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Friends of Boca Grande

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SATURDAY - SUNDAY CLOSED

Holiday Closings

2022

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Our Team

The Friends of Boca Grande team is highly regarded and praised by the organization's board, community leaders, program presenters and most importantly, by the island residents who attend programming at the center. The staff continually goes above and beyond to ensure your experience is exceptional.

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What We Do

Friends of Boca Grande is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the Boca Grande community through engaging lectures, entertainment and community events. Since our inception in 1985, the magnitude of Friends programs at the Boca Grande Community Center has evolved and erupted. Now, the center bustles with world renowned musicians, best-selling authors and award-winning speakers.

While presenting programs is at the forefront of our mission, we also believe in creating lasting friendships and meaningful connections through these experiences. We are a growing community of residents and visitors from all over the world who come to Boca Grande to rediscover the pursuit of knowledge, the beauty of art and music, and to enjoy life with friends.



A Welcome Celebration

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 4:30PM | FRIENDS PAVILION

Join us at the Community Center, where Boca Grande comes together. We will mingle under the Friends Pavilion for a light cocktail reception in honor of our friends, old and new! You will learn more about the facility, our programs and volunteer opportunities. Come together with other members and organizations in the community to kick off a great season. Hope to see you there so we can get this party started!

Become A Friend

We are Friends of Boca Grande, and so are you! Here are a few ways you can get involved...



Attend a Program

Do you want to get involved with Friends? A great way to start is by attending our programs each season. Whether you attend our lectures, concerts, study groups or fitness classes, you will have the opportunity to connect with the community, enjoy the social events of the season, and experience cultural programming like never before.

Become a Volunteer

Our volunteers are vital to the success of our programs. From copy writers to floral arrangers, reception hosts, photographers, ushers, and more, the Friends team welcomes volunteers in many unique forms. As a volunteer you get an exclusive behind the scenes experience. Ask about our volunteer opportunities or sign-up at the Friends office!

Become a Donor

When you make a donation of any amount, you are helping to support the cultural programming presented by Friends of Boca Grande. As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generous donations and sponsorships of our community to continue our mission. If you value the programs offered by Friends, we hope you'll consider becoming a donor!



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Archaeology From Space

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 4:30PM

Sarah Parcak, Space Archaeologist & Egyptologist

Sarah Parcak is credited with being the first Egyptologist to use satellite imaging to identify new archaeological sites in Egypt. As an Egyptologist, Parcak's focus is on using these satellite images to locate buried temples, tombs, roads, and even entire cities that were once part of ancient Egyptian civilization. She wants to help reveal and preserve human history to help humans better understand who they are and why they are here. Photo by Joi Ito



Great Adventures & Explorations

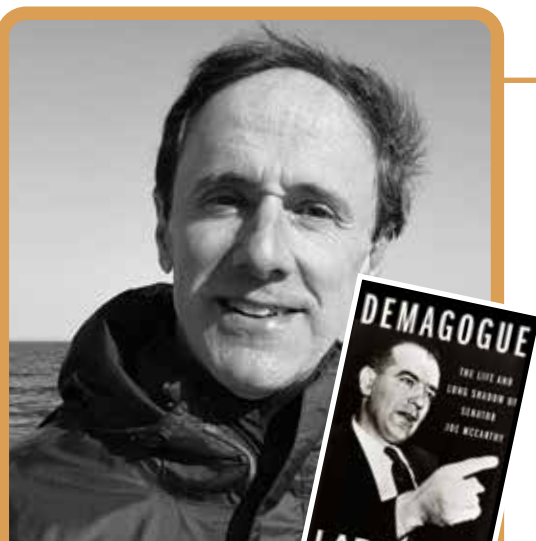
The Life & Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 4:30PM

Larry Tye, *New York Times* Best-Selling Author

Demagogue is Larry Tye's most recent biography of Senator Joe McCarthy. Tye speaks about how the senator learned from demagogues who came before and was the archetype for those who followed; why his family gave Tye the revealing trove of professional and personal papers that had been under lock and key for 60 years; and how his never-seen medical records offered a novel lens into how he lived and died.

Larry Tye, who graduated from Brown University, was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 1993-94. He taught journalism at Boston University, Northeastern, and Tufts. In addition to his writing, Tye runs the Boston-based Health Coverage Fellowship, which helps the media do a better job reporting on critical issues like public health and pandemics, mental health and the health impacts of climate change, and racial, ethnic and gender disparities in health care.



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Discover Sustainable Ocean Farming

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 4:30PM

Bren Smith, Restorative Ocean Farmer, Founder of GreenWave

Bren Smith spent years working on commercial trawlers that wreaked destruction along the ocean floor and in protective waters. Disheartened by an industry defined by its environmental violence, he moved on to salmon farming before realizing it was just as unsustainable. Bren shares his bold vision for the future, showing how we can transform current agriculture models while enjoying delicious, nutritious, locally grown food.

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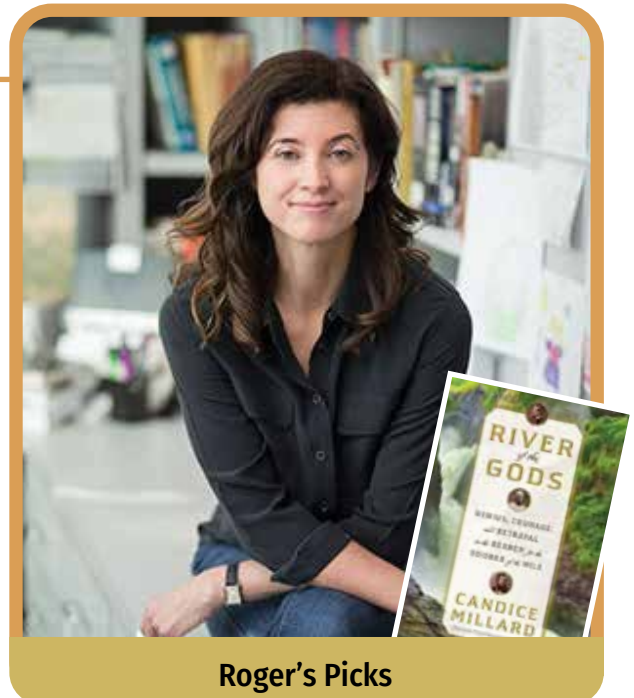
The Search for the Source of the Nile

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 | 4:30PM

Candice Millard, Best-Selling Author & Historian

Candice Millard tells the story of the harrowing journey to find the source of the Nile. For millennia the location of the Nile River's headwaters was shrouded in mystery. In the 19th century, Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke set out to claim the prize for England. From the start the two men clashed as they endured tremendous hardships, illness, and constant setbacks, relying on the help of Sidi Mubarak Bombay, a formerly enslaved man who was their porter, translator, guide, nurse, and trusted friend.

Candice Millard is the author of four *New York Times* best-selling books. Her first book, *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*, a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and a Book Sense Pick, won the William Rockhill Nelson Award, was a finalist for the Quill Awards, and has been published in multiple foreign editions.



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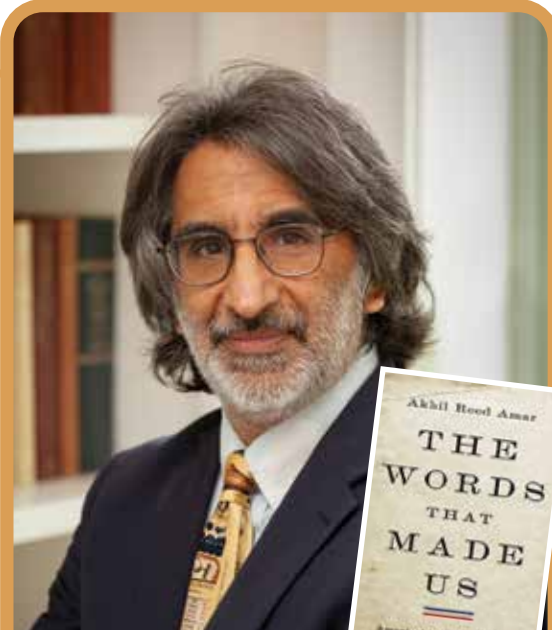
The Words That Made Us

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 | 4:30PM

Akhil Reed Amar, Sterling Professor of Law & Political Science, Yale University

Based on excerpts from his new book, *The Words That Made Us: America's Constitutional Conversation, 1760-1840*, Akhil Reed Amar will explore key figures and critical moments in the early life of the American constitutional project. Come prepared to hear about (and ask questions about) the Declaration of Independence, the framing and ratification of the Constitution, the enactment of the Bill of Rights, the death scenes and legacies of America's leading founders, and more.

