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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:

- Person to take blood pressure on as-needed basis.
- Photographer to take pictures 2-3 hours each week.
- Sewers and crafters to work with the Happy Helpers.
- ASL (Sign Language) interpreter—needed for The Learning Place.

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: Shellie Wright

Shellie has volunteered in the Trash and Treasure Receiving Department for over 2 years, performing the tiring but necessary job of sorting and cleaning donated items for the various departments of our Trash and Treasure shops. She averages 12 to 16 hours every week and is a key person in her department.

A native of Bradford, Pennsylvania, Shellie worked at the Bradford Hospital in Geriatrics for many years. She met her husband Larry about 18 years ago and moved to Warren, Pennsylvania. Between the two of them, they have 5 children and 10 grandchildren.

Shellie discovered the Cultural Center a number of years ago during visits to her mother, who lives in Port Charlotte. She enjoyed shows in the Theater and shopping in the stores, and started volunteering in the Receiving Department during longer vacations.

Shellie and Larry decided to retire to Port Charlotte about 2 years ago, and Shellie started

volunteering full time. Six months ago, her husband Larry became a volunteer as well, helping to test electronics and electrical items, a key position in our resale process. He's been enjoying it.

When asked why she volunteers, her response was, "The Cultural Center is like an expanded family to me. I'm happy everyday and full of laughter—the volunteers I work with are a friendly, fun group. I enjoy giving my time, knowing that my efforts help the Cultural Center provide services to our community." The Cultural Center congratulates you, Shellie, and all of the volunteers at the Center. We would not be celebrating 50 years of community service this year without volunteers like you!



Independent Contractor of the Month

Claudette Cramer



Claudette is a very talented quilter who has been teaching this subject at the Cultural Center for 11 years. Claudette stated, "I've enjoyed doing this over the years because it gives me the opportunity to share my love for quilting with others. I've also met many new friends and enjoyed seeing stu-

dents progress from entry level to more advanced projects."

The Cultural Center needs talented individuals in many areas, but with varying hours of work, depending on the season. We thank you, Claudette, for your dedication over the years in helping students explore creative skills many never knew they possessed.

Our Trustees are volunteers, too

Raymond "Ray" Rose



One of the first "hidden delights" Ray and his wife Carol discovered after moving to Punta Gorda was the Cultural Center of Charlotte County. Not being anglers, they signed up for the fishing course at The Learning Place to learn about local waters. This was followed by additional classes and attending shows at the theater. Ray comments, "The theater is a true gem worthy of many visits for its beauty, value and quality of programming."

Ray is active in many civic organizations, including serving on the Board of the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association and on the Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee. He also serves on Punta Gorda Historic & Mural Society and the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Punta Gorda.

Before moving to Charlotte County, Ray was a Manager at Eastman Kodak Company for 25 years. Prior to that he served twelve years as an officer in the United States Air Force.

Ray is honored to have served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2007. Ray comments that, "Charlotte County is fortunate to have the Cultural Center during this economic downturn, as the Center's programs give value for money."

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- Collectables
- Home Audio Equipment
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Your donations help us to operate the Cultural Center and serve our community. Smaller items can be delivered to our Receiving Dock from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Larger pieces can be picked up by our truck without charge by calling 625-4175, ext. 226.

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- Irish Potatoes
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- Irish Cabbage & Carrots
- Corn O'Brien
- Irish Apple Cake
- Coffee, Iced Tea & Iced Water
Includes 1 glass of Beer

Tickets purchase price is \$12.00 if purchased by February 25 and \$15.00 if purchased after February 25. Single serving per ticket, includes 1 glass of beer.

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

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**Classical Piano Recital
February 20th
at 3 pm**



The Two Piano Group of the Cultural Center will be providing a Classical Piano Recital at 3 pm on Sunday, February 20th in the Music Room.

