

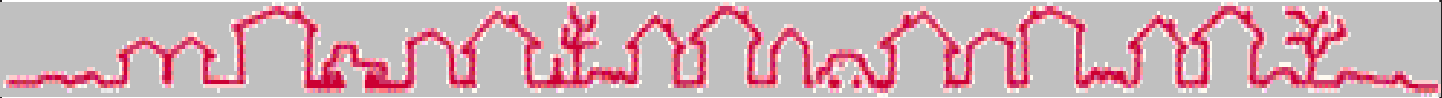


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# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

**FEBRUARY 2013**

**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Monday, February 4, 2013**  
**5:30 pm at Bentley's Resort in Osprey**



**RETURN your Ballot and Proxies to LHM**  
**or bring them to the General meeting**

## **Meet Bert Minot, Volunteer Extraordinaire** **By Judy Sokal**



*Bert Minot*

Bertha (Bert) Minot and I sat down a while back to discuss her work as a volunteer with the Designing Women Boutique, and in the process I learned that this powerhouse lady has made volunteerism a part of her life throughout her long and interesting professional career.

Bert spent her career in retail, including 35 years with Sears. She is a native of New Orleans, but has been a resident of Florida since 1977. Her work in Florida took her to Leesburg (where she was both Citizen of the Year and Business and Professional Woman of the Year,) Gainesville (Chair of the United Way and President of Big Brothers and Sisters,) Boca Raton, the Keys, and Miami (President of the Chamber of Commerce.)

Bert's largest volunteer project came when she was still an employee of Sears in Miami. After Hurricane Andrew devastated the area, with the help of Sears, Bert organized a fund for all employees who had been hit by the storm. She brought in

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## **THIRD BOARD VACANCYAS LORIE RESIGNS**

A third vacancy on the Board of Directors has been created by the January 11th resignation of Bruce Lorie.

Two incumbents – Bobby Merrill and Walter Perkowski – are seeking re-election at Rivendell's Annual Meeting slated for Feb. 4th.

Residents who wish to become candidates for the Board of Directors should submit their credentials to Kyanne Merrill, [kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv](mailto:kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv)

**Two Board Incumbents Seek  
Re-election At Feb. 4  
Annual Meeting**  
**(see article on page 2)**



## Board Member Bobby Merrill is Running for Re-election

*Editors' Note: This article has been excerpted from a report by Mike Bergman that appeared in the April 2012 issue of The Woodlands Word.*

*Bobby Merrill,  
Board Treasurer*

Bobby Merrill has been a Rivendell resident since 2000. He comes to the Board with a background in development and building. His company, Merrill Brothers Homes, built many of the homes in the Cottages, as well as his current residence. His company developed several other communities in Sarasota and Manatee counties and his current company, Arox Land Development Corp., deals with sewers, water and storm water systems. He has gained extensive experience working with SWFWMD on the requirements for maintaining our storm water retention ponds. He previously worked as a licensed CPA and is a licensed contractor. He has a Bachelors degree in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee and an MBA from Northwestern University.

"My goal is to work with the other directors to maintain our community so it is a desirable place to live. I will listen to all sides of the issues and make decisions that I think are in the best interest of the community."

Bobby wants community input on issues that determine our property values. Without a clubhouse, golf course or tennis courts, our greatest asset is our common property. He would like to have consensus among the residents about what we want the community to look like. The goal would be to please the majority of residents with a neat appearance that also provides a habitat for the many species of wildlife that our residents cherish.

Bobby has been the Treasurer of the Board; he feels that our deed restrictions, bylaws and rules need to be enforced evenly by using good common sense and reason to resolve community problems. He urges us to put our differences aside and work for the common good of the community.



