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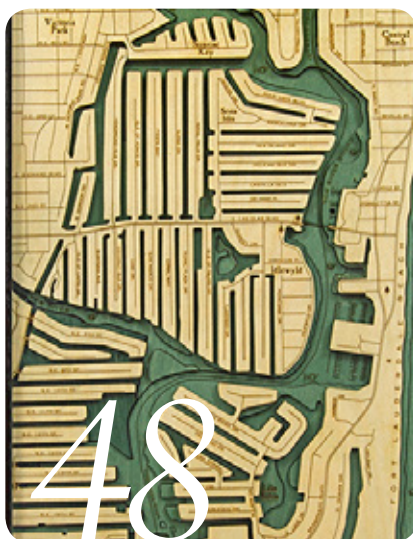


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ASHLEY - \$1,198,000

3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH WITH DIRECT RIVER & CITY VIEWS. GOURMET KITCHEN AND MARBLE FLOORS. TWO TERRACES, CUSTOM CLOSETS, TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED WINE ROOM. MOVE IN READY

CHAMPAGNE - \$999,000

DESIGNER MODEL WITH STUNNING VIEWS OF THE RIVER, OCEAN & CITY. 2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH UNIT FEATURES A GOURMET KITCHEN. MARBLE BATHS AND TWO SPACIOUS TERRACES.

PRICE REDUCED

CHAMPAGNE - \$899,000

2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH + COMPUTER ROOM WITH STUNNING RIVER AND CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. UNIT FEATURES 2 TERRACES. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTERS AND MARBLE BATHS.

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BRADFORD - \$765,000

2 BR/2 BATH WITH STUNNING RIVER & CITY VIEWS. SPLIT FLOOR PLAN WITH TWO OVERSIZED TERRACES. GOURMET KITCHEN AND MORE.



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MADISON - \$1,790,000

EXQUISITE HIGH FLOOR SUITE WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF THE RIVER AND DOWNTOWN. EXPANSIVE WRAP AROUND TERRACE FOR ENTERTAINING. DESIGNER FINISHES THROUGHOUT.

MADISON - \$1,785,000

40TH FLOOR MADISON W/180 DEGREE VIEWS! 3BR/3.5BATH FEATURES A GOURMET KITCHEN WITH SNAIDERO CABINETRY & A SUBZERO FRIDGE. FRESHLY POLISHED MARBLE FLOORS & FRESHLY PAINTED.

PRICE REDUCED

PARK - \$1,595,000

STUNNING RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS 3,230+ SQ. FT. PARK TOWER RESIDENCE. OPEN AND SPACIOUS FLOOR PLAN. 3 BEDROOMS, 3.5 BATHROOMS WITH 4 TERRACES & MARBLE FLOORS.

COLUMBUS - \$1,150,000

HIGH FLOOR FULLY FURNISHED MODEL WITH CUSTOM INTERIORS BY STEVEN G. 2 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHROOMS WITH RIVER & CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. MOTORIZED WINDOW TREATMENTS. A MUST SEE.

PRICE REDUCED

COLUMBUS - \$1,049,000

HIGH FLOOR 2 BEDROOMS, 3 FULL BATHS + OFFICE /MEDIA ROOM. RIVER & CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. PRIVATE ELEVATOR ENTRY, MARBLE & WOOD FLOORS. GOURMET EAT IN KITCHEN.

JUST LISTED

LEXINGTON - \$919,000

GORGEOUS 30TH FLOOR TURN-KEY FURNISHED LEXINGTON MODEL. PRIVATE ELEVATOR, DESIGNER DECORATED WITH WOOD FLOORS

PRICE REDUCED

LEXINGTON - \$855,000

2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHS ON HIGH FLOOR. MARBLE FLOORS & 2 SPACIOUS BALCONIES OFFER NORTH AND SOUTH VIEWS OF THE RIVER & OCEAN.

CHELSEA - \$799,000

2 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATHS WITH SPECTACULAR RIVER & POOL VIEWS FROM THIS HIGH FLOOR! FABULOUS FINISHES INCLUDING CREMA MARFIL MARBLE FLOORING THROUGHOUT. CUSTOM BUILT-IN CLOSETS

PRICE REDUCED

CHELSEA - \$739,000

STUNNING CHELSEA MODEL, 2 BEDROOMS 2.5 BATHS WITH OUTSTANDING RIVER & CITY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM. TILE & WOOD FLOORS. FOYER ENTRY, UPGRADED GOURMET KITCHEN WITH S/S APPLIANCES, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS AND MUCH MORE.

PRICE REDUCED

SOHO - \$679,000

COMPLETELY RENOVATED 2BR/2BATH WITH DIRECT RIVER VIEWS. MANY UPGRADES THROUGHOUT, TOO MANY TO LIST!

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JUST SOLD 2BR/2.5BATH

RARELY FOR SALE, DOLCE 1 MODEL. THIS CORNER UNIT WITH A WRAP AROUND BALCONY OFFERS PANORAMIC VIEWS OF SAILBOAT BEND, THE RIVER & THE PORT.

PRICE REDUCED 2BR/2 BATH - \$425,000

NORTHWEST CORNER UNIT FEATURES GOURMET KITCHEN WITH ITALIAN CABINETRY, GRANITE COUNTERS AND S/S APPLIANCES. TILE FLOORING THROUGHOUT. BUILDING HAS 5-STAR AMENITIES.

JUST SOLD 1BR/1BATH

ASTOUNDING VIEWS OF THE RIVER AND CITY FROM THIS 18TH FLOOR SOUTH TOWER UNIT. LIMESTONE FLOORS IN LIVING AREAS.

JUST LISTED 1BR/1BATH - \$279,000

TASTEFULLY FURNISHED ARIA MODEL WITH TILE THROUGHOUT. LARGE PATIO GOURMET KITCHEN WITH GRANITE COUNTER TOPS.

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JUST SOLD BAHIA MAR

RARELY AVAILABLE SUB PENTHOUSE W/10FT CEILINGS. SOUTH-EAST CORNER.

SAN MARCO 2BR/2BATH - \$479,000

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ROYAL PALM 2BR/2BA - \$419,000

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JUST LISTED FIESTA 1BR/1BA - \$376,000

DESIGNER MODEL FULLY FURNISHED PENTHOUSE WITH HARD-WOOD FLOORS AND A GOURMET KITCHEN WITH S/S APPLIANCES.

UNDER CONTRACT BAHIA MAR

FEATURES 2 BALCONIES WITH SPACIOUS LIVING & DINING



UNDER CONTRACT PENTHOUSE

3 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHROOMS WITH 10 FOOT CEILINGS, TILE FLOORS THROUGHOUT. RIVER & CITY VIEWS FROM TWO BALCONIES.

UNDER CONTRACT MOONGLOW

ONE OF A KIND LOFT STYLE WITH POLISHED CONCRETE FLOORS.

MOONGLOW - \$699,000

UPGRADED SE CORNER 2 BR/2BTH UNIT FEATURES SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN, FLOOR TO CEILING WINDOWS, SPACIOUS GOURMET KITCHEN.

JUST SOLD SEAVIEW

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH WITH VIEWS OF THE OCEAN, RIVER & CITY.

NEWLY PRICED MOONGLOW - \$599,000

28TH FLOOR 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH CORNER UNIT WITH EXCEPTIONAL OCEAN, CITY & RIVER VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM.

JUST LISTED STARDUST - \$579,000

LUXURY 2BR/2BTH FURNISHED UNIT WITH RIVER VIEWS. GOURMET KITCHEN, DINING AREA, SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN, SPACIOUS BATHROOMS

JUST LISTED SKYVIEW - \$479,000

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SKYVIEW - \$469,000

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READERS' REMARKS

Fort Lauderdale is home to a motley crew of tastes. And we're proud of it. So much so that it seems like we're always in the festive mood, forever celebrating something – Italian food, Greek culture, country music. What's your favorite Fort Lauderdale festival? Email your thoughts to magazine@goriverwalk.com or reach out to us on our social media pages.



RECIPE REQUEST

Make a mean macaroni and cheese? How are your fudge brownies? If you've got an out-of-this-world recipe for any dish, *Go Riverwalk* wants to hear from you. Send us the ingredients, method of prep, and a photo if you have one. *Go Riverwalk* is cooking up something special for our 2017 Food and Wine issue.



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- #RIVERWALKFTL
- #GORIVERWALK
- #FTLVANTAGEPOINT
- #LIGHTUPLAUDERDALE

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FACT 1

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FACT 2

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BY MARK BUDWIG
Publisher, *Go Riverwalk Magazine*
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In November, I wrote about our internal staff that makes *Go Riverwalk* possible each month. This month I focus on our outsourced suppliers who are a part of this great team.

Buddy Tuchman and Gus Gonzalez lead the operations at PCA Printers, and oversee the printing of 15,000 copies of *Go Riverwalk Magazine* each month. Artwork is delivered to them around the 20th of the month and completed magazines are delivered to our distributor before the first of the month.

A total of 13,500 magazines are delivered to our distributor Ross Adler, National Distribution Solutions, Inc. Ross oversees the delivery of these magazines to over 250 distribution locations in Fort Lauderdale including the following:

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- Restaurants/Bars: 62
- Retail: 51

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Whether it's been a strained shoulder, hip pain, pinched nerve in my neck, Achilles tendon or just overall fatigue or aches, Tracey has always been able to fix what ails me! — Maryann G., avid tennis player

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BY JIM ELLIS
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale Chair



PARTNERING MAKES PERFECT

When I think of Riverwalk I think of all the dedicated partners needed to make it successful. Our most involved partners are the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County. They're not only the largest property owners but they're also our largest financial contributors. Without the daily support from City personnel and staff involved with parks and recreation, traffic and mobility, permit and code enforcement, grant management, legal, police and security, signage, marketing, and other departments, Riverwalk would not be what it is today.

Then I think of our 50 plus unique annual Riverwalk events in the form of music, art shows, food festivals, holiday and exercise events, and the list goes on and on. Each of these events has different partners and vendors and requires its own permits, approvals, set-up, logistics, and take-down plans, funding strategies, and for most of them, special needs and unique complications.

We are also involved with our Riverwalk members, our *Go Riverwalk Magazine* advertising partners, social media followers, visitors' information kiosks, donors, supporters, our own Board of Directors and Advisory Board, and programs incorporating wayfinding signage, brick and banner sales, grants, the Business Improvement District, Florida Inland Navigable District, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Transportation Management Association, the Levitt Foundation, and many more.

Of course there are also our partnerships with property and restaurant owners, condominium and apartment owners, and office and retail tenants. We work with six different homeowner/civic associations that border the


Riverwalk district, seven plus parks, marinas and boat dockage facilities, full service concessions, the water trolley and water taxi, Broward County Judicial Center, and multiple parking lot owners.

Additionally, we participate in the planning and coordination of several major streets and the railroad that passes near the Riverwalk district as well as vacant land and then, of course, the 2.5 miles of the Riverwalk linear park itself.

And then, there are the non-profit organizations we partner with such as the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Stranahan House, Winterfest Boat Parade, Downtown Development Authority, Fort Lauderdale Women's Club, Property Owners of Las Olas, Art is Business, the Museum of Discovery and Science, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and I'm sure I'm missing many.

