



WOMEN'S CULTURAL ALLIANCE

**2014-2015
PROGRAM GUIDE**

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WOMEN’S CULTURAL ALLIANCE
www.womensculturalalliance.com

WOMEN'S CULTURAL ALLIANCE (WCA) is an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County. WCA provides the opportunity for its members to meet other women who share similar interests. WCA offers a wide variety of programming, including: study groups in art, film, literature, theatre, and several other areas; special interest groups such as bridge, Mah Jongg, canasta, biking, "Serious Foodies," singing, jazz, and bird watching; special classes on numerous topics ranging from photography, technology, and flower arranging, to drawing, crafts and Spanish; *a phenomenal lecture series*; and a strictly social component where you can dine out for lunch or dinner, meet new people, and renew friendships.

We love to welcome new members into our group. Over 1000 women have joined WCA. Membership in WCA makes each woman an official member of the Jewish Federation of Collier County. The membership year is from September 1 to August 31.

We encourage you to review this Program Guide of activities for the coming season. We have much to offer and are confident that you will find something of interest to you. Please join us. You will be glad that you did!

Sincerely,

Flaine Soffer

WCA President

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Signing Up for a Program

All paid-up members of the Women's Cultural Alliance are eligible to register for any program that is offered. It is necessary, however, to sign up with the liaison for each program/study group/interest group you want to attend. Many groups limit the number of participants in order to enable each participant to have a quality experience, so don't wait too long to register! Although some programs continue year-round, members must sign up for each new season.

Sign-up information for each offering is either in the Program Guide or will appear in a Thursday WCA eblast that will be sent closer to the date of the event.

**Only WCA members may attend
WCA classes and programs.**

**All programs will meet at the Federation,
unless otherwise stated.**

**For additional information about WCA, contact
Elaine Soffer, WCA President
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NEW & EXCITING PROGRAMS FOR THE 2014 – 2015 SEASON

- **FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET**
- **DING DARLING WILD LIFE SANCTUARY**
- **THEATER EVENTS**
- **ARTIST STUDIO TOURS**
- **SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS**
- **COCONUT GROVE ART FAIR**
- **JEWISH GENEALOGY**
- **WELLNESS**
- **ROZOME PAINTING**
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- **PHOTOGRAPHY SAFARIS**
- **MAGIC OF FABRICS**
- **HOUSE TOURS**
- **COLD HEARTED WOMEN**
- **SHOE PAINTING PARTY**
- **DOCENT LED TOURS OF NEW EXHIBITIONS**
- **ORANGES ANYONE!**
- **MIAMI OPERA**
- **MAINSAIL ART FAIR**

DON'T MISS THESE CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

*Look for registration, more information as well as additional happenings
in the Thursday eblast closer to the event.*

- ☆ **Tour the studio of multimedia sculptor Joel Shapses in Jan or Feb**
- ☆ **Tour the studio of a National Portrait Gallery award-winning artist in January**
- ☆ **Tour gallery of contemporary impressionist artist Paul Arsenault in January**
- ☆ **See the play “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” in January**
- ☆ **Tour the studio of Peruvian artist Nicario Jimenez Retablos in February**
- ☆ **Attend a special program at the Sugden Theater in February**
- ☆ **Tour a spectacular house in February**
- ☆ **Attend a performance of “Pippin” in March**
- ☆ **See a Glass Blowing demonstration in March**
- ☆ **Tour another wonderful house in April**
- ☆ **Explore the Mainsail Art Fair in St. Petersburg in April**
- ☆ **Attend the Miami Grand Opera performance of “The Consul” in May**

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL EVENTS

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Jane Podber will be teaching 2 new classes. Each class will be different and require a separate registration. Class size is limited. Contact Jane to register.

iPad Apps I

THURSDAY, DEC 11, 2014 1:00- 2:30 PM

Learn about iPad Utility Apps and put them to practical use.

iPad Apps II

THURSDAY, JAN 8, 2015 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Learn more about iPad Apps and share valuable Apps.

LIAISON: Jane Podber jpodber@gmail.com

☆ PHOTOGRAPHY SAFARIS

Safari 1 – WEDNESDAY, OCT 22, 2014 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Photograph animals, plants and people with the guidance of Professional Photographer Gwen Greenglass. Both Artistic and Technical advice will be shared. This is your chance to practice with your camera on great subjects. We will meet at the Naples Zoo on Wednesday, OCT 22 at 9:00. The only cost is the entrance fee to the Zoo. This event is limited to 10 women who are able to walk around for two hours. Contact Gwen to register.

Safari 2 – WEDNESDAY, JAN 14, 2015, 10:00 – 12 NOON

Learn techniques including close-up, composition, reflectors and more while photographing beautiful flowers at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Both artistic and technical advice will be shared. Tripods are not allowed in the garden. We will meet at the entrance and may stay for lunch. Cost is the entrance fee to the Garden and lunch. Contact Gwen to register.

