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- The Learning Place

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Volunteer of the Month: Mary Joy Donovan

Mary Joy Donovan is a native of Manhattan, New York. She worked 40 years as a legal secretary prior to retiring as the personal secretary to the managing partner of a law firm specializing in trade mark patents.

Following retirement in New York, Mary Joy moved to Bradenton, Florida in 1985, where she worked for a legal aid service, retiring 20 years later in 2005. She moved to Port Charlotte in 2008, and found a home near the Cultural Center.

Friends told her about the Center, and she enrolled in several courses offered by The Learning Place. She has taken several computer classes, Bridge lessons and even belly dancing!

Mary Joy decided to volunteer in 2009 as a way to give back to her new community. She possesses good computer skills, and has used them in both the Volunteer Office and The Learning Place. She

is also the Editor of the Volunteer Views Newsletter, provided to Cultural Center volunteers.

Mary Joy likes to stay busy, and enjoys completing projects—she is a goal driven person. Her motto to live by is “delight is its own reward.”

She recommends that others volunteer at the Cultural Center, as she feels it is a pleasant place to be. Mary Joy feels that the volunteers and staff are very friendly, and everyone goes out of their way to be helpful; she feels she is treated as a special person.



Independent Contractor of the Month: Patti Davis

Patti Davis has been teaching Line Dancing at various levels at the Cultural Center for over 16 years. Many of her students have taken classes with her for over 5 years, as they are always eager to learn something new. When asked why she continues to teach, her comment was, “I’ve got wonderful students.”

Independent Contractors provide the Cultural Center with a variety of expertise on a as-needed

basis. This includes teaching classes at The Learning Place, serving banquets and providing entertainment at dances. We thank all of you for your help in making this, “The Place That Friendship Built.”



Our trustees are volunteers too: Jerry Presseller



Jerry Presseller was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2011, but has a long history in our community and of working with the Cultural Center. He is the Chairman of our Food Service committee.

In 1982, Jerry ended his over twenty year career with the Howard Johnson Company as General Manager of the New York and Connecticut Division when he acquired the Howard Johnson Restaurant franchise in Punta Gorda.

In addition to the restaurant, Jerry was involved in catering for many years, and he operated the kitchen at the Cultural Center from 1997-1999, prior to the renovations in 2002. He recalls this as, “an old kitchen with old equipment, and it was strictly a limited cafeteria menu.”

Jerry has also owned four other restaurants, both in and outside of Charlotte County. He has always been and remains civic minded, holding positions such as President of the Rotary Club of Punta Gorda, Ponce de Leon of the Conquistador Club, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and is now the President of the Downtown Merchants Association. The Downtown Farmers Market, which he manages, was developed with his recommendation and through his leadership. He co-owns Sunart Gallery & Framing with his wife, Patti.

Jerry states, “I accepted a position on the board because I have always enjoyed what the Cultural Center does for our residents. I firmly believe that it is home to many people and without it they would be lost. It is my hope to help make the Center more sustainable in as many facets as possible. I hope to be able to enhance the Food Service department. We need to show more support for the Cultural Center today, so it can provide for the needs of our community in the future.”

Free Retirement Highway Seminar

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Paul Greene oversees public information activities for Social Security in Southwest Florida. He has given numerous speeches and presentations, and for the past 13 years has provided a weekly Social Security update on SNN TV.



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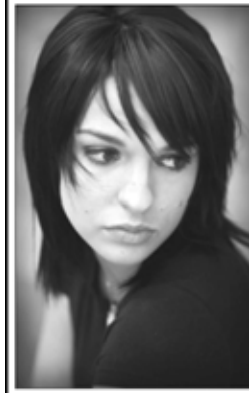


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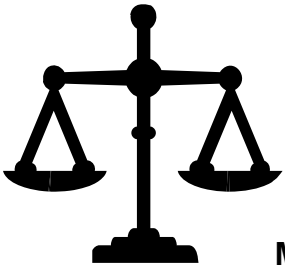
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Help the Cultural Center provide the next 50 years of service

By Dr. Sharon MacLaren



The year 2011 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Cultural Center of Charlotte County - that's 50 years of providing programs for the

educational, recreational, and general well being of the residents of the Charlotte community.

