



2019-2020 PROGRAM GUIDE

Women's
Cultural
Alliance



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 non-fundraising affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples.

WOMEN'S CULTURAL ALLIANCE (WCA) is excited about the start of our 11th year 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 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 1,500 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.

Please retain this Program Guide for reference during the year. Programs and activities are as accurate as possible at the time of printing. Dates, times and venues may change so always verify by checking the eblast, sidebar or with the liaison.

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VENUES for WCA Programs

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

BETH TIKVAH
1459 Pine Ridge Road
Naples, FL 34109

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

THE CLUB at GRANDEZZA
11481 Grande Oak 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
1504 Pelican Marsh Blvd.
Naples, FL 34109

PELICAN SOUND
4561 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

WYNDEMERE COUNTRY CLUB
700 Wyndemere Way
Naples, FL 34105



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WOMEN'S CULTURAL ALLIANCE

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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:

MEMBERSHIP

-  Pay your dues promptly; you will be invoiced in March.
-  We are all volunteers. Please be respectful and treat our volunteers and fellow members 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.
-  Keep your eyes and ears open for interesting speakers or activities and convey your ideas to a board member.
-  Share your unique skills and talents like writing, speaking or organizing with WCA.
-  Refrain from wearing fragrances to WCA events for the comfort of those with aroma sensitivities or allergies.

-  Respect the privacy of WCA members. Email lists should not be shared or used for any non-WCA purpose.
-  As provided in the Bylaws, failure to act in an appropriate manner may result in revocation of WCA membership.
-  Remember that the membership of WCA is eclectic, allowing for different points of view. Be sensitive if discussing controversial topics at events and be respectful of others.
-  Use WCA as your springboard to experience and learn.
-  Enjoy the camaraderie of the outstanding women who belong to WCA!

EVENTS and PROGRAMS

-  Events are for WCA members only.
-  Wear your name tag to all WCA events. You may pick up your name tag at the Federation.
-  Only paid WCA members may register for an event.
-  All paid members of WCA are eligible to register for all offered programs, activities or events.
-  You must register to attend a program, activity or event.
-  Registration 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 or by using the online link 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.
-  Take care to note the location of a program, activity or event; they meet at different venues.

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

🌴 Be certain to include your name, email and phone number (and any other requested information) when registering. You should receive an acknowledgment of your registration. If you do not hear back, follow-up.

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

🌴 WCA now uses a secure web-based tool for registration for selected events. Instructions for registering and canceling your registration using the online link are located on the eblast sidebar.

🌴 Some events require payment. If the online link is being used for the event, you may pay with a credit card or check. Other events require checks only.

🌴 Please send your check promptly. Remember, your check or credit card payment, not your email, is your reservation.

🌴 Please remember to cancel your registration if you find you cannot attend an event. If you registered using the online link, you may cancel using the same online link. Instructions are on the eblast sidebar.

🌴 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.

🌴 After registering for a lecture or event, you may be asked to volunteer to be a greeter or attendance-taker.

🌴 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 the registered members have checked in.

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

🌴 Seating at all social events (except as otherwise noted) should be at random; for some events a drawing system is used to encourage meeting new members. This includes programs such as Ladies who Lunch, Mah Jongg and Canasta.

GUESTS

🌴 No guests will be admitted to an event unless it has been specifically stated that guests are welcome. NOTE: Only current (paid) WCA members may register for an event.

🌴 If an event is open to non-members, the announcement will specifically state “guests welcome.” Guests include partners and spouses (even if they are members of another organization) and must be accompanied by a WCA member. Whether “guests are welcome” 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.



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 and remember to register.

- ◆ Attend a Presentation by Rabbi Micah Greenstein about Jews and Civil Rights
- ◆ Take a Flamenco lesson!
- ◆ Attend an Opera Lunch and Fashion Show for Gulfshore Opera
- ◆ Tour an eclectic collection of spectacular musical instruments
- ◆ View films featuring two doyens of Jewish life on Marco Island: Lenore Greenstein and Elena Rosner
- ◆ Attend musical, theater and dance performances
- ◆ Take a swamp walk.
- ◆ Tour local art studios
- ◆ Learn about "Witness to Goodness" – heroes and heroines of the Holocaust in a two-session presentation
- ◆ Experience activities in Punta Gorda, Palm Beach, Ybor City and Sarasota.
- ◆ Visit the Wick Costume Museum and attend a performance of "A Chorus Line"
- ◆ Enjoy performances at Artis Naples of the Miami City Ballet, the Chicago Symphony, the Doo Wop Pops Project and "Come From Away"
- ◆ Attend a performance of Puccini's opera "La Bohème"
- ◆ Attend a Grand Piano Series concert on the world-renowned Fazioli piano
- ◆ Enjoy performances by the Naples Orchestra and Chorus and by Seraphic Fire, a Naples Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble
- ◆ Have an Art Encounter at the Miromar Design Center
- ◆ Experience a backstage tour at the Sudgen Theater

SPEAKER SERIES FOR 2019-2020

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 but are not limited to:

- ◆ What's New at Artis—Naples
- ◆ The Alzheimer's Support Network
- ◆ Bukharian Jews
- ◆ The Power of Women and Hen-Pecked Husbands in Renaissance Art
- ◆ A Fusion of Fotos
- ◆ History of the Everglades
- ◆ The Healing Power of Food
- ◆ Orchids of the Fakahatchee
- ◆ Experiences of the First Female Cantor
- ◆ Breast Cancer Survivors Play Reading
- ◆ Witness to Goodness
- ◆ The Physical Effects of Stress
- ◆ Blue-Green Algae Issues in Southwest Florida
- ◆ The History of Flamenco
- ◆ Balanchine's Dancing Cowboy
- ◆ Is Your Mouth Killing You?
- ◆ Portfolio Challenges in Retirement
- ◆ Ethical Wills
- ◆ The Different Cultures of America: Living & Working Together
- ◆ The Weizmann Institute
- ◆ TheatreZone
- ◆ Art of Peggy Guggenheim

NEW and SPECIAL EVENTS

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

*Special Series: Environmental Awareness and Southwest Florida

This season we are offering several programs related to Southwest Florida and the environment. Look for eblast announcements for more information and registration for each individual program.

SAVE THE DATES.

- 1. Thursday, October 24, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. at Naples Daily News**
Dr. Steve Davis, Senior Ecologist of the Everglades Foundation
- 2. Thursday, November 14, 2019 • 10:00 a.m. at Naples Daily News**
Marya Repko, Author of several books about the Everglades
- 3. Thursday, November 14, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. at Naples Daily News**
Mike Owens, Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve Biologist:
The Orchids of the Fakahatchee
- 4. Tuesday, November 19, 2019 • morning at Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve**
Friends of the Fakahatchee Swamp Walk
- 5. Thursday, December 12, 2019 • morning at Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve**
Friends of the Fakahatchee Tram Tour
- 6. Thursday, January 9, 2020 • 10:00 a.m. at Naples Daily News**
Dr. Michael Parsons, FGCU Professor and member of the Governor's Task Force on Blue-Green Algae
- 7. Thursday, April 2, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. at Naples Daily News**
Brenda Brooks, Executive Director of the CREW (Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed) Land and Water Trust

Koffee Klatch Year-Round

Monthly coffees, held in members' homes, are open to ALL members. Contact Patti Bloom 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

*Canasta Lessons

Mondays, November-April • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Today's Canasta (not your grandmother's game!).

A series of 5 consecutive Mondays. Limit 5 WCA members per class.

This is NOT a drop-in class. The organizer will keep a running list of interested members. Classes will be established on a first-to-sign up basis, according to demand and months that students are available.

LIAISON: Hope Abels 📧 hopeabels@yahoo.com

*Ted Talks (Technology, Entertainment and Design Talks)

First Tuesdays, November – April • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Ted Talks are short, powerful, diverse videos of presentations in more than 100 languages from conferences around the world. Different topics will be chosen each month. A lively discussion will follow the video presentation.

Moderated by WCA member Sonya Bloom

Check the Thursday eblast for topics and registration information.

*Documentary Film Group (see Tuesday listing for more information)

This is a joint WCA-MCA program.

NEW LOCATION, DAY, TIME and SIGN-UP PROCEDURE FOR 2019-2020

November - April

LOCATION: Temple Shalom*

DAY: Tuesdays, November 5, December 3, January 7, March 3

***Wednesday, February 5 (at Naples Daily News)**

Thursday, April 2

TIME: One showing at 1:00 p.m. EXCEPT *Wed., Feb. 5 at NDN at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

SIGN UP: Reservations are required for each film. Each month the film will be announced in the WCA and MCA eblasts with an online link for registration for that month only. *The monthly registration emails will no longer be sent.*

LIAISON: Steve Brazina 📧 docfilmsnaples@gmail.com

Try Pilates

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019; Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019; Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020

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

Welcome Back Luncheon

Friday, November 22, 2019 • Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

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

*Mah Jongg Lessons

Learn how to play Mah Jongg, according to the National Mah Jongg League Rules. There will be small, four-class sessions for those who know nothing about Mah Jongg.

Check the Thursday eblast for topics and registration information.

Studio Art Tours

SAVE THE DATES.

Friday, December 6, 2019 • 10:00 a.m. • Tropical Glass Design

Thursday, January 23, 2020 • 10:00 a.m. • Private and Unique Chicago Glass Collection

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 • Private Chicago Art Collection

Thursday, February 13, 2020 • 10:00 a.m. • Baker Museum

Thursday, March 19, 2020 • Kaj Art Gallery

Mental and Emotional Health Discussion Group

Twice a month, December-March • First and Third Thursdays • 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Jacqueline Sallade, retired Psychologist, 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

(Sign up for the month of your choice.)

Monthly coffees are offered in season at members' homes for newer 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 maneuver the Thursday eblast. To sign up during "season" just respond to any of the New Member Coffee announcements in the Thursday eblasts. The announcement reads "New Member Coffees," not to be confused with "Koffee Klatch."

For questions, email Hope.

LIAISON: Hope Abels  hopeabels@yahoo.com

*Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Naples Players

Thursday, December 12, 2019 • 10:15 a.m.

Experience a behind-the-scenes tour of The Naples Players at Sudgen Theater and hear about the upcoming season. Optional lunch after the tour. **SAVE THE DATE.**

Cocktails and Conversations

SAVE THE DATES

Sundays, December 15, 2019 and February 23, 2020

Meet new friends and enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at members' homes. 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

*Art Workshops with Paula Brody

All classes held at Inspiration Artists and Design Studio, 5450B Shirley St., Naples. No registration at this time. *Check the Thursday eblast for more information.*

Necklace Design & Basic Beading

Mondays, January 13 and February 10, 2020 • 1:30-4:30 p.m.