As I learn about the day-to-day operations of the Riverwalk, I become more impressed with what it takes to pull all of the ongoing activities and partnerships together. It's quite daunting and exhausting just to think about it. We are very fortunate to have Genia Duncan Ellis, our amazingly talented president, and her dedicated associates working tirelessly to keep it all together and get it all done!

Over one million tourists, workers, and you, the residents, visit the Riverwalk annually. What a wonderful asset we all get to enjoy!

If you have an interest in volunteering at one of our events or purchasing a brick, banner or a commemorative tile to be added to the base of our sailboats and sailfish structures, please contact the Riverwalk office at info@goriverwalk.com or (954) 468-1541. 

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Riverwalk Gourmet Delights food kiosks are open and operating for the season, offering great food and drinks. We encourage you to support this incubator project and help these small businesses prosper along Riverwalk.

Light Up Lauderdale, the annual City/ Riverwalk kickoff for the holiday season, occurred on Nov. 17, with Mayor Seiler flipping the switch to light Riverwalk for the season. This family-friendly event grows annually and brings the holiday spirit to Downtown. Music, food, train rides, face painting, and holiday offerings lined Esplanade Park. Festivities of this kind remind us of the importance of family and community. Over the holidays, take an evening stroll and enjoy the lights and happenings.

Panthers in the Park will be operating through the month of December and into early January, offering the opportunity for residents and visitors to actually skate on real ice. Huizenga Plaza has been converted to a wonderland with Hoffman's Chocolates and the rink is a great destination and event opportunity for you, your family or a fun group. We hope you can find the time throughout this season to visit the park and enjoy the festivities and options offered there.

The season is filled with events and parties and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk Master Calendar is the perfect spot to find out what is happening. Also, use the companion app JuxtaSocial, downloadable via your Play Store.

Don't miss the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade on Dec. 10 – the most noted boat parade worldwide. This event is an annual must see and one that places our community on maps all over the world. You can get specifics about this parade and the surrounding activities at www.winterfestparade.com/events/the-seminole-hard-rock-winterfest-boat-parade.

We want to wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. The future is bright and Fort Lauderdale is poised for great things. Join in your community and help us make a difference. 



Riverwalk Recreation bikes in front of the newly restored Shippey house

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LISA EFIRD

MORRISON, BROWN ARGIZ & FARRA, LLC

• I am a senior manager in the Tax & Accounting Department at Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLC (MBAF) in the Fort Lauderdale office. Throughout my 17 years in

public accounting, I have gained extensive experience in tax compliance, working on tax engagements for all types of entities and individuals. I specialize in high net worth individuals, the cruise line industry, automotive dealerships, manufacturing, and international tax services. I pride myself on providing personalized tax and compliance services to my clients.

After graduating from Providence College Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in accountancy, I attended

the University of Miami where I received my Master of Business Administration with specializations in accounting and international business.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I currently serve as the Reservations Director for the South Florida Affiliate of the American Woman's Society of CPAs, and formerly served as the society's president. I am a member of Tower Forum and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Leads Group. I sit on the Executive Committee of the MBAF Women's Network, a women-oriented initiative within our firm. I volunteer as a reading pal for United Way of Broward County and I am involved in my church's music ministry.

I joined Riverwalk to become more involved in the community in which I work and live. My participation in Riverwalk ensures that I will be a part of the preservation of this beauty for years to come.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

KATHY SCHOTTKE

GYM GUYZ

• I am originally from Chicago and moved to South Florida in 1987. Over 20 years ago, I went through my own health and wellness transformation ultimately

taking my enthusiasm for fitness and nutrition from a personal level to a professional one. Since that time, I have earned a variety of certifications including my personal training certification from Aerobics and Fitness Association of America. I am also certified in pre/post-natal fitness and senior and children classes.

This past February, I became the local franchisee for GymGuyz. What's unique about GymGuyz is that we come to you. Our van is filled with over 300 pieces of exercise equipment that can be used at your home, office, or location of your choice. We have designed programs for both men and women of all ages and even do specialized fitness programs for children. Whether you want to run faster, jump higher, slim down or buff up, we can design a plan to meet your goal. Our passion is to help clients reach their goals and create balance in their new healthier lifestyle.

When I am not helping others, I enjoy spending quality time with friends and family. You can frequently find me at concerts and other music festivals in addition to our lovely beaches. I joined Riverwalk to not only support its mission, but to be more involved in our community and to meet other likeminded individuals.



TRUSTEE MEMBER

TRACY WEINTRAUB

TRACY WEINTRAUB, PA

• I was raised and educated in New York, but have spent my entire professional career in South Florida where I service clients across the country. Throughout my 35-year

career, I have seen and experienced the effects of economic changes on my clients. My knowledge enables these clients to make informed decisions, protecting their businesses and families.

As my practice grew, the firm developed from a small, local business to a partnership in a larger regional firm. Therefore, my background includes years of practice with local and large

regional firms. However, the effects of the financial crises experienced by friends and clients made me realize that I could more fully provide tax and accounting services from a more personalized practice. In 2012, I opened my own firm – Tracy Weintraub, PA. Over the years, I have built this practice by attending to my clients and ensuring that they could rely on my knowledge and experience.

After reading *Go Riverwalk Magazine* over a period of months, I decided to join the organization and ultimately became a board member. The networking and social events just seemed like a good fit for me and my business because I'm a resident of the Downtown area. I was also active with the Unicorn Children's Foundation and former board chair of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County. I am a member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

I've been married since 1983 and my wife and I have two married children and are grandparents.



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Rocco's Spirited Tacos, Tequila + Tatas featuring Rocco Mangel, Renée Korbel Quinn, and Genia Duncan Ellis



Hosts Amanda Austin & Lynn Martinez

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE BARTON (left)
PHOTOS BY ERIKA NELLY (above)

OPEN STREETS FORT LAUDERDALE 2016

Locals and visitors strolled, skated, and biked along Andrews Avenue at the annual Open Streets Fort Lauderdale event on Oct. 15. Open Streets is a car-free celebration that connects neighbors with their community and allows them to take back their streets for a few hours of good, heart-healthy, family fun. [60](#)



Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler kicks off Open Streets bike ride



City Manager Lee R. Feldman and Seth Moore



Encore Dance Theatre street performance



Gold Coast Derby Grrls



Helmet fitting

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FRIDAY NIGHT SOUND WAVES

Beachgoers kicked off the weekend sitting in the sand and listening to the tunes of the Big City Dogs at the Oct. 21 Friday Night Sounds Waves event sponsored by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. The free music series will continue every Friday evening Mar. 18- Aug. 5, 2017. [GO](#)



Big City Dogs

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Friday Night Sound Waves guests

WINTERFEST WHITE PARTY

On Oct. 28, members of the media and special guests celebrated the beginning of the Winterfest season at the Annual White Party event presented by GrayRobinson P.A. and hosted by Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa. [GO](#)



Jim Allen, Winterfest poster artist Charles Fazzino, Lisa Scott-Founds, and Susan Renneisen



Jonathan Keith and Tracy Lynn Keller Keith

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BY CHRIS WREN
Executive Director,
Downtown Development Authority



ALL DOWNTOWN WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT



PHOTO BY KEITH DOUGLAS

Tis the season for gift-giving and as children write their letters to Santa, it occurred to me: what if Downtown had a kind of urban Santa? Our Downtown is growing by leaps and bounds. More people are moving here all the time, office vacancy is at an all-time low, our cultural and nightlife scenes are flourishing, but there's still some room for improvement. What gifts would Santa have in store for our Downtown?

For starters, our Downtown Santa would give the gift of safe crosswalks to pedestrians so no one would feel they were in the path of danger. There'd be wide sidewalks with plenty of shade trees that would make walking in Downtown comfortable. Safe, inviting streets are essential, where anyone would feel comfortable to walk day or night, anytime. And he'd give the gift of friendly motorists who stop for pedestrians and don't exceed the speed limit. Santa would also give more bike lanes for road sharing and rule-abiding cyclists and drivers to allow for cars and bikes to coexist safely.

To the office buildings, Santa would give manageable traffic flows with reversible lanes on Broward Boulevard during peak rush hours. This would make the daily commute a breeze and would save time for everyone. He'd also provide more Class A office space for Fortune 500

companies to headquarter here, with plenty of alluring amenities. Additionally, he'd give these companies highly skilled talent to meet their hiring needs.

As Downtown welcomes more residents all the time, Santa would give them more dog parks and open spaces to recreate and enjoy the natural beauty of our lovely Downtown. Additionally, these folks need a variety of retail options to meet all their shopping needs. Remember when Publix and Winn Dixie were the only grocery stores here? Now there are multiple options to choose from. The same should be true of clothing stores and other retailers. So, he'd give more places to shop for clothes and other merchandise.

I'm not sure how he'll fit all that on his sleigh, but thanks in advance, Santa, wherever you are. I'm sure he knows that this Downtown is worth the extra effort. Christmas is a great reminder that it is better to give than to receive, so this holiday season, give generously to each other, be it a few moments of your time helping a neighbor, or even a fruit cake. It will brighten their day, just as those urban gifts will brighten this Downtown. There's still much to be done, but together we can create a world class city we all can be proud of.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, I wish you a joyful holiday season! 

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BY JENNI MOREJON

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WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

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Are you from here? Whenever someone asks me that question, I say yes. Then I follow up with a caveat, “But I was born in Charlotte and I spent 10 years in Colorado.” Why I add those details, and only those, I just don’t know. Why, when I describe where I’m from, do I not just say where I am? Do these other places and cities and towns really describe me, at least the present-day me? Just where is “home,” and where is “here”?

My earliest memories are rooted in South Florida. I’ve spent my career in Fort Lauderdale. My husband and I are raising our two sons in Pompano Beach. I even love humidity (well, more than cold weather!). But when I think about the places and houses I’ve lived in over nearly four decades – 12 total! – they all blend into a vision of home.

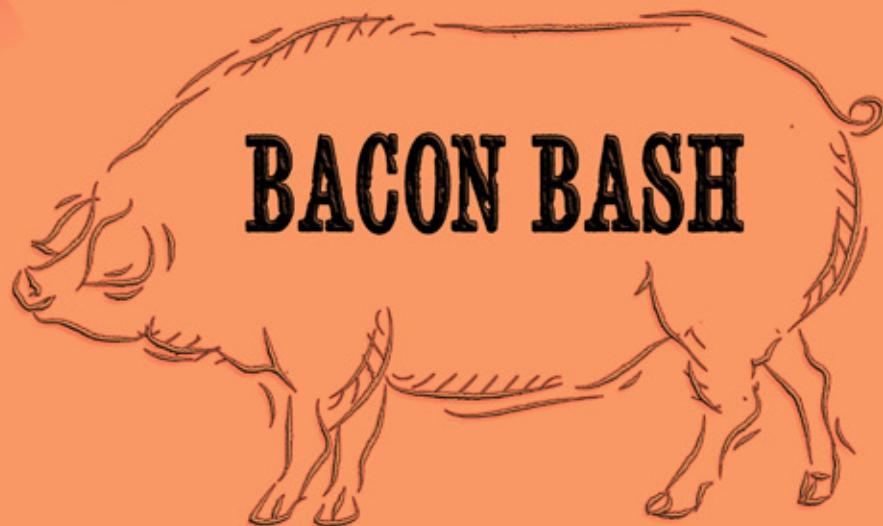
I don’t think I’m alone here. Many of us have called a number of places home. Others have been born, raised, and are still living in the same place where generations of family have taken root. I’ve met a number of people that have lived in South Florida for decades but still call somewhere else home. I’m beginning to meet a lot more

that have lived here less than a couple years but now take ownership of this place like it’s all they’ve known.