## Board Member Walter Perkowski is Running for Re-election

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*Walter Perkowski,  
Board Secretary*

Walter was the principal of an insurance agency in New York prior to moving to Florida. On a vacation trip, he visited Osprey and was very impressed with our community. His family loved the expansive preserve areas, the pristine lakes, the manicured lawns, and most of all, the friendly neighbors. They also enjoyed the proximity to the beaches, cultural events, and Pine View School, where his children could get a great education. Walter would like to restore Rivendell to the state he loved when he moved here with his family five years ago.

As Board Liaison to the Maintenance Committee, which now includes the pool, he is eager to begin this turnaround. The Maintenance Committee (MC) would act as a sounding board for the HOA Board. He would like to open the committee to anyone who is interested in participating, with equal representation for all. He would group the members into distinct areas of responsibility so they could use their talents on informal subcommittees, such as ponds, wetlands, common areas, trees, lawns, irrigation, and vendor oversight. Walter wants all line items to be budgeted for and then scheduled and maintained regularly. All contracts would require competitive bidding. He is also in favor of regularly scheduled Board meetings.

### **Rivendell Board Meeting NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE**

**February 4, 2013**

**After the Annual Meeting and General  
Election at Bentley's Resort in Osprey**

*Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee  
meetings are based on the information available  
at the time of publication.*

(Bert Minot continued from pg.1)

18-wheelers that delivered everything from food to diapers. Employees were fed breakfast and lunch, and given more food to take home; Bert organized delivery of water, ice, and donated clothing, and saw to it that the National Guard provided tetanus shots. Sears donated new appliances to all employees in need, and Bert arranged for counselors to help with the stress. She was declared a "Hurricane Andrew Hero" by the City of Miami as a result of her efforts.

Bert bought her Rivendell home in 2007 and became a part-time resident. Her daughter and son-in-law (Lisa and Craig Hollingsworth) live close by, and she wanted to be able to spend more time with them and her grandson, Craig Alan. Since 2010, she has lived here full time, and shares her home with one Yorkie and two Morkies (Yorkie-Maltese mix dogs) named Beamer, Lucy Lu and Thibby.

She is thrilled with Sarasota and told me that she has never lived in a community where the desire to help is so strong, and where people come together to support so many different causes. She loves the population mix of Sarasota, the intelligence of the people, and the many arts opportunities.

Bert became involved with Designing Women Boutique, her newest passion, when she was introduced to the non-profit shop by an acquaintance. Her background in retail sales made her a perfect fit for Designing Women, and she currently works in displays, sales, fund-raising, and special events for the shop which is located on Route 41 near the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center. She has become part of the Ambassador group, and is their current vice-president. The Designing Women volunteers, along with a very small staff, participate in the everyday functions of the business and not only help run the shop but also sponsor fund-raising events throughout the year. For Bert, her involvement has also turned into a way to meet people and make friends in a new town. She spends many hours each week at the Designing Women's Boutique, now 10 years old, and most recently chaired their Fall Festival. **See page 11 for list of events.**

Designing Women is Bert's way of giving back to Sarasota, and she is pleased that the organization helps numerous non-profits based on their needs for a particular year. Some of the non-profits to receive grants include The Asolo Theater, The Sarasota Ballet, Ringling College, and Resurrection House.

The boutique shop is only a part of the fundraising, as they have expanded into estate sales and have a huge division that consigns household furniture and estate jewelry.

Bert hopes that some of us will attend the March 5 event known as "Out to Lunch." It will be at the Francis Ballroom at 1289 North Palm Avenue and will feature Clint Hill who is the author of *Mrs. Kennedy and Me*. Mr. Hill was the secret Service agent assigned to Mrs. Kennedy as wife of the president; 2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kennedy assassination.

It was great fun speaking with Bert Minot, and we in Rivendell are lucky to have such an interesting and involved neighbor.



Bert and Friends ~ photos submitted by Carol Messmer

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## Barnaby Needs A Temporary Home by Kay Mruz

A Rivendell resident's daughter is looking for someone to be a temporary companion for her cat Barnaby. His owner, Jennifer, is in the process of moving and needs a safe place for Barnaby to stay over the next 4-6 weeks.

