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Christmas Bazaar

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13th & 14th
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all three days!
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50/50 Drawing



Holiday Gifts



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We Want You!

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

- ASL (Sign Language) interpreter—needed for The Learning Place.
- Drivers for our new Transportation Program—several are needed.
- Persons qualified in taking blood pressure—we offer blood pressure testing 5 days a week.
- Volunteers at The Learning Place to assist with registrations, a fast paced assignment.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit the Volunteer Office or call 941-625-4175, ext. 260. We'll be happy to show you around the Center and show you why this is truly "The Place That Friendship Built."

Volunteer of the Month: Harry Hildebrand

Congratulations to Harry Hildebrand for being selected volunteer of the month for November! When I asked Harry where he lived before retiring to Charlotte County, his answer was, "just about everywhere." I'm sure you will enjoy the story.

Harry was born in North Dakota near the Canadian border, and attended school in Canada during his early years. His parents were farmers, but decided to move to Paraguay, South America when he was about 13. They purchased timber land, and when not attending school, Harry learned to operate the heavy equipment that was used in harvesting trees and clearing part of the land for farming.

This background gave Harry the skills needed to pursue a career in heavy equipment. For over 40 years, he worked in North America, South America, the Middle East and Africa, working as a site supervisor in his later years.

While working in Kentucky, he met his wife Ruth, now deceased. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. In

2003, they retired to Charlotte County.

Harry discovered the Cultural Center through the Theater and enjoyed the variety of entertainment provided at affordable prices. He decided to become a volunteer about 18 months ago, when a friend suggested it to him.



Harry volunteers in the Theater, serving as a bartender, usher, and whatever else is needed. He has enjoyed his volunteer experience, mentioning the new friends he has met and the enjoyment gained by helping others. He recommends that individuals consider the Cultural Center when thinking of volunteering. "You can pick your own hours and work as often or a little as you want," says Harry. "Combined with the friendly people and the diversity of work available in the different areas of the Cultural Center, it's the ideal place to volunteer."

Independent Contractor/Partner of the Month

Kellmis Fernandez

Kellmis is the instructor for the Hispanic Outreach program, which offers free instruction in the English language using Rosetta Stone software. Students are also taught the history and customs of the United States.

Kellmis has been teaching this course for about 1 1/2 years. His wife, Maria, is the Coordinator for this program. Students taking this

course are not all of Hispanic background; students from Japan, Haiti and Eastern Europe have also enrolled.

Independent contractors provide the Cultural Center needed talent in many areas that require varying hours of work; the Center could not exist without their dedication and talent



Our Trustees are volunteers, too

Wayne Goff, Trustee



Wayne Goff is a fourth generation Floridian who has lived in Charlotte County for his entire life. He is a graduate of the University of Florida's College of Design, Planning and Construction. In 1960 he founded Charlotte County's oldest construction company and first State Certified Class "A" General Contractor in Charlotte County.

Wayne is a past president of the Rotary Club

of Punta Gorda and presently serves as a director for Tidewell Hospice and is active in many other organizations. He became a member of the Cultural Center's Board of Trustees in 2007.

His association with the Cultural Center goes back a long way; his company built the walls that housed the first facility in the early 1960s. Wayne states, "The Cultural Center provides so much for so many. It is an honor to serve on a Board that plans for enhancements and programs that will benefit future generations."

The Cultural Center would like to thank Wayne and all of our trustees, past and present, for their dedication and service to "The Place That Friendship Built."

Free! **40th Annual Christmas Bazaar**
Something for Everyone!

**November 12th, 13th & 14th
 9 am to 4 pm**

- Handmade Crafts!
- Free Picture with Santa from 12 to 2 pm each day!
- Over 125 Vendors selling Arts & Crafts and more!
- Jimmie's Ice Cream & Grill Specials!
- Quarter Bingo on Friday & Saturday!
- 50/50 & Computer Raffles!
- Bake Sale!
- Popcorn and Baked Apples!
- Strawberry Shortcake!
- Holiday Decorations!
- Unique Gifts for All Seasons!
- Sales in all Cultural Center Shops!
- FREE ADMISSION!



Free Pictures with Santa every day!



Shopping throughout the Center!

**Friday,
 November
 12th Only!**

Our Retail Shops and Centennial Hall will open at 8 am to give you an extra hour of shopping!

