

# Women's Cultural Alliance

## 2018-2019 PROGRAM GUIDE





WCA is an independent volunteer organization of women whose purpose is to enable women who share similar interests to participate in cultural, educational and social events.

This organization, formed in September 2008, is a nonfundraising affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples.

**WOMEN'S CULTURAL ALLIANCE (WCA)** is excited about the start of our second decade of programming and activities. If you are new to Naples, membership in WCA is an easy way to become an active participant in the life of your new community. You will meet other women with similar interests and enjoy their friendship.

Our programming is offered year-round, and for the convenience of our membership, there are now activities offered north and south of Naples as well. Those members who return to their former communities in the summer months can still participate in WCA with summer get-togethers in Chicago, Boston and other areas.

The wide range of activities listed in this program guide, along with those announced in our weekly Thursday eblast, are not the only reasons for our membership of over 1,400 women. As almost all of us are transplants from other cities, we are motivated to enjoy our new life with new friends, and WCA is the way to do that.

Sincerely,

*Elaine Soffer*  
WCA President

*The Women's Cultural Alliance is an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples and is run entirely by volunteers. We are non-partisan, non-sectarian and welcome women of all faiths.*

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## VENUES for WCA Programs

**BARRE FUSION STUDIO**  
13040 Livingston Road #2  
Naples, FL 34105

**BELLA TERRA CLUBHOUSE**  
20070 Bella Terra Blvd.  
Estero, FL 33928

**BETH TIKVAH**  
1459 Pine Ridge Road  
Naples, FL 34109

**BOWLAND BEACON**  
5400 Tamiami Trail N  
Naples, FL 34108

**CENTERS FOR THE ARTS  
of BONITA SPRINGS**  
26100 Old 41 Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

**THE CLUB at GRANDEZZA**  
11481 Grande Oaks Blvd.  
Estero, FL 33928

**HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT**  
5001 Coconut Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

**JEWISH FEDERATION  
of GREATER NAPLES**  
2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 2201  
Naples, FL 34109

**NAPLES DAILY NEWS**  
Community Room  
1100 Immokalee Road  
Naples, FL 34110

**PELICAN MARSH  
COMMUNITY CENTER**  
1810 Persimmon Drive  
Naples, FL 34109

**PELICAN MARSH GOLF CLUB**  
1810 Persimmon Drive  
Naples, FL 34109

**PELICAN SOUND**  
4661 Pelican Sound Blvd.  
Estero, FL 33928

**TEMPLE SHALOM**  
4630 Pine Ridge Road  
Naples, FL 34119

**VALENCIA GOLF  
and COUNTRY CLUB**  
1725 Double Eagle Trail  
Naples, FL 34120

**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB**  
11250 Via Del Vasari Drive  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

**VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK**  
1895 Veterans Park Drive  
Naples, FL 34109

**THE VINES at ESTERO  
COUNTRY CLUB**  
19501 Vintage Trace Circle  
Estero, FL 33967

**WYNDEMERE COUNTRY CLUB**  
700 Wyndemere Way  
Naples, FL 34105

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## A Two-Way Affair in Paradise

*Life is good in Southwest Florida. Although we moved here for the weather, our Florida lifestyle is enhanced by the wonderful women and activities that make up WCA. However, belonging to a group with so many members and events is a two-way affair.*

*Please help yourself maximize your WCA experience and also help WCA maintain its high quality by following these guidelines.*

### **How to make the most of your Affair with WCA:**



Pay your dues promptly.



Wear your name tag to all WCA events.



We are all volunteers. Please be respectful and treat our volunteers as you would like to be treated.



Involve yourself as a volunteer for at least one activity: host an event, be a liaison, help with check-in, take reservations or respond to other volunteer activities as they arise.



Share your unique skills and talents like writing, speaking or organizing with WCA.



All paid-up members of WCA are eligible to register for all offered programs, activities or events.



 You must register to attend a program, activity or event. Only WCA members may register, unless the announcement specifically says “guests welcome.” Guests include partners and spouses (even if they are members of another organization) **and** must be accompanied by a WCA member. This policy is not merely a matter of space concerns but reflects our members’ preferences that events are for the women of WCA. No guests will be permitted if an event is sold out. Keep checking the eblast; sometimes an event opens up to guests after it has been advertised for a period of time.

 When arriving at an event, you must check-in before taking a seat. Registered members have priority. If an unregistered WCA member wants to attend an event as a walk-in, she may be able to fill an empty seat after all of the registered members have checked in. No guests or spouses will be admitted to an event unless it has been specifically stated that guests are welcome.

 Please remember to cancel your registration if you find you cannot attend an event.

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

 It is necessary to RSVP to the liaison for each interest group, program, activity or event you want to attend. Although some programs continue year-round, members must sign up for each new season.

 When registering for a lecture or event, let the response-taker know if you would volunteer to be a greeter or attendance-taker.

 Last season WCA began using the web event tool Eventbrite to have attendees sign up for selected events. Instructions for Eventbrite are on the eblast sidebar.

 Enter the event, date, time and liaison into your calendar when you register for an event.

 Be aware that many groups limit the number of participants due to venue size or to enable each member to have a quality experience.

 No-shows continue to be a problem. Be respectful of your colleagues, activity leaders and presenters. If you cannot attend an event after registering, cancel as soon as possible. Prompt cancellation allows a member on the wait list to attend, and the leaders and presenters to have the requisite number of attendees. If you registered on Eventbrite, you can cancel on Eventbrite. Instructions for Eventbrite are on the eblast sidebar.

 Be certain to include your email and phone number (and any other requested information) when registering. The liaison should acknowledge your registration; if you do not hear back, follow-up.

 For events requiring payment, please send your check promptly. Remember, your check, not your email, is your reservation.

 Take care to note the location of a program, activity or event; they meet at different venues.

 Seating at all social events (except as otherwise noted) should be at random, using a drawing system to encourage meeting new members.

 Refrain from wearing fragrances to WCA events for the comfort of those with aroma sensitivities or allergies.

 Sales of tickets are limited to two tickets per member to enable as many members as possible to attend ticketed events.

 Keep your eyes and ears open for interesting speakers or activities and convey your ideas to a board member.

 Remember that the membership of WCA is eclectic, allowing for different points of view. Be sensitive if discussing controversial topics at any events and be respectful of others.

 Use WCA as your springboard to experience and learn.

 Enjoy the fellowship of the outstanding women who belong to WCA!



