



Charlotte Arts!

Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County

November 24, 2017 issue: updated November 30

Charlotte Arts member events held November 24 to December 8.

The Charlotte Arts [website](#) lists all arts and humanities events in the [cultural calendar](#).

By Noon on Wednesday, December 6 please send announcements for the December 8 issue for both the e-newsletter and the online cultural calendar. [Learn more.](#)

November 30 update of issue released November 24.

Artist Cooperative in central Charlotte County

If you have an interest in participating or simply have suggestions, please let us know by sending an email to CharlotteArtsInfo@gmail.com. Please be sure to provide your name and contact information in the email address so the discussion can continue with your input.

This update includes new events held in the next two weeks and corrections to two events below.



Venetian Harmony:

Chorus Christmas Show
Saturday, December 2, 3 p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church

[701 North Indiana Avenue, Englewood](#)

Venetian Harmony, a chapter of Sweet Adelines, are women who celebrate the art form known as barbershop music. They sing a cappella style, allowing their voices to blend in four-part harmony. There are no reservations or tickets needed, just a free will offering. Light refreshments afterwards. Info: [\(941\) 480-1480](tel:9414801480) or www.venetianharmony.com.

Lemon Bay Playhouse Open House

Saturday, December 2
1 to 3:30 p.m.

Lemon Bay Playhouse

[96 West Dearborn Street, Englewood](#)

Enjoy a tour of the theater, learn what the Lemon Bay Playhouse does and how to become part of the theater. Info: [\(941\) 475-6756](tel:9414756756) or www.lemonbayplayhouse.com.

Thank you for your support of arts and humanities in Charlotte County.

The Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County -- Charlotte Arts -- is Charlotte County's only "united arts" agency. Charlotte Arts celebrates and supports all artists -- visual arts, performing arts, and humanities -- as well as cultural organizations and businesses.

Please visit Charlotte Arts website at www.CharlotteArts.org to learn about:

- Art News
- Call to Artists for juried shows, actors for plays, musicians, etc.
- Cafe Philo
- Charlotte Arts artist of the month.

Check out the [online cultural calendar](#) for more events and classes. This calendar includes all events provided by members as well as non-member arts and humanities events.

Give a gift of the Arts
Support the arts in Charlotte County by



Fishermen's Village: Michael Hirst

Friday, November 24, Noon to 3 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)

Enjoy the sounds of acoustic singer and songwriter.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Fishermen's Village: Tiki Tom & L.A.

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[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)

Enjoy variety music with a Caribbean flare. Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Gilded Grape: Mark Dupuy

Friday, November 24, 7 to 10 p.m.

[4069 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte](#)

Come enjoy an evening of jazz.

Info: [\(941\)235-9463](tel:9412359463) or
www.gildedgrape.com.

Punta Gorda Farmer's Market

Every Saturday, 8 a.m. to Noon

West Olympia and Taylor Street
Punta Gorda

The market features a variety of vendors, including Florida artists, craftsfolk, and live music. Enjoy fine bluegrass music of the Florida Mountain Men on November 25. Info: www.pgdownatownmerchants.com.



Fishermen's Village: Sons of Beaches

Saturday, November 25, Noon to 4 p.m.

becoming a member of Charlotte Arts!

If you haven't already, please support the Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County -- Charlotte Arts -- Charlotte County's only "united arts" agency by becoming a member.

You can either:

1. Print the [membership form](#). Mail the completed form and check to Charlotte Arts, [1700 Tamiami Trail, Suite G-2, Port Charlotte, FL 33948](#).
2. Visit our website membership page at www.CharlotteArts.org. You will be able to pay using your credit card or PayPal.

Your membership helps ensure the success and vibrancy of the entire cultural community. If you already are a member, *thank you*. Please encourage others to support Charlotte Arts by becoming a member. And again, thank you!

Are you shopping on Amazon?

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Charlotte Arts.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0178163>



Please expect that some businesses will not be opened or will change their hours of operation during the holidays.



