

Cultural Center Honors Phil Wilson

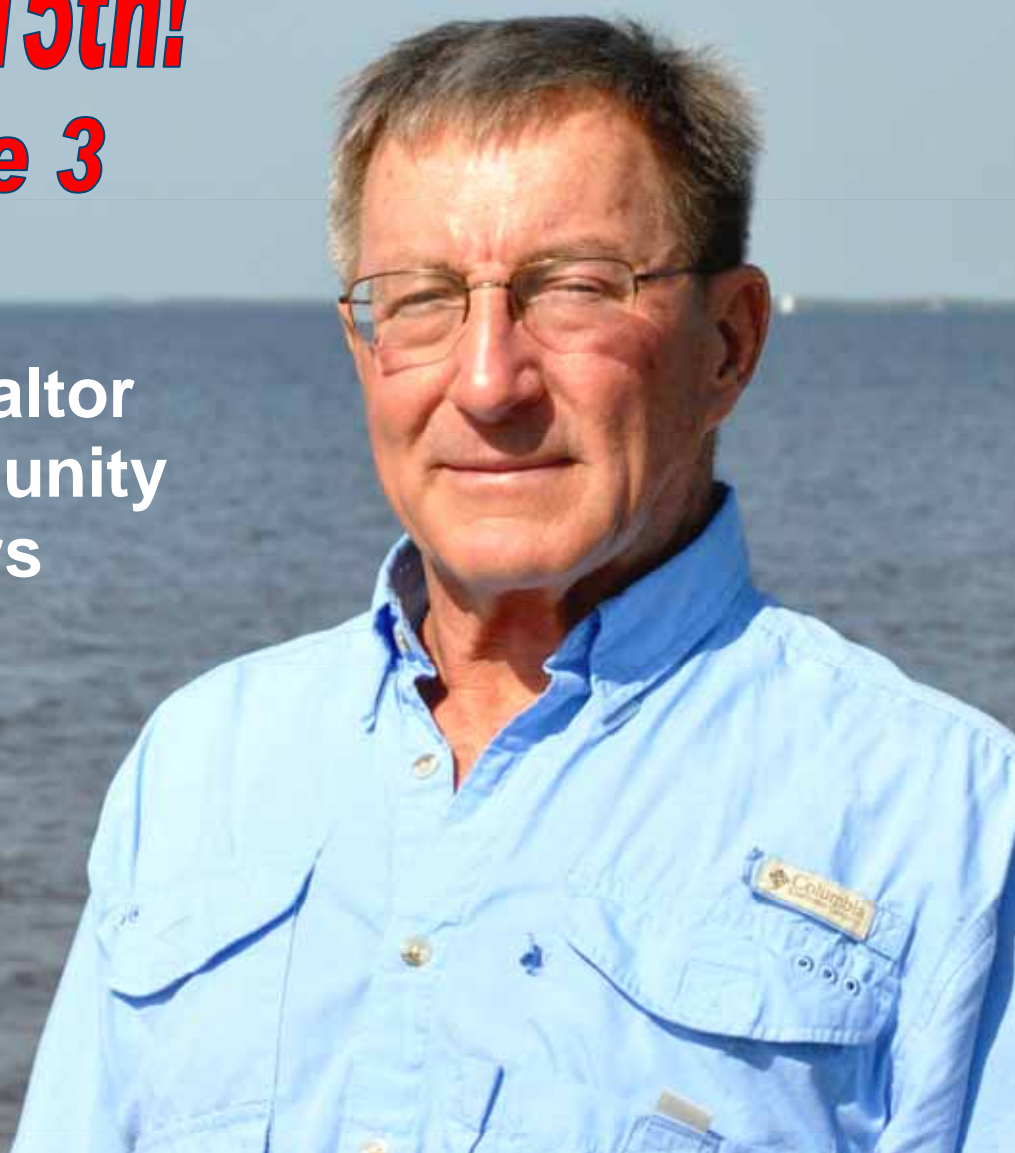
Join us on May 15th!

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Volunteers Needed!

The Cultural Center's needs change almost daily. We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Drivers for our transportation program.
- Volunteers at the Fitness Salon.
- Volunteers for Bingo.
- Volunteers to assist with gardening and custodial work.
- Cashiers needed for food and clothing departments.
- Volunteers to check room temperatures throughout the Cultural Center.
- Special events coordinators.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit the Volunteer Office or call 941-625-4175, ext. 260.