Akhil Reed Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, where he teaches constitutional law in both Yale College and Yale Law School. His work has won awards from both the American Bar Association and the Federalist Society, and he has been cited by Supreme Court justices across the spectrum in more than 40 cases.



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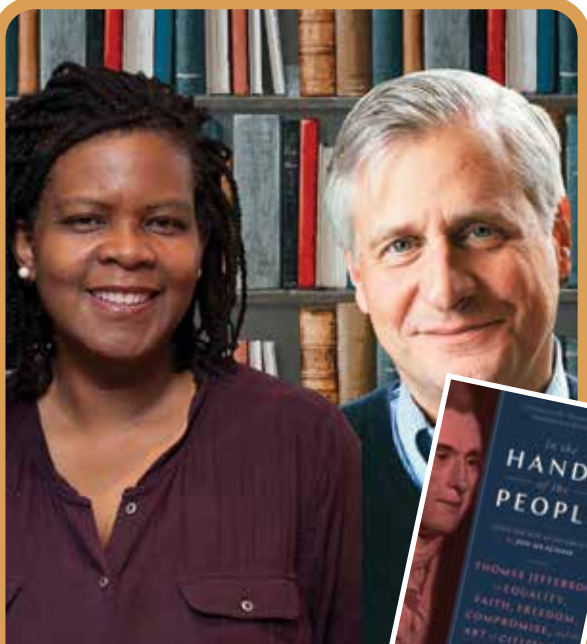
In The Hands of the People

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | 3:30PM

**Jon Meacham, Presidential Historian
& Annette Gordon-Reed, American Historian**

Jon Meacham offers a collection of inspiring words about how to be a good citizen, from Thomas Jefferson and others, and reminds us why our country's founding principles are still so important today, with an afterword by Annette Gordon-Reed. This lecture will revitalize how to see an individual's role in the world, as Meacham and Gordon-Reed explore such Jeffersonian concepts as religious freedom, the importance of a free press, public education, participation in government, and others.

Annette Gordon-Reed is the Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard University. Gordon-Reed won 16 book prizes, including the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, for *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* (2008). Jon Meacham is a renowned presidential historian, contributing writer to *The New York Times Book Review*, contributing editor at *TIME*, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author.



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Jon Meacham: Photo by Heidi Ross

Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 | 4:30PM

Elizabet Kolbert, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author

Elizabeth Kolbert takes a hard look at humanity's transformative impact on the environment and the new world we are creating. Along the way, she meets biologists who are trying to preserve the world's rarest fish, which lives in a single tiny pool in the middle of the Mojave; engineers who are turning carbon emissions to stone in Iceland; Australian researchers who are trying to develop a "super coral" that can survive on a hotter globe; and physicists who are contemplating shooting tiny diamonds into the stratosphere to cool the earth. After doing so much damage, can we change nature, this time to save it?

Elizabeth Kolbert is the author of *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change* and *The Sixth Extinction*, for which she won the Pulitzer Prize. *Under a White Sky* has been shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize for Writing on Global Conservation.



Roger's Picks

Photo by Barry Goldstein

Travels of Ibn Battutah

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 | 4:30PM

Tim Mackintosh-Smith, Arabist, Traveler and Author

Tim Mackintosh-Smith, historian and traveler, was fascinated by the relationships between time, place and human character. His books include a travel trilogy pursuing the fourteenth-century wanderer, Ibn Battutah, around three continents. Ibn Battutah was just 21 when he set out in 1325 from his native Tangier on a pilgrimage to Mecca. He did not return to Morocco for another 29 years, traveling instead through more than 40 countries on the modern map, covering 75,000 miles and getting as far north as the Volga, as far east as China, and as far south as Tanzania. He wrote of his travels, and comes across as a superb ethnographer, biographer, anecdotal historian, and occasional botanist and gastronome.



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Global Issues

Facing the Dictator - Again

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | 4:30PM

Martin Walker, Author, Historian & International Policy Director

Martin Walker has now retired after 30 years in journalism for the Guardian and UPI, and a second career with another ten years in think-tanks including the World Policy Council, the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, and as Director of the Global Business Policy Council. Now in his 8th year returning to Boca Grande, Martin Walker explores the possible outcomes and implications of Ukraine, Putin, and Europe. With patterns at the forefront: once again, Europe faces a dictator with territorial ambitions in Europe and an ally in Asia; once again, Europe is disunited, economically battered, and politically divided; once again, Europe realizes that it will need the USA. What comes next?

The Memoirs of Nixon's Trusted Aide

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 3:00PM

Dwight Chapin, President Nixon's Personal Aide

In his memoir, Chapin takes readers on an extraordinary historic journey, presenting an insider's view of America's most enigmatic President. *The President's Man* is a story that ranges from Coretta Scott King to Elvis Presley, from acupuncture in a Chinese hospital to the Watergate scandal, and concludes with startling new insights about the scandal that brought down Nixon's presidency.



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Ancient Greece: Art, Science, and War

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 4:30PM

Nigel McGilchrist, Historian, Author, and International Travel Expert

Ancient Greece - How is it relevant to us today? Do we see the dangers and dilemmas which we face in the confrontation with Russia over Ukraine when we look at the Great War between Athens and Sparta through the eyes of the West's first and most thoughtful historian? History repeats itself, and there are valuable lessons for us about negotiation, escalation and the imagined "inevitability" of war in Thucydides's analysis of a world-shaking confrontation which happened 2,400 years ago. To think perceptively about any aspect of the mind of Ancient Greece helps us to understand who we are, where our science and art come from, and why we think the way we do.



Economic Summit 2023

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 | 3:00PM

The Boca Economics Group

Our panel of local island experts will discuss how the combination of a pandemic, a war in the Ukraine and inflation have caused tectonic shifts in many areas of economics, technology, politics, and society including cost of living, trade and the supply chain, food supply, energy policy and immigration. The group will answer questions such as: Is there a crisis in the worldwide food supply and what are the implications to the U.S. and others? As we attempt to transition to a more sustainable energy mix, are we adapting to meet the need of our power demands that will be required to supplement renewables well beyond 2050? What trends are taking place in the leadership in technology which may change the digital divide?

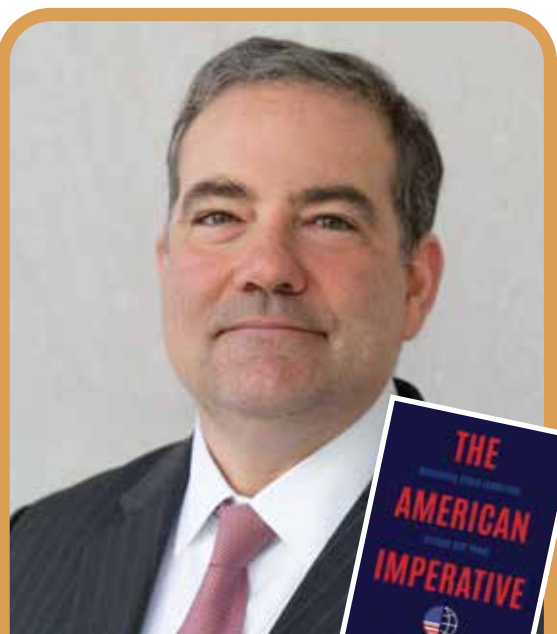
Reclaiming Global Leadership through Soft Power

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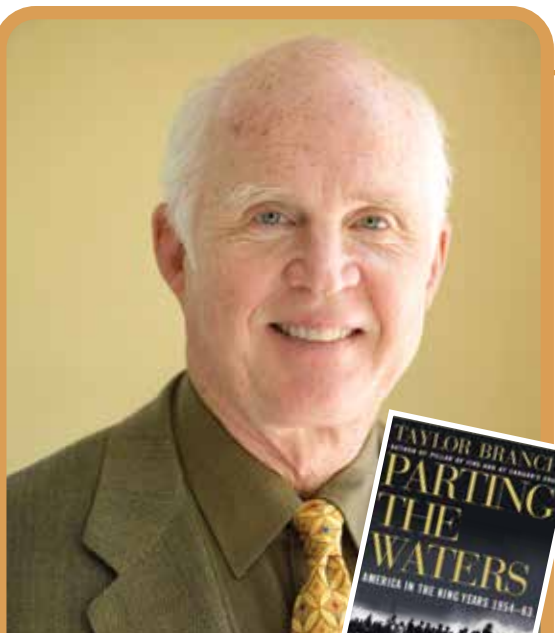
Daniel Runde, Strategist and Expert in Global Affairs

Daniel F. Runde is Senior Vice President and holds the William A. Schreyer Chair in Global Analysis at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and author of the new book *The American Imperative: Reclaiming Global Leadership through Soft Power*. This urgent and timely book argues that non-military soft power is the primary approach the U.S. must use now to maintain global dominance and order at a time when both are threatened by China and Russia.

