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January 13th
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Texas Style BBQ Luncheon

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Over 140 classes to select from!
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Starts January 16
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12 pm & 2 pm
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Happy Holidays!

Where is the Cultural Center?



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Free Retirement Highway Seminar

January 19th at 10 am
Featuring Kevin Pillion

Trusts and Wills

Kevin Pillion, Attorney and CPA, will be presenting a seminar on "The Differences Between a Trust and a Will." He will also discuss Estate Planning and Elder Law issues.



Sponsored by the Cultural Center. Reservations are recommended: call 625-4175, ext. 208.

Volunteers Appreciated by Cultural Center

The growth and success of the Cultural Center is directly linked to the hard work of our volunteers. From the early visionaries to today's store volunteers and Board of Trustees, these volunteers are what has made the self-supporting Cultural Center a most unique facil-

ity, not just in Southwest Florida, but in the United States. We appreciate the work our volunteers do in many ways, and a Volunteer Breakfast is held twice a year to honor them. These photos show scenes from the December 9, 2011 event, attended by over 175.



After enjoying a great breakfast, awards were presented for hours worked. At right, Kay Zimmerman and Eddie Boyer (center) received awards for 5,500 volunteer hours from Cultural Center President Rufus Lazzell (left) and Director Jim Hageman



500 Hour pins were awarded to ten volunteers



Our trustees are volunteers too: Stephen Carter

Stephen Carter, Vice President



Stephen was born in Peoria, Illinois and has been married to his wife Marilyn for 34 years. They have one son, Nicholas. Stephen graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eckerd College with a Bachelor Degree in Business Management. He also graduated from Midstate College with Honors as a Certified Paralegal, and worked for nine years as a Litigation Paralegal in Sarasota.

Stephen first utilized the Cultural Center when he was the AAA Auto Club South Division Manager of Port Charlotte 1996-2008. He booked the theater for travel events and feels the facility is one of the finest venues in Southwest Florida. Stephen states, "The great thing about the Center is that it continues to evolve and grow to meet the needs of our Charlotte County citizens."

He is presently the owner and President of CIA Carter Insurance Agency, serving Charlotte and Sarasota counties since 2008. Stephen volunteers every Wednesday from 9 am to 12 pm at the Cultural Center's Community Awareness day to answer insurance questions.

Stephen has been a member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor since 1996, club president in 2000-2001, an original member of the Charlotte County Police Athletic League Board of Directors (Past President), member of Salvation Army Board of Directors (Past Chairman), and the Charlotte County Bicycle Pedestrian Committee (Current President).

He feels honored to be a Director at the Cultural Center. Stephen presently serves as chairman of the Ways and Means Committees for the Cultural Center. Stephen says, "If you are new to the area, you owe it to yourself to check the multitude of activities offered by the Cultural Center; you will be amazed by the variety of programs offered."

Your Donations Needed for Retail Shops

The Cultural Center is very appreciative of all donations that can be resold in Trash and Treasure and our other shops. All we ask is that the items be reasonably clean and in working condition. Items we have the greatest need for are:

- Furniture
- Collectables
- Home Audio Equipment
- Televisions
- Small Appliances
- 35mm Photography Equipment
- Name brand clothing
- Sets of china/plates
- Games and Puzzles



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As the year comes to a close, consider the purchase of an insurance policy part of your estate planning.

When most of us buy life insurance, we're thinking about one thing: Making sure our families are taken care of after we're gone. But in this season of giving, you might also want to think about setting up a policy to take care of your favorite charity.

What's in it for you? Properly structured, life insurance policies allow money to grow tax free, and the death benefit is usually transferred to the beneficiary without tax. The proceeds will be included in your gross estate; this means that your estate will receive a charitable deduction for the amount

of the proceeds upon your death. Gifting a life insurance policy to a charity can have a great impact, allowing the average person to make a much larger financial contribution to their favorite charity, as compared with a smaller cash donation now.

You can even transfer a current insurance policy while you're still alive. Why make the transfer while you're still alive and kicking? Because when you transfer the insurance contract to the charity, you get an income tax deduction in the year you hand it over. How big of a deduction will depend on the type of life insurance policy you are donating. You should consult your tax advisor to see how this would benefit you.