The Café will open for breakfast at 7 am on Friday, 8 am on Saturday & Sunday

Bazaar Specials!

Shop for Gifts of all descriptions, Jewelry and Holiday Decorations in Centennial Hall!

Buy 1 item of clothing in Trash and Treasure at the marked price and get a second item of equal or lesser value for 50% off the marked price!

Sale prices good through November 14, 2010



We are a TOYS FOR TOTS collection station. Please remember the less fortunate during the Holiday Season.

Gifted Flea Market

Saturday, November 20th - 8 am to 3 pm



Come get the things you need at a price you can afford to pay!

Vendor spaces still available!

Housewares Clearance Specials!

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THE CASE OF THE JINKED JACUZZI

DECEMBER 1, 2010
LUNCH 11:00-12:15PM
SHOW STARTS 12:30PM

Featuring Italian Cuisine!

Ima Goner has died suspiciously in Vic Fannie's Jacuzzi. Come participate and witness the intriguing trial of four suspects.

Win an Orlando Getaway!

March 6 thru March 13, 2011

Support the Cultural Center of Charlotte County
Minimum Donation: \$10 per ticket
Winner will be notified by telephone
Must be 21 years of age to enter
Tickets available at the November Bazaar!

Hurry! Drawing will be held on Sunday, November 14th at 3 pm!



4 Tickets to Sea World!



Deluxe 2 Bedroom/2 Bath Villa sleeps 6!



Use of a rental car for a week!
(must be 25 years of age or older)

Official Rules and Disclaimers can be found on our website:
http://theculturalcenter.com/PDF/Orlando_Getaway_rev_08-23-10.pdf

Tickets for the Murder Mystery Luncheon and the Cruise Luncheon can be purchased at:

The Information Desk The Cultural Center Café
The Learning Place The Administration Office

Cruise Luncheon December 8th

Served from 11am to 2 pm

"You'll think you're on the way to an Island Paradise"



Menu:

- Spinach Salad
- Fruit Salad
- Chilled Strawberry Soup
- Crab Cakes with Lemon Dill Sauce
- Veal Parmigiana,
- Fettuccini with Grilled Chicken Tenderloins
- Escargots Bourguignon
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Sautéed Button Mushrooms
- Creamed Spinach
- Fresh Green Beans with Bacon
- Cherries Jubilee
- Coffee, Iced Tea & Iced Water

Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$13 if purchased after December 3rd

Last Chance to Take Advantage of 2010 Charitable Tax Deductions

Did you know that donating property or stock to a charitable organization can reduce your income taxes? The value of your donation is equal to the fair market value of the donated property. Where the donated property has increased in value, the donor may not have to recognize the gain (appreciation) on the donated property. Your tax benefit from the donation can be increased and the organization will be grateful to have received your donation.

Donating appreciated stock is a great tax saver. If you have owned the shares for over one year, you may be able to deduct the full value. In contrast, selling the stock and donating the proceeds from the sale to a charity results in your profits being hit with capital gains tax and your charitable contribution limited.

Another option: Make a direct contribution from your IRA to charity. Certain forms are re-

quired, since the gift is made directly from the IRA administrator to the charity without the IRA holder ever handling or receiving the funds. This requires some time to complete, so the contributor needs to get this done promptly before the end of the year.

There are several potential benefits to donors:

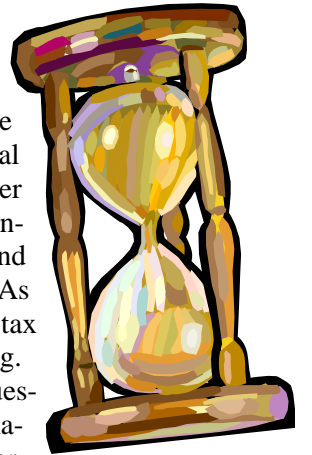
- Removing funds from your IRA could reduce future tax liability by reducing future required minimum distributions.
- The contribution could be deductible since it doesn't have to be itemized.
- The charity receives the "full" benefit as the donor does not need to reduce the amount given by the potential taxes due.

One of the biggest advantages to this tax break is that the contribution counts against your minimum withdrawal requirement.