The book calls for: supporting broad based economic growth, supporting good governance and anti-corruption, long term training, differentiating our approaches in middle-income countries and fragile states, and stronger U.S. leadership in the multilateral system. Runde aims to spark a national conversation about how and for what end we are going to use our non-military forms of our power overseas given the challenges and opportunities in front of us as a country.



Global Issues



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America in the King Years, 1954-1963

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 | 3:00PM

Taylor Branch, American Author

In *Parting the Waters*, Branch chronicles the struggle, from the twilight of the Eisenhower years through King's fiery political baptism, the ascension of John F. Kennedy, and ultimately, the dawning of the New South.

Moving from the black churches where the movement began in anthems, sermons, and prayers to Washington, where the Kennedy brothers weighed the demands of a down-trodden people against the volatile realities of politics, Branch weaves a tapestry of exciting stories: the Montgomery bus boycott, the Freedom Rides, the siege of Birmingham, the lunch-counter sit-ins, the church bombings, and as the movement reached its apex, the tragedy of Kennedy's assassination.

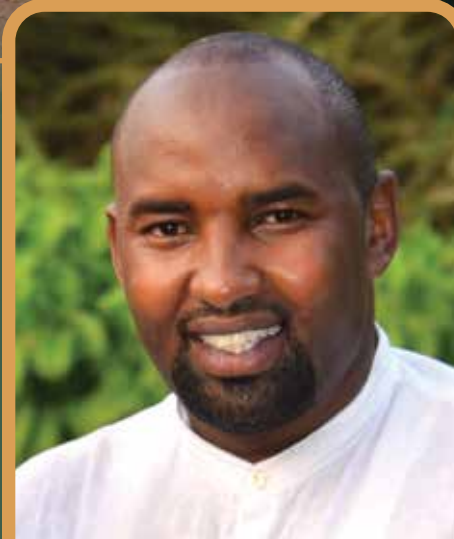


From Boca Grande to Africa

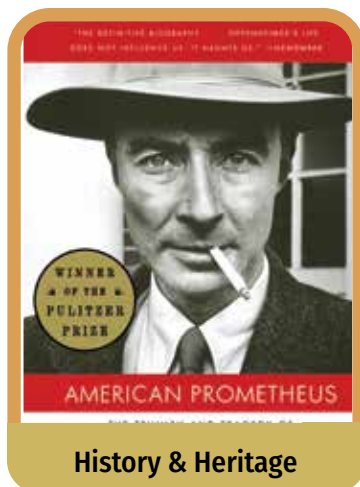
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 | 4:30PM

Adam Nkide, Wildlife Photographer & Safari Expeditioner

Adam Nkide is a dedicated, passionate young Tanzanian, who has more than 13 years of experience successfully leading wildlife safaris and mountain climbing expeditions around Tanzania's protected areas. Born in Arusha, Tanzania, Adam has had a passion for African wildlife, which began at an early age in secondary school where he was involved with environmental conservation clubs. He then graduated with a diploma in Wildlife Management from the College of African Wildlife. Join us on a pictorial journey of Adam's safaris as he takes us from Boca Grande to Africa! Then for the intrepid explorer, travel with Friends on a Northern Tanzania Safari trip September 16-27, 2023. (see page 36)



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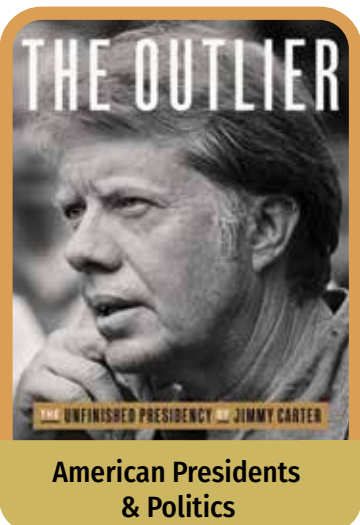


The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 | 4:30PM

Kai Bird, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Historian & Journalist

Kai Bird's and Martin J. Sherwin's biography of J. Robert Oppenheimer is a deeply researched, carefully judged and well-written examination of the life and politics of the man who directed the development of the atom bomb. Twenty-five years in the making, Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin capture Oppenheimer's life and times, from his early career to his central role in the Cold War. This is biography and history at its finest, riveting and deeply informative.



The Unfulfilled Presidency of Jimmy Carter

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 | 4:30PM

Kai Bird, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Historian & Journalist

Four decades after Ronald Reagan's landslide win in 1980, Jimmy Carter's one-term presidency is often labeled a failure; indeed, many Americans view Carter as the only ex-president to have used the White House as a stepping-stone to greater achievements. But in retrospect the Carter political odyssey is a rich and human story, marked by both formidable accomplishments and painful political adversity. In this deeply researched, brilliantly written account, Kai Bird expertly unfolds the Carter saga as a tragic tipping point in American history.



Kai Bird is the acclaimed author of biographies of John J. McCloy and of McGeorge and William Bundy. He won the Pulitzer Prize for biography for *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* (co-authored with Martin J. Sherwin). His work includes critical writings on the Vietnam War, Hiroshima, nuclear weapons, the Cold War, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the CIA.

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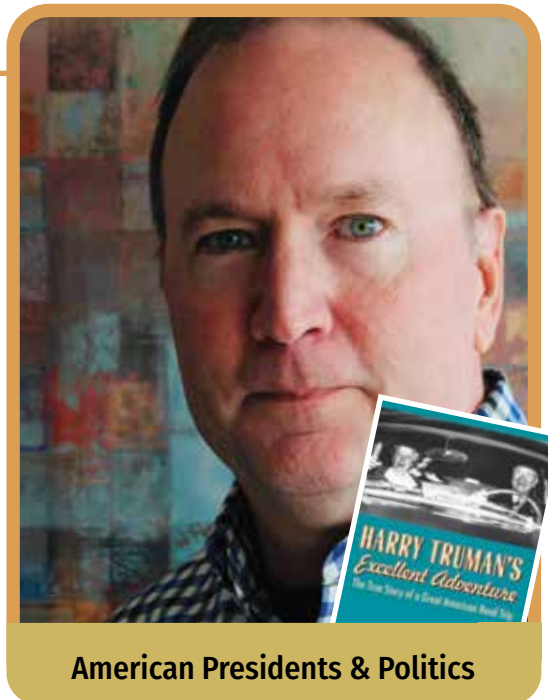
Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 | 4:30PM

Matthew Algeo, Author & Journalist

Matthew Algeo recounts the amazing journey of a former president and his wife and their amusing, failed attempts to keep a low profile. In the summer of 1953, just five months after leaving the White House, Harry and Bess Truman drove themselves back East to visit their daughter Margaret. Diners, bellhops, and cabbies shouted out "Hiya, Harry!" whenever they recognized the former president. Along the way there are brief detours into topics such as the postwar American auto industry, McCarthyism, the development of the nation's highway system, and the decline of Main Street America. By the end of the 2,500-mile journey, you will have a new and heartfelt appreciation for America's last citizen-president.

Matthew is an award-winning journalist and author. He has reported from four continents, and his stories have appeared on some of the most popular public radio programs in the United States.



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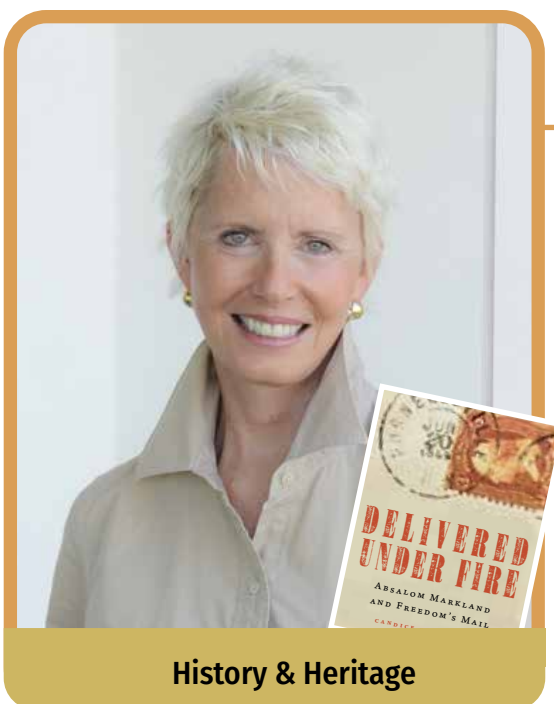
Delivered Under Fire: Absalom Markland and Freedom's Mail

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 | 4:30PM

Candice Hooper, Author & Historian

Boca Grande's own award-winning military historian, Candice Shy Hooper, returns to the Community Center to tell the tale of a forgotten Civil War hero. Her latest book, *Delivered Under Fire: Absalom Markland and Freedom's Mail*, reveals the story of the courageous, innovative, self-made man who invented the United States military mail service during that war.

