as the Council of Social Agencies. The board of Main Street is excited to work with this Fort Pierce native. Donna loves her hometown and is eager to help in its continued revitalization.


by Dr. Gina Dean

Paws-N-Claws is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote pet adoption, help reduce or even eliminate euthanization of pets, and generally make a difference for pets on the Treasure Coast.

Paws-N-Claws is hosting its inaugural “Sandi Paws Pet & People Walk-A-Thon Pet Parade” on Saturday, September 13, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Marina Square in downtown Ft. Pierce. This fun filled day for our families and pets will include activities such as live music, food, pet vendors, a pet parade, doggie fashion show, K-9 demonstrations, bounce house, face painting, and much more. Approximately 5,000 people and hundreds of dogs are expected to attend.

Another highlight of this event will be the celebration honoring and remembering our 9/11 Patriots, Wounded Warriors, Purple Heart and American Legion members, as well as our armed forces, fire fighters and law enforcement members.

Come out to celebrate and honor our armed forces while having a fun-filled, pet-friendly family day.


Sunday, September 13

Marina Square in Downtown Fort Pierce
Come out to Celebrate & Honor our Armed Forces, Fire Fighters & Law Enforcement Officers, and to remember our 9/11 Patriots


A portion of the proceeds benefits Military Kids & the Adopt-A-Pet Programs

“Sandi Paws Pet & People Walk-A-Thon Pet Parade” event is free to attend but we are asking for donations and we would like to thank our sponsors as well as our000 volunteers.

For more information or participation call 772-971-0001 or 772-595-1888
The River Walk Center, located at 600 North Indian River Drive, has so much more to offer than art. The Center offers many dance and fitness classes such as: square, ballroom, belly, line, Jazzercise, Zumba, and Yoga. The River Walk Center has become synonymous with recreation in the City of Fort Pierce for all ages. Its reach is citywide and beyond the Indian River Drive space it shares with Veterans Memorial Park.

Want to rent a beach or park pavilion? Call the River Walk Center. How about the Garden Club at Georgia Avenue and 10th or Maravilla Park at Maple and Oleander? These are also available to rent, as well as Jaycee Park, Rotary Park (Kid Crossing), Dreamland Park, Pinewood Park, Kimberly Bergalis Park, Marina Square and the Jetty Park gazebo at the Fort Pierce Inlet. The latest facility to add to River Walk’s repertoire is the Percy Peek Gymnasium at 29th and Avenue D, next to the Zora Neale Hurston Library. The gym is available for sporting events for all ages.

Do you need a celebration venue? The River Walk Center has the large Pierce Room, which holds 130 and is available for just such events; the smaller Sunrise Room holds 40. The River Walk staff can recommend event caterers for you, or you can bring your own. There is a virtual tour of the River Walk Center available using Google.

Have you noticed the work being done on the grounds outside the River Walk Center? The City of Fort Pierce is using several grant resources to upgrade Veterans Memorial Park which is the outside park area surrounding the River Walk Center. A project long in the making, the newly enhanced Veterans Memorial Park will be a great venue to honor those who have served in our country’s armed forces.

“Recreation Central” in Fort Pierce is the River Walk Center. Call Michelle or Steve at 772-489-6473. Find River Walk Center on Facebook, at the City of Fort Pierce online, under Departments, or Google River Walk Fort Pierce for your own virtual tour.
Key West Gumbo & Shrimp Boil Fundraiser

Lincoln Park Main Street is gearing up to host its upcoming **Key West Gumbo & Shrimp Boil** to benefit the award winning, *Jazz on Moore’s Creek!* That’s right, the menu for this event will include: gumbo, scallops, and a shrimp boil (includes shrimp, potatoes, corn, sausage, neck bones, onions, celery, etc.) with a blend of Cajun spices and Old Bay seasoning to add that Louisiana flavor. Non-seafood selections include: chicken wings, finger sandwiches, pasta, and other side dishes to complement the feast. A cash bar will also be available.

The event will take place at the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**, 700 Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce, on Saturday, September 6th. The gala begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. The **Fort Pierce Yacht Club** has indoor and outdoor seating with a deck and patio that overviews the Indian River Lagoon. This event only gets better with popular radio personality, **Mighty Mike**, from Legendary 1400 AM WIRA as its host.

**Elisha “Atlas” Parris & Band**, from Jacksonville, will be performing live. **Mighty Mike** will be spinning music and moving the crowd across all genres of music. Dress casual, as in Key West, and come ready to have a good time.

Tickets are $35 for single and $60 for a pair/couple and are available at **Granny’s Kitchen** and **Lincoln Park Main Street** offices which are located at the corner of Avenue D and Means Court, visit us online at www.lincolnparkmainstreet.org, or call 772-462-2481.