It may be overused, but home really is where your heart is. And if you’re anything like me, my heart has grown and loved the many places I’ve lived in, all shaping who I am now. I’m a mountain-girl, a college-town resident, a suburban transplant, a city studio-dweller, and a beach-bum. All of the places I’ve lived live inside me. These unique and diverse experiences, I believe, make me even more appreciative of and in love with the place I now call home.

Our family home in our neighborhood, alongside the close friends we’ve made on our block, is where I hope our two boys will envision when they’re asked later in life “Where are you from?” And no matter where they live as they grow up, if they’re anything like their parents, their vision of home will be a kaleidoscope of all the places that touched their hearts and influenced their lives. And they will love where they are.

Happy holidays. Enjoy them with those you love, in whatever place you love. ☺



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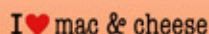
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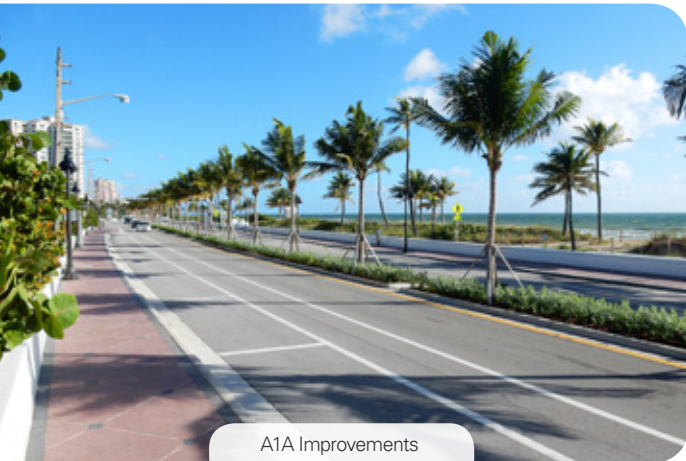
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Director,
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A1A Improvements



King Tide effects

Another King Tide Season is behind us, but not before leaving its mark. Seas once again pushed past our sandy beaches, seeped up through storm drains and overtopped seawalls into our streets, sidewalks, yards, and homes. The City's Public Works Department has operationalized adaptation during King Tide events through steps like cleaning storm drains to remove any blockages, retrofitting 116 stormdrains with one-way tidal valves, installing "No Wake Signs" to remind drivers to proceed slowly through neighborhoods, placing barriers and indicators to protect swales and prevent vehicles from driving off the road into the adjacent waterway, closing streets as necessary, and keeping our neighbors well informed.

The scenes of tidal flooding are not new for our neighbors, 75 percent of whom reported observing coastal water level increases in the 2015 Annual Neighbor Survey. Taking its cue from neighbors and guided by its work as regional and national leaders in climate adaptation, the City established a new approach to its Community Investment Plan in 2015. Priority is placed on investment in infrastructure projects located in designated Adaptation Action Areas (AAA), locations currently experiencing coastal flooding or facing future risk. The adopted 2017 budget identifies 40 projects in 16 Adaptation Action Areas. Many of these projects focus on streetscape improvements, which makes sense when you consider that the streets and sidewalks we move on are directly connected to our storm water management system and should incorporate adaptation into their design.

There is a great opportunity to leverage the timing of these two types of projects by integrating storm water

and adaptation improvements into streetscape projects and vice versa, by integrating streetscape design such as pedestrian and bicycle improvements into storm water improvement projects.

A great example of this and a model of collaboration between city, county, and state partners is the completed \$11.8 million State Road A1A Reconstruction Project following impacts from Super Storm Sandy. Project partners not only "built it back better" in terms of reducing future flooding, but also designed it to better accommodate all users through installation of wider sidewalks, installation of a bike lane, pedestrian lighting, and signalized pedestrian crosswalks along the stretch. These improvements also contribute to reaching the City's Vision Zero goal of fatality-free streets. As a hot spot for pedestrian fatalities, A1A is a priority location to apply the 5E's approach to reduce crash risks through engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation.

Less obvious are the planning efforts that are just as, if not more, critical to our long term resilience. The City worked with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) on its two phases of a South Florida Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Pilot. Next steps include integrating the report findings into the BMPO's transportation decision-making process, including its long-range plan that allocates available federal, state, and local funds over the next 26 years.


As you can see, there is no silver bullet solution but a collection of strategies – planning, programming, design, operations, and information sharing – that will continue to ready and strengthen our community for current and future impacts. 

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FAREWELLS AND CELEBRATIONS

INTRODUCING THE INCOMING DOWNTOWN COUNCIL CHAIR AND THE DOWNTOWNER OF THE YEAR HONOREE

As we wrap the calendar year, we have seen business flourish in many areas and others experience slow and steady growth over time. Density in the Downtown adds to that development as more residential units are brought on line and others are in full construction. This, coupled with the planned transportation additions, makes our Downtown a vibrant and exciting place to be.

With the culmination of my term as chair of Downtown Council, I want to thank my board members for always stepping up to the plate and working to make our Downtown a business hub and place that is desirable for companies looking for a great place to open or relocate.

Incoming chair Diane D'Angelo of the Riverside Hotel and The Las Olas Company will continue the mission of the Downtown Council. "The Mission of the Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is to build and maintain a vibrant business and cultural community in Downtown Fort Lauderdale through communication, collaboration, and leadership."

Of the several events that are under the umbrella of the Downtown Council, the Breakfast for Champions is an annual fundraising event for the Broward Partnership for the Homeless. This event raises much needed dollars to assist this organization in helping individuals and families get on their feet, making a living wage and back out living on their own in a suitable environment.

The signature event for the Downtown Council is the Downtowner of the Year event planned for Mar. 30, 2017. The honoree this year is Doug McCraw, founder of the FAT Village Arts District and a visionary in moving our city forward. Fort Lauderdale is becoming well known around the country as a first class destination complete with fine dining, beautiful beaches, an active Downtown, and exciting arts offerings. We ask you to join us in March as we honor Doug and his achievements. He is one of many that had a vision and made our city great.

Join me in welcoming Diane as the Downtown Council Chair. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is the place to experience better business. [GO](#)



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Diane D'Angelo
incoming Downtown Council Chair



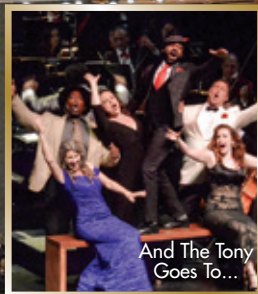
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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE BRINGS US HOME

During the fall and winter seasons, eclectic holiday traditions are celebrated around the world and at no other time do they bring one closer to home. Whether physically close to home or far abroad, the traditions of one's cultural holiday celebrations bring you home in your heart.

In the tradition of home, many say it is "where the heart is." Artists and organizations bring heart and art together in the spirit of giving. Giving to the arts and for the arts creates warmth and a sense of community. Whether attending an event, participating in an exhibition or simply sitting under a cool, evening winter sky on the river while the city is lit up for the holidays, there is an added benefit to being involved in the arts. Many arts organizations and artists provide these gifts through sharing creations from their heart in the form of talent, knowing that bringing "heart and art" together can be a key to success both mentally and emotionally for both the artist and the audience. In this time of seasonal giving, it makes sense.

Non profit art and culture organizations are driven by a mission of sharing culture and art instead of a mission for profit. Artistic individuals can't help it, they must create music, dance, visual art, theater, poetry. In the holiday season, consider joining in this sharing and giving of art and make a new choice to support individuals and organizations.

At home in Broward County, well-loved musicals such as Balanchine's *Nutcracker* performed by the Miami City Ballet at Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Ashanti Cultural Arts' *The Christmas Chocolate Nutcracker*, an annual tradition more than 15-years-old share both the charm of bringing home the holidays and also celebrating cultures abroad.

Miramar Cultural Center presents Rejoice 2016, an annual gospel concert featuring the Youth and Sanctuary Choirs, and the Annual Holiday Gift Mart in Southwest Ranches showcases holiday gifts and bake sales. On Dec. 4 the Historic Holiday Home Tour 2016 celebrates the preservation of history as eight historical landmark homes in Fort Lauderdale open their doors for public tours.

In Pembroke Pines at Children's Holiday in the Pines, Santa and his elves are in attendance at this exhibition of children's holiday artwork. The City of Oakland Park celebrates with free live music, Santa's Snow Village, and Mrs. Klaus' Kitchen on Dec. 9 in Music on Main... Rockin' with Santa. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's Light Up Lauderdale runs through early January in Downtown Fort Lauderdale and Light Up Sistrunk takes place on Dec. 2. These events gather local residents, prompting them to remember how nice it is to live in a small, growing, artistic community.

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I couldn't be more proud of the countless volunteers who donate thousands of hours to our mission. Equally impressive are the businesses that drive our program of work with support that is both in-kind and financial. I am particularly proud of our Chairman of the Board, Heiko Dobrikow, executive vice president of The Las Olas Company and general manager of the Riverside Hotel. We have developed a bond of trust and honor.

Dobrikow has raised the bar with his leadership this year. He has been keen to expand our vision with particular emphasis on structure and results. All great leaders have an uncanny knack for getting people to do things they otherwise wouldn't. Dobrikow exemplifies this characteristic. He is



Dan Lindblade, Genia Duncan Ellis, Courtney Callahan Crush, Carolyn Michaels, and Heiko Dobrikow at the 2016 Downtowner of the Year event

humble and a true servant leader.

We recently celebrated other leaders at our Salute to Business banquet presented by Bank of America along with support from many others. Jim Ellis, of Ellis Diversified, was honored as our 2016 Hall of Fame recipient. Other honorees included: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for Hospitality and Entertainment, Water Taxi for Maritime Services, S.MARK Graphics for Communications and Media, Alpine Jaguar for Broward Business, and the Children's Home Society of Florida as a Non-Profit.

Earlier this year, Ron Finkelstein, MBAF, received the Chair's Award and Stephen Moss, Holland + Knight, the Carolyn M. Michaels, IOM, Leadership Award. Courtney Crush, Crush Law, was honored as our Downtowner of the Year, and Yamilet Strauss, Merchant Processing Solutions, as our Small Business Person of the Year.