From Fort Donelson in 1862 to City Point in 1865, Markland traveled with Ulysses Grant's armies, assuring the swiftest possible delivery of mail, sometimes even as bullets whizzed overhead. It was an enormous undertaking, essential to morale on the frontlines and on the home front. He visited regularly with Lincoln and aided Sherman's March to the Sea. As Grant's responsibilities grew to embrace the entire U.S. Army, so did Markland's. Then, when Grant became President, he called on Markland again, to help him in the fight against the Ku Klux Klan — a story told here for the first time.



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Experience World Class Entertainment In Boca Grande.

Music, theatre, and film are vehicles for broader cultural appreciation and more intimate self-discovery. From the up-and-coming to the world famous, we will introduce you to artists from all genres.

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Rhythm & Boots

The Wildcards

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 5:00PM

Friends Pavilion

Powerhouse vocalist Ashley Gearing and ferocious fiddler & singer Andrea Young, join force with some of the world's finest musicians to put on a show filled with unforgettable original music & cover song favorites; led by irresistible harmonies and fiery musicianship. Their high energy performances have secured opening slots for such artists as Mitchell Tenpenny, Walker Hayes and Joe Nichols. With The Wildcards, you bring the good vibes, they'll bring the party, every time.

Nashville Legacy: Jason Coleman & Meagan Taylor

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 5:00PM

Community Center Auditorium

Pianist Jason Coleman and guitarist Meagan Taylor take audiences on a journey back in time to Nashville's "golden era," sharing the music made famous by Jason's grandfather, piano legend Floyd Cramer, and Meagan's uncle, guitar virtuoso Chet Atkins. This concert is more than just music, Jason and Meagan share their personal stories, photos, and films of growing up with "Grandad" and "Uncle Chester." It's all topped off by a series of video duets with Jason, Meagan, and their legendary predecessors that you'll have to see to believe.



Rhythm & Boots



All That Jazz

The Benny Weinbeck Trio

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 | 5:00PM & 7:30PM

Crowninshield Community House

Meet us at the Crowninshield for a night of Musical Moods. The Benny Weinbeck Trio will perform in their lively swinging style, playing your favorite jazz standards and Great American Songbook tunes. Benny's unique approach to an age-old instrument, played contemplatively and intimately, has won him many fans around the world.



The Balourdet Quartet

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 | 5:00PM

Boca Grande Live! | Auditorium

The Balourdet Quartet will pull on your heart strings as they take you on a passionate musical journey. The quartet has performed alongside renowned artists and has earned many awards, including the Grand Prize at the 2021 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition, as well as the top prize awarded in the 2021 Premio Paolo Borciani in Reggio Emilia, Italy. The intricate melodies and profound crescendos of their performance are sure to leave you mesmerized.

The Balourdet Quartet is currently in residence at the New England Conservatory's Professional String Quartet Program.



Boca Grande Live!

Marcia Ball

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 | 5:00PM

Friends Pavilion

Marcia Ball knows how to bring the party with her irresistible blend of Louisiana swamp rock and smoldering Texas blues. Her legendary performance paints a vibrant musical picture, richly detailed with regional flavors, universal themes, and colorful scenes. Get ready to boogie to some rollicking, playful, good-time blues!

Ball, the 2018 Texas State Musician of the Year, has won worldwide fame and countless fans for her ability to ignite a full-scale roadhouse rhythm and blues party every time she takes the stage... With each new release, her reputation as a profoundly soulful singer, a boundlessly talented pianist and a courageous, inventive songwriter continues to grow.



Rhythm & Boots

Evening In The Round

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | 5:00PM & 7:30PM

Crowninshield Community House

Three of Nashville's most talented singer/songwriters bring a little taste of Music City to Boca Grande. Starring Grammy award winner Linda Davis and hit songwriters Lang Scott and Bill White, this intimate performance will be infused with hits, humor, and a whole lot of down home appeal.

Shelly Berg & Carmen Bradford

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 5:00PM & 7:30PM

Crowninshield Community House

The All Music Guide says "Shelly Berg is one of the finest pianists around in the early 21st century playing modern mainstream jazz." Carmen Bradford grew up with music in her home and in her heart. It was only natural that Carmen would follow in the footsteps of her great family legacy, being the daughter of legendary coronetist/composer, Bobby Bradford, and world-renown jazz vocalist/composer/author Melba Joyce. Carmen's soulful voice and Shelly's intricate technique make for a beautiful collaborative performance you won't want to miss.



All That Jazz



All That Jazz

Zach Bartholomew Trio

Jazz Piano Legends Meet the Great Ladies of Jazz

MONDAY, MARCH 13 | 5:00PM & 7:30PM

Crowninshield Community House

Award-winning pianist Zachary Bartholomew and his trio present an interactive and informative concert showcasing compositions and arrangements from some of the most influential piano trios in the history of jazz and American music. The program will include music from legendary pianists such as Nat King Cole, Oscar Peterson, and joining the trio for the second half of the concert will be vocalist Argarita Johnson-Palavicini who will add her incredible musicality to the group with songs from the great ladies of jazz such as Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and Sarah Vaughan.



Boca Grande Live!

An Evening with the Kruger Brothers

MONDAY, MARCH 20 | 5:00PM

Friends Pavilion

In their ever-expanding body of work – Jens Kruger (banjo and vocals), Uwe Kruger (guitar and lead vocals), and Joel Landsberg (bass and vocals) – The Kruger Brothers personify the spirit of exploration and innovation that forms the core of the American musical tradition. Their original music is crafted around their discerning taste, and the result is unpretentious, cultivated, and delightfully fresh.

Through their numerous CD releases, radio and television performances, workshops, and collaborative efforts, the Kruger Brothers continue to provide a unique voice in the world of folk, Americana and classical music.

The Neil Diamond Story featuring William Florian

MONDAY, MARCH 27 | 5:00PM

Boca Grande Live! | Friends Pavilion

William Florian is back, weaving stories, songs, and humor from Neil Diamond's early acoustic years to honor the life and achievements of this legendary minstrel. You will find yourself singing along as William performs Diamond's most celebrated songs - *Song Sung Blue*, *Sweet Caroline*, *Play Me*, *Cherry Cherry*, *Holly Holy*, *Solitary Man*, and many more.

Conversation with William Florian

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 | 10:00AM

Crowninshield Community House | \$50

Upgrade your experience and join William for a workshop on songwriting, music, touring & jamming.





Jeff Rupert Quartet with Lucy Yeghiazaryan

MONDAY, APRIL 10 | 5:00PM & 7:30PM

All That Jazz | Crowninshield Community House

Jeff Rupert's dynamic tenor sax sound accompanied by Lucy Y's rich, expressive voice and supple sense of swing are "as smooth as maple syrup on pancakes!" These two performers are known around the world, transporting you back to the sounds of Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and more.



Larry Stephenson Band

MONDAY, APRIL 17 | 5:00PM

Friends Pavilion

The award-winning Larry Stephenson Band has been entertaining audiences for 33 years, celebrating their illustrious career with numerous performances on the Grand Ole Opry, RFD-TV and headlining shows across the U.S. and Canada. The group is led by Virginia Country Music Hall of Fame member and 5-time Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA) Male Vocalist of the Year. They also inducted Stephenson into their Hall of Greats in 2018.

With numerous IBMA and SPBGMA nominations and awards, Larry records on his own label, Whysper Dream Music. Larry's crystal-clear tenor voice has provided a musical home for some of the finest sidemen in contemporary bluegrass history. Join us outdoors under the Friends Pavilion for some good vibes and good ol' traditional bluegrass.

Rhythm & Boots

The Finer Things In Life



Photo by Michael Voll

Unrequited Love at The Sarasota Opera *Puccini's Madama Butterfly*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
\$425 per person (Half-Day Excursion)

Enjoy an afternoon at the prestigious Sarasota Opera House with one of opera's most steadfast tales. Italian composer Giacomo Puccini's poignant score follows a young geisha known affectionately as Madama Butterfly. Swept off her feet by an American Naval Officer, left with a promise that he would return one day, Butterfly waits faithfully for three years, but is met with heartbreak in this enduring tragedy.