Gumbo is a dish that originated in southern Louisiana during the 18th Century. It typically consists of a strongly flavored stock, meat or shellfish, a thickener, and seasoning vegetables, which can include celery, bell peppers, and onions. (This trio is known in Cajun cuisine as the “trinity.”) Add garlic to make it the “holy trinity.” Gumbo is often categorized by the type of thickener used: the African vegetable okra, the Choctaw spice file powder (dried and ground sassafras leaves), or roux, the French base made of flour and fat. The dish likely derived its name from either the Bantu word for okra (kingombo) or the Choctaw word for file (kombo).

Seafood boil is the generic term for any number of types of social events in which shellfish is the central element. Regional variations dictate the kinds of seafood, the accompaniments and side dishes, and the preparation techniques (boiling, steaming, baking, or raw). In some cases, a boil is sponsored by a community organization as a fundraiser or a mixer. In this way, they are like a fish fry, barbecue, or church potluck supper. But boils are also held by individuals for their friends and family for weekend get-togethers and on the summer holidays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

So come out and enjoy the cool scenery of the Indian River Lagoon, seafood, and soothing music performed live as the end of summer approaches. For tickets or more information, contact **Lincoln Park Main Street** at 772-462-2481 or **Granny’s Kitchen**.
Come Back for Fine Art and a Fine Time

by Kathleen Fredrick, Executive Director, A.E. Backus Museum of Art

I recently celebrated my 15th anniversary as the Executive Director of the A.E. Backus Museum. I am marking this auspicious milestone by writing my 15th article discussing the importance of becoming a Friend of the Museum. You might think I am getting tired of writing these articles. You might be right were it not for our exciting season lineup of exhibits and the continued dedication of our members, volunteers and board of directors. Their energy keeps me fired up.

The most exciting thing I have to tell you is that after two long, loud and dusty years "Marina Madness — Phase I" has finally ended. The piles of rocks are gone along with the dust, the tractor-trailers and the front-end loaders. Do I hear an Amen? The parking lot is open and boasts a fresh coat of paint. No longer will visitors and patrons have to dodge traffic on N. Indian River Drive in order to visit the Museum. The new dock construction will begin soon, but that promises to be a proverbial walk in the park compared to the construction of the new barrier islands.

The marina's rock piles were hard on the Backus Museum and the numbers tell the tale. For two years, the numbers painted a grim picture as people opted not to run the gauntlet. Now that there are no obstacles, we are counting on people to come back to the Backus and to help us come roaring back. We need old members to renew their commitment by rejoining as a Friend of the Museum. New members to join and get involved. For membership information and to see the complete season schedule visit our website, www.backusmuseum.com.

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Memberships start at only $50 for an individual. At the $100 Family Level, members will be able to participate in the National Association of Reciprocal Museums (NARM) program. A gold NARM sticker on your Backus membership card will allow you free access to hundreds of museums across the country; with over 40 of them in Florida. I was recently in St. Petersburg (Florida not Russia) and my NARM sticker got my sisters and me into the Dali Museum for free. That was $75 in admission fees for free. What a deal. I'm going to Jacksonville next month and a visit to the Commier Museum is on my list of free activities, all thanks to my NARM Membership at the Backus Museum. It is a pay once, play all year for free deal.

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Happy 25th Anniversary Pot Belli Deli
by Pam Gillette

Pot Belli Deli is a local restaurant in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce that has been serving locals good food and good service for that last 25 years. Jim and Chris Blum are regular customers and say "Not only is the food delicious but the owner Lisa and her staff are the best in town. They always make you feel very welcome and you just can’t help but go back. We love the Pot Belli Deli."

In 1987, Lisa Spagnuolo moved to Fort Pierce from a small town in Massachusetts with her husband. In 1989, when Carol’s Sandwich Shop decided to close their doors in the Historic Arcade Building, Lisa and her husband opened the Pot Belli Deli. The dinner was on the south side of the building in a small space that only seated 10 people. There was no kitchen or grill and the restaurant did mostly take out sandwiches, chips and drinks. After a few years they increased the space and added a small kitchen.

The Historic Arcade Building was badly in need of repairs. Lisa recalls the roof leaking so bad that they had to leave a bucket in the restaurant to catch the water. Customers started calling the bucket a wishing well and threw money into the bucket for repairs.

In 1999, the Historic Arcade Building was purchased by Mr. Brackett. Mr. Brackett did a total renovation of the building; stuccoing, painting, adding a barrel tile roof and the murals you see today. His company began the renovations on the north end and worked with Lisa to keep her business open during the repairs. In 2001, Pot Belli Deli moved to the north side of the building into a much larger space with a full kitchen and seating for 50.