• **\$75 includes all supplies**

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, supplies and refreshments. Class size limited to 10.

Magical Metallics

Monday, January 27, 2020 • 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• **\$85 includes all supplies**

Create beautiful metallic papers to use in collage by learning a variety of painting techniques. We will add textural elements to complete the exquisite artwork that will emerge from the creative process. Wear comfy, older clothing and bring a lunch for this fun day.

Go with the Flow

Friday, January 31, 2020 • 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• **\$95 includes all supplies**

An introduction to pouring inks, liquid acrylics, and metallics onto "yupo," a super smooth polypropylene material enabling paint to flow over its surface. Paula will demonstrate pouring paint from a prepared medium and all participants will create several poured paintings throughout this adventurous day. No previous art experience needed!! Wear comfy, older clothes and bring a lunch!

***Jews and Civil Rights – A presentation by Rabbi Micah Greenstein** (son of WCA member Lenore Greenstein)

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 • Temple Shalom

Since 2000, Rabbi Micah Greenstein has been the senior rabbi of Tennessee's oldest and largest synagogue and one of the largest Reform congregations in the U.S. He is a member of the National Civil Rights Museum Board of Directors, a past member of the Board of the NAACP and the author of three books. He also co-authored a book with his father, the late Rabbi Howard Greenstein. Rabbi Greenstein has also forged bonds between different races and religions, led the city's first interfaith mission to Israel, and commits himself to various humanitarian causes, from leading clergy support of public schools in Shelby County, Mississippi, to educating girls in Cambodia. The only rabbi selected as Tennessee's principal speaker for the Major State Day at the National Cathedral in 2005, Rabbi Greenstein was named by Newsweek in 2012 and 2013 as one of the Top 50 Most Influential Rabbis in America.

Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.

Volunteer Day

Thursday, January 16, 2020 • Naples Daily News

WCA members will have an opportunity to meet representatives from more than 20 local agencies who rely on volunteers to carry out their mission.

It's your chance to learn about alleviating hunger in our local community, making a difference in the education of young children, supporting efforts to care for abused and abandoned animals, and many other ways where you can give back to those less fortunate.

Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.

Couples Canasta Night (WCA and MCA)

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 • Wyndemere Country Club

All four players must be members of WCA/MCA to sign up for dinner and canasta.

SAVE THE DATE.



SPECIAL SERIES:

***Witness to Goodness**

Wednesday, January 22 and Friday, February 14, 2020 • 10:00 a.m. • Naples Daily News

The Holocaust is not only a story of victims, perpetrators and collaborators; it is also a story of heroes and heroines—both Jews and gentiles. At Yad VaShem, the State of Israel recognizes 26,685 "Righteous Gentiles." Ellaine will discuss some of the heroic exploits and inventive means by which these brave men and women saved tens of thousands of Jewish lives. Of course, there were also Jewish heroes and heroines who will discuss as well. Both diplomats and ordinary citizens risked their lives and those of their families to save Jews. Some of their stories have been well chronicled but others are not so well known. Movies and books have told some of the stories of the Jewish and gentile heroes of the Holocaust, but there are many fascinating little known incidents and miraculous events which Ellaine will relate. The participation in, or resistance to, the Final Solution by various nations is also a fascinating but poorly understood chapter in the history of the Holocaust. Some nations willingly surrendered their Jews while others stood up to the Nazis. Overhanging all of these stories is the ultimate question — would you have had the courage to do what these people did? Presented by Ellaine Rosen.

Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.

Writing an Ethical Will

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Naples Daily News

Followed by three, 2-hour workshops • 9:30-11:30 a.m. • Federation on Thursday, February 13; Friday, March 6; and Thursday, March 26

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.

Annual Mah Jongg Day

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 • 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.

WOW Talks (Women of Wonder)

Thursday, January 30, 2020 • 1:00 p.m.

Short, five-minute presentations by WCA members sharing their talent or expertise with "ideas worth spreading" in the areas of Technology, Entertainment and Design.

Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.

LIAISONS: Iris Shur  irisjimshur@aol.com

Rhonda Brazina  rfraz@aol.com

Mechanical Musical Instrument Tour

SAVE THE DATE • Sunday, February 9, 2020 • Two tours: 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

This tour provides a fascinating look at an unusual collection of mechanical musical 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.

*Art Encounter

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Enjoy a morning unlike any other. Join Aldo Castillo as he takes us on an Art Encounter. Before coming to Naples, Aldo organized art fairs all over the world. Through his work, Aldo has gained the works and friendships of artists from far and near. He will share with us stories as to how an art fair is organized, how the art is acquired and then sold. Tips will be shared as to how to collect art and what is now hot in the art world. The Encounter will continue as Aldo takes us through the many art spaces at the Miromar Design Center and explains the works to make them come alive. Bettye Leibowitz, a WCA member, who has been an art dealer in Baltimore for many years, will join Aldo to make for a fun and colorful morning.

SAVE THE DATE.

Trivia Day

Monday, February 17, 2020 • Vasari Country Club

Come for lunch and test your knowledge! Open to WCA members only.

SAVE THE DATE.

