



## **Friday, December 6, 2013**

### **Eddie Herr International Championship at IMG Academy**

8:00 AM - IMG Academies, 5500 34th Street West, - (610) 923-0900

One of the world's largest youth international tennis tournaments featuring kids from over 75 countries. This is an invite only tournament featuring the top 128 players in each boy and girl's age groups (12s, 14s, 16s & 18s). Single elimination event with both singles and doubles for all participants to compete in which gives guarantees the kids at least 4-5 days of tennis action.

### **Holiday Boutique - Sarasota Garden Club**

9:00 AM - Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota - (941) 955-0875

This is The Sarasota Garden Club's answer to Christmas. We will have specially ordered Poinsettias, fresh wreaths, Christmas cactus and pecans for sale. We will have vendors with their festive wares.

### **Dome Flea Market and Farmers Market**

9:00 AM - Dome flea market and event center, 5115 S.R. 776, Venice - (941) 376-0969

Best produce and first market in Sarasota since 1974. Historic site of Wordmere, the 1917 railroad & sawmill town that started south Sarasota. See free exhibit and shop bargains galore.

### **Gem, Jewelry and Bead Show, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium**

10:00 AM - Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 954-4165

Dealers present some of the finest gem, jewelry and bead collections for sale in the United States.

### **The 4th Annual Sarasota Craft Show Returns to Robarts Arena**

10:00 AM - Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota - (845) 355-2400

The Sarasota Craft Show returns to Sarasota, December 6-8, 2013, at Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., in Sarasota. The event, now in its fourth year, features outstanding works in ceramics, decorative fiber, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed-media, paper, wearable art, wood, painting, photography and sculpture by more than 125 of the nation's top artists.

### **"Jazz at Two" with Art Siegel and Flightpath**

2:00 PM - Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Road, Sarasota - (941) 366-1552 The Jazz Club of Sarasota's "Jazz at Two" concert series rings in December with Art Siegel and Flightpath, December 6, 2013. Under the leadership of drummer Art Siegel, Flightpath has been a familiar fixture on the local jazz scene since 1988, most notably as the original house band at the Down Under Jazz Bar in the now defunct Quay. The group returns to Jazz at Two with its straight-ahead Latin and jazz-fusion sound, which includes works by such diverse artists as Cannonball Adderley, Pat Martino, David Sanborn and Pat Metheny.

### **"Let It Snow," Bishop Planetarium**

2:15 PM - South Florida Museum, 201 10th Street West, Bradenton - (941) 746-4131

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### **Indigo Blues**

4:00 PM - Hotel Indigo Sarasota, 1223 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota - (941) 487-3815

Enjoy live blues music by Herman Anderson at the H2O Bistro within the lobby of Hotel Indigo! Full menu available, happy hour specials on small plates, draft beer and house wines! Every Friday from 4pm-7pm!

**Holly Holiday Party - Historic Spanish Point**

5:00 PM - Historic Spanish Point, 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey - (941) 966-5214

Enjoy live music, light refreshments, and our twinkling lights while you take a stroll through the brilliantly lighted pathways and visit the historic buildings decorated for the holidays.

**Holly Days Mangrove Lights - Historic Spanish Point**

5:00 PM - Historic Spanish Point, 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey - (941) 966-5214

Holly Days and Mangrove Lights is under way with extended evening hours. Visit until 8 p.m.

**35th Annual Holiday Night of Lights - St. Armands Circle**

5:30 PM - St. Armands Circle, Sarasota -

Wells Fargo Mortgage Division and Crab & Fin Restaurant proudly present "Holiday Night of Lights". St. Armands is THE holiday destination, on the Gulf Coast of Florida, as the Circle magically comes to light and life with grace and elegance.

**Live from Downtown, First Friday: Main Street at Five Points Park and Palm Avenue**

6:00 PM - Selby Five Points Park, Sarasota -

The Downtown Sarasota Alliance's Friday night downtown has never been better -- featuring a different downtown Sarasota neighborhood on the first, second and third Fridays. First Friday of each month: Main Street at Five Points Park and Palm Avenue Second Friday: Burns Square (South Pineapple) Third Friday: Towles Court (Adams & Washington) Enjoy live performances, dining at more than 80 downtown restaurants and shopping at a unique mix of boutiques, art galleries and salons. Log on to DSAsarasota.

**"Ace Ventura," Film Fridays, South Florida Museum**

6:00 PM - South Florida Museum, 201 10th Street West, Bradenton - (941) 746-4131

Jim Carrey plays the dopey pet detective who is out to solve the mystery of the missing mascot as the Miami Dolphins' playful porpoise disappears just before the Super Bowl in this zany modern classic. Alrighty, then! (1994) Rated PG-13, 80 minutes.

**Mattison's Forty-One Live Music by Debbie Keeton**

6:00 PM - Mattison's Forty-One, 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 921-3400

Live music by Debbie Keeton in the Piano Bar at Mattison's Forty-One.

**Holiday Lights - Sarasota Jungle Gardens**

6:00 PM - Sarasota Jungle Gardens, 3701 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota - (941) 355-1112

No Christmas season is complete without a visit to Holiday Lights! More than one million lights will brighten up the night's sky starting Dec. 6.

**The Prima Donnettes - Florida Studio Theatre**

6:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Florida Studio Theatre, 1241 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota - (941) 366-9000

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**First Friday Free Wine Tasting at Cafe Gabbiano**

6:30 PM - Cafe Gabbiano, 5104 Ocean Blvd, Sarasota - (860) 480-5528

The Start of a New Tradition: First Friday of Every Month Cafe Gabbiano will host a Complimentary Wine Tasting. Every first Friday of the month, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cafe Gabbiano will host a complimentary wine tasting with a selection of two red wines and two white wines.

**All Aboard the Polar Express! Barnes and Noble**

7:00 PM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

The Polar Express Conductor is on his way to Sarasota to share his adventure on The Polar Express. No one should miss this magical event! So cozy up in your PJs and listen for the bell!

**The 40th Annual Singing Christmas Tree**

7:00 PM - FirstSarasota, 1661 Main St, Sarasota - (941) 365-2846

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Based on the beloved film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 classic Irving Berlin songs including "Blue Skies", "I Love a Piano", and the perennial favorite "White Christmas". Single tickets \$25 Adults, \$12 children.

### **Sunsets in Joseph's Coat, The Ringling**

7:30 PM - John & Mable Ringling Museum, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota -

Joseph's Coat is a Skyspace created by internationally renowned artist, James Turrell. The permanent installation is a "gathering place" for contemplation, sustained experience and conversation. As you gaze up at the sky through the 24-foot square aperture in the ceiling, you are invited to contemplate light, perception and experience.

### **Buddy Mondlock**

8:00 PM - WSLR Studio, 525 Kumquat Court, Sarasota - (941) 894-6469

Buddy Mondlock writes songs. He does it so well that some great songwriters have recorded his songs on their own albums. Guy Clark, Nanci Griffith and Janis Ian, to name just a few.

### **Sarasota Orchestra presents Setting New Courses**

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November 12 – December 8, 2013 Tuesday-Saturday 8:00pm & Sunday matinees 2:00pm Music by Marc Shaiman Lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman Book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters Welcome to the '60s! Winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, Hairspray is a family-friendly treat piled bouffant-high with laughter, romance, and deliriously tuneful songs.

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### **Ted Stevens & the Doo-Shots - Blue Rooster**

8:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

Alternate country roots rock trio, carried by fat, reverb-laden guitar tones and twangy vocal lines.