1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Enjoy new country and class rock.
Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Fishermen's Village: Hot Flashz Dancers

Saturday, November 25, 2:30 to 3 p.m.
[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)
Dancing to some favorite holiday tunes.
Info: www.fishville.com/events.

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[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)
Enjoy the sounds of acoustic singer and songwriter. Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Gilded Grape: Jeannie Smyth

Saturday, November 25, 7 to 10 p.m.
[4069 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte](#)
Enjoy New Orleans style jazz and blues music.
Info: [\(941\)235-9463](tel:941235-9463) or www.gildedgrape.com.

Punta Gorda Historical Society's Farmers Market

Every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
History Park
[501 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda](#)
Most Sundays you'll be treated at this market with live music by local musicians as you shop for treasures.
Info: [\(941\) 380-6814](tel:941380-6814).



Fishermen's Village: Rita Beach

Sunday, November 26, 2 to 6 p.m.
[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)
Enjoy music of Rita.
Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Writers on the Air Radio Show



The cast selected for our third show of our 31st season, *Over the River and Through the Woods*. Seated are Gloria Bandy (left), Kayla Lowe and Judy Tilley. Standing are Jack Rabito (left), Jesse Rosenfeld and Jim Parise .

*** This event has been corrected.**

**Lemon Bay Playhouse:
*Over the River and through the Woods***

*Thursdays to Sundays,
November 29 to December 17
7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday
2 p.m. on Sundays*

*Lemon Bay Playhouse
[96 West Dearborn Street, Englewood](#)*

Cost: \$20, \$14 students.

Info: [\(941\) 475-6756](tel:9414756756) or www.lemonbayplayhouse.com.

NOTE: In November, Charlotte Players opened their season with this play. The Nov. 24 release combined details of both organizations.



Rising Heat by Janet Jennings.

**Art In Public Places:
Free Art Exhibits**

November and December 2017

Learn more about AIPP locations at www.CharlotteArts.org.

Charlotte Arts promotes the work of local visual artists through its Art in Public Places program, offering Charlotte County residents and visitors access to free art exhibits. With 15+ locations, it's easy to find art in the community. Art at each location is changed as often as 6 times a year. Exhibits include watercolor, oil, acrylic, traditional media, jewelry, digital art, photography, and more.

Lionel Lewis at Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce

Jim Beech at Bayfront Health

Marilyn Dorsey at Cayo Costa Dental

Janet Jennings at Charlotte County Administration

Maryann Artesani at Charlotte County Justice Center

Sandra Manzke, Laura Pickell, Linda Oneill, Pamela Davis and Larry Palmer at Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

Larry Palmer at Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home

Margaret Elder at Englewood

Public Library

Dedo Christina at Kays-Ponger Uselton Funeral Home

Becky Van Pelt at Mid-County Library

Quilters at Port Charlotte Library

Spencer Pullen and Larry Palmer at Punta Gorda Airport

Gloria Reese Hanson at West Charlotte County Annex

Every Sunday, 5 to 6 p.m.
Hear local writers read their work on this new radio program. WKDW 97.5 FM or listen online at www.kdwradio.com.



Peace River Painters

Snook Haven on the "Wild and Scenic" Myakka River

Every Monday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

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Info: www.PeaceRiverPainters.com or PeaceRiverPainters@gmail.com.

The Genealogy Classroom

Every Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

*Mid-County Regional Library, Room C
[2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard](#)
[Port Charlotte](#)*

The Charlotte County Genealogical Society meetings focus on different tools available to research your family tree. Info: [\(941\) 743-6105](tel:9417436105).

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Enjoy new country and class rock.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Fishermen's Village: Chris G

Tuesday, November 28, 4 to 7 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)

Enjoy uplifting, lively tunes.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Exposed: Behind the Doors Inside the Arts in Charlotte County Radio Show

Every Wednesday, Noon to 1 p.m.

WKDW 97.5 FM or listen online at

www.kdwradio.com.

