

Sudoku Puzzle

Montage Women’s Club

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Word Scramble

Lucky Things

By Ellie Neal

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The Montage Women’s Club is a social and philanthropic club open to all women residing in Lee County. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907. Meetings begin at 11:15 a.m. with a short social period followed by sit-down lunch at noon and then an informative speaker program. Within the organization are various interest groups for members’ participation. Membership is open to both year-round and seasonal residents. We welcome you to visit Montage for a luncheon.

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, Dec. 17, (changed to third Thursday due to the Christmas Eve holiday). We are not planning a featured speaker this month, but we promise a unique holiday activity. We are encouraging all attendees to dress in holiday attire or holiday colors. If you would like to attend a Montage meeting, need further information, or would like to make a reservation, please call Rita Artwohl at (239) 703-7787. Reservations cut-off to attend this meeting is Thursday, Dec. 10 at 12 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Convex molding
6. Unrefined
11. Free from mist
12. Ash
15. Entrance
16. Predatory
17. Arrive (abbrev.)
18. Deciphered
20. To and ____
21. Defeat decisively
23. Body of a ship
24. Contends
25. Very
26. Head of hair
27. Shoestring
28. Brother of Jacob
29. Favor
30. Surpass
31. Acute spasmodic pain
34. Foot lever
36. Type of snake
37. Apprehends
41. Anagram of “rave”
42. Incite
43. Study hard
44. One who colors cloth
45. Match
46. A sharply directional antenna
47. A very long period
48. Resembling death
51. Louisville Slugger
52. Mandarin
54. Loutish
56. Sea cow
57. Bass horns
58. Grille
59. Backbone

Down

1. Smelly
2. Wart
3. Frequently, in poetry
4. Weight to be borne
5. Leer at
6. A baby bed
7. Celebrate
8. Previously owned
9. Cacophony
10. Building
13. Unwind
14. Prima donna problems
15. Analyze syntactically
16. Traffic circles
19. Seat
22. Follows lightning
24. Being unoccupied
26. Mangle
27. 61 in Roman numerals
30. Quaint outburst
32. Hearing organ
33. Reluctant
34. Bribe
35. Latter part of the day
38. High-spirited horse
39. Pulp
40. Metalworker
42. Small chin beard
44. Consider
45. Assail
48. Devil tree
49. Plenty
50. Wail
53. Black gunk
55. A law enforcement agency

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Catch The Action

December On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

December brings cooler days around Southwest Florida and a change in the way many of us fish. As temperatures drop it will push small baitfish south to warmer waters. As this occurs, shrimp becomes the primary diet for many fish through the winter months. There are not many fish in our coastal waters that won't eat a shrimp; in fact, shrimp is the mainstay for most inshore species diet, especially through the cold months.

The last month of 2020 kicks off that time year for targeting sheepsheads. Big pre-spawn fish arrive in good numbers inshore and in nearshore gulf waters. Unlike the northern species of the same name, our saltwater sheepshead is excellent on the table. Look for fish, with many scaling over 5 pounds hanging around structure. These areas may include, dock and bridge pilings, rock jetties along the beach, oyster bars, creeks, and submerged structure. Offshore, on good weather days fish artificial reefs that dot our coast in 20- to 40-foot depths.

Pompano are similar to sheepsheads in the fact that they will not eat any type of baitfish, but feed primarily on small crustaceans including shrimp, crabs, sand fleas, etc. Quarter- or eighth-ounce nylon jigs tipped with a small piece of shrimp can be deadly on pompano when properly bounced across the bottom. Popular colors are white, pink, and yellow. Silly, crazy, or hard-bodied pompano jigs have gained a lot of popularity over the years and are a great choice. Live shrimp suspended near the bottom under a popping cork is a good option as well. Both sheepsheads and pompano have relatively small mouths, so it is important not to use a large hook. If you are unsure of the size, stop in at your local tackle shop and let them hook you up. I prefer 1/0 Owner Mutu Light circle hooks.



