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## Seasons in the Symphony

Gay Wasik-Zegel

Symphony orchestras don't grow by chance. Their presence in a community is indicative of thoughtful management, patron and donor support, as well as the ability to attract and maintain quality musicians. How did we get so lucky to have The Florida Orchestra right on our doorstep? It all starts with the musicians, each dedicated to mastering and passing on the gift of music. I recently met with Florida Orchestra violist, Barbara Rizzo, at her Snell Isle home, to gain a better understanding of what it takes to be a symphony musician.



Barbara Rizzo and her viola

### FERTILE SOIL

Barbara was born into music in Brooklyn, New York. Her father, Richard L. Wolfson, was somewhat of a musical prodigy. "For at least a year or so, my dad had his own Saturday morning live radio show playing recitals when he was around fifteen years old," recalls Barbara. "He was fascinated with jazz and improvisation and used to go by himself to Tin Pan Alley on his scooter and hang out there." By the time Barbara was born, her father was hanging out with some of the big names in the business. "I was under five at the time, but I remember him talking about playing piano pretty regularly for quite a few years for Ray Heatherton in his big band;

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## Tom Harris: Journalist for Justice

Will Michaels



Tom C. Harris began work for the Times as a 14-year-old copy boy in 1923. By age 17 he was city editor. Circa 1925.

Tom C. Harris joined the *St. Petersburg Times* (now the *Tampa Bay Times*) as a copyboy in 1923 at the age of 14. His mother had taken him to the paper asking the manager if they had a job for "my son." At the time, Tom was still in high school and wearing short pants, or what was known at the time as knickers. The manager introduced Tom to the staff as the new copyboy and then deadpanned, "He says he wants to be editor of the *Times*."

Tom Harris' big break at the *Times* came two years later. He was the only one available to cover a gruesome murder in which an 18-year-old killed both his parents. His story made the front page and he was promoted to police reporter. One of the *Times*' staffers also rewarded him by buying him a

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Chloe Johnson, Jenae Henry and Zak Blair-Andrews

## Local Students Serve as Ambassadors to St. Pete's Sister City in Japan

Janan Talafer

Immersing yourself in another culture can be life changing, as student ambassadors for the St. Pete Sister Cities Program quickly find out. Since 1984, more than 50 local high school students have been selected to travel to Takamatsu, Japan for a two-week stay with local families. The students serve as 'the voice and face' of St. Petersburg in a unique cultural exchange program.

Chloe Johnson, a recent graduate of St. Petersburg Collegiate High School, was with a group of three students chosen to travel to Takamatsu last summer. "It was an amazing opportunity," says Chloe, who grew up in Crescent Lake and Venetian Isles. "My host family and city officials went out of their way to make me feel welcome and make sure I had a positive experience. I am still in touch with host sister all of the time."

St. Pete's sister city relationship with Takamatsu started in response to former President Dwight Eisenhower's People to People International Program, an initiative that he established in 1956 to foster citizen diplomacy. In 1984, St. Pete expanded the program by launching the Goodwill Ambassador program, where student ambassadors are selected to stay with Japanese host families for several weeks each summer. Then in return, Japanese students come to St. Petersburg to experience everything the city has to offer.

Chloe says she enjoyed the experience so much she's taking what is described as a 'gap year' before enrolling in college. In August, she's traveling to Taiwan to be part of another student exchange program through the St. Petersburg Sunset Rotary Club.

"The trip changed my life. It made me more confident and I learned a lot about independence," says Chloe. "I feel like I am a much more culturally aware person now." Among her many amazing experiences: trying on a 12-layer kimono; making paper cranes during a visit to Hiroshima; visiting local gardens and art museums; and going to school with her host sister.

Chloe traveled to Takamatsu with two other St. Petersburg students: Zak Blair-Andrews, a recent graduate of Lakewood High School, and Jenae Henry, a fellow graduate of St. Petersburg Collegiate High School. The students lived with their respective Japanese host families, but attended the local school together and participated in special events coordinated by the City of Takamatsu.

At a meeting at St. Pete's city Hall earlier this year, the three discussed their experience and offered advice to parents and students who were hoping to be selected as this summer's student ambassadors. "Be adventurous," Jenae advised. "At first you might be homesick, but there is so much to explore and everyone is so friendly."

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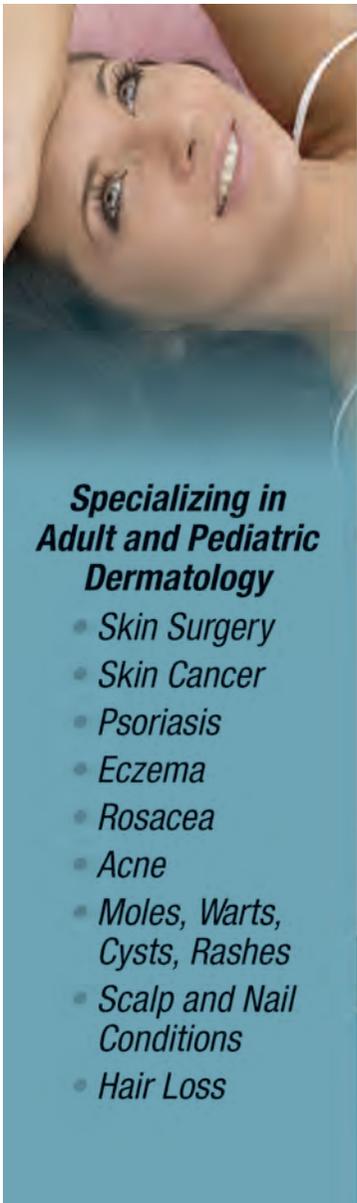
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Our very own artist and advertising director Susan Seta participated in the recent painting contest. Paintings submitted by each artist will be auctioned off at the Art Ties Us Gala at The Birchwood, 340 Beach Drive NE, on July 27th. Visit [ArtTiesUs.com](http://ArtTiesUs.com) for details. ♦



## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Being a 'Change-Agent'

I am thrilled to be the new editor of the *Northeast Journal* and to share the good news about people, places, and organizations in our community. It's so refreshing to showcase the many positive accomplishments and activities of our neighbors and to be inspired by their stories.

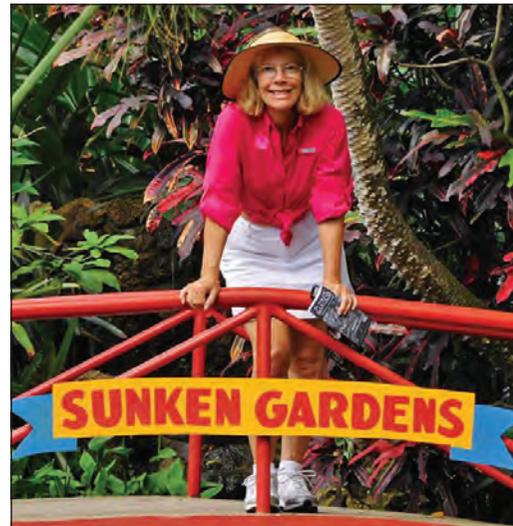
Good news is uplifting and can encourage a subtle shift in our mood and how we perceive the world around us – perhaps a little friendlier, more connected and more hopeful. That's why we're compelled to share stories about puppies and kittens on Facebook, and why I hope you enjoy reading the *Northeast Journal*.

My children grew up in the 'Burg, and now my 15-month-old granddaughter will call St. Petersburg her home town, too. I feel fortunate to live here during a time of such renaissance, with a flowering of creativity and the arts, as well as the entrepreneurial spirit.

While we initially covered only the Old Northeast and Snell Isle, we've now added Shore Acres, Venetian Isles, Crescent Lake, and Crescent Heights to our *Northeast Journal* delivery route. We know there are many great stories from these communities that are just waiting to be told. Drop us a line at [editor@northeastjournal.org](mailto:editor@northeastjournal.org) and let us know. It is our hope that the *Northeast Journal* will grow to be the voice for our part of St. Petersburg and to be a 'change-agent' for good.

Happy summer & Happy gardening,

*Janan Talafer*  
Editor, *Northeast Journal*



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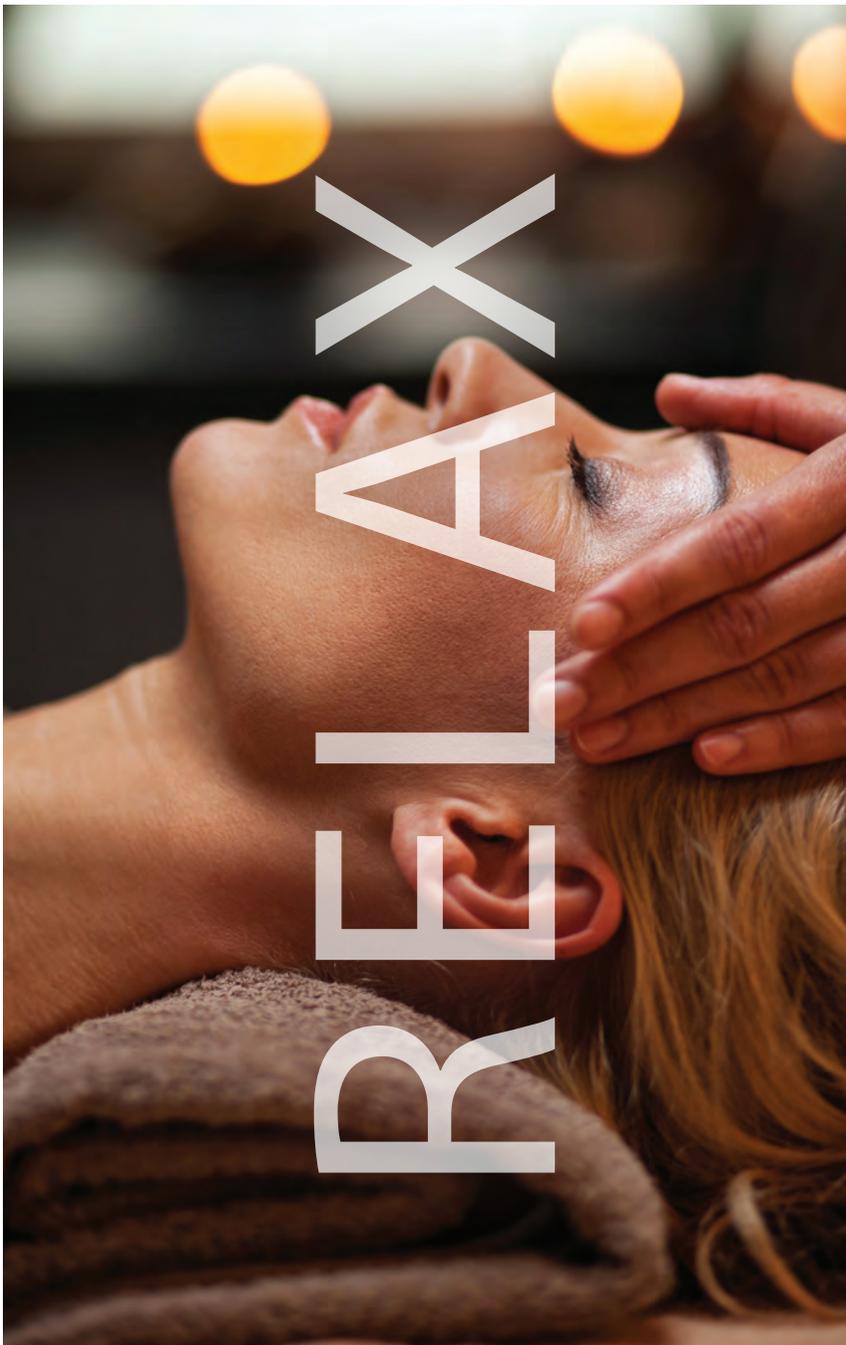
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# Parlez-vous Français? New French-American School to Open

Janan Talafer

When the new French American School of Tampa Bay opens this fall, six-year-old Anais – the daughter of Old Northeast residents Peter and Dayna Moore – will be among the students. Many schools in the area teach a foreign language as an elective. This one is different. In a ‘first’ for St. Petersburg, classes at the school will be taught entirely in French – including math, science, and history.