Twenty-five years later Pot Belli Deli is still on the north side of the Historic Arcade Building serving good food and homemade soups at a modest price. Lisa has dedicated her life to the business and the many loyal customers that come in daily. “Those customers make everyday worthwhile,” says Lisa.

“We’ve been coming to the Pot Belli Deli for over 20 years. It’s the good food, great service and friendly family atmosphere that keep us coming back,” says Ralph and Sara Johnson. Bob Swisher and Dick Lystra said, “The Pot Belli Deli is like “Cheers” without the drama. By the second visit you’re part of the family.”

Lisa has seen many changes to downtown Fort Pierce over the past 25 years and proudly boasts the she was the organizer of the first Bike Night in Fort Pierce held in the parking lot of the Arcade Building. Later, Joanne Davis of Main Street Fort Pierce, reestablished Bike Night and then turned it over to the downtown businesses. Today, Bike Night is a very popular weekly event held on Thursday nights in downtown Fort Pierce.

Pot Belli Deli and Lisa are true supporters of downtown Fort Pierce. Pot Belli Deli was one of the first food vendors at Friday Fest and the Farmer’s Market. She always has a booth at Taste of St. Lucie and was one of the key players in all of the events sponsored by the past Downtown Business Association. She is a kind and giving person that has always been there to help Main Street in any way that she can. "Lisa always has a positive attitude and is eager to support Downtown Fort Pierce. Main Street Fort Pierce wishes Pot Belli Deli a very Happy 25th Anniversary!" adds Doris Tillman, Main Street Manager.

Lisa says, “I can’t imagine working anywhere else but Fort Pierce. The city has so many things to offer and I always enjoy the hometown feel when I walk down the streets and talk to people I know. But my greatest feeling is seeing the people I come in contact with everyday and I want to say ‘thank you’ to all my loyal customers and staff who have supported me through out the past 25 years.”

Pot Belli Deli is located at 101 N. 4th St. (US Hwy. 1), in the Historic Arcade Building in Downtown Fort Pierce. They are open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturdays 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pot Belli Deli has daily specials, homemade soups, and desserts. Call today at 772-465-4888 Delivery and catering is available.

Congratulations to Pot Belli Deli on its 25th Anniversary!
Skateboarding has come a long way since the days when we used to nail rusty old skate wheels to a 2 x 4 board and push off for a long slow ride down a steep hill. I certainly knew this but when I walked into Aaron and Christina Jewett’s “Undercover Skate Shop” on A Ave., I suddenly realized how little I knew about its actual progress. I was amazed to find how young the kids are when they start skateboarding and how quickly they become skilled. Although it’s been open for a few years, their skateboard facility had a major growth spurt less than 9 months ago when they consolidated their store and expanded their available space for skateboarders. Talking with Aaron you can tell he’s very passionate about this sport. He’s been an avid skateboarder since age 4 and his son is already an accomplished boarder at age 6. Aaron loves being able to provide a large place where kids can skateboard safely out of the heat, summer rain and away from deadly lightning. Having lights and A/C also allows the kids a safe and comfortable place to skateboard at night, one of the only night skateboarding facilities around.

While inside talking with Aaron, kids were everywhere, zooming around the arena and working their skills on obstacles like the half pipe, quarter pipe, wedges, ground rails, manual pads, skate boxes and their new, most highly prized obstacle, a “China Pad”! That’s right, a “China Pad”! Now, I’m willing to bet that most of you reading this have no idea what I just said. I didn’t either until Aaron kindly showed me these obstacles in his arena. I then watched the kids rearrange these obstacles with great enthusiasm and creativity.

“The beauty of our obstacles, compared to many other outdoor skateboard parks, is that our obstacles are mobile. The kids can move them around and build their own courses. So it’s a new challenge every day and the kids love it,” Aaron explained.

Undercover Skate Shop is a family owned business and a safe zone for kids. If not skateboarding, the kids have access to comfortable couches, TV, Ping Pong and Darts. Aaron and Christina share supervisory duties during the week and both work full time outside of their Skate Shop. They are both Fort Pierce natives and stay quite busy, working hard to make their Skate Shop successful and a unique, one of a kind, skateboard facility. Their efforts are obviously paying off, as it was quite busy while I was visiting. It was also at the height of their first six-week summer camp. Although it’s their first camp, it’s been very popular and they plan to run additional camps during the winter and spring school breaks. So, be on the lookout for their future camp announcements. They offer a great deal more than just skateboarding during these 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. day camps. I was there in the afternoon and the kids were still going strong and having a great time in several different venues. Aaron also added some new excitement to his weekly routine with the addition of a professional BMX trick bike rider who performs demonstrations every Wednesday afternoon.

