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Community News



Plenty

Jan Lazar—MCA Board President

When you think of the word “plenty”, you may think “enough” or “lots”, or “abundance”. But whatever the connotation for you, they all clearly indicate that there is not shortage or deprivation. We are all so fortunate to live in a land of plenty, to have plenty of good weather, have plenty of things to do, and plenty of people to enjoy things with, and plenty of sources for help when we need it.

But also have the other “plenty”. Plenty of daily challenges, plenty of restrictions, plenty of things we don’t like, plenty of conflicting recommendations on health, finance, lifestyle, etc, plenty of uncertainty about the future.

When we take the positive plenty things with the” plenty’s” that detract from our quality of life, we see that it is always a balancing matter. To have the best and most enjoyable life we can, we need to make the most of the positives and learn how to manage and minimize the plenty of negatives that everyone deals with regularly.

Here in The Meadows, we are truly fortunate to have a plethora of the positive plenty. But with that good fortune comes responsibility. We have a responsibility to protect our environment by preserving our green space, respecting nature including wildlife that share their habitat with us. We need to do

those things in our power to keep our local environment beautiful. Communities like The Meadows have deed restrictions to ensure that everyone does their part by replacing trees, maintaining landscapes and not damaging the space in which we all live.

We have a responsibility to protect ourselves and those around us. We do this by driving safely and responsibly, by looking out for neighbor’s property when they are absent, and by being involved in improving our community.

Positive plenty benefits us all. Negative plenty hurts us and can hurt those around us as well. We are a community within a larger community. We can be a source of positive plenty or we can be a source of negative plenty. Which do you want to be?

On a related topic, I want to thank all of our volunteers who have added plenty of positive things to our community. The chairs and members of the various committees have worked through

all the challenges that COVID has presented to keep The Meadows moving forward and adding to our lifestyle and our recreational activities as well as handling the less fun but equally important tasks of emergency preparedness and standards reviews.

But none of this could be accomplished without the hard work of the staff who keep the day to day operations of The Meadows working smoothly. Be sure to smile when you see them and know that they are a great part of why we have all that we have here in The Meadows.

As we move in to the high season, let’s have plenty of fun and plenty of appreciation of all that we enjoy each day. Let’s have plenty of cooperation in dealing with any of the negative plenty of things that can challenge us, and let’s all put plenty of our personal effort into making the upcoming season one of the best we’ve ever had.

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Annual Assessments are mailed in January. If you have an address change, please contact MCA by email: **mcaaccounting@meadowscs.com** to ensure prompt delivery of your assessment.

Our Vision

To be known as a well-maintained, welcoming, safe community with up-to-date housing, activities and services designed to meet the needs of all residents.



Our Mission

To preserve the property values, ambiance and vitality of our community.



Our Community of Plenty

Frances Rippondi—MCA General Manager

The Meadows is a unique community with plenty to offer. Little did Lord Frank Taylor, founder of The Meadows, know that over 40 years later, his community would still be highly sought after. Once a lone community virtually in the middle of nowhere, is now on the forefront of new homebuyers’ mind. And the proof? This year alone, over 300 home sales have taken place. The Meadows is popular for a number of reasons but the reoccurring message is “the beautiful open space, abundance of large trees, vegetation and the convenient location.”



The MCA does have beautiful vegetation, but that isn’t all. We have infrastructure spanning over 1,650 acres that includes 85 ponds, trails, 14 miles of sidewalks, 22 miles of roadways, bulkheads, retaining structures, recreational areas, bridges, irrigation, fountains, waterfalls, signage, fencing, stormwater pipes, drainage inlets, outfall structures, headwalls, bollards, streetlights and more. All these components function as the backbone for The Meadows, which is the reason why it’s critical that we maintain them properly.