Anais will already have a head start on some of her classmates as she understands French and has just started learning how to speak the language, says Peter, who is fluent in French himself. But the school’s co-founders Elizabeth and Willy LeBihan explain that it’s not necessary for students to speak a word of French to be successful at the school. “The school is not for French speakers, but for children whose first language is English,” says Willy. He points out that students’ language skills will begin to develop in a natural, organic way as they hear French spoken on a daily basis while they’re in class.

The idea of sending your child to school where only French is spoken might seem daunting to some, but Peter is no stranger to the French school system. He grew up in the New York-New Jersey metro area and attended Lycée Français in New York, a bilingual school that has been in operation since 1935. “My parents weren’t from France, but they came from the European system of education,” says Peter. After graduating from Lycée Français, he moved to France, where he continued his college education in Paris and Normandy.

He and Dayna moved to St. Pete seven years ago for the quality of life, affordability and proximity to the water. They live in the Old Northeast’s historic Granada Terrace neighborhood. Both are self-employed. Peter is a financial investor. Dayna is a psychotherapist with a private practice, as well as a change management consultant. Last year, as it came time to think about enrolling Anais in a local grade school, friends told the family about plans for a new French American School in St. Petersburg. They were intrigued and met Elizabeth LeBihan at an informal get-together.

Although the idea of a French school is definitely a novel idea for St. Pete, it’s not uncommon around the world. Nor is it the LeBihan’s first experience opening a French school. The couple, who live in Maine, opened L’Ecole Française du Maine outside of South Freeport in 2002. The success of that school – which provides pre-school through grade 12 for about 80 children – prompted them to consider creating a sister school in Florida. St.



Dayna, Anais, and Peter Moore

Pete seemed like a perfect location for several reasons, including that they were familiar with the area having vacationed here for many years.

In 2017, they purchased a building at 2100 62nd Avenue North, not far from Sawgrass Lake Park. This past May at a groundbreaking for the new school, guests of honor included Jean-Charles Faust, the honorary consul of France, as well as Chris Steinocher, CEO and president of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Over the summer, the LeBihan’s were busy renovating the interior of the building and creating a new outdoor recreational area. “We want the school to be as authentic as possible to reflect a full immersion French experience,” says Willy. That means even the pencils and paper are being ordered from France. They’ve also been busy spreading the word about the school’s unique concept to education. In addition to the traditional academic curriculum, there’s a strong emphasis on art and music.

The school is described as a full ‘immersion’ multicultural experience which allows children to grow up completely bilingual and able to speak, think, and write in both languages. The LeBihan’s say this type of education offers long-term benefits, from a wider range of career options, to adults who are more understanding, emphatic ‘citizen’s of the world.’

Peter agrees. “A bilingual educational can help make the world seem both accessible and wondrously vast,” says Peter. When I was a student and traveled overseas, I was in awe of students I met who could start a sentence in French, continue in mid-sentence in Dutch, and finish in German.”

Dayna started taking Spanish classes in junior high and continued lessons as an adult. Although she feels her knowledge of Spanish is still mediocre, she does remember the first time she actually thought in a different language. “The experience was magical,” says Dayna. “There are some thoughts and feelings that can never be accurately conveyed through translation. To have access to that broadens oneself. It allows for the dissolution of dichotomies, expanded understanding and participation in global citizenship.”

The LeBihan’s school in Maine, and now the one in St. Pete, will be part of a network of French schools around the US, Canada, and worldwide that are affiliated with the Association of French Schools in North America, Mission Laïque Française, and the French Ministry of Education. The St. Pete school will also be pursuing accreditation through the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Council of Independent Schools. ●



Willy and Elizabeth LeBihan



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and he must have played piano on Ray's Merry Mailman Show because I was also on the Merry Mailman Show!"

Having a mother who was a piano teacher also helped. Barbara began to learn the piano at age five, and often listened as her mother taught a small number of students in their home.

"I was surrounded a lot by music growing up, says Barbara. "I didn't think much of it. It was nothing unusual for me. I remember my kindergarten teacher in Brooklyn going around the classroom asking what our dads did for a living. I answered 'magician', and after telling my parents that story they said 'No, musician.'" Then again, children seem to see the magic in everything.

SEEDS PLANTED

By the time Barbara was in elementary school, the family had relocated to a suburb in New Jersey. Around 5th grade, school students were given a musical screening test. Naturally, Barbara showed a high level of musical aptitude. When asked what instrument she would like to play, she thought of the violin that had been tucked away in a closet at home, once played by a relative. "Violin," she answered, and that was that!

Barbara began violin with group lessons in school. As she progressed, she began taking private lessons with Ruth Ricci, wife of Ruggiero Ricci, one of the great virtuoso violinists. Listening to Ruth play brought it all together. "I wanted to be just like her and be a professional violinist."

Again, her parents were supportive. "When I started playing the violin at the age of 10, they bought me an album of the six 'most famous' violin concertos. Ruggiero Ricci was one of the violinists," says Barbara. As a kid, it wasn't always easy to practice. Barbara's parents helped her with that, too, "threatening to cancel lessons if I didn't practice more on several different occasions."

Barbara's skills grew as she continued to study and practice. She improved enough to become part of a community orchestra. Many more orchestral experiences were still to come.

IN FULL BLOOM

Following high school, Barbara was accepted at the New England Conservatory in Boston. There she earned a bachelor's degree in Violin Performance. Following graduation, she moved to Staten Island in New York City where she continued to travel to Manhattan for private lessons. During this time, she had the opportunity to play with the National Orchestral Institute. This enabled her to play side-by-side with members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. Still, finding work that paid proved difficult.

Barbara moved back to Boston where she was told time and again that there were "too many violinists and not enough violists." Finding this to be true, she returned to the New England Conservatory where she began to study viola under Burton Fine, principal violist of the Boston Symphony.

With a master's degree and viola in hand, she auditioned for the Birmingham Symphony in Alabama and was offered a job.

BRANCHING OUT

Barbara worked in Alabama for a year before moving to Orlando, a boom town following the opening of Disney World a few years earlier. There, she became a member of the Florida Symphony in 1975. This began an 18-year run, during which time she shuffled between roles as assistant-principal, principal, and co-principal violist.

The time was ripe with possibilities. "One summer I was asked to go to Italy to play as principal violist in the Puccini Festival," says Barbara with a smile. It was an outdoor festival at composer Giacomo Puccini's birthplace. Best known for his operas *La Boheme*, *Tosca*, and *Madame Butterfly*, the area was redolent

in culture and history. Romance saturated the air. It was on a side trip to Rome that Barbara met her future husband, an Italian chef named Giuseppe. They were married the next year in the United States.

While Giuseppe worked as a chef at several high-end restaurants in Orlando, Barbara played viola. They raised two children and lived happily ever after; at least until 1993 when the Florida Symphony went bankrupt. A friend told Barbara



Barb and Guiseppe in Italy



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Violin and viola



Barbara playing the viola

about an opening at The Florida Orchestra and she was soon hired as a section violist.

**FAR FLUNG FIELDS**

"I like to drive," says Barbara. "It's my time." Barbara had lots of time as she commuted back and forth, for a period of seven years, from Orlando to the Tampa Bay area for rehearsals and concerts. Finally, she and Giuseppe chose the most central location between venues at The Straz, Ruth Eckerd Hall, and Mahaffey Theaters and relocated to St. Petersburg.

Twenty-five years later, at the close of the Florida Orchestra's 50th season, Barbara continues to drive her career

forward. During late November and the month of December each year, Barbara has the chance to return to Orlando to play in Disney's Candlelight Processional at Epcot. This series runs from the Friday after Thanksgiving through December 30th. For three shows each evening, the Christmas story is told by a celebrity narrator with a 50-piece orchestra and massed choir. It is a busy season for musicians, but on evenings when the Florida Orchestra is not performing, Barbara seizes the opportunity and makes the commute from St. Petersburg. "I can attend orchestra rehearsals in the morning and as long as I'm on the road by 2:00, all is

well." She finds time between the three evening performances to eat the dinner that Giuseppe has packed, visits with old friends from the Florida Symphony, and always sees 'regulars' who come to the Processional each year.

**OUR OWN CROP**

Like Barbara, all the musicians in the Florida Orchestra have years of experience with their instruments. Each is a scholar holding one or more advanced degrees. A career as a symphony musician demands rigor in practice and perfection in performance. Florida Orchestra musicians travel between three major venues and play multiple programs each week. They also act as music ambassadors, playing outreach concerts each season for school groups, hospitals, and the general public.

String players, like Barbara, often have the most music to learn. For a special performance of *Harry Potter* last December, there were two rehearsals. String players played a total of 93 pages of music for each performance. Multiply times three for three different performances, and it's no wonder that 'overuse' injuries are common among musicians.

**MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES**

As the Florida Orchestra breaks for the summer months, the musicians continue to work in various capacities. Many teach at summer music schools, others continue with their private students, and some play in summer music festivals. All must keep their

muscles toned and skills finely tuned. This summer, Barbara hopes to read some of the books waiting on her family-room shelves, spend time with her family and granddaughter, and get a head start on the music for next season. She is one shining example of what it takes to be a symphony musician. Our entire community reaps the benefits of the combined talents of the Florida Orchestra musicians. In fact, "it's music to our ears!"

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After a summer break, the next season opens at the Mahaffey on September 29 with Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. Season tickets and Compose Your Own series tickets are on sale now. Individual concerts go on sale August 13. For more information, go to [www.FloridaOrchestra.org](http://www.FloridaOrchestra.org).



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### SARAH, AGE 14

Her blossoming personality and bright smile are two things Sarah likes most about herself. Described as kind, loving and helpful, Sarah is happiest when she is around other people. For fun, Sarah enjoys watching the Disney channel, especially the show *Bunk'd*. Sarah also enjoys swimming, playing outside, going to the park and playing on the swings. At school, Sarah says her favorite subject is math because she likes the challenge. Sarah's ideal forever family has a mom and dad with siblings willing to accept her as part of the family and always gives hugs. Having a family pet is a bonus!



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### AIDEN, AGE 14

Nice, gentle and smart, Aiden enjoys expressing his creativity through music. He's even teaching himself how to play the guitar! And if Aiden could change the world, he would make music that would inspire people to be creative. When Aiden's not making music, he likes playing basketball, drawing or watching his favorite shows, *Dragon Ball Z Kind* and *Dragon Ball Z Super*. At school, Aiden's favorite class is culinary arts because he likes to cook. Aiden's ideal forever family has a mom and dad who enjoy music and like to sing. He would enjoy being an only child with lots of pets.