Accompanying you on this operatic journey is Maestro Peter Leonard. Born in Boston, Peter has lived and worked in Germany, holding positions as music director and intendant (general director).

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Following the matinee, Maestro Leonard will lead an engaging discussion over dinner in the private dining room at Sarasota's upscale, contemporary restaurant, Element.

Located in the heart of downtown Sarasota, in the Plaza at Five Points and across from the Sarasota Opera House, is the Element restaurant. Encapsulating fine dining, Chef Nils Tarantik takes classic dishes and flavors and imbues them with unique gastronomic twists and flares. The result is a timeless - yet boldly modern - dining experience. Voted Sarasota's best steakhouse and most romantic restaurant, the knowledgeable staff is committed to exceeding expectations.



Round trip transportation from Boca Grande is included. This trip is limited to 22 people.
Call the office at (941) 964-0827 to reserve a spot.

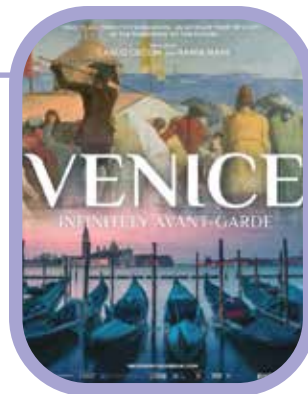
Great Art On Screen

Venice: Infinitely Avant Garde

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 | 5:00PM | AUDITORIUM | \$20

Run Time: 90 minutes

A tour of the magical city, *Venice: Infinitely Avant Garde* showcases masterpieces by Tiepolo, Canaletto, Rosalba Carriera and the intellectuals who fell in love with Venice - from Canova to Goethe, Lord Byron to Walter Scott - down to the great Hollywood stars drawn to its yearly Film Festival. 1600 years after its legendary foundation, Venice continues to be unique for its urban landscape and for its rich history, but above all, the city is unique for its identity, which combines the charm of decadence with the excitement of being on the cutting edge.

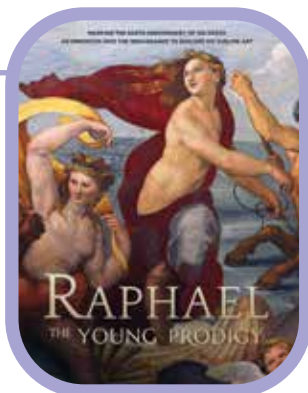


Raphael: The Young Prodigy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 5:00PM | AUDITORIUM | \$20

Run Time: 80 minutes

Raphael: The Young Prodigy tells the story of the Italian Renaissance artist from Urbino, starting from his extraordinary portraits of women - the Mother, the Friend, the Secret Lover and the Client. From portraits of his mother, who died when the painter was only 8 years old, to the female admirers who helped him on his road to success, Raphael, (1483-1520), was able to portray an ideal of celestial beauty, and to focus his gaze more on the psychology of his subjects' features than on their physical form, so that their personalities emerge in a striking manner. Audiences will discover the life and times of one of the most influential Renaissance painters.



Napoleon: In the Name of Art

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 5:00PM | AUDITORIUM | \$20

Run Time: 90 minutes

Marking the 200th anniversary of Napoleon's death, the documentary *Napoleon: In the Name of Art* explores the complex relationship between Napoleon, culture and art. Host Jeremy Irons brings audiences on a tour from Milan to Paris for a look at Napoleon's imperial iconography and architectural style and to reflect on the relationship between power and art.





National Theatre Live

National Theatre Live is a groundbreaking project to broadcast world-class theater to cinemas and arts centers around the world. Cameras are skillfully positioned during live theater performances in order to capture the “best seat in the house” view for cinema audiences like us. These films are shown in the Boca Grande Community Center auditorium, which features Cinema Quality HD Video and 5.1 Surround Sound.

42nd Street - The Musical

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 5:00PM | AUDITORIUM | \$20

Run Time: 145 minutes

One of Broadway's most classic and beloved tales, *42nd Street*, comes to U.S. cinema screens in the largest-ever production of the breathtaking musical. The musical, set in 1933, tells the story of Peggy Sawyer, a talented young performer with stars in her eyes who gets her big break on Broadway. Filmed in 2018 at London's Theatre Royal the production is directed by the original author of the show, Mark Bramble. This eye-watering extravaganza is full of crowd-pleasing tap dances, popular musical theatre standards (*Lullaby of Broadway*, *We're in the Money* (the gold digger's song), *42nd Street* and more), and show-stopping ensemble production numbers.

Jack Absolute Flies Again

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 5:00PM | AUDITORIUM | \$20

Run Time: 180 minutes

A rollicking new comedy by Richard Bean and Oliver Chris. After an aerial dog fight, Pilot Officer Jack Absolute flies home to win the heart of his old flame, Lydia Languish. Back on British soil, Jack's advances soon turn to anarchy when the young heiress demands to be loved on her own, very particular, terms. Emily Burns directs this spectacularly entertaining new version of Sheridan's *The Rivals*, featuring a cast including Caroline Quentin, Laurie Davidson, Natalie Simpson and Kelvin Fletcher.

Much Ado About Nothing

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 | 5:00PM | AUDITORIUM | \$20

Run Time: 180 minutes

Katherine Parkinson (*The IT Crowd*) and John Heffernan (*Dracula*) lead the cast in Shakespeare's romcom of sun, sea, and mistaken identity in *Much Ado About Nothing*. The legendary family-run Hotel Messina on the Italian Riviera has been visited by artists, celebrities, and royalty. But when the owner's daughter weds a dashing young soldier, not all guests are in the mood for love. A string of scandalous deceptions soon surround not only the young couple, but also the adamantly single Beatrice and Benedick. Following the award-winning success of National Theatre Live's *Romeo & Juliet*, *Twelfth Night* and *Antony and Cleopatra*, director Simon Godwin returns with this irresistible comedy, broadcast live from the National Theatre stage.



Celebrating 5 Years of Film with Friends

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 22, 23, 24

The Boca Grande Film Festival was created to bring the community together through film culture and cinematic experience. Each year we curate a lineup of the top films and documentaries in the festival circuit. Throughout the festival, the audience will have the chance to vote for each film, and at the end of the festival we will announce the Audience Winner at the closing reception!

All Access Sponsor Pass*

\$400 per person

Includes general admission to all films, festival gear, and entry to closing reception

Festival Pass*

\$200 per person

Includes general admission to all films and entry to the closing reception

Virtual Pass

\$300 per Household

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***Includes virtual access to films through our online film hub in addition to on-site admission**

Stay tuned for more information on festival events and updates!

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COMMUNITY



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Culture is the DNA of a community. Whether on an excursion, in the auditorium, under the Friends Pavilion, or in the Crowninshield Community House, it's the shared experiences that bind us in scholarship, fellowship and lead us deeper into friendship. When you cross the Boca Grande causeway, let Friends be your passport to engage, enrich, and enjoy life in this wonderful community.



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Study Groups

A History of European Art

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS | 9:30AM | NO CHARGE

NOV 3, 4, 17, 18; DEC 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16; JAN 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27; FEB 2, 3, 9, 10; MAR 2, 3

Pre-registration required | Course Facilitator - Karen Zarse

We all have our favorite artists, periods, or styles from this immensely rich tradition, but how many of us truly know the full sweep of European art? **A History of European Art** is your gateway to this visually stunning story. In 48 beautifully illustrated lectures you will encounter all the landmarks you would expect to find in a comprehensive survey of Western art since the Middle Ages. Works such as Giotto's *Arena Chapel*, Van Eyck's *Ghent Altarpiece*, Leonardo's *The Last Supper*, Michelangelo's *David*, Vermeer's *View of Delft*, Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, Picasso's *Guernica*, and hundreds more.



Great American Bestsellers: The Books That Shaped America

MONDAYS | 10:00AM | NO CHARGE

NOV 7, 14, 21, 28; DEC 5, 12, 19; JAN 9, 23, 30; FEB 6, 27

Pre-registration required | Course Facilitator - David Williams

Explore representative bestsellers at various stages of American history, from the first book published in the English-speaking New World to the blockbuster authors who dominate the 21st-century publishing industry. The result is an expert look at the evolution of American culture—its tastes, its hopes, its dreams—through the unique lens of the books that have captivated its readers at various points in American history.