Snook, redfish, and sea trout seasons remained closed. Snook will transition to deeper protected waters over the month where they spend the winter. In season or not, snook are always a blast to catch, just make sure and release them quickly. Extreme low tides over the winter months offer good sight fishing opportunities for redfish throughout the inshore grass flats. School size sea trout are plentiful over grass bottom in 3- to 7-foot depths. Live shrimp or Berkley Gulp shrimp suspended under a rattling or popping cork will get their attention with an occasional twitch of the rod tip to activate the bobber.

Many anglers look to take advantage of nearshore reefs on good weather days. Many of the snapper that frequented the inshore waters through the warmer months relocated offshore and have grown larger. Bottom fishing with a shrimp/jig combination or shrimp on a knocker rig will get attention from tasty fish including mangrove and land snapper, sheepsheads, Key West grunts, and possible hog fish, permit, and more. Larger fish including cobia, king mackerel, barracuda, sharks, and others could show up at

any time offshore. Bottom fish with light tackle but keep a heavier rod at the ready.

Visit www.myfwc.com for all current Florida fishing regulations.

Finally, we reached the last month of 2020. A year I believe most of us would like to put behind us. Despite all the craziness of the year, fishing remained good in Southwest Florida throughout. Thanks for taking the time to read this column. Everyone have a safe and happy holiday season as we look forward to the new year.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, call or text (239) 283-7960, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.

Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 25 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."



From The Desk — Of Sheriff Carmin Marceno

The holidays are quickly approaching and that means you will likely be purchasing gifts online. Although it's convenient to buy products online and have them shipped directly to your front door, there is always the possibility your purchases could be stolen by "porch pirates" if left unattended outside your home.



As you anxiously wait for your treasures to be delivered this holiday season, I strongly encourage you to follow the tips below to protect your goods and keep porch pirates at bay:

- Use outdoor security cameras. For maximum theft deterrence, make sure your outdoor security cameras are highly visible and clearly pointed at the package drop-off area.
- Have your package delivered elsewhere, such as your place of employment, an Amazon delivery site, P.O. Box or FedEx/UPS location.
- Request that deliveries require a signature.
- Subscribe to delivery alerts. All major delivery services offer some kind of notification service for package updates.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out for your delivery and secure it for you until you get home.
- If you capture a porch pirate on your security camera, call us at (239) 477-1000 to report it.

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Articles can be submitted attached to or contained in an email. Photos should also be emailed as attachments.

Eye of the Eagle: If for any reason you do not receive your *Eye of the Eagle* or if you need extra copies, the paper is also available at the golf clubhouse.

Flagpole holders and damaged mailbox repairs and painting: For mailbox repairs, including doors, springs or broken parts and painting, call Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042.

Replacement of lamppost bulbs and light sensors: Please call Joe Foster at (239) 218-7714 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

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Security Central

Submitted by Connie Hope

On Oct. 15, someone came into the community during the night and stole many of the political signs from people’s lawns. There were at least six stolen on Eagle Ridge Drive and there were others on Aeries Way Drive and Eagle Flight Lane. Mine is the first house on Eagle Ridge Drive and our sign was stolen. I called the nonemergency number and reported it. They sent a deputy out and he took the information and made a report. If anyone saw something, please let me or the sheriff’s office know.

There were several other nonemergency incidents reported during the month of October and they were

handled by the deputy when they came out.

Remember you are the eyes and ears of the community, if you see something that is questionable, call the nonemergency number at (239) 477-1000. If you think it is an emergency, please call 911 and report it.

We are working on the 2021/22 phone directory for Eagle Ridge Community. If there is anyone in the community who would like to advertise their business, please call Connie Hope at (215) 527-1217 and we can discuss the ad and the price for the directory. It is a good place to advertise as it goes to around 622 property owners. It is nice to support people within the community who do business in the area.

Cooking By Connie

Submitted by Connie Hope

With the holiday in late December and New Year’s Eve, it is fun to have a casserole dish that can be prepared ahead of time and taken to someone’s house for the holiday get-together. This dish is very colorful and also very easy to make ahead of time. Enjoy!