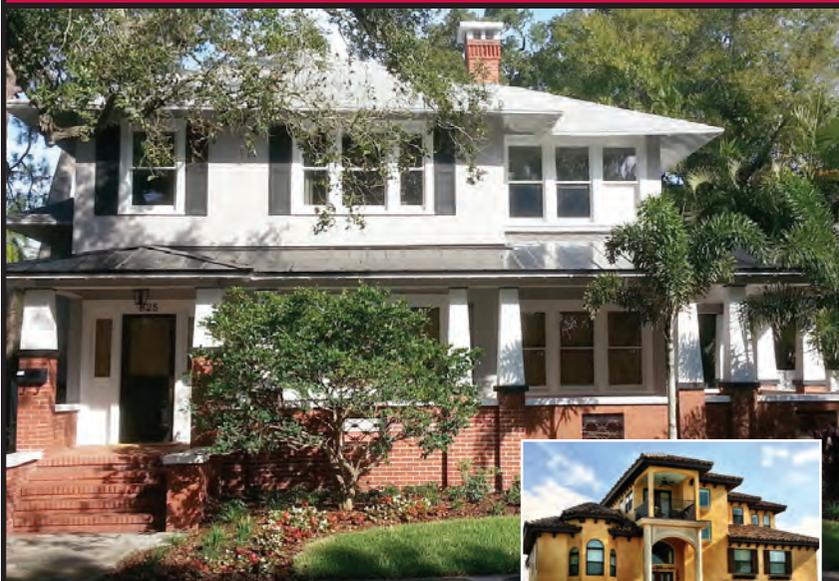


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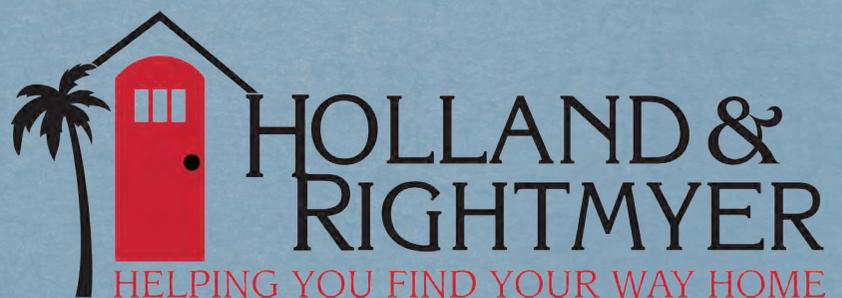
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### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ST. PETERSBURG ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Junior League of St. Petersburg members Rachael Russell, Maggi McQueen and Jacqueline Vanderbleek, and graduating high school senior Kimika Lawson for receiving several outstanding awards during the JLSP's May meeting.

Rachael received the Mailande Holland Barton Award, named in honor of the founder and first JSLP president, Mailande Holland Barton. Rachel helped secure a bus grant to allow schools with budget constraints to afford a field trip to attend the JLSP Library Puppet program. With her help, the number of schools attending increased from three to 17, doubling the attendance and allowing more than 2,000 students to experience the puppet show.



Junior League members Gentry Adams, Jacqueline Vanderbleek and Kelly Moore

Maggi was awarded the Virginia H. Lazzara Award in recognition of her outstanding community involvement and carrying on the JSLP tradition of lifting others up in times of need. Jacqueline received the Tomorrow's Leader Award. As a new Provisional member, she took charge and became a leader for the provisional council and members.



Junior League members Chloe Firebaugh and Rachael Russell

Kimika Lawson, a graduating senior at Gibbs High School, was awarded the JSLP Anne Register Anderson Scholarship, given to assist a South County high school student pursue post-secondary education. Kimika hopes to teach English overseas and the JSLP is proud to help her realize her dream through this scholarship opportunity.

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# Tibetan Monks Visit Florida CraftArt

Janan Talafer

A deep resonating OM chant, the clanging of gongs, and the sound of horns filled the small gallery at Florida CraftArt. Seven Tibetan Buddhist monks in orange robes were seated on the floor, conducting an ancient ritual and wowing the crowd with the otherworldly traditions of their spiritual beliefs.

It was the opening ceremony for the monks' stop here in St. Petersburg as part of their 2018 Sacred Art Tour in the US. Each year monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery in India travel to various cities to share their culture, traditions and peaceful way of living that espouses global peace, nonviolent conflict



Julia Coliver, Florida CraftArt

resolution, and compassion. The tours help raise funds to support the monastery which provides housing, healthcare, food, and education for monks living in exile from their home country of Tibet.

St. Petersburg is fortunate to have been a host city for the tour several years in a row. This is the second year that Florida CraftArt has sponsored the weeklong visit. If you missed it, the public has several unique opportunities to watch, listen, and learn as the monks create sacred art, dance, and chant. The highlight of the visit is the making of a Sacred Mandala with millions of grains of colored sand. This year's design represented Green Tara, a female version of the Buddha of Compassion who embodies fearlessness, removes obstacles, and offers protection from suffering.

After six days spent meticulously shaping and designing the three-dimensional sand painting, the monks sweep it all away – a surprising revelation to Westerners, but it's meant to demonstrate non-attachment and the lesson that nothing is permanent. After blessing the painting during a dissolution ceremony, the monks lead a procession to the waterfront, where they release the sand into Tampa Bay.



Sand mandalas (as pictured on the cover) are an ancient art form that date back more than 2,500 years. They're meant to promote purification and healing. According to Florida CraftArt, the symmetrical, circular designs have three layers of meanings. On the outer level, they represent the world in its divine form; on the inner level, they represent a map of which the ordinary human mind is transformed into the enlightened mind; and on the secret level, they reflect perfect balance of the subtle energies of the body and the clear light dimensions of the mind. ●

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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

## Art Town

Sara W. Hopkins

It's no secret that St. Petersburg is quickly solidifying its reputation as an arts destination and an arts community. We have world-class museums, statues, and other visual art in our parks; professional musicians from The Florida Orchestra working with students in schools; colorful murals brightening the sides of buildings; and dozens of cultural centers with full event calendars serving our community.

While this is the product of so many people and organizations, the work of the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance (SPAA) helped pave the way. Founded seven years ago, the SPAA is a local 501c3 with the highest Guidestar rating (platinum – to put this into context, only 8 of over 1,000 St. Pete non-profits have this rating), and is part of the Office of Cultural Affairs with the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Tucked into the chamber building downtown, this small group of artistic advocates is busy organizing the Second Saturday ArtWalk (a beloved St. Petersburg tradition which has been postponed only once, due to Hurricane Irma); the SHINE Mural Festival and the St. Pete Festival of the Arts (both events coming up in October); the Arts Business Academy (serving arts entrepreneurs and creative businesses at the Greenhouse); Funding Futures (providing scholarships for after-school and summer arts education); and the Artists Grant Foundation.

"It's a lot, but we're happy to do it," says John Collins, SPAA founder and executive director. "We're proud to partner with the Chamber. They realize the value of what we do."

As Collins recounts, seven years ago, when the Arts Council was disbanded, there was no organization of this kind supporting the arts – and living artists – in St. Pete. Today, along with a long list of activities and events, the SPAA provides individual grants to St. Petersburg artists. The grants are all approximately \$1,000 each, and submissions require a community engagement element.

According to Collins, many artists use their grant funds to give back to the community or create something that gives back to other artists. For example, past recipient Wendy Durand made a series of clay plates with her grant funds, then hosted a silent auction for them and raised thousands of dollars for the St. Pete Free Clinic.

"Every artist we've reached with a grant has given back to the community in some way," says Collins.

The full list of grant recipients can be found on the SPAA website, along with information about upcoming events and ArtWalks. You can also become a member, a subscriber to the *ArtBeat* newsletter, a patron, or a volunteer at their website [www.stpeteartsalliance.org](http://www.stpeteartsalliance.org).

Meet some of the grant recipients in our neighborhood:

**Arnie Arluke** has lived in St. Pete for three years. He originally hails from Boston and Hyannis Port, MA. Arnie is a photographer, and in his words, "My goal is to exhibit photographic portraits I have taken of Deadly Rival Roller Derby skaters. Rather than photographing roller derby skaters in action as they skate against other teams, I have photographed them off the track in various locations in St. Petersburg."



Arnie Arluke: Lady Legasus (Jennifer Lockwood) at the historic open air post office



Donald Gialanella



Nicole Desiree Hays

**Donald Gialanella** has also lived in St. Pete for three years. Before St. Pete, he lived in Maplewood, NJ (hometown); New York City; Taos, NM; and Los Angeles. Before becoming a sculptor, he worked as a graphics producer at ABC-TV in New York in the 1980s, where he received an Emmy for Monday Night Football in 1990.

In his words, "My welded steel assemblage sculptures are created from familiar objects re-assembled in a most unfamiliar way. In these sculptures, you can see transmission parts, mixing bowls, pitchers, tea pots, hub caps, pots and pans, dog bowls, coffee urns and vessels of every description. This technique comments on our curious relationship to the life-cycle of utilitarian objects and questions the viability of a disposable culture. The grant will help me explore something I've been thinking about for a while now but didn't have the funding to launch the project until now – creating a steel sculpture using atmospheric air pressure implosion."

Say what? Donald explains: "Normal atmospheric air pressure at sea level is 14.7 pounds per square inch. Atmospheric pressure is basically the weight of air pressing down on us at all times. To 'crush' a steel sculpture, first the air inside is heated and the steam allowed to escape. Then the sculpture is sealed off and cooled rapidly with water to create lower pressure inside which will cause the atmospheric pressure outside to crush it inwards."

Donald's sculptures can be found at the Dali Museum downtown St. Pete (the 17-foot-wide steel mustache outside is his); in Pinellas Park in front of the Barbara Ponce public library; on Lemon Street in Lakeland; in Tamarac, FL; in Jacksonville's Klutho Park; in Roswell, GA; in Decatur, GA; and in several sites in Colorado, New York, Arizona, and California. His pieces are also in the private collections of Angelina Jolie and Howard Stern. His atmospheric air pressure implosion sculpture will be a public event. Stay tuned at his website [www.donsculpture.com](http://www.donsculpture.com), and the SPAA website for details. ([www.stpeteartsalliance.org](http://www.stpeteartsalliance.org).)

**Nicole Desiree Hays** has lived in St. Pete for four years. She is a body-painter originally from Van Buren, AR. In her words, "The human canvas is significantly different than a regular artist's canvas. Over 10 years of bodypainting experience has given me the technique, skill, and creativity needed to generate unique, fully formed fine-art bodypainting concepts that complement their surroundings."

"Michael Sheehan, my collaborating photographer, was born and raised in Ireland but has lived and worked in Florida for the last 30 years. As a practicing psychiatrist, he is a longtime student of human perceptions, emotions, reactions, and conditions. His main photographic work has been as a portraitist with a special interest in environmental portraits."

"This grant will help me create a published, permanent work involving the temporary artform of bodypainting. Though I do not have any permanent installations in St. Petersburg, I host a monthly Fine Art Bodypainting Jam and Art Exhibit at Bar@548. I've also exhibited at the Dali Museum (12 Days of Dali) and Cigar City Brewing Company." Nicole's book launch will take place on August 18th at the Kozuba & Sons Distillery in St. Pete.

**Katherine (Kathy) Gibson** has lived in St. Pete for almost three years, yet she's been local to the area for much longer. She grew up in Polk County (Lake Wales), attended UF in Gainesville, moved to Tallahassee after that, and then to Tampa for about 25 years before moving to this side of the Bay. She's a curator and exhibit developer.

In her words, "I am not what you may think of as a producing artist. I don't create individual pieces, but I do create exhibits, where I work with many artists in putting various exhibits together. I like the whole package – selecting artists, selecting the work, coming up with the title, creating the invite, placing/installing the show, and then marketing the heck out of it! I have been a guest curator at the Morean (2016 *Orange State*) and Florida Craft Art (2017 *Round Square*) – and before that, I was the director/curator of Gallery 221@HCC, Dale Mabry campus, 2011-2014.