LIAISON: Rolly Jacob  rolyj@gmail.com

WCA Artisan Showcase

Wednesday, February 19 • Temple Shalom

The very successful Artisan Showcase will be offered again this year. WCA members are invited to showcase their artistic creations and talent. Items can be for display only or for purchase, with 10% of the proceeds donated to the Federation. The venue will be Temple Shalom, and will likely feature over 30 WCA artisans in various mediums. Some of the art will include jewelry, wearable art, fused glass, mosaics, Judaica, paintings, pottery, quilting, knits, fabric art and note cards. Contact Judy Belmont for more information at jabelmont3@gmail.com.

Check the Thursday eblast for details and for the Call for Artists

International Pot Luck

February 27, 2020 • Naples Daily News

Bring an ethnic dish to taste, savor and share along with your stories of times spent abroad.

Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.

Annual Canasta Day

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 • Wyndemere Country Club

Love to play Canasta? Sign up for a table of 4 players. The registration fee includes lunch. Open to WCA members only. **SAVE THE DATE.**

*Spice it up with a Flamenco Dance Lesson!

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 • 10:00 a.m. • Naples Daily News

PUT ON YOUR DANCE SHOES! Learn The Basics of Flamenco Dance. Do something bold! Bring your attitude and learn the basics of flamenco dancing in this one-hour, absolute beginner class. Whether you're an experienced dancer or not, learning flamenco will be a new experience. Flamenco, birthed around the gypsy campfires in the mountains of Spain, is a seductive, thrilling dance form, done without a partner. You'll learn the basic steps and arm movements as well as gain an understanding of the music's rhythmic structure. By the end of the hour you will have learned a brief choreography and will want to shout olé! No dance experience required. *Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.*

SAVE THE DATE.

*Fused Glass and Mosaic Classes

Dates TBD. (Classes generally will be on Monday or Thursday at 1:00 p.m.)

Judy Belmont will be teaching Fused Glass and Mosaic classes at her studio within Clay More Studio on Shirley St. Make beautiful glass or mosaic creations which are functional as well as decorative. Class topics include making clocks, plates, cutting boards, bowls, trivets, jewelry, picture or mirror frames, whimsical faces and wall art. No experience or talent necessary. She will also offer special topic classes making Judaica items, such as Menorahs, Hamsas and Mezuzahs. Classes are specially priced for WCA members. For information and to request certain dates for specific classes contact Judy at JABelmont3@gmail.com. Private groups for 8 or more can be arranged, with some flexibility with times including evenings. Her website offers sample class descriptions at www.naplesglassworks.com. *Check the Thursday eblast for more information.*

Japanese Art of Ikebana – Sogetsu Demonstration and Workshop

April 6 and 30, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • 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. During this **TWO-PART LEARNING WORKSHOP** 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.
LIAISON: Loris Dallal 📧 Lorisdallal@gmail.com



BUS TRIPS

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

A Day in Babcock Ranch – Eco-tour and tour of town

December 17, 2019 • Punta Gorda, Florida

We begin the day with a 90-minute eco-tour, traveling through four different ecosystems, seeing various indigenous wildlife along the way. We then get back on the bus and travel to the town of Babcock Ranch for lunch and a tour of the new solar-powered city.

Flagler Museum

January 15, 2020 • Palm Beach, Florida

We travel to Palm Beach for an hour guided tour of the historic Flagler Museum, home of Henry Flagler, Standard Oil founding partner, founder of the Florida East Coast Railway and known as "the father of Miami and Palm Beach." After the tour we will enjoy tea at the Café des Beaux-Arts with spectacular views of the West Palm Beach skyline across Lake Worth.

Ybor City Tour, Lunch and Show

February Date TBD • Ybor City, Florida

We venture north to Ybor City (northeast of Downtown Tampa), the only neighborhood on Florida's west coast to be designated a National Historic Landmark, where we will take a 90-minute walking tour of the neighborhood. Following the tour, we will have lunch locally with the possibility of a show as well.

The Wick Costume Museum and "A Chorus Line"

March 19, 2020 • Boca Raton, Florida

Back by popular demand! We return to The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum for a tour of their new exhibit "The Roaring Twenties" in honor of the year 2020, lunch in the Tavern on the Green room and a performance of "A Chorus Line." Always a "hot ticket!"

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and St. Armands Circle

April 1, 2020 • Sarasota, Florida

Join us as we venture to Sarasota. We will tour the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and experience a special exhibit "Salvador Dali: Gardens of the Mind," which includes ten colorful photolithographs of flowers by Dali along with works from Everglades photographer Clyde Butcher (a perfect complement to last year's trip to the Dali Museum!). Following the gardens, enjoy lunch and time on your own at St. Armands Circle with a designated time to return to the bus.

Dates May Change. Check the Thursday eblast for updated information.

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 • 1:00 p.m. • Pelican Sound

LIAISON: Jackie Sherman  jsherman123@verizon.net

WEEKLY Mah Jongg and Lunch: Wednesdays • 12:00 p.m. • The Club at Grandezza

LIAISON: Andrea Goodman  andgood24@yahoo.com

MONTHLY Book Discussion and Lunch:

Second Thursday • 12:00 p.m. • The Club at Grandezza

LIAISON: Dina Shein  dinaatwca@gmail.com

- OCTOBER 10: "Ginger Bread" by Helen Oyeyemi
- NOVEMBER 14: "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover
- DECEMBER 12: "Kingdom of the Blind: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel" by Louise Penny
- JANUARY 9: "Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love" by Dani Shapiro
- FEBRUARY 13: "Enlightenment Now" by Stephen Pinker
- MARCH 12: "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones
- APRIL 9: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
- MAY 14: "Warlight" by Michael Ondaatje

MONTHLY Ladies Who Brunch

Fourth Friday

Monthly brunches at various "North" restaurants

LIAISON: Marilyn Harris  marilyn.harris1@me.com

MONTHLY Sharing Shakespeare

Register once.