Success is only achieved through collective and cohesive action. Our secret sauce is derived from members who have a passion for making our region go from good to great. [GO](#)



City of Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor Dean Trantalis, Courtney Callahan Crush, Commissioner Chip LaMarca, and Broward County Mayor Marty Kier at the 2016 Downtowner of the Year event



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The marine industry and its members have a vested interest in protecting and preserving Fort Lauderdale's Historic District situated along the New River, and our mission to honor our past includes leveraging our institutional strength and partnering with City officials to further activate the area for the benefit of the entire community. There is a unique opportunity for us to collaborate and help rejuvenate this specific area of Riverwalk by celebrating and sharing our history and designing a prosperous future.

Ideally, buildings along successful waterfronts boost activity in the public spaces around them and limit residential development to improve year-round opportunities for festivals, concerts, and celebrations.

Waterfronts also flourish when they can be accessed by boat, bike, and foot, fostering a pedestrian-friendly climate and an indoor/outdoor promenade.

A historic waterfront like ours has the potential to become a vibrant urban center that attracts visitors from every walk of life, and there is no better group to spearhead that effort than the marine industry. As a steward of the waterways, our industry can facilitate the change that reflects our history, activates local commerce, and influences the preservation of the land along the river to become an integral element of the community fabric.

Creating awareness of the value of the Historic District is paramount to securing its ability to be self-sustaining. With a vision for development that leverages the talents of our industry's master craftsmen, provides opportunities for sustainable enterprises accessible by water and land, and engages local schools and civic organizations in learning about our past, we can revitalize and activate the waterfront so that our community's past, present, and future are inexorably intertwined.

We are fortunate to have the Historical Society perform the important function of chronicling our past, and we own the potential to impact our future through advocating for a precise mix of business, retail,

and restaurant occupants, (with some preference for additional not-for-profit organizations,) that would increase activity along the riverfront, appeal to local residents and visitors alike, and reveal the inherent charm associated with well-planned waterfront venues by hosting events such as antique boat and car shows, maritime art shows, and other community events and meetings.


Collectively, we have the chance to alter the perception that the Historic District of Riverwalk is our community's best-kept secret. Together, we can restore it to again be regarded as a vital community asset that serves as the catalyst for an effective, thriving waterfront that will endure. 



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INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS

SWEETER DAYS BAKE SHOP OWNERS PRIORITIZE CONSISTENCY OF PRODUCT, CONSIDERATE CUSTOMER SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Chocolate peanut butter, key lime coconut, southern red velvet, and salted caramel

Over the past decade, cupcakes have moved from the specialty shops of Manhattan to mainstream America. Cupcakes are a little taste of luxury, creative expressions of talented bakers who cater to our individual tastes and desires.

In 2010, Fort Lauderdale had not yet been touched by the cupcake revolution. But Steve Crombe and Will Rubino were about to change all that. After retiring from successful careers in the New York fashion industry, Crombe and Rubino wanted a fun little business they could work on together. From that goal, Sweeter Days Bake Shop (SDBS) was born. Being astute marketers in their previous careers and knowing nothing about baking or bake shops, they hired a consultant, who was a third generation baker. “What he taught us as a community bakery, is that a high quality, consistent product is paramount to our success,” explains Crombe. “For example a red velvet cupcake that a customer buys today has to taste just as great next week, next month, and next year when relatives come to town.”

Crombe and Rubino put their own marketing touches on everything from the color scheme and logo to packaging and the layout of the store. They like restaurants where customers can see into the kitchens, like Seasons 52 and J. Alexander’s. Crombe says that this demonstrates cleanliness and professionalism. Thus, they wanted to replicate this model in their store. As you walk into the bakery, there is a glass wall to the right where you can watch pastry chefs creatively working on the day’s wedding cakes and cupcakes.


In addition to focusing on consistency of a quality product, the owners also understood the importance of a consistency of flavors. They have perfected 10 flavored mainstay cupcakes. These 10 are always available and returning customers can always expect them: red velvet, key lime coconut, and salted caramel (drool...), just to name a few. Besides the daily flavors, they have an additional 30 rotating and seasonal flavors.

The store is open six days a week, but Crombe and Rubino work seven. They do it for their customers. Crombe explains, “We do it for those clients who may have ordered a wedding or

multi-tiered shower cake but it is too tall for them to store on their own. So, on any given Sunday we could have 12-15 pickups.”

Sweeter Days had two of the three key ingredients to opening a successful small business – a quality product and superior customer service. But how did they get the sales? “What initially put us on the map was our opening party. We had a lavish cupcakes and cocktails event in a tent out [in] front of the shop. We invited the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor, and other community dignitaries. Soon after that event, in walks the restaurant manager for Nieman Marcus. He had heard about us from several of the attendees. So we then started doing all their cakes,” says Crombe.

What followed was classic word-of-mouth marketing. Sweeter Days is now the cake maker for a variety of local hotels and restaurants, including The W Hotel, Ritz-Carlton, Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, Coral Ridge Country Club, Lauderdale Yacht Club, and the Broward Center. “The Broward Center is our largest client. We will create show-themed cupcakes for whatever is playing. For example, we have done cupcakes for *Wicked*, *Jersey Boys*, *Rent* and this season it’s very Disney, which lends itself to endless creative cupcake ideas.”

Sweeter Days has seen double-digit sales growth year after year. Their reputation is further enhanced by their community engagement. They work with over 40 schools and charities, including the American Heart Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward, and the Children’s Cancer Foundation. 

Small Business Stats SWEETER DAYS BAKE SHOP

Year founded: 2010

Founder: Steve Crombe and Will Rubino

Number of employees: 12

Fun fact: They’ve made 30,000 breast-shaped cupcakes for breast cancer awareness causes

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The world just became a little bit smaller, and that is big news for Greater Fort Lauderdale and the tourism industry. Beginning Dec. 15, Emirates will launch new daily service between Dubai and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. It marks the 11th passenger route for the airline in the United States. The daily flights will have a capacity to carry over 250 passengers and will open up connections to more than 150 cities in the Middle East, Africa, and the Far East. Dubai is a connecting hub for travelers heading to and from cities like Cape Town, Johannesburg, Bangkok, Singapore, Mumbai, and Karachi.

The direct service from Dubai to Fort Lauderdale not only opens the door to new tourism markets, it ultimately improves the traveler experience with quicker connections. And as U.S. Travel Association President and CEO Roger Dow noted, "...both flyers and local economies benefit enormously from higher customer service standards and the good, non-exportable jobs fueled by increased travel." This new flight opens up a gateway to the Middle East and Asia, two markets we have been beginning to build brand recognition with, but there has never been such convenient connectivity until now.

This new route is part of continued and unprecedented growth in airlift at Fort Lauderdale-

Hollywood International Airport (FLL). Since the opening of the new south runway, more than a half dozen new international routes are flying direct to FLL or soon will be. These include service to Cuba, Paris, Guadeloupe, Mexico City, and Quito. Add to that the expansion of direct service to U.S. cities like Nashville, Pittsburgh, and New Orleans too.

The Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is ranked 21st in the U.S. in total passenger traffic and 13th in domestic origin and destination passengers. It is anticipated that this December, we will see an average of 700 flights per day on 30 airlines.

Think of all we have to offer – our beautiful beaches and outstanding culinary offerings, which only continue to expand and receive rave reviews as well as critical acclaim; culture and arts that reflect the unique diversity of our destination and rival most major cities; and the nature and wildlife, the likes of which cannot be experienced anywhere else but South Florida. The world has certainly become smaller as each point on the globe becomes easier and easier to access. We're doing what we do best and working together in attracting new visitors to our sunny shores. There's never been a better time to be in Greater Fort Lauderdale and share the warmth and beauty of our cosmopolitan lifestyle in this beautiful destination.

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THE HEART OF HOME

A PERSONAL ESSAY ON THE JOYS OF HOMECOMING

WRITER DEBORAH SHARP

I was headed to graduate school the first time I moved from my hometown, Fort Lauderdale. It was 1980. Jimmy Carter was president. I was 26. The weather was cold and gloomy that first winter in North Georgia. Trees were bare. Skies were gray. So was my mood.

I still remember wiping the dust from my sunglasses when I returned home for semester break. “Was the hibiscus always that red?” I pointed to the flowers in my mom’s hedge, glowing scarlet in the bright sun. “Was the ocean always so blue?”

The things we anticipate, coming home, are both universal and highly specific. Of course, reconnecting with friends and family is high on most homecoming lists. For me, though, the memories that last from that trip back home are those that stirred my senses. I can’t honestly remember which friends I saw, or where we ate lunch. But after weeks spent staring at slate skies, I vividly recall feasting my eyes on sub-tropical color. Like a snake shedding skin, I peeled off heavy slacks and jacket. I felt the sun on my shoulders. At the beach, I inhaled the scent of salt and seaweed. In our yard, emerald grass tickled my bare toes.

I’d left Fort Lauderdale as an adventurer, off to scale scholarly summits. I returned like an eight-year-old summer camper, homesick and longing for the familiar. Scientists believe our yearning for home evolved over eons, a means to keep humans connected to the groups that offered relative security. With few defenses against predators or other dangers, our distant ancestors boosted their survival odds by banding together. Safety in numbers.

We no longer fear being ravaged by sabre-toothed tigers. Yet the connection still persists to home, and to the loved ones who live there. For evidence of our link and longing, look no further than popular culture: Music, books, and movies. Singers croon about it, from Bing Crosby (“I’ll be Home for Christmas”) to Ozzy Osbourne (“Mama, I’m Coming Home”). Well, Crosby crooned, in a white dinner jacket and bowtie. Ozzy, in black eyeliner and knuckle tattoos, sang his homecoming sonnet to drums, electric guitar, and the powerful gust of a hair-blowing fan.

In movies, a multitude of titles include the words “house” or “home,” running the gamut from heart-warming to terrifying. (“House of the Devil,” anyone?) On the book website, Goodreads, uplifting plots populate a list of 200 home- or house-related titles. Yet many authors choose to write of the sadness or tragedy of characters for whom home is denied. Toni Morrison’s “Home,” and Thomas Wolfe’s “You Can’t Go Home Again” both mine this theme. What’s it like to never have a home? Or, what if the home you’ve always had no longer feels like one?

I’ve wrestled with the latter question while growing up – and old? – over decades in Fort Lauderdale. In 1949, my parents bought a little house on SW 12th Street. Only about 84,000 people lived in all of Broward County then. Now a four-lane highway known as Davie Boulevard, our street was then a narrow country road. Horses grazed

across it, in a pasture lined with guava trees. My dad shot a 'gator after it crawled from Tarpon River into our yard, perilously close to the family dog and two toddlers – my younger brother and me.

In 1962, my father died suddenly of a heart attack. Even as we mourned, the house remained our home. Mom worked as a waitress, and our older sisters kept an eye on Kevin and me. I still recall the sweet-and-sticky scent of my sisters' hairspray, and hear their giggles from the bedroom. A dozen years younger, I was excluded from that teenage sanctum, left to bedevil my kid brother with endless games of pretend. "Let's be Seminoles in the Everglades," I'd say. "I'll be a princess."

Time passed. One by one, our sisters married and moved away. In later years, so did I. Growth exploded around that little house: 1.9 million people in Broward County today. Traffic hurtled past, a near-constant roar. Yet it still felt like home, because Mom was there. Kevin was, too. Then, in his 40s, he passed away unexpectedly, just like our dad. Mom, at 93, took the death hard. Her body and brain fell into decline. When she began to wander, confused, toward that rushing traffic, we had to move her into assisted living.