"My artistic point of view is developing. While I've been in the arts – generally, for over 20 years as a collector first and then as a self-taught installer and sometimes curator – I'm growing into my own. Collecting began for me with primitive folk art in the early '90s and then I got to know Ruby C. Williams, a now-known authentic folk artist in this area. That partnership grew to include many other artist collaborations, more frequent shows, and eventually becoming a regional art consultant working in homes and business, helping clients to find and place art."

**Kenny Jensen** and his wife, Maggie, have called St. Pete home for several years, and while he's not technically a St. Pete native, Jensen says he feels like one. His roots run deep – and happen to be one of his artistic mediums.

Jensen combines paint with found things in nature – dead roots, dead branches, things he's repurposing into patterns and a new narrative. He described the arduous process of digging up torpedo grass, digging down a-foot-and-a-half to remove the plant's elaborate rhizome root structure. "Torpedo grass has a negative connotation in society," he explains. "It's a symbol of an unkempt yard, a neighbor who lets his yard go, yet it's the hardiest plant, the one that wants to be there the most, the survivor." Amid piles of torpedo grass and the elaborate, exposed roots, inspiration struck. "I used the roots and the pattern they created as part of the design for my next piece."

Both Jensen and his wife have strong ties to horticulture (Maggie is an accomplished gardener), and Jensen often collects driftwood in the swamps of The Floating Woods, as he calls it, their family land in Gulf Hammock with a cabin built out of Cyprus trees by his grandfather. "One day we'd like to turn

it into an artists' retreat and an organic farm," he says.

With his grant, Jensen will host a pop-up art show at Openhouse St. Pete, the new event space adjacent to Intermezzo Coffee & Cocktails on Central Avenue, bringing works of his art into the wider community.

"It's essential at some point to approach your art as a business," says Jensen. That concept is the very reason the SPAA offers their business, marketing, and branding classes for local artists as part of their Arts Business Academy. Another resource Jensen uses is Patreon, a website that links patrons with artists. As a working artist, Jensen cites the mantra we've heard before: the challenge of balancing work with art with paying the bills with family with sleep.

Jensen explains one of his key inspirations: his two-year-old son. "I'm approaching my work now trying to see through this lens of mystery and wonder – which is a continual state of a toddler – seeing the general wonder of things and watching this new person discover the world. It's incredible."

One of Jensen's latest pieces was displayed at the Morean Art Center during their recent exhibit, *Water Over the Bridge: Contemporary Seascapes*, a curation of work that "reflects the effects of global warming on our oceans."

Thought-provoking and, in some cases, very affecting pieces filled the space with dire realities of our world; realities that are easy to push out of our minds when we're not seeing images of trash piled up on beaches or sea turtles and straws (the adjacent Banyan Café features a prominent NO STRAWS sign by its register).

"The great thing about conceptual art is that the emphasis is more on the questions it raises, the dialogue. The explorations of an exhibit like this don't have a predetermined destination," Jensen says.

Watching a young family walk through the *Water Over the Bridge* exhibit at the Morean on their way to art camp was an encouraging experience. The young daughter asked her parents about a piece by local artist Babs Reingold (*The Last Sea*) featuring a boat full of and surrounded by discarded plastic

containers and distressed, seal-like creatures. Conversation ensued among the family members: "This is why we recycle... why we care about the decisions we make that affect our planet... everybody helps..."

The exhibit was powerfully thought-provoking, and hopefully, action-empowering. For all ages, it created a stirring dialogue like Jensen said, and while that's just the first step, it's a step propelled by our local art – in the right direction.

Congratulations to all of the grant recipients and thank you to the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance for raising the profile of artists in our community. ●



Kathy Gibson arranged *HeadSpace* by Chasity Williams as seen in *Drive-by Window*, an Arthouse3 Project in Roundhouse Creative Studio.



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# Aussie Adventure

Lynn Lotkowitz

Australia has been on our bucket list for years, and my husband Bill and I finally had the time and means to take the trip. This isn't a place you can visit in a week! Australia once served as a penal colony for British criminals banished for minor crimes, most commonly petty theft. But today Australia is a mix of sophisticated cities and wide-open spaces with a population of just 25 million people.

My husband and I love the outdoors. We've always been in awe of the romance of the wild outback with its legendary kangaroos, shipwrecks, and Captain Cook, as well as tales of the exotic island state of Tasmania. I spent months looking at tour itineraries, but couldn't find one that exactly met our needs until I heard about Jacada Travel, a terrific, five-star 'travel designer' in London who helped me put together three exciting weeks.

### APRIL 9

We left Tampa on April 6 and finally arrived three days later in Melbourne, the former capital of Australia. We made our way to the Blackman Hotel where we freshened up and took a walk around the neighborhood, visiting nearby Fawcner Park and the Shrine of Remembrance, a beautiful green space and monument dedicated to fallen soldiers.

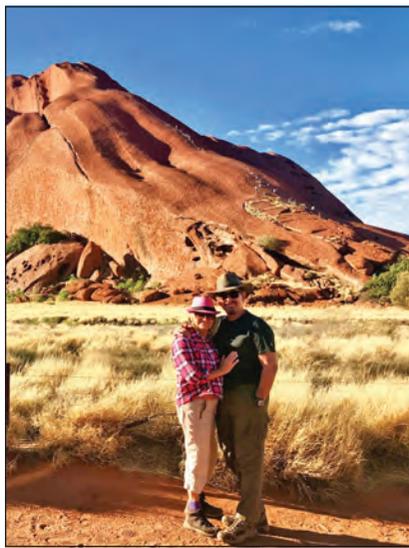
My heritage is Greek, and I thought it might be fun to touch base with the local Greek community in Melbourne. Before the trip, I had made arrangements and we were fortunate to enjoy an authentic Greek meal of rabbit stew and lamb at Philhellene Provincial Greek Cuisine Restaurant with new friends John and Susie Rerakis.

### APRIL 10

We walked all over the city center and Federation Square, a center for arts and culture in the city. Melbourne – with about 4.5 million people – is young, multi-cultural, and has a beautiful sense of art and green space. The architecture is British-influenced mixed with modern creative design.



Great Ocean Walk



Outback



Tasmanian Devil Sanctuary at Cradle Mountain

### APRIL 11

Today we traveled about three hours outside of Melbourne for a four-day '12 Apostles' Lodge Walk along the landmark Great Ocean Road that hugs the Southern Ocean. The 12 Apostles are a collection of limestone stacks on the wild, scenic Great Ocean Road. Our base is a luxury eco-lodge. Each day we hiked six-to-eight miles on a portion of this national treasure. The lodge provided backpacks, water, hiking sticks, meals and a guide. Day One was gorgeous. We saw unspoiled landscapes of ocean, sand dunes, woods, and peaceful beauty.

### APRIL 12

Day Two of the walk was a very tiring eight-mile hike up and down steep hills and rocks with breathtaking views of the sea. Wind and weather changes were dramatic with not another soul in sight other than our five-man team. When we returned to the eco-lodge, warm foot baths and a glass of wine awaited us. The meals were excellent and Ben and Ania, our lodge managers, are a joy to be with at the lodging. With only five guests, it's like visiting a friend who takes care of everything.

### APRIL 13

Day Three of the 12 Apostles Walk was not quite as strenuous, just an eight-mile along the Great Ocean Walk path. We stopped often for water breaks and photos, and to enjoy great stories of shipwrecks and adventures tied to this pristine protected national park. Champagne was offered at the end of the trail with car service back to hotel. All in all a great day. (We saw several kangaroo in the wild, too!)

### APRIL 14

High winds and rain created a tiring final day walk, but fortunately it was only eight kilometers to our destination, Port Campbell. We took a helicopter ride over the park with amazing views of the coastline and 12 Apostles rock formations. Then it was back to Melbourne to get ready for the next step in our journey: a visit to the city of Hobart in Tasmania. About a half-million people live on Tasmania, an isolated Australian island about 1,500 miles from Antarctica known for its rugged wilderness.



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**APRIL 15**

After a delicious breakfast of avocado toast and poached eggs at the historic Henry Jones Art Hotel – an old renovated canning factory – we did our own walking tour of the picturesque waterfront and visited the Maritime Museum. The history of shipwrecks and the city’s dependence on the sea was fascinating. It was good to have a relaxing day without a packed itinerary. That evening we dined at Rockwall Bar and Grill, a recommendation we saw on *The New York Times* Australia page. We had an excellent meal of Tasmanian steaks and seafood and met interesting people from all over the world.

**APRIL 16**

We spent the day traveling by car to Cradle Mountain National Park. The long ride gave us the opportunity to see many beautiful communities of farms with sheep, cows, and even a few wombats – the small, marsupials native to Australia. We stopped for a delicious lamb lunch at a hillside Tasmanian winery and arrived at the park in late afternoon, just in time for a presentation on the rare Tasmanian devil. Aggressive, fearless, and similar in temperament to a hyena, they’re a fascinating endangered species. Our stay in the Pencil Pine Cabins at Cradle Mountain Lodge was comfortable with a fireplace and tasty meals in the main lodge. The park has a wild, rugged intensity about it that is unique to anything else we’ve seen in Australia.

**APRIL 17**

Today we explored Cradle Mountain National Park and Dove Lake. Most impressive was the rain forest, the only one in the Southern Hemisphere not in a tropical area. It was stunning. Later, we had tea and warmed up by the fireplace in the main lodge and then walked some more. It was entertaining to see wombat and wallaby everywhere. The visitor’s center and ranger station offered some historical and informative insight. Most of our fellow hotel guests were from the Australian mainland, and were especially warm and welcoming when we told them we were from Florida.



*Cradle Mountain, St.Clair National Park*

**APRIL 19**

Two days later, we arrived in Sydney where we were stayed at the Four Seasons, located only steps from the iconic Sydney Harbour. Sydney boasts one of the world’s biggest natural harbors in the world. We took a four-hour cruise to see the sights. The waterfront, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House, and beautiful architecture that surrounds this giant harbor made for a memorable and relaxing afternoon. Boats, ferries, taxis, and every kind of watercraft are seen on the waterways day and night.

**APRIL 22**

On to the Red Center – aka the Australian Outback. It’s an easy three-hour flight from Sydney to Uluru, which is located in the middle of the Northern Territory with little else around except the desert landscape. Uluru has its own airport exclusively for resort guests and visitors to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. The first afternoon we watched a demonstration of a didgeridoo, a wind instrument developed by indigenous Australians, and visited a museum showcasing indigenous art. Desert Gardens Hotel, just outside of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, is our home for the next two nights. It’s comfortable with stunning views of the rock.

**APRIL 23**

We got up at 5am for an amazing outdoor sunrise breakfast on a dune with views of the desert wilderness and giant rock formations in the distance. We then toured various locations in and around the giant Uluru Park. Parts of the park look similar to Sedona, AZ, but more dramatic. The fact that this rock takes up something like six miles with nothing else around it makes for quite a sight.

Each night, the Ayers Rock Resort tour team hosted a well-orchestrated buffet with music and stargazing. Our table included fascinating guests from Japan, England, the US, and all over Australia. The sunset and good company made for a great final night. It was hard to leave, but the next morning we had to fly back to Dallas to catch our return flight to Tampa... a 14 hour journey in all. What a wonderful experience we had, with memories to last a lifetime. I would highly recommend it! ●

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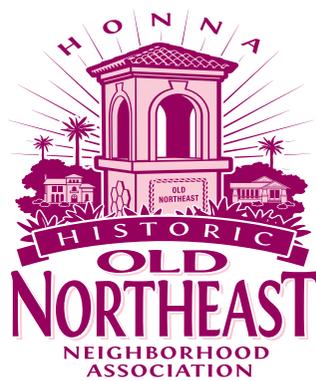
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We want to share our neighbors' thoughts about what it means to be neighborly in The Historic Old Northeast. Send your thoughts about The Historic Old Northeast (100 words or less) to NSNAeditor@aol.com.