Great American Bestsellers is your opportunity to see our nation's best-selling books as more than just popular forms of entertainment that have managed to make their authors lots of money. They are, in fact, stunning microcosms of American cultural history.





Great Decisions

JAN 12, 19, 26; FEB 9, 16; MAR 9, 16, 23 | THURSDAYS | 2:00PM


Woman's Club Room | \$50 | Course Facilitator - Karen Zarse

Produced by the Foreign Policy Association, the Great Decisions program highlights eight of the most thought-provoking global issues facing Americans each year.

Preliminary topics for 2023 include:

- Global Famine
- Climate Migration
- Energy Geopolitics – The oil and gas industries in flux
- Economic Warfare – The power of sanctions
- War Crimes – A history of crimes against humanity
- Elections in Latin America – The rise of left wing governments in Latin America
- China's Foreign Policy – China's push for global dominance
- Iran and the Gulf States

This course provides background information, current data and policy options for each issue and serves as the focal text for small group discussion. Participants will be expected to lead discussion. Course fee includes the briefing book.



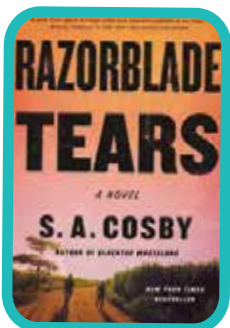
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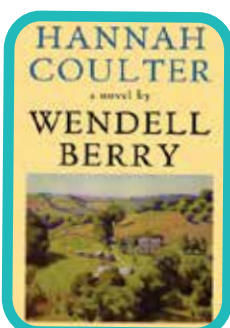
MONTHLY | THURSDAYS | 2:00PM | WOMAN'S CLUB ROOM | NO CHARGE



Razorblade Tears by S. A. Cosby

JANUARY 5 | Presented by Sally Brust and Hilari Fix

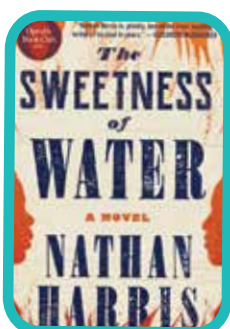
An action-packed story that starts strong and accelerates, this 2021 award-winning novel is a poignant tale of racism, homophobia, parenting, and a quest for vengeance by a black father and a white father for their two murdered sons. Provocative and fast-paced, Cosby's moody southern thriller demonstrates how bloody retribution can lead to heartfelt change and perhaps even redemption.



Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry

FEBRUARY 2 | Presented by Charles Clarke

Hannah, the now-elderly narrator, recounts the love she has for the people and land of her farming community of Port William, Kentucky. She remembers each of her two husbands, and all the places and community connections threatened by 20th-century technologies. Hope for the future is kindled, however, when her wayward and once-lost grandson, Virgil, returns to work the farm.



The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris

MARCH 2 | Presented by Stephanie and David Williams

An award-winning "miraculous debut" (Washington Post) about the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter their lives, and his, forever. With candor and sympathy, debut novelist Nathan Harris creates an unforgettable cast of characters, depicting Georgia in the violent crucible of Reconstruction. Equal parts beauty and terror, as gripping as it is moving, *The Sweetness of Water* is an epic whose grandeur locates humanity and love amid the most harrowing circumstances.



Now We Shall Be Entirely Free by Andrew Miller

APRIL 6 | Presented by Ellie Crawford

This novel plunges readers deep into the early 19th-century England of the Peninsular Wars. Set against the backdrop of a British defeat at La Coruna, this is an exquisitely wrought story of a cavalry officer, Captain John Lacroix, involved in a massacre in a Spanish village and now returned to England, seriously wounded and partially deaf. Not knowing he is being pursued relentlessly by a man hired to ensure his silence about the massacre.



Fitness Classes

Photo by Cliff Booth

Hatha Yoga for Relaxation & Flexibility

STARTING OCTOBER 31 | MONDAYS | 5:00PM

Houghton Room | \$15/Class | Instructor: Dennis Domres

Yoga classes will be held every Monday in the Houghton Room beginning on October 31, 2022. This class is suitable for all levels of ability, and beginners are always welcome! Please bring your own mats. Classes are \$15 each, collected weekly and paid to the instructor. For more information contact Dennis, (941) 830-1313.



Balance and Stability

STARTING OCTOBER 3 | MON, WED & FRI | 9:30 – 10:30AM

Multi-Purpose Room | \$10/Class | Instructor: John Mannion

Do you want to regain and improve your mobility? Are your joints feeling tight, stiff and immobile? Get stronger and increase your balance, mobility and flexibility through gentle range-of-motion exercises that strengthen the ankle, knee and hip joints. Exercises may be done sitting or standing; we provide a sturdy chair and trained instructor for a workout that encompasses far more than mobility movements. Join the fun and achieve a stable and able body.

Photo by Marcus Aurelius



Boca Barre and Buns

STARTING OCTOBER 4 | TUES & THURS | 9:30 – 10:30AM

Multi-Purpose Room | \$10/Class | Instructor: Samantha Stone

Using weights, resistance bands and barre technique, the Boca Barre and Buns (BBB) class will help you regain strength, stamina, flexibility and balance. This one-hour class is great for beginners and seasoned fitness enthusiasts alike. Boca Barre and Buns helps to restore alignment and body strength using gentle, yet highly effective, ballet movements. You will increase your metabolism and find renewed energy. Some mats will be provided or you may bring your own.

Photo by Karolina Grabowska



Fitness Center

Enjoy the fully equipped fitness center that has everything you need to keep fit and is available free of charge. The fitness center is located in the Multi-Purpose wing of the Community Center. Equipment includes a multi-station gym, a rack of dumbbells, two adjustable benches, upright and recumbent bikes, treadmills and elliptical machines. Open to everyone 16 and older. If it is your first time, please stop by the Lee County Parks and Recreation office in Room 9 to fill out a waiver form before using the facilities.

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Monday - Friday	8:00am-6:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	Closed



Basketball, Volleyball, & Tennis Courts

The Community Center is equipped with full size basketball and volleyball courts that are available for public use. Two lighted tennis courts are located on Wheeler Road, just a short walk or golf cart ride from the Community Center. The tennis courts have also been painted for pickle ball. Basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, tennis balls and tennis rackets are all available to use free of charge. To borrow equipment, please stop by the Lee County Parks and Recreation office in Room 9 at the Boca Grande Community Center.



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Island Croquet

Boca Grande Community Croquet

STARTING OCTOBER 6 | THURSDAYS | 3:00 TO 5:00PM | COMMUNITY CENTER LAWN | FREE

All ages are welcome to join the fun at Boca Grande Community Croquet held every Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm on the Community Center lawn. Our world-class instructors will provide everything needed, so all you need to do is show up and play. Come and experience the joy of croquet, it'll be good for your heart, mind and soul! Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Hans Peterson (978) 929-9000.



Golf Croquet

Instructor: Hans Peterson

Golf Croquet is the most popular version of croquet played around the world. It is very easy to learn and play. All it takes is careful aim and a good eye! You have one shot each turn to try to score the next wicket or keep the opponent from scoring the wicket. Whoever makes it first gets the point and everyone moves to the next wicket in order. The first team to score 7 points wins the game!



American 6-Wicket

Instructor: Robert Levine & Special Guests

American 6-Wicket is the most popular version of tournament croquet played in the United States. It can be a very strategic game that combines elements of golf, billiards, and chess, so you will have to think as well as shoot straight! Each player's turn starts with one shot, but can earn bonus shots for hitting another ball or making a wicket. The first team to score all their wickets and hit the peg wins!



Super-Sized Croquet

Instructor: Rebecca Peterson

Super-Sized Croquet is a kid-friendly version of the game. It's played with large flexible wickets, mini-soccer balls that can be kicked or hit with a mallet (depending on the age of the participants) and a meandering course layout. This youth program is focused on engaging and developing our 2- to 12-year-old aspiring players, teaching them new skills and just plain having a good time!

This program has been generously sponsored by: **Michael Saunders & Company**

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Boca Grande Sleuths

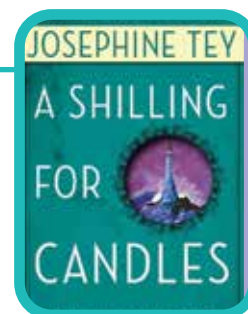
MONTHLY | TUESDAYS | 2:00PM | HOUGHTON ROOM | NO CHARGE

Boca Grande Sleuths is a discussion group of mystery novel lovers. There are two criteria in selecting mysteries to be solved: quality of writing and probability of engendering lively discussion. All mystery lovers are welcome!