All improvements play a role in keeping the community safe and vibrant. It is the daily work, repairs and preventative maintenance that makes The Meadows a formidable contender to surrounding communities and the reason why so many residents have lived here for so many years with many being second generational. Listed

below is a snap shot of items that receive attention throughout the year and often times go unnoticed but keeps our community in peak condition.

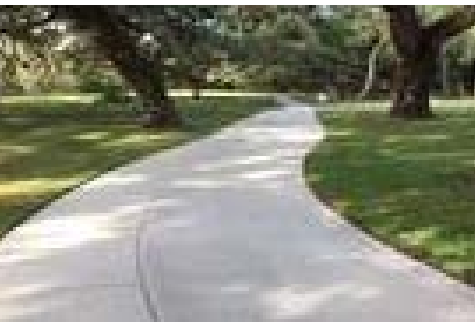
Trees and Vegetation

The Meadows’ native tree Hammock includes Live Oaks, Cabbage Palms and Pines. The MCA performs oak tree trimming bi-annually and palm tree trimming annually. We have recently completed our annual removal of dead fronds of the 516 cabbage palms throughout our common area.

Whether its vegetation added on land or in water, new plants are not only aesthetically pleasing but improve the environment – 2,000 aquatic plants have been added to our ponds and 150 to the community gardens. Thanks to our volunteer garden workers, our butterfly gardens, Memorial Garden and pocket gardens benefit from these individuals' green thumbs.

Sidewalks

The MCA strives to keep our walkways safe. Maintenance personnel inspect our sidewalks and prioritize those areas that need attention. Broken panels or lifted edges are treated by either removing and replacing the panel or scarifying (grinding down) the edges. Scarifying creates a smooth transition from one panel to the next. Sidewalk repairs are on a continual repair/replace cycle.



Pressure Washing

Now that we are moving into drier weather, we will perform even more pressure washing of our common area sidewalks concentrating on areas where dirt may have built up. Recently



completed common area walks: Harvest Bend, Highlands Bridge Rd., Amberly Drive, Longmeadow/17th St., and walks at the MCA. We encourage you to look at your own house, driveway and sidewalk to see if they could use sprucing up.



Bridges and Bulk Heads

Structural improvements have been made to Groves 13 bridge and Highlands 7 bulk head, both were at risk of failing. Keeping our assets and community safe is a priority.



Stormwater Drainage

The MCA continually maintains our 85 waterbodies and drainage channels so that they are free of blockages and debris to ensure



our storm water system functions properly. Along with keeping swales cleaned out, excess dirt that erodes into culverts is removed annually. Recently the east side of Longmeadow drainage has been cleared with the west side soon to follow.

Irrigation, Fountains and Pumps

Sometimes it is what you can’t see that makes a difference. Whether it's irrigation pipes underground, heads, clocks or pumps, irrigation repair is ongoing; Taywater, Highlands Bridge, Ringwood Meadow,



Downham Meadow, 17th St entry. have all received repairs due to broken or clogged pipe and heads. Whether it is a small adjustment or an entire zone out, keeping the irrigation functioning properly keeps our landscape lush and healthy.

Lights

The MCA maintains and owns over 120 common area lights (23 streetlights, 35 landscape lights, and 62 security lights). In addition, we work with FPL reporting any one of their 398 streetlights that may experience outage. Therefore, if you happen to see a streetlight is out, please report it to the MCA. A yellow ribbon around a streetlight pole means it has already been reported to FPL and is awaiting repair.

Aside from our normal infrastructure inspections performed by the MCA staff, the Long-Range Planning Committee has focused their attention on the importance of The Meadows infrastructure and will be developing a long-term strategy and vision to address the future needs of the community.



THANKSGIVING IN THE MEADOWS

The benefits of living in a deed restricted community

Bob Clark—Standards Chair

The theme for November, “Our Community of Plenty” comes during a month containing a national holiday of Thanksgiving. This holiday gives us a chance to reflect on the many benefits that flow from living in a well-managed community like The Meadows.