### 21ST ANNUAL OLD NORTHEAST CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES

The summer is hot and December's Candlelight Tour of Homes is heating up, too, as preparations are already underway to select eight homes for this year's event. Can you believe this will be our 21st season?! We wouldn't have been as successful

without the generous neighborliness of so many homeowners opening their homes, our volunteers, advertisers and the 1,000+ visitors each year. It takes a lot of planning and work to pull off this large endeavor every year, so we invite all the residents of the neighborhood to consider volunteering in one of the various capacities needed.

We can't have a Tours of Homes without homes! Many of you may have enjoyed strolling the tour and may have even contemplated opening up your home some year. Well, now is the time to show off your unique house and share with others how you may have restored, preserved or renovated it. Historically, we've offered a broad variety of architectural styles, sizes, eras and locations to provide a nice blend of homes representative of our wonderful neighborhood.

If you are open to the possibility of having your home on the tour, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you to see your home and talk with you about the event. If you are selected as a tour home, all you need to do is be willing to open your home for a few hours on that Sunday and decorate it in your favorite holiday fashion. Even if you aren't ready to offer your home, we also welcome nominations. If you know of a neighbor who might be willing to participate, we would love to talk to them -- often



all it takes is a gentle nudge from a neighbor or friend! Please e-mail us at [president@honna.org](mailto:president@honna.org) to discuss showcasing your home or to see how you can otherwise volunteer.

Income from the tour helps fund HONNA's programs, events and projects. The neighborliness is extended by sharing 25 percent of the proceeds with local charities. Thank you in advance for helping to make this year's event another success.

~ Sharon Kantner



HONNA invites and encourages you to stay connected and on top of programs, events, and other happenings in our neighborhood. Want to learn more about the neighborhood, become involved, share ideas, learn about events and dates of Porch Parties, and provide feedback? Use social media and 'Share' and 'Like'

us at [www.facebook.com/honnaorg](http://www.facebook.com/honnaorg).

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- Visit [www.honna.org](http://www.honna.org)
- Become a HONNA member. You'll receive periodic informative email announcements. [honna.org/get-involved](http://honna.org/get-involved)
- Volunteer for a project, program, or event (the Candlelight Tour of

Homes, Trunk or Treat, Porch Parties, Crime Watch). Contact Nikki Taylor at [volunteers@honna.org](mailto:volunteers@honna.org).

- Follow Historic Old Northeast Forever at [www.historicoldnortheast-forever.org](http://www.historicoldnortheast-forever.org). HONF works "to preserve and protect our special neighborhood" (HONF is not affiliated with HONNA).



### A RICH HISTORY AND STORIES GALORE

About 50 residents turned out for HONNA's quarterly meeting on June 18 to learn some fascinating facts about St. Pete's earliest decades (including Babe Ruth, Soupy Sales, and Buster Keaton!), along with picking up tips on discovering the history of their houses.

Rui Farias with the St. Petersburg Museum of History ([www.historystpete.org](http://www.historystpete.org)) entertained the crowd with enlightening commentary and fascinating photos of the City's early days (many reproductions of which are available for purchase from the museum). He cited the numerous documents in the museum's archives which are available

to residents interested in learning their home's history.

Nadine Graves, a local school teacher 'by day,' discussed her business (RMB House History; [rmbhouse-history@gmail.com](mailto:rmbhouse-history@gmail.com)), which provides clients with a detailed history of their property. She walked us through how she does her research using city, county, library and newspaper sources, shared some case stories using Old NE homes as examples, and offered step-by-step tips that can be followed by homeowners wanting to do this on their own search. Nadine told personal stories of the connections she has



made with homeowners going back generations, admitting that once you begin looking into a home's history "it's like going down a rabbit hole."

~ Rick Carson, chair, communications committee

#### CRIME UPDATE

The HONNA Public Safety Committee met with Officers Herring and Lesperance of the St. Petersburg Police Department to discuss how residents can help the police further reduce crime in the Old Northeast. The police officers encouraged all residents to enter the police department's non-emergency phone number (727-893-7780) into their cell phones, and to carry their cell phones with them when they walk the dog, jog, etc., so they can report anything suspicious.

The officers discussed recent crimes, which included six vehicle burglaries, four of which were from unlocked cars. Windows were broken in the other two. Fortunately, only loose change was stolen, but the officers cautioned that loose change and any items of value

should not be visible from the outside. Remember to lock your vehicles! Unfortunately, there has been a number of recent bicycle thefts. The officers explained that it is impossible for the police to know to whom the bikes belong if they are not registered with the police department. An officer will be available to register bikes at the HONNA Field Day on October 7, but residents are encouraged to register their bicycles sooner at <http://police.stpete.org/solve-crime/bicycle-registration.html>.

~ Kent Ulrich, chair, public safety committee

#### DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

In May, the City's CPPC (Community Planning and Preservation Commission) voted in favor of the MTBH design for the 18th Avenue NE Historic District (the 700 block). There continues to be concern that the structure is still too large for the lot, and plans are underway by the neighbors to appeal the decision before City Council at the July 12 meeting. For more information, contact Britt Cobb, [brittcobb@cobb-design.com](mailto:brittcobb@cobb-design.com).



The Old Northeast's magnificent tree canopy



The DRC (Development Review Commission) voted at its June 6 meeting to approve the revised and somewhat smaller version of the Bezu development on 4th Avenue North. It was a very close vote (4-3). A number of Old Northeast residents attended the meeting, and over 700 people emailed the city addressing the incompatibility of the structure and its size on what has been aptly called a postage stamp-sized lot. [Rendering by Architectonics as submitted to the City of St. Petersburg; Flori de Leon apartments to right]. Preserve the 'Burg has filed an appeal which will be heard by City Council.

~ Robin Reed, chair, historic preservation & planning committee

**THE GREENING OF THE OLD NORTHEAST**

Slowly but surely HONNA's tree program is steadily growing. This spring – for the third year running – a dozen trees were planted in parkways throughout the neighborhood. Thanks to dedicated volunteers Carol and Burt Kline, prospective owners are identified, sites inspected, letters sent out, and finally... trees planted.

To receive a tree at no charge, owners must agree to take good care of them. This means frequent watering during the first several months and continued regular watering and maintenance. Ideally, a new tree should be looked at by an arborist on an annual basis so that proper pruning can take place to insure that the tree grows into a pleasing shape.

If you would like to enjoy the cooling shade and aesthetic benefits of having a tree planted in your parkway, please contact rreed@tampabay.rr.com. Planting will occur later in the year.

~ Robin Reed, chair, historic preservation and planning committee

**SPEED HUMPS TO BE INSTALLED ON 1ST STREET NORTH/NE**

Several residents spoke out at the March HONNA quarterly meeting about the speeding problem on 1st Street North/NE between 22nd and 30th Avenues. A review by the City's

Department of Transportation indicated that this section of 1st Street met the minimum qualifications for the consideration of speed humps, having recorded frequent operating speeds in excess of 35mph (the posted speed limit is 25mph).

HONNA facilitated a special meeting between approximately 30 residents and the City's neighborhood transportation manager, Mike Frederick, who later proposed adding three new speed humps to 1st Street North/NE over the course of the eight blocks, in addition to the present speed hump at 25th Avenue. In order to proceed with the installation of the speed humps, at least 66 percent of the property owners fronting this section of 1st Street were required to sign petitions endorsing this proposal. The necessary petitions were quickly signed and presented to the City. At its June meeting, the HONNA board voted to support these residents and approve the requested speed humps as an amendment to the neighborhood's official traffic plan.

~ Kent Ulrich, chair, traffic & parking committee



The city is hosting a community discussion regarding housing affordability. A new Housing Development and Affordability Initiative will eventually include new and improved housing programs, text amendments to the city's land development regulations, and map amendments to the city's zoning and future land-use maps. Upcoming public meetings take place at the St. Pete Main Library from 6:15-8pm unless otherwise noted.

- ◆ Building Typologies: Tuesday, July 10, and repeated Tuesday, July 17, Enoch Davis Center
- ◆ Housing Affordability: Tuesday, August 7
- ◆ Parking & Transportation: Tuesday, August 21.

Direct questions and comments to Derek Kilborn (manager planning anddevelopmentsservicesdepartment) at derek.kilborn@stpete.org or

727-893-7872. To register your email address for future updates, contact Vicky Davidson at vicky.davidson@stpete.org or 727-893-7871.

What would the City do without SeeClickFix? Old Northeast residents are very diligent about reporting potholes, overgrown lawns, missed garbage pickups, building code violations, and misplaced trash. Some of the issues might be resolved by one neighbor respectfully knocking on the door of another. Certain issues may receive attention more quickly if directed to the proper office, for instance the

Police Department (727-893-7780 for illegally parked cars), Duke Energy (www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair for out street lights) and Pinellas County Public Works (727-464-7503 for pesky mosquitoes). SeeClickFix will pass along all issues to the proper authorities. The city deserves our thanks for enabling us to bring problems to their attention that might otherwise go unnoticed.



**HONNA'S SHINING STARS – "BEFORE" AND "AFTER"**

In an effort to honor homeowners for preserving or updating their home or property and investing the extra dollar to keep the character and history of their homes intact, HONNA has been recognizing them with the Neighborhood Star Award. Going forward, every month yard signs will be placed on properties to indicate an award. Here are the Stars for May (Nick Acosta, 152 16th Avenue NE; Rachel and David Wein, 200 18th Avenue N) and June (345 8th Avenue NE; Leslie and Grant Meczka, 105 25th Avenue NE). One neighbor has called 105 25th Avenue NE "a shining example of a dreamlike transformation. It enhances the entry into our historic Granada Terrace community and sits like a jewel at the Granada Terrace entry... Each and every time I pass it, it makes me smile!"

Watch for new Stars in the neighborhood monthly, and you'll be able to find them posted on www.honna.org, in addition to HONNA's Facebook page. We invite you to be a part of this effort so please feel free to nominate a neighbor or a refurbished property you admire. Send the information to Charleen McGrath at treasurer@honna.org. ◆



MAY: 152 16th Avenue NE "Before"



MAY: 152 16th Avenue NE "After"



MAY: 200 18th Avenue North "Before"



MAY: 200 18th Avenue North "After"



JUNE: 345 8th Avenue NE "Before"



JUNE: 345 8th Avenue NE "After"



JUNE: 105 25th Avenue NE "Before"



JUNE: 105 25th Avenue NE "After"

ARTIST PROFILE

# Animal Activist and Author: Arin Greenwood

Livia Zien

An animal lover since childhood, writer by instinct, and lawyer by training, Arin Greenwood has woven her multi-faceted affections and talents into her daily life. A resident of Crescent Heights with her husband Ray, Arin published her third book in April. *Your Robot Dog Will Die* is a young-adult novel about a future when dogs have been outlawed. She is also starting a new job as senior writer with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a national nonprofit that protects the rights and interests of animals through the legal system.

### A PASSION FOR ANIMALS

Arin's love and respect for animals developed at an early age. As a six-year old, she made the decision to become a vegetarian and never looked back. "I don't know what it was that drew me to animals initially, or even what draws me to them now. I just love them. I feel a connection with animals and always have. I feel like I understand them, and they understand me," says Arin.