LIAISON: Gwen Greenglass gwen@portraitsbygwen.com

☆ WELLNESS SERIES

FRIDAYS, NOV 14, DEC 19, 2014, JAN 16, & FEB 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM

The details of each presentation will be in the eblast with along with the registration information.

1) *Anti-Aging or Reducing Toxins to Help Support Healthy Aging.* Some chronic diseases we have can be intensified by foods and products we unwittingly think are "safe." Just a small reduction in these chemicals can allow your immune system to become stronger and more responsive.

2) *Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction: Relaxing Meditation, Gentle Chair Yoga, Undoing the Physiology of Stress.* The goal of the techniques offered is to move away from habitual thought patterns and reactive habits, and instead to live fully in the present moment with acceptance and equanimity. By doing this, we generally find that we're happier, as are the people around us! Hopefully this session will give you a taste of what is possible and some techniques to take home.

3) *How to Bounce Back to Come Out on Top.* Life is full of changes and challenges. Some people thrive, while others just survive. *What are the secrets to positive people who bounce back to come out on top?* Learn the 7 secrets to emotional resiliency to overcome obstacles and challenges. Come give yourself an emotional "tune up" and learn practical strategies to boost your "Mental Wellness IQ"!

4) *Meditation, Motivation and Breathing*

A simple but strong class on how to decrease your stress and increase your breathing using strong breathing movements and gentle meditation. This class will connect our body, mind and soul, and will bring energy and good vibes to our hearts - something that is needed in our daily lives. The class is easy to follow and will produce wonderful results.

You must register separately for each presentation; watch for the eblast for information.

☆ INTRODUCTION TO THE MAGIC OF FABRICS

WEDNESDAY, JAN 7, 2015

Interior Designer Nancy Benjamin will introduce you to the magic of fabrics in the Kravet showroom at the Miromar design center. This showroom is open to interior designers only. Nancy Benjamin has won numerous awards and has been in business for over thirty years.

Watch the eblast closer to the event for registration information.

WCA DINNER PARTIES

SUNDAYS, JAN 25, FEB 15, MAR 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Are you interested in a dinner group that meets in members' homes? Join the Dinner Party Group to meet new people and have a delicious meal in someone's home. Members prepare one dish from a planned menu and agree to host one dinner, for 6 – 8 people. A notice and the menu will be sent about 6 weeks before each dinner. Guests will be randomly assigned, so you will meet different people at each dinner. All costs are shared. You do not have to attend all 3 dinners. The group is open to both singles and couples. To be added to the dinner party group, send your name to Ellie Richman and she will email additional information to you.

LIAISON: Ellie Richman dinnerpartygroup@yahoo.com

THE SALON

THURSDAY, JAN 29, 2015 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road, Naples

Enjoy an afternoon of original prose and poetry readings by WCA members. The afternoon will include a discussion and musical interludes, performed by WCA members, followed by wine and cheese. Contact Iris or Estelle to register.

LIAISONS: Iris Shur irisjimshur@aol.com

Estelle Rauch estellerauchlcs@gmail.com

☆ FABULOUS TABLESCAPES

MONDAY, FEB 9, 2015 Noon – 2:00 PM

Susie Wolf, entertaining expert, will demonstrate how you can create a fabulous tablescape using items you may already have. After the demonstration in her home, she will serve wine and a sumptuous luncheon.

Cost is \$22.00. Checks should be made payable to Susie Wolf.

This program is limited to 20 women.

Liaison: Susie Wolf mwolf2003@earthlink.net

LIFE COACHING WITH HORSES

TUESDAY, FEB 17, 2015 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join us on the ranch for a 2-hour session and get a taste of what Coaching and horses can bring to your life. Your Life Coaching partnership provides exploration, awareness, and direction. Why horses? Their presence helps you quiet all the noise in your head and be present in the moment to savor what your life has to offer. The horse will reflect back to you, but without an agenda. This increases and quickens your ability to find your way to personal growth, empowerment, creativity and a life of meaning.

Go to www.discoveringyourway.com to learn more about Life Coaching with Horses. No horse experience required and no riding involved. Contact Karen to register.

Each session is limited to 20 members. Cost: \$20 includes a light brunch.

LIAISON: Karen Kendrick (212) 300-7783

kkendrick@discoveringyourway.com

JAPANESE ART OF IKEBANA – SOGETSU DEMONSTRATION

DEMONSTRATIONS:

MONDAY, DEC 22, 2014 OR WEDNESDAY, JAN 28, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Ikebana is the *Japanese art of flower arrangement* with its goal of being “friendship through flowers.” SOGETSU enables anyone to use Ikebana with any materials, anywhere, with amazing results, including the use of contemporary design. Learn the concepts of Ikebana such as harmony, balance, and unity. Emphasis is on both tradition and artistic expression. Two demonstrations are offered this season; select one and notify Loris Dallal.