As I drive around Sarasota I am always impressed by the appearance of The Meadows compared to any other community of similar age. It stands as a living tribute to the original framers of the documents of the community who had the vision to set in place standards that would enhance the quality of the community for years to come.

I thought it might be helpful to include in this article a reminder of the difference between maintenance work that does not require an application for Architectural Review and improvements that do require prior approval. Maintenance work such

as landscaping work in existing beds, roof repair, window repair, interior improvements and pool screening repair do not require prior approval.

Projects involving exterior painting, exterior lighting, roof replacement, doors, windows, gutters, driveway replacement, tree removal and planting, entire pool screening, fencing, generators, wells and landscape expansion require the submission of a request for Architectural Review prior to beginning the project. If you still have questions, you can access The Meadows Rules and Regulations on the MCA website or call the MCA office for clarification.

All of this sometimes sounds restrictive to new residents but the overall appearance of The Meadows probably entered into your decision to buy a property here. In addition, our standards have maintained property values which help protect what is

probably one of the largest investments we have. The housing market in The Meadows is red hot due to a combination of our location and the quality of life we all enjoy here.

One of the major contributors to our quality-of-life flows from the efforts of our many volunteers who serve on committees and help provide direction for our future. Without the efforts of dozens of volunteers, we would need a much larger staff to provide the same level of services we enjoy today. How much better it is to have residents who are willing to provide positive input through committee work rather than simply sit back and criticize without a willingness to serve the community in any positive way.

As always my thanks go out to the hard working members of the Standards Committee and to our staff who tirelessly give of themselves to make our lives better.



Architectural Review

September Approved Applications

- 4951 Waterbridge Down
- 2850 Wrenwood Ct
- 4759 Ringwood Meadow
- 3306 Highlands Bridge Rd
- 3432 Highlands Bridge Rd
- 3432 Longmeadow
- 5235 Everwood Run
- 3038 Ringwood Meadow
- Chandlers Forde Condo Assn
- Chatsworth Greene Condo Assn
- 5440 Downham Meadow
- 5561 Downham Meadow
- 4507 Highland Oaks Cir
- 3340 Highlands Bridge Rd
- 2972 Longleat Woods
- 5067 Marsh Field Rd
- 5067 Marsh Field Rd
- 4907 Taywater Dell
- 4700 Windsor Park
- 2725 Horseshoe Ct
- 4020 Oakley Greene
- Hadfield Greene Condo Assn
- Winslow Beacon Condo Assn
- 4885 Waterbridge Down
- 3148 Ringwood Meadow
- 5302 Everwood Run



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Being Thankful

Michael Cox

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm reflecting on all that I have to be thankful for. There's not near enough space in this column to list even a half of what I have to be thankful for so I'll keep it short. Foremost is meeting Ala and her saying yes. Her love and our life together are the greatest things I can imagine and I remain in awe of the happiness it brings. Another thing to be thankful for is our home, friends and community in The Meadows. Moving to The Meadows almost didn't happen. We told two different realtors, one after the other, what we were looking for— an area with mature trees, lots of outdoor spaces, friendly, safe and with a real sense of community. Considering the areas we were shown it started to look like we'd never find it when, at the end of the first day with the third realtor, we turned from 17th Street into The Meadows and all that time spent looking finally paid

off. As soon as we drove past the fountain, we knew our search was over. We decided on that day that The Meadows was where we wanted to live. The good friends we've made in our community proves that becoming a part of The Meadows was the right choice.

Spending time each day to reflect on what I have to be thankful for is the easiest part of every day.

In speaking with a few new single-family homeowners I hear that the relationships between the master association, MCA, and the single-family homeowners group MHOA is confusing. I'd like to try to explain them as best I can.