## **Saturday, December 7, 2013**

### **Sarasota Farmers Market, Downtown Sarasota**

7:00 AM - Sarasota Farmers Market, Lemon Avenue & Main Street, Sarasota - (941) 225-9256

The Sarasota Farmers Market offers 70-plus vendors selling produce, plants, prepared food, artisans and much more, centered at Main Street and Lemon Avenue in downtown Sarasota. The market is a nonprofit organization committed to continuing the 30-year tradition of enhancing and improving the quality of life in Sarasota. Its mission is to create a social opportunity for residents and visitors to gather and interact, to bring foot traffic to downtown Sarasota sustaining the economic viability of the entire downtown area, and to provide a venue for other not-for-profit organizations benefiting Sarasota.

### **16th Annual Jingle & Jog 5K Road Race**

8:00 AM - Community Haven Campus, 4405 DeSoto Road, - 941 355-8808x258

16th Annual Jingle & Jog 5K Run/1K Walk At Community Haven Registration begins at 7 AM Race starts at 8 AM Come on out and run the 5K race that many rate as "the best Sarasota-Bradenton road race of the season." Free goody bags, healthy snacks and beverages plus finish place medals to registrants. A donation of \$20 will be made by The Fry Foundation for every registrant that crosses the finish line (walk, run, or wheelchair racer).

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### **Venice Farmer's Market**

8:00 AM - Downtown Venice, Mainstreet, Venice -

Every Saturday morning, local farmers, fishermen, craftsmen, bakers, artists and others gather at the Venice Farmer's Market, in the heart of historic downtown Venice. It's a weekly celebration of the best of Venice, where you can get fresh seasonal Florida fruits and vegetables direct from area farms. You can't find any fresher shrimp or seafood.

### **North Port Farmer's & Craft Market**

8:00 AM - North Port Farmer's & Craft Market, 14942 Tamiami Trail, North Port - (941) 240-6100 The market features all kinds of produce and food vendors, plus craft vendors and other products for sale.

### **Achieva Reindeer Trot 5K/10K & Dog Walk**

8:30 AM - Payne Park, 2050 Adams Lane, - (727) 431-7362

Register today for the 5K, 10K or dog walk. This family-friendly event is free to attend, with all proceeds benefiting Sarasota County classrooms. You can even have your photo taken with Santa!

### **SketchUp: 3D Digital Modeling Made Easy**

9:00 AM - Ringling College of Art + Design, 2700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 955-8866

Dive into 3D modeling with ease and speed with the power of Google SketchUp. Its versatility allows for quick 3D sketching and precision final modeling in a fun and intuitive interface. From simple to complex, conceptual to realistic, SketchUp enables designers to create, modify and share 3D models, making project communication a breeze.

### **Pathway to Creative Genius - Ringling College of Art & Design**

9:00 AM - Ringling College of Art + Design, 2700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 955-8866

In this fast-paced workshop, participants learn how to identify their processing styles and tap into a wellspring of creative energy.

While painting to preset music and with the assistance of personal coaching, participants explore the effects of change on perception and break through subconscious blocks with tools that can help optimize potential and realize unforeseen successes.

Beginners are welcome.

### **Local Author Don Bruns! Barnes & Noble**

9:00 AM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

Please help us in welcoming local author Don Bruns, an award-winning novelist, songwriter, musician and advertising executive. You will love his books!

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### **Holiday Global Gift Fair**

10:00 AM - Saint Boniface Episcopal Church, 5615 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key -

12th annual Global Gift Fair: Unique Fair Trade items from around the world- jewelry, Christmas ornaments, toys, delectable treats and original artwork. Purchases enables artisans from around the world to raise their families out of poverty. Proceeds support local charities in the Sarasota area.

### **Venice Train Depot Tours**

10:00 AM - Historic Venice Train Depot, 303 E. Venice Ave., Venice -

Trained volunteer docents lead visitors on a tour of the Historic Venice Train Depot. Tours every Saturday, 10 a.m.

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### **2013 Bradenton Blues Festival**

11:00 AM - Bradenton Riverwalk, 452 3rd Ave. W., Bradenton -

The Bradenton Blues Festival is an annual festival featuring a stellar team of top blues artists. Food, drink, art, and an array of vendors complement the live music to create an awesome experience.

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### **Meet the Thompsons! Barnes & Noble**

12:00 PM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

Let's welcome the Thompson's signing their book Egmont Key -Don is a member of the Egmont Key Alliance and has authored four previous books. In addition, his wife Carol has worked on two local history books, and has completed a young adult novel.

### **December Holiday Open House**

1:00 PM - Michael's Wine Cellar & The Tasting Room, 1283 S. Tamiami Trail / Midtown Plaza, Sarasota - (941) 366-0007 Discover over 60+ wines from around the world at the final Holiday Open House of the season at Michael's Wine Cellar! Michael's Open House Wine Tasting events are held from 1 to 4 pm in Michael's Wine Cellar located at 1283 S. Tamiami Trail, Midtown Plaza in Sarasota.

### **Handel Messiah - Church of the Palms**

1:00 PM - Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota - (941) 924-1323

The Sarasota Choral Society announces its 69th consecutive annual production of the Christmas portion of George Frideric Handel's Messiah: A Sacred Oratorio at the Church of the Palms Presbyterian Church, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, on Saturday, December 7, 2013. (Located at the corner of Bee Ridge and Lockwood road!) The performance will feature a chamber orchestra of select musicians many of whom are principal players from the Sarasota Orchestra, organ accompaniment, four world-class soloists, and The Sarasota Choral Society chorus.

### **Saturday Art Class, Art Center Sarasota**

1:00 PM - Art Center Sarasota, 707 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 365-2032

Saturday Art Class is a supervised art program designed for young artists ages 6-14 to use their imaginations and be creative during the school year. Class is taught by Ali Lambert, a professional art educator, and will focus on a different medium or theme each week. Children will experiment with painting, expand drawing skills, sculpt with clay and more, going home with a completed project each week.

#### **Cookies N' Cans**

2:00 PM - Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy, 2121 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 364-3399 You are invited to our annual cookie exchange - bake up a batch of your favorite cookies and bring them (together with a can or two for All Faiths Food Bank) to swap with some of our other guests!

#### **Receptions for Englewood Camera Club, Jackson Petty, and Barbara Archer & John Baldwin exhibitions**

2:00 PM - Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road, Englewood - (941) 474-5548

Reception for Englewood Camera Club (Showcases photography of varied subject matter) in the Loranger Gallery, Jackson Petty (Photography) in the Mitchell Gallery, and Barbara Archer & John Baldwin (Photography & Painting) in the Members Gallery. There will be light refreshments and it is free and open to the public.

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#### **Stand Up Paddleboard Lessons at Lido Beach**

4:00 PM - Lido Beach, Sarasota - (941) 952-8245

Learn to paddleboard in the Gulf of Mexico! You will be taught by a trained lifeguard, and a certified paddleboard instructor.

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**"Voices of Fuzion: Melange," FSU Center for the Performing Arts**

7:30 PM - Cook/Asolo Rep Theatre, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail., Sarasota – 941 359-0099x101

Fuzión Dance Artists, Sarasota's cutting-edge contemporary dance company, will present "Voices of Fuzión: Mélange" on Dec. 7 and 8, 2013, at the Jane B. Cook Theater at the FSU Center for the Performing Arts.