The Cultural Center has managed to achieve this 50-year milestone without operational funding from government agencies at any level. The Center is a non-profit organization that relies on user fees, a wonderful volunteer labor force and contributions from supporters in the community.

In recent years, like all other non-profit organizations in the community, the Cultural Center has been hard hit by the troubled economy. It has continued to operate and to serve the Charlotte community thanks to an investment account established with the funds provided by a major contributor years ago. Each year, the account has been reduced to meet the financial needs of the Center.

Although the Cultural Center has been reasonably successful in obtaining grants in recent years,

grants are not generally available to fund the operational expenses of the Center (that is payroll, utilities, maintenance and general program expenses). For these expenses, the Center must rely on the support of the community.

There are numerous ways in which individuals in the community can support the Cultural Center and ensure that our mission of serving our community can continue:

Become a user: Take advantage of the various programs and services offered at the Center for prices that are reasonable. No membership is needed to take advantage of these great programs and services.

Become a member: Membership fees are only \$25 per person or \$40 for family. This entitles the member to discounts in the retail shops, classes, fitness salon and theatre.

Become a volunteer: Volunteers work in all areas, assisting with the operation of the Center. They receive additional discounts and privileges.

Become a contributor: There are several ways to contribute. Contributions of sellable items stock the retail shops. Financial contributions can be made to specific programs of the Center, the general operating funds or the investment fund.

This year, in recognition of its 50 year anniversary, the Cultural Center is asking that its community supporters consider a \$50 contribution to the Center. A small contribution received from several supporters will go a long way in off-setting the Center's shortfall in operational funds. Contribution checks can be sent to the Cultural Center of Charlotte County at PO Box 495129, Port Charlotte, FL 33949, or dropped off at the Administration Office at the Cultural Center.

Dr. Sharon MacLaren is the Director of The Learning Place at the Cultural Center. She can be contacted at 941-625-4175, ext. 219.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Inc., is to enhance the educational, recreational, physical and mental well-being of the citizens of Charlotte County and beyond.

Happy Travelers of Charlotte County, LLC

941-625-4175 ext. 204

DAY TRIPS

12/25/2011	"A Christmas Survival Guide" – Broadway Palm	\$69.00	#222
12/28/2011	Hard Rock Seminole Casino – Tampa	\$38.00	#230
01/10/2012	Hard Rock Seminole Casino—Tampa	\$38.00	#233
01/19/2012	Hard Rock Seminole Casino—Immokalee	\$30.00	#244
01/28/2012	Tampa Downs Horsing Racing—Tampa	\$59.00	#235
01/29/2012	January Sales, Miromar Outlets—Ft. Myers	\$39.00	#236
02/02/2012	Jersey Boys—Barbara B. Mann—Ft. Myers	\$139.00	#248
02/25/2012	"Brigadoon" – Broadway Palm – Ft. Myers	\$70.00	#223
03/07/2012	Strawberry Festival—Greenwood & Mandrell	\$65.00	#246
03/09/2012	Strawberry Festival—Coasters, Drifters & Platters	\$65.00	#247

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

12/14 – 12/16/2011	Christmas at Key West	\$379.00 p/p	#230
01/14 – 01/21/2012	Carnival Dream Cruise	\$690.00 p/p	
02/10 – 02/17/2012	Biloxi – New Orleans	\$549.00 p/p	#227
04/15 – 04/20/2012	Biltmore Estates, Asheville, NC	\$539.00 p/p	#218

All per person rates are based upon double occupancy

A portion of income from all trips goes to the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Inc. Contact the Happy Travelers for additional tour details. All of the tours listed above depart from the Cultural Center of Charlotte, County.