First Tuesday • 1:00-3:00 p.m. with happy hour at the Club to follow

The Club at Grandezza

LIAISON: Diane Carel  dfcarel@gmail.com

- OCTOBER 1 "Troilus and Cressida"—The saying went: "As True as Troilus and as False as Cressida". Set in Ancient Troy, this play opens with a parody of the prologue of "Henry V".
- NOVEMBER 5 "Much Ado About Nothing" My Favorite Shakespeare Comedy!
- DECEMBER 3 "Timon of Athens" What if you had all the money in the world ... and gave it all away?
- JANUARY 7 "Cymbeline"— "Sons of Anarchy" mash up with "Game of Thrones".
- FEBRUARY 4 "Love's Labours Lost"
- MARCH 3 "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- APRIL 7 "Taming of the Shrew"
- MAY 5 "All's Well That Ends Well" – The ends justify the means? Well, a deep subject!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.

Artful Encounters with Dr. Mary Kirn: Summer: TBD

Theater Outing to Florida Laboratory Theater (with Backstage Tour),

"A Guy, A Girl and a Piano": Sunday, January 5, 2020

Opening Luncheon: Friday, January 10, 2020 at Bonita Bay

Musical Outing to Broadway Palm, "Piano Men": Monday, January 27, 2020

Theater Outing to Broadway Palm, "Kinky Boots": Sunday, February 16, 2020

Canasta Day: Monday, March 9, 2020 at Hunter's Ridge

Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm Tour and Lunch: TBD

Adventures in Paradise Cruise: TBD

Bonita Springs Historical Society Guided Tour: TBD

Cooking Israeli Style with Chef Dalia: TBD

Cocktails and Conversation: TBD



WCA SOUTH

WCA South is in its fifth 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.

COORDINATOR: Lenore Greenstein 📧 Lenoresue@comcast.net

To be added to the WCA South email list and receive information about the events, contact **MEMBERSHIP** Co-chair, Jill Liebson 📧 jillliebson@gmail.com

OR Sandy Schulman 📧 sandysws@att.net

PUBLICITY: Alice Licker 📧 abl714@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

WEEKLY Canasta: Mondays • 1:00 p.m.

LIAISON: Enid Dairman 📧 enid1941@gmail.com

MONTHLY:

Fiction Book Club and Lunch: Second Thursday • 12:00 p.m.

LIAISON: Bobbi Morein 📧 Bobbi500@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 18 "The Lost Girls of Paris" by Pam Jenoff

NOVEMBER 15 "The Leavers" by Lisa Ko

DECEMBER 20 "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn

JANUARY 17 "Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro

FEBRUARY 21 "What Loves Becomes" by Jan Tramontano

MARCH 20 "Once We Were Brothers" by Ronald Balson

APRIL 17 "The Rent Collector" by Cameron Wright

Jewish Book Festival Club: Third Friday • 1:00 p.m.

Titles will be selected from the 2019-20 Greater Naples Jewish Book Festival

LIAISON: Leslie Wasserman 📧 Leshbr@aol.com

Luncheons: Third Wednesday • October, December, February and April

LIAISONS: Sandi Yuil 📧 sfgyuil@aol.com;

Beth Weinberg 📧 bgwein@comcast.net

LUNCHEON PROGRAMS LIAISON: Linda Hyde 📧 Lindajhyde@aol.com

Chef's Table: Third Wednesday • November and January

LIAISON: Gail Kamm 📧 Gail.Kamm@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Check the Thursday eblast and sidebar for more information.

Film "Itzhak": Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Opening Lunch: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Speaker: Sam Varsano-Being a Sephardic Jew in America

Gordon River Cruise: Wednesday, February 27, 2020

Botanical Gardens Tour: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Author Event: "Lina Unleashed" by Robin Kelleher: Monday, March 9, 2020

LIAISONS: Cathy Lone-Dawson 📧 Cathy.lone-dawson@rogers.net

Sue Powers 📧 Spowers917@gmail.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

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Rolly Jacob  rolyj10@gmail.com

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Linda Hofbauer  l.hofbauer@cox.net

Del Val (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware)

Marsha Moranz  msmoranz16@gmail.com

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Michigan

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New York City Metro/New Jersey

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Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland

Deedee Remenick  drddan1@aol.com

Oh Canada

Joanna Paull  joanna.paull@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.

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 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 an *.*

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."

LIAISON: Sharon Lemoff  slemoff@msn.com

SOCIAL AND INTEREST GROUPS, continued

Dancing Couples

Couples get together at several local clubs, several times during the year, to dance. Dancing is mostly to "oldies" and to some disco, cha cha and modern music. There are no dance lessons. Food can be ordered off the menu and each couple gets their own bill. Email Sandy to be put on the list with "Dancing Couples" in the subject line.

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 – see Wednesday listing for dates)
- **Current Films and Lunch** (Wednesday, Week 3)
- **Documentary Films** (Mostly Tuesdays, Week 1 – see Wednesday listing for more information)

Golf

Mondays, December – April • 2:30 p.m. • Valencia Golf and Country Club

A nine-hole group. Contact Carol for additional information.