A Shilling for Candles by Josephine Tey

DECEMBER 13 | Presented by Stephanie Williams

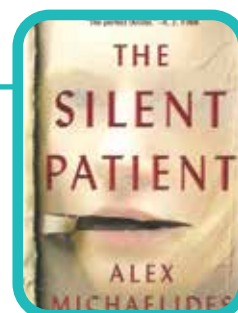
When a woman's body washes up on an isolated stretch of beach on the southern coast of England, Scotland Yard's Inspector Alan Grant is on the case. But the inquiry into her death turns into a nightmare of false leads and baffling clues. Was there anyone who didn't want lovely screen actress Christine Clay dead?



The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

JANUARY 10 | Presented By Susan Hanafée

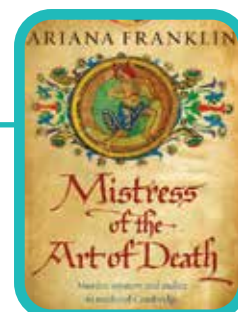
Alicia Berenson's life is seemingly perfect. A famous painter married to an in-demand fashion photographer, she lives in a grand house with big windows overlooking a park in one of London's most desirable areas. One evening her husband Gabriel returns home late from a fashion shoot, and Alicia shoots him five times in the face, and then never speaks another word.



Mistress of the Art of Death by Ariana Franklin

FEBRUARY 14 | Presented by Karen Zarse

In medieval Cambridge, England, Adelia, a female forensics expert, is summoned by King Henry II to investigate a series of gruesome murders that has wrongly implicated the Jewish population, yielding even more tragic results. As Adelia's investigation takes her behind the closed doors of the country's churches, the killer prepares to strike again.



Give Unto Others by Donna Leon

MARCH 14 | Presented by Nancy Robinson

Brunetti is forced to confront the price of loyalty, to his past and in his work, as a seemingly innocent request leads him into troubling waters.



Blood Oath by Linda Fairstein

APRIL 11 | Presented by Linda Fairstein

New York Times bestselling author Linda Fairstein explores the depths of Manhattan's secretive Rockefeller University in this timely, captivating thriller about the deep—and often deadly—reverberations of past sins.



Travel With Friends

South Central Florida Eco Tour - Ridge, River, Ranch!

JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 18, 2023

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour a Florida cattle ranch and ecology research center aboard an 18-seater swamp buggy where visitors often see alligators, caracara, red-shouldered hawks, feral hogs and deer.
- Learn about the Predator/Prey Program and the Florida Wildlife Corridor.
- Cocktail hour and dinner at the Archbold Biological Station; learn how its cutting-edge research has created real conservation solutions across diverse ecosystems.
- Embark on a driving tour to see many of the breathtaking murals that are painted throughout Lake Placid.
- Experience the Kissimmee River restoration project by Pontoon (bring binoculars to enjoy all of the birds!)

Perigord – The Best of Southwest France

APRIL 22 - MAY 1, 2023

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend the day with Martin Walker – author, historian, and recipient of the France Tourism Medal
- Exploring The Pudirac Chasm, the most famous in Europe
- Visit Lascaux, the International Center for Cave Art
- Learn about truffles and truffle hunting
- Dine in the Michelin Star Restaurant at Le Vieux Logis

Travel to Africa with Friends - Northern Tanzania Safari

SEPTEMBER 16 - 27, 2023

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Adam Nkide, Wildlife Photographer & Safari Expeditioner will be our guide! (see page 15)

NATIONAL PARKS:

- Arusha National Park
- Tarangire National Park
- Ngorongoro Conservation Area
- Serengeti National Park

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- Walking Safari
- Game Drives
- Hot Air Balloon Safari & Cultural experience

Want to join in on the adventure? Call the office for trip pricing and details!



Clubs & Activities

Boca Grande Camera Club

Join the Boca Grande Camera Club as we explore the ever-changing world of photography! New members are always welcome. The BGCC welcomes people of all levels of experience. Our members span the spectrum from phone photographers to beginner and professional photographers who meet to learn and improve, collaborate, and display their photography. Exceptional speakers, composition and creative ideas, workshops and field trips will be on the schedule along with a half-day member workshop. There are also many informal field trips, often led by one of our talented members, throughout the year. Eleven regular Tuesday morning meetings are scheduled in the fall/winter season. For more information email Boca Grande Camera Club at: 33921cameraclub@gmail.com. Updates and information are also available on their public Facebook Page at Boca Grande Camera Club.

Camera Club Dates 2022-2023

November 15, December 6 & 20, January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18 @ 10 AM in the Houghton Room at the Community Center

The “ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW” – March 3-5, 2023

Other exciting field trips and workshops - TBD

Boca Grande Duplicate Bridge Club

The 2022-23 Duplicate Bridge Club will offer sanctioned games every Monday and Wednesday at 1:00 pm, October 17-May 10. Games will be held in the Crowninshield House. There will also be a newcomer's game for those players with 50 or less masterpoints. These games will begin November 14. All players for both games must register online at bgdbc.org or call Kathleen at (352) 801-9523. Lessons will begin in January. The goal for both games and lessons is to provide a supportive and friendly community. For more information send an email to mail@bgdbc.org.

Mah Jongg

A friendly Mah Jongg game is offered every Wednesday beginning at 1:00pm in the Special Interest Room at the Boca Grande Community Center. The club plays American Mah Jongg using the current National Mah Jongg League card for its commitment to “friendship and charity.” The club also follows the rules on the card and website. Come when you can, leave when you want. New players are always welcome. For more information, contact Chrys Hyde at chryshyde@gmail.com.

Movies

Enjoy free movies in the Community Center Auditorium on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00pm. Film selections include a mix of classics and newer releases. During season, some showings may be canceled or moved to the Woman's Club Room if there are conflicting programs. Movie schedules are released each month and posted outside of the Friends office.



Introducing The Grande Chorus Sing Your Heart Out!

WEEKLY | FRIDAYS | 9:30AM - 11:00AM
WOMAN'S CLUB ROOM

Have you always wanted to take your singing skills beyond the shower? Join a group of fellow singers in the new Grande Chorus. The Grande Chorus is passionate about creating a community-based music forum all while making friends, having fun, and improving your vocal technique.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Everyone is welcome, no matter your singing experience. Select which sessions you'd like to join, and you will attend weekly rehearsals with Southwest Florida's best musical director, Alan Jay Corey. Rehearsals will lead up to a culminating performance where you will let your voices shine! We do ask, however, that you make a dedicated effort to attend all of the rehearsals for the session(s) that you have signed up for.

Session One:

A Grande Holiday

Rehearsals begin October 21, 2022

Performance: December 21, 2022

5:00pm - Auditorium

Session Two:

Love is all Around

Rehearsals begin January 6, 2023

Performance: February 10, 2023

5:00pm - Friends Pavilion

Session Three:

A Grande Night for Singing

Rehearsals begin February 17, 2023

Performance: April 21, 2023

5:00pm - Friends Pavilion

Each session cost is \$175. Please inquire about available scholarships.



ABOUT THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Alan Jay Corey is a graduate of the Heidelberg College and relocated to Florida after the blizzard of 1978. He has musically directed over 125 productions in SW Florida, has repeatedly been awarded best musical director by the Sarasota Magazine and the Sarasota Herald Tribune, and is included in Sarasota Magazine's list of most powerful people in Sarasota music.

