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Bagels & Book Clubs Breakfast - November 18, 2014

On Tuesday, November 18, 2014, Nicholas G. Penniman IV, author of *NATURE'S STEWARD, A History of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida*, will be the featured speaker for a Bagels & Books Clubs Breakfast at 2900 Gordon Drive in Naples.

Mr. Penniman is former publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and was Senior Vice-President of newspaper operations for the Pulitzer Publishing Company.

During his term as President of The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, he was able to contribute to the efforts begun over fifty years ago to preserve and protect this environmentally significant part of Florida.



NICHOLAS PENNIMAN IV

Historically, the contribution of large tracts of land by Baron Gift Collier, resulting in the completion of the Tamiami Trail from Everglades City to Florida's east coast in 1928, is documented. As an awareness of the significance of the natural resources in the Southwestern part of the state occurs, its preservation becomes important. Even a 'road to nowhere' and advertisements for 'fish cake' are mentioned; giving interesting local labels to the conflicts they prompted.

In an 'Acquiring Land' chapter, Penniman describes the early organization of the Collier County Conservancy as, first, an adjunct to the Nature Conservancy. It is surprising, but gratifying, to read about the dedicated efforts of a small group of loyal and generous citizens helping achieve a goal of independence.

A second historically important stage of environmentally responsible progress mentioned in the book, 'Managing Growth,' gives the details of continuous challenges experienced by dedicated Conservancy members. Again, carefully and precisely, Penniman includes detailed information of the group's efforts to preserve the unique and special natural elements found in Southwest Florida.

It is in the important final section, 'Water,' stressing the importance of preserving this vital resource, where Penniman proselytizes that addressing this need is necessary in order to ensure residents can continue to live here comfortably. This informative and valuable book is a wise addition to everyone's reading list.

Sandy Linneman, Editor

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January 26, 2015

GREG ISLES explains his mission in writing is 'to tell the truth.' He has had 14 New York Times best sellers published.

Isles first achieved recognition in 1993 with SPANDAU PHOENIX about Nazi war criminal, Rudolf Hess. This past spring, a sequel to his successful trilogy featuring charismatic Penn Cage, was released. THE BONE TREE, next in the series, is scheduled for publication on April 28, 2015.

Isles is part of the legendary lit-rock group, 'The Rock Bottom Remainders,' contemporary American writers enthusiastically performing rock-n-roll.

March 2, 2015

JOSEPH FINDER is the author of THE MOSCOW CLUB, voted 'one of the best spy thrillers of all time.' After attending Yale, he earned a master's degree from Harvard's Russian Research Institute. Originally, his intent was to be a spy but now, as a writer and a Red Sox supporter, he lives in Boston with his family.

In 2006, he was winner of the International Thriller Writers Award for Best Novel, KILLER INSTINCT. No longer in print, his novel about Dr. Armand Hammer, "RED CARPET: The Connection Between The Kremlin and America's Most Powerful Business Man," placed him in the forefront of espionage writers.

March 9, 2015

LISA GARDNER is an International mystery author who has had over 22 million books published. A detailed researcher, she frequently contacts law enforcement for advice. Her first book was published before she was 20 and her 30th novel, "CRASH & BURN," has just been scheduled for publication.

In 2004, a CBS Movie of the Week was made from her novel, "THE SURVIVER'S CLUB." Hardcover Novel of the Year in 2010, "THE NEIGHBOR," became a movie. Then, in 2011, TNT used "HIDE" as the basis for a television movie.

March 23, 2015

SANDRA BROWN, a native Texan, is a prolific writer with over 70 books published and 80 million sold. She began writing, at first, under the pseudonyms Rachel Ryan, Laura Jordan, and Erin St. Claire, but now only uses her own name.

Brown was raised in Ft. Worth where she attended Texas Christian University; majoring in English. From her three TEXAS novels (1991-1992) to MEAN STREAK, published in 2013, she has been a constant presence on the NYT bestseller lists.

She has won the Romance Writers of America's "Lifetime Achievement Award" and is past President of Mystery Writers of America.

NON-FICTION LECTURES

RON POWERS

January 12, 2015

LAWRENCE GOLDSTONE

February 2, 2015

DAVID O. STEWART

February 16, 2015

WALTER KIRN

April 13, 2015

WEST WING ART GALLERY



JOSEPH C. PARISI DVM

DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club has mounted a new exhibit displaying members' work at the Central Avenue Branch of the Collier County Library.

Founded in July 2004 by Sonny Saunders and Bill Coakley, the group now has 250 members and is enthusiastic about accepting new people. Dues are \$30.00 annually.

Monthly meetings of the Club are open to anyone with an interest in digital photography and imaging. Held on the second Thursday of the month from 7-9 pm at the Collier Branch of the Edison State College in Building J of the Conference Center, meetings are free.

Web site: <http://dpi-sig.org> Email: dpi-sig@naples.net



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FALL BOOK CLUB BEAT

A return to Naples usually means selecting books a Club will read during the coming year. While we can't know just how many Clubs are already prepared, nor how many use that first meeting to begin selecting books, we do know it's always fun to begin. Don't we all look forward to getting together and starting that enjoyable process of selecting and, eventually, discussing those books?

Thinking about sources for a selection process, a list of websites might begin with www.goodreads.com, the largest source of reader choices in the world. From many choices, a club can select a genre, or an author, or a topic.... for a start.

Another substantial website, www.gale.cengage.com/booksandauthors includes published reviews from many sources. Biographies of authors and information about popular and classic literature in extensive files, complete their offerings.

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