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<i>Egg, choice of sausage or bacon, biscuit and gravy and a half order of potatoes.</i>	
REUBEN OMELET.....	\$5.00
<i>Corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and thousand island dressing.</i>	
CENTRAL PARK OMELET.....	\$4.50
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<i>Choice of 3 meats and choice of cheese.</i>	
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<i>Egg, cheese and choice of meat.</i>	
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<i>Egg, cheese and choice of meat.</i>	
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BISCUIT AND GRAVY.....	\$3.00
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GRILLED REUBEN SANDWICH.....	\$6.00
<i>Sliced corned beef Reuben with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, thousand island dressing, served on rye bread.</i>	
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<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>	
BROWN STONE.....	\$5.00
<i>Choice of chicken, tuna, egg, or seafood salad served on a Kaiser roll.</i>	
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February & March, 2011

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

					Friday	Saturday
					11 9 am-4 pm: Dazzled! Jewelry & Craft Show 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Inherit The Wind</i> Friday Night Dance Entertainer: <i>Erich</i>	12 Every Friday & Saturday! BINGO 11:45 am-3:30 pm 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Inherit The Wind</i> by the Charlotte Players
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
13 Every Sunday! 11 am-2 pm Dinner in the Café! 	14 6 pm-9 pm: 50 th Anniversary Valentine's Day Dance  Monday Night Dance Music by <i>Alex Keller</i>	15 Every Tuesday! 6 pm-8 pm Pinochle 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Late Night Catechism</i> , benefiting the Charlotte Players	16 10 am: Kays, Ponger & Uselton Information Seminar; see page 4 for details. Brooklyn or Queens Sub—which do you prefer? Visit the Midtown Deli Café!	17 10 am: Retirement Highway w/Dave Henderson. Free; 625-4175, ext. 208 for reservations Every Thursday 1-4 pm: Duplicate Bridge in the Music Room	18 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Nashville Nights</i> Friday Night Dance Entertainer: <i>Just du-et</i>	19 One-Day Workshops at the Learning Place Saturday Sale Open Market 9 am-4 pm Vendor Tables \$15 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Nashville Nights</i>
20 2 pm Theater: Charlotte County Concert Band 3 pm: Two Piano Group Classical Recital in the Music Room	21 7 pm Theater: <i>Swingin' on Mondays</i> with the CC Jazz Band Computer Classes begin; Learning Place Monday Night Dance Music by <i>Blue Bayou</i>	22 2 pm: Dental Plan Seminar; see page 5 for details. 7 pm Theater: Bruce Shelly Celebrates <i>Englebert, Sinatra, Bennet & More</i>	23 10:30 am: Financial Seminar; details at bottom of this page 1pm-4 pm Theater: CSA/Medipak Informational Meeting 6:30 pm: Crazy Hat Bingo!	24 9 am-1 pm: Prevention Plus Health Screening, see page 4. Every Thursday 1-4 pm: Duplicate Bridge in the Music Room	25 7 pm Theater: <i>Memories and Dreams V</i> (Elks Benefit Show) Friday Night Dance Entertainer: <i>Erich</i>	26 One-Day Workshops at the Learning Place 7 pm Theater: <i>Memories and Dreams V</i> Bingo Canceled today
27 Every Sunday! 11 am-2 pm Dinner in the Café! \$10 buys you a complete dinner, featuring carved prime rib, dessert & beverage!	28 General Classes begin at The Learning Place Monday Night Dance Music by <i>Nick D and Troy</i>	March 1 The tags have moved! 75% off all Black tags in T&T! 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Late Night Catechism</i> , benefiting the Charlotte Players	2 10 am: Kays, Ponger & Uselton Info. Seminar 11 am-2 pm: Irish Luncheon; see page 3 for details. 	3 Have you tried our Rueben Omelet? Only at the Midtown Deli Café!	4 7 pm Theater: LJ Productions presents: <i>An Evening of Music & Comedy</i> Friday Night Dance Entertainer: <i>Jay Smith</i>	5 Saturday Sale Open Market 9 am-4 pm Vendor Tables \$15 7 pm Theater: Gurl & Girl presents <i>Smokin' the Ivories</i>
6 2 pm Theater: <i>The Carol & Johnnie Variety Show</i> 	7 7 pm Theater: <i>Swingin' on Mondays</i> with the Charlotte County Jazz Band Monday Night Dance Music by <i>Just du-et</i>	8 Mardi Gras Dinner & Show with <i>Music City Brass</i> Sock Monkeys are available in the Gift Shop!	9 Dinner Theater: Nat: A tribute to Nat King Cole with Walter Maddox. 5:30 pm: Dinner in Conference Ctr. 7 pm: Show in the Theater	10 Blood Pressure is now offered Monday-Friday from 9 am to 12 noon. 	11 9 am-3 pm: Arts & Crafts Show Vendor spaces: call 941- 625-4175, ext. 230 Friday Night Dance Entertainer: <i>Erich</i>	12 9 am-3 pm: Arts & Crafts Show 2 pm & 7 pm Theater: <i>Let's Hang On!</i> A tribute to Frankie Valli & Jersey Boys

There's always something happening at the Cultural Center!