This event is sponsored by “M & M” so there’s plenty of chocolate to sweeten the deal. Aaron and Christina plan to add more space and seven new obstacles to their arena. Although it will certainly make it the most challenging and fun place to skateboard on the Treasure Coast and maybe even in South Florida.

Undercover Skate Shop is located at 208 Ave A. in downtown Fort Pierce. It’s open every day but Sunday 4 to 9 p.m. Check out their website at www.skateundercover.com for additional information and stop by their specialty store and shop awhile. They have a lot of cool stuff and one thing I found of interest was the “Death Lens”. This is a very solid and high quality Fish Eye Lens for your iPod or cell phone camera. It threads on very easily, is very compact and a bargain at only $34.98. It makes very cool, action shots and can make normal events look quite edgy.
Local “Transformer” – Jack Shelton
by Michael R. Howard

The first time I walked into Jack Shelton’s woodturning workshop behind his beautiful home on Indian River Drive, the intoxicating aroma of exotic woods, varnish, oils and lacquers immediately swept me back to my grandfather's workshop in North Carolina. There, as a young boy, I often watched mesmerized while he transformed old and damaged antiques into refurbished masterpieces, their original luster and ornate beauty fully restored. My grandfather was a passionate and gifted artist. His workshop was his studio and his friends’ homes were his gallery.

For Jack, his backyard workshop is his studio where his passion and special gift are poured into non-descriptive pieces of wood transforming them into an incredible variety of beautifully turned wood pieces. His finished art consists of hollow forms and vases, shallow bowls, urns, plates and special sculptured forms, all with unique colors, grains, patterns, textures and aromas. They are stunning to see and hold. It’s hard to believe that they are all natural products and you will swear they are glazed ceramic or hand painted. But they are all made from the wood of many common trees and often from very rare trees.

Watching Jack turn a common looking, uninspiring block of wood, something most of us wouldn’t look at twice, into a beautifully polished piece is like watching a master sculptor chisel out a classic statue from a rough hewn piece of stone. It’s the same philosophy: release the hidden art held captive inside by all the other unnecessary stuff around it. Jack’s gift is seeing, then releasing, this art buried and hidden inside what most of us see simply as a dull piece of wood.

His wood comes from many sources, including contributions from people like me, shown in the photo with Jack beside a rare, two-ton, white oak burl that I brought him from my farm in North Carolina. It’s over 13 feet in circumference and over 4 feet thick. Jack thinks it might easily be a record size. “This is a stunning, one-of-a-kind burl. The marbling of the wood in burls like this can result in exquisite designs and patterns and result in some magnificent turned wood pieces,” Jack explained to me. “This burl now has a chance for a second life and I can’t wait to see its unusual grain patterns inside.”

Although Jack grew up among many family members handling wood, he fell into wood turning quite by accident. While serving as a Chief of the Miami Beach Fire and Rescue Division, one of his associates passed away unexpectedly. The widow gave Jack many of her husband’s woodworking tools, including a lathe. Sometime later, when Jack first fiddled with the lathe, he was transformed.

When he first used it, he said, his eyes sparkling, “I felt instant gratification and I was hooked.” He still has his first two turned pieces from 1988. They are quite good and although of priceless sentimental value, nowhere near the quality and beauty of the pieces he now creates. In 1999, Jack retired and moved to his present home. With a workshop close by and more time to devote to his passion, his art took off. In 2006, he became one of the first artists to open a gallery in the new Art Mundo complex. Since then he helped create the only Wood Turners Guild on the Treasure Coast. The Guild now boasts over 70 members. He also finds time to teach woodturning to a small stable of beginner students who are all blossoming into skilled wood-turning artisans.

Jack’s work is national level quality and has been displayed at the American Association of Wood Turner’s annual symposiums on several occasions. This is a very prestigious honor and Jack was one of only a handful selected from a large number of nationwide candidates. In 2006, his work “Keel’s End” was displayed at the Smithsonian’s “Sea to Odyssey” exhibition.

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Sunrise Theatre for the Performing Arts Announces a Sensational Season

by Anne Satterlee

Executive Director, John D. Wilkes is pleased to announce the Sunrise Theatre’s 2014/2015 season of dazzling shows that have been confirmed to date. The Sunrise Theatre is located in historic downtown Fort Pierce and is owned and operated by The City of Fort Pierce.

“We’re thrilled to offer an array of sizzling performers!” said Wilkes. “The Sunrise Theatre continues to expand and enhance our programming with highly sought after and celebrated national touring artists and we will be continuing to add more fabulous shows and acts throughout the season.”