Cultural Center Members Enjoy Benefits

Membership is not required to enjoy the events at the Cultural Center, but members enjoy many advantages. By becoming a member of the Cultural Center, you are not only supporting a non-profit organization that helps our community, but you will save money at the Cultural Center as well! Listed below are some of the benefits members receive:

- Retail Shops:** Save 10% off all purchases, plus monthly specials!
- Fitness Salon:** \$5 savings per month on Regular and "Happy Hour" memberships
- The Learning Place:** Special, discounted 'Members Only' pricing on most classes!
- Theater:** Special, discounted 'Members Only' pricing on many shows!

Event Coordinator Linda displays her membership badge.

Individual membership is \$25 per year, \$40 for a family membership. Membership applications are available at all cash registers at the Cultural Center, or contact our membership coordinator at 941-625-4175, ext. 250.



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

Adults: \$15 in advance
 \$16 at the door
 Children 9 and under: \$10 in advance
 \$11 at the door

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

CULTURAL CENTER CLASSIFIEDS

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GIFT FOR BABIES Embroidered Hand Made Baby Blankets \$30.00	FURNITURE: Glass top sofa table perfect for any home \$57.50	MUSIC TEACHERS Instructor wanted to teach piano, keyboard, violin, voice coaching and music appreciation. Call for pay and additional information 941-625-4175 ext. 236	TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR Needed Monday thru Friday
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GIFT FOR THE CHEF Holiday Towels for you kitchen—many styles to choose from! \$4.00	ELECTRONICS	HUMANITIES Instructor wanted to teach literature. Call for pay and additional information 941-625-4175 ext. 236	SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR Saturdays
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	Hampton Bay 18,000 BTU window air Conditioner, 220 volt, \$99.88.		eBAY RESEARCH & LISTING Various days and shifts available
	ALL ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CULTURAL CENTER RESALE SHOPS		If interested in volunteering in these areas, or any others, please call the Volunteer Office at 941-625-4175 ext. 210



December 2011 & January 2012

The Cultural Center is open to the public 7 days a week!
 *Denotes Cultural Center sponsored event