Every Sunday

8 am—10:30 am: Sunday Breakfast
 11 am—2 pm: Sunday Dinner featuring Prime Rib
 12:30 pm—3:30 pm: Double Deck Pinochle

Every Monday

9 am—11 am: Organ & Piano Group (except 1st Monday)
 1 pm—3:30 pm: Fun with Music Dance—just \$1!
 5 pm—8 pm: Pinochle
 7:30 pm—10 pm: Monday Night Dance—just \$5!

Every Tuesday

10 am—11:30 am: Dulcimer Group
 12 pm—4 pm: Chess & Checkers
 12:30 pm—4 pm: Mah-Jongg
 1 pm—4 pm: Duplicate Bridge
 6 pm—8 pm: Pinochle

Every Wednesday

8 am—12 pm: Woodcarvers
 9 am—12 pm: Stamp Corner
 9 am—11 am: Blood Pressure Testing
 9 am—12 pm: Community Awareness
 12 pm—4 pm: Cribbage, Contract Bridge
 2 pm—5 pm: Music by The Romantic Trio
 5:30—8:30 pm: Double Deck Pinochle
 7:30—9:30 pm: Square Dance

Every Thursday

9 am—3 pm: Open Market
 9 am—12 pm: Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 am—1:30 pm: Tea Room *
 1 pm—4 pm: Duplicate Bridge
 12 pm—4 pm: Chess & Checkers
 5:30 pm—8:30 pm: Double Deck Pinochle

Every Friday

11:45 am—3:30 pm: Bingo
 6 pm—9 pm: Bridge
 7 pm—10 pm: Euchre

Every Saturday

11:45 am—3:30 pm: Bingo
 6 pm—8 pm: Pinochle
 1st and 3rd Saturdays
 9 am—4 pm: Saturday Sale in the Fountain Room

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Upcoming Events

February

February 11: Dazzle Arts & Jewelry Show
 February 14: 50th year Celebration: Valentine's Day Dance
 February 20: Two Piano Group Classical Concert
 February 23: Crazy Hat BBQ Bingo

March

March 2: Irish Luncheon
 March 8: Mardi Gras Dinner Theater
 March 9: Dinner Theater: *A Tribute to Nat King Cole*
 March 11-12: Arts & Crafts Show

April

April 6: Polish Luncheon
 April 10: Two Piano Group Concert
 April 13: Dinner Theater: *Divas of Country*
 April 24: Easter Dinner, 12 pm & 2 pm

Enjoy a delicious freshly baked pie or cookies!

Stop by the Cultural Center Bakery from 8 am to 2 pm weekdays to speak with Kim, or call 625-4175, ext. 261 to place an order.

Retail Store Hours

Monday-Saturday
 9 am to 4 pm
 Sunday
 10 am to 3 pm

Café Hours

7 Days a Week
 Breakfast
 8 am to 10:30 am
 Lunch/Dinner
 11 am to 2 pm

Jimmie's Ice Cream & Grill

Monday-Friday
 11 am-3 pm

Fitness Salon

Monday-Friday
 6 am-7 pm
 Saturday
 8 am-4 pm
 Sunday-Closed

Cultural Center Free Seminars!



Retirement Highway

February 17th, 10 am-11 am

This Month's Speaker: Dave Henderson

Our featured speaker will be Dave Henderson of the Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA). With over 25 years of experience, Dave has witnessed many business cycles and investment markets. The workshop will cover interest rates, inflation and market risks for short, mid and long term goals. Please call 941-625-4175, ext. 208 for reservations.

Financial Planning Seminar

Are you paying taxes on your Social Security income?
 Are your current investment income returns too low?

February 23, 10:30 am-11:30 am

Ken Schultz, CLU, a financial advisor and published author, will discuss and show his solutions on tax savings and current low income concerns. His questions and answer workshop will be presented in an easy to understand format. Complementary handout materials will be provided. The seminar is free, but registration is recommended as seating is limited—call 941-625-4175, ext. 212.

