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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

# October is a Fun-Filled Month in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce

by Sue Dannahower



Please visit our website [www.mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://www.mainstreetfortpierce.org) for a colorful "Virtual Art Show." You will find beautiful artwork by featured artists Christopher Gunkel, Anita Prentice and Doretha Hair Truesdell.

October will be a busy month for *Main Street Fort Pierce*. We are excited to host our first "Pop Up" Friday Fest on October 2nd. On October 24th we host our *Fall Golf Tournament at Gator Trace*. Then join us on the 28th and 29th for our *Annual "Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past" Historic Ghost Walking Tours*.


*Virtual Coffee with the Mayor* will be held on October 16th (the 3rd Friday of each month) starting at 8:00 a.m.

During these trying times we ask our readers continue to shop local and keep our downtown businesses and restaurants

operating. Our small business owners have taken precautions to keep their customers safe and our economy running. Join the *Main Street Fort Pierce* Facebook page or visit our website at [www.mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://www.mainstreetfortpierce.org) to view up-to-date information about our local businesses.

There is plenty to do in beautiful, historic, downtown Fort Pierce. *Eat, shop & enjoy!* ❖

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# The 16th Annual Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past Walking Tours

Part of the charm of downtown Fort Pierce is that the connection to its past is visible today. The oldest surviving structure is the P.P. Cobb building which dates back to the 1880s when the area was identified by the remains of a 2nd Seminole War U.S. military fort. The railroad tracks that run parallel and intersect the main roads of downtown reached Fort Pierce in 1894 and with them came more people causing the population in the region to expand. A majority of the historic buildings in downtown Fort Pierce date back to the 1920s, the decade that encompassed the rise and fall of the Florida land boom era. Fort Pierce's participation in training Navy Frogmen during WWII ushered in a new era of population growth once the war ended which led to the beginning of the development in Port St. Lucie. All of these events in history have left their mark on this community. *Main Street Fort Pierce* works to capture the stories and significance of notable individuals and structures each year during the annual *Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past Walking Tours*, held the week prior to Halloween.

Each year, *Main Street Fort Pierce* organizes a cast of volunteer characters to play roles or to guide participants throughout downtown Fort Pierce to hear the

stories of the past during this two-evening event.

Covid-19 has presented a few challenges to planning the event this year yet it has also introduced a new opportunity in the form of a no contact check-in system that will streamline and allow for new routes. To protect the health of our ghosts, guides, and guests — the tour groups size will

be decreased, the tour stops will all be outdoor, and masks will be required to participate. Because of these precautions, *Main Street*

is able to host this event while keeping the volunteers and participants safe.

Every year some of the routes and “ghosts” are rotated to offer new stories for those that have participated in the past. There are four separate tour routes with eight stops per tour that feature a significant person/structure in an around Fort Pierce. Each tour takes approximately one hour. The *2020 Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past Walking Tour* route and characters are:

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

1st tour begins at 5:30 p.m. Tours leave every 15 minutes after first tour and last tour leaves at 7:30 p.m.

### SUNRISE CITY TOUR

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The 1715 fleet & treasure hunting

The Fee Family & the Fort Pierce Bank building

Florida land bust and the hurricanes of 1926 & 1928

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

1st tour begins at 5:30 p.m. Tours leave every 15 minutes after first tour and last tour leaves at 7:30 p.m.

### EDGARTOWN TOUR

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## Golf for a Great Cause at *Main Street Fort Pierce's Fall Golf Tournament*


Is there a better way to start the day than on the golf course? *Main Street Fort Pierce* extends a grand invite to all golfers to join them at **Gator Trace Golf & Country Club** on October 24. Participants can enjoy a round of golf while helping fund the programs and events of *Main Street Fort Pierce*.

*Main Street's Fall Golf Tournament* starts with registration at 7:30 a.m. and a continental breakfast and a beverage of your choice. The golfing begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for men and women closest to the pin, the longest drives, as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.

The cost is \$100 per player or \$350 per team. Your entry

fee will include a continental breakfast, a round of golf, lunch, a goody bag and raffle prizes. *Main Street* will have a putting contest and for a small donation you will get three chances to putt your ball through a special layout for a great prize.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and tee signs will be set up around the course. Advertise your business by becoming a tee sponsor. Call the *Main Street Fort Pierce* office at 466-3880 to sign up your team, get a tee sign or to become a sponsor for the tournament. Sponsors of the tournament as of printing are **Southern Eagle Distributing** and **John Jacobs Construction**. ❖

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This is a fundraiser for Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., a 501© not-for-profit organization; participating sponsor **Fee Yates & Fee**. The cost per person is \$10. These tours are history tours geared toward an older audience but all ages are welcome. Registration is required and can be done online at [www.mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://www.mainstreetfortpierce.org) or by calling (772) 466-3880. Once registered, confirmation will be sent by email. Specific tour details will be emailed just prior to the event with downtown parking maps, guide information and contact numbers.

Tours and/or characters are subject to change.

## October Events in and Around Historical Downtown Fort Pierce

**October 2, Friday: POP-UP FRIDAY FEST** — 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Marina Square & Melody Lane; Featuring the **FPUA Public Utilities Week Kickoff**; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; [mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://mainstreetfortpierce.org).

**October 10, Saturday: BEST OF THE BEST JURIED ART EXHIBITION** — Opening at the **Backus Museum**; check website for schedules and updates, [backusmuseum.org](http://backusmuseum.org); (See story in this issue.)

**October 16, Friday: COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR** — 8:00 a.m. on Facebook Live; **Sponsor – Impact 100 St. Lucie**; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; [mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://mainstreetfortpierce.org).

**October 17, Saturday: WOMEN'S CUP RACE** — Hosted by Fort Pierce Yacht Club; (See story in this issue); [fortpiercenyachtclub.com](http://fortpiercenyachtclub.com).

**October 17, Saturday and October 18, Sunday: HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL GARDENS FALL GARDEN FESTIVAL** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday; vendors and activities; 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce; [heathcotebotanicalgardens.org](http://heathcotebotanicalgardens.org). (See story in this issue.)

**October 27, Tuesday: UNDER THE OAKS** — 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.; **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society** outside at the **The Fort Pierce Yacht Club**; Admission \$15 for members & \$17 for nonmembers; 772-460-5299. (See story in this issue.)