Hear Marie LaBrosse explore the eye-opening journey into the creative

Holiday Market

Visual Arts Center: Holiday Market
Friday, December 1, Noon to 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[210 Maud St. Punta Gorda](#)

The entire Visual Arts Center will be transformed into a European inspired Holiday Market during the three-day holiday extravaganza. Shoppers can explore a fantastic variety of gifts, holiday décor, fine art, pottery, jewelry, textiles and more crafted by more than 30 different local artisans, including Charlotte Arts artist members. (Be sure to visit Wanda Carter!) This is a family-friendly event where visitors can also enjoy delicious treats, and get a free photo with Santa! Info: [\(941\) 639-8810](tel:9416398810) or www.VisualArtCenter.org.



Community Leaders Hosting 'Madrigal Dinner' to benefit Charlotte Players

November 30, December 1 and 2,
5:30 p.m.

First Alliance Church

[20444 Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte](#)

Charlotte Players is presenting the medieval celebration of Christmas, an English boar's head feast. Entertainers perform in Renaissance dress along with a medieval-style reception and dinner. Different community leaders will serve as the Lord and Lady of the Manor and will be featured at the head table each night along with an invited pastor/minister. Cost: \$40 for adults and \$20 for students.

Info: www.charlotteplayers.org or [\(941\) 625-4175, ext. 220](tel:9416254175).



Nature Preserved: David Sussman Photography

Reception:

Thursday, December 7, 5 to 7 p.m.

Exhibition:

November 27 to March 30

Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center

[10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda](#)

Sixty canvas pieces showcase the nature found in Charlotte Harbor.

Sea Grape Features

Artists Beverly Yankwitt and Bob Rioux

Now to December 7

Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open until 8 p.m. for Alive After 5

(on Third Thursday).

[113 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda](#)

world of art. From prehistoric cave paintings to modern-day films, art has served as a vessel for storytelling and conveying mankind's relationship with its environment. Traveling together, Marie and her listeners will explore the world behind the scenes where the artists and business people create for our enjoyment.

Info: marie@kdwradio.com, [\(941\) 815-6230](tel:9418156230) or [\(941\) 624-2912](tel:9416242912).

Fishermen's Village: Michael Hirst
Wednesday, November 29, 4 to 7 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)

Enjoy the sounds of acoustic singer and songwriter.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Gilded Grape: Karaoke with Jeannie, the Entertainment Queen
Wednesday, November 29 7 to 10 p.m.

[4069 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte](#)

Sing with Jeannie Smyth who performs blues and jazz New Orleans style music.

Info: [\(941\) 235-9463](tel:9412359463) or
www.gildedgrape.com.



Fishermen's Village: Paul Roush

Thursday, November 30, Noon to 3 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)

Enjoy country, rock and standards from the last 30 years with Paul's own songs that tell stories in his own way and time.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Fishermen's Village: Leslie DaCosta

Thursday, November 30, Noon to 3 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](#)

Enjoy live Dixieland jazz music, featuring vocals, saxophone and flute.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Peace River Quilters Guild

Every Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church's Zalman Hall

4005 Palm Drive, Punta Gorda

On the second Friday of every month, a Show-and-Tell mini-show is put on by the members following the monthly business meeting. Other Fridays are devoted to working on individual projects or special classes. Info:



Out on a Limb by Beverly Yankwitt.

Beverly Yankwitt, mixed media artist, especially enjoys doing abstract art. "I love experimental abstract art because I believe it is the most unique, original expression an artist can render," she explained. Bev is a signature member of the International Society of Experimental Artists. Her work has been accepted in many juried shows in which she has won numerous awards.



Colorful Kaleidoscope by Bob Rioux.

Bob Rioux, stained and blown glass artist, has partnered with his wife Elissa to combine their skills and creativity in designing glass kaleidoscopes. Fused dichroic glass and iridescent stained glass and detailed glass embellishments produce especially brilliant colors in the images within the kaleidoscopes. These works of art are in collections all over the world.



Shades of Lucille
by Craig Seidell.