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Cultural Center Theater



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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER FEATURING THE MUSIC OF ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINK



Join us at the Cultural Center Theater for an evening of good fun and great music on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm. You'll hear the music of Englebert Humperdink, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Elvis, and more! *A Night To Remember* will be a fantastic celebration of music at its best. Tickets are \$10 for Cultural Center members or \$12 for non-members.

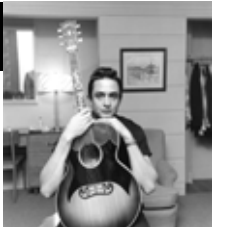
Bruce Shelly has done it all... from cruise ships to Atlantic City to the Van Wezel Center for the Performing Arts and the Asolo Theater in Sarasota. Bruce Shelly redefines the style of such people as Engelbert and Elvis by adding his own millennial dimension. He delivers the nostalgia of the past with a passion for the future just by being himself and singing from his heart and soul. Bruce's show, *A Night To Remember*, will include all of your favorites! Bruce will be doing what he does best and enjoys most, Engelbert Humperdink classics, in front of a live audience, creating an evening of memories. Shelly last performed at the Cultural Center in 2003 to a sold out crowd.

To open the show we are pleased to present "Just Friends," featuring Lyn Purmort and Bob Constantino. They are talented, versatile musicians that specialize in The Great American Songbook of Pop and Jazz Standards but are in no way limited to that genre. Both classically trained music majors, they are proficient in all areas including jazz, pop, disco, country, rock, oldies, and classical music. They will be bringing us the music of Tony Bennett, Patsy Cline and more as they get you ready to experience *A Night To Remember*.



Nashville

Nashville Nights, playing in the Theater on February 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm, is a true country hoe-down that will spotlight an array of singers. This evening of non-stop music will be hosted by TLP co-producer and country guitarist Ed Loder. The show also features the musical talents and vocals of The Bozeman Brothers. Hear the timeless tunes of Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, June Carter, Willie Nelson, George Jones, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette, The Statler Brothers and more! This Turning Leaf show is sure to be a sell out, so get your tickets now! Reserved Seating: \$17.00.



Nights



Do You Enjoy Tom Jones & Johnny Cash?



The Cultural Center Theater will be on fire with great entertainment on Sunday, February 27th at 7:00 pm. Join Irv Cass and Keith Coleman as they celebrate two of music's most iconic artists: Tom Jones and Johnny Cash. *A Night With Tom Jones* focuses primarily on Irv's uncanny likeness of 'The Ladies Man,' but there will also be an entire section devoted entirely to Keith's portrayal of 'The Man In Black.'

Having toured extensively in the U.S. and abroad, international award-winning tribute artist, Irv Cass, offers an incredible performance as the sexy Welshman, Tom Jones. He has worked with names like Willie Nelson, The Jordanaires, and DJ Fontana. Irv brings fantastic experience and energy to the stage. Irv brings to the stage, all the excitement, charisma and hip swiveling sex appeal of the younger more vibrant career of Tom Jones. So get ready to stomp your feet, snap your fingers, clap your hands, and swing to the beat, as Irv sings all the top hits such as, "It's Not Unusual," "She's A Lady," "What's New Pussycat?" "Kiss," and many more.

Keith Coleman has performed his tribute to Johnny Cash throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe. He not only naturally looks like the Man in Black but his vocal impression of Cash is nothing short of amazing. Keith has performed as an impersonator for over 25 years with the Las Vegas Revue Show. He has also performed with the Hollywood On Tour group throughout the United States. You will actually feel like you have spent the entire evening with Johnny Cash and not just another impersonator. Tickets are only \$14.00 each!





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Smokin' the Ivories



On Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 pm, experience an evening of dramatic, captivating piano playing, fabulous vocals and pure entertainment as pianist, singer Brian Gurl -together with his dynamic rhythm section—takes you on a fun-filled musical journey that will dazzle you, lift your spirits, and touch your hearts. This production covers many styles and eras of music from the Roaring 20s and the music of George Gershwin to all eras thereafter. Brian's piano background includes substantial classical training, as well as experience in jazz, pop, dance and theatrical productions - including over 20 years performing nationwide with his wife as Gurl & Girl Productions. In a recent newspaper review Brian was described as, "...a combination of Vladimir Horowitz, Liberace and Roger Williams!" *Smokin' The Ivories* will create an exciting, colorful, panoramic journey into a world of piano music, entertainment and so much more! Tickets are \$14.00 for Cultural Center Members and \$16.00 for non-members. Join us!