## Don't Miss These Cultural Happenings

*Look for registration and further information about these events as well as additional happenings in the Thursday eblast closer to the event.*

- ◆ Attend a two-session illustrated, informative and interesting presentation about art looted by the Nazis during World War II and the search for the "spoils of war"
- ◆ Listen to "Sagacious, Seditious, Seductive: The Untold Stories of Our Biblical Matriarchs" – a presentation by our Welcome Back Luncheon Speaker
- ◆ Learn about Peggy Guggenheim's impact on the art world
- ◆ Tour an eclectic collection of spectacular musical instruments
- ◆ View films about local Jewish icons "The Labodas of Fort Myers" and "Stuart Kaye, A Mensch for All Reasons"
- ◆ Make an Ikebana arrangement to take home
- ◆ Hear "Lessons from Our Miss Americas"
- ◆ Learn about and enjoy performances of the operas "Aida," "Carmen" and "The Deserted Island"
- ◆ Visit the Dali and new James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art
- ◆ Hear about plans for the new Gulfshore Playhouse
- ◆ Visit the Wick Costume Museum and attend a performance of "Funny Girl"
- ◆ Attend performances at Artis—Naples

# SPEAKER SERIES FOR 2018-2019

*Throughout the season, WCA offers lectures presented by a wide variety of outstanding speakers.*

*Again this season, note that the speaker series schedule will vary. Watch the Thursday eblast for details about the upcoming lectures, their days, times and location.*

*To hear these presentations – you need to register separately for each lecture!*

## **Titles for this season's Speaker Series include:**

- ◆ Internet Security
- ◆ Jewish Art – A two-session presentation about art looted by the Nazis during WWII and the search for the "spoils of war"
- ◆ Accessorizing Your House
- ◆ From Naples to Antarctica - Why Should I Care About Ice Cores?
- ◆ Ooohhhh, My Aching Feet
- ◆ A Jewish History of Ft. Myers
- ◆ Peggy Guggenheim's Impact on the Art World
- ◆ Founder and Director of the Gulfshore Opera
- ◆ Pretty Smart: Lessons from Our Miss Americas
- ◆ Rumspringa – the Amish Rite of Passage
- ◆ Less is More – Makeup Hints From a Pro
- ◆ Jewish Composers and Broadway
- ◆ What to Buy From a Naked Man
- ◆ How Digital Technology is Affecting Children and their Families
- ◆ Shakespeare's Women
- ◆ A new novel, "The Collector's Apprentice" by a local author
- ◆ Writing an Ethical Will
- ◆ Israel 2020: A Vision into the Future

## SPECIAL EVENTS

*Don't miss these Special Events! Watch the Thursday eblast for registration information.  
New Offerings for this season are indicated with a \*.*

### **Koffee Klatch Year-Round**

Monthly coffees, held in members' homes, are open to ALL members. Contact Patti if you would like to host. RSVP per each eblast announcement; there is no need to email to be part of the group.

**LIAISON:** Patti Bloom  bloom1210@yahoo.com

### **\*Learn Opera, Love Opera Series**

**Thursdays, October 18 and November 15, 2018; March 21 and April 3, 2019; and Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

Appropriate for those new to opera as well as seasoned opera lovers, Dr. Thomas Cimarusti, Professor of Music History at Florida Gulf Coast University, will educate us about opera, with a particular focus on three operas to be presented by Opera Naples this season: Verdi's "Aida," Bizet's "Carmen" and Hayden's "The Deserted Island." *Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

### **Welcome Back Luncheon**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**Hyatt Regency Coconut Point**

Open to WCA members only. **SAVE THE DATE.**

### **Try Pilates**

**Wednesdays, November 14 and December 12, 2018; January 9 and February 13, 2019**

Try Pilates at Barre Fusion Studio.

One 55-minute session on the reformer. Choose your date.

Fee: \$10 donation to Federation.

**LIAISON:** Geri Feldman  mtfeld@aol.com

## **\*Mental and Emotional Health Discussion Group**

**Wednesdays, October 31, November 7, 14, and 28, 2018 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Monthly, December – April • First Thursday • 1-2:30 p.m.**

Psychologist Jacqueline Sallade will lead discussions on mental health and emotional issues. Possible topics include: self-image, relationships, feelings, grief, mental illness and other topics suggested by participants. Limit 20.

**LIAISON:** Dr. Jacqueline Sallade  jgadget@aol.com

## **New Member Coffees: December – April**

Five monthly coffees are offered in season at members' homes for new members to meet other new members and board members. Learn about all WCA has to offer and how to make the most of your membership, including how to utilize the Thursday eblast. *Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

**LIAISON:** Hope Abels  hopeabels@yahoo.com

## **Cocktails and Conversations**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Sundays, December 16, 2018; January 20, February 17, March 17, 2019**

Meet new friends and enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at members' homes once a month. Couples and singles are welcome. Contact Nancy if you would like to host. RSVP per each eblast announcement.

**LIAISON:** Nancy Garfinkel  nancy.garfinkel@gmail.com

## **Japanese Art of Ikebana – Sogetsu Demonstration and Two-Part Workshop**

**Thursday, December 20, 2018 and Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**1 pm • Naples Daily News**

IKEBANA is the Japanese art of flower arrangement whose goal is "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 which are deeply rooted in Japanese tradition, so it transcends boundaries in complete harmony and elegance. **THIS YEAR WILL BE A TWO-PART LEARNING WORKSHOP** so you can make your own creation and take it home. Fee includes flowers and handouts. Bring your own containers. Pin Cushions, Containers and other accessories for sale. *Check the Thursday eblast for more information.*

**LIAISON:** Loris Dallal  Lorisdallal@gmail.com

## **\*Women and Wealth – Understanding Yours**

**Tuesdays, January 15, 22, and 29 • 10-12 p.m. • Cost: \$36**

Retired Certified Financial Planner Susan Rabin will lead this three-session class, in which participants will take the important first steps towards understanding their own personal financial situations. In a comfortable group setting, you will gain insights into your finances and learn: the facts about Financial Assets; how to organize statements and documents; how to get your affairs in order; basics of Wills and Trusts; Investment Terms; how to structure a diversified portfolio; and tips on how to hire a financial advisor. There will be handouts to enable you to work independently to get your finances organized.

To enroll: email Susan Rabin  Srab1n123@gmail.com. If accepted for the class, Susan will notify you and tell you where to send your check.

## **\*Writing an Ethical Will**

**Friday, January 18 (Naples Daily News) followed by two, 2-hour workshops on February 15 and March 15, 2019 (Federation)**

How do you want to be remembered? In your Last Will and Testament, you pass on your material possessions. By writing an Ethical Will, you create something more important: a written communication of your beliefs, what you have learned in your lifetime and expressions of love. You are conveying values, not valuables. Presented by David Rutstein.

*Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

## **Couples Canasta Night (WCA and MCA)**

**January 22, 2019 • 6:00-10:00 p.m. • Pelican Marsh Golf Club**

Dinner and Canasta for those who love to play. All four players must be members of WCA/MCA. **SAVE THE DATE.**

## **The Salon**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019 • 1-4 p.m. • Temple Shalom**

Enjoy an afternoon of original prose and poetry reading by WCA members. The afternoon will also include a discussion and musical interludes performed by WCA members, followed by wine and cheese. To help with food, contact Iris.

*Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

**LIAISONS:** Iris Shur  irisjimshur@aol.com

Estelle Rauch  creativewriterhr@gmail.com

## Annual Mah Jongg Day

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019 • Wyndemere Country Club**

Love to play Mah Jongg? Sign up for a table of 4 players. The venue allows a maximum of 140 players. The registration fee includes lunch at Wyndemere Country Club and a fun afternoon of Mah Jongg. Open to WCA members only. **SAVE THE DATE.**

## Trivia Day

**Monday, February 11, 2019 • Vasari Country Club**

Come for lunch and test your knowledge! **SAVE THE DATE.**  
**LIAISON:** Rolly Jacob 📧 [rollyj@gmail.com](mailto:rollyj@gmail.com)

## \*Nazi Looted Art – Unfinished Business

**Wednesdays, February 13 and March 13, 2019 • Naples Daily News**

During World War II, Hitler's army systematically looted great art collections from European museums (Da Vinci, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh) and private Jewish families (Pissarro, Modigliani, Klimt, Matisse, Degas) in the greatest robbery in history. After the war, the "Monuments Men" recovered many of these priceless items and returned them to their countries of origin. Unfortunately, the countries of origin generally did not seek out the rightful owners. As a result, families have been forced to embark on an international scavenger hunt to reclaim their possessions. Maria Altman won restitution of Gustav Klimt's "Portrait of Adele" in 2006, but most of the heirs have not been as fortunate. The search for the "spoils of war" continues.

Presented by Ellaine Rosen.

*Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*



## Artistic and Creative Evening for WCA/MCA

**February 27, 2019 • 4:30-8:30 pm • Centers for the Arts of Bonita Springs**

Last year's artistic evening was so successful, we are offering it again with new exciting class options! Unleash your creativity in this exclusive one night event, offered exclusively to WCA/MCA members, that combines socializing, learning new artistic skills, making a creative project and having fun! The Centers for the Arts of Bonita Springs has collaborated with our groups to provide an evening starting with hors d'oeuvres and a light dinner, followed by a choice of five artistic classes. Sign up individually or with a guest for a fun and creative evening!

*Offerings are:*

**GET FIRED UP SPECIAL EVENT** - Design a unique/funky fused glass wall clock

**WOOD WALL SCULPTURE** – Design, assemble and paint colorful precut wood shapes to make a cool wood wall sculpture.

**SILK PAINTING** - Learn to paint on silk and leave with a finished 6-foot silk scarf ready to wear and one circular piece ready to hang on the wall.

**EMBELLISHED CHAIN LARIAT** – Use unique focal beads and bead accents to create an exquisite statement necklace.

**GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE** – Choose from a selection of pre-thrown food-safe bowls, and learn how to glaze and decorate your bowl with a number of interesting and beautiful techniques.

**LIAISON:** Judy Belmont  JABelmont3@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE.** *Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

## \*Great Books Lead to Great Films

**Monday, March 11, Thursdays, March 28 & May 2 • 1 p.m. • Naples Daily News**

Monday, March 11: "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, 1925

Thursday, March 28: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, 1960

Thursday, May 2: "Disgrace" by J.M. Coetzee, 1999

The three films in this series were chosen specifically because each is based on a superb 20th century novel. We expect that each attendee will read each novel in advance of the film date. It will enrich your experience of the film, and is crucial for your participation in discussion of both the novel and the film. We also expect that you will stay for the discussion after the film. Each novel and film is a comprehensive three-part undertaking. Please do not sign up if you can't commit to all three parts. You may sign up for this group, so that you will be part of the separate email list. We will keep you apprised when you will need to commit for the specific date.

**LIAISONS:** Nancy Kahn  dearnancykahn@gmail.com

Estelle Rauch  creativewriterehr@gmail.com

## Annual Canasta Day

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

Love to play Canasta? Sign up for a table of 4 players. The registration includes lunch. **This year there will be two venues:** Wyndemere Country Club and another venue to be determined.

Open to WCA members only. **SAVE THE DATE.**

## Beginners Beading Party with Paula Brody

**Dates to be determined**

Design and create an original necklace that you will wear home, and learn the basics for creating beautiful handcrafted beaded necklaces. Your registration includes beads, other supplies and refreshments provided by Paula. Class size limited to 10. *Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

## Mechanical Musical Instrument Tour

**Dates to be determined**

This tour provides a fascinating look at an unusual collection of mechanical music instruments. The Edgerton Collection includes cylinder and disc music boxes, barrel organs, barrel pianos, carousel organs and reproducing and player pianos. All of these instruments, dating from 1790-1930, contain a musical instrument and some type of program that lets them play themselves. The owner will give a brief history and explanation about each machine, which is in working and pristine condition, before activating it. *Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

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*destinations*

## BUS TRIPS

*Mark your calendars for these fabulous trips!  
Check the Thursday eblast for registration information,  
costs and additional trips.*

### **The Wick Costume Museum and “Funny Girl”**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019 • Boca Raton, Florida**

Broadway in Boca again! Back by popular demand, we will visit the renowned Wick Costume Museum’s new exhibit, have a delicious lunch in the Tavern on the Green room and attend a matinée performance of “Funny Girl.”

### **The Dali and James Museums**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019 • St. Petersburg, Florida**

Discover the life, legend and art of Salvador Dali with a docent-led tour of the largest Dali collection outside of Europe. After lunch, we will visit the brand new James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art opened in 2018.

### **Sugarlands Tour**

**March (Date to be Determined) • Clewiston, Florida**

We will take a fascinating tour of “sugarlands” in Clewiston where we will get a close-up look at how oranges are grown and sugar is made, from field to pantry.

### **Solomon’s Castle**

**April (Date to be Determined) • Ona, Florida**

Experience Solomon’s Castle, the unique home of internationally renowned artist and sculptor Howard Solomon. The Castle is home to over 80 stained glass windows and countless metal sculptures. We will lunch on site at the Boat in a Moat restaurant.

*Dates May Change.*

**Updated information and registration  
will be announced in the Thursday eblasts.**

## SATELLITE GROUPS

*If you are interested in participating in one of the groups below **you must register each season** by sending the liaison an email requesting to become 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

The WCA couples group offers a variety of activities for couples. To receive information about all of the special programs designed for couples, you **MUST** sign up to be part of the WCA Couples group. A broad range of activities is being planned such as brunches, dinners, theater parties, and a mystery event. New members to the group are invited to a "Newcomer Potluck Dinner" that has become an annual event.

To be part of the WCA Couples Group, email Phyllis Strome  couples@strome.org

### WCA NORTH

WCA North was formed to serve WCA members who live in the Bonita Springs, Estero and South Fort Myers areas to ensure that there are cultural, educational and social activities north of Naples. All WCA members are welcome to attend WCA North programs and to participate in WCA North special interest groups.