This year, we have added a Broadway Series, which includes the National Broadway Touring Companies of: Camelot; Smokey Joe’s Café with the Coasters; Buddy! The Buddy Holly Story; Jekyll & Hyde; Flashdance — The Musical; and Sister Act. Our outstanding variety of artists booked to date, include:

Show Biz Legends

Kenny Rogers; Engelbert Humperdinck; Trace Adkins Christmas Show; Paul Anka; Michael Bolton; The Oak Ridge Boys; Don Williams; Wynonna Judd and The Big Noise; Dave Mason’s Traffic Jam; Dennis DeYoung — The Music of Styx; The Beach Boys; and more.

Rock ‘N’ Roll & Tribute Artists

PFX — The Pink Floyd Experience; Get the Led Out: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin; The Brooklyn Bridge with special guest Joey Dee and The Starlighters; Chris MacDonald’s Memories of Elvis; The Ultimate Valentine’s Day Rock ‘N’ Roll & Duo Wop featuring The Mystics, Jimmy Clanton, The Rip Chords, Ron Dante and Lou Christie; Richard Nader’s Duo Wop & Rock ‘N’ Roll featuring Gene Chandler, The Diamonds, The Vagels and Tommy Mara and The Crews; and more.

National Touring Companies & Classical Offerings

Camelot; Sister Act; Smokey Joe’s Café featuring The Coasters; Buddy! The Buddy Holly Story; Jekyll & Hyde; Flashdance: The Musical; The National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico; The State Ballet Theatre of Russia presents The Nutcracker; The Russian National Ballet Theatre; and more.

And a Host of Others

Howie Mandel; Dancing Pros: Live!; A Bitchin Babes — The Best of the Babes; Masters of Illusion — Believe the Impossible; American Big Band — Live for the Holidays; The Colors of Christmas starring Peabo Bryson, Jennifer Holliday, Ruben Studdard & Taylor Dayne; and more.

Tickets for these and all 2014/15 Season Shows go on sale to Dedicated Seat Holders beginning August 4; August 11, $1,000 level Members; August 18, $250 and $500 level Members; August 25, $50 and $100 Members and to the general public on Tuesday, September 2 at 10 a.m.

The beautifully restored, intimate 1,200-seat Sunrise Theatre Mainstage and accompanying 210-seat Black Box Theatre, located in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce, presents national touring Broadway shows, musical and comedy acts, ballet and opera companies with full orchestras, country stars, and classic rock icons. In addition, the Sunrise Theatre presents a series of Arts & Education Outreach programs to over 10,000 students each year at no cost to students in the four-county region, in conjunction with the Sunrise Theatre Foundation.

The historic Sunrise Theatre, which opened in 1923, is owned and operated by The City of Fort Pierce. The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 South Second Street, Fort Pierce, Florida. For tickets and membership information, call the Box Office at 772-461-4775 or online at www.sunrisetheatre.com.

The above listed shows are those confirmed to date. Additional shows and attractions will be added throughout the season.

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Main Street Fort Pierce wishes to thanks all of the remarkable volunteers and sponsors who made the 20th Annual Reverse Raffle an overwhelming success. Your generosity is, as always, greatly appreciated.

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Love. JAZZ Community: Passing the Baton
by Gene Hull

Some people say that jazz is America’s only true art form. In order to help preserve and continue to grow the appreciation and love of jazz in our community, the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society has long been dedicated to sharing the stage and the knowledge with talented young musicians throughout the Treasure Coast. Through master classes, school programs, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences provided for children of all ages throughout St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties, the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society has helped ensure that jazz will keep on keepin’ on for years to come.

Along the way, we’ve found some pretty amazing talent growing right in our community. Not only have we found talented musicians for whom we work hard all year in order to present music scholarships at the end of the year, but we’ve also stumbled across some pretty incredible community servants. Last year, a musical wizard named Chris Ketcham crossed our path and left an indelible mark. Not content to simply perform and play, he wanted to share his love and knowledge of music with others to help spread the musical message. Working with the board of directors, he created the position of Youth Liaison with the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society. Then he ran with that position, providing music history classes, performing for various groups, and helping to spread the word and the love of music all over the Treasure Coast. Just before heading off to the University of Central Florida for his first year of studies towards a degree in Music Education, Chris Ketcham passed the baton on to Austin Routten, anothermidiinCorelDRAW X7

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Fortunately, Jack’s gallery at Art Mundo in downtown Fort Pierce is easily accessible to everyone. There you can see the full spectrum of his work on display. His gallery is well worth visiting and his art needs no interpretation, except, perhaps, for an occasional discussion on the specific type of wood he used for a piece you find fascinating. You’ll also find something soothing and inspiring about a beautiful piece of turned wood. It’s as if it were alive. You’ll understand this when you hold one and admire its subtle beauty up close. You can see more of Jack’s art and learn more about this unique art form on his website at www.woodartbyjackshelton.com. Visit his gallery at the ever-growing and vibrant Art Mundo at 111 Orange Ave. open Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. No matter your art preference, you will be amazed and inspired by Jack Shelton’s beautiful and unique turned wood art and leave his gallery with a far greater appreciation for this art form and Jack’s special gift as a Transformer.