Now, when I drive down Davie Boulevard, I'm saddened by the lack of connection I feel to Mom's old house. Purged of her possessions after sixty-some years, it was sold, and then re-sold. It looks good now, this home of a stranger: Gleaming blue paint, white gravel driveway where her hedge once grew.

Psychologists speak of "place attachment," and study how memories and emotion fold into our notion of home. Somehow I lost that attachment to my family's empty house. Yet, I still feel connected to Fort Lauderdale as home – despite the crowds and congestion I gripe about with fellow natives. I grew up to a certain soundtrack: The tooting whistle of the *Jungle Queen* on




the New River, the clanging warnings of Downtown's drawbridges. When I'm away, I miss it.

And I still relish coming home.

Recently, my husband and I returned from a trip to cold, foggy Northern California. Before landing, our plane banked east, over the Atlantic. The sky was clear. The water sparkled. "The ocean's so blue," marveled a window seat passenger. I had to agree.

The next morning, a neighbor stopped at our yard to welcome us home.

"What a beautiful hibiscus."

"Thanks." I smiled at her. "It's always been that red." 

Deborah Sharp is a Fort Lauderdale native, a former journalist, and the author of the Mace Bauer Mysteries. She lives along the New River with her husband, Kerry Sanders.



POPPING BOTTLES

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CHAMPAGNE FAVORITES

WRITER ANDREW MCNAMARA



I am often asked to talk about my favorite wines. I am fortunate that I get to taste thousands of different wines each year, and I am always finding new picks. However, there is one wine that is a constant favorite: champagne. I am, for lack of a better word, a 'Champagniac.' There is not a more festive way to start an evening or a celebration than with the pop from the cork being removed from a bottle of bubbles. Whether you're looking for a hostess gift or wondering what to gift a loved one during the holiday season, you cannot go wrong with a bottle of true champagne. Here are just a few of my favorites, generally in order from lightest to heaviest and least expensive to most expensive.

Champagne Ayala Brut Majeur, Champagne, France NV – this is a medium-bodied, dry, elegant champagne with notes of crisp Granny Smith apples and honeydew melon. This is a multi-vintage blend that is perfect to serve at the start to any evening.

Champagne Delamotte Blanc de Blancs, Champagne, France NV – produced from 100 percent chardonnay, this champagne is elegant and full of toasty richness. Brioche, lemon peel, and lime dominate this dry champagne.

Champagne Billecart-Salmon Brut Rose, Champagne, France NV – considered one of the prettiest of all rose champagnes, this beautiful wine has notes of strawberry, red apple, and cranberry with a long, elegant finish. A great champagne for food.

Champagne Bollinger Grande Anne 2004, Champagne, France – Bollinger is one of the more famous names in champagne, and for good reason. This vintage champagne is full-bodied with notes of Meyer lemon, white peach, and red apple. The year 2004 was an outstanding vintage for champagne and this wine is pure class.

Champagne Salon "Le Mesnil" Blanc de Blancs 2002 or 2004 – this comes from one of the greatest champagne producers there is, with two outstanding vintages currently available. This is the best that champagne gets. Tightly wound with anise, lemon peel, peach, and pear, Salon is fantastic to drink now or put away for 30 years.

There are so many great champagnes available today. These are just a few of my favorites to enjoy at a party or give (or receive!) as a gift this holiday season. Enjoy, stay safe, and remember – no matter the question, the answer is always champagne! 🍾

Andrew McNamara is a master sommelier and Director of Fine Wine at Breakthru Beverage.

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BEND THE TREE WHILE IT'S YOUNG

BROWARD COLLEGE'S NEW ACCELERATOR PROGRAM IS POISED TO TAKE STARTUPS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

WRITER AARON PAUL

Our serene dwelling has always maintained a reputation for attracting driven sales professionals, serial entrepreneurs, and competitive talent. During a trip to Austin, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (GFLA) discovered the Capital Factory, "Austin's center of gravity for entrepreneurs," a hub that provides a nurturing environment for those going out on their own. The forward thinking GFLA decided that creating something similar locally was ideal. This January, Broward College (BC) will launch its Accelerator Program and its aim is to bend our trees while they are young.

Don Cook, a Philadelphia native living in South Florida since the mid '90s is Broward College's Executive Director of Marketing & Strategic Initiatives. He is eight months new to BC, and has quite the resume, decorated with experience in software development, startups, and venture capitalism. The Accelerator is one of the programs he spearheads in order to achieve his overall goal of generating alternative revenue streams.

With Cook at the helm, BC has partnered with The South Florida Accelerator, which owns Venture Formula. Venture Formula helps startups scale their business more efficiently by providing support, networking, mentoring, testing, and investor connections.


The program is not limited to students so any operating startup can easily apply and submit business plans through the Venture Formula website. Accepted cohorts will receive \$25K in funding in exchange for a small equity stake. At the culmination of the 14-week

program, the cohorts will have the opportunity to pitch their product to a room full of angel investors.

The Accelerator, located on the BC Downtown campus, will operate 24/7 and, in an effort to maximize its reach into the community, will open to the public once a week for a happy hour. On Wednesday Humpday Hops, the public will be able to sample a featured microbrew and network with the entrepreneurs.

Even before the Accelerator's official start, BC will host the ITPalooza Hackathon on Dec. 8. The event will give 2,000 of South Florida's top IT professionals the opportunity to rub shoulders with their peers and watch them compete. Coders and developers will have 48 hours to hack through a real world Internet of Things (IoT) solution. The winning team will earn \$25k, mentorship, increase in valuation, and admission to The South Florida Accelerator Cohort.

The BC/Venture Formula Accelerator offers the perfect environment to provide opportunities to network with other entrepreneurs, develop the skills and qualities of successful business owners, and explore investor mentorship. The program aims to supply a product that will eventually quench the growing thirst of our astute business culture.

If you are a local invested in our community's development, the Accelerator Program is an exciting complement to our existing development initiatives with the residual effect of producing a lineage of new businesses. As we continue to enjoy the luxury of immigrating business professionals, nothing beats homegrown talent. When we bend our trees while they are young, they sprout into successful local business, which will in turn attract more talent to continuously stimulate growth. South Florida's future looks accelerated. 



Don Cook, Broward College's Executive Director of Marketing & Strategic Initiatives



BC Accelerator located on the Downtown BC campus

Aaron Paul is a U.S. Army veteran and a South Florida local. He is a managing partner at Advice and Life, a financial consultancy headquartered in Fort Lauderdale. He likes to fish, try new foods, and raid Genia's fridge at the Riverwalk office.

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FLORIDA ACCENTS THAT
MAKE A HOUSE A HOME

WRITER ALEXANDRA ROLAND

Look up Florida décor on Pinterest and you'll find an endless sea of pins sporting turquoise and beige tones, wall art that references the sun, sand, surf, and sea life, and the occasional pink flamingo-clad armchair. Whatever your interior décor preference, we Floridians like to rep where we live – if it's just via a coastal statement piece or a room with all things Sunshine State. Browse through our selection of SoFla-inspired items to make your abode more reminiscent of our sunny seaside city. 

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FOLLOW THESE FOUR INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS FOR A LITTLE TASTE OF HOME ON THE DAILY

WRITER GABRIELLE ROLAND

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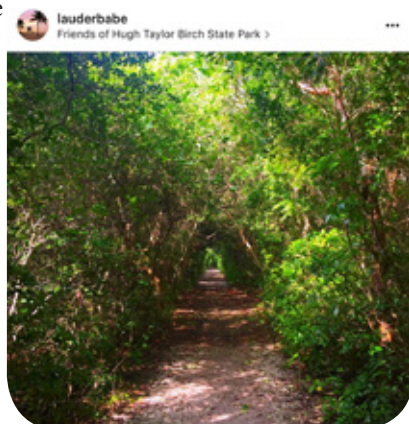
@TheSoFlaSage

According to Holli Lapes, the woman behind @TheSoFlaSage, the term "sage" refers to an individual who is knowledgeable about a particular topic – South Florida dining in this case. It's also the name of a popular seasoning, thus tying into the theme of culinary blogging perfectly. In 2014, Lapes started a food and drink blog called the South Florida Sage after encouragement from friends to combine her passion for cooking, nutrition, and photography. In addition to dishes at South Florida Restaurants, @TheSoFlaSage also posts about food festivals and competitions. Lapes believes "we eat with our eyes first," so she's meticulous about the quality of her photos, taking multiple shots and even using an external light source at times. She likes to use the VSCO app's C1 and F2 filters for her posts.



@Lauderbabe

This is an account chronicling the relationship between a girl and her city. The babe behind these shots is Diana Velasquez. She is inspired by her city and wants to share that with others. Scroll through her posts and you'll notice the striking theme of gorgeous Fort Lauderdale landscapes complete with #vitaminsea, towering palms, and South Florida sunrises. Velasquez's feed is speckled with beach scenes and cresting waves. She says, "Experiencing nature and being in the moment with your surroundings is humbling." This sentiment shines through her many posts of Fort Lauderdale's natural beauty where sunlight is her favorite filter.



@DPatron

Scroll through this feed and explore Fort Lauderdale with vantage points only birds could once enjoy. The man behind these aerial views is real estate photographer Danny Petroni. With the advent of drones, photography has soared to new heights. At one time, Petroni would have to shoot photos from the tops of buildings across from his subjects with his Cannon 5D Mark III. Now, with his DJI Inspire 1 Pro x5, he can stand on the Las Olas Bridge and take photos of the entire boat show to its furthest corner. He says the best thing about using a drone for his photos is the ease and the unique perspective it offers. Instead of using a preset Instagram filter, Petroni makes custom tweaks to saturation, highlights, and shadows to strike the perfect balance.



@DowntownFTL

Ashley Turner has a way of showing followers her city through new eyes. Her goal has been to be an ambassador of the fair city of Fort Lauderdale, highlighting the nooks and crannies of this gem with witty captions complete with quips and thought provoking messages. As community manager at Cadence Living, Turner's job is to be familiar with her surroundings and to see things from unique perspectives. @DowntownFTL reflects that perfectly.



@FortLauderdaleFoodie

Anna Rubin, the 'grammer behind this insta, is new on the blogging scene. Last year, during an internship, she was introduced to the idea and dug in with her very own account about what she knows best – eating out. Seek out this foodie, fill your phone with screenshots of mouth-watering plates, and start a #FoodieFriday tradition where you try out new restaurants. Your new favorite foods are waiting.