Time is drawing to a close and you must have this done by the end of December. We certainly hope you will consider the Cultural Center for a gift, as the Center operates solely on income generated by its operations and gifts from people like you. As always, check with your tax advisor first before proceeding.

Should you have any questions or need more information, contact Velma Plummer, Finance Manager of the Cultural Center, at 625-4175, ext. 211.

And always, remember to enjoy the programs and benefits of the Cultural Center of Charlotte County... "The Place That Friendship Built."



Holiday Party Time is Here!

Now is the time to book a space for your Holiday Party—reservations are coming in fast. Here are some reasons to book your event with us:

- We take pride in putting the client's needs first, with superior service and food.
- Our 7,140 square foot Conference Center can seat up to 500 for a banquet, or be configured into 4 to 8 smaller rooms for more intimate banquets, business meetings, or seminars.



- Competitive pricing on room rentals, food catering, and amenities.
- Charlotte Sun readers have voted us 'Best Banquet Facility' for three years in a row!
- A seasoned staff of veterans who will cater to your every need.
- When you rent from the Cultural Center, you are giving back to the community.

If you have an upcoming event, and are interested in touring one of our fifteen rooms, including our 500+ seat theater, please call Linda at 941-625-4175 ext. 208.

Symphony of Trees opens November 20th

Come view the most beautiful trees in Charlotte County, all on display at the Cultural Center, from November 20th through December 11th! A \$2 donation benefit the Charlotte County Museum Society is requested. You may also bid on a tree, with the money from the winner benefitting the local charity that donated the tree. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, Sunday 9 am to 3 pm. Don't miss this outstanding exhibit!

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County Presents:

FREE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

**NAVIGATING
THE
Retirement
Highway**

November 18, 2010
10am-11:00am
Cultural Center of
Charlotte County
2280 Aaron Street
Port Charlotte FL 33952

This Month's Speakers: Christine Welton & Marilyn Gregory

The featured speakers for November 18, 2010 will Christine Welton, she is a Client Services Coordinator for Southwest Florida Council on Aging. Christine supervises the daily activities of the Elder Respite. The area Agency on Aging has been in existence for over 20 years as a private not for profit organization serving the elderly in seven counties. Christine received her Associates Degree in Business from SW Florida College in Fort Myers, Florida.

In addition, Marilyn Gregory, Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator for the Southwest Florida Council on Aging, will be discussing Elder Abuse and how to prevent it. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business from Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio.

Call 941-625-4175 ext. 208 to reserve your space!