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Plan Your Tickets

Use this worksheet as a guide when you call, visit the office, or purchase tickets online at www.friendsofbocagrande.org

DATE	PROGRAM	FEE	X	QTY	TOTAL
		(GENERAL/RESERVED/SPONSOR)			

NOVEMBER 2022

TH 3	Great Art On Screen: Infinitely Avant Garde	\$20		X_____ = _____
W 9	Sarah Parcak: Archaeology From Space	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 16	Larry Tye: Senator McCarthy	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
Th 17	Great Art On Screen: Raphael	\$20		X_____ = _____
F 18	Rhythm & Boots: The Wildcards	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____

DECEMBER

Th 1	Great Art On Screen: Napoleon	\$20		X_____ = _____
F 2	National Theatre Live: 42nd Street	\$20		X_____ = _____
F 9	National Theatre Live: Jack Absolute Flies Again	\$20		X_____ = _____
M 12	Rhythm & Boots: Jason Coleman & Meagan Taylor	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 14	Bren Smith: Sustainable Ocean Farming	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____

JANUARY

W 4	Candice Millard: River of the Gods	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
M 9	All That Jazz: Benny Weinbeck Trio 8:00pm	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
T 10	Akhil Reed Amar: The Words That Made Us	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
Th 12	Boca Grande Live: The Balourdet Quartet	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
Fr 13	National Theatre Live: Much Ado About Nothing	\$20		X_____ = _____
S 21	Jon Meacham & Annette Gordon Reed: Thomas Jefferson	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
M 23	Boca Grande Live: Marcia Ball	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 25	Elizabeth Kolbert: Climate Change	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
T 31	Tim Mackintosh-Smith: Ibn Battuta	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____

FEBRUARY

F 3	Rhythm & Boots: Evening In The Round 5:00pm	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
F 3	Rhythm & Boots: Evening In The Round 7:30pm	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 8	Martin Walker: Facing The Dictator	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
M 13	All That Jazz: Shelly Berg & Carmen Bradford 8:00pm	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 15	Dwight Chapin: President Nixon	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
Su 26	Sarasota Opera Trip: Madama Butterfly	\$425		X_____ = _____
T 28	Nigel McGilchrist: Ancient Greece	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____

MARCH

Th 2	Economic Summit	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 8	Daniel Runde: Reclaiming Global Leadership	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
M 13	All That Jazz: Zach Bartholomew Trio 8:00pm	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 15	Taylor Branch: Martin Luther King	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
M 20	Boca Grande Live: The Kruger Brothers	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 22	Adam Nkide: Africa	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
M 27	Boca Grande Live: William Florian	\$40/\$190		X_____ = _____
T 28	Kai Bird: Oppenheimer	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____
W 29	Kai Bird: President Jimmy Carter	\$40/\$70/\$190		X_____ = _____

APRIL

T 4	Matthew Algeo: Harry Truman	\$40/\$70/\$190	X_____ = _____
M 10	All That Jazz: Jeff Rupert Quartet & Lucy Y 8:00pm	\$40/\$190	X_____ = _____
W 12	Candice Hooper: Delivered Under Fire	\$40/\$70/\$190	X_____ = _____
M 17	Rhythm & Boots: Larry Stephenson Band	\$40/\$190	X_____ = _____

PACKAGE

Boca Grande Film Festival

W-F 22-24	Sponsorship Package	\$400/person	X_____ = _____
	General Package	\$200/person	X_____ = _____
	Virtual Package	\$300/household	X_____ = _____

STUDY GROUPS & SESSIONS

Paid Programs

_____	Great Decisions		
	Thursdays - Jan 12, 19, 26; Feb 9, 16; Mar 9, 16, 23	\$50	X_____ = _____

Free Programs | Pre Registration Required

_____	Great Courses: European Art	
	Thursdays & Fridays - Nov 3, 4, 17, 18; Dec 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16; Jan 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27; Feb 2, 3, 9, 10; Mar 2, 3	

_____	Great Courses: Great American Bestsellers	
	Mondays - Nov 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec 5, 12, 19; Jan 9, 23, 30; Feb 6, 27	

MEMBERSHIPS (SEE PAGE 42)

_____	Grande Sponsorship	\$5,000/household
_____	Friends@Home	\$500/household

PAYMENT CALCULATION

Total Program Fees

\$_____

Add an Annual Contribution*

_____	Endowment Pacesetter	\$10,000+
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_____	Friend	\$1 - \$249

**The society of Friends invites you to include the Friends of Boca Grande in your long-term financial planning as a codicil to your trust or will. Consider that possibility when you next confer with your attorney and/or update your trust or will.*

2. Total Contribution Amount

\$_____

3. Total Amount Due

\$_____

4. Use this worksheet as a guide when you call or visit the office to order tickets.

- When ordering tickets, be sure to notify the staff member if you are a Grande Sponsor.
- Please specify if your payment will come from a DAF or family foundation.



Youth & Family

Photos by: The Boca Beacon

Halloween Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2022 | 11:00AM | FREE | COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS

Ghosts and Ghouls! Bring your parents to the Boca Grande Community Center Halloween Festival! Festivities include a costume contest, carnival games, trick or treat, cake walk and more. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event! One bag of individually wrapped soft candy per child is appreciated (please drop off candy donations no later than October 27th). *Sponsored by The Boca Grande Woman's Club, Friends of Boca Grande, and Lee County Parks & Recreation*

Turkey Hoop Shoot

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022 | 10:00AM | FREE | COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL COURTS

The Turkey Hoop Shoot contest is free to children and adults. The age divisions are: Coed 5-6, separate male and female age divisions for 7-8, 9-10, 11-14, and 15 & up. Prizes will be awarded to the first-place winner of each division. All children must be supervised. Contest will be 15 shots from several locations on the basketball court. The three top competitors in each age division will advance to the final round. Register the day of the event between 9:15 and 9:45am. *Sponsored by the Boca Beacon and Lee County Parks & Recreation.*

Bike Parade and Woman's Club Fair

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 | 11:00AM | FREE | STARTS AT 5TH ST. BIKE PATH

Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, golf cart or yourself and join the annual Bike Path Parade. Awards are given in four categories: Business/Commercial, Non-Profits, Group Entry, and Children. Registration forms can be obtained at the Boca Grande Community Center. The parade starts at 10:30am at the bikepath and 5th street. Line-up is at 9:50am. *Sponsored by The Boca Grande Woman's Club*

Boca Grande Egg Hunts

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 | 10:00AM | FREE | COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS

Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny! There will be three separate egg hunts, starting with age 4 and under, then 5-7 age group, and finally the 8-11 age group. We encourage everyone to arrive by 9:50am. Please drop off one bag of INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SOFT CANDY per child by April 6. *Sponsored by Friends of Boca Grande and Lee County Parks & Recreation.*

Youth Fishing Tournament

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 | 9:00AM | FREE | BOCA GRANDE FISHING PIER

Grab your fishing pole and tackle box and come join the family fun at our youth fishing tournaments. Tournaments are for boys and girls ages 15 and under. Live bait will be provided (no lures allowed). All children must be supervised by a parent or guardian. This is a catch-and-release tournament. Registration is not necessary, just be at the pier ready to fish by 9:00am! *Sponsored by Boca Grande Marina & Lee County Parks & Recreation.*

Grande Sponsorship

The Simplified Way to Sponsor All Friends' Lectures

The advantages of becoming a Grande Sponsor are:

- Simplified donation process, especially when using a family foundation or donor advised fund
- Appreciation and recognition in all printed materials
- Preferred seating at all lectures
- Exclusive receptions with Speakers (often at private homes)
- Personal Concierge service from staff

In a nutshell, the Grande Sponsorship is a minimum contribution of \$5,000 and does not include tickets to any programs or events, or any other goods or services, making the sponsorship fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. As an additional benefit, you'll enjoy the special attention of the Friends staff, from advance program updates to courtesy calls and personal reminders for sponsor receptions.

Friends@Home Membership

Watch Live or Replay Lectures Any Time with Friends@Home!

How does it work? When a lecture begins in the Auditorium, our cameras start rolling and you see it all - from introductions to Q&A. When the lecture is over, it is automatically added to your media library for later viewing. Worried about managing tech from home? Our team is ready to walk you through creating your account and even helping you set up your device or television to ensure you're ready for viewing!

Whether you have a conflict for in-person attendance or prefer to watch from the comfort of your couch, becoming a Friends@Home member is a great way to make sure you don't miss the season's top programs.

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- Livestream Lectures
- Recorded Media Library
- Complimentary Tech Help

MEMBERSHIP COST:

- \$500 per household*
- *Grande Sponsor pricing available
- Membership does not include in-person tickets*

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New! Roger's Picks



Roger Lewis has had his finger on the interests of the Boca Grande community from the very beginning of Friends focus on adult programming. As Chairman of the Board, he led the committee that planned Civil War Reflections, American Presidents & Politics, History & Heritage, the War Cabinet, and more. This year he had so many good suggestions for speakers that we had to create a new series – so please enjoy Roger's Picks!

Bren Smith: Akhil Reed Amar:
Sustainable Ocean Farming The Constitution
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Candice Millard: Elizabeth Kolbert:
River of the Gods Climate Change
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New! Rhythm & Boots

Rhythm & Boots features top talent in the Country & Bluegrass scene. This concert series spans all of our venues, with two outdoor concerts at the Friends Pavilion, one in the Auditorium, and the other in the intimate atmosphere of the Crowninshield Community House. These performers have graced the stage alongside country music legends, have won numerous awards, or even performed the Grand Ole Opry. They'll each put on a show that is sure to get your hearts singing and your boots stompin'.

The Wildcards Evening In The Round
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