LIAISON: Carol Sherman 📧 shermancarol2a@gmail.com

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 📧 luba.laufer.rotsztain@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: Evelyn Hecht 📧 evelynh@mymts.net

Judy Copeland 📧 copelandjudy@aol.com

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, supporting our community and having lots of fun.

LIAISON: Augusta Rosenauer 📧 torregm323@yahoo.com

*Striking Ladies Bowling Group

Friday Mornings, October – April

Striking Ladies Social Bowling Group at Bowland Beacon Naples with a new format. Each week you can register to play, and you will join others for a fun morning of bowling, without defined teams. Pay only when you play. To receive the weekly registration email, send your name and email to the liaison.

LIAISON: Wendy Israelite 📧 wcabowling.com

Sunday Bike and Brunch Group 1

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

Sunday group rides ending with brunch at homes or restaurants. Couples and singles are invited.

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

SOCIAL AND INTEREST GROUPS, continued

Sunday Bike and Brunch Group 2

Week 2, October – April

The popularity of Sunday Biking has led to a second group! Rides end with brunch at homes or restaurants. Couples and singles are invited.

LIAISON: Nancy Suslov 📧 nesuslov@msn.com

Walkin' the Dog

Fridays, 9:30 a.m.

Walkin' the Dog meet-ups add a fun and active element for members and their pooches. Join us Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a leisurely stroll along park trails or through lovely neighborhoods before sharing coffee or brunch at a Bring-Fido recommended destination. Dogs need to be on non-retractable leashes and owners of reactive pets must be willing to work on improving social behavioral skills. The benefits of "meet-up" walks are numerous for both humans and canines, as you will experience. It's a time to practice positive canine behaviors in a group setting and to meet new walking companions. Exercise for all is the healthy by-product. For more information, start date and destination, contact Marcia.

LIAISON: Marcia Schonberg 📧 msviews@gmail.com

Women on the Move Walking Group

Friday mornings, Mid October – Mid April

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 8:50 a.m. to leave at 9:00 a.m. at various locations around Naples and Bonita. The walks will be at a moderate pace for about 5 miles. 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 📧 ruthveredsimon@gmail.com

Judy Belmont 📧 jabelmont3@gmail.com

Women on Wheels

Tuesdays mornings, Mid October – April

Interested in a regular Tuesday morning bike ride to explore various areas around Naples and Bonita? We meet at 9:05 to leave at 9:15 from various locations around Naples. Riders who are comfortable with a moderate pace (averaging 10-12 mph) for 15 miles are welcome to join. You will need a bike rack to join us regularly.

Whoever leads the ride for that week plans where we will have a snack/drink.

LIAISON: Judy Belmont 📧 jabelmont3@gmail.com

Women's Global Issues (WGI)

All sessions 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Note days and locations.

Thursday, December 19, 2019 • Naples Daily News

Book: "Becoming Nicole" by Amy Ellis Nutt (Exploring gender identity issues)

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 • Naples Daily News

Book: "The Underground Girls of Kabul" by Jenny Nordberg (Gender inequality)

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 • Federation

Book: TBD

WGI is a stimulating and enlightening study group about women's current issues. Members read selected nonfiction books and participate in an open discussion following a presentation by members of the group. The presenters volunteer to research a topic and provide a unique thought-provoking presentation. After the meeting, there is an optional luncheon at a local restaurant to continue lively conversations. Once you have joined, you will receive group emails with pertinent information. Each meeting requires members to sign-up in order to attend. (Some venues have limited capacity.)

LIAISONS: Karyn Conrath and Jane Shaw 📧 wcawomenstudies@gmail.com

NORMAL
IS BORING

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: Joyce Lempert 📧 jlempert29@gmail.com

Michelle Christides 📧 michlee25@yahoo.com

Canasta (afternoon)

Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00 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

*Canasta Lessons

Mondays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. • November-April

Today's Canasta (not your grandmother's game!). A series of 5 consecutive Mondays. Limit 5 members per class. This is NOT a drop-in class. Instructor will keep a running list of interested members. Classes will be established on a first-to-accept basis, according to demand and months students are available.

LIAISON: Hope Abels 📧 hopeabels@yahoo.com

Couples Canasta (evening)

Every other Monday evening (in season) • 7:00 sharp-9:30 p.m. • 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 • 1:00-3:30 p.m.

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

LIAISON: Barbara Nahmias 📧 nirovedbn@gmail.com

Mah Jongg Lessons

Learn how to play Mah Jongg, according to the National Mah Jongg League Rules. There will be small, four-class sessions for those who know nothing about Mah Jongg. *Check the Thursday eblast for topics and registration information.*

LIAISON: Debbie Thomas 📧 debbiethomas@gmail.com



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 an *)*

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 registration procedure for each speaker presentation.

MONDAYS

WEEKLY

Reader's Theatre Group

There will be six Monday sessions, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on January 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 17, and 24. There will be one class on WEDNESDAY, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Naples Senior Center at JCFS. We will be performing at the Naples Senior Center for a most appreciative audience. Class members will rehearse scripts, working on developing vocal skills and expression. No memorization required!!!! Looking for participants who enjoy performing or have always wanted to try. If you like to have fun, and spread your wings a bit, this class is for you! Attendance at all rehearsals is required, so please sign up **ONLY** if you can attend all of the sessions. Please contact me if you have any questions.