Arin and Ray are parents to several pets: Murray, their dog; and three cats: Chappy, Jake, and Elf. Three years ago, they moved to St. Petersburg from Washington, DC with Murray, but the cats were fosters and unintended adoptions. Arin says she was unable to give them up, but she emphasizes the importance of fostering. "I'm determined to do it right one of these days because it's such a crucial part of the life-saving system for shelter pets."



Arin didn't initially set out to become an animal advocate, writer, or a lawyer. Describing herself as very much a non-planner, Arin moved to the United Kingdom after graduating from college, and worked as a waitress until she realized she either needed to find a 'real' job or go to graduate school because her health insurance was running out.

"I really didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. I knew I loved dogs, and I loved writing, but didn't know of any careers combining them," says Arin. "But I knew what a lawyer was and what a lawyer did." So, she went to law school and received her degree from Columbia University. After practicing commercial litigation for a year-and-a-half in New York City, she again ventured overseas to work, this time as a Supreme Court staff attorney in Saipan in the US territory of Northern Mariana Islands. She describes the experience as "financially reckless, but really fun!"

Reflecting on her former career as a lawyer, she says, "The law degree really opened up some fun and interesting doors. It helped to shape the way I viewed the world and to understand the world as a lawyer, too. But I started writing while I was practicing law, meeting writers, and learning how it works." She attended workshops to learn more about the craft and researched to figure out the business aspects. "There were a lot of fits and starts, trying to figure out how to earn a living by writing."

Her tenacity and diligence paid off. "I was very lucky that I got hired at *Huffington*

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Post, my first full-time job as a journalist.” An article she wrote for publication about two dog-fighting rescues went viral. She and her editor realized ‘they were onto something’ and Arin transitioned into the *Huffington Post’s* animal welfare editor and writer.

Over the years, she has made numerous connections with the animal rescue and shelter world, and written countless animal articles not just for the *Huffington Post*, but also for *The Dodo*, *The Washington Post*, *The Today Show*, *Slate*, and *Creative Loafing*. On her website there’s a short list of amusing titles from her many articles, such as: *Pit Bull Who’s Obsessed With Cats Gets His Own Litter Of Kittens* and *Couple Creates Humongous Bed So They Can Sleep Comfortably With Eight Rescue Dogs*.

**FIGHTING FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS**

Through her writing and in her new role with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Arin continues to be a voice for animals. “One of the beautiful things about being part of the animal welfare world is getting to spend a lot of time with people who are inspired by each other and are incredibly inspiring themselves. Everyone has the same aim, which is saving more lives and making the world better for animals and people. I feel so lucky to be in a position where I get to work to make their lives better.”

Whether writing fiction or non-fiction, she explains, “I love the challenge of shaping ideas in my head into a story that I hope will grab people and make them see things in a way they didn’t see before or move them in some way. It’s like creating a world on a page.” The idea for her new young adult novel, *Your Robot Dog Will Die* came after she heard a news story about funerals for robot dogs in Japan. “I was deeply moved,” says Arin. “Are they real or not? I wasn’t sure what it meant to be real, so I wanted to explore that question and the emotions.”

Arin says when she begins writing a novel, she doesn’t always know how the story will unravel. “Sometimes I know what I want to happen to my characters, and other times I am surprised at what is coming out on the page.” She explains that for her current story, “I went into it knowing that I wanted people to feel inspired to do something for animals, whether it be adopting a dog, working at an animal shelter, or even opening a sanctuary.”

Her advice to those who are searching for their purpose in life? “Work very hard to try to get good at the things that matter to you. Then be open to the opportunities and experiences that come your way. Say yes a lot, even if the thing you’re saying yes to isn’t what you originally thought you were working toward.” Arin is fortunate to be doing the work she loves, advocating for animals with the power of one written word at a time. ●

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pair of long pants. Years later when the staffer retired, Harris bought him a new suit. Eventually Harris also graduated from St. Petersburg High, where he also worked on school publications. For him, this was no great activity as by then he had already been the *Times* city editor for over a year.

In 1929, at the age of 20, Harris married Patricia Brock who was the *Times* woman's page editor. They had three children, Peggy and Tricia who are twins, and later Sharon.

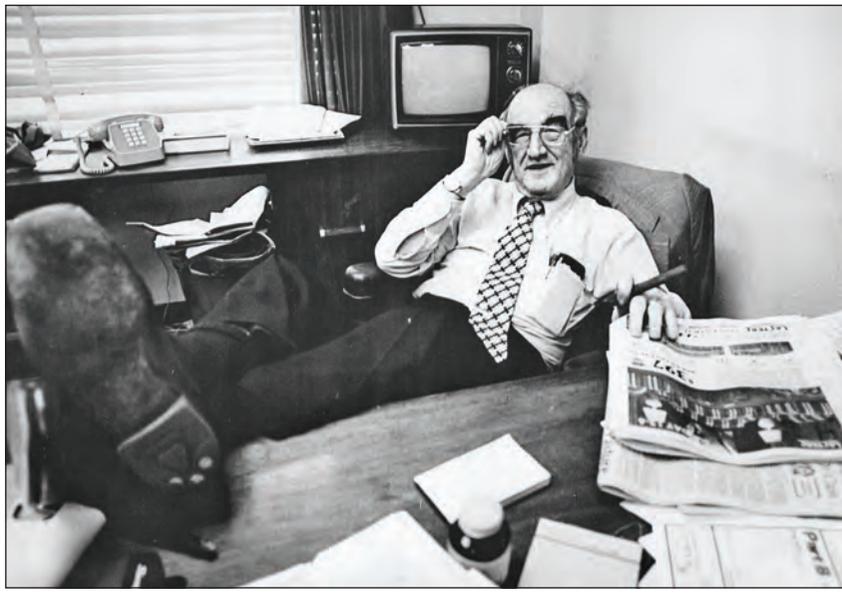
Tom's daughters, Peggy and Sharon Harris, in particular remember their family Christmases. "We lived in a two-story house. No one could go downstairs until everyone was up. Daddy often stayed at work until one or two o'clock in the morning, even on Christmas Eve. We hung our stockings. On Christmas morning, our Dad would tease us saying that Santa hadn't been there yet when he got home. He would then go downstairs and peek into the living room and say, 'Yes, Santa was here.' We had a Lionel toy train that was always put out for Christmas.

The train would never stay on the track. As soon as Christmas morning festivities were over Daddy would be off to the office."

All three daughters later worked in journalism and publishing. Peggy became a copy editor and reporter with the *Philadelphia Daily News*. Tricia (Mrs. William T. Burgin Jr. of Wayne, Pennsylvania) was a book editor at Barnes and Noble in New York City. Sharon became a software developer for Hachette Publishers in Paris, France.

While Harris greatly loved his family, he also loved the *Times*, where he affectionately came to be known as 'TCH.' He worked all the time, sometimes 20 hours a day. Over lunch, he might catch a part of a movie and a hot dog at the nearby Florida Theater. Dinner was often at the nearby Poinsettia Hotel, also called Simpsons. His friend and cartoonist Wally Bishop, creator of Muggs and Skeeter, once wrote of him, "Possessed of an uncanny memory for names, faces, places, and facts, Harris over the years became a walking encyclopedia of memorabilia concerning St. Petersburg and its citizens." Bishop also noted, "the activities of an entire city passed through his office... and he constantly kept check on the nation and the world as well..."

Above all Harris had a nose for news. An example was his expectation that the country would be joining the Allies against the Nazis in World War II. Peggy remembers being at home when she and her mother heard on the radio that the



Tom Harris at his *Times* office. He loved Cuban music and Cuban cigars. Circa 1978.

Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. Tom was asleep upstairs and they quickly woke him with the news. Of course he immediately left for the paper. Tom had expected that something was about to break, and had pre-planned a front-page banner two weeks before Pearl Harbor with the word "WAR" emblazoned across a third of the front page.

Over the years, Harris worked his way up in the *Times*. He became city editor at the age of 17 in 1926. In 1933, he was named managing editor (at age 25, the youngest managing editor in the nation), and in 1941 executive editor. He became general manager and executive vice president in 1961. He had a highly personal, informal management style. Sometimes large organizations like the *Times* have

leadership which is directed either inward or outward - 'inside leaders' who primarily focus on the internal workings, and 'outside leaders' who primarily focus on relationships and partnerships with other organizations in the city and beyond. Nelson Poynter, who assumed effective management of the paper in 1938, was that outside leader,



Tom and Patricia Harris at their 50th wedding anniversary with daughters (from left) Peggy, Sharon, and Tricia. Circa 1979.



Peggy and Sharon Harris, daughters of Tom and Patricia Harris. Both daughters are residents of St. Petersburg.

traveling a great deal, particularly attending to the *Times* affiliate the *Congressional Quarterly* in Washington, DC, and during World War II serving as deputy administrator of the US Foreign Information Service. Tom Harris was primarily an inside leader. Nelson Poynter was popularly known in St. Petersburg as the *Times* 'owner,' and Tom Harris as the *Times* 'editor.'

In the 1940s, Harris helped lead the paper from organizing news on the basis of what stories were considered to be most important, to what is known as 'departmentalization' or the categorizing of news by topic (national, local, business, etc.) In the 1950s, he helped lead the effort toward 'enterprise writers,' journalists specializing in a subject area such as society news, police activity, local government, and the like. He worked hard to convert the *Times* from the old letterpresses to offset, cold type, and color photography. The *Times* was one of the first dailies in the world to switch to cold type. He was very proud of the new presses. "Daddy would give tours of the plant at midnight, which was when the presses were operating," said his daughters.

Harris studied Spanish in high school and maintained an interest in all things Hispanic throughout his life. His daughters noted: "Daddy loved radios. We had a radio in every room. He loved Cuban music and Cuban cigars. He traveled to Cuba many times in the 1920s and '30s. Daddy loved going to Ybor City in the 1930s and '40s. Birthdays were often celebrated at the Columbia Restaurant or



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Tom Harris as a 16-year-old copyboy was the only Times staffer available to cover a gruesome murder in 1924. His reporting earned him his promotion to police reporter. Note subheading, "Boy Reporter 'Stars' at Trial."



Tom and Patricia Harris (left) with twin daughters Tricia and Peggy aboard the SS Cuba about to depart to Havana. Also shown are Mr. and Mrs. Poynter McEvoy. At the time, Harris was the Times managing editor and McEvoy was vice president and assistant manager. Circa 1938.

Photos courtesy of the Harris Family

Las Novedades." He made yearly 'vacation' trips to various Latin American countries. 'Vacation' is in quotes because he used these sojourns to interview Latin American leaders, as well as 'persons on the street,' and file reports back to the Times on his experiences including earthquakes and coups. In 1958, he was sent by Nelson Poynter on a 10-week trip to Latin America to do in-depth reporting.

In the 1940s, the Times ran a comic strip designed to help children learn Spanish. This was likely Tom's doing. He was very internationally minded, hosting visiting journalists from places such as Japan, South Africa, and Turkey. He possessed a particularly strong interest in fostering closer relationships between the United States and neighboring Spanish-speaking countries, as did early Times editor and part-owner William L. Straub. When Nelson Poynter became editor in 1939, Poynter also embraced the idea of partnership with Latin America and this theme was pushed nearly to the level of a campaign. At one time, the Times gave extensive coverage to Latin America, hiring noted journalists such as Bill Landrey. On one occasion, Harris saluted Latin American newspapers as "the bulwark in the fight against dictators and communism south of the border." Harris was a force in the newspaper industry along with Nelson Poynter. He was president of the Florida Associated Press, a director of the national association, and chair of the Freedom of the Press Committee for the Inter-American Press Association.