					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	9	10
11 Every Sunday! *11 am-2 pm: Sunday Dinner in the Midtown Deli Café 12:30 pm-3:30 pm Double Deck Pinochle	12 7 pm Theater: CC Jazz Society- <i>Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band</i> *7:30 pm Monday Night Dance Music: MC²	13 *7 pm Theater: Country Christmas with Country Express Complete details on front cover	14 10 am: Estate Planning Seminar; details on page 4 *11 am-2 pm: Big Band Christmas Luncheon featuring Ingroov Big Band	15 *10 am: Free Social Security Seminar presented by the Cultural Center; call 625-4175, ext 208 for reservations. 7 pm Theater: The Animal Welfare League presents <i>Deck the Halls</i>	16 7 pm Theater: Glenn Leonard pre- sents <i>Hitsville Live</i> *7 pm Friday Night Dance; Jay Smith	17 *9 am-2 pm: Homemade for the Holidays 5 pm & 7 pm Thea- ter: Elite Fine Arts Academy presents <i>Letters to Santa</i>
18 *2 pm Theater: Charlotte County Concert Band Every Sunday! *Breakfast is now served from 8 am to 10:30 am in the Cafe	19 *7 pm Theater: CC Big Band: Swingin' on Mondays *7:30 pm Monday Night Dance Music: Just Duet	20 Every Tuesday! 11:30am-3:30 pm Mah-Jongg 1 pm-4 pm: Duplicate Bridge 1 pm-4 pm: Chess	21 Every Wednesday! 8 am-12 pm: Woodcarvers 12:45 pm-4 pm: Cribbage 2 pm-4 pm: Music by the Romantic Trio 5:30-8:30 pm: Double Deck Pinochle	22 *11:45-3:30 pm BINGO (no Bingo on Christmas Eve) Every Thursday! 1 pm-4 pm: Hand and Foot Cards 7 pm-10 pm: Suncoast Dance Club	23 *7 pm Friday Night Dance; Erich Every Friday! 6 pm-9 pm Contract Bridge 7 pm-10 pm	24 Christmas Eve Cultural Center Closes at 2 pm 6:30 pm Theater: Freedom Bible Christmas Eve Ser- vice—all welcome.
25 Merry Christmas! *Christmas Dinner, seating at 12 pm & 2pm Details on page 6 10:30 am Theater: Freedom Bible Christmas Service	26 Every Monday! *1 pm-3:30 pm Fun With Music Dance—Just \$1! 6 pm-8 pm: Pinochle *7:30 pm Monday Night Dance	27 Every Tuesday! 9:30 am: Dulcimer Group in the Fountain Room 6 pm-8 pm: Pinochle	28 Every Wednesday! 9 am-12 pm: Stamp Corner 12 pm-4 pm: Contract Bridge 9 am-12 pm: Community Aware- ness in the Fountain Room	29 *11:45-3:30 pm BINGO (no Bingo on New Years Eve) *10 am-12 pm: Ingroov Big Band 11-29 and 12-5 Every Thursday! 5:30-8:30 pm: Double Pinochle	30 Every Friday! 7 pm-10 pm Euchre *7 pm Friday Night Dance; Jay Smith	31 New Years Eve Cultural Center Closes at 2 pm 7 pm & 9:15 pm Theater: <i>Shaken, Not Stirred</i> , pre- sented by Turning Leaf Productions
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 Music: Just Duet	3 5 pm-8:30 pm: Charlotte County Computer Group Meeting—Visitors Welcome!	4 *Dinner Theater Featuring Brian Roman Dinner at 5:30 pm Show at 7 pm Every Wednesday! 7:30 pm-9:30 pm: CC Square Dance	5 7:30 pm Theater: <i>The Edwards Twins</i> Every Thursday! 9 am-12 pm & 1 pm- 4 pm: Duplicate Bridge 12 pm-4 pm: Chess	6 11am-3:30 pm: H2U of Fawcett 7 pm Theater: <i>Darryle Singletary</i> *7 pm Friday Night Dance; Erich	7 *11:45-3:30 pm Bingo every Friday and Saturday 3:30-5:30 pm Pinochle 7 pm Theater: <i>The Mills Brothers</i>

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For more information, please contact Carol Sheets at 616-532-5757 or come in to our rehearsal on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 pm and meet Denise Joop, our director.


Upcoming Theater Shows


- December 9th & 10th
The Charlotte Players present *Annie*
Showtime: 7:30 pm
Prices: \$24 Adults, \$12 Students
- December 12: Charlotte County Jazz Society
Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band
Showtime: 7 pm, Price \$15
- December 13th: Country Christmas
featuring *Country Express*
Showtime: 7:00 pm, Price: \$14
- December 15th: Animal Welfare League presents
Deck the Halls
Showtime: 7 pm, Price: \$10
- December 16th: Glenn Leonard presents
Hitsville Live
Showtime: 7 pm, Price: \$19
- December 17th: Elite Fine Arts Academy
Letters to Santa
Showtimes: 5 pm & 7 pm, Price: \$12adult/\$8 child
- December 18th: Charlotte County Concert Band
Christmas Concert
Showtime: 2 pm, Price \$7*, \$8
- December 19th: Charlotte County Big Band
Swingin' on Mondays
Showtime: 7 pm, Price \$8*, \$9
- December 31: New Year's Eve Show
Turning Leaf Productions presents
Shaken, Not Stirred
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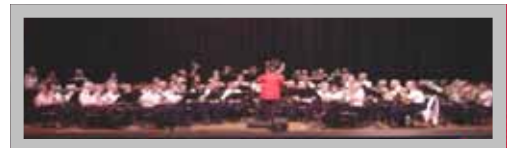
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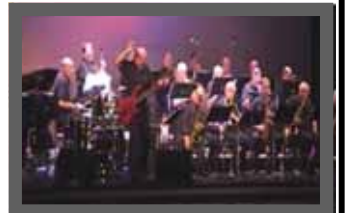


Charlotte County Concert Band

Next concert: December 18th at 2 pm

Swingin' on Mondays

with the Charlotte County Big Band



Next concert: December 19th at 7 pm

Visit our website for the latest show information! www.theculturalcenter.com

New Classes Coming in January!