**October 28, Wednesday and October 29, Thursday: ANNUAL GHOSTS OF FORT PIERCE PAST WALKING TOURS** — Four Tours; (See Story and Schedule); For the safety of our ghosts, guides, & guests, masks are required; reservations can be made at [www.mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://www.mainstreetfortpierce.org) or by calling 772-466-3880.

# Mayor's Message **Fort Pierce Has So Much Potential**

by Linda Hudson, Mayor, City of Fort Pierce



As Mayor of Fort Pierce, I strive for Fort Pierce to live up to its potential. One way to improve our community is for citizens to take pride in their city and the way it looks. Our city has many ways to help us look the best we can be.

**Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board** (KFPAB) is a group that meets monthly (pre-COVID-19) and plans activities and projects to improve the looks of our neighborhoods. This Board selects properties for the *Mayor's Neighborhood Gem Awards*. These awards focus on residential or business yard and outdoor improvements that show pride of place. They are designed to encourage others to

improve their properties too. Code enforcement staff identify the property choices, and KFPAB make the selections.

The *Mayor's Gold Hammer Awards* are awarded to residential or business new or rehabilitated construction. These add value to their neighborhoods and our city by restoring, constructing or enhancing structures and properties.

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SeeClickFix, and can be done anonymously, or not. You can also email ([parraiz@cityoffortpierce.com](mailto:parraiz@cityoffortpierce.com)) or call (772-467-3000). The problem might need to be addressed by the city (like a pothole), and that's our responsibility. It could be on private property, which involves staff working with the property owner to achieve compliance. Our goal is compliance not punishment. Failure to comply could result in a property lien with substantial financial consequences for the future.

Another way our city is trying to address nuisances is with the *Clean and Safe Initiative* (CSI). Initiated in 2018, utility customers pay \$1 monthly so that the city can clean up or demolish eyesores that at best make our city look neglected, and at worst encourage criminal activity.

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# Celebrating Public Utilities

by Jann Widmayer

It has been a long-standing tradition that **FPUA** celebrates *Public Utilities Week* at *Main Street's October Friday Fest*. This year, in light of the pandemic, we were not sure it would be possible. However, **FPUA** is excited to be partnering with *Main Street* to celebrate the kick-off of *Public Utilities Week* and to kick-off resuming *Friday Fest* events in downtown. It's true that this first event will be on a smaller scale, but the night will offer all of the fun, music, and excitement you love!

The *Friday Fest* kick-off of *Public Utilities Week* is a time for **FPUA** to express appreciation for our customers. **FPUA** will have trucks on display, safety city, hula hoops, unveil a solar-powered charging pole, EV charging station locations, booths with educational information and lots of swag! The **Manatee Center** will be there, too, announcing their activities. We're all masked up and ready to go, so come downtown and join us! We'll see you on Friday, October 2nd, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Public Utilities work because we are community-owned and decisions about how **FPUA** is run are made by the people who live and work in our community. Our staff are hard-working employees who care about the community and take pride in serving friends and neighbors. We support local commerce and invest directly back into our community. **FPUA's** strong commitment to our community can also be seen in how we've supported our neighbors through the pandemic. From the start of the COVID-19 crisis **FPUA** suspended disconnects, offered payment plans, committed \$200,000 to a COVID-19 Relief Fund, and removed late fees and penalties from accounts. As the country and our community reopens and returns to work, our focus remains on offering assistance wherever possible.

**FPUA** also helps neighbors in need through mutual aid assistance. When Hurricane Laura impacted the gulf coast states, **FPUA** sent crews to assist with power restoration. After the storm passed, it was reported that 379,000 customers in Louisiana and 90,000 customers in Texas were without power. **FPUA** crews assisted with power restoration efforts in Louisiana in the cities of Lafayette, Abbeville, and Alexandria.

**FPUA** is joining more than 2,000 municipal utilities in celebrating *Public Utilities Week* October 4–10. We are one of the few public utilities that provides electric, water, natural gas, wastewater, and communications services. During *Public Utilities Week* we salute all of the services and departments of **FPUA** that keep our lights on, the water running, and help keep our environment clean. **FPUA** lives its mission "to provide customers with economical, reliable and friendly service in a continuous effort to enhance the quality of life in our community." ❖



# The Fort Pierce Yacht Club is Back in Business with Upcoming Events

by Diane Korbey, Commodore

It is so good to be back out on the water! Our racing program is well underway again, offering some ability to socially distance; and the future looks brighter with those testing positive falling below 10% in our area. Our annual **Women's Cup Race**, which has been run since 1983, will be run again this year on October 17th. Each year we aim to increase the



number of women aboard so this year we have scheduled a women's practice session for September 25th to get women comfortable with the boats they are crewing, with our racecourse, and with our race procedures. If you are a woman

sailboat racer, join our race: all you need is a valid PHRF and if you don't have one, then we can help you get one. E-mail us at [fortpierceyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:fortpierceyachtclub@gmail.com) or stop by the club on Friday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m. to hear all about our Club events.

On November 13 through 15, we open the club to visiting yachtsmen from the north and the south to hold

our annual fall *Two Days of Offshore Racing*, as well as a host of social activities. Again, we welcome you to join us. A PHRF is required, so e-mail us at [fortpierceyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:fortpierceyachtclub@gmail.com) or visit our website [fortpierceyachtclub.com](http://fortpierceyachtclub.com) later this month for registration instructions.

Besides sailboat racing, we are organizing a *GarBeach Clean-Up* once a month. Join our team to help keep our waterways clean! We also offer Friday night socials with food and live music planned through the end of the year; a *Friendsgiving Dinner* for local as well as visiting yachtsmen on Thanksgiving Day; and on January 21 we will begin our *Third Thursday* eco lectures.

With all these events and more on the horizon, it is great to be back in business! ❖

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# The Backus Museum Celebrates its 60th Anniversary Season

This year as the Museum celebrates its 60th Season, the arts have a more important role to play in our lives than ever before. The *Best of the Best* opens our anniversary season on October 10, 2020 and will showcase exemplary works of art. The exhibition honors the Museum's roots as a community gallery by encouraging artists to share their best works in



Roy McLendon, *Fishing Day Ends*

this special exhibition. As we reopen, we are reminded that COVID-19 has kept us from many of the things that enrich our lives, including the arts. The **Backus Museum** is delighted to celebrate its 60th year by continuing its role of bringing the community together through art. Even at six feet apart, we can stand as one during these trying times.