WORKSHOPS:

The workshops will offer an opportunity to learn more and have a hands-on experience. Location TBD. Contact Loris Dallal for additional information.

LIAISON: Loris Dallal Lorisdallal@gmail.com

ANNUAL WCA CANASTA DAY with Lunch

WEDNESDAY, MAR 11, 2015 Noon – 4:00 PM at The Club Pelican Bay

Love to play canasta? Sign up with a table of 4 players. Venue allows a maximum of 100 players. The \$36 registration fee includes Pelican Bay Club's wonderful buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of canasta. All WCA members and their guests are welcome. Watch for the registration form in the WCA Thursday eblast.

LIAISONS: Hope Abels hopeabels@yahoo.com

Donna Goldstein donnagoldstein@gmail.com

IT'S TEA TIME

WEEK 2: TUESDAYS, DEC – APR

If you enjoy watching Downton Abbey, afternoon tea, scones with clotted cream, and Cornish pasties, this is the group for you! Each month we will meet at a different local tea room for tea and conversation. Possible choices are: Tea with Me at Audrey's, Brambles English Tea Room, The Wisteria, and the Ritz-Carleton Resort. Sign up to be included on our mailing list to receive specific dates and locations.

LIAISONS: Marlene Karpman skarpman@aol.com

Paula Handloff phandloff@gmail.com

☆BACKGAMMON

Have fun playing this classic game” Contact Dena to sign up and receive playing information.

LIAISON: Dena Robbins denarobbins@comcast.net

☆ CRAFTING

FRIDAYS, JAN – APR 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Sign up for each class separately.

JAN 9, 2015

Learn to make napkin rings that compliment your décor. Prior to the class, instructor Gail Nizen will inform you about cost of supplies and materials to bring.

LIAISON: Gail Nizen enjoytraveling@verizon.net

FEB 27, 2015

Learn to create individualized canvas placemats. Prior to the class, instructor Cathy Zack will inform you of about the cost of supplies and what materials to bring.

LIAISON: Cathy Zacks ctphzacks@gmail.com

APRIL 17, 2015 9:30 – 11:30

Learn to make a shell-covered picture frame to enhance your photographs. Prior to the class, instructor Andrea Pandazi will inform you about cost of supplies and what materials to bring.

LIAISON: Andrea Pandazi apandazi@gmail.com

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REMINDER:

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ATTENDING ANY PROGRAM**

SPECIAL CLASSES WITH OUR ART PARTNERS

To register for these special classes or to get specific dates and times, contact the liaison.
Identify yourself as a WCA Member.

LEIGH HERNDON 'S STUDIO FIBER CLASSES 655 Park Shore Drive, Naples

Separate registration is needed for each class

SHOE PAINTING PARTY Offered on 3 dates; each session is 2 hours.

TUESDAY, NOV 4, 2014 9:30 – 11:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JAN 14, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAR 6, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Using participants provided item(s), i.e., shoes, bag, T-shirt or scarf, they will complete a design using Paintstik. Bright colors for shirts or scarves work best. Paintstik and other supplies will be provided. This project can be completed in one class session. Finished pieces are machine washable and permanent. No experience necessary.

Class limited to 10 members Cost: \$30

BATIK

Classes start on FRIDAYS, OCT 3, 2014, FEB 6, and APR 3, 2015 9:30 - 11:30 AM

TUESDAY, MAR 3, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Design and dye 3 scarves in 4 sessions (2 ½ hours per session).

Finished dyed silk will be hand-washable and dry cleanable. No experience necessary. All supplies, use of tools and 3 silk scarves included. Class is limited to 4 participants. Cost: \$175

ROZOME PAINTING

FRIDAY FEB 6, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Design and dye 2 or 3 small paintings on silk using wax-resistant method. Requires the batik class first. All supplies, use of tools and silk provided.

Class is limited to 4 participants. Cost: \$175

LIAISON: Leigh Herndon 239-262-7932 leighherndon@comcast.net

RAKU CLASSES AT ROSEN GALLERY AND STUDIO
North Line Plaza, 2172 J & C Blvd., Naples

CLAY: HANDBUILDING & RAKU TECHNIQUES

MONDAY, 6:00 – 9:00 PM or THURSDAY, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Designed for beginners and led by award-winning artist Richard W. Rosen, the five-week course teaches participants the history of raku, how various glazes affect the pot, and what the glazing process involves. Each member will create a personalized example of raku pottery to display in her home. Class size is limited to 7 participants.