Next Month's Date:
December 16, 2010

Speaker:
Dale Phillips
CCSO Crime Prevention Officer





November & December Events

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

| | | | | | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 12 Christmas Bazaar 9 am-4 pm  7 pm Theater: Elvis Tribute Show with Dwight Icenhower Friday Night Dance is cancelled | 13 Christmas Bazaar 9 am to 4 pm  7:30 pm Theater: Carol O. in <i>Just for Laughs</i> , presented by Turning Leaf |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | | |
| 14 Christmas Bazaar 9 am to 4 pm  2 pm Theater: The Charlotte County Concert Band | 15 7 pm Theater: The Charlotte County Big Band <i>Swingin' on Mondays</i>  | 16 10 am-2 pm: Medicare Forum Monday-Friday! 11 am-3 pm: Jimmie's Ice Cream and Grill Call 625-4175, ext. 249 for take-out! | 17 9 am-3 pm: Fall Palooza and Health Fair; details page 10 10:30-11:30 am: Free Financial Education Seminar; details on page 8 | 18 10 am-12 pm: Retirement Highway Seminar; details on page 5 9 am to 3 pm: Open Market Items from a variety of vendors. | 19 All Day: One-Day Workshops 7 pm Theater: <i>An Evening of Legendary Motown</i> Friday Night Entertainer: Storm Surge | 20 8 am-3 pm: Gifted Flea Market 9 am-4 pm: Grand Opening of Symphony of Trees \$2 donation All Day: One-Day Workshops |
| 21 Every Sunday! 8 am-10:30 am: Sunday Breakfast  | 22 Monday Night Dance New Entertainers! 7:30-10 pm Admission \$5 | 23 Every Tuesday & Thursday 12 pm-4 pm: Chess & Checkers in the Fountain Room  | 24 10 am: Kays, Ponger & Uselton Information Seminar; see page 4 for details  | 25 Thanksgiving Dinner served at 12 pm and 2 pm Symphony of Trees 11 am-3 pm; \$2 Other areas of the Cultural Center are closed. | 26 Every Friday! 7pm-10 pm: Friday Night Dance  Tonight's Entertainer: Erich | 27 11:45-3:30 pm: Bingo every Friday & Saturday!  |
| 28 Every Sunday! 12:30 pm-3:30 pm Double Deck Pinochle  | 29 Fun with Music Dance 1 pm-3:30 pm every Monday—Just \$1  | 30 Every Tuesday Duplicate Bridge from 1 pm to 4 pm!  | December 1 10 am: Kays, Ponger & Uselton Seminar; see page 8 for details Mystery Luncheon: <i>Vengeance at Vic Sannies</i> ; Lunch: 11 am to 12:15 pm, Show at 12:30 pm | 2 6:30 pm: Peace River Wood Turners; new members are welcome!  | 3 H2U Holiday Party Res. 625-3164 7:30 pm Theater: The Charlotte Players present <i>White Christmas</i> Friday Night Dance Entertainer: Erich | 4 8 am-3 pm: Flea Market 7:30 pm Theater: The Charlotte Players present <i>White Christmas</i> |
| 5 Every Sunday 12:30-3:30 pm Double Deck Pinochle 2 pm Theater: The Charlotte Players present <i>White Christmas</i> | 6 7 pm Theater: Breast Cancer Benefit Show Monday Night Dance New Entertainers! 7:30-10 pm Admission \$5 | 7 5 pm-8:30 pm: Charlotte County Computer Group monthly meeting. 7 pm Theater: Animal Welfare League Benefit Show | 8 11 am-2 pm: Cruise Theme Luncheon in the Conference Ctr. Dinner Theater: <i>Joy! Christmas with Amanda & Friends</i> Dinner at 5:30 pm Show at 7 pm | 9 7:30 pm Theater: The Charlotte Players present <i>White Christmas</i>  | 10 7:30 pm Theater: The Charlotte Players present <i>White Christmas</i> Friday Night Dance Entertainer: Jay Smith | 11 10 am-5 pm: Car Show King comes to the Cultural Center 7:30 pm Theater: The Charlotte Players present <i>White Christmas</i> |

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-Jong
 1 pm—4 pm: Duplicate Bridge
 6 pm—8pm: 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—12pm: Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 am—1:30 pm: Tea Room *
 1 pm—4pm: Duplicate Bridge
 12 pm—4pm: 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
 6:30—9:30 pm: Charisma Ministries
 7 pm—10 pm: Euchre
 7 pm—10 pm: Friday Night Dance

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

November

November 12, 13 & 14: Christmas Bazaar
 November 17: Fall Palooza & Health Fair
 November 17: Financial Education Seminar
 November 18: Retirement Highway Seminar
 November 20: Gifted Flea Market
 November 20 -Dec. 11: Symphony of Trees
 November 25: Thanksgiving Dinner

December

December 1: Murder Mystery Luncheon
 December 8: Cruise Theme Luncheon
 December 10: Senior Fun Fest
 December 11: Car Show
 December 12: Two Piano Group Concert
 December 15: Holiday Bingo Extravaganza
 December 25: Christmas Dinner

The Olde English Tea Room

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.

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

Lunch in the Cultural Center Café!

November 12

- Friday: Philly Cheese Steak, Baked Flounder w/Tomato Relish

November 15-19

- Monday: Junior Club Sandwich, Almond Crusted Tilapia
- Tuesday: Grilled Italian Panini, Eggplant Parmesan
- Wednesday: Chicken Philly Cheese Steak, Beef Stir Fry
- Thursday: Monte Cristo, Roast Beef w/Mushrooms & Onions
- Friday: Turkey Reuben, Roasted Pork Loin

November 22-26

- Monday: Hot Pastrami, Fried Mahi Mahi
- Tuesday: Grilled Chicken Pita, Beef Tips w/Mushrooms & Onions,
- Wednesday: Tuna Melt, Chicken Tarragon
- Thursday: Thanksgiving Dinner is served at 12 noon and at 2 pm
- Friday: Hot Dog w/ Chili, Swedish Meatballs

November 29-December 3

- Monday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Baked Chicken Cacciatore
- Tuesday: Hot Corned Beef Reuben, Potato Crusted Salmon
- Wednesday: Tuna Melt, Ham Steak w/Brown Sugar Glaze
- Thursday: Grilled Turkey w/Swiss, Pork Chop w/Apple Sauce
- Friday: Fillet of Fish on a Bun, Spaghetti w/Meatballs

Our Café is open 7 days a week. Breakfast is served from 8 am to 10:30 am, with lunch served from 11 am to 2 pm. Sunday dinner features a carving station with prime rib; it is served from 11 am to 2 pm.