He is an extremely friendly older cat with a sweet disposition. Barnaby is strictly an indoor cat and has never been outside. He loves to sit on your lap and would be perfect for someone who is older. He would also be good company for someone recuperating from an illness or surgery. He was raised alone but may do okay with another animal. Barnaby does get along with Jennifer's mom's dog.

Jennifer would pay for all supplies and a fee for boarding. She would also like to be able to visit Barnaby. If you can give Barnaby a good temporary home, call Jennifer O'Brien at (941) 350-6588 for more details.



Barnaby is a purrfect pet ~ photo by Jennifer O'Brien

## Hints to help Protect Your Home From Theft

Install auxiliary locks on sliding glass doors.

Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed to prevent concealment of a burglar.

Motion sensor lighting can be a valuable tool to prevent burglary.

Keep an inventory of valuables and take photographs.

Mark your valuables with engraving or ultra violet pen.

Police recommend keeping all doors, windows and sliders locked. Keep your garage doors closed. Lock your car if it is kept outside.

If you have a security company, test your alarm system monthly.

If you are traveling, please make sure that a neighbor knows how to contact you.

Please alert the authorities if you see any suspicious behavior. Notice if a car seems to be staking out the neighborhood and call in the license plate number.

If you are robbed, also notify Lighthouse Management, 966-6844.

### SUB-ASSOCIATIONS' Annual Meeting & Election Dates

**The Villas: Tuesday, February 12, 5:30pm at Spanish Point.**

Contact Sherry Sholtis or Lory Turner for more information.

**The Cottages: Thursday, February 21, 6:00pm at Cottages Clubhouse.**

(RUINA = Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association)

Contact Dave Perez or Mike Georgopolis for more information.

**The Patio Homes: Wednesday, February 27, 5:30pm at the Osprey Victory Baptist Church.** Contact Ed Diggs or Jayne Irene for more information.

# RESIDENT DIRECTORY SLATED FOR APRIL PUBLICATION

## By Barb Gahry

**It's time to update the Rivendell Resident Directory for 2013.**

In order to provide accurate entries, a form is included in this issue of the Woodlands Word, which allows for updating any information to be published. **We publish owner names, addresses, home phone numbers and an email address.** If you would like to opt out of having any of this information in the directory, you can indicate this on the form. If you only want certain information published, this, too, can be noted. You also have the opportunity to provide a cell phone number(s) or additional email address for inclusion. If your information is correct and there are no changes, please check the line, "NO CHANGES".

### Information Please

Your email address or phone numbers will not be distributed to any outside agency.

### Association Master Individual Record

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TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE DIRECTORY

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Barb Gahry, 699 Rivendell Blvd.

or email any additions, changes, to:

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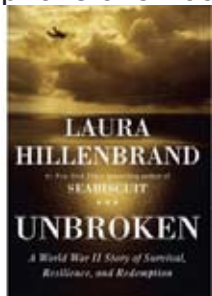
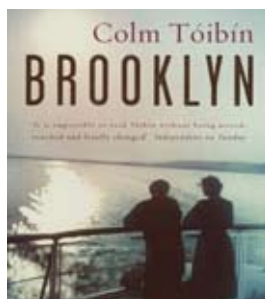
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## Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, February 11, to discuss *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick. This novel describes the meeting and marriage of Ralph Truitt and Catherine Land, two characters who each had hidden agendas. What neither counted on was falling in love with each other. Pam Babbitt will lead the discussion at Carol Heckert's home at 808 Placid Lake Drive. Carol's phone number is 918-9528.

The subject for the March 11 meeting will be *Brooklyn: A Novel* by Colm Toibin. This is a story of the transformation of a young Irish immigrant as she puts down roots in America. When tragedy strikes back home, Eilis must return to Ireland where she tries to merge her old and new lives. The discussion will be led by Janet Berntsen at the home of Anita Sarno, 713 Fordingbridge Way, phone 918-1669.