The cost of the class is \$215 and includes the vessels, glazes, and other material needed throughout the course of instruction. Contact Richard to register.

TASTE OF RAKU

THURSDAY, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

In this three-hour workshop, a vessel is provided for each participant; there are discussions about the history of Raku as well as glazing and firing techniques. Each participant will go home with her finished glazed vase. The cost of the workshop is \$48.

LIAISON: Richard Rosen 239-821-1061 rictra@earthlink.net

BUS TRIPS

Mark your calendars for these fabulous trips. Watch the Thursday eblast for registration information and cost.



☆ FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET – Pompano

TUESDAY, OCT 14, 2014

Maximum: 100 participants

We're Going Back! By popular demand, we are going to the Festival Flea Market.

☆ DING DARLING WILDLIFE SANCTUARY – Sanibel Island

THURSDAY, NOV 20, 2014

Maximum: 40 Participants

Calling all Nature Lovers!! A dream day is planned for you. Tour the Sanctuary and then have a catered lunch on the Island.

☆ MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS – Sarasota

TUESDAY, JAN 13, 2015

Maximum: 50 Participants

How well do you know our neighbors to the north? Come along for a charming day trip to tour the gardens followed by lunch on your own at Columbia on St. Armand's Circle and then leisure time to tour the shops and galleries lining the circle.

☆ COCONUT GROVE ART FAIR – Miami

MONDAY, FEB 16, 2015

Maximum: 50 Participants

A wonderful opportunity to drive over together, explore the art fair with friends, then all meet at a restaurant for lunch. We will return together later in the day to share our stories and treasures of the day.

☆ CLIVE BUTCHER SWAMP WALK – Everglades City

TUESDAY, MAR 17, 2015

Maximum: 80 Participants

Come along and explore the swamp up close – REALLY up close. Walk in the swamp with world famous photographer Clyde Butcher then explore his gallery. For those who prefer something less "up close" a boat ride thru the 10,000 islands can be arranged. All will meet later at the Everglades Hotel for lunch.

ADDITIONAL TRIPS ARE PLANNED

WATCH THE THURSDAY EBLASTS FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are interested in participating in one of the groups below, you must first send the liaison an email to register to be part of the group. You will receive a confirmation of your registration as well as information by email about upcoming group events.

WCA COUPLES GROUP (Varied activities for couples)

To receive information about all of the special activities for couples, you **need** to sign up to be part of the WCA Couples Group. A wide variety of activities are being planned, email list to receive information about couples programs such as brunches, dinners, discussion groups, Hand and Foot canasta, and special events.

To be part of the WCA Couples Group, send an email to Gina Cannon at ginacannon53@gmail.com.

In addition to the activities planned specifically for the WCA Couples Group, there are other WCA activities that couples enjoy, including the WCA Navy and Jazz Junkies. You must sign up to be part of the mailing list of each group to receive information.

Don't miss out on all the WCA Couples fun!

NON (North of Naples)

NON was formed to serve WCA members who live in the Bonita Springs, Estero and South Fort Myers areas to ensure that there is a variety of activities that take place north of Naples. **All WCA members are welcome** to attend NON programs and to participate in NON special interest groups.

To be added to the NON email list and receive information about NON events, contact Dina Shein dinashein@yahoo.com

Save the Date for a Special Tour! Join NON for a Fort Myers Founding Females Historic Walking Tour (90 minutes) on Tuesday, DEC 16 at 10:30 AM.

Contact: June Kruger junekru@gmail.com

The NON groups include:

Book Forum – This book group meets the first Thursday of the month at members' homes. Space is limited to the first 12 women who RSVP each month.

Contact: Dina Shein dinashein@yahoo.com

Craft Group – Each month a different craft will be taught, such as learning to make jewelry, collages, mosaics. Wendy will let you know the specific craft for the month and fee for supplies.

Contact: Wendy Cohen wcohen1818@me.com

Games:

MAH JONGG – Wednesdays, enjoy lunch at noon, Mah Jongg at 1:00.

Contact: Renee Becker melrenee66@gmail.com

COUPLES Hand & Foot – second Sundays, 6:30 PM.

Contact: June Kruger junekru@gmail.com

CANASTA – contact Jackie Sherman jsherman123@verizon.net



SERIOUS FOODIES (Monthly food events offered and recipes shared)

Jane Podber WCAFoodies@gmail.com

DINNER PARTY GROUP

(Dinner Parties for Couples and Singles; Special Events and Programs for details)

Ellie Richman dinnerpartygroup@yahoo.com

DINNER DAMES (Monthly dinners at restaurants around town)

Ferne Walpert brownieluv2@gmail.com or

Robyne Schuchman rsetzen@aol.com

THE SINGLES CONNECTION (For single, widowed, and divorced members)

Marilyn Siegel larmarnyfl@aol.com

JAZZ JUNKIES (Jazz events around town)

Sue Dean sueandphil@aol.com

WCA NAVY (Water adventures, including sunset cruises, sailing, and more!)