**KT Sullivan, cabaret singer with Jon Weber, piano - Artist Series Concert**

7:30 PM - Historic Asolo Theater, 5401 Bay Shore Rd., Sarasota - (941) 359-5700

"Colored Lights" ...Cabaret at its glorious best – Just listen to what she does to "Barbara Song" from The Threepenny Opera or "Who's that Woman?" from Sondheim's Follies. She makes each song a brilliant three-act play before launching into a cataclysmically funny rendition of Noel Coward's "World Weary" or "Try to Remember" from The Fantastics, "September Song" from Knickerbocker Holiday, and other musical theatre hits.

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**Let's dance**

8:00 PM - Sara Dance Center, 5000 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota - (941) 812-7311

Dancing for everyone. Ballroom - enjoy waltzes, fox trots, quickstep, and more in ballroom 1. Night club dancing in ballroom 2 for the hustle, swings, and latins.

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**Thomas Wynn & The Believers - Blue Rooster**

8:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

Touted as "Southern Rock Muscle - Soulful Rock n' Blues" by The Orlando Sentinel and repeatedly reviewed as UNBELIEVABLE live!

**Live Music at the Crow's Nest: Piano Man Wally Gator**

8:30 PM - Crow's Nest Restaurant, 1968 Tarpon Center Road, Venice - (941) 383-5593

Piano Man Wally Gator performs at 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Crow's Nest in Venice.

## **Sunday, December 8, 2013**

**Birding Diversity at T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve**

7:15 AM - T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve, 1800 Mabry Carlton Way, Venice - (941) 861-5000 Calling all birding enthusiasts! Be tantalized and wowed by the vast array of bird species and nature found at the beautiful T. Mabry Carlton, Jr.

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One of the world's largest youth international tennis tournaments featuring kids from over 75 countries. This is an invite only tournament featuring the top 128 players in each boy and girl's age groups (12s, 14s, 16s & 18s). Single elimination event with both singles and doubles for all participants to compete in which gives guarantees the kids at least 4-5 days of tennis action.

**Visual Merchandising - Ringling College of Art & Design**

9:00 AM - Ringling College of Art + Design, 2700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 955-8866

This exciting workshop familiarizes students with the techniques of visual merchandising and display, focusing on eye appeal and its impact on consumer buying habits. Topics include the principles of visual composition, formal design, attention-getting devices and understanding the relationship between visual merchandising and selling. Students gain invaluable firsthand experience by designing their own hypothetical displays employing the latest techniques in the field.

**Dome Flea Market and Farmers Market**

9:00 AM - Dome flea market and event center, 5115 S.R. 776, Venice - (941) 376-0969

Best produce and first market in Sarasota since 1974. Historic site of Wordmere, the 1917 railroad & sawmill town that started south Sarasota. See free exhibit and shop bargains galore.

**Sunday 6 vs 6 Outdoor Soccer for Adults (18+)**

9:00 AM - Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota - (941) 321-9405

American Athletic Clubs announces Sunday 6 vs 6 Outdoor Soccer league for both men and women at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota, must be 18 years or older to participate. To sign up as a team or as an individual to be placed on to a team, go to [www.americanathleticclubs.com](http://www.americanathleticclubs.com).

**Gem, Jewelry and Bead Show, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium**

10:00 AM - Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 954-4165

Dealers present some of the finest gem, jewelry and bead collections for sale in the United States.

**The 4th Annual Sarasota Craft Show Returns to Robarts Arena**

10:00 AM - Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota - (845) 355-2400

The Sarasota Craft Show returns to Sarasota, December 6-8, 2013, at Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., in Sarasota. The event, now



in its fourth year, features outstanding works in ceramics, decorative fiber, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed-media, paper, wearable art, wood, painting, photography and sculpture by more than 125 of the nation's top artists.

#### **Tervis Tinseltown**

11:00 AM - Tervis, 928 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey - (941) 966-8614 Make your own Tervis tumbler  
Free photos with PJ the Giant Elf  
Live Remote with Jones & Crane  
All day spend \$50 and receive a holiday tumbler for \$5

#### **Winter Festival - All Event Rental & Design**

12:00 PM - All Event Rental & Design Showroom, 2048 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota - (941) 922-0795 Join All Event Rental & Design to celebrate the season with holiday decor ideas and demonstrations, seasonal entertainment and Christmas gingerbread cookies for all! We are pairing up with SMART Farm to bring in therapy horses who help children with disabilities overcome their challenges through riding. Bring your entire family to meet the horses and have fun at the live petting zoo!

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#### **NFL Sunday Ticket at Osprey Tiki Bar & Grille**

1:00 PM - Bentley's Boutique Hotel, 1660 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey - (941) 966-2121  
Come watch 2013 NFL Season at Osprey Tiki Bar & Grille! We have every game every Sunday thanks to DirecTV! Come support your favorite team by our infinity pool!

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#### **"Voices of Fuzion: Melange," FSU Center for the Performing Arts**

2:00 PM & 7:30 PM - Cook/Asolo Rep Theatre, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail., Sarasota – 941 359-0099x101  
Fuzión Dance Artists, Sarasota's cutting-edge contemporary dance company, will present "Voices of Fuzión: Mélange" on Dec. 7 and 8, 2013, at the Jane B. Cook Theater at the FSU Center for the Performing Arts.

#### **White Christmas - The Players Theatre**

2:00 PM - The Players Theatre, 838 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 365-2494  
(Dec 5-15, 2013): Based on the beloved film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 classic Irving Berlin songs including "Blue Skies", "I Love a Piano", and the perennial favorite "White Christmas". Single tickets \$25 Adults, \$12 children.

#### **"Show Boat," Asolo Repertory Theatre**

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#### **The 40th Annual Singing Christmas Tree**

3:00 PM - First Sarasota - Downtown Baptist Church, 1661 Main Street, -

#### **The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year North Port Symphony**

3:00 PM - North Port Performing Arts Center, 6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port -  
The North Port Symphony continues its tradition of bringing people together for special time.

**Downton Abbey Party! - Barnes & Noble**

3:00 PM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trl, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

Can't wait for season four to air on WEDU? We invite you to join us on December 8 to sip tea, nibble biscuits, engage in gossip and attempt to out-dress each other for costume and trivia prizes! The merriment begins 3:00 pm.

**The 12 Days of Christmas - Sarasota Pops**

3:00 PM - Riverview Performing Arts Center, Riverview High School, 1 Ram Way. , 1 Ram Way, Sarasota - (941) 926-7677

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**Mouseton Abbey Storytime - Barnes & Noble**

3:30 PM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

Do you love Downton Abbey? Your children will love Mouseton Abbey! Join Lord Mouseton and servants as they search for the missing diamond.

**Holiday Brass Spectacular, First Brass of Sarasota**

5:15 PM - Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota - (941) 955-4263

The First Brass and the Church of the Redeemer present a "Holiday Brass Spectacular" in the church's beautiful sanctuary in downtown Sarasota. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit. There will be classical pieces, holiday selections and, of course, a sing-along time.

**Jimmy Mazz - Warm Holiday Wishes - Ramada Venice Resort**

6:00 PM - Ramada Venice Resort, 425 US 41 By-Pass N, Venice - (941) 308-7700

Breeze Dinner Theater at Ramada Presents Jimmy Mazz - Warm Holiday Wishes Travel back to the day of the variety specials Dinner Theater - 3 Course Meal \$39.

**Drum Circle, Siesta Key Beach**

6:00 PM - Siesta Key Beach, 948 Beach Road, Siesta Key -

The community drum circle at Siesta Key Beach gathers every Sunday, about an hour before sunset, just south of the main beach pavilion, between lifeguard stands 3 and 4 on Siesta Public Beach. Just follow your ears. This is not a commercial event but local phenomenon that began spontaneously and now has a life of its own.