Volunteer of the Month: Francesca Simoni

Volunteers at the Cultural Center represent a cross section of our populace, all with the desire to give something back to the community. Most are retired, as this affords them the time to volunteer, but our outstanding volunteer this month is a sophomore at Charlotte High School.

Francesca was born in Arequipa, Peru and moved to Charlotte County in February 2007 with her parents. She discovered the Cultural Center when her mother signed up for the English class that is offered through our Hispanic Outreach program. This program not only teaches the language, but also how the government functions in the United States.

She started volunteering last summer as a way to help her community. Francesca works in the Administration Office, and has assisted in numerous ways, including membership, inputting data, review of our website and much more. She volunteers 4-5 hours per week when school is in session and more in the summer and during school breaks.

Francesca leads a busy schedule at school, with a slate of advanced courses. She is also active in several clubs; she is president-elect of both the Key Club and the Culture Club. She enjoys playing soccer and dancing with Florida Dance Workshop.

Francesca commented that the residents of Charlotte County she has met have been very friendly to her. Also, motorists here are much more courteous than drivers in Peru, whom she described as 'crazy.'

When asked why she continues to volunteer, she replied, "I get along well with people of all ages, and enjoy learning about others. The Cultural Center is for everyone, regardless of age, and it gives a great deal back to Charlotte County."



Our Trustees are Volunteers, too

José Basilio

José Basilio, a native of Alicante, Spain, moved to Puerto Rico in 1966 and to Punta Gorda in 1976. His background is accounting and he was the owner of Creative Rattan, Inc. in North Fort Myers from 1977-1993. He acquired his real estate license in 1993, and sold real estate until his recent retirement.

José has been involved in our community for years, being active in the Royal Order of Ponce de Leon Conquistadors, the Knights of Columbus, the Punta Gorda Elks, and the Rotary Clubs of Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor. His fluency in Spanish has made it possible to help many in our area, and he has been appointed to several Hispanic advisory committees over the years.

José has been a Trustee for almost four years and serves on our Educational and Hispanic Outreach Committees. He states, "I like to use my knowledge to help others and give back to my community. When I first moved to Florida in 1976, I took English courses at the Cultural Center, so I have a long relationship with the Center."

José and his wife Miriam have two daughters, with family in both Puerto Rico and Spain. They like to travel and now have the time to do so.



Edward L. (Ed) Wotitzky

Ed was born in Punta Gorda, Florida November 10, 1956. He attended school in Charlotte County, graduating from Charlotte High School in 1974. He attended the University of Florida, receiving a B.A. degree in 1978 and a J.D. degree in 1980. Ed was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1981 and is a Florida Bar Certified Real Estate Lawyer.

He returned to Punta Gorda to pursue the career of his father and uncle in the practice of law in the firm that bears his family's name. He served as president of the Charlotte County Bar Association in 1993-1994 and is past member of the Executive Council of the General Practice Section of the Florida Bar Association.

Ed has been a Trustee on the Board of Trustees since 2007, but his experiences with the Cultural Center go back to childhood, when his mother enrolled him in a summer typing course in 1969. He enjoys being on the Board, as he feels that the Cultural Center has, "Good organization, and provides important services to the citizens of Charlotte County." In serving on the Board, he is also following in the footsteps of his uncle, Frank Wotitzky, who served on the Center's Executive Committee from 1986 until 1999.



Cultural Center to Honor Phil Wilson on May 15th

- Cash Bar/Social Hour at 5 pm
- Dinner at 6 pm
- Silent Auction - Live Auctions
- Reservation deadline is May 6th



The Board of Trustees of the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Inc. invites you to attend a Banquet Celebration honoring Phillip J. Wilson, an individual who has given a great deal of time and talent to our community for almost 40 years.

Phil graduated from auction school in 1971, then moved to our area and quickly became known as the premier auctioneer in our area. In 1977, he opened Wilson Realty. In July 2011, Phil and his wife Linda will celebrate 20 years of marriage.

Phil has done auctions for nearly every fundraising organization in Charlotte County. For over 25 years he has been the auctioneer for the American Cancer Society, was the auctioneer at the Charlotte High School Boat Auction for 20 years. Phil has auctioned items for the Cultural Center many times to raise money for expansions.



A vintage photo of Phil from 1983

Outside of auctioneering, he has prepared *Phil and Linda's World Famous Korn on the Kob* for many organizations and coached Little League. He has been honored with the Realtor of the Year Award and has received numerous additional accolades for excellence in real estate profession.