Potato And Pepper Casserole

- 1 red pepper, cut in large strips
- 1 yellow or orange pepper, cut in large strips
- 1 medium onion cut in large pieces
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 pounds red skin potatoes (small, oval potatoes)

Boil potatoes until they are still a little firm. Put oil in pan, add onions and peppers. Keep lid on and stir often. Simmer slow for 5 to 8 minutes until onions are transparent and peppers are still crispy and coated with oil. Put potatoes in casserole, toss onion and pepper. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 to 35 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.



Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board

If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. Email newsletter@eagleridge33912.com with your request.

Eagle Ridge Golf News

Eagle Ridge property owners. All golfers should sign up for the rewards program. They now have a league that has started last June, for all rewards members. They play every Monday evening and you sign up weekly to play. It’s a great deal and all information is in the pro shop. July rates changed so you can also call for current rates. Please let’s all remember the course is not for walking or kids to be playing on regardless of the time, the course has access roads to be used only by golf course employees and equipment. Please let’s respect the golf course grounds and keep everyone safe.

Jim Lutsch, your golf liaison, can be reached at (239) 322-9588.

Camera Club Invites Enthusiasts To Attend Bimonthly Meetings

We have come to the end of our current meeting sessions until late 2020. Please consider participating or hosting an event during the next round!

All photography enthusiasts are invited to attend a Fort Myers Camera Club meeting on Friday from November through April. The meetings are held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first and third Friday at the Cypress Lake United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers.

Anyone interested in photography at any level is welcome. Mentor programs, outings, competitions and exhibitions, guest lecturers and more provide members with opportunities to improve their photography skills and make new friends.

Additional information about the club is available at www.fortmyerscc.com.

Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club Candidate Forums To Begin At Monthly Luncheons Of Republican Women

The Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club is waiting to hear when they will be allowed to reconvene regular luncheons. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting Tina Laurie, (239) 489-4701.

Continental Women’s Club Of Fort Myers

We do not have any updated information on the next meeting as of this printing. Many social events have been postponed, as you know, due to the COVID restrictions. Please check back next month!

Continental Women’s Club monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds

Drive, Fort Myers 33907. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$24.

Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information.

Dining In Club

We have come to the end of our Dining In gatherings until late 2020. Please consider participating or hosting an event during the next round!

We meet monthly from November to April. If you would like more information about Dining In, please call Connie Hope at (239) 225-6609.

Volunteer In Your Eagle Ridge Community

If you are interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Board of Directors or would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact one of the following Board members: John Spiegel, Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., Peggy Jermyn, Christine Leslie or send an email to Info@EagleRidge33912.com.

Ways To Communicate

Eagle Ridge has a Facebook page. This is a private group **only** for Eagle Ridge residents. To join, find “Eagle Ridge Community Fort Myers” on Facebook. Then click on request to join. You will be prompted to enter your address. This will be checked against property records to confirm you are a resident.

Eagle Ridge is also on NextDoor.com. You can join and select to communicate with only Eagle Ridge residents and/or our neighboring communities.

The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)

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Each principle is explored in class, so you can apply what you learn to your own yard. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching, and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed. To learn more, visit <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

We are currently conducting the classes via Zoom but hope to get back to doing them in person at some point. You can see the schedule and sign up for a free class on Eventbrite.com.

Your Eye Of The Eagle

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Fort Myers Christian School Feed The Need Surpasses Goal Of \$50,000

School Fundraiser And Student-Led 10,000 Meal Food Packing Project

Submitted by Matt Visaggio

Fort Myers Christian School (FMCS) surpassed its fundraising goal of \$50,000 to support its school through an innovative “food-raising” packing project called “Feed the Need”!

Feed the Need is a fundraiser for FMCS that sets aside a significant portion of the funds raised to purchase, pack, and distribute healthy meals to hungry children in Southwest Florida.

FMCS Principal Mel Mitchell explained, “Feed the Need is a ‘food-raiser’ that provides needed funds for Fort Myers Christian School, and a portion of the funds raised go toward providing healthy meals for hungry children and families. This fundraiser appealed so much to us because of the way it engaged our students to impact others for Jesus. FMCS students personally packed, sealed, and boxed over 10,000 meals that will be distributed to hungry children and families right here in Southwest Florida.”