To be added to the WCA North email list and receive information about the events, contact Coordinator, Dina Shein  dinaatwca@gmail.com

*Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

### PROGRAMS:

*You must first send the liaison an email to register to be part of the group.*

**WEEKLY Canasta:** Mondays • 1 p.m. • Pelican Sound

**LIAISON:** Jackie Sherman  jsherman123@verizon.net

**WEEKLY Mah Jongg and Lunch:** Wednesdays • 12 p.m. • The Club at Grandezza

**LIAISON:** Andrea Goodman  andgood24@yahoo.com

## MONTHLY Book Discussion and Lunch:

**Third Thursday • 12 p.m. • The Vines at Estero Country Club**

(see directions in eblast sidebar)

**LIAISON:** Dina Shein  dinaatwca@gmail.com

- OCTOBER 18: "A Gentleman from Moscow" by Amor Towles
- NOVEMBER 15: "October Storm," an original screenplay by Flory Herman
- DECEMBER 20: "Girls of Atomic City: the Untold Story of the Women who Helped Win World War II" by Denise Keirman
- JANUARY 17: "The Bleeding Heart" by Marilyn French
- FEBRUARY 21: Title to be chosen from the Jewish Book Festival
- MARCH 21: "Some Day" by Shemi Zarhin
- APRIL 18: "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin
- MAY 16: "Hebrew Works: Short Stories" and "Aya" by Yariv Sapir

## MONTHLY Sharing Shakespeare:

Register one time.

**LIAISON:** Diane Carel  dfcarel@gmail.com

**First Tuesday • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • Bella Terra Clubhouse** (see directions in eblast sidebar). Happy Hour at an area restaurant follows.

- OCTOBER 2: "Hamlet" Act 5, Final Discussion
- NOVEMBER 6: "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" by Tom Stoppard. A modern imagining of two minor characters from "Hamlet."
- DECEMBER 4: "As You Like It:" Philosophy & Silliness: "All the World's a Stage" – a highly quotable play!
- JANUARY 8: "Antony and Cleopatra" Part 1 – Sex, Passion, Power
- FEBRUARY 5: "Antony and Cleopatra" Part 2 – woman/queen/goddess vs. duty/loyalty
- MARCH 5: "Coriolanus" – What factors should determine how power is distributed in society? Should everyone get an equal say in how a government is run? Are violent demonstrations a legitimate form of protest?
- APRIL 2: "Two Gentlemen of Verona" – A celebration of male friendship?
- APRIL 25: Meet me at the Naples Daily News for my WCA Talk: "Shakespeare's Women" 10-11:30 a.m.
- MAY 7: "The Merry Wives of Windsor" – Marriage, Wealth, Lies, Jealousy

## SPECIAL EVENTS

*Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

**Quilling:** Friday, September 21, 2018

**Beading:** Friday, December 21, 2018

**Opening Luncheon:** Friday, January 11, 2019 at Bonita Bay

**Canasta Day:** Monday, February 4, 2019 at Hunter's Ridge

**Sunset Cruise:** Sunday in April, 2019

**Theater Outing:** TBD

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## WCA SOUTH

WCA South is in its fourth year of serving our members who live in the Southern and Eastern sections of Naples, along the East Trail down to Marco Island. The 12-member steering committee plans year-round cultural, educational and social activities in this area. All WCA members are welcome to attend WCA South programs and to participate in WCA South special interest groups.

To be added to the WCA South email list and receive information about the events, contact: Coordinator, Lenore Greenstein  Lenoresue@comcast.net

Membership Chair, Jill Liebson  jillliebson@gmail.com

OR co-chair, Sandy Schulman  sandyws@att.net

Special Events: Cathy Lone-Dawson  Cathy.lone-dawson@rogers.net

## PROGRAMS

**WEEKLY Canasta (and Games):** Mondays • 1 p.m.

**LIAISON:** Barbara Siegelman  Siegelmanb@gmail.com

### MONTHLY:

**Fiction Book Club and Lunch:** Second Thursday

**LIAISON:** Bobbi Morein  Bobbi500@hotmail.com

**Jewish Experience Book Club:** Third Friday

**LIAISON:** Leslie Wasserman  Leshbr@aol.com

**Luncheons:** Third Wednesday • December 19, 2018; February 20 and April 17, 2019

**LIAISONS:** Judy Trehub  Colcluck@aol.com

Barbara Chester  bchesterdesigns@me.com

**Chef's Table:** Third Wednesday • November 14, 2018; January 19 and March 20, 2019

**LIAISONS:** Sue Powers  Spowers917@gmail.com

Gail Kamm  Gail.Kamm@gmail.com

## SPECIAL EVENTS

*Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

**Opening Luncheon:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018

**Collier County Museum Tour:** Monday, November 26, 2018

**Catamaran Boat Tour:** Thursday, January 24, 2019

**Seeing Music, Hearing Art:** Monday, February 11, 2019

**Marco Island Historical Museum Tour:** Thursday, March 14, 2019

## SOCIAL AND INTEREST GROUPS

*You need to sign up each year for those groups that interest you.*

*These groups send their events by email to those members who have registered for email and do not advertise in the Thursday eblast.*

*See the day-of-week descriptions and eblast sidebar for more information.*

*New Offerings for this season are indicated with a \*.*

### **Birdwatching** (Meets year-round)

Monthly field trips to local parks and natural areas.

Birdwatching combines viewing nature and leisurely walks with friends. Expect easy 2-hour walks each covering about 1 mile. New birders are welcome. Binoculars are needed to see many of the birds. This is a WCA/MCA program.

**LIAISON:** Susan Sissman  ssissman@yahoo.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 about each of the groups listed below.

- **Book Study** (Monday, Week 2)
- **Great Books** (Monday, Week 3)
- **\*Modern Israeli Fiction** (Tuesday, Week 3)
- **Contemporary Fiction** (Wednesday, Week 4)
- **Contemporary Short Stories** (Thursday, Week 3)
- **Jewish Experience Book Club** (Friday, Week 1)
- **Modern Playwrights** (Friday, Week 2)

### **The Brooklyn Group**

The Brooklyn group consists of women who attended school in Brooklyn, New York. The group gathers in different venues to share their experiences and reminisce about "Happy Days."

**LIAISONS:** Rona Senior  ronasenior@gmail.com

Sharon Lemoff  slemoff@msn.com

## SOCIAL AND INTEREST GROUPS, continued

### Dancing Couples

This is for couples who enjoy dancing to "oldies", disco and some modern music. We get together based on band, location and date and generally go to local clubs to dance. The evening usually includes ordering dinner off the menu and lots of dancing.

**LIAISON:** Sandy Levine 📧 sandylevine@aol.com

### Film Groups

Refer to the section "Study and Interest Groups by Days of the Week" for additional information about each of the groups listed below.

- **Foreign/Independent Films** (Wednesday and Friday, Week 2)
- **Current Films and Lunch** (Wednesday, Week 3)
- **Documentary Films** (Thursday, Week 1)
- **\*Great Books Lead to Great Films** (Monday, March 11; Thursdays, March 28 and May 2)

### Golf

**Mondays, 2:30 pm • December – April • Valencia Golf and Country Club**

A nine-hole group.