In keeping with that tradition, later in the season we will continue with the anniversary celebration by presenting *TOP: Anniversary Invitational Exhibition*. The show will feature the work of past top award winners from both *The Best of the Best* fine art and *Through the Eye of the Camera* photography

juried shows. These annual creative contests routinely result in breathtaking examples that never cease to captivate viewers. With 10 artists sharing 60 works from our two most popular competitions, it's truly the best of both worlds.

The anniversary celebration will also feature a photography show with work from famed photographer, *Jon Kral* and a show highlighting work

from the *Florida Highwayman*.

*Insight: Photography of Jon Kral* will showcase the moving images of the former photojournalist with the *Miami Herald*. Whether on assignment or following his muse, Kral has always focused on his documentary interests, with a special affinity for people, places, and capturing the right moment. He has been published in major publications including, *Time Magazine*, *US News & World Report*, *National Geographic*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post* and others.

No **Backus Museum** celebration would be complete without a tribute to the *Florida Highwaymen*. *Right of Way:*



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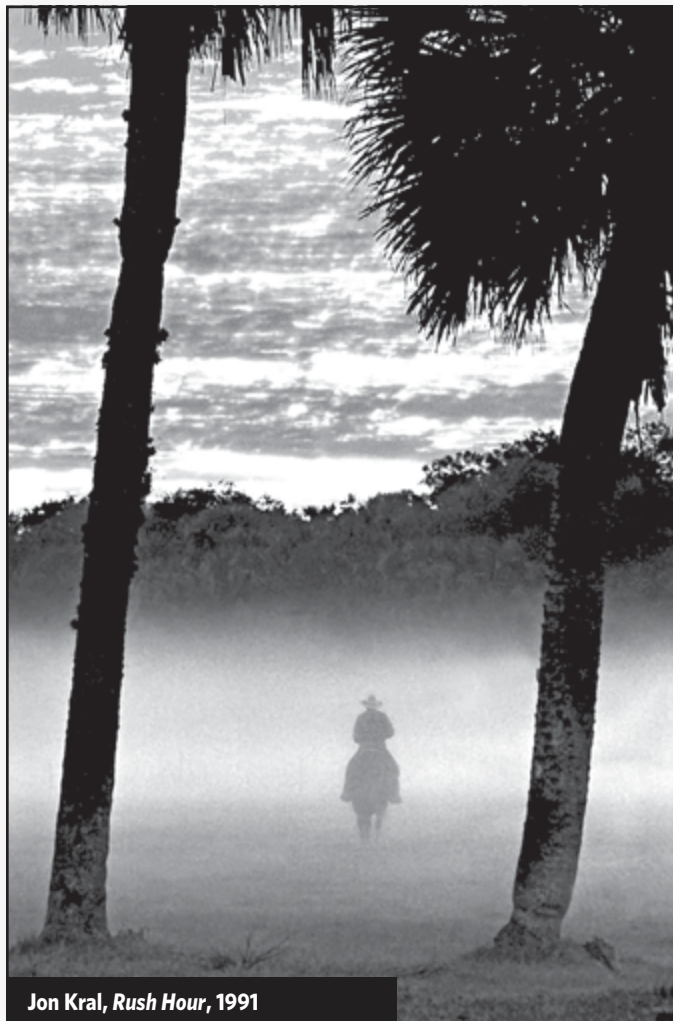
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*The Highwaymen* commemorates this renowned group of artists and their path to success. They broke barriers with their intuitive talents, dramatic paintings, and resourceful practices that would earn them state and national recognition that continues to inspire today.

Finally, the museum will round out the 60th Season celebration with *Through the Eye of the Camera Juried Exhibition*. This popular photo competition features amateur and professional artists alike in traditional and digital photography. We return to our beginnings fostering young and working artists in this juried exhibition to close this special anniversary season. Whether in our juried shows throughout the year or elsewhere in the community, now more than ever we appeal to viewers with one voice: support the arts by supporting artists. ❖



Jon Kral, *Rush Hour*, 1991

**2020-21 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE | 60TH SEASON**

October 10 – November 13, 2020

***The Best of the Best Juried Exhibition***

November 20, 2020 – January 3, 2021

***Insight: Photography of Jon Kral***

January 8 – March 7, 2021

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March 12 – April 25, 2021

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May 7 – June 18, 2021

***Through the Eye of the Camera Juried Exhibition***

All dates and programming subject to change; please check the website for any updates or cancellations.

Please note that at this time we are unable to plan for traditional exhibition opening receptions due to mass gathering limitations during the coronavirus public health crisis. Please watch for announcements for alternatives or for when we are able to schedule future receptions this season.

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# Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop: Let's Play!

by Meredith Bennett, Buyer for the Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop at the Manatee Center

Did you know that Albert Einstein, arguably one of the smartest men in human history, encouraged imagination? He is even quoted with saying, "Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

Today, scholars believe that a healthy imagination leads to a higher level of self-confidence and social skills. Most educators will tell you that children who play pretend become more willing to play fair, to share and to cooperate. They also learn to care.

If you want to encourage your child's imagination, you can try one or all of the following:

♥ Read to your child every day! Books are a passageway to other worlds!

♥ Provide them with enough room to play uninhibited. If they can't go outside, give them the guest room or a corner of the den. Or build a blanket fort with them!

♥ Provide props for their play. You don't have to go out and buy one of everything. When my son wanted everything Harry Potter, I wrapped wire around a stick and told him it was a magic wand. There are plenty of things around your house they can use. Do you have an old phone? Let them order dinner to be delivered or call the North Pole. Cardboard boxes can become anything from a refrigerator to a pirate ship.

If you have been in our area for long you already know that the **Manatee Observation and Education Center (MOEC)** promotes environmental education. **MOEC** strives to encourage our community to care about and act responsibly for the protection of our waters and the critters that live here. The **Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop** exists to support **MOEC** in its mission. Proceeds support the Center, and we focus on selecting items for sale that pertain to our environment and its inhabitants. We can help your child engage with our environment by passing on wonderful ideas for imaginative play and providing great nature related books and cool toys that are related to the sea and nature.

Do you have a budding marine biologist in your family? Pick up a used aquarium at your local thrift shop, fill it with water, a little sand, some rocks to build a reef, and some cool sea creatures like the ones below from Safari Ltd. (read more about this project at [Learning4kids.net](http://Learning4kids.net)).