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Remembering Glenn Richard Sapp

By Sue Dannahower

On July 27, 2014 Main Street Fort Pierce lost a very special friend and volunteer, Glenn Sapp. He left behind the love of his life, his wife Wanda Sapp, Ryan Sapp and Ryan’s wife, Felicia; daughter, Kaylin Sapp; stepson, Shane Green; stepdaughters, Hannah Bruhn and Aolani Summerlin and Aolani’s husband, PFC James Summerlin; grandson, Jayden Bonazinca and his furry children, Nikki, Tuko, Lilly and Salem.

Glenn’s death was a shock to everyone who knew him. He touched so many lives through his work with the St. Lucie County Fire Department and the charities he was involved in. Both Glenn and Wanda were huge supporters of Main Street Fort Pierce. Wanda had been on the Main Street Board of Directors for numerous years and they both donated countless volunteer hours helping at Friday Fest, art shows, meetings and wherever they were needed.

A year ago Lt. Glenn “Gunny” & Wanda Sapp decided to retire to their home in the mountains of North Carolina. It seems like yesterday Main Street hosted their retirement party at the Platts/Backus House. That day hundreds of people attended the party to send them off and wish them happiness on their new journey.

On August 29, 2013 Wanda posted this on Facebook:

“Today, after almost 34 years of service with the SLC Fire District Glenn (Sapp) has his last alarm. He was filled with mixed emotions when he headed for the station one last time. I’m so proud of him and so blessed to have him as my best friend and husband.”

Glenn and Wanda wanted to enjoy the simple things that life holds and the beauty of the mountains. Over the past year Wanda posted their life on Facebook: wonderful views from the mountain home, their Alaska trip, bird watching, hiking, kayaking, making a snowman in the yard, their beloved kids and dogs, renovating the house, and did I say the views? They were very lucky to have each other and spend his last days doing the things they enjoyed and each other.

Glenn was a loving husband, wonderful father and a really good guy. He will be missed by all.

The Treasure Coast Photography Center Inc.,

presents From the Heart Juried Photo Exhibition 2014

From the Heart Juried Photo Exhibition 2014 is the 2nd annual juried photo exhibition presented by the Treasure Coast Photography Center Inc., and hosted by the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. This eight-week long photo exhibition is a sponsored event and is being conducted in support of Grace Way Village, a Fort Pierce based community outreach organization whose mission is to equip under-resourced Treasure Coast families to live in total mental, physical, spiritual, emotional, and economic health. This wonderful non-profit organization will be the recipient of the net proceeds from exhibition sponsors and contest entry fees. For more information on Grace Way Village, go to www.gracewayvillage.org.

The Treasure Coast Photography Center Inc., with a pending 501(c)(3), is a group organized for the purpose of providing leadership, education and support to the art of photography on the Treasure Coast. It all started in 2006 as the Camera Club and has evolved into a group of a 90 people who meet monthly to attend informative presentations about a technologically advancing art form — photography.

In addition to the monthly speaker the Center holds monthly photographic theme presentations by members, a monthly photo contest and organizes photography field trips to regional landmarks and community events. “Learn — Share — Fun” is the motto that has developed for the organization.

TCPC Inc. meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the historic Old City Hall building, 315 Avenue A in Ft. Pierce.

From the Heart Juried Photo Exhibition 2014 is open to all photographers, amateur and professional, over the age of 18. Cash prizes totaling $1,875 will be awarded in five categories plus Best in Show. Entries are being accepted through October 9, 2014. For more info visit treasurecoastphoto.photoshelter.com and click on “From the Heart.”
Outdoor Décor at Auction
by Holly Theuns, Executive Director, Art Mundo

On Saturday, September 13th from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Art Mundo is teaming up with Heathcote Botanical Gardens to stage the first ever Art for the Yard Auction. The event will be held at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and includes live music by Emergency Poncho, a cash bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres and lots and lots of art made by local artists for your garden, pool area or patio. Tickets are $35 per person in advance and $40 per person at the door. You can reserve your spot by calling Robin Goldman, Heathcote Botanical Gardens’ events manager, at 772-464-4672. All of the proceeds from this event will benefit Art Mundo and Heathcote Botanical Gardens.

Please plan to join us for the first ever Art for the Yard Auction. It will be a fun event and you will be able to take home some new art for your yard.