The topic at the April 8 meeting will be Laura Hillenbrand's *Unbroken*, a World War II account of the heroism and redemption of Louis Zamperini, a man with a checkered past.

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group gatherings.

We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Please call the month's hostess if you plan to attend.



## Rivendell Bridge Group By J. Beatty

New Year, New Time, New Face

After a brief hiatus over the Christmas Holidays the Rivendell Bridge Group met on Monday evening, January 7th. The foursome of Jane Lettich, Steve Bragg, Fr Ed Kearns and John Beatty enjoyed a game of rubber bridge. The Bragg's are frequent substitutes when regular players are unable to attend. Our newest member, Lois Konet, was unable to join us. We wish her a speedy recovery, and look forward to her to return in the very near future.

The Bridge Club has decided to change our meeting to Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the clubhouse in the Cottages (when available). On the few occasions when the clubhouse is unavailable we will meet at the home of one of our regular players. We welcome Shirley Borean as a regular (along with Jane, Fr Ed and John). Residents of Rivendell are always welcome to join our group. Visitors are always welcome to our Tuesday evening game (kibitzers as well). Stop by and meet some of your neighbors who share a common interest. If you are interested, please call or email John Beatty: 941-966-3780; email: JRBeatty80@aol.com



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## Contact Lighthouse Management

Excerpted from Whom to Contact if... 08/2012 issue by Judy Sokal and Nancy Schubert

You should report **ANY** problems  
or requests for information to Lighthouse Management (LHM).

16 Church Street, Osprey, FL 34229

Tel: (941) 966-6844

Property Manager: Kyanne Merrill, kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv

Assistant: Shannon Banks, shannonbanks@mgmt.tv

*Please do not call a Board or committee member.*

### If for instance, you notice:

- a broken sprinkler head,
- a street lamp that is broken,
- a problem with the landscape, ponds or preserve vendors,
- a problem with a neighbor that can't be resolved,
- a residence that is not abiding by Rivendell covenants,

*Although a phone call is okay (966-6844) M-F, 8 AM to 4 PM, the best method to reach our two Lighthouse liaisons, Kyanne Merrill and Shannon Banks, is by email. An email provides written documentation and a permanent record for reference. Our LHM representatives will refer the problem to the proper authority.*

*LHM is available by phone 24/7 if you have a **true community emergency concerning one of our vendors** that cannot wait until regular business hours. Please do not contact any Board or committee members with this type of problem. They have to contact LHM anyway, thus delaying the process.*

### What if:

I have a medical emergency, a neighbor has an emergency, or there might be a domestic violence situation or a suspicious person?

**If time is of the essence CALL 911.** Do not call LHM, the Board, or a committee member.

### What if:

I have a great landscape suggestion, or I don't like the look of our common areas, or the ponds are a funny color, or the pool water looks dirty?

*If you have other concerns or suggestions then attend a Maintenance Committee or Board Meeting. If it is an item that should be discussed by the Board during the meeting, contact LHM and ask that it be added to the agenda.*

*Remember, everyone who works on the Board and committees is a volunteer.*

**Sarasota County Sheriff**

**Non-emergency Contact number for our area is: 316-1201**

## Gulf Gate Library Closing

**Gulf Gate Library will close at 5 p.m. on Sat. Jan. 19  
to move to a temporary location at Westfield Sarasota Square Mall.**

**The temporary location will open on Tues., Feb. 19.**

**For more details, see <http://sclibs.net/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=596>**

**Osprey Library at Historic Spanish Point**

**Location: 339 North Tamiami Trail, enter through main Visitors Center Door  
918-4037 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday - 10 a.m. to noon**

## Manipuri Burmese Dance the Ramayana: Highlight of recent trip By Paul Sarno

Right before our most recent trip in December to Myanmar, a graduate student friend told me about a community of Manipuri Burmese in Mandalay who dance their version of the Ramayana. Their ancestors were brought to the then Burmese capital from Manipur in Northeast India. They were captives of a Burmese King in about 1768.