Ellen Katz exedir16@verizon.net

WCA BIKING GROUP (Group biking trips)

Nancy Garfinkle nancygarf@comcast.net

Lisa Freund laf307@gmail.com

SECOND ACT SINGERS (Women who enjoy singing with an accompanist)

Judy Copeland copelandjudy@aol.com

Evelyn Hecht evelynh@mts.net

IT'S TEA TIME (Enjoy a different tea room each month)

Marlene Karpman skarpman@aol.com

Paula Handloff phandloff@gmail.com

☆ **BOOK GROUPS** (Participate in a WCA Book Group! Refer to the section "Study and Interest Groups by Days of the Week" for additional information)

- Book Study
- Great Books
- Cold Hearted Women –Female Scandinavian Crime Authors
- Contemporary Fiction
- Book Nook
- Contemporary Short Stories
- Modern Playwrights
- Jewish Experience Book Club

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CARDS & GAMES

If you are interested in participating in one of the following groups, you must contact the liaison. She will, in return, send you a confirmation of your registration as well as information about the group's meeting place and time.

MAH JONGG - ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Jane Friedberg JaneFriedberg@comcast.net
Maureen Schaab Schaab10@hotmail.com



CANASTA

Judy Fant judyfant6@yahoo.com

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE LESSONS

Judy Hocher bungajudy@aol.com



PARTY and DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Sally-Ann Endleman endleman@aol.com

HAND & FOOT CANASTA – GROUP 2

Marcia Robins marciadcr@cox.net

☆BACKGAMMON

Dena Robbins denarobbins@comcast.net



SUMMER BRANCHES

WCA Members have so much fun in Southwest Florida and form so many wonderful friendships that they want to “take WCA home.” To make that possible, “branches” of WCA have been created in several areas throughout North America.

- **Boston Metro North: Rolly Jacob rollyj10@verizon.net**
- **Connecticut: Linda Hofbauer l.hofbauer@cox.net**
- **Del Val (NJ, PA, DEL): Judith Belmont
jabelmont3@gmail.com**
- **Illinois: Roberta Ury robertaury@comcast.net**
- **Michigan: Ruth Ann Lippitt ralippitt@gmail.com**
- **NYC Metro: Carole Weinberg and Judy Isserlis
wcanewyork.@gmail.com**
- **Ohio: Marcia Shonberg msviews@gmail.com**
- **Oh Canada:
Leslie Springman lspringman@sympatico.ca**
- **Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland:
Deedee Remenick drddan1@gmail.com**

If you are interested in participating in one of the branches, you must contact the liaison. She will send you a confirmation and let you know about any gatherings of the branch.

SPEAKER SERIES FOR 2014 – 2015

Throughout the season, WCA offers lectures presented by a wide variety of outstanding speakers. To hear these professionals – you only need to register! Watch the Thursday WCA eblast for details about the upcoming lectures and register separately for each lecture.

Titles for this season's Speaker Series include:

KENNEDY, KRUSHCHEV AND THE ALMOST MISSED CALCULATION

50 SHADES OF GREY, THE FILM – STEELE AND GREY COME ALIVE

LESS IS MORE

SOUND OF BLOOD: THE MAKING OF A THRILLER

**FROM KRISTALLNACHT TO AUSCHWITZ –
PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF STRUGGLE, SURVIVAL AND REBIRTH**

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

**ROYAL WOMEN OF ANCIENT GREECE:
'SACHEL', 'CHUTZPAH' & 'MENSCHLICHKEIT'**

**FEMALE FEARS AND FANTASIES: THE WRITING OF
THE WOMAN'S TALE OF GOLF**

**AN OLYMPIC JOURNEY THROUGH THE MUSIC
OF 40 MEDALISTS FROM 1972 TO 2014**

PEACE KEEPING ALONG THE SINAI

THE WORTH OF MIRTH

FIVE DECADES OF THE GREATEST SONGS

THE MUSIC OF THE WIZARD OF OZ

PHILIP ROTH AND FRIENDS

FACES OF EGYPT

2014-2015 STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS BY DAYS OF THE WEEK

In order to participate in any of the programs listed below, you must register by contacting the liaison in advance. In order to ensure that each participant has a quality experience, the number of participants is often limited, so be sure to register soon! (New Offerings for this season are marked with a ☆)

All programs will be held at the Federation, unless indicated otherwise.

MONDAYS

WEEK 2: BOOK STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM NOV – APRIL

The group provides an opportunity for in-depth discussions of plot, character, and writing style in the selected novels.