Recently, Cheryl Boglioli, Art Mundo’s Education Chairperson, and Al Beltran, the General Manager of the Sailfish Brewery, got together and cooked up an event they called Rock Art. The brewery supplied the beer and water on one of the hottest days in August, and Art Mundo artists came and painted the brewery’s landscape rocks.

I was curious where the artists got their ideas to paint and embellish their rocks and what motivated them to come out on a hot day. Here are some of their answers:

“Rough surface ... much harder than I thought. I was going to do an abstract design but saw the shape of my rock: looked so much like a fish, I had to do a fish. So one side is fish, the other side a design. It was a hot day — had my straw hat on and I wet my long sleeve white shirt and put it on. Kept me pretty cool.

“I agreed to do it in the first place, because I love beer and wanted to support a local business and wanted to support Art Mundo and the studios!” — Shelly Polvere

“I knew the rocks would be challenging due to their crumbly and porous nature, so I had to discard my original idea of doing something more along my usual detail-oriented work. No one wanted the ‘giant’ rock and I said, what the heck! Janie Hinkle of Jif- fy Photo, a good friend, stopped and mentioned that lizards might look good. So, the more I looked at the rock, the more I could ‘see’ the lizard on it and just went with what I (thought) I saw. Covering the body was a task, took a lot of paint and I had to keep reminding myself it wasn’t a smooth canvas. I was anxious to get to details like eyes and feet, but had to wait till I got a bunch of green paint on the rock. Finally, I was able to get anxious to get to details like eyes and feet, but had to wait till I got a bunch of green paint on the rock. Finally, I was able to get to the fun part — eyes to make him look alive. It took about three hours to paint the rock and I was very pleased with the results. I understand that the lizard is in an area that’s illuminated at night, so he should look darn good there. Thanks for having me come and paint!” — George Love

“Working on our landscape boulders for the Rock Art Festival was such a great time to build friends and leave a lasting mark in the beautifully landscaped gardens at Sailfish Brewery. Even through the heat and then rain, I enjoyed working alongside fellow local artists outside on a day away from the studios. Considering the heat and the larger size of my ‘rock,’ I decided to use Krylon spray paints and The Crafter’s Workshop stencils to create a graffiti-type work of art, done in one of my layered signature styles. My rock is colorful and artistic and brightens the area. It was great to come together as local downtown Fort Pierce businesses to support one another and I look forward to further ventures.” —Cheryl Boglioli

“The prompt for altering the rock at the brewery was really nothing more than spending time with friends and giving back a little to the brewery for all their support of Orange Avenue Studios and the artists there. It was much more difficult to paint on the rocks than I imagined. We’re not talking smooth boulders or river rock here. These are limestone or some similar type of mineral rock full of shells and who knows what else. There wasn’t a flat surface to be found anywhere on the rock I painted. I poured, swirled, and stamped paint instead of using a brush. I had hoped to stencil shapes and words but the lack of a flat surface foil those plans.” —Susan Garman

Mary Bemenderfer-Myers added fish on a coral reef to her rock; Janet Bird Fuller, our steampunk artist, painted a skull and embellished it with gears, and I think I detect a slight smile on her skull; Debi Crouse painted her rock gold and bedazzled it with jewels. There’s more — you have to see them in person to fully appreciate them.

Ginny Piech Street, Anita Prentice and Julie Lounibos put their talents to work painting bamboo, so there is also some pretty fine painted bamboo art at the brewery now.

If you get a chance, go over to Sailfish Brewery, grab a cold one and check out the garden art.

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 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 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.
Danny’ Delight – C’est Bon
by Matt Hurley

If you like homemade barbecue with the taste of the islands then you’re sure to love the French and Creole influenced food offerings of Danny’s Delights at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market.

Danny Gerenus has always had an interest and passion for cooking. He grew up in Nassau, in the Bahamas, where both his father and brother were chefs. The profession is one of immense pride to the Gerenus family. “It means self discipline, bringing honor to your name, when you give your word do everything in your power to do what you have vowed, and lastly contentment,” says Danny in reference to what it meant to him when his father recently passed the mantle on to him.

Danny brought his love of the islands to South Florida where he combined his passion for the flavors of the French Caribbean with his Creole recipes. He launched his signature creations cooking business which he named Danny’s Delights in 2008. In addition to his barbecue ribs and chicken he also prepares beef brisket, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, jerk chicken, fish sandwiches, fresh conch salad, and conch fritters. Many people enjoy his American/Caribbean inspired foods.

This American/Caribbean cuisine can appeal to many varied tastes. Whether someone is looking for a conch salad, barbecue ribs or jerk chicken, Danny is sure to offer a variety to choose from that is sure to leave you satisfied. Not only is the variety of the menu a notable strength, but the nutritional value of these items is as well.