**Belmont & Jones - Blue Rooster**

6:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

**Mattison's City Grille Live Music by Debbie Keeton Jazz Quartet**

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**Mindy Simmons: Peggy Lee Show**

8:00 PM - WSLR Studio, 525 Kumquat Court, Sarasota - (941) 894-6469

Mindy Simmons is a consummate performer. She brings a polished, professional show to festival stages, concert halls and other

performances venues. Her quick wit and warm approach charms audiences and puts them in a relaxed frame of mind to sit back and be entertained.

**Sarasota Orchestra presents Setting New Courses**

8:00 PM - Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 953-3434

Friday, December 6, 2013 | 8:00 pm | \$30 - \$77 Saturday, December 7, 2013 | 8:00 pm | \$30 - \$84 Sunday, December 8, 2013 | 2:30 pm | \$30 - \$70 This concert showcases composers from four musical eras who stretched the boundaries of classical tradition. We begin with excerpts from operas by Rameau, a master of Baroque music. The sheer beauty of Debussy's La mer made it a seminal work of the Romantic era that changed the course of music history.

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## Monday, December 9, 2013

**Land Management in an Urban Setting at Curry Creek Preserve**

9:00 AM - Curry Creek Preserve East Entrance, 1500 Pinebrook Road, Venice - (941) 861-5000

Sarasota County is offering a guided walk at Curry Creek Preserve in Venice from 9:00 am – 11:00 am on Monday, December 9, 2013. Join Jeff Weber, Sarasota County Environmental Specialist, as he shares tools and techniques used to manage Curry Creek Preserve, an urban natural area site. Participants will get a "behind the scenes" glimpse into the decision making processes involved in developing a comprehensive management strategy for this site.

**Drawing Program for Homeschool Kids**

1:00 PM - Renaissance School of Art, 4600 Pine Harrier Dr., Sarasota - (941) 330-6865

As the drawing is the basis for all visual arts, this class will have the particular emphasis on the forming and developing students' knowledge and skills in the field of traditional drawing. Students will be learning fundamental principles of drawing such as perspective, composition and proportions, building volume, studying shading techniques, light and etc. through observation, analyzing the forms and constructing them.

**2013 Designing Women Gala**

5:30 PM - Asolo Repertory Theatre, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 366-5293

**Mattison's City Grille Live Music by Tropix**

6:00 PM - Mattison's City Grille, 1 North Lemon Avenue, Sarasota - (941) 330-0440

Live music by Tropix at Mattison's City Grille on Mondays.

**RJ Howson & Friends - Blue Rooster**

6:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

The blazing hot guitar licks of blues shredder RJ Howson accompanied by an ever-changing array of his accomplished musician friends.

**"Auntie Mame," Monday Night Movies, The Ringling**

7:00 PM - Historic Asolo Theater, 5401 Bay Shore Rd., Sarasota - (941) 359-5700

Rosalind Russell stars as an exuberant socialite of the Roaring Twenties – and a most unlikely "auntie." Warner Bros.; Directed by Morton DaCosta.

### **Meet The Sky**

7:00 PM - Siesta Beach Pavilion, 948 Beach Road, Siesta Key - (941) 952-1200

Join Eve Prang Plews, and other sky observers as we explore and discover the intriguing night sky. Learn to navigate the night sky by the stars, planets and constellations visible to the naked eye and observe through telescope provided. Weather permitting.

### **Meet Author Ron Irwin traveling here from South Africa**

7:00 PM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

Let's welcome Ron Irwin, signing his book Flat Water Tuesday. This book shares in the grand tradition of sagas about athletic young men on the brink of greatness, who either embrace their talent or are devastatingly consumed by it.

### **Andrew Stroud & Adam Larison, classical guitar duo**

7:30 PM - Art Center Sarasota, 707 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 362-2991

The 2013/2014 GuitarSarasota Mini Concert & Lecture Series at Art Center Sarasota. The concerts are organized by GuitarSarasota with support from our sponsors, members, and Art Center Sarasota.

## **Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

### **Holiday Shopping Day - Historic Spanish Point**

9:00 AM - Historic Spanish Point, 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey - (941) 966-5214

We invite members to their exclusive holiday shopping Day in the Museum Store today. Take 20% off all purchases except consignment items.

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### **Mindfulness Meditation Group**

3:00 PM - Venice Holistic Center, 251 S Tamiami Trail, Venice - (941) 323-8033

We begin with guided and silent mindfulness meditation. For new and experienced meditators. Our current class uses Pema Chodron's book, Taking the Leap: Freeing Ourselves from Old Habits and Fears.

### **Tuesday Jazz Night at Ramada Resort Venice**

5:00 PM - Ramada Venice Resort, 425 US 41 By-Pass N, Venice - (941) 308-7700

Join the Ramada Resort Venice for Tuesday Night Jazz Jam Session. Enjoy Cocktail and Dinner or Appetizers every Tuesday evening.

### **Paddleboard Pilates**

5:30 PM - Studio Rubylake, 5219 Avenida Navarra, Siesta Key - (941) 312-0700

Studio Rubylake has teamed up with Outdoor Adventures in Yoga & Sarasota Paddleboard Company to bring you Pilates on a Paddleboard! What to expect: Getting comfy on the Paddleboard & your surroundings, Stretching followed by a Pilates workout, and a relaxation exercise. This Class takes place in the Lido Beach area, the exact location will be determined by weather and water conditions and will be announced the day of the class.

### **"Circus, Circus," Conversations at the Crocker**

7:00 PM - Historical Society of Sarasota County in Pioneer Park, 1260 12th Street, Sarasota, FL, Sarasota - (941) 365-5204  
Conversations at the Crocker Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 "Circus, Circus!" Moderator, Deborah Walk.

### **Mattison's City Grille Live Music by The New Digs**

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#### **Hollywood Glam Party**

7:45 PM - Beyond Dancing Lakewood Ranch , 7313 International Place , Lakewood Ranch -

You can download our entire event calendar for the current month, at any time, from the right sidebar on our News & Events page. Party Review Class at 7 pm: Our Party Review Class is designed to get you prepared and warmed up prior to our dance Parties. We review all the basic steps to all the Dances we teach here at Beyond Dancing, please be sure to attend if you are planning on joining us on the dance floor to party!!!

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## **Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

#### **Explore with Denny and Al at Urfer Family Park**

9:00 AM - Urfer Family Park, 4000 Honore Avenue, Sarasota - (941) 861-5000

Explore Urfer Family Park, a unique piece of natural land inside the City of Sarasota, with Sarasota County volunteers and Florida Native Plant Society members Al Squires and Denny Girard on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 9 – 11 AM. Join them as you walk from a wetland boardwalk through a scrub area and pine flatwood while sharing their boundless knowledge of botany. Experience the meandering trails while learning about the natural lands and the plants they support.

#### **Phillippi Farmhouse Market**

9:00 AM - Phillippi Farmhouse Market, 5500 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota -

The Phillippi Farmhouse Market reopens Oct. 2 for its fifth season at Phillippi Estate Park, 5500 S. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota.

#### **It's A Balancing Act: Juggling all areas of your life**

11:30 AM - Venice Holistic Center, 251 S Tamiami Trail, Venice - (941) 323-8033

Discover how to create balance in every area of your life, from healthy and fulfilling relationships to finding time for yourself and your talents and interests. Learn the dynamics of making empowering and effective life choices and tools for designing a joyful and wonderful life.