One place to consider as a beneficiary for an insurance policy is the Cultural Center of Charlotte County. As a self-sufficient, non-profit organization, the Cultural Center depends upon operational income and contributions. By working with the Cultural Center to plan for and provide for your future, you can also help with the future of the Cultural Center. Please call Velma Plummer, Finance Manager of the Cultural Center, at (941) 625-4175, ext. 211 for more information.



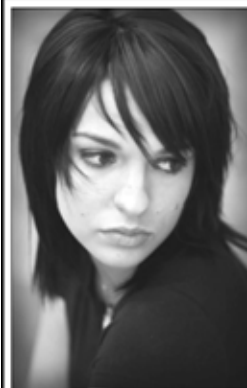
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VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION OPERATORS Operators and booking agents needed M-F. Call the Volunteer Office at 625-4175 ext. 259.

VOLUNTEER CASHIERS NEEDED Various days and shifts available. Call the Volunteer Office at 625-4175 ext. 259 for more information.

VOLUNTEER SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR Needed on Wednesdays PM and Saturdays—2 shifts Contact the Volunteer Office at 625-4175 ext. 259.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION ASSISTANTS The Learning Place need front desk assistants to register students and answer telephones. Various times/days. Call 625-4175 ext. 259.

VOLUNTEER eBay RESEARCH & LISTING ASSISTANT Individual with selling experience on eBay to assist with researching and listing items. Call the Volunteer Office at 625-4175 ext. 259.

VOLUNTEER FITNESS CENTER ASSISTANTS Temporary assistants needed on Monday and Wednesday 9-11am, Tuesday 2-5 pm. Call the Volunteer Office at 625-4175 ext. 259

BABY ITEMS

HANDMADE BABY BLANKETS The Gift Shop offers hand made crocheted and knitted baby blankets in a variety of colors from \$15 to \$30.

ENTERTAINMENT

LP RECORDS & VHS TAPES VHS tapes only 50¢, LP records 10¢ in Trash and Treasure Housewares

FURNITURE

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The Cultural Center Staff and Volunteers welcome you to join us for

Christmas Dinner

December 25th Seatings 12pm and 2pm

Our Bountiful Buffet Includes:

- Prime Rib - Carved to Order
- Baked Ham with Brown Sugar Glaze
- Roasted Turkey
- Country Harvest Mashed Potatoes
- Homestyle Turkey Stuffing
- Glazed Sweet Potatoes
- Buttered Sweet Corn
- Garden Vegetable Blend
- Cream of Broccoli Soup
- Fresh Garden Salad
- Your choice of Apple, Pumpkin or Pecan Pie

Tickets available at the Cultural Center's Information Desk, Learning Place, Administration and Café or call (941)625-4175 ext. 212

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

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

Texas Style BBQ

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

11am 'til 2pm

Cultural Center of Charlotte County



- Hickory Smoked BBQ Ribs
- Hot & Sweet BBQ Beef Brisket
- Mango BBQ Chicken
- Baked El Paso Beans
- Sweet Potato French Fries
- Sam Houston Chili
- Potato Salad
- Cracklin' Corn Muffins
- Cherry Crisp
- Coffee, Iced Tea & Iced Water

Tickets are \$13.00 in advance & \$15.00 after January 6. Available at the Information Desk, the Administration Office, the Café, and The Learning Place



DRAGON BINGO

Up to \$2,450 in prizes!

Wednesday, January 18th
Dinner at 4:30pm BINGO at 6:30pm
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
2280 Aaron Street Port Charlotte, FL 33952




Menu:
Chicken Piccata
Lemon Pepper Tilapia
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetables
Lemon Meringue Pie
Salad

\$25 BINGO
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Weekly Card & Table Games

Contract Bridge: Wednesday, 12 pm to 4 pm
Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm

Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 1 pm to 4 pm
Thursday, 9 am to 12 pm
Thursday, 1 pm to 4 pm

Chess: Tuesday, 1 pm to 4 pm
Thursday, 12 pm to 4 pm

Cribbage: Wednesday, 12:45 pm to 4 pm

Euchre: Friday, 7 pm to 10 pm

Hand and Foot: Thursday, 1 pm to 4 pm

Mah-Jongg: Tuesday, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
Thursday, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm

Single Deck Pinochle: Monday, 6 pm to 8 pm
Tuesday, 6 pm to 8 pm
Saturday, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Double Deck Pinochle: Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Thursday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Sunday, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm











December 2011 & January 2012

Friday

Saturday

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

*Denotes Cultural Center event

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| 25 Merry Christmas! *Christmas Dinner, seating at 12 pm & 2pm Details on page 6 10:30 am Theater: Freedom Bible Christmas Service | 26 9 am-10 am: Blood Pressure Testing every Monday *7:30 pm Monday Night Dance is canceled tonight | 27 Every Tuesday! 9:30 am: Dulcimer Group in the Fountain Room 9 am-10 am: Blood Pressure Testing every Tuesday | 28 Every Wednesday! 9 am-12 pm: Community Awareness in the Fountain Room Every Wednesday! 2 pm-4 pm: Music by the Romantic Trio | 29 *11:45-3:30 pm BINGO Thursday and Friday this week only  | 23 *11:45-3:30 pm BINGO (no Bingo on Christmas Eve) *7 pm Friday Night Dance: Erich | 24 Christmas Eve Cultural Center Closes at 2 pm 6 pm Theater: Freedom Bible Christmas Eve Service—all welcome. |
| January 1 Happy New Year! Cultural Center is closed except for Church Services  | 2 Every Monday 9 am-11 am: Organ & Piano Group (except for the first Monday of month) *7:30 pm Monday Night Dance is canceled tonight | 3 5 pm-8:30 pm: Charlotte County Computer Group Meeting—Visitors Welcome!  | 4 9 am-10 am: Blood Pressure Testing every Wednesday *Dinner Theater Featuring Brian Roman Dinner at 5:30 pm Show at 7 pm | 5 Every Thursday! *10 am-12 pm: Ingroov Big Band in Centennial Hall 7:30 pm Theater: <i>The Edwards Twins</i> | 6 12:30 am-3:30 pm: H2U of Fawcett 7 pm Theater: <i>Daryle Singletery</i> *7 pm Friday Night Dance: Erich | 7 *11:45-3:30 pm Bingo every Friday and Saturday 7 pm Theater: <i>The Mills Brothers</i> |
| 8 Every Sunday! *8 am-10:30 am: Breakfast *11 am-2 pm: Sunday Dinner * 2 pm Theater: Charlotte County Concert Band | 9 7 pm Theater: Charlotte County Jazz Society presents <i>The Ed Metz Trio</i> *7:30 pm Monday Night Dance: MC² | 10 Our Card and Game Schedule is now located on page 6! | 11 *11 am-2 pm: Texas Style BBQ Luncheon Details on back cover Every Wednesday! 8 am-12 pm: Woodcarvers 7:30 pm-9:30 pm: CC Square Dance | 12 7 pm Theater: Jimmy Mazz/ Patrick Tobin <i>Frankie and Dean</i> Every Thursday! 7 pm-10 pm: Suncoast Dance Club | 13 *9 am-1 pm: Midtown Merchants Market 4 pm-10:30 pm Men's Golden Gloves *7 pm Theater: The Best of Burlesque *7 pm Friday Night Dance: Just for Fun | 14 4 pm-10:30 pm: 2012 Florida Men's Golden Gloves Championship 7 pm Theater: Ken Brady's <i>Original Casinos</i> |
| 15 2 pm & 7 pm in Theater: Jesse Aron as <i>Roy Orbison</i> 4 pm-10:30 pm: 2012 Florida Men's Golden Gloves Championship | 16 *Biggest Loser 8 Challenge Begins 4 pm-10:30 pm Men's Golden Gloves Awards *7:30 pm Monday Night Dance Music: Just Duet | 17 10 am-2 pm: Alzheimer's Association Memory Mobile: Free memory screening  | 18 10 am: Free Estate Planning Seminar; details on page 4 *10 am: Safe Money Alternatives by Ken Schultz, CLU *Dragon Bingo Extravaganza! Details on page 6 | 19 *Free Retirement Highway Seminar "Differences Between Wills & Trusts," see page 2 for details  | 20 *7 pm Friday Night Dance: Kim Jenkins 7:30 pm Theater: Charlotte Players <i>Love, Sex & IRS</i> | 21 *9 am-3 pm: Woodcarver's Show, see page 6 No Bingo this Saturday 7:30 pm Theater: Charlotte Players <i>Love, Sex & IRS</i> |