**Visual Arts Center Exhibit:
Harvest of Art**

*Now to Thursday, November 30
in Main Gallery*

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda](http://www.visualartscenter.com/210MaudStreetPuntaGorda)

Harvest of Art is celebrating its 28th year as the Visual Arts Center's first juried exhibit of traditional 2D art. The exhibit features paintings, pen and ink, pencil, scratchboard, hand printing techniques, 2D collage, and digital graphic art. Judge Jeff Cornell was impressed by the well-rounded variety of traditional media presented.

Awards were presented to:

First Place: *Shades of Lucille* by Craig Seidell, mixed

Second Place: *Gulfview* by Audrey Chiaradio, oil

Third Place: *Frequency* by Gina Battle, mixed acrylic

1st Merit: *Mucky Kids* by Sheryl Unwin, scratch board

2nd Merit: *Serendipity* by Anne Kittel, watercolor/collage

3rd Merit: *Bad Apple* by John Hutson, digital graphic art

4th Merit: *Lowly Marsh* by Carol Wyckoff, watercolor

www.PeaceRiverQuilters.org.

Fishermen's Village: Michael Hirst
Friday, December 1, Noon to 3 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](http://www.fishville.com/1200WRettaEsplanadePuntaGorda)

Enjoy the sounds of acoustic singer and songwriter.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Fishermen's Village: Chris G
Friday, December 1, 5 to 9 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](http://www.fishville.com/1200WRettaEsplanadePuntaGorda)

Enjoy uplifting, lively tunes. Info:

www.fishville.com/events.

Gilded Grape: Music You Remember with Mark Dupuy
Friday, December 1, 7 to 10 p.m.

[4069 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte](http://www.gildedgrape.com/4069TamiamiTrailPortCharlotte)

Come enjoy an evening of jazz music.

Info: (941)235-9463 or

www.gildedgrape.com.



**Charlotte County Concert Band: A
Charlotte Christmas**

Friday, December 1, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Charlotte Performing Art Center (CPAC)

[701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda](http://www.charlottecountyconcertband.com/701CarmalitaStreetPuntaGorda)

Enjoy a Charlotte Christmas. Cost: \$15.

Info:

www.CharlotteCountyConcertBand.com.

Punta Gorda Farmer's Market

Every Saturday, 8 a.m. to Noon

West Olympia and Taylor Street

Punta Gorda

The market features a variety of vendors, including Florida artists, craftsfolk, and live music. Info:

www.pgdownatownmerchants.com.

Suncoast Writers Guild

Saturday, December 2

(First Saturday of every month)

10:30 a.m. to Noon

Elsie Quirk Library

[100 W. Dearborn Street, Englewood](http://www.suncoastwriters.com/100WDearbornStreetEnglewood)

Short Business meeting followed by guest speaker or writing exercise. Info:

www.suncoastwriters.com.

Fishermen's Village: Paul Roush

Saturday, December 2, Noon to 4 p.m.

[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](http://www.fishville.com/1200WRettaEsplanadePuntaGorda)

Enjoy country, rock and standards from the last 30 years with Paul's own songs that tell stories in his own way and time.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.

5th Merit: *Heartsong* by Maryanne Jacobsen, oil
Cost: Free. Info: www.VisualArtCenter.org or (941) 639-8810.



**Visual Arts Center Exhibit:
Fine Arts Festival in Goff Gallery**
*Now to Thursday, November 30
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*
[210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda](http://210MaudStreet.com)

The Fine Arts Festival exhibit features work created in the style of Pablo Picasso.
Cost: Free.
Info: www.VisualArtCenter.org
or (941) 639-8810.



Artisan's Atelier
*Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Open until 8 p.m. for Alive After 5.*
[117 Herald Court](http://117HeraldCourt.com) Centre, Unit 113,
Punta Gorda

Artists include Gina Battle, Carol Christine, Helen Gerro, Susan and Howard Goldson, Leah Griffith, Dave Hasenfus, Karen Lauro, Nick Masiello, Richard Masters and Toni McNulty.
Info: www.artisasatelierpg.com, artisasatelier@yahoo.com
or (941) 637-8484.