Other February Events

**Charlotte Players present *Inherit the Wind*
February 11, 12 at 7:30pm --- \$15.00 Adults**

The Evolution/Creationism argument is at the center of this Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee play. Lawrence and Lee's inspiration was the 1925 "Monkey Trial," in which Tennessee teacher John Scopes was arrested for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in violation of state law.

**The CCJS Presents *A Tribute to Benny Goodman*
Monday, February 14 at 7 pm -- \$15.00**

Terry Myers was a sax player in the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra when it was led by Buddy Morrow, before he formed a Benny Goodman Band. He now leads and travels with this 17-piece live tribute to the 'King of Swing'.

**Charlotte Players present *Late Night Catechism*
Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm -- \$28.00 (CBO)**

This show is an uproarious comedy that will strike a chord with Catholics and non-Catholics as they become a part of this hilarious adult catechism class!

**Canadian Snowbird Association Winter Info. Meeting
1pm to 4pm – Call 800.265.3200 for information**

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

The Bands

The Charlotte County Concert Band will present their next concert on **Sunday, February 20th at 2pm** in the Theater. The theme is *Sweethearts & Presidents* and it will deal with America's leaders and the joys of Valentine's Day. The sixty plus member band is currently under the musical direction of DeVere Fader, the show will be hosted by Dick Weber. Tickets are \$8 (CCM) or \$9 (NM).



Great music is sure to be heard at the Charlotte County Big Band show slated for **Monday, February 21st at 7pm**. The program features music made famous by Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Woody Herman, Les Brown, Tommy Dorsey and many more. The two hour concert is part of the *Swingin' on Mondays* series which celebrates Big Band Jazz. Reserved seating is \$8(CCM) or \$9 (NM).



Memories & Dreams V

Memories & Dreams V (sponsored by the Punta Gorda Elks Club) is a fast paced, fun variety show featuring talented local singers. The music and songs are popular favorites from the 1940s to today in the genres of country, rock, R&B, standards, Broadway and Hollywood. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 25 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, February 26 at 2 and 7:00 pm for this great show.

Each of the four scenes during the show (Opry Then & Now, Back to the Diner, The Moonlight Lounge, and Hooray for Hollywood) has an entire set dedicated to the musical theme so there is a feast for the eyes as well as the ears. Many of our performers are returning from last year, along with a few new additions. All the songs are brand new selections performed by our amazing cast. And along the way there will be plenty of laughter as well.

So we hope you will buy a ticket, sit back & enjoy the show. We promise it will be the best evening of entertainment \$12.00 can buy you anywhere. And remember, all the performers, cast and crew have freely given their time and talents so that the ticket proceeds can be donated to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services.



Discover the fun of a new hobby or activity!

The Learning Place Classes

General Classes begin the week of February 28th

Prices in parenthesis are
non-member prices.

Register at The Learning Place, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL from 9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday,
10 am - 2 pm Saturday, or call 941-625-4175 ext. 223 or online at: www.theculturalcenter.com

Let's Play Bridge!

Are you asked to play Bridge, but decline because you don't know how or haven't played in years? We offer fun solutions to your dilemma!

- 101 Beginning Bridge Initial, Bodeau, Tues, 10-12 pm, \$39 (\$42)
- 103 Refresher Bridge Initial, Bodeau, Wed, 9-11 am, \$39 (\$42)

Water Sports

Learning to use a Kayak opens up a wealth of opportunities to explore the waters of Southwest Florida and see nature close up.

- 203 Recreational Kayaking for Beginners, Shirley, Wed, 10:30-12:30 pm \$48 (\$57)
Extra Fee: \$20/week for kayak rental/equipment

Fine Arts

Our art classes provide the opportunity to express yourself through oils, acrylics, water colors and more! Whether you are a beginner or more experienced artist, there are many classes to select from.