#### **Bill Schustik, baritone, Munchtime Musicales**

12:00 PM - Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center, 709 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota -

Munchtime Musicales is a series of free concerts sponsored by the Sarasota Concert Association as its community outreach program. The concerts, held at noon on selected Wednesdays from November through April, are presented in an informal atmosphere where coffee and tea may be served. Come early to get a good seat and have your lunch while waiting for the concert to begin.

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### **Hoola-Fit Hula Hoop Fitness All Levels**

5:30 PM - Nokomis Beach, 100 Casey Key Rd., Casey Key / Nokomis / Osprey - (941) 234-6808

Please join us on Beautiful Nokomis Beach just before Drum Circle for Hoola-Fit Hula Hoop Fitness. We meet just North of the lifeguard stand from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Class rates are \$15.

### **Let it Snow, Sarasota Orchestra**

5:30 PM - Holley Hall at Symphony Center, 709 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 953-3434

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 | 5:30 pm | \$29, \$41 Thursday, December 12, 2013 | 7:30 pm | \$39, \$49 Friday, December 13, 2013 | 5:30 pm | \$34, \$41 Saturday, December 14, 2013 | 8:00 pm | \$40, \$49 It may not snow in Sarasota, but our white sandy beaches provide plenty of celebratory spirit. Our concert showcases It's a Wonderful Life as we enjoy the Christmas Jazz Suite, A Klezmer Nutcracker and A Charlie Brown Christmas. In addition to other Christmas favorites such as Deck the Halls, Silent Night and Joy to the World, we will Let It Snow.

### **Suncoast Polytechnical High School & SCTI**

6:00 PM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

Please join us in welcoming the students of Suncoast Polytechnical HS as they showcase their many talents! During their Bookfair fundraiser!

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### **7 for 7 after 7 at The Ritz-Carlton Downtown ~ Wednesday's**

7:00 PM - The Ritz-Carlton, 1111 Ritz-Carlton Drive, Sarasota - (941) 223-9159

Full Moon Promotions hosts "7 for 7 after 7" at The Ritz-Carlton ~ Downtown Bayview Courtyard for 7 for 7 after 7 EVERY Wednesday 7pm - 11pm Specials \$7 Cocktails and NEW \$7 Menu items.

### **Billy Seward and Soulfonic - Blue Rooster**

7:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

Blues and soul singer and guitarist in the Memphis tradition.

### **Mattison's City Grille Live Music by TC & the Troublemakers**

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### **US Soccer Winter Showcase and Nike International Friendlies**

8:00 PM - Premier Sports Campus, 8134 Lakewood Main St., Lakewood Ranch - (941) 907-3414

The top 160 youth soccer teams ages 15-18 from across the country participant in games over 6 days. The International Friendlies are the US U17 National Team versus 3 foreign opponents.

### **Under The Streetlamp - Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall**

8:00 PM - Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 953-3368

America's most electrifying new vocal group, UNDER THE STREETLAMP, celebrates the hits of the '40s, '50s, and '60s. This highly talented quartet is backed by a full band, and brings to life all the excitement and energy of the golden age of music! Covering all your favorites such as The Beatles,... read more The Beach Boys, The Drifters, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, and many more, this show has the "get up and go" to make you get up and dance!

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A powerful play based on the life of Justice Thurgood Marshall. From a childhood in the back alleys of Baltimore to the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Marshall overcame many adversities. A journey of epic proportions, Thurgood is an eye-opening, humorous and uplifting portrait of a true American hero.

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### **Live Music at the Crow's Nest: Piano Man Wally Gator**

8:30 PM - Crow's Nest Restaurant, 1968 Tarpon Center Road, Venice - (941) 383-5593

Piano Man Wally Gator performs at 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Crow's Nest in Venice.

### **Ladies Night - Beach Club Siesta Key**

9:00 PM - Beach Club Siesta Key, 5151 Ocean Blvd, Siesta Key - (941) 349-6311

## **Thursday, December 12, 2013**

### **Ballroom Style Dancing, Bayfront Community Center**

10:00 AM - Bayfront Community Center, 750 Van Wezel Way, Sarasota - (941) 379-6302

Enjoy a morning of dancing every Thursday, with live music. Singles and couples are invited. Complementary coffee and cookies are served.

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3:00 PM - Brindley's Liquor, Wine and Gourmet Store, 421 Tamiami Trail S., Venice - (941) 488-5989 FREE Spirit Tastings from Various Vendors.

### **Art After 5, Ringling Museum**

5:00 PM - John & Mable Ringling Museum, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota -

Slow your pace and explore the art in the Museum of Art and Circus Museum or catch a romantic sunset on Sarasota Bay as Ca' d'Zan. Art After 5 special events include music and insights into the collection through gallery discussions. For more information call 941.

### **Holiday Nights at The Ringling**

5:00 PM - The Ringling, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota - (941) 359-5700

Enjoy Ca' d' Zan decorated for the holidays during extended viewing hours.

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6:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

Renowned jazz drummer, Ken Loomer, leads a band of top Suncoast jazz artists.

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7:00 PM - John Chidsey Bayfront Community Center, 803 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, 803 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-2431

Beginners welcome. All dances are taught and walked through. Wear soft soled shoes.

### **Oil / Pastels & 2D Art For Adults**

7:00 PM - Artista Visual Performing Arts, 37 S. Beneva Road, Sarasota -

Stop by for a fantastic evening as you learn how to use oils, pastels & 2D art. This class is great for anyone looking to learn or improve their painting skills, and a great, unique idea for date night (and even those looking for one)! Stop by, have some fun, and enjoy complimentary wine while you're here.

### **White Christmas - The Players Theatre**

7:30 PM - The Players Theatre, 838 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 365-2494

Based on the beloved film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 classic Irving Berlin songs including "Blue Skies", "I Love a Piano", and the perennial favorite "White Christmas". Single tickets \$25 Adults, \$12 children.

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**Friday, December 13, 2013**

**Calling All Early Birds! See the Geminid Meteor Shower at Red Bug Slough Preserve**

5:15 AM - Red Bug Slough Preserve, 5200 Beneva Road, Sarasota - (941) 861-5000  
Sarasota County invites you to join Environmental Specialist Jeff Weber for an early morning viewing of the Geminid Meteor Shower at Sarasota's Red Bug Slough Preserve from 5:15 am – 6:45 am, during the wee hours on Friday, December 13, 2013. Bring a blanket or a folding chair to enjoy one of nature's night sky spectaculars. Viewing will be at its peak on this date during this time period until dawn, when participants can expect to see 25+ shooting stars per hour!

**Dome Flea Market and Farmers Market**

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**"Jazz at Two" with the Rodney Rojas Quartet**

2:00 PM - Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Road, Sarasota – 1-888-873-4610 The Jazz Club of Sarasota's December "Jazz at Two" 2013-2014 concert series continues with Rodney Rojas and his quartet, with Kenny Drew on piano, Dave Trefethen on bass and guitar, and Bob Stone on drums, December 13, 2013. For their Jazz at Two concert, the quartet will be

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### **Indigo Blues**

4:00 PM - Hotel Indigo Sarasota, 1223 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota - (941) 487-3815

Enjoy live blues music by Herman Anderson at the H2O Bistro within the lobby of Hotel Indigo! Full menu available, happy hour specials on small plates, draft beer and house wines! Every Friday from 4pm-7pm!