Visit our Web Site at: www.theculturalcenter.com for the latest news!



FREE LUNCH!

AND INFORMATION SEMINAR

Absolutely no selling. Information only.

Wednesday, December 1st at 10:00am

Cultural Center, 2280 Aarons St, Port Charlotte

RSVP by Tuesday, November 30th to 625-4113

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Help the Cultural Center celebrate 50 years of impacting our community by creating the logo that will be used throughout the year! Prizes will be awarded to 3 categories of entries based upon age. For full details, visit our website:

http://theculturalcenter.com/PDF/CulCen_logo_contest.pdf

Cultural Center Gift Certificates

Undecided what to buy a friend for the Holidays? Cultural Center Gift Certificates make great gifts anytime of the year! They can be used for shows in the Theater, classes at The Learning Place, purchases in our Shops and throughout the Center. Visit our Accounting Office or call 941-625-4175, ext. 212 to purchase them.



Holiday Bingo Extravaganza December 15th

Invite your friends to a fun evening of Bingo during the Holiday Season! Great payouts, plus dinner is available.

- Doors open at 4 pm
- Dinner served from 4:30 pm until 6 pm
- Bingo begins at 6:30 pm, and refreshments will be served during intermissions
- Cost: \$25 for Bingo only, \$35 including a great meal.

We'll have more details and a menu included in our next issue. Call 941-625-4175, ext 212 for tickets.



The Fitness Salon

No start up fee! No contract!



Meet Heather Stein

Heather is a Certified Personal Fitness Trainer who is now working at the Fitness Salon. We invite you to come in and meet her! Heather, along with Phyllis Garneau, who has worked at the Fitness Salon for several years, are here to help you achieve your health and fitness goals. Both are Certified Personal Fitness Trainers.

Personal Training is available to Fitness Salon Members at no additional cost!

\$35/month for Cultural Center Members

\$40/month for Non-members

\$99 for 3 months for Cultural Center Members

Happy Hour Membership
Evenings 5-7 pm, all day Saturday

Open Monday thru Friday from 6 am to 7 pm, Saturday 8 am to 4 pm.
For more details, contact the Fitness Salon at 941-625-4175, ext. 263.

Is My Money Safe?

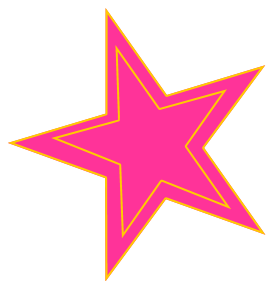
Free Seminar on November 17th by Ken Schultz

From 10:30 until 11:30 am, a financial education seminar will be presented by Ken Schultz, a financial advisor and author of "Will Creation and Protection." In this seminar, Ken will discuss:

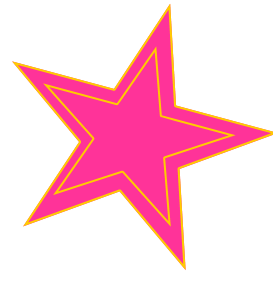


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Cultural Center Theater



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Box Office hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-4 pm, Saturday 10 am-2 pm (941) 625-4175, ext. 221

DWIGHT ICENHOWER AS ELVIS



One Night With You: A Musical Journey Through The Years will be an evening of the best live Elvis music you can find anywhere, as Dwight is an award winning tribute artist who just recently received an award from The Las Vegas Hilton for his portrayal of "The King." Dwight has studied every move that Elvis made and has mastered the 50's, 60's, and 70's eras of Elvis' career. Dwight is recognized for his good looks and his amazing voice that has sometimes even been mistaken for Elvis himself! Join us **TONIGHT at 7:00 pm** for this great show! Tickets are only \$17.00.