LIAISON: Ellen Rodwick  errodwick@gmail.com

MONDAYS, continued

WEEK 2

Book Study

November – April • 10:00-11:30 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 11: "The Tzar of Love and Techno" by Anthony Marra

DECEMBER 9: "Small Wars" by Sadie Jones

JANUARY 13: "Milkman" by Anna Burns

FEBRUARY 10: "Transcription" by Kate Atkinson

MARCH 9: "Hagseed" by Margaret Atwood

APRIL 13: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

LIAISON: Louise Novis  lnovis@rogers.com

WEEK 3

Great Books

December – April • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

This program uses anthologies from the Great Books Foundation. This year we will begin the 5th book in the series, entitled GREAT CONVERSATIONS BOOK 5. This anthology can be purchased either through the Great Books Foundation or on Amazon.com. Book 5 contains many well-known historical and contemporary literary writers. Our readings this year are:

DECEMBER 16: "Hekabe" by Euripides

JANUARY 20: "3 Odes" by John Keats

FEBRUARY 17: "Ethan Brand" by Nathaniel Hawthorne

MARCH 16: "The Criterion of a Good Form of Government"
by John Stuart Mill

APRIL 20: "Masks" by George Santayana

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. 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

TUESDAYS

WEEKLY

Café Y Conversación

January 7 – March 31, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 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 • 1:00-3:30 p.m.

LIAISON: Barbara Nahmias 📧 nirovedbn@gmail.com

WEEKLY

Sharing Life's Journey Through Memoir Writing

Level 1: January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 2020 • 9:30-11:30 a.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.

*TED Talks (Technology, Entertainment and Design Talks)

November – April • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

TED talks, short, powerful, diverse videos of presentations, in more than 100 languages from conferences around the world will be shown. Following the video we'll have a discussion moderated by Sonya Bloom. Each month the topic and registration will be announced in the eblast. Limit 25.

LIAISON: Sonya Bloom 📧 sonyabloom@aol.com

Check the Thursday eblast for topics and registration information

*Documentary Film Group "Not Coming to a Theater Near You"

This is a joint WCA-MCA program.

November - April

NEW LOCATION, DAY, TIME AND SIGN-UP PROCEDURE FOR 2019-2020

• **LOCATION: Temple Shalom (except February)***

• **TIME: 1:00 p.m. except *Wed., Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 5 "Carl Laemmle"

Tuesday, DECEMBER 3 "Prosecuting Evil"

Tuesday, JANUARY 7 "93 Queen"

*Wednesday, FEBRUARY 5 "An Act of Defiance"
at Naples Daily News

Tuesday, MARCH 3 "The Waldheim Waltz"

Thursday, APRIL 2 "King Bibi"

• **SIGN UP:** Reservations are required for each film. Each month the film will be announced in the WCA and MCA ebasts with an [online link registration for that month only](#). Each month a different thought-provoking documentary film will be presented 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. **The monthly registration emails will no longer be sent.**

LIAISON: Steve Brazina 📧 docfilmsnaples@gmail.com

TUESDAYS, continued

WEEK 2

Jewish Genealogy

Meets Year-Round • 10:00-11:30 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

Short Story Writing

October-April • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join writer Estelle Rauch in elevating your craft. This monthly experience will sharpen your skill, and may (or may not) lead you to being published.

LIAISON: Estelle Rauch 📧 estellehrauch@aol.com

WEEK 3

Modern Israeli Fiction

Meets year round • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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 17: "The Hilltop" by Assaf Gavron
- OCTOBER 5: "Muck" by Dror Burstein
- NOVEMBER 19: "Twenty-One Stories" by S.Y. Agnon
- DECEMBER 17: "Selected Poems" by Yehuda Amichai
- JANUARY 21: "The Man Who Never Stopped Sleeping" by Aaron Appelfeld
- FEBRUARY 18: "Falling Out Of Time: a Novel" by David Grossman
- MARCH 17: "Suddenly, a Knock on the Door" by Etgar Keret
- APRIL 21: "Feathers" by Haim Be'er
- MAY 19: "The Way to the Cats: A Novel" by Yehoshua Kenaz
- JUNE 16: "If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir" by Ilana Kurshan

LIAISONS: Luba Rotsztain 📧 luba.laufer.rotsztain@gmail.com

Dina Shein 📧 dinaatwca@gmail.com

TUESDAYS, continued

The New Yorker 2

October-April • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

New Yorker Magazine lovers! Due to popular demand, a morning group is forming to engage in discussion of superior short stories and non-fiction, which will contribute to our appreciation of what makes for excellent writing. 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: Estelle Rauch 📧 estellehrauch@aol.com

WEDNESDAYS

WEEKLY

Canasta (see Cards and Games)

October – April: Temple Shalom • May-September: Federation • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

LIAISON: Judy Fant 📧 judyfant6@yahoo.com

WEEKLY

Chair Yoga and Meditation

December – March • 10:30-11:30 a.m. All classes at Federation

4-week sessions: 4 weeks for \$35 or \$12 single drop-in class

December 4, 11 and 27 (3 weeks only! \$27)

January 8, 15, 22 and 29

February 5, 12, 19 and 26

March 4, 11, 18 and 25

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) Email Jean for more information and to register.