- 300 All Media- No Beginners, Croy, Thur, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 302 Painting with Acrylics: Basics & Beyond, Zuhlke, Thur, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 303 Introduction to Oil, Zuhlke, Mon, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 306 All Media- All Levels, Painting & Drawing, Birchfield, Fri, 9-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)
- 311 Acrylics/Oil Painting, All Levels, Granaudo, Tues, 1-3 pm, \$42 (\$45)
- 314 All Media- All Levels, Painting & Drawing, Birchfield, Mon, 9-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)
- 318 Donna Dewbury One Stroke, Croy, Tues, 10 am-12 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 320 Intermediate Decorative Art, T Stewart, Thur, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 329 Landscaping with Acrylics, Croy, Mon, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)

Dance

Dancing is lots of fun and good exercise, too. All of our instructors have taught for years and you'll be amazed how quickly you progress. We offer classes for Tap, Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, Ballet and Belly Dancing—there is sure to be something that appeals to you!

- 401 Beginning Tap, Schuebel, Tues & Thur, 5-6 pm, \$48 (\$57)
- 402 Intermediate Tap, Schuebel, Tues & Thur, 4-5 pm, \$48 (\$57)
- 403 Advanced Tap, Schuebel, Tues & Thur, 3-4 pm, \$48 (\$57)
- 405 Line Dancing for Fun (some experience), Davis, Mon, 3:25-4:25 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- 406 Line Dancing for Absolute Beginners, Davis, Mon, 4:30-5:30 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- 411 Intermediate Line Dance, Slater & Lefebvre, Thur, 12-1:30 pm, \$36 (\$42)
- 411A Advanced Line Dance, Slater & Lefebvre, Mon, 6-7:30 pm, \$36 (\$42)
- 412 Ballroom Dancing, Guss, Mon, 5:30pm-7:30 pm, \$48 (\$57)
- 412A Ballroom Dancing, Guss, Thur, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$48 (\$57)
- 412B Ballroom Dancing, Guss, Sat, 4 pm-6 pm, \$48 (\$57)
- 414 Belly Dancing, Traditional-Advanced, Kevorkian, Sat, 11-12 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- NEW! 408 Ballet 1/Creative Movement for Children 2-6, Bucklin, Tues, 5-6 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- NEW! 408B Ballet/Contemporary Dance for Children 7-12, Bucklin, Thur, 4-5:15 pm, \$30 (\$36)
- NEW! 408C Ballet/Contemp. Dance for Adults, Beg.-Inter., Bucklin, Sat, 1-2:30 pm, \$36 (\$42)
- NEW! 408D Ballet/Contemp. Dance all Ages, Inter-Adv, Bucklin, Fri, 5-6:30 pm, \$36 (\$42)

Music Instruction

Learning to play a musical instrument is easier than you might believe. Our Music Lab is equipped with digital pianos, but the student will need access to a piano or keyboard to practice their assignments.

- 502 Piano—Adult Beginner/Intermediate, Kaff, Thur, 1-2 pm, \$21 (\$23) + \$6 lab fee
- 505 Piano—Adult Advanced, Kaff, Thur, 2-3 pm, \$21 (\$23) + \$6 lab fee
- 507 Guitar—Beginning, Smith, Mon, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45) guitar and book reqd.

Quilting and Sewing

Whether you are interested in learning to quilt or sew, we have a class for you! The Independent Study/Quilting courses do not have an instructor; the cost covers the use of the classroom for 4 months.

- 601 Independent Study/Quilting, Wed, 9 am-12 pm, \$60 (4 months)
- 602 Independent Study/Quilting, Wed, 1-4 pm, \$60 (4 months)
- 604 Quilting, Rau, Tues, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 605 Quilting, Rau, Tues, 9-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 606 Quilting, Cramer, Thur, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 607 Quilting, Cramer, Thur, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 609 Sewing, Collins, Mon, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68), \$6 lab fee
- 610 Sewing, Collins, Mon, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68), \$6 lab fee

Special Arts

Our Special Arts classes cover the range from pottery to woodworking! All are taught by experienced instructors.

- 705 Lapidary-Wire Jewelry, Luksha-Gammell, Tues, 6-9 pm, \$84 (\$90)
- 706 Lapidary-Cutting Stones, Polisenio, Tues, 5-8 pm, \$63 (\$68) + \$10 lab fee
- 707 Stained Glass, Beach, Wed, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)

Sculpture and fired pottery are some of the oldest ways of expressing yourself. A variety of classes accommodate students of various skill levels.