No matter what the age of your child, he is bound to have amazing adventures and meet new underwater creatures while learning about the ocean.

The *Vanishing Mermaid* also carries a wonderful selection of books for all ages: books for baby to take in the tub, board books that have lift-the-flap fun or attached puppets, coloring books, fiction and non-fiction from Florida authors — some as close as Vero Beach and Hobe Sound. One of our newest additions is a line of books that tie in with the wonderful PBS series for preschoolers — *Splash and Bubbles!*

Our plush animals are my all-time favorites! Have you ever seen a manatee in a sailor's cap or an alligator in a tutu? We carry over 80 different plush animals, from alligators to unicorns. We even have a mermicorn! How about that for imagination?

There are more educational toys as well: bug jars, dig kits, sharks teeth and even real dinosaur pool!

Not every moment has to be a teaching moment but, you could easily incorporate some of the STEAM curriculum. Creativity is a given and so are fine motor development, problem solving, language development, classifying and sorting. The main

thing is having fun! So, let's play; we might just learn something!

If you can't come into the store you can always shop online! Visit **MOEC's** website [www.ManateeEducationCenter.org](http://www.ManateeEducationCenter.org) and select "Shop the Vanishing Mermaid" at the top of the page. You can even choose free curbside service by setting up an account and choosing "pick up in store" when you check out. Don't hesitate to call 772.429.6267. We are always happy to help! The **Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop** is a perpetual fund raising effort supporting the non-profit Manatee Observation and Education Center. Please follow the mermaid on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VanishingMermaidGiftShop](http://www.facebook.com/VanishingMermaidGiftShop). ❖



# The Manatee Center October Events

October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

## Guided Kayak Trip

Look for wildlife, get up close and personal with mangroves, learn about the Indian River Lagoon on an easy ninety-minute paddle led by a MOEC naturalist. Great for beginners and anyone who wants to learn more about the Lagoon. Tours start at Fort Pierce Inlet State Park. The fee for this program is \$30 per person and includes kayak, paddle and safety gear (state park entrance fee of \$4-\$6 per car not included). *Registration is required.* Call (772) 466-1600 ext.3337 or email Education@ManateeEducationCenter.org for more information or to register.

Friday, October 9th at 12:00 p.m.

## Spiders!

*Lunch & Learn* — There are more than 45,000 species of spiders in the world. So, true or false: wherever you are, you are never more than three feet from a spider. Join the **Manatee Center's** Education Coordinator, April Frederick to learn the answer to this question and much, much more about our amazing arachnids. Grab your lunch, turn on your computer, and join us on Facebook.com/ManateeCenter for this special Facebook LIVE presentation.

Thursday, October 29th

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# A Evening For Education Dinner

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Tickets are \$50.00 per person or \$45 for a teacher or School District employee. This will be a donation to the Education Foundation.

Tickets include access to the online auction from Nov. 7 to Dec. 6 and \$25 off an elegant dinner at participating restaurants.\* Select a restaurant from the following sponsors:  
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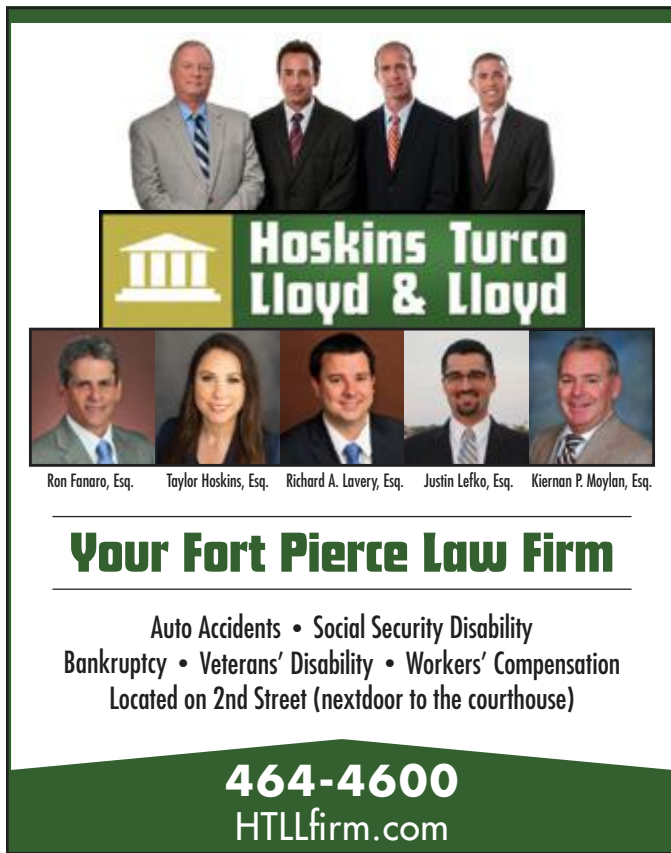
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# A Cure for "The Blues"

by *Lisa Jill Allison. Lisa Jill Allison Art Gallery*



October, seriously? A surreal blur has been my experience of the last half of a year. Yes, half of a year! Depending upon your age (because yes, time really does go faster as you get older) this may seem like quite a chunk of time. To me, it feels like a fleeting moment and an entire decade

all wrapped up in one. My childlike nature accepts new realities and my earth age balks at the new uses of energy and time as we adapt.

I am sure we have all stared off into space in disbelief, cried and even laughed more than usual during this time. We stared, off into space in disbelief at how rapidly and how dramatically things have changed in our personal lives, in the lives of those we love and in the lives of our global family. We have cried as we experience the emotional, economic, physical and even spiritual bombardment these times have unleashed. We have laughed because laughter (besides love) is the best medicine. And here we are at the threshold of a new year just a few breaths away. Now what? Actually, we really don't know.

We do know we have made it this far. We have learned, grown, shared, encouraged, taught, loved, accepted and pulled ourselves up by our bootstraps, individually and collectively, perhaps more than we have ever had to in our entire lives. We have invented new ways to maintain and even thrive as friends, families, lovers, business owners, community advocates, employers, employees and just as humans in general.