In April, two murals were completed on the bay walls of the Punta Gorda Fire Department at [1410 Tamiami Trail](http://1410TamiamiTrail.com) in Punta Gorda.

Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society

Take a self-guided tour of the 29 murals located throughout downtown Punta Gorda. For all locations, an interactive map, and to schedule private tours: www.puntagordamurals.org.



Fishermen's Village: Yard Dog Charlie
Saturday, December 2, 5 to 9 p.m.
[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](http://1200WRettaEsplanade.com)
Enjoy uplifting Florida swamp music -- a blend of Cajun, zydeco, folk, country rock and roll and comedy -- from the heart with passion and a sense of humor. Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Punta Gorda Historical Society's
Farmers Market
Every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
History Park
[501 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda](http://501ShreveStreet.com)
Most Sundays you'll be treated at this market with live music by local musicians as you shop for treasures. Info: (941) 380-6814.



Fishermen's Village: Christmas Caroling by Songbird Voice Studio
Sunday, December 3, 1 to 2 p.m.
[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](http://1200WRettaEsplanade.com)
Enjoy Christmas caroling. Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra
Sounds of the Season

*Sunday, December 3
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.*
Charlotte Performing Art Center (CPAC)
[701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda](http://701CarmalitaStreet.com)
Enjoy sounds of the season. Cost: \$52.
Info: (941) 205-5996 or www.charlottesymphony.com.



**Fishermen's Village:
The Country Express Band**
Sunday, December 3, 3 to 7 p.m.
[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](http://1200WRettaEsplanade.com)
Five piece band performs country, line dance, southern rock and audience requests! Info: www.fishville.com/events.



**The Blanchard House Museum
of African American History
and Culture of Charlotte County**
Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
[406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard](http://www.banchardhousemuseum.us)
[Punta Gorda](http://www.banchardhousemuseum.us)

Devoted to the procurement, preservation, study and display of historical and cultural materials related to the contributions of African Americans in the settlement of Charlotte County and Southwest Florida.

Info: www.banchardhousemuseum.us or
[\(941\) 575-7518](tel:9415757518).



Military Heritage Museum
Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, Noon-6 p.m.
Fishermen's Village
[1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda](http://www.freedomisntfree.org)

The Museum is a testament to the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have defended our freedom by putting their lives on the line through their military service.

Info: www.freedomisntfree.org.



The Learning Center at the Cultural Center
of Charlotte County classes that begin November 10 to 24.

[2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte](http://www.culturalcenter.org)

Info: [The Learning Place](http://www.culturalcenter.org) or [\(941\) 625-4175 x223](tel:9416254175).

Cost: Cultural Center members/non-members.

Open Studio-Watercolor, Pastels, Acrylics-All Levels with Donna Birchfield

Every Tuesday from November 28 to December 19

9 a.m. to Noon

Beginners or students interested in getting back to painting would enjoy this all-media class, including oil, acrylics, soft and oil pastels, watercolor, pen and ink, colored pencils and drawing.

All levels of instruction provided.

Cost #335-3: \$56/\$64.

Watercolor-All Levels with Skip Mattie

Every Thursday from November 30 to December 21

9 a.m. to Noon

Learn the basics of watercolor painting, the equipment needed such as paper, paints, brushes, etc., how to prepare and get the image on paper, and how to do washes and detail work. We will complete some paintings with assistance.

Cost #337-2: \$56/\$64.

Writers on the Air Radio Show
Every Sunday, 5 to 6 p.m.
Hear local writers read their work on this new radio program. WKDW 97.5 FM or listen online at www.kdwradio.com.

Peace River Painters: Artist Acres
580 Artists Avenue, Englewood
Every Monday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

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**Fishermen's Village:
Dr. Shoo-Bop Ken Feder**

Monday, December 4, Noon to 3 p.m.
1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Enjoy shoo-bop. Info:

www.fishville.com/events.