The group I was leading agreed to pay a sizeable sum to have the group put on a performance of it for us. On the appointed night, we learned that the bus could not reach the quarter in which the performance would be held, so the Manipuris provided a pick-up truck and car, which transported us through narrow streets to the site, which was their community center.

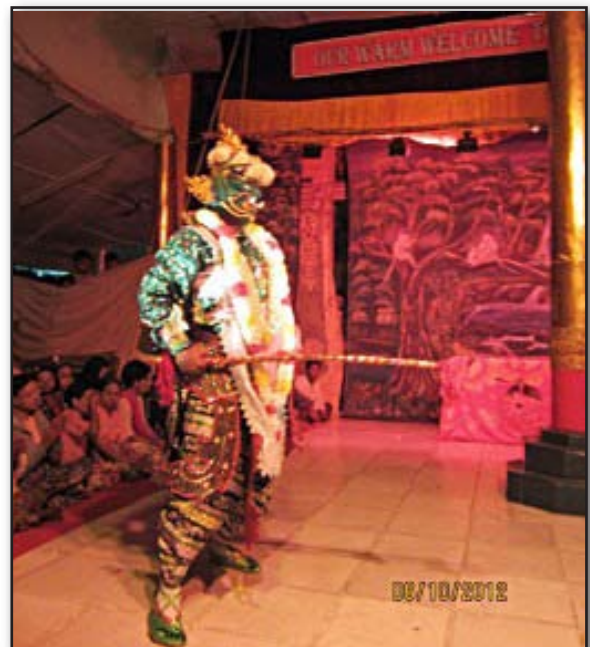
To our surprise, we were greeted by about 300 community members, all seated on mats on the floor, an eight piece orchestra (playing as loudly as any rock band), three singers, who also provided a narration, about 20 male costumed dancers wearing elaborate full traditional masks. Above the stage was a huge "A Warm Welcome to Our Friends from the USA." Over the next three and one-half hours, they entertained us with an introduction of the main characters, some brief excerpts, followed by an exhaustive treatment of the beginning of the ancient Indian epic, equivalent in importance to the Iliad or the Odyssey. There was the marriage of Rama to Sita, the central personalities. Our hosts thoughtfully provided us with chairs and a program including a synopsis of the scenes and a translation of the narrative parts. The director, the community elders, and the cast bowed to each of us and shook each of our hands before the performance began.

The evening ended with my expression of gratitude to the players and the neighborhood followed by a succession of endless photographs with the cast and civic elders. Our group agreed that we had seen an authentic expression of a Burmese art form; well worth the money we had spent.

*Paul Sarno leads small groups to Myanmar (Burma) every year in late November-early December and teaches about Southeast Asia at Lifelong Learning Academy in Sarasota <http://www.thelifelonglearningacademy.com>*



Paul with the Manipuri elders  
~ photo by Jerrold Yale



The audience meets Ravenna  
~ photo by Jerrold Yale

## RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

*"Residents Helping Residents" is a new feature of our newsletter. It will help replace the previous "Service Provider Recommendation" and "Classified Ads" columns. The "Residents Helping Residents" will feature services and special prices that are provided to and by Rivendell Residents only. It also includes our teen businesses.*

*The Classified Ads Column will be printed when there is a one-time item for sale or something of a similar nature (Garage Sale).*

**LAMPOST REPAIR:** Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** is offering lamppost repair services. Is your lamppost light staying on? Charge is \$40 for parts, labor and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$12 and this includes new bulb and cleaning. **Call 941-918-8386.**

**THERAPY DOG VISITS:** I have a white German Shepherd Therapy Dog available for FREE visits to anyone in the neighborhood who is disabled or would like a therapy dog visit. Our Geno is a three-year old Canine Good Citizen and trained Therapy Dog. **Diane Pastva, 412-596-9633. dep\_78@hotmail.com**

**COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION:** Very reasonable flat charge and hourly rates. Rivendell Resident **Gary Mruz** has thirty years computer experience, call **941-786-6019** or email **gary.mruz@gmail.com**

**PET SITTING AND GENERAL HELP:** **Eve Day, 941-780-2912.** College student and long-time Rivendell resident who has successfully provided pet sitting services for three years. Will also run errands, help with routine office or household work, etc. Will follow all instructions and pricing is very reasonable. Letters of recommendation are available.

**MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER:** **Sivan Yohann, 966-7766.** Pine View student would love to play with your toddlers after school while you're trying to get dinner ready, or babysit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

**GUITAR LESSONS:** **Daniel Yohann**, a Pine View junior, is offering private guitar lessons. Daniel is an accomplished guitarist and experienced teacher. One-half hour or one hour lessons are available. Reasonable rates. **Call 941-375-1242.**

### Rivendell Residents

Please send your name, phone number, and a description of the service you can provide to other Rivendell residents.

Email your information to Kay at **siestakeysunset6@gmail.com**

### Rivendell Directory Slated for April 2013 Publication

Sundown Publishing will be producing

The Rivendell Directory for 2013.

If you wish to advertise, please call

Craig Tirgrath at 941-485-8800.

Rivendell residents will be given priority for ads submitted.

Please contact Barb Gahry

at 941-586-3936 or [bgahry@aol.com](mailto:bgahry@aol.com)

to change your phone number, email address, or to make other changes to the Directory.

## IMPROVE YOUR COMCAST SECURITY ONLINE:

“Top 10 things you should do to protect yourself and your computer online”

*Excerpted from an article from the Comcast web site June 2012*

*<http://security.comcast.net/get-smart/security-trends/best-practices.aspx>*

**1. Install Security Software.** Make no mistake -- if you don't install strong security programs, your computer's performance and your personal information are at risk. Anti-spyware, anti-virus, and anti-Trojan horse software are a must. Norton™ Security is provided at no additional cost for High-Speed Internet subscribers. The Comcast Toolbar offers anti-phishing, anti-spyware, and pop-up blocking technology. <http://www.comcast.net/toolbar3>

**2. Install a firewall.** A firewall is your first line of defense. It monitors the data passed between your computer and the Internet. When it spots suspicious inbound or outbound data, it filters out questionable packets of information or disallows the connection entirely.

**3. Update software regularly.** Even the best security software can be compromised if you don't update their protection. Set your operating system and security software to check for updates automatically.

**4. Lock down your PC.** Secure access to your hard drive with a password. And set your system to require the password each time your computer starts up, wakes up from sleep mode, or experiences a set period of inactivity.

**5. Backup your hard drive.** Set your system to back up automatically at times of inactivity. As a High-Speed Internet subscriber, you'll receive Backup & Share for your music, photos and files. <http://security.comcast.net/backup>

**6. Secure your wireless network.** Secure access to your WiFi network with a password to make sure that strangers are not grabbing your personal information from the air.

**7. Secure your passwords.** Combine numbers, letters, case, and symbols to create unique, secure passwords - the longer the better. Do not use the same password for more than one or two functions. And of course, never allow unauthorized persons access to your passwords.

**8. Stay private in public.** Never enter personal information on computers or wireless networks that are not under your direct control. Public computers and open wireless networks are conveniences that are shared by many but patrolled by few.

**9. Talk to your kids, watch your kids.** Consistent parental involvement is the best protection kids have against online risks. Educate yourself and talk to your kids about proper online behavior. Limit the risks by installing parental controls that allow you to set criteria for Internet content, programs used, time spent online, and online chat partners.

**10. Be skeptical.** The Internet presents enormous possibilities and serious risks. The same rules that operate in the real world also operate online. Does an offer seem too good to be true? Do you really know the person on the other end of an unsolicited message? When something doesn't feel right, just close the window and hit delete. Online criminals are sophisticated and motivated.