Please make plans now to attend this celebration honoring an outstanding member of our community. Tickets are \$75 per person, and can be purchased by calling 941-625-4175, ext. 250, or stopping by the Administration Office of the Cultural Center. Sponsorships are available as well. A choice of dinner entrées will be offered.

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**Monday
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April & May 2011

The Cultural Center is open to the public 7 days a week!

					Friday	Saturday
					22 Every Friday! 7pm-10 pm: Euchre 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: Jay Smith	23 11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday 6 pm: Pinochle every Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
24 Easter Dinner! Seating at 12 pm and 2 pm. Buy your tickets early and save \$\$! 8:45 & 10:30 am Theater: Easter Church Services	25 1 pm-3:30 pm Fun With Music Dance—Just \$1! 7:30 pm Monday Night Dance Music by: Karen Dee & Danny	26 Every Tuesday! 12:30 pm-4 pm: Mah-Jongg 	27 10 am: Estate Planning Seminar; see page 4 for details. 	28 Every Thursday! Duplicate Bridge 9 am-12 pm 1 pm-4 pm 	29 11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: Erich	30 Saturday Sale Open Market 9 am-4 pm 7:30 pm Theater: Backpack Kidz Benefit Concert
May 1 Every Sunday! 11 am-2 pm Carved Prime Rib Dinner in the Café! 	2 5 pm-8:30 pm: Charlotte County Computer Group Monthly Meeting. Visitors Welcome! 7:30 pm Monday Night Dance Music by: Blue Bayou	3 Every Tuesday! 1 pm-4 pm Duplicate Bridge 	4 10 am: Long Term Health Care Seminar; see page 10 for details. 11 am-2 pm: Mediterranean Theme Lunch in the Conference Center	5 Every Thursday! 5:30 pm-8:30 pm: Double Deck Pinochle 	6 12:30 pm: H2U Group of Fawcett Memorial Hospital  7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: Jay Smith	7 11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday Every Saturday 6 pm-8 pm: Pinochle
8 Mother's Day Dinner! Seating at 12 pm and 2 pm. Buy your tickets early and save \$\$! Details on the back cover 11 am-4 pm: Hibiscus Show	9 1 pm-3:30 pm Fun With Music Dance—Just \$1! 7:30 pm Monday Night Dance. Entertainer: TBA	10 Every Tuesday! 1 pm-4 pm: Chess 	11 10 am: Kays, Ponger & Uselton Seminar; see page 4 for details 	12 Every Thursday! 9 am-3 pm: Open Market Venders will be selling a variety of merchandise in the Fountain Room	13 11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: Erich	14 Saturday Sale Open Market 9 am-4 pm in the Fountain Room 
15 Honoree Banquet recognizing Phil Wilson Cocktails at 5 pm Dinner at 6 pm Full information can be found on page 3.	16 Prevention Plus Health Screening; see page 4 for details 7:30 pm Monday Night Dance Music by: Alex Keller	17 Every Tuesday! 6 pm-8 pm Pinochle 	18 Every Wednesday! 9 am-12 pm: Community Awareness in the Fountain Room. 7:30 pm-9:30 pm Cultural Center Square Dance	19 10 am: Retirement Highway is sponsored by the Cultural Center. Guest speakers address financial and health subjects for seniors.	20 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: Kim Jenkins 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i> by the Charlotte Players	21 11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i> by the Charlotte Players

There's always something happening at the Cultural Center!

Cajun Luncheon

June 1st—11 am-2 pm

Mark the date! Join us for a great New Orleans-style feast, including:

- French Quarter Crab Bisque
- Jambalaya
- Shrimp Gumbo
- Red Beans & Rice
- New Orleans Style Bread Pudding
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1 pm-3:30 pm

Monday Night
Dance
7:30 pm-10 pm

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Every Thursday, our Tea Room serves a delightful collection of finger foods, baked goods and tea. Call 625-4175, ext. 208 for reservations.

** A minimum of 10 reservations is required for the event to be held.*

Please Note!

April 24—Easter Sunday

With the exception of the Easter Dinner and Easter Sunday Church services, the Cultural Center will not be open, so our volunteers and staff can enjoy this special day.