**LIAISON:** Wendy Israelite 📧 wca9holers@gmail.com

### \*Great Books Lead to Great Films

**Monday, March 11, Thursdays, March 28 and May 2**

See description under Special Events.

**LIAISON:** Nancy Kahn 📧 dearnancykahn@gmail.com



## SOCIAL AND INTEREST GROUPS, continued

### Jazz Junkies

Jazz events around town depending on performance schedules.

**LIAISON:** Sue Dean  sueandphil@aol.com

### Let's Knit and Stitch

#### Wednesdays, Week 4

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. The group meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday for lunch and stitching.

**LIAISONS:** Barbara Karp  barbarakarp23@gmail.com

Luba Rotsztain  lubabeto@yahoo.com

### Pickleball

#### Thursdays, 2-4 p.m. • Veterans Community Park

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, the WCA Pickleball group offers the opportunity to play from beginner to solid intermediate level. All levels are welcome. Contact Judy Belmont to register for the 2018-2019 season and more information.

*Note:* The second Thursday of each month will be a co-ed Round Robin including spouses and MCA players from 4:30-6 p.m., followed by a happy hour/dinner at a nearby restaurant starting at 6:30 p.m.

**LIAISON:** Judy Belmont  jabelmont3@gmail.com

### Second Act Singers

#### Thursdays, January – March

If you love to sing, then join us for some simply sing-along fun with a fabulous accompanist. You don't need to have a great voice. Just come for a GLEEful experience once a month on Thursday afternoons.

**LIAISONS:** Judy Copeland  copelandjudy@aol.com

Evelyn Hecht  evelynh@mymts.net

## SOCIAL AND INTEREST GROUPS, continued

### Serious Foodies

Participate in food-related events such as demonstrations, recipe sharing, small group food preparation, cooking and dining.

LIAISON: Lea Bendes 📧 WCAFoodies@gmail.com

### Single Girlfriends

**Meets year-round on the first Sunday of each month**

Single Girlfriends is a social group for single women with the purpose of fostering close, supportive, long-term friendships among the members.

LIAISON: Augusta Rosenauer 📧 torregm323@yahoo.com

### \*Striking Ladies Bowling League

**Friday mornings, November – April**

Striking Ladies Bowling League at Bowland Beacon Naples. Teams of four players meet for fun, breakfast and bowling.

LIAISON: Marcy Aizenshtat 📧 marcy1818@aol.com

### Sunday Bike and Brunch Group

**Week 3, November – December; Week 4, January – April**

Sunday group rides ending with brunch at homes or restaurants. Couples and singles are invited. Note: A leader is needed for a second group. Nancy will help you.

LIAISON: Nancy Garfinkel 📧 nancy.garfinkel@gmail.com

### \*Women on the Move Walking Group

**Mid October – Early May**

Want to get into shape in a fun and social way – and get in those 10,000 steps? This walking group will meet Friday mornings at 9:15 a.m. to leave at 9:30 a.m. at various locations around Naples and Bonita. The walks will be about an 1.5 hours (between 4-6 miles at a moderate pace) and most weeks we'll be stopping for a drink, coffee, snack or brunch for those who can join in after the walk. We'll pick various walk-friendly areas and ask for volunteers to lead walks from their communities so we'll get a sampling of various walking venues in the area. No obligation to come each week; sign-ups will be weekly so the walking leader for that week can plan. Let us know if you want to be on the list.

LIAISONS: Ruth Feldman 📧 spotster2@aol.com

Judy Belmont 📧 jabelmont3@gmail.com

## **SOCIAL AND INTEREST GROUPS, continued**

### **Women on Wheels**

#### **Tuesday Morning**

Interested in a regular Tuesday morning bike ride to explore various areas around Naples and Bonita? Rides start at approximately 9 a.m. from different locations. Riders who are comfortable with a moderate pace (averaging 10-12 mph) for between 1.5-2 hours are welcome to join. For many rides, you will need a bike rack because we leave from various locations.

**LIAISON:** Judy Belmont 📧 [jabelmont@gmail.com](mailto:jabelmont@gmail.com)

### **Women's Global Issues (WGI)**

#### **Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon December 19, \*February 27 and April 10 • Federation**

Book selections will be provided. For this study group, there is required reading of selected nonfiction books pertaining to women's global issues. From our participants, presenters will volunteer and provide interesting background about the author and in-depth research of the topics in the book. Members participate in an open discussion following the presentation. After the meeting, there is an optional brunch at a local restaurant to continue lively discussions. Once you have joined, you will receive group emails to announce the books and any other pertinent information. Limited to 30 participants. \*Location for February 27 TBD.

**LIAISONS:** Karyn Conrath and Jane Shaw 📧 [wcawomenstudies@gmail.com](mailto:wcawomenstudies@gmail.com)

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## CARDS AND GAMES

*If you are interested in participating in one of these groups, you must contact the liaison. The liaison will, in return, send you a confirmation of your registration as well as information about the meeting place and time. More information about each is available on the eblast sidebar.*

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

### Duplicate-Style Intermediate Bridge

**Fridays, Year-Round • 11:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.**

Intermediate and experienced Bridge players meet each week for Duplicate Bridge. Cards and Bidding Boxes provided. Both previous and new players should sign up for this season. Please bring a dairy lunch.

**LIAISONS:** Elaine Laurence  DecoratorE@aol.com

Joyce Lempert  jlempert29@gmail.com

### Canasta (afternoon)

**Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. • October-April: Temple Shalom • May-September: Federation**

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

**LIAISON:** Judy Fant  judyfant6@yahoo.com

## CARDS AND GAMES, continued

### Couples Canasta (evening)

**Every other Monday evening (in season) • 7 sharp-9:30 pm. • Exact dates TBA**

OPEN TO ALL WCA MEMBERS IN PAIRS: a man and a woman or two women. As long as you sign up in PAIRS and there is room, you are in. To receive bi-weekly invitations, contact Dorey to be on the mailing list. Every two weeks Dorey will send everyone on the email list an invitation to the next canasta night. Everyone must specify the partner they will be playing with when they RSVP. Dorey is not able to match up single players. Looking forward to fun-filled evenings of Canasta.

*See the eblast sidebar for more information about How it Works, Cancellations, and Seating Policy.*

**LIAISON:** Dorey Neiss 📧 dneiss@rogers.com

### Mah Jongg

**Tuesdays, Year-Round • 1-3:30 p.m.**

All levels of experienced players are invited to play; no lessons will be given. Email to be on list.

**LIAISONS:** Jane Friedberg 📧 mjenefriedberg@gmail.com

Maureen Schaab 📧 schaab10@hotmail.com



# SUMMER BRANCHES

WCA members have such a wonderful life in Southwest Florida and form so many wonderful friendships that they want to “take WCA home.” “Branches” of WCA have been created in several areas throughout North America to make that possible.