Follow @GoRiverwalk and @RiverwalkFTL on Instagram for #WakeUpItsMonday posts and updates about the magazine and Riverwalk events

MEMORY LANE

THE STORIES BEHIND ICONIC BOATS OF THE WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE

WRITER PETE STEVENSON

According to the Wintefest Boat Parade website, Fort Lauderdale's premier holiday event is viewed by more than a million spectators along the 12-mile parade route. It is the largest, one-day, live audience event in Florida and the seventh largest one-day event in the country. What has made this such a nationally recognized affair? Simply hardworking individuals, families, and friends coming together in the creative spirit of the holidays. Here are a few of their stories:

Rob Kornahrens | *Bus Barge*

Rob Kornahrens, president of Advanced Roofing, is a longtime participant in the Winterfest Boat Parade. He decorated his first boat, a 33' Donzi Center Console, in 1992. Back then, he was living in Pompano and thought it would be something fun and simple to do. Over the years it's still fun, but not as simple. He has moved onto bigger and more elaborate designs. He's even added a second vessel, a bus barge that has been decorated in a variety of ways over the years as The Yellow Submarine, and Kornahrens' favorite, a patriotic, full-scale fire engine with firefighters aboard, just months after 9/11. Kornahrens' boats have won too many awards to list.



Messingschlager's | *Mr. Bobb*

The Messingschlager family has a long tradition of decorating for the holidays. So it's no surprise that they have been a participant in the parade for almost 30 years. Their boat, the *Mr. Bobb*, is a 60' Hatteras Sport Fisherman. The lighting and decorations are all done by son Mark with help from children and grandchildren. Each year, they cruise with close to 35 people on board including a variety of dignitaries who have joined them over the years. In fact, in 1987 Bob Hope used the Winterfest Boat Parade as a backdrop for his television special *Bob Hope's Christmas Special*. "That year Bob Hope actually came aboard our boat and had a photo taken, which he used as his Christmas card that year," explained Peggy Messingschlager. Each year they add more lights and continue to win more trophies.



Frank and Olga DeCicco | *Bahia Breeze*

"We got a boat in the summer of 2010, and Frank said we were going to be in the boat parade that fall," said Olga DeCicco. Life got in the way and they both became too busy. "We never made the time for all the planning that goes into preparing a boat for the parade," she said. Then, in August of 2015 Frank was diagnosed with cancer and that's when he said they were going to be in the boat parade no matter what. The planning and weekly meetings at the DeCicco's home gave Frank a sense of purpose and a distraction. The hard work and preparation paid off as the *Bahia Breeze*, decorated to the theme of Disney's *Aladdin*, won for Best Overall Boat in the Private 20'-39' category.



Scott and Anita McIlvaine | *Bimini Twist*

Scott and Anita McIlvaine have been boat parade participants for 12 years, and their boat has been awarded 12 times. Clearly, they know what they are doing. "Our first year we just strung some lights and brought our home stereo on board," explained Scott. That year they won for Best in Sound. "Over the years we've added more and more. My wife puts together the music and I work on the design, then we argue about both," laughs Scott. Over the years they have built a large signature piece to adorn their boat, which has included the castle and dragon from *Shrek* and the yellow '32 Deuce Coup from *American Graffiti*.



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Lou Jezdimir | *Shirean*

Lou Jezdimir grew up around boats in Michigan and has a passion for the classic crafts of yesteryear. As Jezdimir puts it, "I've got varnish in my veins." The reason he got involved with Winterfest Boat Parade was a mutual understanding – the parade organizers wanted more classic and antique boats and Jezdimir wanted more people to see and appreciate these great pieces of nautical history. He has won several awards over the five years he's been a participant including Best In Theme – Classic 40'-59'. This year, look for Lou's newly acquired 1947 Tumpy – *The Aurora II*, decorated in its classic charm.



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A SPIRITED HOLIDAY

GINTASTIC COCKTAILS

WRITER RENÉE K. QUINN

When stocking your home holiday bar you have two choices: buy one of everything or buy what you need for your favorite cocktails (my recommendation). For me, these are the classics: Gin & Tonic, Manhattan, Negroni, and the Old Fashioned.

Let's start with gin, London dry style. You don't need liqueurs, vermouth, or any other spirits for this twist on the classic. Gather fresh ingredients from your local farmers market or grocery store. Try variations on fruits as your garnish.

COCKTAIL SPOTLIGHT: Golden Raspberry & Rosemary Collins

Cocktail recipe created by Nick Nistico, Beverage Program Specialist at Breakthru Beverage Florida

2 oz Fords Gin
1 oz rosemary simple syrup
1 oz fresh lime juice
4 golden raspberries

Shake it up and strain into a tall glass with ice. Garnish with golden raspberries, a sprig of rosemary, and a creoles bitter floater to add a holiday touch.

GET YOURS:

Stop by one of these Downtown restaurants or bars for a classic cocktail.

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Writer **RENÉE K. QUINN** - Mixing up the latest in culinary experiences, craft cocktails, and craft beers. Connecting with spirited friends to share ideas, stories, and life! Get social, tag @MyMixologista in your Tweets and Instagram finds.



COCKTAIL BASICS

Shaken vs. Stirred: When making a cocktail with any type of juice it is best to shake. When mixing all spirits and not using any juice, it is best to stir.

Making a bitter drink sweeter: Flavored syrups can add depth and complexity to bitter cocktails. Sugar allowed to rest with a variety of ingredients from coffee to fruit then mixed with water to create a syrup is a delicious addition to a bitter cocktail.

TYPES OF GIN

London Dry Gin has a very dry, intense juniper flavor, light in body, and aromatic. It is typically infused with various aromatic ingredients during the second or third distillation process, giving each brand its own unique taste. Unlike the name, London Dry Gin doesn't have to be made in London (most are not). Recommended for classic martinis and G&Ts.

Plymouth Gin is a less dry version of London Dry Gin that must be made in Plymouth, England. Infused with more roots, this style of gin has more of an earthier flavor with softer juniper notes than other styles. Currently, Plymouth Gin is the only type you will find.

The sweeter version to London Dry Gin, **Old Tom Gin**, is the preferred gin in a Tom Collins. The taste is somewhere between a London Dry Gin and Genever.

Revived by craft mixologists, **Genever Gin** is different in taste and color. Unlike gins made with cereal grains, Genever is made from malt grains, which give it a darker color and whiskey flavor.

International Style Gin refers to the newer style using the same base distilling process as London Dry Gin, but predominantly infused with flavors other than juniper berries.



Check out www.goriverwalk.com for more spirited **#BITES+SIPS** and recipes. Join Renée's **#conSPIRITors** by following her on Twitter and Instagram (**@MyMixologista**) and like her Facebook page, Spirited South Florida. Remember to **#DrinkResponsibly** **#GetSpiritedSouthFlorida**



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

NO-COOK FESTIVE APPETIZERS

WRITER PENNY SANFILIPPO AND JONNY ALTOBELL – THE UGLY SISTERS

Holiday Shopping List

Buy up to one month in advance

- 2-3 apples (Granny Smith or Honeycrisp)
- Baguette from the freezer section. Two are great for emergencies
- Caviar – see Caviar 101 (page 57)
- Cheese – 1-2 oz. per person. Brie, cheddar, feta, gouda, Swiss type
- Champagne – your choice. Even failures can go with bubbly!
- Chips – tortilla, pita, kale, quinoa
- Condiments – olives, tiny pickles, peppers, pickled garlic (1/4 lb. is plenty for four to six people)
- Crackers – be sure to have some gluten free! Water crackers, plus Crostini breadsticks too.
- Crème Fraîche (not easy to find) or sour cream
- Dip and dunk favorites (Trader Joe's is a good source) – tapenade, red pepper spread, garlic aioli
- Honey
- Hummus
- Jam – raspberry, fig or other favorites (seedless or really tiny seeds)
- Potatoes – tiny ones go well with dips or dunks
- Prosciutto/Serrano (ham)
- Salami/Chorizo
- Smoked salmon (sliced nova)



Most people can be divided into three camps as the holiday season approaches: Those who love this time of year and even shop, cook, and decorate early. Those who would happily volunteer for a moon shot without a pressurized suit if it meant they could miss November/December. And probably the largest group – those who alternate between the above, sometimes daily.

The hate often stems from a fear of cooking (or cooking badly). In our years of business, countless customers apologized for their lack of interest in or mastery of cooking. We always responded by telling them that we would have no business if everyone loved (and was good) at cooking. I can't rewire an electrical socket and have nothing but admiration for those who can. No apologies for a lack of ability to the electrician. But, being a professional cook/chef gives you a clearer idea of how to plan for events – even the unexpected ones that inevitably arise.

One of our most popular cooking classes has been “OMG” entertaining.” You know, like when you get the call on Thursday that your friends from Cleveland are flying in for the weekend to take a cruise, and could you all get together at your house?

The following are some almost no-cook festive appetizers that can be made with ingredients you purchase ahead of time. If some still remain after Jan. 1, use them for a Super Bowl party or that ever-special “Nothing Day” gathering.

Caviar and smoked salmon (nova) both have long shelf life. Add a small container of Crème Fraîche or good sour cream (we like Daisy brand – no additives) plus cocktail rye or neutral crackers and you have a gourmet appetizer.

Tiny potatoes keep in the fridge if you want to do semi-cooking. Roast for 20 minutes at 350 degrees or microwave for three to five minutes or until tender. Cool, cut off tops, and add cream and caviar or salmon or leave whole to dip in your favorite sauce.



Purchased hummus is pretty good – safe for vegetarians and vegans. Keep a package of tortilla or pita chips (or quinoa, kale) on hand. Put all in nice bowls and don't confess.

Cheese please. Brie or Camembert – you can put the wheels (small or large) on a microwave/oven safe plate. Heat until warm – about 10 minutes in a conventional oven at 350 degrees or for one to two minutes in the microwave. Top with warmed seedless raspberry jam. Serve with crackers or gingersnaps.


A slab of feta cut in half, topped with honey and coarsely cracked black pepper is outstanding. Serve with crackers or baguette.

Cheese selections – one each: sharp, creamy, blue, and something fun. All pieces should be served at room temperature. Serve with sliced apples or baguette slices.

Charcuterie items to make an impromptu platter:

Prosciutto (Italy makes the best, but it's not always easy to find) or Serrano Ham. Wrap breadsticks or arrange on thinly sliced baguette pieces with fig jam and a piece of Brie.

Salamae – More varieties are available un-sliced (look for fennel). Dry Chorizo is great too.

Serve your selection with olives, pickled garlic, and/or tiny peppers. Most grocery chains have olive bars. 

Penny Sanfilippo and Jonny Altobell (a.k.a. the Ugly Sisters) have owned Ala Carte Catering in Fort Lauderdale for more than 20 years. They recently retired from running their Downtown restaurant, the 11th Street Annex, and are looking forward to sharing all things food (restaurants too) with the readers of Go Riverwalk.

Caviar 101:

All supermarkets carry jarred stuff called caviar. This bears no resemblance (other than they are fish roe) with real caviar. Finding good stuff is less of a challenge once the holidays roll around, but don't be afraid to ask your favorite fish merchant to order some for you. Online sources are plentiful, but you will pay overnight shipping. We know Costco often has quality caviar during the holidays at a decent price.

Jars are typically ½ oz-1 oz. and prices vary widely. Widely ranges from \$20-\$120 per jar. Here's why: rarity and supply.