Our Spotlight is on Talented Local Musicians



The Cultural Center Theater is proud to spotlight two groups of musicians that perform monthly in our space, and November could be just the month for you to come out and enjoy both of them.

On the larger end of the spectrum we have the Charlotte County Concert Band. John Johnson conducts this group of volunteer musicians, which varies in size from forty to seventy participants throughout the season. They play everything from Broadway medleys to Swing King tributes to original compositions, so come out and enjoy their next live performance on **Sunday, November 14th at 2:00 pm**. Tickets are \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members.



The Charlotte County Big Band continues their fifth season of *Swingin' on Mondays* on **November 15th at 7:00 pm**. This group is comprised of local musicians who want to share both their talent and their love of big band jazz tunes. During any Big Band performance you'll have the chance to enjoy everything from romantic favorites to swing and elegant jazz. Tickets are \$8 for members or \$9 for non-members.

Just For Laughs

With Boston's Own Carol O'Shaughnessy
Saturday, November 13th at 7:30 pm

Just For Laughs is a hysterical romp starring Carol O'Shaughnessy and accompanist Richard Drexler in an unforgettable evening of music and memories. In this fun filled comedic and musical extravaganza, Carol celebrates her skills as an accomplished actress and cruise ship entertainer. O'Shaughnessy will sing your favorite hits while incorporating zany/hysterical characters. This high energy show proudly kicks off Turning Leaf Productions' sixth season at The Cultural Center. Tickets to this dynamite show (Carol's fourth with TLP) are only \$17.00!



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

An Evening of Legendary Motown Starring Glenn Leonard & Wilson Williams

Join us on **Friday, November 19th at 7:00 pm** for an awesome evening of authentic Motown music and entertainment. Celebrity Direct Entertainment is proud to present Glenn Leonard (former lead singer of The Temptations) and Wilson Williams (of The Platters) in an unforgettable night of music and memories. From 1975-1983 Mr. Leonard toured the world and recorded ten albums with The Temptations. He is the iconic tenor voice on their masterful recording of "Silent Night." Mr. Williams has recorded numerous albums with The Platters and has spent his career crisscrossing the globe to perform for his fans. Along with being a member of The Platters, Wilson is also an accomplished solo recording artist. Tickets are only \$19 which includes a meet-and-greet along with an autograph signing after the show.



The Charlotte Players present *White Christmas* December 3-5 & December 9-11 --- \$22.00 (All Shows 7:30 pm, except 12/5 at 2:00 pm)

After leaving the Army, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis team up to become top entertainers. Davis introduces Wallace to a pair of sisters who also perform. When the girls travel to a lodge to sing a show, the boys follow, only to find their former commander, General Waverly, is the lodge owner. A series of romantic mix-ups ensue as the performers try to help the General.

JOY! Christmas with Amanda Segur and Friends
A Dinner Theater Experience
Wednesday, December 8—Dinner 5:30pm, Show 7pm
Join vocalist Amanda Segur for an evening of your favorite holiday music! You'll hear many hit songs that will take you on a musical journey and leave you full of spirit and ready to experience the **JOY** of the holiday season. This show features a few special guests, so there's sure to be something for everyone. Our dinner menu includes glazed ham steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and holiday cake.



The Charlotte County Jazz Society Presents *The Bop Is Back* with saxophonist Greg Abate Monday, December 13 at 7 pm -- \$15.00

This return appearance will be welcomed by fans of the hard swinging sound of alto saxophonists in the tradition of Charlie Parker, Sonny Stitt and Cannonball Adderly. Abate has gained huge acclaim as a performer and recording artist.



The Nutcracker presented by S.E.A.D. December 17-18 -- 7:30 pm -- \$8.00 (\$5 Students)

The Charlotte County Concert Band
Sunday, Dec. 19 -- 2 pm -- \$7 (Members), or \$8
From Sousa marches to Broadway medleys, this group has a sound everyone enjoys. Join us as they play their annual Holiday Concert.

Swingin' on Mondays with the CCBB
Monday, Dec. 20 -- 7 pm -- \$8 (Members), or \$9
The Charlotte County Big Band continues their fifth season with a concert of Big Band and Jazz sounds and a celebration of the holidays. Music is provided by some of the area's finest musicians.