The MHOA – The Meadows Homeowners Association. This is an association that represents the single-family homeowners in The Meadows. We represent our

members' interests in matters regarding the overall Meadows community. Unlike condo and villa associations, the MHOA does not oversee, maintain or manage services such as lawn care. While membership in the MHOA is not mandatory, we feel that with a minimal annual cost, we perform a welcome service by giving a united voice to the individual single-family homeowners of The Meadows. Our board is made up of volunteers.

The MCA – The Meadows Community Association. This is the master association that governs The Meadows. The MCA oversees the management of all common spaces, a safety team, maintenance, and administration of the community's lifestyle programs and activities. The MCA's management and administrative offices are located at 2004 Longmeadow and its 9

member governing board is elected by the community.

Membership in the MCA is mandatory to all homeowners in The Meadows whether condo, villa and single family, and its annual assessment provides the management and administration of 1,650 acres and over 20 buildings all roadways, ponds, lights and streets within the community. Within the MCA there is the management team hired by the community to manage The Meadows and the MCA board which is made up of volunteers from our community.

Please keep your eye out for our November mailing in order to start or renew your membership in the MHOA. Speaking for the single-family Homeowners as a group, gives us an important voice in the community.

Be a member of MHOA. It's only \$15 a year or \$25 for two years.
For information, contact the MHOA at MeadowsHomeownersSarasota@gmail.com



Assembly Committee

Mike Mazur—Assembly Chair

The October 20, 2021 meeting of the Assembly of Property Owners kicked off the season for Assembly meetings and our first program was Insurance Updates presented by Tom Kochis, Partner and Vice President of Sales for Atlas Insurance, an independent insurance agency based in Sarasota. Tom outlined the forecasts for Association, HO6 Condominium, and single family property and casualty coverages. These markets fluctuate with companies' claims experience, natural disasters and human caused incidents.

Also at this meeting, the applicants for the three positions that will be open on The Meadows Community Association Board of Directors were introduced and presented their remarks to the Assembly Delegates, Alternates, and other attendees. As the number of applicants is within the allowed number of nominees per the Assembly Rules,

all applicants are now candidates for the Board so no further action is required by the Assembly. The next issue of *The Meadoword* will contain information on each nominee.

The November 17, 2021 Assembly meeting will be a hybrid event so watch for Constant Contact notices from the MCA in the days before the meeting for remote connection information. In person seating will be on an advance reservation basis and the reservation and ticketing process will be outlined in Constant Contact notices. Brian Loughery, Chief Deputy at Sarasota County Property Appraiser will be speaking and answering questions on the county appraiser process and providing information on procedures used to arrive at assessed values. In addition, the MCA Treasurer will present the proposed MCA budget for 2022-2023.

See you online or
in-person on

November 17, 2021.

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Plenty of Great Weather

Roy Wysnewski—The Meadows Weather/Hurricane Season Analysis: September Report

September is the second consecutive month in which both temperature and rainfall were near normal – equating to plenty of great late-summer, early-fall weather for The Meadows.

The heat dome mentioned last month certainly has dissipated from earlier levels, yet the monthly high-temperature average remained above normal, albeit by only 1.2 degrees F. The significance of this is that our daytime high-temperature monthly averages have consistently been above normal in all but one month since January 2020! In that one month, December 2020, the temperature was normal – see Graph One. Area residents may find this graph interesting because it reinforces in real time the growing scientific evidence that points to our climate transitioning from subtropical to tropical – like that found in Miami, Florida! Details about this unique climate phenomenon can be found in a recently published paperback at Amazon.com – ‘Climates in Crisis’. Other September temperature statistics reveal that maximum daytime temperatures exceeded normal on 19 days and there were two record-high-temperature days.

September concluded our four-month rainy season (June 1st to September 30th) with little fanfare as rainfall was just-short of normal, less than a half- inch. Likewise, the rainy season concluded in near-normal fashion with rainfall totaling 33.9 inches (normal is 34.5”). During a typical September, measurable rainfall is recorded on 13 days. Surprisingly, if one counts

Meadows Rainfall and Temperature Data

Rainfall: 6.19 inches (YTD: 43.06 in.)
23 yr. September rainfall average: 6.62 in.