Little old Fort Pierce has shown what she is made of. We have provided and continue to provide a cure for the blues. Walk downtown and feel the love. Yes, we are not hugging as usual and we can't see all of each other's faces but we sure can feel the love. Business owners are sharing time, energies, advertising, clients and words of "you've got this!" We collectively mourn the loss of some local business and send thoughts of grand success in new arenas to these friends. With open arms we welcome the new businesses that have chosen Fort Pierce as their home and we feel proud and blessed that Fort Pierce has been chosen.

These times do present a huge arena to fuel; to keep the collective spirit up and to infuse a feeling of progress, despite the weights that have been cast upon us. Something new in an old routine can help in this regard. My personal artistic challenge has been the creation of a series entitled "The Blues." For any who know my art, you will see why this is something new and quite a stretch for me. "The Blues" consists of a large series of paintings done predominately in hues of blue. It has been a rewarding experience and one that has encouraged me to focus on different aspects of creating. A true color junkie, typically flitting from color to color within one work, this series has caused me to slow down, study things more fully and rely on a more subtle interpretation and presentation. It is something that, I believe, emerged naturally as I approach life somewhat differently now. Some of the flash and glitz and tumbling cascade of fun has been shifted to smaller, quieter, more subtle ways as we continue to socially distance and don't have the soul nourishing exposure to so many venues we love. I now look for and find the spark, inspiration and joy in a different layer of life that blankets us.

I share all of this because I have found it profoundly healing to find something within myself that can rise up and even flourish during this time. You have this within yourself as well. Do you love to cook? Perhaps now is the perfect time to explore a new cuisine. Since travel may not be in the plans due to present circumstances, place yourself there through foods. Are you a musician, normally part of a larger band yet venues for your size band are presently almost nonexistent? Can you perform solo, duo, trio, placing more venues on the radar, until you can all rock out again together? I'm not suggesting this is fun or easy; growing pains are just that, growing pains. Like any other training, it can be unnerving and exhausting. Yet, the marathon of life dictates a swim or sink approach. We, as a community have done a great job buoying each other up and I have absolute confidence we will continue to do so. Let's be dauntless in inciting each other to swim, even against the current, to move forward with strength, courage and grace. Ultimately, better times are ahead! ❖

# Love, JAZZ Community: Live Under the Oaks

by Don Bestor

One of the best things about St. Lucie County is the way our community is just that — a community. We come together to cheer and celebrate in good times, and we come together to help and support one another in bad times. This year has been challenging for all of us. Whether we have jobs, businesses, are retired, or are students, nothing has gone the way we expected. Yet in the midst of practicing social distancing, our wonderful community has found a way to come together, to collaborate, and to turn something negative into something positive once again.

On Tuesday, October 27th, **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society** and the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club** are joining forces again to bring an opportunity for community members to safely gather and enjoy an evening of live music **Under the Oaks at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club**. This safe, socially-distant evening with music and camaraderie encourages courtesy and safety and still provides the healing sound of music and the gift of community and friendship in a social setting.

To make the October 27th event even more of a win-win for everyone, you'll get to enjoy not one, but two wonderful bands. You'll be treated to the sounds of our own *FDO* — the **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society's** 17-piece big band. This group, which is truly designed for dancing only, will be turning the beautiful waterside spot under the oaks into a sunset swing dance, and you'll be able to enjoy it whether you're in your seat and tapping your toes or gliding along with that special someone reliving sweet memories or making new ones with the music that has been the soundtrack of your life played as if it was only for you.

On tap just after a short intermission and chance for you to get some refreshments, or sample some of the yummy offerings from Fort Pierce's own downtown darlings at



**Brooklyn Sweets**, the evening will continue with a little music from the *Wolves*. The what, you might ask? The *Wolves* are the high school jazz band from Indian River Charter High School. This band is under the direction of one of the premier bassists for the Society, David Mundy. For the past 13 years, Mundy has been the musical director at Indian River Charter High School, which is part of the Schumann School for the Visual and Performing Arts. You'll be amazed by the musical talent from this enthusiastic and vibrant group of young people who are excited to be featured for the evening's musical program.

The downbeat is at 7:00 p.m. sharp, and the music won't end until 9:30 p.m., when you'll be able to stroll your way back to your car, which is parked a few steps away, and you'll walk away from a lovely October evening of community togetherness having enjoyed a spectacular view of the beautiful Indian River and the Causeway Bridge as well as the setting sun with music played by some of the most prolific and seasoned pros in the industry.

Admission is \$15 for members and just \$17 for nonmembers, and in keeping with CDC guidelines, facial coverings are required at the bar and encouraged elsewhere despite both presenting organizations' careful attention to social distancing directives. The admission price benefits **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society**, which provides scholarships to talented, young musicians pursuing a career in music, master classes, support for other nonprofit organizations and charitable causes, and opportunities for live music (often at no charge) throughout the year in St. Lucie and surrounding counties. If you'd like to learn more about **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society**, want to know how to join (to get super discounts on upcoming events and activities), volunteer, or snag a copy of our newsletter, *Milestones*, or our schedule, call 772.460. JAZZ (5299), or visit us online at [www.jazzsociety.org](http://www.jazzsociety.org). ❖

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# TREASURES OF THE PAST

*100 years ago, this month as reported in the Sunday, October 17, 1920 edition of The Tampa Tribune*

## Constructing Jetties at Fort Pierce Inlet Will Give Fort Pierce A Channel

### To the Ocean by Way of the Indian River – Drainage Operations

The work of constructing jetties at the inlet opposite Fort pierce is going right ahead and thus far has been held up only a few days on account of unfavorable weather.

Cargoes of jetty rock are coming in from Eau Gallie every few days, and the jetties are fast reaching their way out into the briny deep. There has been no special rush to complete the job until after the stormy weather period may have passed.

It is expected that the inlet connecting Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean opposite Fort Pierce will be ready for use by the end of the year – an event that is anticipated as having vast commercial significance for Fort Pierce and this section of the country.

The fourth carload of drainage machinery for the big dry land walker that is being erected across the river from White City has at last arrived and the work of assembling the huge machine is going forward as steadily as possible. This is the last shipment of the machine.

As soon as the assembling of the machine is completed, it will proceed under its own power to Little Cane slough and there begin the task of excavating a diversion canal around the greater portion of the 75 acre tract.