# Designing Women Events

**February 27 Ambassadors' Guild Evening Performing Arts Winter-Spring Series**

\$35. World-acclaimed Ariel String Quartet from Israel presented by Perlman Music Program Suncoast. Starts 6:30pm. Refreshments. Private shopping 5-6:30pm. 941-366-5293

**March 5 Ambassadors' Guild Fundraiser: "Out to Lunch with Designing Women"**

\$95. Keynote speaker Clint Hill, author of bestselling book 'Mrs. Kennedy & Me' with co-author Lisa McCubbin. 11:30am, The Francis Ballroom, 1289 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota. 941-366-5293

**March 20 Ambassadors' Guild Evening Performing Arts Winter-Spring Series**

\$35. Perlman Music Program Suncoast. Starts 6:30pm. Refreshments. Private shopping 5-6:30pm. 941-366-5293

**To RSVP or for Sponsorship information, please call our event line. Visit our shop or visit us online. Your payment secures your reservation – Cash/Credit/Check**

Event Line: 941-366-5293 1226 N. Tamiami Trail at 13th Street, Sarasota  
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## ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA Mark Your Calendar



### 19th Annual Siesta Key Craft Festival

**February 9th & 10th, 2013, Saturday & Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM**

Attend the Annual Siesta Key Craft Festival along Ocean Boulevard and Beach Road to discover wonderful creations from more than 100 crafters exhibiting and selling their work in an outdoor gallery. Photography, paintings, sculpture, jewelry and more showcased from local and traveling crafters. Free Admission.

### Belle Canto

**February 10 - 7:00 pm**

**St. Boniface Choral Festival at St. Boniface Episcopal Church**

5615 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota

An offering will be taken. For additional information call 941-349-5616.

### Suncoast Chorale

**POPS, PATRIOTS & PDQ**

**February 15, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.** Trinity Presbyterian Church

**February 24, 2013 – 3:30 p.m.** Venice Presbyterian Church.

For more information call (888) 326-8403 or visit the website:

<http://suncoastchorale.com>

### 25th Anniversary Downtown Sarasota Festival of the Arts

**February 16th & 17th, 2013 ~ Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Consistently ranked one of the top 100 Fine Art Shows by Sunshine Artist Magazine. The festival is held along Main Street in downtown Sarasota, from 5 Points-Selby Park to Orange Avenue. Meet the artists who are displaying life-size sculptures, paintings, one-of-a-kind jewels, photography and more. Free Admission.

### Selby Plant & Garden Festival

**February 23 & 24, 10:00am-5:00pm (Saturday 9:00 admission for members)**

Selby Gardens will have more than 40 vendors including rare collections, exotic species, herbs, houseplants, and gardening supplies. Horticulturists and master gardeners will offer demonstrations and advice. Kids can enjoy gardening fun with activities and games in the Kids' Corner. The "Art of Plants" will include contemporary dance performances as well as an eco-themed art installation. Other activities include jazz music by Project SRQ and South County Jazz Society and barbecue provided by Local Catering.

Admission: Members get in FREE; Non-member adults enjoy a discounted admission of \$12; Member

Guests \$5; Children 11 & under are free. [www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org)

### Botanical Illustrations at Selby Botanical Gardens - Florida Fantastica by MF Cardamone

**Until March 3, 2013 - 10:00am to 4:30pm**

Plant lovers, history buffs and alternative medicine fans will enjoy Cardamone's mixed media show. Pressed botanical specimens found in academic labs and natural history museums inspire her. She records the life histories of plants by combining specimens with images and words that modernize specimen mounting and botanical illustration. Last January she collected specimens from Selby Gardens.

### 12th Annual Downtown Venice Art Classic

**March 2nd & 3rd, 2013, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

The 12th Annual Downtown Venice Art Classic is set up along West Venice Avenue in Downtown Venice. This festival brings together a collection of favorites and some of the newest contemporary artists providing a diverse range of artwork for buyers to choose from. Free Admission.