Schedule: **NOV 10**, *Americanah* by C. N. Adiche; **DEC 8**, *The Testament of Mary* by Colm Toibin; **JAN 12** *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson; **FEB 9**, *Super, Sad, True Love Story* by Gary Shteyngart; **MAR 9**, *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt; **APR 13**, *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson.

LIAISON: Louise Novis lnovis@rogers.com

WEEK 2: FOREIGN / INDEPENDENT FILMS

1:00 – 3:30 PM DEC – MARCH

The movies chosen are little-known films that have won awards at International Film Festivals around the globe. We watch the film together and then have a 30-45 minute discussion. The films will be shown on both Monday and Wednesday of the same week. When you sign up to be part of the group, you will receive an email ten (10) days prior to the first showing of the film for that month and you will be asked to respond with your preference for the day that you want to see the film for THAT MONTH ONLY.

LIAISON: Chet Rivel crivel@rivel.com

WEEK 3: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

10:00 – 11:30 AM All Year

Members discuss issues of current national and international importance, sharing both their own experiences and current research. This growing group determines the program for each month, and a facilitator is chosen to lead the discussion.

Name of Liaison to be announce in the eblast.

WEEK 3: A GATHERING OF WOMEN

1:00 – 3:00 PM 4 SESSIONS: JAN 19, FEB 16, MARCH 16, and APRIL 20

A monthly gathering of women who come together to discuss their own personal life journey. Through self-reflection, we will share the choices we made that shaped us into the women we are today as we look at our past, present, and future in an effort to create the fulfilling lives we each deserve. The discussion group will be facilitated by experienced workshop leader Elaine Lerner, MSW, CSW.

Maximum number of participants 24

LIAISON: Elaine Lerner social11021@aol.com

WEEK 4: LADIES WHO LUNCH – with your friends in WCA

12:00 PM Meets all year

Lunches are held once a month in local restaurants, planned by members of the group. You have the opportunity to meet new people at each lunch as seating is randomly assigned by drawing a table number. All information about these monthly lunches is disseminated in the WCA Thursday eblast.

LIAISONS: OCT to APR: Sue Dean sueandphil@aol.com

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WEEK 4: GREAT BOOKS – at members' homes

10:00 – 11:30 AM DEC – APRIL

This program uses anthologies from the Great Books Foundation. This year we will begin the 3rd book in the series. Entitled *Great Conversations 3*, this anthology can be purchased either through the Great Books Foundation or on Amazon.com. This book contains many well-known historical and contemporary literary writers. We will begin on **December 29**, reading "The Pardoner's Tale" from *The Canterbury Tales*, and then decide which selections we will use on JAN 26, FEB 23, MARCH 30, and APRIL 27.

LIAISON: Irene Pomerantz idpomer@aim.com

TUESDAYS

WEEKLY: SI, SE PUEDE, (YES, YOU CAN, Level 2)

10:00 – 12:00 AM JAN 6 – MAR 31, 2015

A follow-up to the first Spanish speaking course, it supposes a familiarization with foods, colors, numbers, family relationships, noun/adjective agreement, and the various things women do in their lives.

Verb structures and tenses will be introduced, with a focus on oral communication. Although there is no homework, review of the material from a previous class is highly recommended. Maximum group of 25

LIAISON: Paulette Margulies margulies2@comcast.net

WEEKLY: MAH JONGG

1:00 – 3:30 PM Meets all year

All levels of Mah Jongg experience are welcome. Beginner through Experienced as well as ladies who have played in the past and would like to renew their interest in Mah Jongg. Tables will be formed by experience level. Lessons will be available to members who have not previously played.

LIAISONS: Jane Friedberg JaneFriedberg@comcast.net

Maureen Schaab schaab10@hotmail.com

★ **WEEK 1: COLD HEARTED WOMEN**

10:00 – 12:00 PM NOV – APRIL

The famous Scandinavian male authors of recent years are giving way to some terrific new Nordic female authors, many of whom are not well known in this country. To quote the *New York Times*, "It's nice to see

that the women can be just as bloodthirsty as the men.” We will read a number of books by these women who are not only interested in crime and murder, but also include in their mysteries an emphasis on universal social concerns such as rape, bullying, immigration, gay rights, dysfunctional families, single parenting. The following books will be read and discussed: **NOV 4**, *Blessed are Those Who Thirst* by Anne Holt; **DEC 2**, *The Hidden Child* by Camilla Lackberg; **JAN 6**, *The Gingerbread House* by Carin Gerhardsen; **FEB 3**, *Prime Time* by Liza Marklund; **MAR 3**, *Until Thy Wrath Be Past* by Asa Larsson, **APR 7**, *The Killer’s Art* by Mari Jungstedt. The group will be limited to 15 participants.