## **Berkshires**

Geri Feldman  mtfeld@aol.com

## **Boston Metro North**

Rolly Jacob  rollyj10@verizon.net

## **Cape Cod**

Iris Shur  irisjimshur@aol.com

## **Connecticut**

Linda Hofbauer  l.hofbauer@cox.net

## **Del Val (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware)**

Margo Rosenfeld  margoprofenfeld@gmail.com

## **Illinois**

Diane Freeman  cuba4@aol.com

## **Michigan**

Ruth Ann Lippitt  ralippitt@gmail.com

## **New York City Metro/New Jersey**

Judy Isserlis  wcaneewyork.@gmail.com

## **Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland**

Deedee Remenick  drddan1@gmail.com

## **Oh Canada**

Leslie Springman  lspringman@sympatico.ca

Arlene Heller  arleneheller@rogers.com

Anne Klein  annebk2@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.*

# STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS

## BY DAYS OF THE WEEK

*To participate in any of the programs listed below, you must be a current member of WCA and register by contacting the liaison in advance.*

*The number of participants is often limited to ensure that each participant has a quality experience within the group.*

*(New offerings for this season are marked with a \*)*

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

### VARIOUS DAYS

#### Speaker Series – Naples Daily News

**NOTE:** Again this year speakers will be on different days, morning or afternoon. Check the Thursday eblast for the date, topic, speaker, location and sign-up procedure for each speaker presentation.

### MONDAYS

#### WEEKLY

#### \*Yoga

**Mondays, October 8, 15 and 22, 2018 • 10-11 a.m.**

This is a three-week gentle flow course designed especially for WCA. The goals are to increase flexibility, strengthen muscles and improve balance. The course is for all levels and will be taught by Ruth Simon, a RTY 200 yoga instructor certified by Yoga Alliance. There is no charge. Advance registration and completed waiver form are required. Bring a yoga mat. Space is limited so register as soon as possible. (May continue if there is sufficient interest.)

**LIAISON:** Ruth Simon 📞 [ruthveredsimon@gmail.com](mailto:ruthveredsimon@gmail.com)



## MONDAYS, continued

### WEEKLY

### Reader's Theatre Group

**Seven Monday sessions • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**January 21 and 28; February 4, 11, 18 and 25; March 4, 2019**

*Performance will be March 6, 11:30 a.m. at the Naples Senior Center at JCFS.*

Class members will rehearse comedic scripts with the goal of a public performance.

No memorization required. Looking for participants who love to perform or have always wanted to try it. We meet weekly and do a performance at the Senior Center. Due to the nature of the course, the need to select scripts to involve everyone and the need to assign parts, PLEASE sign up ONLY if you actually plan to attend all sessions. We always have members who sign up and never appear, which is unfair to others on the waiting list.

**LIAISON:** Ellen Rodwick  errodwick@gmail.com

### WEEK 2

### Book Study

**November – April • 10-11:30 a.m.**

The group provides an opportunity for in-depth discussions of plot, character and writing style in the selected novels. If you want extra tips and suggestions regarding the selections, contact Louise Novis. This year's selections are:

NOVEMBER 12: "LaRose" by Louise Erdrich

DECEMBER 10: "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead

JANUARY 14: "The Day's End" by Sebastian Barry

FEBRUARY 11: "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward

MARCH 11: "A Horse Walks Into a Bar" by David Grossman

APRIL 8: "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng

**LIAISON:** Louise Novis  lnovis@rogers.com

## MONDAYS, continued

### WEEK 3

### Great Books

**December – April • 10-11:30 a.m.**

This program uses anthologies from the Great Books foundation. This year we will continue with GREAT CONVERSATIONS BOOK 4, which can be purchased either through the Great Books Foundation or on Amazon.com. Our readings this year are:

DECEMBER 17: "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson

JANUARY 21: "Selected Poems" by Lisel Mueller

FEBRUARY 18: "The Smallest Woman in the World" by Clarice Lispector

MARCH 18: "Lava Cameo" by Eavan Boland

APRIL 15: "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien

**LIAISON:** Irene Pomerantz  idpomer@comcast.net

### WEEK 4

### Ladies who Lunch – with your friends in WCA

Lunches, planned by members of the group, are held once a month in local restaurants. 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 through the Thursday eblast.

**LIAISON:** Susan Weiss  susanark@comcast.net

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## TUESDAYS

### WEEKLY

### Café Y Conversación

**January 8 – March 26, 2019 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Beth Tikvah**

A lively, discussion-based course in which you will show real progress in verbal communication after three months. Topics arise from participants' interests and suggestions. Grammar and vocabulary are integrated into conversational topics as they arise, while specific grammar subjects such as verb tenses may be addressed separately. Do not worry that you won't know enough! Everything is reviewed as we progress and there is no homework. This is a friendly and supportive group that welcomes new participants. *It is not a beginning class, so you should have some familiarity with the simple past tense.* MAXIMUM: 15

LIAISON: Paulette Margulis  margulies2@comcast.net

### WEEKLY

### Mah Jongg (see Cards and Games)

**Meets Year-Round • 1-3:30 p.m.**

LIAISONS: Jane Friedberg  mjfriedberg@gmail.com

Maureen Schaab  schaab10@hotmail.com

### WEEKLY

### Sharing Life's Journey Through Memoir Writing

**Level 1: January 15, 22 and 29; February 5 and 12, 2019 • 1-3 p.m.**

Sharing memories is a wonderful legacy for our children. In this course you'll learn to target the power of memory, select events to focus on and add sparkle and clarity to your writing. The course will use questions (self-interviewing) and simple exercises to help the participants find memories and personal experiences to share and how to select those that will make memorable stories. Exercises to engage the reader are also covered along with how to use sensory detail, vivid description and three-part structure.

SESSION I: Getting to Know Each Other and Memory as Legacy – Learning to recall and focus life experiences into prose suitable for sharing.

SESSION II: Pen as Paintbrush - Using sensory detail to aid recall and provide reader engagement.

SESSION III: Writing Your "Islands" - Grab reader interest with drama. Generate momentum by gathering events and writing episodes.

SESSION IV: Three-part structure - The importance of having a beginning, middle and ending to each episode. Linking "islands" to create a complete story and for larger projects.

## TUESDAYS, continued

SESSION V: From Draft to Polished Episode - Sharing aloud and using questions to help each other add details and revise drafts.

Instructor Lisa Wroble is a professional author and writing instructor; her credits include short stories and magazine work. She has taught writing classes and workshops for nearly 25 years.

Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$75.00 for 5 sessions.

**LIAISON:** Judith Huizenga 📧 huizngaj@comcast.net

Please email Judith and she will tell you if there is room and where to send the check.

### WEEK 2

## Jewish Genealogy

**Meets Year-Round • 10-11:30 a.m.**

"Grandma, who are the people in that Passover family picture?" 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 to questions you do not even know to ask yet. You will need a notebook and pen for this program.