Every Friday
& Saturday

Bingo
at 11:45 am

Upcoming Events

April

April 24: Easter Dinner, 12 pm & 2 pm

May

May 4: Mediterranean Luncheon

May 8: Mother's Day Dinner

May 8: Hibiscus Show

May 15: Honoree Banquet

June

June 1: Cajun Luncheon

June 19: Father's Day Dinner

July

July 6: South American Luncheon

July 8,9 &10 Christmas in July

**Retail Store
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Monday-Saturday
9 am to 4 pm
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10 am to 3 pm

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- House Salad
- Stuffed Tomato Salad
- Greek Salad
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Midtown Deli Café Menu

New York Style Menu at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County

Breakfast Menu
 Breakfast Deli
 Open Mon-Fri 8am-10:30am

STATEN ISLAND.....	\$3.50
<i>2 Eggs with home fries, choice of 2 meats, and 2 slices of toast.</i>	
ELLIS ISLAND.....	\$3.00
<i>2 Eggs, 2 choice of meats and 2 slices of toast</i>	
LONG ISLAND.....	\$2.00
<i>1 Egg with 1 choice of meat and 1 slice of toast.</i>	
BREAKFAST OVERLOAD.....	\$5.00
<i>1 Egg, choice of sausage or bacon, biscuit and gravy and a half order of potatoes.</i>	
CENTRAL PARK OMELET.....	\$4.50
<i>Fresh chopped vegetables and herbs with your choice of cheese.</i>	
DELI MIX OMELET.....	\$5.00
<i>Choice of 3 meats and choice of cheese.</i>	
EMPIRE BAGEL SANDWICH.....	\$3.50
<i>Egg, cheese and choice of meat.</i>	
BROADWAY MUFFIN SANDWICH.....	\$3.50
<i>Egg, cheese and choice of meat.</i>	
BELGIAN WAFFLE.....	\$4.00
<i>Add 50¢ for topping</i>	
BISCUIT AND GRAVY.....	\$3.00
<i>Add \$2.50 for double order</i>	

Lunch Menu Sandwiches
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NEW YORKER.....	\$6.00
<i>Hot pastrami sandwich carved to order on choice of bread.</i>	
PORT AUTHORITY SUB.....	\$7.00
<i>Hot ribeye beef sandwich served on a hoagie roll with au jus, carved to order.</i>	
GRILLED REUBEN SANDWICH.....	\$6.00
<i>Sliced corned beef reuben with sauerkraut, swiss cheese, thousand island dressing, served on rye bread.</i>	
PRESSED CUBAN SANDWICH.....	\$6.00
<i>Sliced ham, pork, swiss cheese, sliced pickle, yellow mustard, served on a hoagie roll and grilled.</i>	
HOT CORNED BEEF SANDWICH.....	\$6.00
<i>Corned Beef served on Rye bread, carved to order</i>	
BROOKLYN SUB.....	\$5.00
<i>Cold sliced ham, bacon, lettuce, tomato mayonnaise &, choice of cheese.</i>	
QUEENS SUB.....	\$5.00
<i>Cold sliced turkey, lettuce, tomato, bacon, mayonnaise & choice of cheese.</i>	
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Sometimes a concert with a cause is such a great opportunity that you can't pass it up! That's going to be the case on Saturday, April 30th at 7:30 pm in the Theater. The Yah Yah Girls and the BoogieMen have joined forces to bring you a fabulous benefit concert entitled *Boogie-Men and Buds!*

Founded twenty-one years ago, The BoogieMen is a high-energy ten-piece band which specializes in 'rock and soul' music. The band, under the direction of Michael Riley, covers everything from Aretha to Zeppelin, so there will be something for everyone in this fantastic show. The evening will also be highlighted by various guest appearances, but we're not revealing who it will be! You'll just have to be there to find out who "The Buds" are!

More than 50% of Charlotte County's elementary school children were on the federal, free breakfast and lunch program in 2010. When the Yah Yah Girls (a group of 30+ women whose mission is to help with children of Charlotte County who are homeless, near homeless or living in dire financial need) learned that many of these children have little or no food to eat on weekends, they knew their organization had to meet its biggest challenge to date. After months of research, planning and fundraising, the Back Pack Kidz program was started. On school Fridays, the Yah Yahs deliver back packs full of healthy, non-perishable food to the school to be distributed to the children who have been identified by the principal and school nurse likely to be hungry on weekends. The empty packs are picked up early the next week, and the process starts all over. The program is currently in place at Sallie Jones and East Elementary, but the Yah Yahs are working diligently to implement Back Pack Kidz at all 10 Elementary Schools.