LIAISON: Judy Peltz jpeltz5@comcast.net

Weeks 1 and 3: INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE LESSONS

10:00 AM JAN – MARCH

Intermediate Bridge lessons will focus on the Planning and Playing, with a side focus on bidding. After a short lecture on the day’s topic, the group will play several hands to illustrate and reinforce the learned techniques. The instructor is a long-time bridge teacher and a Silver Life Master. Her students find her teaching style easily understood and very entertaining.

LIAISON: Judy Hochner bungajudy@aol.com

☆ WEEK 2: JEWISH GENEALOGY

10:00 – 11:30 AM All Year

“Grandma, who are the people in that Passover family picture? Is that Great-grandma Ethel? Is that Great-grandpa Max? Who are the other 12 people in the picture? Where did these people come from and why?” Have you been asked these questions by your children or grandchildren? Why should you or they care? Researching your family genealogy can help you find the answers to the above questions. And the answers to questions you don’t even know to ask yet. You will need a notebook and pen for this program.

LIAISON: Arthur Sissman genresearch13@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAYS

WEEKLY: WCA LADIES CANASTA GROUP

1:00 – 4:00 PM OCT – APRIL

Note new location Temple Shalom – 4630 Pine Ridge Road

Modern American Canasta is a very strategic and fun card game that is played with a partner and a total of 4 players at each table. Two standard decks of cards of 52 cards and 4 jokers are used. Copies of the WCA canasta rules will be available.

LIAISONS: Judy Fant judyfant6@yahoo.com

WEEKLY: TAI CHI – “CREATING THE BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE”

Note new location: JFCC Community Room

9:15 – 10:15 AM JAN and FEB Advanced Class

10:30 – 11:30 AM JAN and FEB Co-Ed Beginner Class

Starting JAN 7 – This one-hour class will teach the art of moving meditation, helping to balance your energies and reduce stress. Taught by Karen Atkin, a certified Kripalu Yoga teacher and certified Tai Chi instructor. Cost of a series of 8 one-hour classes is \$100.

LIAISON: Donna Goldstein donnagoldstein@gmail.com

WEEK 1: *THE NEW YORKER*

1:30 – 3:00 PM Meets all year

Workshop participants are active contributors who select, read, and discuss fiction and non-fiction works from this timely magazine. Each month two articles will be discussed (one fiction and one non-fiction) and two members will facilitate the discussion and prepare relevant questions for the group.

LIAISON: Linda Smith linda@elljes.com

WEEK 2: FOREIGN / INDEPENDENT FILMS (second showing)

1:00 – 3:30 PM DEC – MARCH

PLEASE REFER TO MONDAY WEEK 2 FOR DESCRIPTION.

LIAISON: Chet Rivel crivel@rivel.com

WEEK 3: CURRENT FILMS and LUNCH

NOON Meets all year

A week before we meet, the film, time, and place will be announced through the Thursday WCA eblast. Members meet for lunch before the film and for a discussion following the film.

Reservations required for EACH film.

LIAISON: Nancy Kahn dearnancykahn@gmail.com

WEEKS 3 and 4: CONTEMPORARY FICTION (TWO SEPARATE GROUPS)

10:00 – 11:30 AM Meets at The Strand

Week 3: Group I: **Meets DEC – MARCH**

Week 4: Group II: **Meets all year**

Selections are presented by facilitators and discussed in depth.

To receive information it is essential that you register.

2014 – 2015 Season Books are as follows:

SEPT – *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunte; **OCT** – *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson; **NOV** – *By Blood* by Ellen Ullman; **DEC 2014** – *Falling to Earth* by Kate Southwood; **JAN** – *The Goldfinch* by Donna Taft; **FEB** – *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty; **MARCH** – *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman; **APRIL** – *Shadow of the Banyan* by Vaddey Ratner; **MAY** – *The Invention of Wings* by Susan Monk Kidd; **JUNE** – *The Pieces We Keep* by Kristen McMorris; **JULY** – *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe.

LIAISON: Sue Bookbinder sbookbi@aol.com

WEEK 4: LET'S KNIT AND STITCH Group 2 – meets in members' homes

1:00 – 3:00 PM NOV – APRIL

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, and/or needlepoint? Love to create, learn new skills, and relax for a couple of hours? If your answer is yes, then join us for a great time. Stitchers should have some experience.

When we get together, we share ideas and hints, and have some fun.

Limited to 15 participants.

LIAISON: Harriet Kleinman hmkleinman@gmail.com

BOOK NOOK - Authors will discuss books they have recently written.

See WCA eblast for specific dates and times

Authors will talk about their publications and relate interesting stories about their research. You **must** register to be part of the group and to receive emails regarding specific dates and times. In addition, you **must** register for each lecture. Join what will be a very popular and exciting group.