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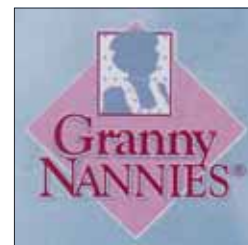
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Friday, November 19th

WS-034 Pottery: Clay Christmas Ornaments

Pam Cox, 1 pm-4 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

Come learn how to make beautiful Christmas ornaments out of unglazed terra cotta clay in this 3 hour workshop. These ornaments, handcrafted by you, will be treasured by friends and family as keepsakes made from the heart. A \$5 materials and firing fee is payable to the instructor the day of the workshop.



**WS-049 "To Click...or Not to Click...THAT is the Question!"
Computer and Internet Safety**

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

So there you are, surfing the Internet and up pops a new window! You know the kind; you didn't ask for it, you don't know where it came from or exactly what it means, but it demands an answer! So, what should you do? Believe it or not, there are clues that will allow you to make the right decision, with confidence, every time. Want to know more? This workshop is for you!



Saturday, November 20th

WS-001 Buying and Selling on eBay

Vivien Haima, 9 am-12 pm, \$21 (Non-Member \$24)

The most popular on-line auction site can provide an avenue to purchase items of every description or it can become a very profitable hobby that can expand into a full-time business. Vivian will show you the fundamentals and some tricks of the trade in this 3 hour hands-on workshop.



WS-002 PC Maintenance

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

Everyone who owns a PC will experience the eventual slowing down of its operation. There are many reasons for this, and Scott will show you 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 an excellent instructor.



WS-005 Digital Photography—Know Your Camera Workshop

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

There's a lot more to taking a great picture than just pointing the camera and pressing the shutter button, as we all know. Chuck has been a photogra-

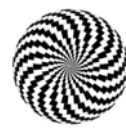
pher most of his life, and will demonstrate the steps needed to make your pictures say, "Wow!" Whether you are a beginner or more advanced amateur photographer, you will leave knowing how to take better photos. The course teaches the fundamentals of good photography, including composition, lighting and tips on using your digital camera, which you should bring with you to the class.



WS-033 Self Hypnosis

Dr. Alex Crandall, 10 am-2 pm, \$28 (Non-Member \$32)

Discover myths and misconceptions about hypnosis. Learn to use self-hypnosis to improve your health and wellness and effectively deal with problems in your life. Learn hypnotic techniques to get rid of fears, lose weight, stop smoking and change your life for the better!



WS-046 The Calusa Indians of South Florida

Winifred Roberts, Instructor 10-11 am, \$7 (\$8)

This one-hour lecture will cover the villages, customs and diets of the Calusa Indians of Southwest Florida. There will be an informative discussion of their settlements on or near Pine Island, Matlacha, Sanibel and Captiva Islands, as well the roll of the Caloosahatchee River in their daily lives. A list of places to visit and learn more about these early Floridians will also be provided.



WS-048 Spain's Hernando DeSoto

Winifred Roberts, 1-2 pm, \$7 (Non-Member \$8)

This lecture discusses the background and biographical history of Spain's Hernando DeSoto, the most famous of the Spanish conquistadors, and his mission to La Florida. This lecture follows DeSoto's journey through Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, beginning in Tampa Bay in 1539 and ending at the Mississippi River in 1543.



WS-054 Angels

Lorenzo Marion, 9 am-10 am \$7 (Non-Member \$8)

Join renowned spiritual teacher and psychic medium, Lorenzo Marion, as he discusses the true nature of our heavenly messengers, angels. In this one hour workshop, you will learn about the ten different phylum of angels you can call on. Lorenzo will help you contact your own personal angels and describe each one to you.



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Dinner Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$15 in advance or \$16 at the door

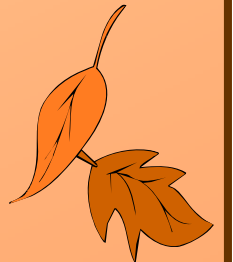
Children 9 and under: \$10 in advance or \$11 at the door



Purchasing your Thanksgiving Dinner tickets in advance not only saves you money, but guarantees seating. Tickets can be purchased at the Information Desk, The Learning Place, the Administration Office and at the Cultural Center Café. Tickets may also be ordered by phone; call our Accounting Office 941-625-4175 ext. 212.

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- Buttered Sweet Corn
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