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### **Live from Downtown, Second Friday: Burns Square Historic District**

6:00 PM - Historic Burns Square District, Pineapple & Laurel Streets, Sarasota - (941) 927-6845

The Downtown Sarasota Alliance's Friday night downtown has never been better -- featuring a different downtown Sarasota neighborhood on the first, second and third Fridays. First Friday of each month: Main Street at Five Points Park and Palm Avenue Second Friday: Burns Square (South Pineapple) Third Friday: Towles Court (Adams & Washington) Enjoy live performances, dining at more than 80 downtown restaurants and shopping at a unique mix of boutiques, art galleries and salons. Log on to DSAsarasota.

### **It's Your Lucky Day: Hill and Hammel Show Opening**

6:00 PM - madeby Gallery, 734 Central Avenue, Sarasota - (941) 822-0442

Friday the 13th is your Lucky Day after all! Hill and Hammel Gallery Opening at the madeby Gallery in the Rosemary District! Enjoy unique Ringling Alumni Art from James Hill and David Hammel, our Spotlight Artists for this year's Atomic Bazaar.

### **"The Birdcage," Film Fridays, South Florida Museum**

6:00 PM - South Florida Museum, 201 10th Street West, Bradenton - (941) 746-4131

Based on the popular French play and subsequent American musical, "La Cage Aux Folles," this film stars Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay parents of a young man who has just become engaged to the daughter of an ultra-conservative senator. (1996) Rated R, 118 minutes. South Florida Museum is pleased to present Film Fridays, most Fridays at 6 p.

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Come and enjoy the holidays by taking in the beautiful sights of the Sarasota area's finest holiday decorations. Bring your family and/or friends and some cheer for the ride. Open-seating / General Admission dates are: Friday and Sunday Evenings at 7PM December 13th thru 27th, 2013 Please make your reservations today at 941.

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A unique and exhilarating combination of circus arts and the 100+ voices of Key Chorale, featuring the Cirque Orchestra and Circus Sarasota. This year's show, Joy & Wonder, is a must see for the holidays! Friday 7:30pm Saturday 2:00pm Sunday 5:00pm Dec 13-15, 2013 The Big Top 12th Street & Tuttle Avenue Sarasota 34237 GPS address - 1500 Stringfield Ave.

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By Bill Russell & Frank Kelly All show at 8:00pm Pageant is a pageant and the audience actually votes. The six contestants compete for the title of Miss Glamouresse, Miss Deep South, Miss West Coast, Miss Great Plains, Miss Bible Belt, Miss Industrial Northeast and Miss Texas and compete in evening gowns, talent, swim-wear and spokes modeling. An evening sure to a lot of laughs!

### **Nate Najar's Jazz Holiday with Harry Allen, Glenridge Performing Arts Center**

8:00 PM - Glenridge Performing Arts Center, 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota - (941) 552-5325

The South County Jazz Club presents Nate Najar, guitar, and special guest Harry Allen, tenor saxophone, with John Lamb, bass, performing Najar's Jazz Holiday. Swinging jazz sounds, blues and Brazilian styles are all at home with Nate, called "one of the most consistently interesting and enjoyable young guitarists on the jazz scene ... Highly recommended.

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Rootsy blues rock with soul by some of the best musicians on the Suncoast.

**Saturday, December 14, 2013**

**Sarasota Farmers Market, Downtown Sarasota**

7:00 AM - Sarasota Farmers Market , Lemon Avenue & Main Street , Sarasota - (941) 225-9256

The Sarasota Farmers Market offers 70-plus vendors selling produce, plants, prepared food, artisans and much more, centered at Main Street and Lemon Avenue in downtown Sarasota. The market is a nonprofit organization committed to continuing the 30-year tradition of enhancing and improving the quality of life in Sarasota. Its mission is to create a social opportunity for residents and visitors to gather and interact, to bring foot traffic to downtown Sarasota sustaining the economic viability of the entire downtown area, and to provide a venue for other not-for-profit organizations benefiting Sarasota.

**Venice Farmer's Market**

8:00 AM - Downtown Venice, Mainstreet, Venice -

Every Saturday morning, local farmers, fishermen, craftsmen, bakers, artists and others gather at the Venice Farmer's Market, in the heart of historic downtown Venice. It's a weekly celebration of the best of Venice, where you can get fresh seasonal Florida fruits and vegetables direct from area farms. You can't find any fresher shrimp or seafood.

**North Port Farmer's & Craft Market**

8:00 AM - North Port Farmer's & Craft Market, 14942 Tamiami Trail, North Port - (941) 240-6100 The market features all kinds of produce and food vendors, plus craft vendors and other products for sale.

**Bike the Wild T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve**

9:00 AM - T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve, 1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice - (941) 861-5000 Join Sarasota County volunteer guides and SCORR (Sarasota County Off-Road Riders) members for a challenging bike excursion while enjoying the wild wilderness of a true Sarasota County gem, the beautiful T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve (Carlton Reserve) on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 9:00 a.

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Sue Blue's Historic Trolley Tours Depart from the Crocker Memorial Church. Reservations Required Also: Jan. 11, 2014 Feb.

**Porsches in the Park, St. Armands Circle**

10:00 AM - St. Armands Circle, Sarasota -

Suncoast Motorsports will be hosting the 9th Annual Porsches in the Park event at the beautiful St. Armands Circle. Some of the most spectacular Porsche cars from all over Florida will be on display in the center of the circle for public viewing.

### **Venice Train Depot Tours**

10:00 AM - Historic Venice Train Depot, 303 E. Venice Ave., Venice -

Trained volunteer docents lead visitors on a tour of the Historic Venice Train Depot. Tours every Saturday, 10 a.m.

### **Downtown Sarasota Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, Five Points Park**

10:00 AM - Five Points Park, Main Street and Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota - (941) 379-0951

Arts and crafts vendors at Five Points Park, a beautiful park in the middle of busy downtown Sarasota. Great location for a holiday show. Just in time for Christmas shopping.

### **Zumba class with Morgan.**

10:00 AM - Empire Ballroom Studios, 1370 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota - (941) 922-1444

Ditch the workout and join the party and dance your way to a fitter you! Zumba is a "feel happy" workout that is good for the body and mind. You can burn up to 700 calories in on class!

### **Meet Local Author Susan Klaus! Barnes and Noble**

11:00 AM - Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4010 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 923-9907

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Season 8, Atomic, the little indie craft show that could! 130 alt-makers in both the main auditorium & Bay Front room. Family Friendly to PG Admission: \$5 Adults / 12 & under free 100 totes filled with indie fresh swag, screened by Clothesline and passed out to the first 100 adults through the door by the North River Rolling Renegades, SRQ's local roller derby gals.

### **Saturday Art Class, Art Center Sarasota**

1:00 PM - Art Center Sarasota, 707 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 365-2032

Saturday Art Class is a supervised art program designed for young artists ages 6-14 to use their imaginations and be creative during the school year. Class is taught by Ali Lambert, a professional art educator, and will focus on a different medium or theme each week. Children will experiment with painting, expand drawing skills, sculpt with clay and more, going home with a completed project each week.

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### **Sarasota Christmas Boat Parade of Lights**

6:00 PM - Marina Jack Restaurant, 2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota - (941) 365-4232

The 27th Annual Sarasota Christmas Boat Parade of Lights returns to the bayfront on Saturday, December 14th, 2013. This Sarasota Family tradition will begin at 6PM and will feature a variety of boats decorated for the holiday season. Best places for viewing are Marina Jack, Olearys and Bayfront Park.