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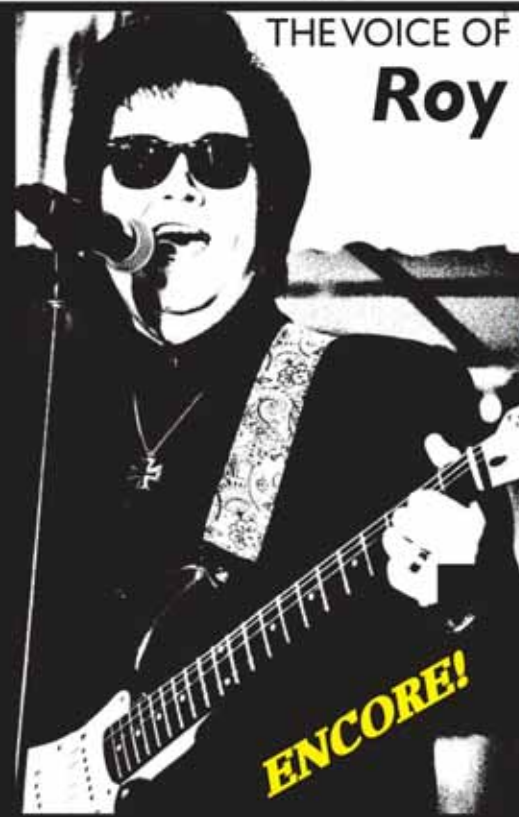
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Next concert: January 23rd at 7 pm

Upcoming Theater Shows

December 31st: New Year's Eve Show
Turning Leaf Productions presents: *Shaken, Not Stirred*
Showtimes: 7 pm & 9:15 pm, Price \$17
Details on the back cover

January 4th: Dinner Theater
Featuring vocalist *Brian Roman*
Dinner: 5:30 pm, Showtime: 7:30 pm
Dinner & Show: \$23*/\$25, Show only: \$8*/\$9

January 5th: The Charlotte Players present
The Edwards Twins
Showtimes: 2 pm & 7 pm, Price \$22

January 6th: JD Bigstar presents
Daryle Singletary
Showtime: 6:30 pm, Price: \$35 first 4 rows/\$25

January 7th
The Mills Brothers Show, starring John Mills
Showtime: 7 pm, Price: \$19

January 8th
Charlotte County Concert Band
Showtime: 2 pm, Price: \$7*/\$8

January 9th: CC Jazz Society presents
The Ed Metz Trio
Showtime: 7 pm, Price: \$15

January 12th: The Cultural Center presents
Jimmy Mazz: *Frankie and Dean 'One for the Road'*
Showtime: 7 pm, Price: \$13*/\$15

January 13th: The Cultural Center presents
The Best of Burlesque
Showtime: 7 pm, Price \$13*/\$15

January 14th:
Ken Brady's Original Casinos
Showtime: 7 pm, Price: \$19

January 15th: DT Shows presents
Jesse Aron as Roy Orbison, with Kalee Coyle
Showtimes: 2 pm-\$16 and 7 pm-\$18
Details on page 8

Wednesday, January 4th

BRIAN ROMAN

A Cultural Center Dinner Theater Experience



MENU

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Wednesday, February 1st

Dinner: 5:30 pm (Conference Center)
Show: 7:00 pm (Theater)

*Prices reflect the savings for Cultural Center Members.

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General Classes at The Learning Place

Register Today! 6 week classes start the week of January 9th

Come in from 9 am-4 pm M-F, 10 am-2 pm Saturday, or call us at 941-625-4175 ext 223

Prices in parenthesis are for non-Cultural Center members

Table Games

- 101 Beginning Bridge Initial, Bodeau, Tues, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 102 Beginning Bridge, Continued, Bodeau, Tues, 1-3 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 103 Refresher Bridge Initial, Bodeau, Wed, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 104 Refresher Bridge, Continuing, Bodeau, Wed, 1-3 pm \$42 (\$45)
- NEW** 105 Advanced Bridge/Duplicate Bridge, Thelin, Mon, 3-5 pm, \$35 (\$38)
NEW 106 Beginning Mahjongg, Farrow, Wed, 3-5 pm, \$42 (\$45)