In 1949, four young African Americans – Earnest Thomas, Charles Greenlee, Samuel Shepherd, and Walter Irvin – were accused of raping a 17-year-old white woman near the town of Groveland in Lake County, Florida. (The story was recently memorialized in the best seller *Devil in the Grove*.) At the time, the Ku Klux Klan was well-established in Lake County and it initiated a wave of violence against African Americans in which two of the defendants were shot, killing one. The surviving three were beaten in jail and convicted by an all-white jury. They came to be represented by Thurgood Marshall, an attorney for the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense Fund and later Supreme Court Justice.

Norman Bunin, a 26-year-old copy editor at the Times took an interest in the case, subsequently writing a multi-part exposé which developed many leads indicating the innocence of those convicted. Marshall was able to get the US Supreme Court to overturn the convictions of two and order a retrial. One of these was subsequently shot dead in cold blood while being transported by the sheriff, Willis McCall. The surviving defendant was again convicted and sentenced to death, but had his sentence commuted to life by Governor LeRoy Collins and was released from prison in 1960.

Marshall had contacted Tom Harris at the Times to solicit the paper's support in petitioning the governor for a pardon. The Times ran a number of editorials calling for justice. All of the accused were posthumously exonerated by the legislature in 2017. After the governor commuted the sentence of one of those convicted, a grand jury was convened in Lake County to revisit the entire matter. One of its actions was to personally rebuke Tom Harris for "smearing the good people of Lake County and its law enforcement officers" through the Times reporting and editorials. Harris had a history of righting wrongs in the criminal justice system. As a reporter in 1926, he was instrumental in securing the release of two men who had spent two years in prison after they were wrongly convicted of robbery. He once said this was his greatest satisfaction as a journalist.

Tom Harris retired from the Times in 1968, but not from journalism. He immediately assumed the position of executive editor of *El Mundo* in San Juan, Puerto Rico. One of his initiatives there was the establishment of a summer training school for journalists. He remained in that position until 1975. When he returned to St. Petersburg, he was invited by the Times to write its history. When he died in 1985, the history was not finished. The unfinished typed manuscript is in the University of South Florida special collections.

As Sharon Harris put it, "Daddy never lost his nose for news, always looking forward to tomorrow's news. He was a very kind man with an innate sense of justice. He saw journalism as a way to do justice." Peggy Harris added, "He felt very strongly that a free press was essential to democracy." ●

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Cartoon of Tom Harris sketched by his good friend Wally Bishop, the nationally syndicated cartoonist who created Muggs & Skeeter.

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# Remaking St. Pete As a Cultural Heritage Destination

Janan Talafer

St. Pete is known as a center for arts and culture thanks to landmark venues like the Dali, the Chihuly Collection, and now the James Museum and Imagine Museum. Well-known businessman and Snell Isle resident, Jim MacDougald, would like to add to that list – and expand the category to include history.

He and Amy Miller, an Old Northeast resident and nonprofit development consultant, have formed a new nonprofit organization called The History Council. Through the council, they hope to redefine the Florida Suncoast region as a top cultural heritage travel destination worthy of international attention.

“Our focus is the entire West Central Florida area, which ranges from Charlotte Harbor and Sarasota, to St. Petersburg, Dunedin, Clearwater, and Tarpon Springs,” says Amy. “We intend to brand the area as the Florida Suncoast rather than the Tampa Bay region. Too often visitors from outside our area think Tampa Bay refers only to the city of Tampa rather than St. Petersburg.”

What historical events and places do they intend to promote? Jim points out that Native American Indians first settled in this area more than 10,000 years ago and had a flourishing civilization. Various shell mounds and middens from this era still exist, says Jim, but their location and historical significance are not that well known.

St. Petersburg’s role in the Spanish exploration of North America also deserves greater attention. Spanish explorer Pánfilo de Narváez landed in the Jungle Prada area of St. Pete on Boca Ciega Bay in April 15, 1528, and embarked on an ambitious inland exploration of North America. An avid history buff, Jim has done extensive research on the Narváez expedition and is in the process of publishing an academic book on the topic.

“The event occurred 275 years before the famed Lewis & Clark expedition, but the landing site in Jungle Prada is marked only by a small sign,” says Jim. “The Narváez landing was actually the beginning a 3,000-mile odyssey from Florida to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Only four explorers survived out of the original 300-crew members.”

A more modern day historical event is also on their agenda: St. Petersburg’s role in the birthplace of commercial aviation. An article by Will Michaels in the January-February 2018 edition of the *Northeast Journal* detailed the history of this



Amy Miller, executive director of The History Council

event and the local campaign underway by a separate organization to create a monument at the downtown waterfront. The History Council will be spreading the word since this endeavor fits with their mission perfectly.

“We want to bring to the forefront important stories of our region and to share them with the general public for their enjoyment and education,” says Amy. “We hope to collaborate with local, regional, and statewide cultural organizations to identify historical people, places, and events worthy of more public attention.”

The History Council has three areas of focus, the Pre-Columbian Era; the Colonial Era; and the Modern Era. The council’s first target is the Pre-Columbian and Early Colonial periods. Future plans will address the area’s Colonial and Modern Era history.

“Our beaches will always be a draw, but many people are looking for something more,” says Amy. “Tourists are drawn to places of historical importance.” She and Jim point to Plymouth

Rock in Massachusetts as a good example. “More than one million visitors a year go to see Plymouth Rock and virtually every schoolchild knows that the Pilgrims landed near there in 1620,” says Jim. “We would like to see this area of Florida receive the same kind of recognition for our unique history.”

An advisory board is guiding The History Council’s mission and includes local, state, and national experts such as Rolena Adorno, Ph.D. sterling professor, Yale University; J. Michael Francis, Ph.D. chair, Department of History and Politics at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg; and Don José Vivero, chairman and CEO, Century Bank of Florida and honorary vice-consul of Spain to the West Coast of Florida. Amy has been named executive director, while Jim is working in a behind-the-scenes role.

“We are looking forward to doing further research on our area’s interesting history and raising the region’s profile as a cultural heritage destination,” says Amy. The next step is to begin developing educational resources, maps, and guides, as well as mobile apps and videos. A one-day symposium on Pre-Columbian and Early Colonial Florida will be held in October 26-28 at the St. Pete Yacht Club. The keynote speaker is Yale University Professor Rolena Adorno.

More information can be found on the History Council’s new website [historycouncil.org](http://historycouncil.org) and Facebook page [@historycouncilinc](https://www.facebook.com/historycouncilinc). ◆



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### A TRIBUTE TO MAYOR DON JONES

Flags were at half-mast at city hall recently, but few knew why. Former Mayor Don Jones passed away at the age of 92 in May. There are not many who remember his service on the city council (1963-67), service as mayor (1967-69), and later on the county commission. I had the honor of interviewing him for a two-part article published by the *Northeast Journal* in 2016.



During his time with the city, he was the voice of reason, speaking out – often alone – for desegregation and justice. On his first day on the city council, he was the deciding vote on a measure calling for integration of the Parks and Recreation Department. He was one of few who fought for such projects as the John Knox Apartments for the elderly and for an outreach employment office in the African American community. He was the only member of the council to oppose charging admission to swim at Lake Maggoire, and also voted against fencing-in North Shore Beach, measures designed by the city manager to discourage use by African Americans. He was mayor at a time when the city was actually run by an appointed manager, and the office of mayor was largely symbolic with a single vote on the city council.

During his tenure as mayor, he met his greatest challenge. It was at that time that the city manager reneged on a plan to restore pay cuts for city sanitation workers – nearly all African Americans – resulting in a 116-day sanitation strike. Mayor Jones was the only city-elected official to condemn the manager’s action reducing pay. During the strike, there were outbreaks of community violence which were vigorously denounced by the strike leadership, as well as by the mayor. Mayor Jones also condemned a proposal for a “controlled confrontation” contemplated by some city officials. He stated at the time, “We don’t just stop with law and order. There is freedom and justice, and they are all intertwined and inseparable.” He successfully worked to see that justice was done for the strikers, as well as initiated measures such as establishment of the Community Alliance to facilitate communications and address measures to improve conditions for African Americans.

After the strike was settled, Mayor Jones reflected that the strike allowed St. Petersburg to “grow up and become part of the twentieth century.” While the strikers and their families may rightfully take pride in this accomplishment, Mayor Jones himself played a critical role. Here was a mayor who saw beyond most of his peers and rose to the challenge of his time. Surely he will go down in city history as one of our great mayors. ●

–Will Michaels

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**Howard  
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**How long have you lived in St. Pete and where are you from originally?**

We have lived on Snell Isle for 2½ years having moved from Long Island, NY.

**Best hidden gem in St. Pete?**

While I wouldn't consider it hidden, we enjoy taking our dogs to Fort Desoto Beach where they can run free all along the beachfront.

**Top two places in the world on your bucket list?**

Australia and Greece

**A gadget you can't live without?**

Unfortunately, my cell phone.

**Favorite restaurant in St. Pete?**

400 Beach

**What famous person, current or past, would you like to meet and why?**

John F. Kennedy because I am fascinated with his history, the manner in which he approached the presidency, how he handled the Cuban Missile Crisis, among his other accomplishments during his short tenure as president. He had class and style and could have truly changed the world for the better had he been given the chance.

**Favorite sport or recreational activity?**

I enjoy many sports, including working out, running, and jet skiing, though I'd really like to start playing more golf again, and must get back into playing regularly to up my game to where it used to be.

**A quote that inspires you?**

"He who hesitates, is lost."

**Favorite movie?**

*Casablanca*

**If a teleporter existed, what time period and place would you go to first?**

While I wouldn't want to stay for long, I would like to see our country back during the 1770s to 1780s and witness the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

**What is the most encouraging word/statement you can receive?**

"Never surrender."

**If you were a dog, what breed would you be?**

Newfoundland

**Tell us about a significant mentor in your life?**

I wouldn't say I had one significant mentor in my life, as many individuals possess qualities that have inspired me. Certainly, my father and my mother, both of whom have shown me the way to treat people and appreciate life. I have also learned from children how important it is to live in the moment. As adults, we all get so caught up in what needs to be done next rather than what is happening around us right now.

**Current book you've read and would recommend?**

I read mostly fiction novels, mysteries, and thrillers, none of which come to mind as being outstanding, although most hold my interest and are entertaining. In a humorous attempt at self-promotion, I would recommend a murder-mystery that I wrote called *Everywhere That Tommy Goes*.



**Jean  
Riccio**

North Shore Drive

**How long have you lived in St. Pete and where are you from originally?**

I was born and raised in Connecticut and have lived in St. Pete since 2010. I have also lived in Alaska and Seattle. I moved to Alaska in 1979 where I lived for 23 years, raising my children there and running a fishing charter business. Before coming to St. Pete, I was in Seattle for 8 years. I love living in St. Pete!

**Best hidden gem in St. Pete?**

Weedon Island Preserve is a beautiful place for a walk or kayaking through the marked mangrove trails.

**Top two places in the world on your bucket list?**

Machu Picchu and the Canary Islands

**A gadget you can't live without?**

Cuisinart Smart Stick (immersion blender) and garlic press

**Favorite restaurant in St. Pete?**

Bella Brava

**What famous person, current or past, would you like to meet and why?**

Albert Einstein because he saw the world and universe from a different vantage point than most of us... perhaps more of the 'big picture!'

**Favorite sport or recreational activity?**

Swimming, especially at North Shore Pool

**A quote that inspires you...**

"To thine own self be true." William Shakespeare

**Favorite movie?**

It's a tie: *Dr. Zivago* and *Like Water for Chocolate*.

**If a teleporter existed, what time period and place would you go to first?**

Earth in 200 years

**What is the most encouraging word/statement you can receive?**

"You are living your purpose."