Beluga, Osetra, and Sevruga are three types of Russian Sturgeon. Each has its devotees, but the often mammoth fish were nearly exterminated due to over-fishing. Many other countries are now offering sustainable farm-raised Sturgeon varieties – you can get American or Italian versions of the classics, plus Hackleback, white Sturgeon, or Paddlefish at a fraction of the price of the Russian Sturgeon. All are delicious varieties but don't ignore the designer colored salmon or trout caviar (rosy pink/orange, naturally) or caviar from whitefish. Flying fish roe (Tobiko), which often adorns sushi rolls is fun, but not traditional.



Website Extras!

Some assembly required recipes appear on our web page. Ingredients can be purchased in advance. Visit www.goriverwalk.com/goriverwalk-magazine/dining for tuna tonnato dip and celery stuffed with blue cheese and hot pepper jelly recipes.



For additional events, check the Greater Fort Lauderdale events calendar:
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**Micro Mini Muse**

Dec. 1
 NSU Art Museum
 (954) 262-0258
www.nsuartmuseum.org

**Holiday Celebration and Open House**

Dec. 1
 Historic Stranahan House Museum
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**Kenny G.**

Dec. 1
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Dec. 1
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**Carmen**

Dec. 1 and 3
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Dec. 1 - 4
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Dec. 2
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Dec. 2
 The Ribbons for the Children event is Broward Center's opportunity to honor World AIDS Day while raising awareness and funds for children and families who have been affected by HIV/AIDS in our community. The exhibit will feature original artwork from almost 40 local artists. Broward Center for the Performing Arts
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**Richard Marx**

Dec. 2
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Dec. 2
 Fort Lauderdale History Museum
 (954) 816-3324

**Black Tie Ball**

Dec. 3
 The ball is the most elegant of Winterfest festivities and a highlight of Fort Lauderdale's social season. A live auction takes place inside the ballroom with items such as a wine estate vacation and a shopping spree from Carroll's Jewelers. Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
 (954) 767-0686
www.winterfestparade.com

**Cookies with Santa**

Dec. 3
 Embrace the spirit of the holiday season! Take a photo with Santa, create crafts with Mrs. Claus, enjoy music and stories with Mr. Winter, and get a free cookie from Hoffman's Chocolates. Historic Stranahan House Museum
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**Chopin for All Concert Series**

Dec. 3
 Broward County Main Library
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**The Skivvies**

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**SoFla Vegfest**

Dec. 3
 SoFla Vegfest is an entirely vegan festival that showcases plant-based cuisine and cruelty-free products. War Memorial Auditorium
www.southfloridavegfest.com

**Mario Cantone's Broadway Holiday**

Dec. 3
 Parker Playhouse
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**Orchid, Garden & Gourmet Food Festival**

Dec. 3 and 4
 Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
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**Riptide Music Festival**

Dec. 3 and 4
 The festival's multi-genre line-up is designed to appeal to a wide variety of audiences. The perfect South Florida weather in December makes the event an ideal holiday season destination and an exciting option for music fans everywhere. Fort Lauderdale Beach
www.riptidefest.com

**Florida Outsider Artists Exhibit & Fair**

Dec. 3 - Apr. 16
 History Museum Fort Lauderdale
 (954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

**Stanley Clarke**

Dec. 4
 Broward Center for the Performing Arts
 (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

**JA Mac Attack**

Dec. 4
 The JA Mac Attack is South Florida's newest extravaganza for all ages featuring a Mac Challenge to determine what restaurant has the best Mac & Cheese in town! JA World Huizenga Center
www.jasouthflorida.org

**Serenades @ Sunset: String Theory Jazz Trio**

Dec. 4
 South Florida's fresh new jazz trio of acclaimed musicians has created a formidable and energetic sound with daring improvisations on familiar classics and standards as well as originals to energize the stage! Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six
 (954) 335-7002
www.sota.org

**Craig Morgan: "A Whole Lot More to Me"**

Dec. 4
 Parker Playhouse
 (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

**The Naked and Famous**

Dec. 4
 Revolution Live
 (954) 449-1030
www.jointherevolution.net

**Donny and Marie Osmond**

Dec. 5
 Hard Rock Live
www.myhrl.com

**Memoir Writing with Anita Mitchell**

Dec. 5
 Whether you are just starting out or well into writing your memoir, this class is for you. Join a great group of people to share your stories with and learn writing techniques. Broward County Main Library
 (954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

**Captain's Meeting**

Dec. 5
 Captain's Meeting in association with Show Management. This is a mandatory meeting for all Boat Parade participants to receive line-up information, rules, and regulations for the parade. Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina
 (954) 767-0686
www.winterfestparade.com

**Jillian Michaels**

Dec. 6
 Parker Playhouse
 (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

**United Way of Broward County's Day of Caring**

Dec. 6
 Local volunteers from more than 30 companies will package more than 300,000 meals, which will be distributed by United Way of Broward County's Project Lifeline initiative to more than 25 food banks, pantries, and feeding programs throughout Broward County. BB&T Center
 (954) 453-3766
www.unitedwaybroward.org

**A Peter White Christmas featuring Peter White, Rick Braun & Euge Groove**

Dec. 7
 Parker Playhouse
 (954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org



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Broward Art Guild 66th Anniversary Members Exhibit
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Broward County Main Library
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A curatorial collection of art and gifts.
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(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org

Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series
Dec. 8
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

The Symphonia of Boca Raton: James Judd, Guest Conductor
Dec. 8
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org



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Sabrina Carpenter
Dec. 9
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Grand Marshal Reception
Dec. 9
This Winterfest event welcoming this year's Grand Marshal – Pitbull – includes dignitaries and celebrities who join in the celebration at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
(954) 767-0686
www.winterfestparade.com

Niykee Heaton
Dec. 9
Revolution Live
(954) 449-1030
www.jointherevolution.net

Miami City Ballet – George Balanchine's The Nutcracker®
Dec. 9 – 11
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Paradise City Comic Con
Dec. 9 – 11
Three days of fun featuring celebrity guests, comic book creators, voice actors, industry guests, cosplayers, artists, writers, panels, Q&A's, films and shorts, costume and cosplay contests, vendors, parties, anime, workshops, video gaming, and more!
Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center
(954) 767-0686
www.paradisecitycomiccon.com

The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade
Dec. 10
Starting in Fort Lauderdale's Downtown, traveling east on the New River and north on the Intracoastal to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach, it's 12 miles of the "Greatest Show on H2O."
New River and Intracoastal in Downtown Fort Lauderdale
(954) 767-0686
www.winterfestparade.com

Craftapalooza - Make It and Take It Gifts for the Holidays
Dec. 10
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

Family Fun Series: "Dorothy Meets Alice or The Wizard of Wonderland"
Dec. 10
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble: Holiday Treasures
Dec. 10
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Hasan Minhaj
Dec. 10
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Birding Classes - Bird Behavior
Dec. 11
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Lecture
Dec. 12
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Symphony Holiday Magic
Dec. 11 – 13
Ring in the holiday season with family festive favorites to put you in the holiday spirit. Frank Loconto – singer, songwriter, publisher, and recording artist – is joined by vocalist Cathy Van for this Christmas and Hannukah celebration, including Silver Bells, The Christmas Song and more.
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 335-7002
www.sota.org

Knitting and Crocheting with Larisa Baltin
Dec. 12 and 19
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella
Dec. 13 – 25
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Jon Faddis Quartet
Dec. 14
Commemorating the 100th birthday of trumpet legend Dizzy Gillespie in 2017, renowned jazz trumpeter Jon Faddis performs a tribute to Gillespie, his close friend and mentor.
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Art on the Plaza
Dec. 15
North Beach Art Gallery
(954) 667-0660
www.nobegallery.com

Author Robert Buschel Discusses By Silent Majority
Dec. 15
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library

Arts Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker"
Dec. 15 and 16
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Holiday River Tour
Dec. 15 – 23
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story 3D
Dec. 15 – Jan. 12
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)
www.mods.org

Arts Radio Network Series – "Miracle on 34th Street"
Dec. 16 and 17
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

"The Nutcracker"
Dec. 16 and 18
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

"Elf, The Musical, Jr."
Dec. 16 – 18
The off-beat holiday movie is lovingly adapted to the stage in this heartwarming and funny musical.
Florida Children's Theatre
(954) 763-6882
www.flct.org

Insane Inflatable 5K
Dec. 17
Central Broward Regional Park
www.insaneinflatable5k.com

Star Wars Weekend
Dec. 17 and 18
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)
www.mods.org

Doktor Kaboom: The Science of Santa
Dec. 19
Parker Playhouse
(954) 462-0222
www.browardcenter.org

Historical Society Festival of Lights
Dec. 21
Leisurely cruise down the New River and Intracoastal Waterway with a narrated historic tour and time to enjoy holiday lights on Millionaire's Row.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org

Star Wars Family Overnight
Dec. 26
Museum of Discovery and Science AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)
www.mods.org



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Winter Holiday Break Star Wars Themed Camp Adventures - Explore the Galaxy

Dec. 26 - 30

Discover the challenges of space travel and the technology. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930 www.mods.org



57th Annual Lauderdale Debutante Presentation

Dec. 27

The Marriott Harbor Beach (954) 562-1422

"Cinderella"

Dec. 29

Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Gavin Creel: The Broadway Concert Series with Special Host Seth Rudetsky

Dec. 30

Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222

www.browardcenter.org

Venerable Hsing Yun: One Stroke Calligraphy Exhibit

Jan. and Feb. 2017

Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443

www.broward.org/library

Genesis New Years Day with DJ Tracy Young

Jan. 1

Revolution Live (954) 449-1030

www.jointherevolution.net

Winter Holiday Break Star Wars Themed Camp Adventures - Star Wars STEM

Jan. 2 - 6

Take a closer look at the science and technology behind the big screen and explore lasers, Death Star engineering, Landspeeder aeronautics, and hologram technology. Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 713-0930 www.mods.org

Micro Mini Muse

Jan. 5

NSU Art Museum (954) 262-0258

www.nsuartmuseum.org

Holiday Hangover

Jan. 5

Make 2017 truly historic! Kick off the New Year with delicious food from various restaurants, specialty cocktails, house tours, and live entertainment. Each guest receives a chance to win a 25-person private party at the Historic Stranahan House Museum. Historic Stranahan House Museum (954) 524-4736 www.stranahanhouse.org

29th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part I

Jan. 7 and 8

Las Olas Boulevard Fort Lauderdale www.artfestival.com

Birding Classes - Birding by Habitat

Jan. 8

Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

Before Bonnet House: An

Archaeological Overview of the First 4,000 Years

Jan. 9

Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

Art Explosion

Jan. 9 - 27

ArtServe (954) 462-8190 www.artserve.org

Fiery Romances on the Big Screen

Jan. 10

Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 335-7002 www.sota.org

Pinion Passion Hour

Jan. 10

Thursday's (954) 614-6795 www.pinioninc.com



Roundabout Theatre Company's Cabaret

Jan. 10 - 22

Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Calligraphy with Tony Pastucci

Jan. 10 - Feb. 7 on Tuesdays

Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org



Houston Person

Jan. 11

Legendary tenor sax artist Houston Person has recorded everything from disco and gospel to pop and R&B, in addition to his trademark, soulful hard bop. Pianist, composer, arranger, Dean of the UM Frost School of Music and Grammy Award-nominee, Shelly Berg has performed and recorded with almost everyone in the industry. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Watercolor in the Gardens