Feed the Need at FMCS culminated in a one-day, student-led food packing party event on Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. NBC-2 news anchor Peter Busch was our honorary emcee with Principal Mel Mitchell. This is the third year of the very successful event.

“This is a meaningful, hands-on event that provides our students the opportunity to serve those in need as we prepare students to live their lives in a way that draws people into the love of Jesus,” Mitchell added.

Gold Sponsors were CC Shutters & Doors and Gulf Star Marina. Silver Sponsors were Palmer Homes of SWFL, ABC Electric Services Inc, McCann Group, Image Custom Coatings,

and Spectrum Cleaning and Restoration. Liberty Aluminum, Excel Cleaning and Restoration Supplies, and Priority Marketing were the Bronze Sponsors. The Title Media Sponsor was Christian Television Network (CTN) with Media Sponsors 96.9 WINK-FM and WayFM.

“These sponsors led the way helping us promote this event and build awareness about food insecurity, just as we enter November, which is hunger and homelessness awareness month,” explained Mitchell. “The event from start to finish was amazing this year. With COVID-19 concerns and the start of the school year, this event has shined a light on a very difficult year for everyone. We are thankful that our school was able to help those struggling with hunger during this time.”

Each Feed the Need meal bag is fully nutritionally balanced, designed by dieticians at General Mills specifically for malnourished children. Each bag contains hydrated vegetables, soy or beans for protein, 19 essential vitamins and minerals, and rice for carbohydrates and energy.

Students at Fort Myers Christian School built and packed the meals. There were four bins per station containing each ingredient with the proper measurement utensil for students to pack them. One person stood at each bin and put his ingredient into a stationary funnel. Another person held an empty bag under the funnel as the ingredients are poured into the bag. The bag is then weighed and sealed and taken to a table to be packed into a shipment box.

FMCS seventh grade student Joshua Grauer had the opportunity to share what it meant to him to get involved with supporting those who face food insecurity. “I believe Feed the Need is important because it can help the people who don’t have food to not go to bed hungry. It is important to me because we are giving to the poor and representing God.”

Meg Madzar, event and food drive coordinator for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, joined us for the day of the event to pack

food and talk about serving others in the community. She said of the event, “We are so grateful to the Fort Myers Christian School and everyone involved in ‘Feed the Need’. Last year we received over 800 pounds of food from this generous event. Thank you all for being such amazing Hunger Heroes!”

FMCS Board Member Mary Franklin explained the importance of “reaching, teaching, and sending” students out to serve others. “The Feed the Need program, like many other programs at FMCS positively impacts the students in many ways. They truly experience firsthand how everyone working together can bless so many others.”

For more information visit www.fortmyerschristianschool.org/feed-the-need/ or look for these hashtags: #FMCSFeedTheNeed #FeedTheNeed2020 #YouBelongHere.

Continental Women’s Club

Join us on Thursday, Dec. 10 and celebrate the holiday season. We encourage you to bring an unwrapped toy or gift for the Heights Foundation’s children. There will also be several “gift baskets” for you to win, and holiday-themed face masks will be for sale.

This month’s Continental Women’s Club meeting will be held on the second Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds Drive, Fort Myers 33907. Tables are socially distanced and masks are required. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$24. Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information.

Eagle Ridge Job Spot

Non-businesses only please! All business owners should contact Seabreeze Communications to place an ad.

Are you looking for an odd job? Want to be included in the Eagle Ridge Job Spot? Email your information to Pam Whitenight at Newsletter@eagleridge33912.com. Baby-sitters, pet sitters, yard work and more.

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Nancy Crook, (239) 220-0396. Need assistance in your home, meals, grocery shopping, doctor/dentist appointments, light housekeeping, and personal care? I live on American Eagle Court. I have many years of experience with in-home assistance. How can I help you?

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Kathie McDonough, (239) 478-0060. A resident on Triple Eagle Court, Kathie does pet sitting and home watch.