- 713 Sculpture (Polymer & Clay Shay), Shore, Mon, 9-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
- 715 Pottery: Clay Handbuilding, Cox, Mon, 5:30-8:30pm, \$74 (\$79), list + \$10 lab
- 715A Optional Handbuilding Lab for 715, Cox, Thur, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$74 (\$79)
- 716 Pottery: Clay Wheel Throwing, 7 wks, Cox, Thur, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$148 (\$158) + \$10 lab
- 714A Optional Wheel Throwing Lab for 716, Cox, Mon, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$74 (\$79)
- 718 Beginning Mosaic, Cox, Wed, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$63 (\$68)

Learn how to safely use hand and power tools to quickly make useful projects for your home.

- 719 Introduction to Tools, Mayes, Tues, 9-12 pm \$72 (\$78)
- 720 Intermediate Woodworking, Mayes, Tues, 1-4 pm, \$72 (\$78)
- NEW! 721 Intro. A Carpinteria y Herramientas, Mayes & Fernandez, Thur, 3 pm-5 pm,
Gratis si Espanol es su idioma primario - Hispanic Outreach Class

Over 90 general classes to select from - visit our website for last minute additions!

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One Day Workshops offer instant fun!

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Our computer classes start the week of February 21st. Stop by The Learning Place office or register online!



February 19th

NEW! WS-001 How to Make Your Own Organic Beauty Products
Virginia Kenyon, 1 pm-3 pm, \$14 (Non-Member \$16)

WS-002 Photoshop Elements: Slideshows
Pam Cox, 1 pm-4 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)



WS-003 In Tune with iTunes
Pam Cox, 9 am-12 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)



NEW! WS-004 Container Gardening
Jim Munden, 1 pm-4 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

WS-005 Digital Photography—Know Your Camera Workshop
Chuck Crafton, 9 am-5 pm, \$56 (Non-Member \$64)

WS-006 The Keys to Happiness
Dr. Alex Crandall, 9 am-1 pm, \$28 (Non-Member \$32)



WS-007 Unlock Your Creativity
Dr. Alex Crandall, 1:30 pm-5:30 pm, \$28 (Non-Member \$32)



NEW! WS-008 Ballet/Modern Dance for Toddlers
Meredith Bucklin, 12:30 pm-1:30 pm, \$7 (Non-Member \$8)

NEW! WS-009 Ballet/Modern Dance for Children 6-12
Meredith Bucklin, 2 pm-3:30 pm, \$10 (Non-Member \$12)

February 26th

WS-010 PC Maintenance
Scott Baty, 9 am-12 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)



WS-011 Buying and Selling on eBay
Vivien Haima, 9 am-12 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)



WS-012 Pottery: Terra Cotta Garden Mask
Pam Cox, 2 pm-5 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)



NEW! WS-013 Container Gardening
Jim Munden, 1 pm-4 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

WS-014 Secrets of Attraction
Dr. Alex Crandall, 9 am-1 pm, \$28 (Non-Member \$32)



WS-015 Reading Body Language
Dr. Alex Crandall, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

NEW! WS-016 Ballet/Modern Dance Workshop for Adults
Meredith Bucklin, 2 pm-4 pm, \$14 (Non-Member \$16)

Languages

The ability to speak an additional language is a skill most Americans lack. By learning Spanish, French or German, your next trip abroad will be far more interesting. Visit or call the Learning Place for class details.