Sports

- 201 Florida Fishing, Allen, Mon, 7 pm-9 pm \$42 (\$45)
 - 203 Recreational Kayaking for Beginners, Sylvia, Wed, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$48 (\$57)
- NEW** 204 Golf for Beginners, Williams, Tues, 10-11 am, \$75 (\$75)
NEW 205A Intermediate Golf, Williams, Wed, 2-3 pm, \$75 (\$75)

Fine Arts

- 300 All Media—No Beginners, Croy, Thur, 1 pm-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 302 Acrylic & Oil Painting: The Basics, Zuhlke, Mon, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 303 Acrylic & Oil Painting: Beyond the Basics, Zuhlke, Wed, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 310 Art of Portrait Drawing, Granaudo, Tues, 11 am-1 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 311 Acrylics/Oil Painting, Granaudo, Tues, 1 pm-3 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 319 Donna Dewberry One Stroke, Croy, Tues, 9 am-11 am, \$42 (\$45)
 - 329 Landscaping with Acrylics, Croy, Mon, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 334 Beginning Drawing, Cox, Wed, 2:30-4:30 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 335 Watercolor/Acrylic Painting, Mattie, Thur, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 336 Perspective Drawing, Hake, Tues, 10-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 337 Introduction to Watercolors, Mattie, Fri, 9-11 am, \$42 (\$45)
- NEW** 338 Matting and Framing, Mattie, Fri, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, \$14 (\$15), 4 classes
NEW 339 Art Journaling, Lange, Sat, 1-2:30 pm, \$32 (\$34), \$18 for students 18 and under

Dance and Music

- 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, Davis, Mon, 3:30-4:30 pm, \$24 (\$28)
 - 406 Line Dancing, Davis, Mon, 4:30-5:30 pm, \$24 (\$28)
 - 406A Line Dancing for Absolute Beginners, Mon, 1-2 pm, \$24 (\$28)
 - 408D Open Ballet/Contemporary Dance, Tues, 1-2 pm, \$24 (\$28)
 - 408E Independent Tap Dance, Tues, 12-1 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, Inter-Adv, Guss, Mon, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$48 (\$57)
 - 412A Ballroom Dancing, Beginning, Guss, Thur, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$48 (\$57)
 - 414 Belly Dancing for all ages-Traditional, Kevorkian, Sat, 11am-12 pm \$24 (\$28)
- NEW** 415 Senior Showgirl-Burlesque!, Kevorkian, Sat, 12:30-1:30 pm, \$16 (\$19) 4 classes
 • 502 Adult Piano-Beginners to Intermediate, Kaff, Mon & Wed, 10-11 am, \$150 (\$160)
 • 507 Guitar 1, Papsun, Tues, 10-11:30 am, \$32 (\$34)

Children's Classes

- 450 Wigglecise (ages 2-6 years), Ritter, Sat, 9-10 am, \$16 (\$19), 4 classes
- NEW** 1450 Basic Cheer Skills-ages 4-8, Wolfe, Sat, 9-10 am, \$24 (\$28)
NEW 1451 Basic Cheer Skills-ages 9-15, Wolfe, Sat, 10-11 am, \$24 (\$28)

Sewing, Quilting and Bunka Embroidery

- 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, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 605 Quilting, Rau, Tues, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 606 Quilting, Cramer, Thur, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 607 Quilting, Cramer, Thur, 1 pm-4 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 609 Sewing, Collins, Mon, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68) + \$6 lab fee
 - 612 Independent Study/Bunka Embroidery, Fri, 9 am-12 pm, \$60 (4 months)
- NEW** 614 So U Want to Learn to Sew?, Black, Sat, 9-11 am, \$28 (\$30) + \$6 lab fee
NEW 614A So U Want to Learn to Sew?, Black, Fri, 12:30-2:30 pm, \$28 (\$30)+ \$6 lab fee
 • 615 Serger class, Collins, Mon, 1-4 pm, \$63 (\$68) + \$6 lab fee