Average high temperature: 91.2.F (normal: 90 F)
Above normal high-temp. days: 19
Record high-temperature days: 2

the six days in which brief showers deposited 0.24” of water, a total of twenty-six rainy days were recorded this month! Truly amazing!

Monthly temperature and rainfall data are presented in Graph Two.

Hurricane Season Analysis:
According to a WeatherTiger article appearing in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune (09/18/2021): “Since May 2020, forty-five tropical cyclones, twenty hurricanes, and ten major hurricanes have developed in the Atlantic. Twelve tropical storms, five Category 1 or 2 hurricanes, and three major hurricanes have made landfall in the continental United States.” With all this tropical activity happening around us, residents in The Meadows have good reason to ‘bask’ in the historical good fortune of being spared impact by a major hurricane for the past sixty-one years -- Hurricane Donna in 1960!

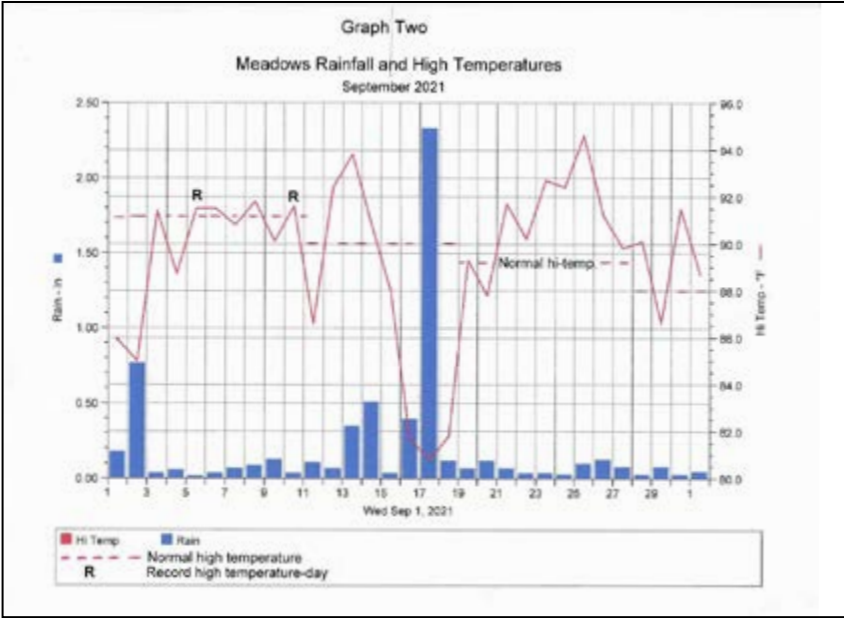
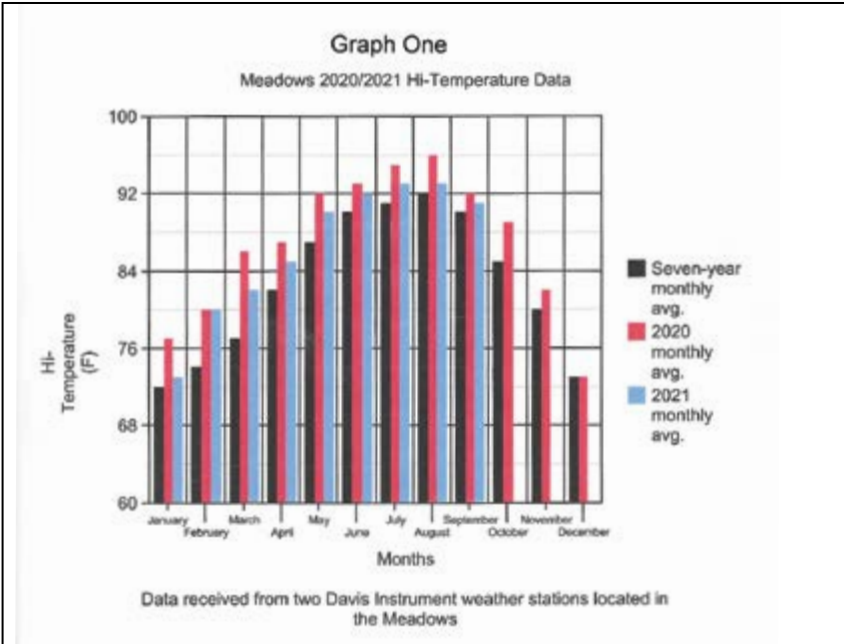
We may bask in our good fortune, but we must not ‘fall asleep at the switch’. The risk for a major hurricane impact in Southwest Florida peaks in mid-October, specifically between the 13th and 27th, then