- 808 German, Beginners, Brokmeier, Wed, 9-11 am, \$40 (\$42)
- 809 German, Intermediate, Brokmeier, Wed, 11 am-1 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 810 German Conversation, Brokmeier, Wed, 1-3 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 811 German, Advanced Conversation, Brokmeier, Wed, 3-5 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 812 German, Advanced, Brokmeier, Thur, 3-5 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 817-1 English as Second Language, Fernandez, Mon & Wed, 6-8 pm, Free, 12 wks.
- 818 Beginning Spanish Conversation, Fitzmaurice, Tues, 9-11 am, \$40 (\$42)
- 819 Intermediate Spanish Conversation, Fitzmaurice, Wed, 9-11 am, \$40 (\$42)
- 820 Advanced Spanish Conversation 1, Fitzmaurice, Tues, 3-5 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 821 Beginning Spanish, Borselli, Mon, 1-3 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 822 Spanish, Advanced & Conversation, Borselli, Mon, 3-5 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 823 Advanced Spanish Conversation 2, Fitzmaurice, Tues, 1-3 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 824 Advanced Spanish Conversation 3, Fitzmaurice, Thur, 3-5 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 830 Italian Beginning, Borselli, Fri, 1-3 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 831 Italian Advanced & Conversation, Borselli, Fri, 3-5 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 833A Conversational French 1 Survival Skills, Pion, Tues, 10am-12 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 833B Conversational French 2 Survival Skills, Pion, Tues, 1-3 pm, \$40 (\$42)

Academics & Lifestyle

Learn to improve your well-being, communication skills and more with a course from this group.

- 906 Museum Without Walls: The Medieval World, MacLaren, Thur, 11 am-1 pm, \$40 (\$42)

- 920 Brain Fitness - Improve Thinking & Memory, Crandall, Mon, 10-12 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 921 Self Hypnosis for Health & Wellness, Crandall, Mon, 12-2 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 922 Art of Communication, Crandall, Mon, 2-4 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- 923 Unlock Your Creative Potential, Crandall, Tues, 10 am-12 pm, \$40 (\$42)
- NEW! 951 World at War, 1939-1945, Barnum, Thur, 9-11:30 am, \$50 (\$53)

Exercise

Yoga and Tai Chi are meditative exercises offering a blend of exercise and relaxation. Kung Fu is a traditional martial art. Many of our classes are offered on different days or at different times to accommodate your busy lifestyle.

- 1004 Hatha Yoga, Lingel, Mon, 11 am-12 pm, \$24 (\$28) mat required
- 1004A Hatha Yoga, Lingel, Fri, 11 am-12 pm, \$24 (\$28) mat required
- 1005 Hatha Yoga, Lingel, Tues, 11 am-12 pm, \$24 (\$28) mat required
- 1006 Beginner Yoga, Lingel, Mon, 9:45-10:45 am, \$24 (\$28) mat required
- 1006A Beginner Yoga, Lingel, Fri, 9:45-10:45 am, \$24 (\$28) mat required
- 1012 Mixed Level Yoga, Lingel, Tues, 6-7:30 pm, \$36 (\$42) mat required
- 1012A Mixed Level Yoga, Lingel, Wed, 5:30-7 pm, \$36 (\$42) mat required
- 1016 Tai Chi II, Borasch, Wed, 1-2 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- 1017 Tai Chi I, Borasch, Wed, 2-3 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- 1020 Kung Fu (for teens & adults), Nelson, Tues, 7-8:30 pm, \$36 (\$42)

Zumba Gold combines Latin music and dance to make exercise fun! These classes are for beginners and active Seniors.

- 1423 Zumba Gold (Beginners/Seniors), Morales, Tues, 3-4 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- 1424 Zumba Gold (Beginners/Seniors), Morales, Wed, 3-4 pm, \$24 (\$28)
- 1425 Zumba Gold (Beginner/Seniors), Morales, Wed, 10:30-11:30 am, \$24 (\$28)
- NEW! 1427 Zumba Gold (Seated or Wheelchair), Morales, Wed & Fri, 12-12:30 pm, \$24 (\$28)

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

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The Learning Place Class Registration Form



Date:

Ordered By

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Phone:

Fax:

If you are a Cultural Center Member, please enter your expiration date here:

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Payment

For cash or check payment, please visit the Learning Place.

- Credit Card
- Discover
- Mastercard
- Visa

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Cardholder Name:

CVV # (security code on back of card)

Reg. Fee (per form)	\$1.00
Lab Fee	<input type="text"/>
Subtotal	<input type="text"/>
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GRAND TOTAL	<input type="text"/>

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Refund Policy: If a student drops class within 5 days prior to or 6 days after class starts, there will be a \$5.00 cancellation fee assessed. Drops after the second class meeting are non-refundable.

Disclosure: All information on this registration form is confidential and remains the property of the Cultural Center exclusively. There will be no solicitation of students by instructors or other third parties without specific permissions of the students.