Special Arts & Woodworking

- 705 Wirecraft-Wire Jewelry, Luksha-Gammell, Tues, 6 pm-9 pm, \$84 (\$90)
 - 706 Lapidary-Cutting Stones, Polisenno, Tues, 5 pm-8 pm, \$63 (\$68) + \$10 lab fee
 - 707 Stained Glass, Beach, Wed, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 710 Carving a Red Headed Woodpecker, Stewart, Tues, 1-3 pm, \$120, 16 classes
 - 711 Carving a Common Loon (all levels), Stewart, Thur, 1-3 pm, \$120, 16 classes
 - 712 Carving an Antique Sanderling (all levels), Stewart, Thur, 3-5 pm, \$120, 16 cl.
 - 713 Sculpture (Polymer & Clay Shay), Shore, Mon, 9 am-12 pm, \$63 (\$68)
 - 715 Pottery: Clay Handbuilding, (7 wks), Cox, Mon, 5:30-8:30pm, \$74 (\$79), + \$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, \$135 (\$145)
 - 716A 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)
 - 719 Introduction to Tools, Mayes, Tues, 9 am-12 pm \$72 (\$78) + \$10 lab fee
 - 720 Intermediate Woodworking, Mayes, Tues, 1 pm-4 pm, \$72 (\$78) + \$10 lab fee
- NEW** 750 Introduction to Bonsai, Johnstone, Sat, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45) + \$20 lab fee
NEW 760 Cake Decorating 101, Hampton, Thur, 1-4 pm, \$42 (\$45), 4 classes

Languages

- 808 German Beginners, Brokmeier, Wed, 9 am-11 am, \$42 (\$45)
 - 809 Intermediate German, Brokmeier, Wed, 11 am-1 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 810 German Conversation, Brokmeier, Wed, 1 pm-3 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 811 Advanced German Conversation, Brokmeier, Wed, 3 pm-5 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 812 Advanced German, Brokmeier, Thur, 3 pm-5 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 815 Spanish, continued from Fall 2011, Chachakis, Tues, 1 pm-3 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 815A Spanish, Continued, Chachakis, Tues, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 816 Advanced Spanish, Chachakis, Thur, 1 pm-3 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 818 Conversational Spanish for Beginners, Fitzmaurice, Thur, 11am-1 pm \$40 (\$42)
 - 817-1 English as a Second Language (ESL), Fernandez, contact us for details
 - 818 Beginning Spanish Conversation, Fitzmaurice, Mon, 1-3 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 819 Intermediate Spanish Conversation, Fitzmaurice, Mon, 10am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)
 - 820 Advanced 1 Spanish Conversation, Fitzmaurice, Tues, 3-5 pm, \$42, (\$45)
 - 823 Advanced 2 Spanish Conversation, Fitzmaurice, Thur, 3-5 pm, \$42, (\$45)
 - 840 Beginning Japanese, Morales, Wed, 2-4 pm, \$42 (\$45)
- NEW** 860 Russian for Beginners, Gogadze, Thur, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)



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January 9th

WS-003 Introduction to Quilling with Carol Berntsson

12 pm-2 pm, \$15 (Non-Member \$17) + \$10 material fee. Quilling is essentially the art of paper sculpture. Learn the basic techniques of this ancient art form and make lovely accents and three dimensional pictures.

WS-033 Basic Beading: Earrings with Bette Luksha Gammell

3 pm-5 pm, \$15 (Non-Member \$17) Learn the basics of wire wrappings loops for earrings. Students may purchase supplies from the instructor or bring their own.

January 14th

WS-006 Self-Hypnosis with Dr. Alex Crandall

10 am-2 pm, \$30 (Non-Member \$34) Discover how hypnosis really works and why; learn about myths and misconceptions about hypnosis and learn step-by-step techniques of self-hypnosis can improve your health and wellness.

WS-004 Introduction to Crocheting with Bag Lady Patty Hunt

1-4 pm, \$23 (Non-Member \$26) Learn the basics of crocheting, including all the stitches. Please bring a size G crochet hook and 1 skein of cotton yarn to the class.

WS-022 Basics of Floral Arrangements with Sally Kalama

10 am-1 pm, \$23 (Non-Member \$26) Students will learn how to design shapes, materials and vase shapes. Bring the silk flowers and vase you will use for your creation!

NEW WS-023 The Benefits of Eating Raw Foods with Julie Daube

2 pm-5 pm, \$23 (Non-Member \$26) + \$5 material fee. Learn why raw plant foods are good for us, and how to incorporate more raw plant foods into our daily diet.