Complete schedule in our December 23rd edition!

FOR KIDS ON SATURDAYS

Wigglecise – A dance/exercise class for kids 2-6 years old.
Instructor: Bethany Ritter

Novice Cheerleading – The basics of cheerleading is offered for two age groups, ages 4-8 years and for 9 to 15 years olds.
Instructor: Torree Wolfe

FOR TEENS TO SENIORS

Art Journaling – A mixed media approach to enhancing your journal or journaling your artistic journey. Instructor: Shauna Lang

Bonsai – An introduction to the Japanese art form using miniature trees and low-sided pots. The class will be conducted by Bonsai Club Members.

Introduction to Cake Decoration – Learn the essentials for making the perfect party cake, charming minicakes and tempting cupcakes.
Instructor: Rosemary Hampton

Norse Mythology – An introduction to the gods and heroes of the Norse world and their stories. Instructor: Dr. Sharon MacLaren

Russian for Beginners – Learn the basics of written and oral skills, including spelling, pronunciation, vocabulary and phrases.
Instructor: Anna Gogadze

Sewing for the Beginner – Learn the basics of working with the sewing machine, patterns and fabrics. Instructor: Beth Black

Sicily in Perspective – A travel-oriented course dealing with the history of this island that served as a Mediterranean crossroad for many centuries and the cultural aspects of the island that have resulted. Focus on places and things to see.
Instructors: Dr. Sharon MacLaren and Dr. Arline Fitzmaurice

Public Speaking – Overcome your fear of speaking in public and learn non-verbal strategies to engage your audience.
Instructor: Barbara Pierce

So You Want to Write a Book – All you need to know about writing a book and getting it published. Instructor: Virginia Czaja

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Instructor: Barbara Pierce

Building Your Personal Website – How to determine a domain name for your site, finding a host for your site and how you might upload the necessary files to that site's provider via a software package. Computer experience necessary. Instructor: David Richardson

Golf for the Beginner and Intermediate Golf – Two levels will be offered, one for those who have never played enough to call themselves a golfer, the second for individuals who have played golf and want to improve their skills. Clubs available, range fees waived.
Instructor: Don Williams, Teaching Pro at the Port Charlotte Golf Club

Genealogy on the Internet – The Internet offers many ways to research your ancestry. Some sites are free, while others have a nominal cost. Learn about this popular pastime in this 4 week computer class.
Instructor: Joanne Ryder

Matting and Framing Your Art Work – Choosing mat colors and the techniques of matting, double matting and framing.
Instructor: Skip Mattie

Introduction to Raw Foods – Discover why eating raw plant foods has important health benefits. Learn how to prepare raw foods for delicious and healthy meals. Instructor: Julie Daube

Advanced Bridge/Duplicate – Class will cover advanced play techniques with a concentration on defensive skills, several bridge conventions and focus on more competitive duplicate playing.
Instructor: Nancy Thelin

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Classes The Learning Place

6 week Computer Classes start the week of January 3, 2012
6 week General Classes start the week of January 9, 2012

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

Coming December 23rd!

Our next issue will list ALL of our January 2012 classes!

- General Classes—over 75 to select from!
- Computer Classes (listed below)
- One Day Workshops

We will have a number of new classes, many of which are described on the facing page. Visit our website listed below to see a preliminary class listing.