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

WEDNESDAYS, continued

Foreign/Independent Films

FILMS WILL BE SHOWN WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

FEBRUARY DATES: Wednesday, February 12 AND Friday, February 14

MARCH DATES: Wednesday, March 18 AND Friday March 20

1:30-3:30 p.m. • Naples Daily News

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. WATCH THE DATES!! 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

WEEKLY

Intermediate French

January 8-April 20, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 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

WEEK 1

The New Yorker Group

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

WEDNESDAYS, continued

WEEK 3

Current Films and Lunch

Meets Year-Round • 12:00 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

WEEK 4

Contemporary Fiction

Meets Year-Round • 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

• **Pelican Marsh Community Center: April, May, October-December**

• **Federation: January-March; June-September**

June – December 2019 and April – May, 2020 • every 4th Wednesday

January – March, 2020 • both the 3rd AND 4th Wednesday (*Same book is reviewed both weeks to accommodate the large number of participants.*)

BOOK SELECTIONS for 2019-2020

SEPTEMBER 25: "The Lost Family" by Jenna Blum

OCTOBER 23: "Florence Gordon" by Brian Morton

NOVEMBER 27: "All the Rivers" by Dorit Rabinyan

DECEMBER 26: "Waking Lions" by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

JANUARY 15 & 22: "The Weight of Ink" by Rachel Kadish

FEBRUARY 19 & 26: "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict

MARCH 18 & 25: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

APRIL 22: "The Secret of Clouds" by Alyson Richman

MAY 27: "Washington Black" by Edith Eagan

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@luba.laufer.rotsztain@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

WEEKS 1 and 3

Mental and Emotional Health Discussion Group

Bimonthly December – April (except once in January) • 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Retired 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

WEEK 3

Contemporary Short Stories

January – March • 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Intermediate and above – no lessons.

LIAISONS: Joyce Lempert 📧 jlempert29@gmail.com

Michelle Christides 📧 michlee125@yahoo.com

WEEK 1

The Jewish Experience Book Club

December – March • 10:00 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 6: "The Ruined House" by Ruby Namdar

JANUARY 3: "Wunderland" by Jennifer Cody Epstein

FEBRUARY 7: "My Mother's Son" by David Hirshberg

MARCH 6: "Sadness is a White Bird" by Moriel Rothman-Zechern

LIAISON: Arlene Sobol 📧 asobol99@gmail.com

FRIDAYS, continued

WEEK 2

Foreign/Independent Films

(see WEDNESDAY for description)

February 14 and March 20, 2020 • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • Naples Daily News

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

WEEK 2

Modern Playwrights

December – April • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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

DECEMBER 13: "Reasons to be Pretty" by Neil LaButte

JANUARY 10: "Becky Shaw" by Gina Gionfriddo

FEBRUARY 14: "Other Desert Cities" by Jon Robin Baitz

MARCH 13: TBA

APRIL 3: TBA

LIAISONS: Judy Isserlis 📧 jisserlis@aol.com





**JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER NAPLES, INC.
WCA MEMBER WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

EVENT _____ **DATE** _____

In consideration of being permitted to participate in activities sponsored, promoted, organized and/or conducted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, Inc. (the "Federation"), and the Women's Cultural Alliance ("WCA") (together the Federation and WCA are the "Released Parties"), I _____ agree to the following:

I acknowledge and understand that the activities sponsored, promoted, organized, advertised, conducted, supervised, controlled, engaged, held or run by the Released Parties ("WCA Activities" or WCA Activity") in which I participate have inherent risks which I have fully investigated and accepted. I further warrant and assert that I am fully qualified to participate in the WCA activities I have elected to join and participate in, and that I have obtained appropriate training to do so. I further acknowledge, understand and agree that I have no physical or mental conditions that would impair or impede my ability to join and participate in those WCA Activities. I further acknowledge, understand and agree that I will make my own independent judgment whether I should participate in any WCA Activity in whole or in part and that if at any time, I determine, using my own independent judgment, that a WCA Activity is beyond my physical or mental condition or ability, or that I do not have sufficient instruction and/or training to participate fully or partially in a WCA activity, I will immediately cease my participation in that activity or portion of that activity.

I acknowledge, understand, and agree that I have not and am not relying upon Released Parties to make any of these assessments and/or determinations for me, or to assist me in making those assessments and/or determinations. Finally, I acknowledge, understand and agree that I am not relying upon any information provided to me by Released Parties, nor am I relying upon the failure of Released Parties to provide information to me in making those independent assessments and/or determinations. In consideration for being allowed to participate in WCA Activities, I, hereby waive, release and discharge the Released Parties, their directors, officers, members, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, indebtedness, deposits, breaches of contract, breaches of duty or any relationship, acts, omissions, misfeasance, malfeasance, cause or causes of action, debts, sums of money, accounts, compensations, contracts, controversies, promises, damages, costs, losses and expenses, of every type, kind, nature, description or character, and irrespective of how, why, or by reason of what facts, whether heretofore, now existing or hereafter arising, or which could, might, or may be claimed to exist, which in any way arise out of, are connected with or relate to WCA Activities.

The provisions of this release shall inure to the benefit of, and shall bind, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. I understand that there are no time limitations on this release. This waiver and release remains in effect unless specifically canceled in writing and delivered to the President of WCA.

Signed: _____

Please Print Your Name: _____

Dated: _____



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Dated: _____



Women's Cultural Alliance 2019-2020 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 **LEGIBLY** 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



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