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01/16 WS-034 Basic Beading: Necklace with Bette Luksha Gammell

01/17 WS-024 "Credit" presented by SunTrust Bank

01/21 WS-030 Skype with Vivian Haima

01/21 WS-019 Advanced Crocheting: Purse with Bag Lady Patty Hunt

01/21 WS-011 The Pot Belly: Get Rid of It! with Gregory Whyte

01/21 WS-007 Brain Fitness and NLP with Dr. Alex Crandall

01/21 WS-037 Using your Mac and iPhoto with Pam Cox

01/21 WS-038 Pottery: Windy Wind Chimes with Pam Cox

01/23 WS-010 Writing Our Live Stories with Barbara Pierce

01/23 WS-013 Smart Phones for Dummies with Scott Baty

01/28 WS-016 Buying and Selling on eBay with Vivian Haima

01/28 WS-005 Storytelling Circle with Barbara Pierce

01/28 WS-017 The Keys to Happiness with Dr. Alex Crandall

01/28 WS-036 Field Trip with your Digital Camera with Chuck Crafton

01/30 WS-014 PC Maintenance with Scott Baty

01/30 WS-012 Happiness After Retirement with Barbara Pierce

01/31 WS-029 "Fraud and Identity Theft" presented by SunTrust

More General Classes!

Academics & Lifestyle

NEW 910 Non-Fiction Writing Technics, Pierce, Thur, 10-11:30 am, \$32 (\$34)

NEW 928 Public Speaking 101, Pierce, Fri, 10-11:30 am, \$32 (\$34)

NEW 930 Norse Mythology, MacLaren, Fri, 11 am-12:30 pm, \$21 (\$23), 4 classes

NEW 931 Sicily in Perspective, MacLaren & Fitzmaurice, Thur, 11 am-1 pm, \$28 (\$30), 4 classes

NEW 934 So your want to Write a Book!, Czaja, Wed, 6 pm-8 pm, \$21 (\$23), 3 classes

• 935 Better Digital Photography, Crafton, Fri, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45) + \$3 fee

NEW 936 Introduction to the raw food lifestyle, Daube, Thur, 6-8 pm, \$28 (\$30), 4 classes

NEW 950 Highlights of American History, 1750-1865, Barnum, Fri, 9-11 am, \$42 (\$45)

NEW 951 The History of Mystery Novels, Crandall, Mon, 10 am-12 pm, \$42 (\$45)

Exercise

• 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

• 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, Thur, 6-7:30 pm, \$36 (\$42) mat required

• 1016 Breathe Tai Chi, Advanced, Borasch, Wed, 1-2 pm, \$24 (\$28)

• 1017 Tai Chi, Beginner to Intermediate, Borasch, Wed, 2-3 pm, \$24 (\$28)

• 1423 Zumba Gold (Active Mature Adult), Morales, Tues, 3 pm-4 pm, \$24 (\$28)

• 1425 Zumba Basic (Adult, Young Adult), Morales, Thur, 4:30-5:30 pm, \$24 (\$28)

• 1426 Zumba Gold (Active Mature Adult), Morales, Thur, 1:30-2:30 pm, \$20 (\$24)

• 1428 Zumba Basic, Plummer, Wed, 6 pm-7 pm, \$24 (\$28)

Computer Classes

- Begin the week of January 3rd—Register Now!
- \$51 for Cultural Center members, \$56 non-members

Learn the Basics

2008-3 Windows 7: Step 1 for New Computer Users-, Haima, Thur, 10 am-12 pm

2008-2B Working with Windows 7-Level 1, Baty, Fri, 1 pm-3 pm

2013-1 Introduction to the Mac, Cox, Thur, 2 pm -4 pm (must bring Mac)

2009-1B Windows 7 Step 2, Kaczor, Mon, 11:30 am-1:30 pm*

2009-1 Windows 7: Step 2 for New Computer Users-Haima, Wed, 1 pm-3 pm

2009-2A Working With Windows 7, Level 2, Baty, Fri, 3:30 pm -5:30 pm

Expand Your Skills

2006-1 Basic Internet & Email, Baty, Fri, 10 am-12 pm

NEW 2016-0 Build a Personal Website, Richardson, Tues, 6 pm-8 pm*

NEW 2017-0 Genealogy on the Internet, Ryder, Mon, 1 pm-3 pm (4 week course)