**LIAISON:** Arthur Sissman 📧 genresearch13@yahoo.com

### WEEK 3

## Modern Israeli Fiction

**4 p.m. • Discussion followed by dinner at a local restaurant (spouses welcome)**

Read and discuss current Israeli Fiction by the most acclaimed and popular Israeli authors. The books will cover Modern Israeli society and its dilemmas, as well as Jewish history from the Israeli's point of view.

SEPTEMBER 25: "Homesick" by Eshkol Nevo

OCTOBER 16: "The Hilltop" by Assaf Gavron

NOVEMBER 20: "The Seven Good Years" by Etgar Keret

DECEMBER 18: "All the Rivers: A Novel" by Dorit Rabinyan

JANUARY 15: "A Book That Was Lost: Thirty Five Stories" by S. Y. Agnon

FEBRUARY 19: "A Pigeon and a Boy: a Novel" by Meir Shalev

MARCH 19: "Waking Lions" by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

APRIL 16: "Love Life: A Novel" by Zeruya Shalev

MAY 21: "Hebrew Works: Short Stories" and "Aya" by Yariv Sapir

JUNE 18: "Human Parts" by Orly Castel-Bloom

JULY 16: "Muck: A Novel" by Dror Burstein

**LIAISONS:** Luba Rotsztain 📧 lubabeto@yahoo.com

Dina Shein 📧 dinaatwca@gmail.com

## WEDNESDAYS

### WEEKLY

#### **Canasta** (see *Cards and Games*)

**October – April: Temple Shalom • May-September: Federation • 1-4 p.m.**

**LIAISON:** Judy Fant  judyfant6@yahoo.com

### WEEKLY

#### **Chair Yoga and Meditation**

**October – March • 10:45 am-12 p.m. \* All classes at Federation**

**4-week sessions: 4 weeks for \$40 or \$15 single drop-in class**

October 17, 24 and 31, November 7

November 14 and 28 (not 21); December 5 and 12,

January 9, 16, 23 and 30

February 6, 13, 20 and 27

March 6, 13, 20 and 27

Led by WCA member Jean Erlbaum. Gentle stretches done on or next to a chair will be taught and practiced. We will work with deep breathing and various stress reduction techniques. This is a great program for people who cannot get down onto a yoga mat (or get back up from one!). We will do exercises to alleviate sore joints, tight muscles, and symptoms of arthritis. We will work with many different methods of stress reduction: calming yogic breath, centering meditations, visualizations, mindful eating, loving/kindness. Suitable for members of all abilities including those with joint replacement. (Handouts included)

**LIAISON:** Jean Erlbaum  jean.erlbaum@verizon.net

### WEEKLY

#### **\*Mental and Emotional Health Discussion Group**

**Four sessions: October 31, November 7, 14, and 28, 2018 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**(See also *Thursdays, Week 1*)**

Psychologist Jacqueline Sallade will lead discussions on mental health and emotional issues. Possible topics include self-image, relationships, feelings, grief, mental illness and other topics suggested by participants. Limit 20.

**LIAISON:** Dr. Jacqueline Sallade  jgadget@aol.com

## WEDNESDAYS, continued

### WEEKLY

### Intermediate French

**January 2-April 3, 2019 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

This intermediate French class will promote language learning by providing communication opportunities which involve listening, speaking, reading and writing at each step of the learning process. There will be some homework to reinforce the progress made in class. Class size limited to 18 participants.

Contact Cheryl for questions.

**LIAISON:** Cheryl Bodine-Reed  cherylbodinereed@gmail.com

### WEEKLY

### Tai Chi

**Five classes: January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2019 • 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

This beginning class will teach the art of moving meditation, helping to balance your energies and reduce stress. Taught by Karen McNeil, a certified Kripalu Yoga teacher and certified Tai Chi instructor. The cost of a 5-week session is \$60. Class limited to 18.

**LIAISON:** Donna Goldstein  donnagoldstein@gmail.com

### WEEKLY

### Exploring Life's Journey Through Memoir Writing, Level 2: Writing from the Heart

*(See TUESDAY, Weekly, for full description)*

**January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6 • 1-3 p.m.**

The completion of Level 1 is a prerequisite to register for Level 2.

You sparked your writing by Exploring Life's Journey. Now you are ready to continue by Writing from the Heart. Learn to fine-tune your writing whether your goal is memoir, journals and diaries, personal letters, family history or personal experience pieces and essays. You'll continue navigating through the islands of your memory, selecting and developing key events, and focusing on vivid description and developing a story arc to bring the people and drama alive. The result: engaging stories to share with family, friends and other readers.

Instructor Lisa Wroble is a professional author and writing instructor; her credits include short stories and magazine work. She has taught writing classes and workshops for nearly 25 years.

Class limited to 10. Cost \$75.00 for 5 sessions.

**LIAISON:** Judy Roth  jbroth345@aol.com

Please email Judy and she will tell you if there is room and where to send the check.

## WEDNESDAYS, continued

### WEEK 1

#### The New Yorker

**Meets Year-Round • 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Workshop participants are active contributors who select, read, and discuss fiction and nonfiction 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

**January – March • 1-3:30 p.m. • Naples Daily News**

***\*THIS SEASON FILMS WILL BE SHOWN WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS OF WEEK 2.***

The movies chosen are little-known films that have won awards at International Film festivals around the globe. We watch the film and then have a 30-45 minute discussion. The films will be shown on Wednesday and Friday of the second week of January, February and March. When you sign up to be part of the group, you will receive an email on the first Monday of each month. You need to respond with your preference for the day that you want to see the film for THAT MONTH ONLY.

**LIAISON:** Cecile "Chet" Rivel  crivel@rivel.com

### WEEK 3

#### Current Films and Lunch

**Meets Year-Round • 12 p.m.**

A week before we meet, the film, time and place will be announced through the Thursday eblast. Members meet for lunch before the film and for a discussion following the film. You do not need to sign up for this group. Information goes to everyone via the Thursday eblast. Reservations required for EACH film.

**LIAISON:** Nancy Kahn  dearnancykahn@gmail.com

## WEDNESDAYS, continued

### WEEK 4

### Contemporary Fiction

#### Meets Year-Round • 10 a.m. • Pelican Marsh Community Center

(except during June, July, Aug. and Sept., which will be at Federation)

June – December 2018 and April – May, 2019 • every 4th Wednesday

January – March, 2019 • both the 3rd AND 4th Wednesday (*We review the same book both weeks to accommodate the large number of participants.*)

#### BOOK SELECTIONS for 2018-2019

JUNE 27: "An American Marriage" by Tayani Jones

JULY 25: "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk", by Kelli Estes

AUGUST 22: "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid

SEPTEMBER 26: "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward

OCTOBER 24: "The Leavers" by Lisa Ko

NOVEMBER 28: "Beartown" by Frederick Backman

DECEMBER 26: "Manhattan Beach" by Jennifer Egan

JANUARY 16 & 23: "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate

FEBRUARY 20 & 27: "The Year of the Runaways", by Sunjeev Sahota

MARCH 20 & 27: "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee

APRIL 24: "The Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck

MAY 22: "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah

All members are encouraged to facilitate one of the book discussions during the year. You **MUST** register for this group and you can do so now. Contact Sue Bookbinder to sign up and please indicate if you are seasonal or full time.