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Ginny Schuler, (215) 542-9474. College applications. I provide assistance in all aspects of the process. I have 30-plus years’ experience in helping students gain entrance into the most competitive colleges and universities in the nation. By the time your child completes his or her sophomore year, the process of college selection should be underway. This requires timely scheduling of PSATs, SATs and ACT tests, organizing activity sheets and selecting reasonable college choices (reach, average and safety). My additional specialty is assisting students in writing excellent personal essays and short supplements.

Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042. Experienced Painter and Handyman Services. I have painted many homes in Eagle Ridge, and I’ve lived in the community for over 10 years. I am licensed and insured with many Eagle Ridge references.

Edith Weber (651) 410-6596. CNA with over 35 years’ experience, I can help with daily living activities such as bathing, hair and nail care, cooking, shopping, etc. Licensed and CPR certified

Doug Wyatt (618) 558-8176. I am a full-time resident at The Fairways and have over 25 years of experience doing interior painting in extremely nice homes. I am very meticulous, accommodating, neat, and tidy. I can also help out with light handyman work like replacing faucets, light fixtures, door locks, etc., as well as trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, house sitting, or anything you need that I am able to do.

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Section A-15:
Pets must be on a leash at all times when being walked outside of the owner’s property boundaries. The pet owner is responsible for picking up all animal waste from their pet at all times. This includes the common areas! Violators are subject to fining.
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Mailbox doors have a closure spring that eventually breaks after thousands of openings. It is important to replace them as soon as they are discovered as they usually result in a broken door, which is a much more expensive repair. Call **Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042**. The cost of installing a new spring is \$34. If the door casting breaks, it costs an additional \$112 to repair the door. Dennis also has specially manufactured flagpole holders to match the lampposts. They are available for \$89 installed. Your mailbox and lamppost can also be repainted for \$49, which will bring them back to their “like-new” appearance. Dennis also offers handyman services.

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Each month the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association sends out an email with reminders of activities at the Ridge. If this image looks unfamiliar to you, you are not on our email list.

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We will add your name to the list, which you may opt out of at any time. We are stressing the use of email as it is faster, easier and cheaper than USPS. You may send email addresses for all members of your household.

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What’s Blooming At Edison And Ford Winter Estates?

By Debbie Hughes, Senior Horticulturist at Edison and Ford Winter Estates

There are so many plants blooming every day at Edison and Ford Winter Estates, it is hard to narrow it down to just a few. I love walking in the garden each day, just as Mrs. Edison did and show everyone Mother Nature’s creations.

After living in Florida for more than 30 years, I’ve come to understand what to expect in the realm of gardening. Often you can count on the calendar for what is typical to see blooming. November and December is the month for the silk floss tree (*Ceiba speciosa*). This tree blooms in various colors ranging from deep pink, to light pink, or sometimes the blooms are pink with white edges. These trees get huge, and the ones that are 50 years old or so are the most stunning when they are covered with blossoms. There are several wonderful specimens at Edison Ford, and there are a few nice ones along McGregor Boulevard too.

Silk floss is native to South America, and blooms aren’t the only characteristic we are attracted to when looking for unusual specimens. Some of these trees have a bulbous trunk – it looks like it is ready to give birth at any moment – and most are equipped with sharp spikes all over the trunk, which protect the tree from predation. This is one tree that you won’t want to hug. There is a large specimen near the Ford property line that stops visitors in their tracks. There are also a few young trees that were recently planted in other areas of the property. If you have a large yard, you might want to consider planting one of these; there are some small potted trees for sale in the Edison Garden Shoppe.

Over the last few years, we have been busy filling the tree canopy with an assortment of historical, native, and unusual tropical trees. Another tree new to the Ford property



A silk floss tree near the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council building



The purple flowers of the *Lonchocarpus violaceus* have a delightful scent.



Pink silk floss bloom



Variation in silk floss bloom



Various colors of crown of thorns.