remains at a moderate level until about November 10th. With

water temperatures continuing to run above normal in both the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico, conditions are ripe for tropical cyclonic development in the western Caribbean.

Residents: Remain vigilant for the final third of this very active Atlantic hurricane season.

Send comments and questions about this month’s report to: roywys9@gmail.com.



Graph two-Meadows Rainfall and High Temperatures, Sept


The Meadows, Hub of Sarasota

Resales ending the months of September 2021 and September 2020 In The Meadows & Sarasota County

SALES	THE MEADOWS	SARASOTA COUNTY
Sales 2021 & 2020	↑2021 (24) 2020 (23)	↓2021 (1012) 2020 (1118)
Median Sale Price	↑\$272,000 \$225,000	↑\$375,000 \$285,000
Condominium Sales	↑2021 (19) 2020 (17)	↓2021 (302) 2020 (370)
Med Condo Sale Price	↑\$260,000 \$212,000	↑\$318,450 \$240,000
House Sales	↓2021 (05) 2020 (06)	↓2021 (710) 2020 (748)
Med House Sale Price	↑\$585,000 \$332,888	↑\$402,000 \$310,000
For sale on the 30th	↓2021 (07) 2020 (31)	↓2021 (795) 2020 (2136)
Property Pending	↓2021 (26) 2020 (28)	↓2021 (1404) 2020 1762)
Listing Supply	↓2021 (0.3) 2020(1.4)	↓2021 (0.8) 2020 (1.9)

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Plenty of Password Hackers

Protect Yourself Against New ID Theft Schemes

Lisa Gerstner—Kiplinger's Personal Finance Publication

The problem: Creating strong passwords and remembering them is a heavy lift without some help, and many consumers fall into bad habits; in 2020, the most common password was “123456,” according to password manager NordPass. If you reuse the same password on multiple accounts, a crook who grabs your log-in credentials for one website can use them to access other sites.

How to protect yourself

“Good password management is one of the best risk-minimization steps people can take. I can’t say that enough,” says Velasquez. A password manager—such a Dashlane, Keeper or LastPass—is a great tool to securely store long-in credentials and to generate strong, unique passwords for each account. “Human-generated passwords are normally very weak,” says Fleming Shi, chief technology officer for security service

Barracuda. Some programs offer a free, basic version that manages passwords on a single device as well as advanced options that provide management on multiple devices and other features for a monthly fee. LastPass, for example, is free for one user with one device, \$3 monthly for one user with unlimited devices or \$4 monthly for up to six users with unlimited devices. Paid accounts come with extras such as one gigabyte of file storage, as well as monitoring of internet black-market sites for your personal information. Your web browser may offer password management, but dedicated programs are typically more powerful and provide more features. If you’re creating a password without assistance from a program, choose a password with at least 12 characters, says Velasquez. Using both uppercase and lowercase letters is a good idea, too. You don’t have to string together a nonsensical sequence of characters for the password to be secure. Instead, put together

a “passphrase” by combining a few words— say, from a favorite song or quote. You could choose a core passphrase and alter it for each account to ensure unique credentials for each site, says Velasquez.