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Jim Stepien, Chair

Now that the holidays are over the MC and our contractors will be getting back into a more normal pattern of landscape, lake and preserve maintenance, and the MC meeting will return to the scheduled meeting time of 7:00 pm the first Wednesday of each month in the Cottages Clubhouse.

**Landscape:** The majority of the taller palm trees (200) throughout the community have had their dead fronds removed. The MC will be presenting an additional request to the Board to complete the remaining palms. Sun State will now be catching up on trimming the ornamental grasses, hedges and many of the smaller palm trees in the community.

**Pool:** The new restroom stalls at the pool have been installed. Over the holidays, we had a solar panel leak (has been repaired) and a few problems with the pool heaters. We are working with our management company and Southwest Pools to determine the source of the problems and what can be done to prevent or minimize future problems. Other minor issues with the drinking fountain and shower will be reviewed with solutions being presented to the Board.

**Other:** The main irrigation pump shed (north end of Rivendell Lake) has been rebuilt with longer lasting materials and will be landscaped this spring to shield its appearance from the Boulevard and the adjoining homes.

### New items:

We have noticed a problem on the north side of Rivendell Blvd. from the nature trail entrance westward toward the entrance of our community - the grass we had installed has been killed by repeated passage of golf carts or ATVs going from the nature trail into the wooded area. If any homeowner has noticed the vehicle, please contact LHM so that we can determine if those responsible are homeowners or school personnel.

As a committee of the Board, we feel we have made significant progress in restoring common area maintenance to the forefront of the Board's agenda and we appreciate the positive response we have gotten from many homeowners in the community. The current members of the MC have indicated their intention to remain on the MC and look forward to serving the community in the coming year.



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## Minutes Architectural Review Committee January 1, 2013

**Attendees:** Gwenda Stepien – Committee Chair, Joe Sefack, Shirley Borean, Mickie Konner

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 4 Committee members present.

The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and agreed as written.

**The following applications were reviewed and decided for action:**

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	794 Shadow Bay Way	Installation of concrete slab at back of house, 30" X 12".	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Sefack Notes: Need 3 ft bushes along side of concrete slab.
2.	579 Meadow Sweet Circle	Replace shingles on entire roof Charcoal Grey	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mickie Konner 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Sefack
3.	730 Fordingbridge Way	Paint entire house same color as original. Trim Cream	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner
4.	1084 Mallard Marsh	Remove diseased Pineapple Palm Tree and replace with Pygmy Date Palm	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Shirley Borean
5.	790 Shadow Bay Way	Replace existing Cage. Extend Cage across back of House.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Shirley Borean 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien Notes: Cage must be Bronze Color
6.	673 Clear Creek Drive	Install fence back and side of House.	Resolved: <b>DENIED</b> Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien Notes: No letter from neighbor also Plat not clear.
7.	682 Clear Creek Drive	Install concrete slab 2ft x 3ft and Propane Tank.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien Notes: Must be covered by Shrubs or Plantings
8.	589 Meadow Sweet Circle	Install Bahamas Storm Shutters permanently mounted, painted to match house color.	Resolved: <b>DENIED</b> Motion: Mickie Konner 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Shirley Borean Notes: Must abide by the Hurricane rules. Shutters cannot be permanent.

**ARC meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. Next Meeting: January 31, 2013**

### The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

**Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the third Tuesday of each month.**

**NOTE:** The ARC recommends that applications be received one week before the next meeting.  
Applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

**REMINDER:** If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for Landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your application will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

*Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.*

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[http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html)

**Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.**

**Deadline:** Submit articles and information to Kay Mruz ([siestakeysunset6@gmail.com](mailto:siestakeysunset6@gmail.com)) by the tenth of the month.

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Qualifications include the ability to work well with others, good judgment, and a desire to serve the community. Volunteers help maintain our neighborhood.

If interested, please submit a statement about your interest & qualifications to **Kyanne Merrill** at **Lighthouse Property Management**  
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If you are currently a member of either committee and wish to serve again please notify Kyanne.

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