4022-2 Introduction to Photoshop Elements, Cox, Tues, 6 pm -8 pm

4022-3 Intermediate Photoshop Elements, Cox, Tues, 3:30 pm -5:30 pm

Microsoft Office 2010

4002-1 Microsoft Word 2010, Huber, Wed, 5:30 pm-7 30 pm

4028-2 Microsoft PowerPoint 2010, Huber, Thur, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

4031-2 Microsoft Excel 2010, Baty, Mon, 6 pm-8 pm

* Additional \$3 fee for these classes to cover printed handout materials

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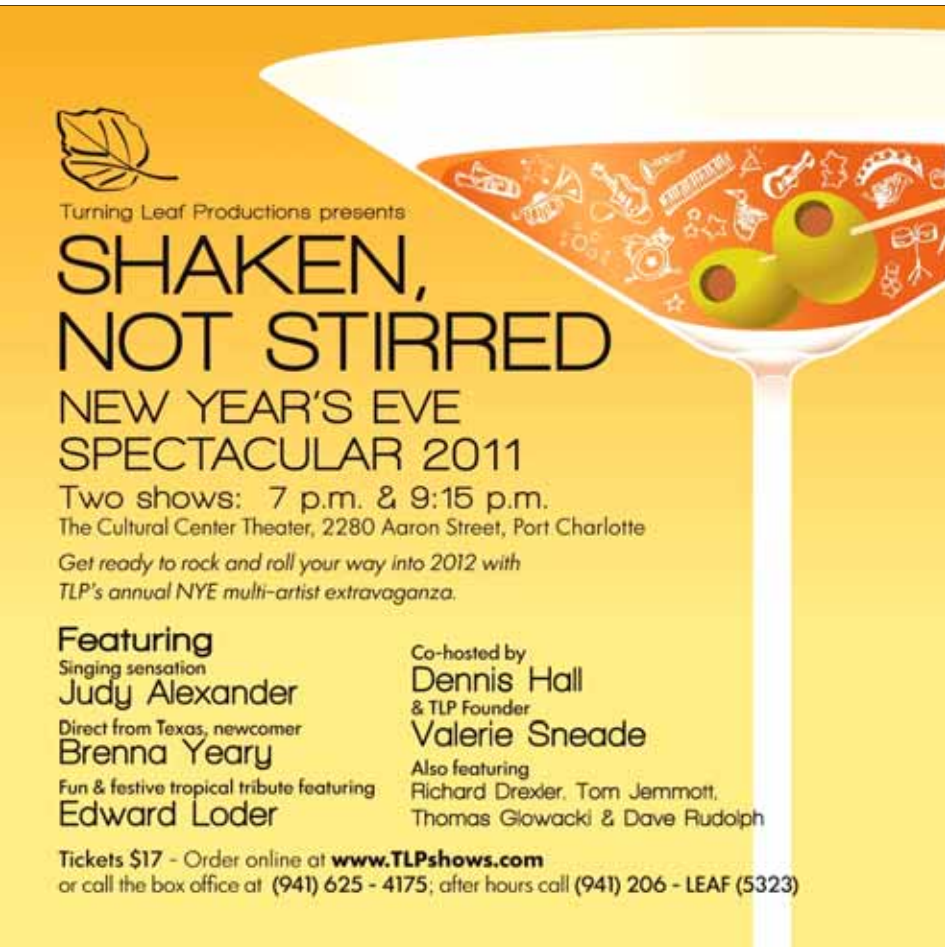

MIDTOWN MERCHANTS MARKET
 January 13, 2012
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 Cultural Center

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 Cultural Center Theater Box Office; hours listed on page 9.

Upcoming Events

December
 December 25: Christmas Dinner—12 pm and 2 pm seatings

January, 2012
 January 4: Dinner Theater featuring Brian Roman
 January 11: Texas Style BBQ Luncheon
 January 13: Midtown Merchants Market
 January 16: New Date! Biggest Loser 8 Weight Loss begins
 January 18: Dragon Bingo Extravaganza
 January 21: Woodcarvers Expo

February, 2012
 February 1: Dinner Theater featuring Nicole Sasser
 February 4: Pantyhose Free Zone Women's Expo
 February 11: Arabian Nights fundraiser for The Learning Place

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