Hybrid Thai crown of thorns blooms all year long.

along the fence line is a *Lonchocarpus violaceus*, commonly called a lilac tree. The blooms are lusciously fragrant with terminal spikes on all branches in the prettiest shade of purple. This tree stays in the range of 15 to 20 feet, so it’s perfect for smaller properties. It was planted in 2018 as part of a wedding ceremony. I grow this tree at my home, and it is a welcome addition, dangling over my outdoor patio and adding to our sensory experiences.

I often wish trees bloomed longer, but we are thankful for all the beautiful flowers nature provides each day. Trees make a wonderful statement when remembering an event in your life. Many gardeners like to include holiday plants during the Christmas season, and Florida is fortunate that many plants can be placed outdoors all year long. I like to put plants at the entrance, bringing cheer to all who enter.

Plants with brightly colored flowers, such as crown of thorns can provide a great pop of color in creamy yellow, pink, scarlet and dark red. It has many positives, including easy to care for, drought tolerant, long bloom time, no real pests and doesn’t need pruning – all outweighing the thorns along the stems. The *Euphorbia milli* and Thai hybrid varieties are planted in a multitude of areas throughout the gardens. One such place is the research garden near the parking lot off McGregor.

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ArtFest Fort Myers Announces 2021 Artists

Let Art Elevate YOUR Everyday!

ArtFest Fort Myers is excited to announce the stars of the 2021 art festival – the artists! These incredibly creative folks travel from across the country to share their work with us. Amazing ceramics, gorgeous jewelry, remarkable glass, unique paintings, wearable art and so much more await you at ArtFest Fort Myers. This family-friendly, safety protocol-filled festival connects art and artists together with our community in a way that is so much fun – this is an art experience that delights every sense!

Want to see all the artists? Do a little pre-shopping? You can visit the online gallery at ArtFestFortMyers.com and they will all be there beginning Dec. 15.

Attendees often ask “How do the 200 festival artists get chosen?” These artists are the best-of-the-best as a jury panel of five professional artists spends an entire day selecting them from the hundreds of artists who apply.

Spend a few hours, all day or a weekend being surrounded by imagination, inspiration and incredible talent. ArtFest Fort Myers brings 150 exceptional professional artists to the heart of downtown Fort Myers, encourages 300 talented local high school artists to pursue their artistic dreams while providing an opportunity for thousands of children, their parents and



William Kidd, ceramic



John Scanlan, photography



Kathleen Murphy Willer, painting

grandparents to try their hand at creating a masterpiece. Join the fun on Feb. 6 and 7, 2021.

Not quite ready to venture to a large gathering – even outdoors? ArtFest Fort Myers hears you and is launching an all-new high-impact virtual art festival. ArtFest@Home offers:

- a super easy shopping experience featuring all the artists who are with us in person at the festival with one click checkout. Shop from them all; talk to them via video chat; watch their demo videos; listen to their round table discussions; see how to use their artwork in decorating your home.
- all the fun activities from ArtFest Fort Myers. The high school art show; Chalk Block street painting; Publix Art Yard with art projects and entertainment; food and entertainment for all to enjoy.

- VIP Club experiences
- Festival posters and T-shirts

Where do you find ArtFest@Home? Just go to ArtFestFortMyers.com and click on the big ArtFest@Home logo and we will see you there beginning Jan. 29.

For more information visit ArtFestFortMyers.com. Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram. Tag us #artfestfm.

What: Southwest Florida's premier art festival featuring 150 national artists, high school art competition, street chalk art competition, children's art activities, fine food and entertainment. Safety protocols added.
When: Feb. 6 and 7, 2021 – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Downtown Fort Myers River District on Edwards Drive
Tickets: Timed tickets and entrances for everyone's safety and peace of mind. Available at ArtFestFortMyers.com beginning Dec. 15
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Word Scramble Solution from page 2

Break	Decision	Number	Star
Charm	Draw	Penny	Streak
Day	Guess	Shot	Strike

Crossword Solution from page 2

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution from page 2

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3	6	9	5	7	8	1	4	2
4	2	8	6	1	3	5	9	7
6	3	2	1	8	7	4	5	9
7	8	5	4	6	9	3	2	1
9	4	1	3	5	2	7	6	8

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