Come out and enjoy a great night of live music (and dancing if you so choose), while supporting a fabulous cause! Tickets are only \$15.00 and proceeds from this event will be donated directly to funding and expanding the Back Pack Kidz program. There will be a cash bar available in the Theater lobby. Please call (941) 625-4175 ext. 221 for tickets!

Check out www.theculturalcenter.com for an extended schedule!

Charlotte Players present Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, opening May 20th at the Cultural Center Theater, in Port Charlotte. Curtain is at 7:30pm on the 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th & 28th. A matinee performance will be held Sunday, May 22nd at 2:00pm

This zany play depicts the chaotic, raucous writing staff of a 1950s popular comedy-variety show, reflective of Simon's first big break into staff writing for the Sid Caesar *Your Show of Shows*, a landmark of early live television. Every character is quick, funny and memorable. The interactions between the star, writers, and family members are hilarious and quick witted, spiced with some **ADULT LANGUAGE**, not suitable for children. The production is directed by Joe Simmons, of Nokomis.

Tickets are available on-line at www.charlotteplayers.org or at the Cultural Center Community Box Office at 625-4175 Ext #220. Tickets are \$15.00. Group rates are available upon request. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00am-3:00pm and on select Saturdays from 11:00am until 2:00pm.



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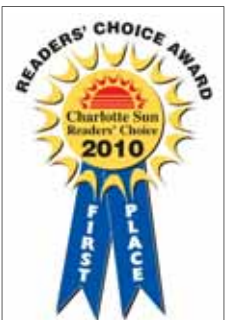


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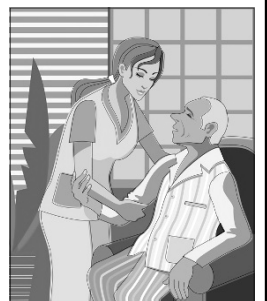
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The Learning Place Workshops

All classes require pre-registration for planning purposes; please sign up at least 2 days prior to the starting date.

To register, call the Learning Place Office at 941-625-4175, ext. 223, visit in person or register online at www.theculturalcenter.com

Saturday, April 23th **Must register by Friday, 4/22**

NEW! WS-001 Uncovering Your Past Lives

Lorenzo Marion, 10 am-12 pm, \$14 (Non-Member \$16)

Have you ever wondered if you lived before this current lifetime? Have you ever felt connected to other countries or cities besides your own? In this two hour workshop, you will uncover your past lives from prior lifetimes. Renowned Psychic, Author and Spiritual Teacher, Lorenzo Marion, will lead you through healing meditations to find peace within the soul. Learn how to resolve karma, family conflict, and find a deeper meaning in your own eternal life.



NEW! WS-002 Safari: Exploring the Internet with your Mac

Pam Cox, 9 am-12 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

In this 3 hour hands on workshop, we will explore some Mac-centric online resources using Safari, the built-in web browser on the Mac. Other internet browser options will be discussed. Downloading and installing safely will be covered along with many other online topics. Bring your on-line questions, and we'll explore the answers together. Please bring your own Mac.



NEW! WS-003 Boating Tips for Seniors Keeping Boating Safe & Fun as We Age

Jim Eastman, 10 am-12 pm, \$14 (Non-Member \$16)

We all enjoy boating but as we age, our physical and mental reflexes and abilities age, too! Jim Eastman is a former U.S. Coast Guard Training Instructor and former CCSO Volunteer Marine Patrol Training Coordinator. He will cover topics such as: recognizing your limitations, the importance of relying on check lists, health concerns while underway, being prepared for emergencies, planning ahead, how to recognize when your current boat is no longer suitable and much, much more!



Monday, April 25th **Must register by Friday, 4/22**

NEW! WS-004 You're My Type: Working With Type in Photoshop Elements

Pam Cox, 10 am-1 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

We will use Photoshop Elements to manipulate type in fun and fabulous ways. This workshop will show you how to bevel and emboss type, cast shadows, warp text, make watermarks, turn your photos into words and more. Please bring any digital photos you would like to work with and a CD or flashdrive if you'd like to save your work.



WS-005 Getting Around with Google

Scott Baty, 9 am-12 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

Scott introduces students to the broad range of features available from Google. Most everyone is aware of Google as the premiere search engine on the internet, but what most people are unaware of are the expanded features available for no additional cost. Google's additional features include: Google Earth, Gmail, Google Images, Google Video, Google News, Google Maps, Orkut, Picasa, and more.