Fishermen's Village: Tiki Tom & L.A.

Monday, December 4, 4 to 7 p.m.
1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Enjoy variety music with a Caribbean flare. Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Writers Read

Tuesday, December 5

(First Tuesday of each month)

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry Street
Punta Gorda

This group gives ALL local writers, independent of which groups they belong to, the opportunity to read their latest work to a group of like-minded people. It is free and there's nothing to join...just the opportunity to read a short piece of work and solicit the opinions of fellow writers.

Bring a few copies so others can check for errors and punctuation. Feel free to just come to listen and enjoy. Info: [\(941\) 833-5460](tel:9418335460).

Lapidary-Cutting Stones with Tony Polisenio
*Every Tuesday from November 28 to December 19
5 to 8 p.m.*

This class teaches the cutting of natural stones, including preparation of faceting stones into angles and shapes and into sparkling, polished gems for jewelry.
Cost #702-3: \$61/\$69 non-members.

Jewelry & Silversmith with Tim Wehrle

Every Monday and Wednesday from November 27 to December 20, 5 to 8 p.m.

This class is designed for those students who have had no experience in making metal jewelry or those who wish to improve their skills in the craft. Learn the basics of making a ring or pendant and cutting and shaping silver. The student will also learn how to make a setting for a stone and how to solder it to the other components. Cost #703-2: \$142/\$150.

Greeting Card Embroidery with Barbara Cartwright

Wednesday, November 29, 10 a.m. to Noon

Use decorative thread to hand-stitch unique and clever designs on paper to create one-of-a-kind greeting cards. All supplies included to complete a greeting card. Cost #WS-1130: \$35/\$38 includes ticking pad and pen.

Marble Effects on Pots & Paper with Nancy Thomas

Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. to Noon

We will discuss various materials and then demo the marbling process. This is a fun and easy way to play with color, while successfully painting a vase, pottery, cards, place mats, etc. Bring an apron or coverall of some kind. It's messy but fun! Cost #WS-1203: \$32/\$35.

Several Charlotte Arts members offer classes.

Red Hat Studio fine art classes in painting (acrylic and oil), drawing, stained glass design and mural design begin September 11. This 16-year-old teaching studio is located in Punta Gorda. Info: Contact Liz Hutchinson-Sperry at liz.redhatstudio@gmail.com or (941) 979-7228.

Studio Seven Center is now accepting enrollment for their Fall classes for novice to pre-professional in ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, contemporary/modern, pom dance, lyrical, and acrobatics; cartooning, illustration; voice lessons (both private and group), piano, guitar, and acting classes; and more!

Info: studiosevenpg.com or info@studiosevenpg.com.

Bisque It Studio is a full-service creative working studio that welcomes all ages and abilities. Creative outlets include pottery painting, and canvas painting glass fusion.
Info: bisqueitstudio.com.

Charlotte Players, Langdon Playhouse,

offers acting classes for all ages at 182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte. Info: [Charlotte Players Facebook](http://CharlottePlayersFacebook.com)
or www.charlotteplayers.org.

Check out classes for youth and adults, trips and festivals in nearby counties.

Alliance of the Arts in Lee County:
www.artinlee.org.

Desoto Arts & Humanities Council:
www.desotoartscouncil.org.

Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County: www.sarasotaarts.org.

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1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Fred Capitelli's Ingroov Big Band
Wednesday, December 6, 2 to 4 p.m.
Music Room at the Cultural Center
2280 Aaron Ave, Port Charlotte
Enjoy the big band sound of 5 saxophones, 4 trombones, 4 trumpets, piano, bass and drums on the first and third Wednesday from December to April. Cost: \$2 donation at door in support of the Cultural Center. Info: (941) 625-4175

Fishermen's Village: Michael Hirst
Wednesday, December 6, 4 to 7 p.m.
1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda



Enjoy the sounds of acoustic singer and songwriter.

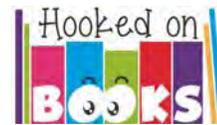
Info: www.fishville.com/events.