**LIAISON:** Sue Bookbinder  sbookbi@aol.com

### WEEK 4

### Let's Knit and Stitch (*See Social and Interest Groups*)

**LIAISONS:** Barbara Karp  barbarakarp23@gmail.com

Luba Rotsztain  lubabeto@yahoo.com

## THURSDAYS

### WEEKLY

#### **\*Mindful Motion (Qi Gong)**

**Check the Thursday eblast for dates • 10 am**

Join Instructor Susan Falkenstein for a class that is based on gentle moving meditations from an ancient Chinese practice called Qi (Chi) Gong. There are four main elements to Qi Gong practice: 1) Deep breathing. 2) Exercises that Stretch and Strengthen. 3) Slow, fluid, flowing movements. 4) A meditative state of mind. No special equipment is needed and it can be done anywhere there is open space, standing or seated, and will strengthen you from the inside out. Qi Gong is excellent for reducing stress, improving quality of life, healthy and active aging, longevity, balance and a better range of motion. You will increase self-awareness and confidence, build internal energy and develop a healthy mind, body and spirit.

**LIAISON:** Susan Falkenstein  sweetsusan62@gmail.com

### WEEK 1

#### **Documentary Film Group “Not Coming to a Theater Near You”**

**November and April: 2 p.m.; Dec.–March: 10:30 a.m. AND 2 p.m. • Naples Daily News**

This is a joint WCA/MCA program. Each month a different thought-provoking documentary film will be selected by the group leader. 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. Only those WCA and MCA members who sign up for the group at the beginning of the season will receive monthly email notifications with details about the upcoming film. Reservations are required for each film.

**LIAISON:** Steve Brazina  docfilmsnaples@gmail.com

### WEEK 1

#### **\*Mental and Emotional Health Discussion Group**

**December 6 – April 4 • 1-2:30 p.m.**

*(See description under WEDNESDAYS, WEEKLY)*

**LIAISON:** Dr. Jacqueline Sallade  jgadget@aol.com

### WEEK 3

#### **Contemporary Short Stories**

**January – March • 1-2:30 pm**

This short story group discusses two short stories each month chosen from the book entitled “Binocular Vision” by Edith Pearlman.

**LIAISON:** Terri Kline  tkline@chaseprop.com

## FRIDAYS

### WEEKLY

## Duplicate-Style Intermediate Bridge

(see *Cards and Games*)

**Meets Year-Round • 11:30-2:45 p.m.**

Intermediate and above – no lessons.

**LIAISONS:** Elaine Laurence  DecoratorE@aol.com

Joyce Lempert  jlempert29@gmail.com

### WEEKLY

## Pilates for Buff Bones

**October – April • 10-11 a.m.**

Buff Bones® is a medically-endorsed system of movement for bone and joint health. It leverages bone-strengthening and balance techniques along with Pilates, functional movement, strength training and therapeutic exercise. Each class is one hour. Classes are suitable for EVERY BODY. The only requirement is the ability to get down to the floor and up again. Contact Lisa for pricing and space availability.

**LIAISON:** Lisa Lider  d.l.pilates@gmail.com

### WEEK 1

## The Jewish Experience Book Club

**December – March • 10 a.m.**

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:

DECEMBER 7: "The Hilltop" by Assaf Gavron

JANUARY 4: "Displaced Persons: Growing Up American After the Holocaust" by Joseph Berger

FEBRUARY 1: "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin

MARCH 1: "The Gustav Sonata" by Rose Tremain

**LIAISON:** Arlene Sobol  asobol99@gmail.com

## FRIDAYS, continued

WEEK 2

### Foreign/Independent Films

(see WEDNESDAY, Week 2 for description)

January – March • 1-3:30 p.m. • Naples Daily News

LIAISON: Cecile "Chet" Rivel 📧 crivel@rivel.com

WEEK 2

### Modern Playwrights

December – April • 1-3 pm

This group will focus on discussing five plays. Updates will be provided by email.

DECEMBER 14: "At Home in the Zoo" by Edward Albee

JANUARY 10: "Travesties" by Tom Stoppard

FEBRUARY 15: "A Doll's House, Part II" by Lucas Hnath

MARCH 15: "Gloria" by Brandon Jacobs Jenkins

APRIL 12: TBA

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& love  
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WCA MEMBER WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Women's Cultural Alliance 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

The membership year is from September 1 until August 31 of the next year.  
Dues received after March 1 will be applied to the next season.

Please check one:  **NEW**  **RENEWAL** (PLEASE fill out the form completely and **PRINT CLEARLY!**)  
Is there a change in your information from last year?  YES  NO

If you checked NO, just print your name, fill in payment info, sign Event Waiver below, and mail to WCA/JFGN.

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email (very important) \_\_\_\_\_

Local Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ FL Community \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Address \_\_\_\_\_ No. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In Southwest Florida  Full-time  Part-time from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME BADGES:** *New Members* receive a one-time name badge as a welcome gift from WCA/JFGN.  
*Returning Members:* If you need a new or replacement name badge, **please increase your fee by \$8.**

Print your name as you want it to appear on the badge \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP DUES: \*90** (US Funds only, Minimum for the year; includes membership to the JFGN): \$ **90.00**

I am also including a voluntary donation to the Federation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am including \$8 for a replacement Name Badge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed or authorized: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will be paying by check. Please make your check payable to JFGN/WCA.

I will be paying by credit card. Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this SIGNED form (with your check or credit card number) to:

**WCA/Jewish Federation of Greater Naples**  
**2500 Vanderbilt Beach Rd., Ste. 2201, Naples, FL 34109**

I would like to **VOLUNTEER** my services/expertise and would be willing to chair or co-chair an activity on the following topic or topics.

### EVENT PARTICIPATION WAIVER. By signing below, I accept the terms of this waiver.

As a participant in a WCA event,\* I, acting for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns agree as follows: That I waive all rights, claims and/or causes of action of any kind whatsoever that I or my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns may claim to have against either the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, and/or the Women's Cultural Alliance, their members, agents, servants, and/or employees, for any loss, injury, or damage sustained by me while participating in a WCA event. This waiver and release shall be construed broadly under the Laws of the State of Florida.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: Certain higher risk events such as athletic activities or trips require an enhanced waiver to be signed. Contact your activity's director for more information.

For more information contact **Membership Director, Hope Abels** at [hopeabels@yahoo.com](mailto:hopeabels@yahoo.com)



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