Tuesday, April 26th

WS-006 Facebook 101

Scott Baty, 9 am-12 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

Would you like some guidance in creating your own internet Facebook page in order to stay in touch with friends and family?? Facebook is changing the way people communicate all over the world. If you would like to find out what this free social media application is all about, please join us for this informative workshop. Facebook is available free on the internet, and can provide hours of entertainment!



Thursday, April 28th

NEW! WS-007 Boating Tips for Seniors Keeping Boating Safe & Fun as We Age

Jim Eastman, 10 am-12 pm, \$14 (Non-Member \$16)

Please see the class description on April 23rd.



WS-008 PC Maintenance

Scott Baty, 1 pm-3 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

Everyone who owns a PC will experience over time the slowing down of its operation. There are many reasons for this and some basic maneuvers to repair problems and prevent future bad experiences. Scott is the owner of Jellybean Computers and he is a highly competent computer specialist as well as being an excellent instructor.



Friday, April 29th

WS-009 Pottery: Garden Luminaries

Pam Cox, 2 pm-5 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

In this 3-hour, hands on workshop, we will be making a Garden Luminary. These make great patio décor and look fabulous sitting on your patio table for mood lighting, or surprise candle light at a garden party. We will use garden-friendly unglazed terra cotta clay to make our luminaries. All tools are provided, but if you have experience with clay, you are welcome to bring your own tools. This is a fun workshop for beginners and those with some clay experience. A \$5 clay and firing fee is payable to the instructor the day of the workshop.



Special All-Day Photo Workshop!

WS-010 Digital Photography—Know Your Camera Workshop

Chuck Crafton, 9 am-5 pm, \$56 (Non-Member \$64)

Chuck Crafton has taken many students through this basic Digital Photography Workshop in past months. Beginning students as well as other amateur photographers are provided with the information needed to form a solid foundation of the fundamentals of photography. Learn the techniques of shooting in order to capture the best possible photo in the camera.



Saturday, April 30th

WS-011 Buying and Selling on eBay

Vivien Haima, 10 am-1 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

The most popular on-line auction site can become a very profitable hobby or can expand into a full-time business. This workshop is where you can get your start.



Class schedules will be available soon for the following types of classes:

- May Workshops
- Computer Classes—begin week of May 31st
- General Classes—begin week of June 6th

You can now register online for ALL of our classes at: www.theculturalcenter.com

Easter Sunday Dinner

April 24, 2011

seatings at 12 noon and 2 pm

Advance tickets for this exciting holiday dinner are now available!

Tickets can be purchased at:

- The Midtown Deli Cafe,
- The Information Desk,
- The Learning Place and
- The Administration Office.

Adults: \$15 in advance, \$18 at door.

Children 10 and under:

\$10 in advance, \$13 at door.

Single serving per ticket

Menu

- Fresh Garden Salad
- Chicken Rice Soup
- Prime Rib - Carved to Order
- Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce
- Succulent Roasted Turkey
- Country Harvest Mashed Potatoes
- Brown Glazed Sweet Potatoes
- Homestyle Turkey Stuffing
- Buttered Sweet Corn
- Mixed Vegetables
- An array of Delectable Desserts
- Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Happy Easter!



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MEDITERRANEAN LUNCH

May 4th 11am-2pm



Menu
Greek Salad, Italian Wedding Soup, Tilapia
Provencal, Spanish Chicken, Rice Pilaf,
Mediterranean Vegetables, Cannoli Cake,
Coffee, Iced Tea & Water

Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 April 29th or at the door
Buy early and save!
Single serving per ticket

Tickets can be purchased at the Information Desk, Café, The Learning Place and Administration Office



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Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, May 8th

Seatings at 12 noon and 2 pm

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door

Children 10 and under

\$10 in advance, \$13 at the door

Call 941-625-4175 or stop by any department in the Cultural Center to purchase tickets.



Menu

- Fresh Garden Salad
- Cream of Celery Soup
- Carved Roasted Leg of Lamb
- Baked Ham with Brown Sugar Glaze
- Succulent Roasted Turkey
- Country Harvest Mashed Potatoes
- Homestyle Turkey Stuffing
- Brown Glazed Sweet Potatoes
- Buttered Sweet Corn
- Mixed Vegetables
- An assortment of Delectable Desserts
- Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

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