Jan. 11 - Feb. 15 on Wednesdays

Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

Ruth Cohan Jewish Book Review Series

Jan. 12

Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Amernet String Quartet

Jan. 12

Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Acrylic in the Gardens
Jan. 12 - Feb. 16 on Thursdays
Bonnet House Museum and Gardens (954) 703-2606 www.bonnethouse.org

Henry Rollins

Jan. 13

Henry Rollins used to be front man of the legendary punk band Black Flag, but is now known as a keen activist, record label owner, actor, writer, and presenter for radio and television. Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Guy Bavli - Master Of The Mind

Jan. 13 - 15

Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Meditation Workshop

Jan. 14

Broward County Main Library (954) 357-7443 www.broward.org/library

Saint Anthony's 5K 4 Kids

Jan. 14

Saint Anthony's Catholic Church (954) 728-1040 www.childrensdiagnostic.org



Stone Crab Seafood Festival

Jan. 14

Come celebrate South Florida's wonderful seafood industry at Riverwalk's Sixth Annual Stone Crab & Seafood Festival. Esplanade Park (954) 468-1541 www.goriverwalk.com

Jeanne Robertson

Jan. 14

Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

The Five Irish Tenors

Jan. 15

Parker Playhouse (954) 462-0222 www.browardcenter.org

Pop Evil

Jan. 15

Revolution Live (954) 449-1030 www.jointherevolution.net

Drugs: Costs and Consequences: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause

Through Jan. 16

Museum of Discovery and Science (954) 467-MODS (6637) www.mods.org



Bacon Bash

Jan. 22

Bacon inspired dishes, both sweet and savory, from several local restaurants and food trucks will be featured throughout Esplanade Park. Prepare to be amazed at what restaurants cook up and wear your swine swag and pig out with us at Bacon Bash with DJ Two Story Lori. Esplanade Park (954) 468-1541 www.goriverwalk.com

Übersmensch (Superman)

Jan. 24, 2017

The South Florida Symphony Orchestra performs with violinist Tessa Larkin in the opening program of the 2016-17 Masterworks Series. Broward Center for the Performing Arts www.browardcenter.org

Belief + Doubt: Selections from the Francie Bishop Good and David Horvitz Collection

Through Jan. 22

This exhibition provides a snapshot of contemporary art from the 1990s to the present with works by more than 60 artists. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale (954) 525-5500 www.nsuartmuseum.org



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Through Feb. 17
Museum of Discovery and Science
AutoNation IMAX Theater
(954) 463-IMAX (4629)
www.mods.org



Exhibition: Francesco

Clemente: "Dormiveglia"
Through Apr. 23
"Dormiveglia" features nine large-scale oil paintings conceived in 1998 and other works by Francesco Clemente, a leading figure of the Neo-Expressionist movement.
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org



Exhibition: Samson Kambalu:

"Nyau Cinema"
Through Apr. 23
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 525-5500
www.nsuartmuseum.org



Voyage of Time: The IMAX Experience®

Through Apr. 27
Museum of Discovery and Science
AutoNation IMAX Theater
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www.mods.org



Exhibition: Regeneration Series: Anselm Kiefer from the Hall Collection

Through Aug. 27
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
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www.nsuartmuseum.org

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Riverwalk Water Trolley

Ongoing
Seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
The Riverwalk Water Trolley travels along the New River from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to Stranahan House. There are four stops on the north side of the river and four on the south side. Passengers ride for free.
(954) 761-3543
www.riverwalkwatertrolley



Full Moon Mangrove Tours

The night of the full moon
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 564-4521



JM Lexus Sunday Jazz Brunch

First Sunday of the month
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Riverwalk Park
(954) 828-5363



River Ghost Tours

Sunday night
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org



Las Olas Sunday Market

Sundays • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Plaza at YOLO
(954) 214-9933
www.lasolassundaymarket.com



Frank Loconto and Friends at Mango's

Second Sunday of the month
Mango's on Las Olas Boulevard
(954) 684-1399



Chair Yoga with Ester

Mondays
Follow the yoga instructor at your own pace. No experience needed.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



Open Mic Tuesdays

Fourth Tuesday of the month
ArtServe
(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org



Living Well Program - Tai Chi and QiGong Sessions

Tuesdays
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 566-0660



El Club

Tuesdays
Brush up on your Español.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7439
www.broward.org/library



English Café

Wednesdays
Learn to speak English in a friendly environment.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7439
www.broward.org/library



Crossroads Café

Wednesdays
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7439
www.broward.org/library



Broward Means Business

Quarterly
Business networking event with presentations on local business topics.
History Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 463-4431
www.flhc.org



Behind the Scenes Private

Living Quarters Tours
Second and fourth Wednesday of the month
Bonnet House
(954) 703-2606
www.bonnethouse.org/hours-fees



Board Games for Adults

Thursdays
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



Coloring for Adults

Thursdays
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



Free First Thursday Starry Nights

Thursdays
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale
(954) 262-0245



Live Animal Shows

Fridays and Saturdays
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 566-0660



Ranger Guided Walks

Fridays
Hugh Taylor Birch State Park
(954) 566-0660



First Fridays: Book Event and Pickers Sale

First Friday of the month
Pick up new and used books and gently used items. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries.
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



First Fridays: Family Shabbat

First Friday of the month
Downtown Jewish Center Chabad
(954) 667-8000
www.downtownjewish.com



Food in Motion Flagler Green Market

Second Friday of the month
Feldman Park
(754) 800-9765



The VoiceBox

Fourth Friday of the month
ArtServe
(954) 462-8190
www.artserve.org



Introductory Art of Photography with Jack

Saturdays
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



Advanced Art of Photography with Jack

Saturdays
Broward County Main Library
(954) 357-7443
www.broward.org/library



Flagler ArtWalk

Last Saturday of the month
FAT Village
(754) 800-1640
www.flaglerartwalk.com



Docent Guided House Tours

Ongoing
Historic Stranahan House Museum
(954) 524-4736
www.stranahanhouse.org

RIVERWALK RECREATION

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www.RiverwalkRec.com

• Cardio Mix with Josh Hecht

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Esplanade Park
Times and dates subject to change depending on weather.
(954) 232-7737

• A Dog's Best Friend Group Classes Intermediate Dog Obedience Class

Thursdays | 7 p.m.
Masters Dog Obedience Class
Thursdays | 8:15 p.m.
Esplanade Park
www.adogsbestfriend.com

• Cycle Party Tours

Everyday | Reservation required
Jump aboard a 15-person quadricycle and experience Fort Lauderdale in an entirely new way.
(954) 633-4665
www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale/cycleparty

• Bike & eTrike Tours

Everyday | Reservation required
Tours are along the north and south sides of the river focused on the Riverwalk.
(954) 633-4665
www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale

• Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals

Everyday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Along the New River
Explore the yachting capital of the world in a kayak or on a paddleboard. Launching from Esplanade Park.
(954) 633-4665
www.cp-tours.com/fortlauderdale

• Fort Lauderdale Segway Tours

Everyday | 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Reservation required
Take a one- or two-hour Segway tour in Fort Lauderdale on the Riverwalk. Training provided.
(954) 304-5746
www.segwayfortlauderdale.com

• EcoBoat Rentals

Everyday | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Reservation required
2525 Marina Bay Dr. W.
www.ecoboatsfl.com
(954) 5000-ECO



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GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ALLIANCE ANNUAL DINNER

The annual meeting featured a keynote address by GuideWell CEO Pat Geraghty and the installation of Bill White as new Chair of the Board.



SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT RUNCIE, ALI WALDMAN,
"ALLIGATOR" RON BERGERON, AND LAURIE RICH LEVINSON



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15TH ANNUAL SIGNATURE GRAND GHOUL

More than 600 attendees, including Miami Dolphins alumni and local celebrities and notables, gathered to raise a grand total of nearly \$55,000 for 2-1-1 Broward.



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MICHAEL WILD, O.J. MCDUFFIE, AND BOB BIRDSONG

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THE FRIENDS OF BIRCH STATE PARK GARDEN PARTY

Nearly 200 attendees gathered to raise matching funds provided by an anonymous donor for a meditation garden within Birch State Park.



MIMI BAUER, ANN JOYNER, AND UNA MURPHY



SCOTT BAYNES AND GALE BUTLER



LORI CHEVY, JIM ELLIS, AND ALICE JACKSON

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DANIELLE PERRY

TITLE OF WORK: LITTLE MED BOATS


Danielle Perry discovered she had artistic talent at the ripe age of eight-years-old. “I began expressing myself through drawing,” she says. She is native to Canada but had a strong urge to move to the sunny and tropical region of South Florida. In 2000, Perry made her dream a permanent reality. She packed her canvases and headed for the salty sea life.

Her love of the sea is what brought her to a warmer climate and is her inspiration for painting sea life. But that’s not all; she strategically balances her life as an artist and freelance yacht chef. “I am an artist first, that’s where my heart is,” she says. Perry is known for her serene still life and oceanscape works with acrylic and oil paints.

She continues, “As a freelance yacht chef, I do no more than one month if I am in the Mediterranean and one to two weeks in the Bahamas, New England, and Caribbean. This helps me stay focused between yacht contracts so I can devote my time to catching up with art clients, ordering prints, and replenishing inventories in stores, galleries, art shows, and [fine art] festivals.”

Perry considers herself a studio and *plein air* painter,

and has been known to offer oil and acrylic painting classes and perform live painting sessions. She would love to be able to paint while out at sea but there isn’t much room to move around, much less time to really focus on painting. The hours can be long and tiresome but when she has some downtime, she is inspired to explore the islands and snap a few pictures for her next pieces. Images such as boats floating along the harbor, water reflections, and endless horizons, give her just what she needs to get her creative juices flowing when she gets home.

She says that a true artist sees the world from an artistic view and has no boundaries when it comes to creativity. Art is something that she makes time for. “I couldn’t imagine my life without that precious time of tranquility and self-expression,” she says. Painting brings her back to the best memories in her life and is a form of relaxation and positivity. “My need to paint comes from deep within and wanting to contribute beauty and colorful vibes to the world.” For more information about Perry’s works, visit www.danielleperryfineart.com. 





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DECEMBER 10, 2016

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Open to 3rd – 5th grade Broward County students – Art will be displayed at Galleria Fort Lauderdale.

DEC. 3 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® BLACK TIE BALL PRESENTED BY PATRIOT NATIONAL INC. in association with Republic National Distributing Co. and Bubbly from Taittinger Champagne

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DEC. 5 - CAPTAIN'S MEETING PRESENTED BY SHOW MANAGEMENT, Hosted by Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina.

ACR Electronics raffle items for Parade participants.

DEC. 9 - SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® GRAND MARSHAL RECEPTION PRESENTED BY HOTWIRE COMMUNICATIONS

This a private reception to honor our Grand Marshal, Pitbull and meet other Parade celebrities such as Captain Lee and Miss FL USA. Become a Sponsor – Get Invited!

DEC. 10 - WINTERFEST® GRANDSTAND VIEWING AREA POWERED BY FORD

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