*75-years-ago this month as reported in the Thursday, October 25, 1945 edition of The Miami Daily News*

## Navy Eases Fishing Ban – Most Restrictions Lifted at Ft. Pierce

Fort Pierce fishermen are now at liberty to ply their trade anywhere they want to in waters adjacent to Fort Pierce, except along the seaward side of the north island and in the Tucker Cove area.

Capt. C. Gulbranson, USN, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Amphibious Training base here, Thursday announced the lifting of all restrictions except as to these two areas. Beach and underwater clearance operations are still under way off the north island and research work is still under way in the Tucker Cove area, it was stated. For safety and security reasons these two areas are still restricted.

Actual landings may not be made on either the north or south islands, however.

Almost ever since the naval base was established here early in 1943 fishing has been banned in all waters adjacent to the two islands, due to safety and security considerations. There has been some easing of the restrictions lately, however, and with the virtual lifting of the ban fisherman are expected to resume their old-time activity.

*50-years-ago this month as reported in the Monday, October 26, 1970 edition of The Miami Herald by Anne Wilder*

## Congressman Claude Pepper included appreciation, history and conservation enthusiasm Sunday when he dedicated the St. Lucie State Treasure Museum at Pepper Park Sunday.

Nineteen years after he dedicated Pepper Park, Congressman Pepper returned to the area named in his honor and which he secured for St. Lucie County.

More than 500 attended the ceremonies underneath the pines and palms surrounding the circular museum which houses some of the finest treasure and artifacts recovered from Spanish ships wrecked off the St. Lucie County shore.

Pepper, who had worked for the project as a senator shortly before his defeat to George Smathers in 1950, said he had appreciated the chance to work to secure the park property, then owned by the Coast Guard and Department of the Interior, for the county.

“Your County Commission really flung money away,” he commented. The purchase price, ladies and gentlemen, was \$187.04.”

He reviewed the development of the park, including acquisition of Jack Island as a sanctuary, the building of the state museum, and the dedication of the entire area to the state for state management.

“We have been wasteful of our natural resources in the past, but now we are determined to preserve these resources for those who come after us. Much has been lost but there is still marvelous beauty to preserve. Florida offers more than any other state in the union find something of the richness of life.”

Master of ceremonies was County Commissioner Mrs. Marjorie Silver. Pepper said tribute to her husband, the late Doug Silver, who, as president of the Chamber of Commerce spearheaded the move to secure the Park. Pepper also commended Mrs. Silver for her work securing Jack Island and for the museum project.



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# Arcade Building Exterior Murals

by Sue Dannahower

Eye-catching murals envelope the outside of the **Historic Arcade Building** (on the north and west) and create a sense of nostalgia for many. These murals depict the heyday of this Fort Pierce landmark — Canaday’s Drugs, Ranchland Clothing Store, the military presence in Fort Pierce and much more.

The **Arcade Building** was built in 1926 and served as the shopping mecca for the entire region as a forerunner to the modern shopping mall. It was the largest commercial building in Fort Pierce. The block also included Anne’s Diner, which was a popular place for local businessmen and politicians to meet, and the three-story Masonic Temple.

The **Arcade Building** survived a fire in the 1950s, but another more serious fire in the 1980s severely damaged the west



side of the structure which was later demolished as a result.

Bob Brackett, who had completed amazing renovation projects throughout the area took on the daunting project of renovating this former landmark in 2001. In 2002, the restored **Arcade Building** opened for business once again and gracing its north and west walls were the new festive murals. It features wonderful retail space on the first floor and it has very nice office spaces on the second floor as well as in an adjacent three-story building at the northwest corner of the complex. The structure is listed on the *U.S. National Register of Historic Places*. ❖

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Tim and Abbigail Gunther have been in the hemp and cannabis industry for five years through their business **ILoveCompliance.biz**, a cannabis and hemp compliance business. With a thorough and collective knowledge of their subject, they have helped clients in over 30 states. With this knowledge and a network of hemp product providers, the Gunther's decided to expand their business to offer a collection of retail items and thus, **Florida Hemp Collective** was established.

Abbigail is originally from Fort Pierce. They were drawn to the thriving atmosphere of downtown Fort Pierce. When they saw the rent sign on 203 N. 2nd Street, they called about the space. "When we decided to open an office and retail store, we knew the location was going to be key, that is why we decided to open on N. 2nd Street because other retail businesses were already established and this was an area known for locals and visitors to come and eat, get entertainment and shop," said Tim.

Hemp is known as the cousin of Cannabis (aka, Marijuana) and became fully legal with the 2018 Farm Bill, which defines hemp as the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* and any part of the plant with a delta-9 THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent by dry weight. Delta-9 THC is a cannabinoid that is commonly associated with the psychoactive high that most people associate with cannabis. Hemp related products have 0.3% or less and do not get you "high." CBD has no psychoactive properties. "Hemp is so misunderstood and is not marijuana. You don't need any special card or certification to be able to purchase our products. Hemp has been around for thousands of years and is used in clothing, manufacturing, the auto industry and so much more," says Tim. In fact, the Gunthers want to educate the public and customers

about Hemp and CBD and will be offering free classes on the subjects and virtual tours of some of the facilities they work with around the country. They invite those already taking CBD or those interested in researching more about these products to come in and learn more about them.



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## Ya Yoni Women's Wellness Spa & Shoppe in Galleria of Pierce Harbor

by Dale van der Lugt

The name **Ya Yoni** is a combination of the names of owners Yolanda Walker & Amber Brack and yoni (by definition, "sacred place"). Yolanda and Amber have created a unique business that is beneficial to the holistic wellness of both men and women. The ladies stress that yoni steaming is a powerful ancient natural remedy that has been used for centuries by women worldwide; a gentle holistic treatment that provides effective support to the female reproductive system.

Yolanda discovered the process first, after years of watching her mom enjoy the health benefits from drinking herbal teas and then hearing about the herbal, all-natural steaming process and how it could benefit her own internal health. She shared her thoughts about it with her best friend Amber and together they found a salon in south Florida and each booked a private session. From

that point on they planned their business where only the exclusive steaming process would be offered and where their clients would feel comfortable with an experience that is completely private. **Ya Yoni** offers all-natural yoni and skin care products as an alternative to western medicine. They grow many of their own herbs that are used in the steaming process.