### **Poinsettia Parade & Festival**

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7:00 PM - Sarasota Opera House, 61 N Pineapple Ave., Sarasota - (941) 923-2013

Florida's first family of song presents their 14th Annual Christmas Spectacular at the Sarasota Opera House. For years, the Ditchfields have been delighting audiences with their world class harmonies and a cappella singing, holiday favorites, traditional carols and incredible music and entertainment variety. You do not want to miss this Suncoast Tradition which is sure to get you in the Holiday Spirit.

### **White Christmas - The Players Theatre**

7:30 PM - The Players Theatre, 838 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 365-2494

Based on the beloved film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 classic Irving Berlin songs including "Blue Skies", "I Love a Piano", and the perennial favorite "White Christmas". Single tickets \$25 Adults, \$12 children.

#### **Cirque des Voix**

7:30 PM - Circus Sarasota Tent, Tuttle Avenue & 12th Street, Sarasota - (941) 355-9335

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#### **Let's dance**

8:00 PM - Sara Dance Center, 5000 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota - (941) 812-7311

Dancing for everyone. Ballroom - enjoy waltzes, fox trots, quickstep, and more in ballroom 1. Night club dancing in ballroom 2 for the hustle, swings, and latins.

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#### **Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones - Blue Rooster**

8:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

Bradenton's premier rockabilly hounds get the crowd jumpin', jivin', and wailin'.

#### **Live Music at the Crow's Nest: Piano Man Wally Gator**

8:30 PM - Crow's Nest Restaurant, 1968 Tarpon Center Road, Venice - (941) 383-5593

Piano Man Wally Gator performs at 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Crow's Nest in Venice.

## **Sunday, December 15, 2013**

#### **Dome Flea Market and Farmers Market**

9:00 AM - Dome flea market and event center, 5115 S.R. 776, Venice - (941) 376-0969

Best produce and first market in Sarasota since 1974. Historic site of Wordmere, the 1917 railroad & sawmill town that started south Sarasota. See free exhibit and shop bargains galore.

#### **Sunday 6 vs 6 Outdoor Soccer for Adults (18+)**

9:00 AM - Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota - (941) 321-9405

American Athletic Clubs announces Sunday 6 vs 6 Outdoor Soccer league for both men and women at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota, must be 18 years or older to participate. To sign up as a team or as an individual to be placed on to a team, go to [www.americanathleticclubs.com](http://www.americanathleticclubs.com).

#### **Family Bike Adventures at the Beautiful Carlton Reserve**

10:00 AM - T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve, 1800 Mabry Carlton Way, Venice - (941) 412-5575 Got bikes? It's perfect weather to grab the whole family to join Sarasota County and Carlton Reserve volunteer guide David Reynolds and family for an off road wilderness bicycle ride through the beautiful T. Mabry Carlton, Jr.

#### **A Very Brassy Christmas, First Brass Five and Oneco United Methodist Church**

10:00 AM - Oneco United Methodist Church, 2112 53rd Ave. E., Bradenton - (941) 755-5943

A joyful Christmas concert featuring the First Brass Five, Diane Bradbury, Greg Rohr and the Oneco United Methodist Church Choir.  
An offering will be collected to defray the cost.

**Downtown Sarasota Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, Five Points Park**

10:00 AM - Five Points Park, Main Street and Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota - (941) 379-0951

Arts and crafts vendors at Five Points Park, a beautiful park in the middle of busy downtown Sarasota. Great location for a holiday show. Just in time for Christmas shopping.

**Atomic Holiday Bazaar**

12:00 PM - Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 539-9044

Season 8, Atomic, the little indie craft show that could! 130 alt-makers in both the main auditorium & Bay Front room. Family Friendly to PG Admission: \$5 Adults / 12 & under free 100 totes filled with indie fresh swag, screened by Clothesline and passed out to the first 100 adults through the door by the North River Rolling Renegades, SRQ's local roller derby gals.

**"Let It Snow," Bishop Planetarium**

12:30 PM - South Florida Museum, 201 10th Street West, Bradenton, Bradenton - (941) 746-4131 "Let it Snow" features a new variety of festive classics from Frank Sinatra and Chuck Berry to Burl Ives and Brenda Lee, and includes a stunning multimedia finale by the Trans Siberian Orchestra. The soundtrack is visually enhanced with thematic animation, special effects and all-dome scenery. The 32-minute program is a fun and entertaining experience for all ages, especially families.

**NFL Sunday Ticket at Osprey Tiki Bar & Grille**

1:00 PM- Bentley's Boutique Hotel, 1660 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey - (941) 966-2121

Come watch 2013 NFL Season at Osprey Tiki Bar & Grille! We have every game every Sunday thanks to DirecTV! Come support your favorite team by our infinity pool!

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**"Show Boat," Asolo Repertory Theatre**

2:00 PM - Asolo Repertory Theatre, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 351-8000

Music by Jerome Kern Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II Based on the novel by Edna Ferber Directed by Rob Ruggiero Come aboard for a true classic of American musical theater. Broadway's original masterpiece combines unforgettable songs, dazzling choreography and a story that moves us with its humanity. Spanning the years from 1890 to 1927, "Show Boat" follows the lives, loves and losses of a troupe of riverboat performers on the mighty Mississippi, while illuminating the racial and social changes that were shaping the country.

**"Thurgood," Florida Studio Theatre**

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM - Florida Studio Theatre, 1241 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota - (941) 366-9000

A powerful play based on the life of Justice Thurgood Marshall. From a childhood in the back alleys of Baltimore to the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Marshall overcame many adversities. A journey of epic proportions, Thurgood is an eye-opening, humorous and uplifting portrait of a true American hero.

**The Prima Donnettes - Florida Studio Theatre**

3:00 PM & 7:30 PM - Florida Studio Theatre, 1241 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota - (941) 366-9000

Beginning in the 50s, female singing groups such as The Shirelles, The Vandellless, and The Dixie Cups began to break onto the popular airwaves. By the 60s and 70s female solo artists such as Aretha Franklin, Dusty Springfield and Diana Ross had brought women to the forefront of the American stage. From the era of hula hoops and drive-ins to the fight for equal rights these women provided the soundtrack for the hopes and dreams of women everywhere.

**Another SRQ Singles Meet & Mingle**

4:30 PM - Mattison's Forty-One, 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (941) 312-1291

Join Baby Boomers in Paradise at this popular happy hour meet & mingle with SRQ Singles. Admission \$7, cash, exact change please, name tags provided, CASH BAR. Social networking face-to-face, the way it was meant to be.



**The 40th Annual Singing Christmas Tree**

6:00 PM - FirstSarasota, 1661 Main St, Sarasota - (941) 365-2846

**Drum Circle, Siesta Key Beach**

6:00 PM - 948 Beach Road, Siesta Key -

The community drum circle at Siesta Key Beach gathers every Sunday, about an hour before sunset, just south of the main beach pavilion, between lifeguard stands 3 and 4 on Siesta Public Beach. Just follow your ears. This is not a commercial event but local phenomenon that began spontaneously and now has a life of its own.

**Holiday Lights - Sarasota Jungle Gardens**

6:00 PM - Sarasota Jungle Gardens, 3701 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota - (941) 355-1112

No Christmas season is complete without a visit to Holiday Lights! We will have more than a million lights brightening up the night's sky starting December 6. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a delicious dinner under the lights.

**Lauren Mitchell & Professor Mike - Blue Rooster**

6:30 PM - Blue Rooster, 1525 4th St., Sarasota - (941) 388-7539

Soulful blues songstress Lauren Mitchell is accompanied by Professor Mike on the keyboards.

**Mattison's City Grille Live Music by Debbie Keeton Jazz Quartet**

7:00 PM - Mattison's City Grille, 1 North Lemon Avenue, Sarasota - (941) 330-0440

Live music by Debbie Keeton Jazz Quartet at Mattison's City Grille on Sundays.