**If you were a dog, what breed would you be?**

Golden Doodle

**Current book you've read and would recommend?**

*Outrageous Openness* by Tosha Silver

**What St. Pete venue is on the must-see list for out-of-town guests?**

The James Museum and Duncan McClellan Glass

**What do you do for a living?**

I help people heal themselves through massage, bodywork, and Body-Soul work, which is intuitive energy work.



**Nancy  
Westphal**

Beach Drive

**How long have you lived in St. Pete and where are you from originally?**

I moved from Green Bay, Wisconsin to St. Pete in 1979 as a junior at St. Pete High. My parents bought a residence at Bayfront Tower on Beach Drive when it was new. They still live there.

**Best hidden gem in St. Pete?**

The love of my life, my husband Steve, whom I met in 2010

**Top two places in the world on your bucket list?**

Australia and Thailand

**A gadget you can't live without?**

My iPhone

**Favorite restaurant in St. Pete?**

Go To Steve Restaurants, of course! (400 Beach, Parkshore Grille, The Annex at 400 Beach, Hangar Restaurant at Albert Whitted Airport and Café Gala at the Dali)

**What famous person, current or past, would you like to meet and why?**

I have a list of people I would have loved to meet from the past, especially my ancestors. For the present day, I would love to meet Oprah Winfrey, Martha Stewart, Richard Branson, and the Queen of England.

**Favorite sport or recreational activity?**

Tennis, golf, boating, snow skiing

**A quote that inspires you...**

"Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, don't mess with Mister In-Between."

**Favorite movie?**

*The Sound of Music*

**If a teleporter existed, what time period and place would you go to first?**

I would love to travel into the future to see the amazing inventions and places in our universe.

**What is the most encouraging word/statement you can receive?**

When my kids, my husband, and my mom say how lucky we are to have each other. That is very special to me.

**If you were a dog, what breed would you be?**

A standard poodle. They are smart, sweet, loyal, and love to be fancy!

**Tell us about a significant mentor in your life?**

My mom is an incredible person and great mentor to me. She truly is an inspiration. Anyone who is lucky enough to know her... they know what I mean.

**Current book you've read and would recommend?**

I highly recommend *Resisting Happiness is Very Good For The Soul*. I bought a book for my husband Steve by Richard Branson called *Finding My Virginity*, which is a great business read.

**What St. Pete venue is on the must-see list for out-of-town guests?**

Vinoy Hotel, the Don CeSar, Dali Museum, Fine Arts Museum, Chihuly, James Museum, and Duncan McClellan's Gallery

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**SISTER CITY** *continued from page 1*

The students remarked about the similarities the two cities. Takamatsu is located on the northern tip of the island of Shikoku and faces the Seto Inland Sea. Like St. Pete, it has a beautiful waterfront, a warm and humid climate, a bike-friendly culture, and an embrace of the arts.

But as expected, there are also major differences. Youth attend school year-round and are not allowed to drive until they're at least 18. The Japanese society is also much more structured and the city is very compact. "Most people live in small apartments," says Chloe. Zak had an unexpected surprise. Because the father in his host family was a Buddhist priest, he was invited to stay at a Buddhist temple for few days and participate in ceremonies there.

To prepare for the trip, students take several 'crash courses' which introduce them to Japanese culture and the language. "I don't speak Japanese, so in the beginning it was a little awkward talking with my host family," says Chloe. "They grow up speaking English, but when we weren't sure what was being said, they had an app that translated for us."

In addition to learning a few key Japanese words to help them manage day-to-day, the students had to memorize a three-minute speech in Japanese they delivered to the Takamatsu mayor during a welcoming ceremony in which gifts are exchanged – an important Japanese custom. "We delivered gifts from Mayor Kriseman, including pins, sunglasses, and a painting from a local artist at Creative Clay," says Jenae.

By the time this issue of the *Northeast Journal* is published, this year's current group of student ambassadors – Kai Tomalin (a student at Canterbury), Olivia Olson (a student at Shorecrest), and Thalinna Faren (a student at St. Petersburg High) – will just be returning home from Japan, eager to share what they learned with friends and family. Then on July 23, the Japanese students will arrive here in St. Pete, ready to experience what it's like to be an American teen and to visit our favorite attractions, from local museums to a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game. "Last year's group loved everything, especially the beach and the downtown murals," says Chloe.



The St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society, better known as SPIFFS, coordinates the program for the City of St. Pete. Each year three students are chosen to participate based on their academic record, school-related activities, and how well they might represent the city. They must be St. Pete residents and have completed their junior year at a local high school. "It's a rigorous selection process," says Lotta Baumann, SPIFFS executive director. There are 12 applicants for three spots. The panel of judges interviews parents and students. Students also must complete an

essay about why they think they should be chosen.

In her essay to the Ambassador selection committee, Olivia, who was chosen to go to Japan this summer, wrote: "I've always seen myself as having two sides. One part of me wants to spend time learning all that St. Pete has to offer. The other part wants to see everything the world has to offer, such as the greatest wonders, new languages, fascinating and foreign cultures. It wasn't until high school that I realized I could combine these two sides to become a global citizen who can share all my hometown has to offer. For that reason, I want to be involved in this exchange program. I would love to share my love for St. Pete and also experience another culture."

St. Petersburg is fortunate to have such outstanding students be the city's representative to our sister city in Japan – the cross-cultural bridge that connects two cultures from different parts of the world. ◆

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Kathy Callahan

It's a beautiful day when I wake up and realize that I live in one of the most scenic cities in the country: St. Petersburg, once named the 'Sunshine City' because of its many days of enjoyable weather. Year-round I can step outside my door and suddenly be transported to a place where good health intersects with natural beauty. It's a place where I can get a workout that's fun and free without worrying about a gym membership, and a place that adds to your sense of well-being while reducing stress. I'm lucky to have found these benefits at my two favorite



locations where I relish my walks with good friends.

My first is Crescent Lake Park, a place I've enjoyed for over 30 years. It's not unusual on any given day to find me and my friend, Maureen, briskly walking the 1.1-mile track around the lake. One of the first things I enjoy most about Crescent Lake Park is the very peaceful and serene lake. The lake is impeccably maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers who spend one Saturday a month clearing the lake of debris and invasive foliage. The well-managed 56-acre park is not only home to a large population of ducks, geese, and wildlife, but also one of the most beautiful and iconic banyan trees. If walking or jogging is not your thing, Crescent Lake also offers tennis courts where these days you're likely to see a pickle-ball match in session. Just past the courts is a



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very spacious dog park with separate areas for our large and small furry friends. For baseball fans, Huggins-Stengel Baseball Field is steeped in history and was once the Spring Training location for the New York Yankees, New York Mets, and Baltimore Orioles. Last but not least, located in the middle of the park, is a playground where swings and slides provide children with hours of entertainment. The morning strollers at Crescent Lake Park are a regular group that greet one another as they pass by. I'm convinced early morning walks around the lake are good for your soul and I welcome everyone to join our club.

My second favorite place to walk is Coffee Pot Boulevard. On a typical day, my friends, Sandy, Celene, and I park at the Women's Center to begin our journey. In our younger days we would run, but now we choose to walk. Either way, the view of the sparkling water is mesmerizing when shared with kayakers, paddle boarders, and dolphins. During the colder months, you're likely to find a crowd gathered to view the manatees flocking the warm waters of Coffee Pot Bayou. Recently while alone, I was struck by the sheer number of people that now utilize this area. I realized it was no longer just walkers, joggers, and fisherman, but a whole host of new activity. I saw a young man on rollerblades weaving in and out of the crowd while proudly singing his favorite song. There were mothers jogging with baby carriages, skateboarders, and numerous cyclists. And, of course, the scenic walk along North Shore Drive provides numerous homes and gardens to admire.

As I approached North Shore pool, I saw that the newly installed exercise equipment was completely full, forcing individuals to perform their own calisthenic routines while waiting for a machine. The benches along the path are filled with people engaged in conversation, catching up on a good book, or just taking that very necessary break. On most days, the volley ball courts are full as the next group anxiously awaits their turn. The children's playground, tennis courts, and dog park were also thriving with activity.

If physical activity is not for you, the scenic walk along North Shore Drive provides numerous homes and gardens to admire. Street vendors sell hotdogs and Italian ice close by for a quick snack. For those looking for a meal, Beach Drive is right around the corner. For photography buffs, the picture-perfect postcard views are inspiring, and for others seeking relaxation and conversation, it's a natural mixer. I'm convinced this area has flourished with a fresh atmosphere that is inviting to people of all ages.

So, whether you choose to visit one of my favorite places or discover one on your own, take the time to visit the beautiful parks St. Petersburg has to offer. I'm sure that after your own experience you'll agree it truly is a beautiful day. ♦



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Neon neurons navigate,  
Shimmering and shimmying,  
Flashing a coincidence of memories –  
Glowworms consume me  
With their bioluminescence that  
I want to capture in cold crystal jars  
(Without lids),  
Lapping wet diamonds  
Churning the past,  
Pinging against the glass enclosure,  
Trapped and saved at the same time  
From growing dim

### DOWNTOWN SUMMER

Sweet heat still  
Pacing in a contiguous line  
Downtown  
Across from the Museum  
Of Fine Arts  
Across from the married  
Banyan trees  
Further across from  
The Vinoy basin  
The Vinoy hotel  
Pink and luscious  
Like a swelling reflective wave  
Sweet heat still  
Aggressive squirrels demanding nuts  
Yours or theirs –  
Three horse-drawn carriages  
Empty but driven  
Driven but empty  
Clopping coping cuddling  
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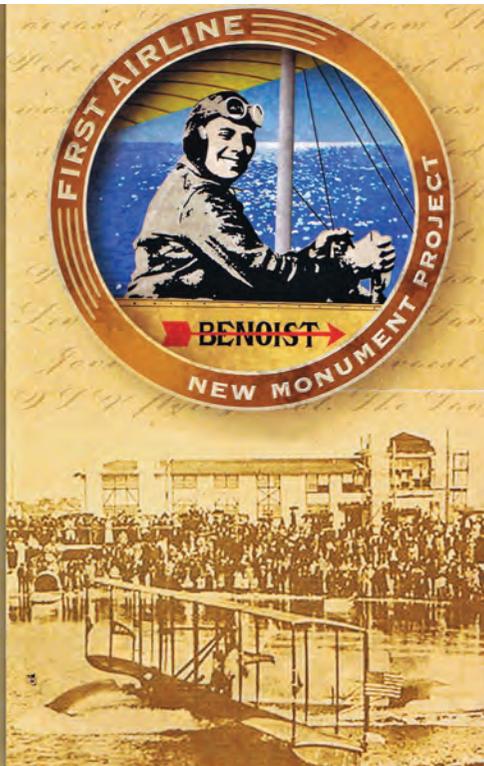
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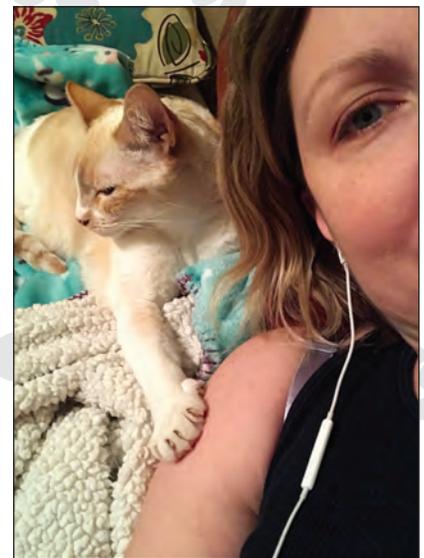
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