One Day Workshops on December 17th

NEW! WS-027 Exploring Local Urban River Trails by Kayak
Katherine Preston, 8 am-12 pm, \$18 (\$20 Non-Members)

Master gardener Katherine Preston will be your guide to explore a diversity of local wildlife and lush river gardens. Your plant and landscape questions are discussed. Bring your kayak and equipment! Special arrangements can be made for those without kayaks.



NEW! WS-028 Sew U Want 2 Learn to Sew!

Beth Black, 10 am-12 pm, \$14 (Non-Member \$16)

This workshop is open to ages 8 to 88! It will cover description and organizational plans for an upcoming sewing class to be offered in January 2012. The instructor will explain the use of machines, tools, patterns, fabrics and supplies that will establish a good base for a beginner sewing class. Bring paper and a pen.



New computer user?

Want to progress beyond the basics?

Interested in learning new programs?

We can help!

6 week Computer Classes start the week of January 3, 2012

All Computer Classes \$51 for Cultural Center member, \$56 non-members

Learn the Basics

- 2008-1A Windows 7 Basic Beginners, Kaczor, Mon, 9 am-11 am*
- 2008-2 Windows 7: Step 1 for New Computer Users-, Haima, Wed, 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)
- Introduccion a Computadors—Hispanic Outreach—call for details

Expand Your Skills

- 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

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

Discover the Internet and E-mail

- 2006-1 Basic Internet & E-mail, Baty, Fri, 10 am-12 pm
- 2006-2 Basic Internet & E-mail, Haima, Tues, 10 am-12 pm

Build a Website, Discover Genealogy

- 2016-0 Build a Personal Website, Richardson, Tues, 6 pm-8 pm
- 2017-0 Genealogy on the Internet, Ryder, Mon, 1 pm-3 pm (4 week course)

Learn Photo Editing

- 2014-0 Managing your Photos with Picassa, Haima, Tues, 1 pm-3 pm
- 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: Essential for Home or Business

- 4002-1 Microsoft Word 2007, Huber, Wed, 5:30 pm-7 30 pm
- 4028-2 Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, Huber, Thur, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- 4031-2 Microsoft Excel 2007, Baty, Mon, 6 pm-8 pm

Classes make great Holiday Gifts!

Gift Certificates are available at


The Learning Place for all of our classes

Visit our website at www.theculturalcenter.com for the latest class information!




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For the Holidays**

Handmade Craft Show
Cultural Center of Charlotte County
December 17, 2011
9am-2pm



All Crafters are welcomed!
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- New Menu! Pick up a copy in the Café
- Open 7 days a week for breakfast, 8 am-10:30 am
- Open 7 days a week for lunch/dinner, 11 am-2 pm
- Carved Roast Beef Sunday Dinner (Prime Rib Dinner on 2nd Sunday)

Call ahead at 625-4175, ext 261 for take out!

Upcoming Events

December

- December 14: Big Band Christmas Luncheon
- December 15: Retirement Highway—Social Security Info.
- December 17: Homemade for the Holidays Craft Show
- December 18: Charlotte County Concert Band
- December 19: Charlotte County Big Band "Swingin, on Mondays"
- December 25: Christmas Dinner—12 pm and 2 pm seatings

January, 2012

- January 4: Dinner Theater featuring Brian Roman
- January 9: Biggest Loser 8 Weight Loss begins
- January 13: Midtown Merchants Market
- January 18: Dragon Bingo Extravaganza

Big Band Christmas

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Cultural Center of Charlotte County
December 14th
11am-2pm
Conference Center

Come enjoy a meal fit for a cruise as you swing, and sing to all your favorite Big Band music this holiday season!

\$15 Per person
\$17 after Dec. 9th

Menu:
Chilled Strawberry Soup
Crab Cakes w/Dill Sauce
Fettuccini
w/ Grilled Tenderloin
Scalloped Potatoes
Sautéed Button Mushrooms
Creamed Spinach
Bacon and Green Beans

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