LIAISON: Patti Boochever WCABookNook@comcast.net

THURSDAYS

WEEK 1: DOCUMENTARY FILM GROUP

"Not Coming To A Theatre Near You"

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM DEC – MARCH

Each month a different thought provoking documentary film will be selected by the group leader to be screened. Many of these films have won numerous awards, but have not been shown in local theaters. There will be a brief introduction prior to the film and discussion following the screening. An email will be sent to all group members prior to the screening with details about the upcoming film. This season this will be a WCA/MCA program, so sign up early.

LIAISON: Steve Brazina sbrazina@aol.com

WEEK 3: DINNER DAMES

5:30 PM OCT – APRIL

Each month the Dinner Dames go to a different restaurant and enjoy lively conversation during dinner. This group is only for WCA members. You must sign up to be part of this group, as the information is sent to only those who sign up. The group is coordinated by Ferne Walpert and Robyne Schuchman.

**LIAISONS: Ferne Walpert brownieluv2@gmail.com or
Robyne Schuchman rsetzen@aol.com**

WEEK 3: CONTEMPORARY SHORT STORIES

1:00 – 2:30 PM JAN – APRIL

This short story group discusses two short stories each month that are chosen from the book *The Art of the Story*, an international anthology of contemporary short stories edited by Daniel Halpern. The discussion for each story is led by a different member of the group, so be prepared to

volunteer for one story. The stories represent different themes written by exciting, international authors. All WCA members are encouraged to sign up for an enlightening afternoon of stimulating views and ideas. RSVP required for each meeting.

LIAISON: Linda Hertzberg bubbielwh@gmail.com

WEEKLY: SPEAKERS SERIES

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Members will be notified through the WCA Thursday eblast of the date, topic, speaker, location, and sign-up procedure well in advance of each lecture.

☆ BIRDWATCHING

9:00 – 11:00 AM OCT – APRIL

Bird-watching is one of America's fastest growing hobbies. This fun and relaxing activity combines viewing nature and taking a leisurely walk with friends. We will visit popular parks in the Naples area that offer different habitats, identifying as many birds as we can and observing their behavior. All walks will include approximately one mile of easy walking, usually on pavement or a boardwalk. We will begin in late October, as soon as cool weather returns, while thousands of birds are migrating through SW Florida. Our first walk will explore Freedom Park, centrally located in the city of Naples. After each walk, I will announce the location and date of the next walk. All walks will be limited to 15 participants.

LIAISON: Susan Sissman ssissman@yahoo.com

FRIDAYS

WEEKLY: DUPLICATE BRIDGE

12:00 – 3:30 PM Meets all year

Intermediate and Experienced Bridge players meet each week for Duplicate Bridge. Cards will be provided.

LIAISON: Sally Ann Endleman endleman@aol.com

WEEK 1: MODERN PLAYWRIGHTS

10:00 – 11:30 AM DEC – MARCH

The group will focus on discussing four plays, *Clybourne Park* by Bruce Norris; *A Delicate Balance* by Edward Albee; *Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang. Their order will be determined after the 4th play is selected. Updates will be provided by email.

**LIAISONS: Carole Soling septembercarole@aol.com and
Bobbi Bassewitz bbassewitz@gmail.com**

WEEK 1: THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE BOOK CLUB

10:15 AM DEC – MARCH

This is not a drop-in Book Club. You must register for the group by email. The Jewish Experience Book Club will be reading the following books: **DEC 5**, *Isaac's Army* by Matthew Brzezinski; **JAN 2**, *The Imposter Bride* by Nancy Richter; **FEB 6**, *The Wanting* by Michael Lavigne; and **MAR 6**, *The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon* by Richard Zimler.

LIAISON: Arlene Sobol asobol99@gmail.com

All programs will meet at the Federation, unless otherwise stated.

REMINDER:

**YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE LIAISON BEFORE
ATTENDING ANY PROGRAM**

FRIENDS AND NOTES

Tribute Cards

Contributions “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” can be sent to WCA. Please include the name of the person you are honoring or memorializing and their address. Also include your name and address.

Contributions in any amount are welcome, although the suggested minimum is \$18.00 (chai).

We will send a card to the recipient, notifying them of your generous contribution.

**Please make your check payable to JFCC/WCA
and send it to Marilyn Litz, WCA Secretary
785 Regency Reserve Circle #4701
Naples, FL 34119
nyliram9986@gmail.com**

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MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Membership: \$60 dues for 2014-2015 enable you to register for all WCA programs. (There may be an additional fee for select programs.)

Please check one:

New **Renewal**

My information below has been updated since last season.

I am In Southwest Florida:

Full-time

Part-time from _____ to _____

Name _____

Spouse or Partner's Name, if applicable _____

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Membership Chair:

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**Give the gift of membership in WCA to a friend or relative.
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