The actual session is thirty minutes, however, if you are thinking about scheduling a session for the first time, make sure you set aside an hour to include consultation with steam specialists Yolanda and Amber. They ensure you will never feel rushed and will take the time to answer all questions or concerns. They have seen an ever-growing popularity in yoni steaming and encourage women to come in and consult with them to find out how it may benefit their health and wellness; contact (772) 237-0153. ❖

# Heathcote Botanical Garden's Fall Garden Festival October 17 & 18

by Holly Theuns, Heathcote Botanical Gardens

One of the ways I know Fall is here is **Heathcote Botanical Garden's** annual free **Fall Garden Festival** shows up on my calendar. This year's Festival is October 17 and 18; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. I always go and pick up some native plants as well as a couple of orchids. The last couple of years I have done some Christmas shopping at **Johns Jungle** baskets — brightly colored and finely woven, they come in every size and make perfect gifts.

The new normal means that outdoor events feel safer than indoor events. I think we are all getting a bit of cabin fever and

**Heathcote Botanical Gardens** has five acres of outdoor space to spread out our vendors and our guests. Masks are required. No Garden admission is charged this weekend, parking is free, we will have food trucks and socially distanced outdoor seating and safe activities for the children. If you have cabin fever and want to shop for plants or garden art to add to your patio, deck or yard — this weekend festival is for you.

Come out and join us for this year's **Fall Garden Festival** and see what we have for you.



**Fall Garden Festival** vendors confirmed as of this article: **D.R. Bates** – Florida native plants, some exotics and herbs; **Gardens Gone Wild** – wire plant stands, hanging baskets, vintage/whimsical yard art; **Southern Blooms** – plumeria, heliconia, bromeliads, tabebuia trees, bamboo; **Johns Jungle Handmade Baskets** – handmade market baskets; **Wentz Antiques** – wire garden towers, baskets, planters, hanging baskets and more; **Funky Airplants** – bromeliads; **Direct Floral** – orchids, bromeliads, succulents and carnivorous plants; **Treasure Coast Beekeepers Association** – honey and wax; **Garden Club**

**of Fort Pierce** – amazingly knowledgeable local group with many, many home garden propagated plants; **Heathcote Botanical Gardens** – lots of plants and a “Tea in the Garden” tent and a holiday décor tent; plus additional vendors are being confirmed every day. Additionally, there will be food trucks for refreshments and safe activities for the kids. Please, no pets at the **Fall Garden Festival**.

**Heathcote Botanical Gardens** is a five-acre garden laid out as themed garden rooms, and home to the largest collection of tropical Bonsai on permanent display in the United States. The Gardens are open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and well-behaved leashed dogs are welcome. There is an admission charge – \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors over 65, \$3 for children ages 6 – 12, Children under 6 are free, as are members, Veterans with ID, and American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program. Mark your calendar for the **2020 Garden of Lights!** Every Friday and Saturday night between Thanksgiving and the first weekend in January 2021. **Heathcote Botanical Gardens** is located at 210 Savannah Rd in Fort Pierce, FL. The website is [www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org](http://www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org) and phone number is 772-464-4672. ❖

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## Artist Spotlight: Jeanne Johansen

by *Laura Louise Tingo*

Art and community go hand-in-hand for Jeanne Johansen. The second-term President of *The Fort Pierce Art Club*, she has been involved in local arts organizations in the greater Fort Pierce area for 16 years, and this year jumped in to serve as a member of the *St. Lucie County Cultural Alliances* Board of Directors.

“Artists think of art as themselves,” said Johansen, of Fort Pierce, “... but you can share art and be a part of the whole community. Whether musical, dance program, going to theaters ... it’s all part of the social creativity that’s natural to people.”

Finding herself intrigued by art at an early age, Johansen took advantage of an opportunity in the mid-60s, when her parents signed her up for remedial math in a summer school program. “I said, ‘if I have to re-take math, then I want to take art as well,’” she recalled with laughter. The deal was made, and history took its course, literally. That summer, Johansen learned techniques in oil painting and stretching canvas. Though only a teenager, she also took notice of her surroundings, fascinated by the ‘statement art’ that surrounded her in her environment.

“It was a very violent time and the art reflected a lot of that,” said Johansen, recalling art movements that reflected the times amid the Vietnam War.

It was during her teen-aged years that Johansen first witnessed art as expression, with everything from psychedelic to graffiti, wrapped in a movement termed “Art Attack,” and noticed: “Art reflects society. It was a tag on everything they felt,” Johansen said.

In the late 60s, her art education continued, with a family move to Greece and submersion into different ways of life. Throughout Europe, from Greece to Belgium to Switzerland, and on to Paris, she studied art, art education, and the pulse of each community and its culture. Her parents nurtured her love of art and took her on trips to explore.

“I really got plunked into the education of art,” said Johansen. While studying art education in a French school she learned the language. “I still have my art books and I loved it,” she said. “It was great. Oh, and Russia ... I loved the art in Russia,” she added, saying that she was always influenced by the art in every country she visited. “I think everybody that goes everywhere is going to experience culinary, art, history ... that’s what they’re going for.” This belief and practice is what drives Johansen’s community involvement in the arts today.

The proud daughter of Harriet and Howard Brenner, a native son of Fort Pierce and longtime resident, volunteered all over Fort Pierce in retirement. “That’s why I do it here,” she said, now retired from a successful career in computer programming, projects, and writing, that began with her return to the U.S. in her early 20s.

Various projects led her to the start and ultimate success, as an entrepreneur and owner of her own consulting company where Johansen enjoyed the art of writing and editing. “And that is an art form,” she said. “It takes the same process to craft an article as it does to craft a painting. You need structure, basic knowledge, and you form it up getting the results based on experience.”

These days, Johansen, in her second term as President of *The Fort Pierce Art Club*, offers private lessons to artists in oils, acrylics, painting on silks, and watercolors, her expressed favorite. She invites people to stop in at the Club’s “home,” housed at welcoming **Cool Beans Brew** coffee shop, 1115 Delaware Avenue in Fort Pierce, to discover ways to get involved and share art with artists on the front porch. “Walk into **Cool Beans Brew** and find out what’s going on. You may find a project!” said Johansen.

A variety of creative, innovative community projects are launched year-round by *The Fort Pierce Art Club*, a 501c3, founded in 1966. Its tagline, *we bring the arts to people, and people to the arts*, says it all.