* The date has been corrected below.



Copperfish Books: Book Club

Tuesday, December 7, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
103 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda
Like One of the Family by Alice Childress
is a wry, incisive portrait of working women in Harlem in the 1950s. Rippling with satire and humor, Mildred's outspoken accounts vividly capture her white employers' complacency and condescension-and their startled reactions to a maid who speaks her mind and refuses to exchange dignity for pay. Cost: Free. Info: [\(941\) 205-2560](tel:9412052560) or www.CopperfishBooks.com.



Hooked On Books

Thursday, December 7
(First Thursday of every month)
10:30 a.m. to Noon
Mid-County Regional Library
2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard
Port Charlotte

This is an informal book discussion. Patrons will meet along with members of the library staff to discuss and review recently read books, and to share recommendations with the group. Cost: Free. Info: [\(941\) 613-3160](tel:9416133160).

Composer's Luncheon
Thursday, December 7, Noon to 1 p.m.
Punta Gorda Woman's Club
118 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda
The Phantoms of the Orchestra, a volunteer group which supports the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, is holding a holiday sing-a-long on its monthly luncheon program. Guests and the public are welcome! Cost: \$15 for lunch before Noon on December 5.
Info: [\(941\) 205-5996](tel:9412055996).



Fishermen's Village: George Voss

Thursday, December 7, Noon to 3 p.m.

1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
Enjoy diverse repertoire of popular songs
from 60s performed with digital keyboard
and voice. Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Fishermen's Village: Paul Roush
Thursday, December 7, Noon to 3 p.m.
1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
Enjoy country, rock and standards from
the last 30 years with Paul's own songs
that tell stories in his own way and time.
Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Fishermen's Village: Leslie
DaCosta
Thursday, December 7, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
Enjoy live Dixieland jazz music, featuring
vocals, saxophone and flute, with your
pets during the Salty Paws' Muttini Mingle.
Info: (800) 443-PAWS or
www.fishville.com/events.

Peace River Woodturners
Thursday, December 7
6:30 to 9 p.m.
The Cultural Center of Charlotte County
Community Room
2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte
Brief informational business meeting,
followed by Show "n" Tell by members of
their current projects; a Q&A session and
step-by-step demonstrations of
woodturning using the lathe. Open to
members and anyone interested in
learning about lathe-turned objects, how
turned items are made, and wood arts and
woodturning in general. For information
call, Frank or Cheri Bauer (941) 743-5140
or www.peaceriverwoodturners.org.

Poetry Pod
Friday, December 8
(Second Friday each month.)
10:30 to 12:30 p.m.
Englewood Art Center
350 S. McCall Road, Englewood
Members and guests read and critique
poetry.
Info: www.suncoastwriters.com.

Fishermen's Village: Michael Hirst
Friday, December 8, Noon to 3 p.m.
1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
Enjoy the sounds of acoustic singer and
songwriter.
Info: www.fishville.com/events.

Fishermen's Village: Vini Contreas
Friday, December 8, Noon to 3 p.m.
1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Fishermen's Village:

Bruce Neumann and Tiki D

Friday, December 8, 5 to 9 p.m.

1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Enjoy tropical and holiday variety music with the relaxing sounds of this duo.

Info: www.fishville.com/events.



Charlotte Chorale Concert:

It's Christmas

Saturday, December 9, 4 p.m.

Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC)

701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda

Enjoy Christmas chorale music. Cost: \$25 adults, \$10 students. Info: [\(941\) 204-0033](tel:9412040033).

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10, 6:45 p.m.

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church

11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda

Based on the service first held in 1918 on

Christmas Eve at King's College in

Cambridge England, A Festival of Nine

Lessons and Carols is a service of

worship that includes carols and readings

from the Bible. It is a moving experience

to hear and participate in the timeless

story of God's love and grace. Info: [\(941\) 639-0001](tel:9416390001), office@bspconline.org or

www.bspconline.org.



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