**Siesta Trolley Holiday Light Tours**

7:00 PM - Siesta Trolley Holiday Light Tour, 3700 S. Tuttle Ave., Sarasota - (941) 915-3232

Come and enjoy the holidays by taking in the beautiful sights of the Sarasota area's finest holiday decorations. Bring your family and/or friends and some cheer for the ride. Open-seating / General Admission dates are: Friday and Sunday Evenings at 7PM December 13th thru 27th, 2013 Please make your reservations today at 941.

**Horns for the Holidays - North Port Concert Band**

7:30 PM - The Performing Arts Center, 6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port - (941) 426-8479

It's Holiday Season and the North Port Concert Band will celebrate with an evening of traditional selections and special soloists.

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**Audition: Oklahoma! - Venice Theatre MainStage Musical**

7:30 PM - Venice Theatre, 140 W. Tampa Ave, Venice - (941) 488-1115

Sunday, December 15 & Monday December 16, 7:30pm Performance Dates: February 18 – March 16, 2014 Music by Richard Rodgers ? Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II Based on the play "Green Grow The Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs? Original Dances by Agnes de Mille Rodgers & Hammerstein's first collaboration remains their most innovative.

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**"Purlie," Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe**

8:00 PM - West Coast Black Theatre Troupe, 1646 10th Way, Sarasota - (941) 366-1505

In this fun-loving musical, a dynamic traveling preacher, Purlie Victorious Judson, returns to his small Georgia town to shake things up and change lives. Despite the advent of the civil rights movement, many southern sharecroppers still lived under the Jim Crow laws. A Tony Award- and Drama Desk Award-winning show, "Purlie" has a spirited charm that will "grab your feet and make them tap.

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## **CONTINUING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS**

### **MUSEUM • EXHIBITS • GALLERIES**

#### **Season of Sculpture, Bayfront Park**

7:00 AM Daily until Fri May 30 2014 - Island Park / Bay Island Park, 1 Marina Plaza, Sarasota - (941) 928-4445 Sarasota's Season of Sculpture presents Season VII's Shared Ground: Eight Artists-Eighteen Installations. Season of Sculpture is a nonprofit group responsible for organizing and producing an International Invitational Exhibition of large-scale sculptures along Sarasota's Bayfront. With enormous support from donors, corporate sponsors and grants, Season of Sculpture brings not only fine works of art to the community, but also opportunities to learn more about them.

#### **Highlights of New Acquisitions, The Ringling**

10:00 AM Daily until Wed May 07 2014 - John & Mable Ringling Museum, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota - This exhibition of new acquisitions highlights the recent growth of the Ringling's collections, made possible through the generosity of the museum's many supporters. The selection of works on display, ranging from contemporary glass to circus artifacts, gives a sense of the breadth of the collections, which have been enriched by more than 1,500 items in the last two years alone.

#### **"Picturing Ceylon," Photography Exhibit, The Ringling**

10:00 AM Daily until Sun Jan 05 2014 - The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota - (941) 359-5700 This exhibition features 19th century photographs of some of the most picturesque aspects of Ceylon, including the natural beauty of its people and landscapes. The 19th century was also a time of great social change, so these views of railways and urban spaces present a visual record of the cusp between tradition and modernity occurring not only here, but throughout the British Empire. This collection of photographs from Ceylon forms an important component of the promised gift of Dr.

#### **"Icons of Style" Exhibit, The Ringling**

10:00 AM Daily until Sun Jan 05 2014 - The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota - (941) 359-5700 This exhibition celebrates the interconnected roles of fashion's makers, the models who wear their designs and the media that disseminate those looks to the world. Drawing on the rich collection of costumes, fashion illustration and photography from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the exhibition will explore the process of creating icons of style from design concept to runway and finished image. Fashion designers express their creative concepts through their runway shows, and the exhibition will feature runway pieces by John Galliano for Dior, Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel, and Olivier Theyskens for Rochas, Arnold Scaasi and Christian Lacroix.

#### **"Wild West," The Ringling Circus Museum**

10:00 AM Daily until Mon Jan 13 2014 - John & Mable Ringling Museum, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota - "Wild West" is an exhibition of original posters printed between 1890 and 1950 celebrating great Wild West shows from Buffalo Bill to the 101 Ranch. See this exhibition during regular museum hours, 10 a.m.

#### **Tropical Splendor - Marie Selby Botanical Gardens**

10:00 AM Daily until Thu Feb 27 2014 - Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota - (941) 366-5731 A new art exhibit in the Museum of Botany & the Arts, will demonstrate two artists' fascination with Selby Gardens and its plants. The exhibit will feature beautiful garden paintings by Anna Mason and Tom Stephens. The paintings will be macro and micro views of tropical locales and plants with an emphasis on texture and color.

#### **Sarasota County Public School Program of 1954-1960, History Center Museum**

10:00 AM Weekly on Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat until Sat Mar 01 2014 - Sarasota County Visitor Information Center & History Center Museum, 701 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota - (800) 800-3906 "The Exhibit Itself Teaches," an exhibit that features the people, events and architecture that shaped the Sarasota Public School Program from 1954-1960, is now on view at the Sarasota

County Visitor Information Center and History Center Museum, 701 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between Sarasota County Historical Resources and the University of Florida Historic Preservation Program.

**"The Gift of Art" Exhibit of Jill Krasner – Art Uptown**

11:00 AM Weekly on Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat until Fri Dec 27 2013 - Art Uptown Gallery, 1367 Main Street, Sarasota - (941) 955-5409 Art Uptown Presents a solo show Featuring an Eclectic collection of mixed media art forms by Sarasota Artist Jill Krasner. The Show will run from Saturday November 30th, through Friday December 27th, with an Artist's reception Friday, December 6th from 6-9pm at the gallery.

**Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art Presents Above the Planet Through A Microscope**

11:00 AM Weekly on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat until Sat Dec 28 2013 - Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art, 1288 N. Palm Ave, Sarasota - (941) 366-2454 Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art gallery presents "Above the Planet Through A Microscope," November 22-December 28, 2013, featuring paintings and works on paper by Carla Poindexter. A reception, with the artist, is December 13, 6-8 p.m.

**"Lossless: Paintings by Dolores Coe" at Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art**

11:00 AM Weekly on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat until Sat Dec 28 2013 - Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art, 1288 N. Palm Ave, Sarasota - (941) 366-2454 Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art presents "Lossless: Paintings by Dolores Coe," December 5-28, 2013. The exhibit features eight large paintings and four small works, all oil on canvas. Coe's work is exhibited regionally and nationally in museums and galleries such as the Tampa Museum of Art, USF Contemporary Art Museum, and North Miami Museum, and is included in a number of public and private collections.

## REGISTER FOR CLASSES

**Registration Begins for Lifelong Learning Academy's Winter 2014 Semester**

8:30 AM Weekly on Mon, Tues, Wed, and Thurs until Mon Jan 06 2014 - USF Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N. Tamiami Trl, Sarasota - (941) 359-4296 "Walking Tour: Paris," "Diversity in the Holocaust," "iPhone for Beginners," "Appreciating Poetry," "Dramatic Verdi," "Buddha Heart—Buddha Mind," and "Spiritual Psychology." This is only a sampling of the 103 in-depth courses offered this winter by the Lifelong Learning Academy (LLA). Courses are primarily offered on the campus of the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (USFSM) at 8350 N. Tamiami Trail.



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info@sarasotafl.org  
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