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Sue Monk Kidd, an iconic name in American Letters, is recognized for examining the lives of people who have required endurance in order to survive. Born and educated in the South she, like so many girls raised in our society, prepared for a life caring for others and chose a career as a nurse.

But, developing a strong attraction to writing, eight years after graduating from Texas Christian University, she submitted and had her first work published in GUIDEPST. Now the author of THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES, THE MERMAID CHAIR, and THE INVENTION OF WINGS, her many fans are so glad she made that decision!

While Kidd's first work was non-fiction, these later novels are narratives illustrating characters who explore insights into life she believes are significant and challenging. Her creations are people who come to life, make readers care, and are impossible to forget.

A consistent theme in Kidd's work is an examination of the role of women in modern society. In THE INVENTION OF WINGS, it is poignant the main character, Sarah Grimke (based on an early suffragette), pursues equality for women, despite knowing the result would be a loss of the man she had grown to love.

The relationship between mothers and daughters frequently appears in Kidd's books. She has explained the potential inherent in this connection is possible to include, but not to ignore. Mauma "had sewed where she came from, who she was, what she loved, the things she'd suffered and the things she hoped. She'd found a way to tell it," as her daughter, Handful, admires about her quilting.

Kidd, an ardent supporter of women's rights, is particularly sensitive to the lives endured by slaves in early America. In THE INVENTION OF WINGS, Handful says to her owner, Sarah, "My body might be a slave, but not my mind. For you it is the other way round." Focusing on gender equality as well as civil rights has earned Kidd significant recognition for her work including the 2005 Quill Book Award for General Fiction.

Ms. Kidd is married to Sandford (Sandy) Kidd and has two children, Bob and Ann. Their home is in southwest Florida.



SUE MONK KIDD

May 12, 2015 9:00-11:30 am \$100 2900 Gordon Drive 262-8135

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JOSEPH HESSETHALER

Not surprisingly, Joe and his wife Kathy fell in love with Naples while vacationing here. Before relocating, they called Haddonfield, New Jersey, home for almost thirty years.

A graduate of Trinity College with Phi Beta Kappa status, Joe's undergraduate degree is in math. He continued his education at Harvard Law School, earning a degree in 1972. Early in his professional career Joe was a Tax/ERISA partner at Pepper, Hamilton, and Scheetz in Philadelphia. He went on to become Vice President at Towers Perrin. His passion for teaching led him to work for the Villanova University Graduate Tax Program and the Philadelphia

Paralegal Institute, and he has served as an advisor to major corporations and nonprofits as well.

Remaining equally active in retirement, Joe can be found playing tennis at Cambier Park and working out at NCH. When it comes time for Spring Training each year, Joe works at customer Service for the Red Sox. An avid reader, he tends to favor American history. Michael Shaara's *The Killer Angels*, which deals with the Battle of Gettysburg, is perhaps his favorite novel.

Joe credits his parents foremost among his many heroes who have contributed to his success along the way. He brings to Naples and to FOL his joy of being with people and helping out wherever he can.

CATHI JOHNSON

"There is something to be learned from every book written," professes Cathi Johnson, a passionate and voracious reader. Perhaps that is why she makes it a point to finish every book she begins, even those she doesn't particularly like. Cathi has travelled the world through the hundreds of books she has read; fiction and nonfiction alike.

Born in Kankakee, Illinois, Cathi lived life on a farm until her family moved to a suburb of Chicago. She attended the University of Wisconsin but returned to Illinois to pursue a career in real estate. Cathi is married to her childhood sweetheart, and preferring life in Paradise to snowy Chicago, they came to Naples in 1979 where they have raised a family of three sons and four grandchildren.



Before joining Friends of the Library, Cathi served Youth Haven for eleven years, and she continues to volunteer for the United Way. Professionally, Cathi has been in banking for almost thirty years and currently manages the Park Shore and Goodlette offices for Iberia Bank.

She is certified as an Accredited Wealth Management Advisor and as a Florida Realtor.

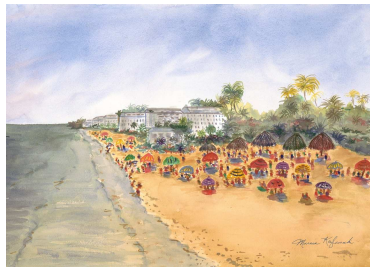
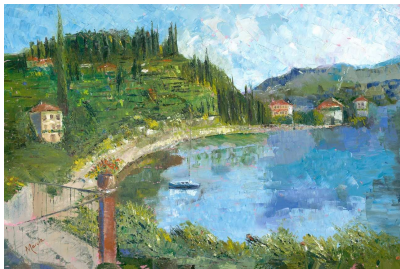
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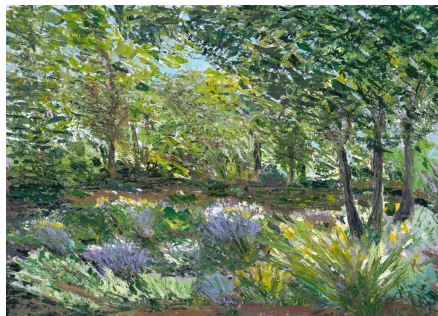
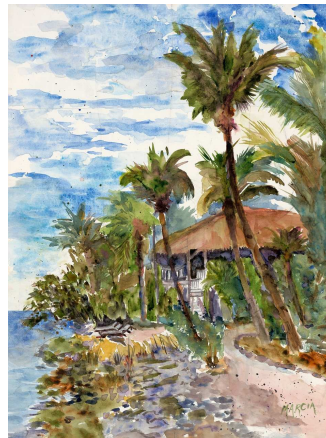
Marcia Madura Kozlowski earned a degree in Elementary Education but didn't begin her teaching career until her children were in school.

Living in Valparaiso, Indiana, while earning a Master's in Reading and Learning Disabilities, she continued teaching, as she returned to the art classes which had always fascinated her.

After retiring, choosing to work, at first, in watercolor and pastels, she developed an enthusiasm for mixed media painting. As a result, her work was accepted in a juried show at the von Liebig Art Center.



Marcia's paintings will be exhibited at the West Wing Gallery of the Central Avenue Branch of the Collier County Library starting on April 15, 2015.



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- Village Walk Book Club
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- Vineyards (2)
- Vineyards Afternoon Book Club
- Vineyards Evening Book Club
- Vineyards Night Time Book Club
- Vineyards PM Book Club
- Windstar Book Group
- Windstar Book Review
- Windstar on Naples Bay Book Review
- Wyndemere Book Club

VALERIE KOCIN, DIRECTOR, COLLIER COUNTY LIBRARY

The Collier County Library System informed FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY that Valerie Kocin, who earned the Certified Public Library Administrator designation from the American Library Association, has been hired as the next Library Directory for Collier County.

For the past several years, she has worked in leadership positions within the Cuyahoga County Ohio Library System. Ms. Kocin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Chancellor University and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences from Kent State University.

Cuyahoga County Ohio Library, with 28 branches serving 47 communities, is one of the largest systems in the country. It has a reputation as a progressive public library system and has experienced considerable growth in circulation in the last four years.

Ms. Kocin has managed a number of special programs within the system, including technology labs, homework centers, job clubs, and tutoring zones. She is known for efforts to build partnerships between the library, local governments, and businesses in the Cleveland area. In 2009, she was named IMPACT! Person of the Year by the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to a business or individual who has "made an outstanding contribution to the betterment of life in the communities our chamber serves."

Ms. Kocin is expected to relocate to Collier County in April to begin her responsibilities here.

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