Over the years, a host of exciting projects, hosted by the club, have raised money and awareness for fellow nonprofit organizations, and distributed art throughout the community. One such initiative, born of Johansen’s creative think-space, included “In Her Image 2020,” an exhibition that highlighted women’s issues.



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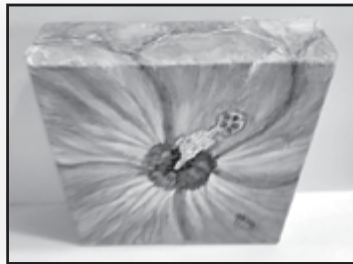


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“I found old mannequins that had been discarded and thrown away. I collected them and invited artists to a new project,” said Johansen. That collection led to a stunning, celebrated show of 36 adorned mannequins, displayed for a three-month run at the **Elliott Museum** on Hutchinson Island in Stuart.

Two recent community projects involved artists painting on coffee mugs, later auctioned to raise donations, and on bird houses distributed to communities to simply spread joy following a front porch exhibition of the exquisite volunteer artist works. Another involves a “Call to Artists” to pick up paint and canvasses, which led to paintings distributed in nursing homes.

This year, *Artoberfest* returns on October 17 with a move to **Cool Beans Brew** and the inclusion of a children’s art show. “I am

all about collaboration,” said Johansen. “When you see what I do with a small club, the **Cultural Alliance** is a bigger club pulling community resources together to promote art in the community.”

Johansen invites artists to explore all that the Alliance offers. “We know there are so many wonderful artists right next door. We want to find you.”

“Art brings people together. That’s what the alliance does! It engages the community!”

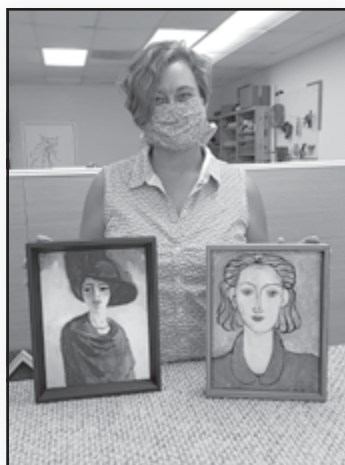
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## Wallflower Custom Framing Grand Opening October 9

by Holly Theuns

There is a new framer in town. That’s not really true. Becca Street worked with Janie Hinkle, a long-time *Main Street Fort Pierce* supporter, at **Jiffy Framers** for five years before Janie retired and closed **Jiffy**. Becca opened **Wallflower Custom Framing** and is taking care of Janie’s framing clients as well as adding her own new clients almost every day. Becca is an artist herself and has an artists’ blood in her veins which gives her exquisite taste and an eye for just the right mat, frame, art combinations.

Street opened her business right about the time Covid-19 hit the U.S. and has held off on her Grand Opening until Friday, October 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will spotlight three artists – Anita Prentice showing landscape mosaic work including Royal Poinciana trees and pieces based on area



photographers work; Ginny Piech Street exhibiting her whimsical work in clay and Danielle Biglin’s little gouache paintings and drawings of found objects, household items and portraits. There will be refreshments and music by Will Goulet who combines old school soul and mellow folk-rock with beachy reggae vibes — Will brings something for everyone. The event is indoors and outdoors, and all CDC guidelines will be followed.

Come to the Grand Opening on October 9th and welcome Becca Street to Fort Pierce!

**Wallflower Custom Framing** is located at 802 S 6th St., in Fort Pierce. Feel free to stop by with your art for framing Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The shop’s phone number is 772-242-1781. ❖

# Mullet Run Fun

by Captain Bo Samuel

October means the mullet are running! This month will see local captains and anglers cast netting for the abundant schools of mullet along our coast. The arrival of the mullet in our area waters means even more opportunities for great fishing action and a greater chance to catch trophy fish like tarpon, snook, redfish, and kingfish. Look for these schools on the beach, moving through the inlet, and over the grass flats. Tarpon will hit mullet and provide a great fight, but they are catch-and-release only. Since snook season is going strong, using finger mullet as bait will definitely give a good chance of hooking a photo-worthy linesider. I would use a 40-pound leader with a size three hook for best results. Jack Crevalle are aggressive feeders and great fighters who will hit live mullet all day but don't mind artificials either.

Offshore the kingfish bite is still good with action at about 80 to 100 feet. Mullet, threadfins, or blue runners on a slow troll are best choices to put some kings on the deck. Kingfish can grow up to six feet and up to 70 pounds and are known to pull 100 to 200 feet of drag so be ready! Anglers are allowed to keep two kings per day. The snook limit is one per angler per day in the "slot", no less than 28 inches and no more than 32 inches, with a pinched tail.

Get info on fishing rules and regulations at your local shop like Little Jim Bait & Tackle which also offers great food and great music. I'm docked at Little Jim's so if you want to get in on the fun of the mullet run, come on over and let's go *Pullin Drag!* ❖



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## Recipe Corner

by Sue Dannahower

### Breakfast Egg Cups

These are so good. You can make vegetarian or load up with breakfast meats and cheeses. Jumbo Reusable Silicone Baking Cups\* allow breakfast egg cups to easily slide out in one piece. I make 12 at a time and freeze the leftovers. Wrap separately and put in a gallon Zip Lock bag to avoid freezer burn.

#### Egg Mixture

- 16 eggs
- ½ cup milk or cream
- salt & pepper, to taste

#### Filling

- Vegetables (chopped & par cooked): spinach, tomato, onion, pepper, mushrooms, broccoli, etc.
- Cheeses (shredded or crumbled): Parmesan, cheddar, feta, swiss, etc.
- Meat (cooked): bacon, sausage, ham, etc.

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a bowl, beat the eggs until smooth. Add milk, salt & pepper, beat again. Set aside. In a Reusable Silicon Baking Cup (or greased large muffin tin), place your desired combination of fillings into each muffin cup.

Pour the egg/milk mixture into each muffin cup until the liquid almost reaches the top. Do not overfill. Bake for 20 minutes or until set. *Makes 12 large breakfast cups.* ❖



by Sue Dannahower

### Reusable Silicone Muffin Cups

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**Easy Cleanup:** Immediately toss the empty cups into warm, soapy water. Let them soak. Rub the crumbs out of them. Rinse them and let them dry. After they're dry, I may give the cups an additional wipe with a damp cloth, especially if I've made savory muffins in them because they're more likely to harbor some residual grease.

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