Danny’s Delights seeks to provide meals that will take the customer on a culinary adventure. It is proven that natural food is more nutritious and healthy for both the body and soul. Danny has succeeded in providing this healthy menu.

Danny is committed to working closely with our community through his involvement with community outreach programs, which provide food donations to those in need. He works with food banks and churches and he also is involved in anti-drug and youth programs. He is committed to fundraising efforts and in gathering living necessities for destitute children living in the US and abroad.

Customers have enjoyed Danny’s cooking at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market for the past six years. Danny says that this local market has played “a significant role in the success of my business. The overwhelming commitment and support of my clients from the Farmer’s Market has been and continues to be the heart and soul of my culinary achievements.”

Plan to visit Danny’s Delights at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market for a taste of the Caribbean. Danny and his staff also invite you to visit their new restaurant D’s Smokehouse located at 3304 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce. Come and discover the tastes of the islands. You’ll be glad you did. Be sure to visit us each Saturday at the market and like us on Facebook.
Summer Doldrums

by Dan Dannahower

It’s hot, really hot out there. Temps have been in the 90s and the heat index has been at or above 100 on many days lately. Getting out on the river or ocean for a little recreational fishing can be a great break from the pressures of the workweek and also a great way to cool off a bit in a nice sea breeze.

Summer can make the fishing a little iffy. Those denizens of the deep get the heat doldrums too! But there is always action to be found somewhere in the waters of the Treasure Coast. Talk to your bait and tackle shops; they’re bound to have some current info on where to go for a hook up while you’re out there cooling off.

Offshore fishing has gotten a taste of the doldrums with reports of good and bad days. A wide variety of species have been caught during most of this summer having just slowed a bit with the recent high temps. Paying attention to water temps and finding reefs and structure can result in a successful catch. Bottom fishing for snapper at night as the full moon approaches seems to still be a good bet. Snapper fishing in general has been good this summer.

Inshore fishing in the river seems to have avoided the doldrums and remains a good bet for a nice catch. Snapper, flounder, redfish, snook and trout are all being caught in good numbers. Try casting or drifting light tackle, 10 to 15 pound test line with live shrimp on a light (1/8 – 1/4 oz) troll-rite hook. Along the Intracoastal Waterway channel or near any structure, rocky ledges, jetty, pilings, etc. are good places to try. There have been reports that large schools of redfish can be found on the flats, particularly at low tide where they can be seen tailing. Be careful, sand bars and flats you might be used to fishing may be much shallower during low tides and can result in some not so fun time out of the boat pushing!

Good luck fishing and stay cool!

Meet the Healthy Grain: Quinoa

by Sue Dannahower

Quinoa (pronounced KEEN-wah) is a tiny little seed with an ancient history—packs a big nutritional punch.

It’s high in protein and nutrients with anti-inflammatory properties, which is likely why it sustained people in South America’s Andes mountains (where quinoa grows best) for so long. Quinoa has a mild, slightly vegetal flavor and cooks up fluffy, like couscous, but is still slightly crunchy.

Quinoa can have a bitter residue on it, so make sure to rinse it well in a fine mesh strainer.

Like pasta, you can boil quinoa in a lot of water, then drain it.

For extra-fluffy quinoa, return it to the saucepan after cooking. Cover the pot with a paper towel and then close the pot with the lid. The paper towel will absorb any excess water.

Quinoa’s light texture makes it great for mixing with other heavier grains.

Red, black and white quinoa have subtle flavor differences (red and black are slightly earthier than white) but they can be substituted for one another in recipes.

Greek Quinoa Salad

2 cups prewashed quinoa (yields 6 cooked cups)
4 cups vegetable stock
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ pound Feta cheese, broken into chunks
1 jar Kalamata olives, pitted and sliced
1 English cucumber, skin on, diced
1 pound Baby tomatoes, halved
1 Red or Orange bell pepper, diced
1 jar artichoke hearts, sliced
4 tablespoons capers
1 tablespoon garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon dried dill
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Optional: Celerely, carrots, any vegetable.
1 jar prepared Italian Dressing

In a medium saucepan, heat the 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add the quinoa and cook over moderately high heat, stirring, until lightly browned, about 4 minutes. Add the vegetable (or chicken) broth and a generous pinch of salt and bring to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat until the liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Fluff the quinoa with a fork and spread on a baking sheet to cool.

In a large bowl, add cooled quinoa, feta and the rest of the ingredients, except the Italian Dressing. Toss, breaking up any lumps of quinoa. Add enough Italian dressing to lightly wet all ingredients. Season the salad with salt and pepper and serve.
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