Add a layer of security by using multifactor authentication whenever possible. A website, for example, may send you a code by text message or email when there’s an attempt to log-in from an unfamiliar device and require you

to enter the code for access.

What to do if you’re a victim

If you find out that your log-in credentials have been compromised, immediately change your password on the effected account. If you use the same password on any other accounts, change those, too. (and choose unique passwords for each account this time.) At www.haveibeenpwned.com, you can look up your email address to see whether it and your passwords have been involved in any data breaches.

Data Security

How Long Does It Take to Hack Passwords?

Hackers can crack weak passwords by using programs that run through various possibilities until they hit the right one. The longer your password and the more types of characters it combines, the less likely this method will succeed. See how long it would take a fraudster to figure out your password based on its length and composition.

Number of characters	Numbers only	Lowercase letters	Upper and lowercase letters	Numbers, upper and lowercase letters	Numbers, upper and lowercase letters, symbols
8	Instantly	5 seconds	22 minutes	1 hour	8 hours
9	Instantly	2 minutes	19 hours	3 days	3 weeks
10	Instantly	58 minutes	1 month	7 months	5 years
11	2 seconds	1 day	5 years	41 years	400 years
12	25 seconds	3 weeks	300 years	2k years	34k years
13	4 minutes	1 year	16k years	100k years	2m years

SOURCE: Hive Systems, with data from www.howsecureismypassword.net



SEPTEMBER SAFETY REPORT



During the month of September, 2021 there were thirteen (12) incident free days, five (5) less than last month. There were thirty two (32) reported incidents, fourteen (14) more than last month. There were seventy eight (78) citations issued this month, forty two (42) less than last month.

Suspicious Person

- On Friday, September 3, 2021 at the entrance to the recreation area, the Safety Officer was closing the chain. A white male in a white vehicle pulled next to the Safety Officer and started to chastise him for scaring him while playing a deputy. He

asked what the Safety Officer was doing there. The Safety Officer replied, doing my job. The white male stated you must be new and you will learn. The white male advised that he lived the Papillon Association.

- On Saturday, September 4, 2021 in the Community pool area and the 3200 block of Ringwood Meadow (Papillon Association), the complainant was approached by a young man. The young man asked her if he could smoke his weed, and she said “no” because of pool rules. The man left and returned and asked if he could smoke a cigarette, and again she said “no” because of the pool rules. The young man started Fu..ing this and Fu..ing

that, then left to smoke. The complainant not feeling comfort about the incident, went home. Later the complainant was sitting in her garage, when the young man approached her. The complainant advised him not to come any closer or she would call the police. Sarasota County Sheriff’s Deputy Rose arrived and made a report (C# 21-74198).

Traffic Crash

- On Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at the entrance of Longmeadow at 17th Street, a vehicle was struck attempting a left turn onto Longmeadow by a hit and run vehicle. Sarasota County Sheriff’s Deputy Binkley gave writer a case # 21-076693, and requested writer leave the

area, as they had it under control.

Theft-Petit

- On Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:56 pm in the 2400 block of Arborfield Sq. the complainant stated that two of her plants was taken. One a few weeks ago and now on this date.
- On Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 6:28 pm, a bicycle was hit by a vehicle (Nissan 4 door with Florida tag: HWHIS). Neither requested medical attention. Sarasota County Sheriff’s Deputy Chesney worked the incident. Case # 21-079906.

Michele Tanner receives Humanitarian Award

Michele Tanner, realtor and humanitarian, received the Humanitarian Award from the Realtor Association of Sarasota/Manatee (RASM). Originally inspired by Tony Robbins years ago with their basket brigade, Michele Tanner is celebrating their 11th year of organizing the giving team of volunteers that help feed families during the Thanksgiving holiday with a food-donation program, created at the local level and collaborating with nonprofits in

Sarasota, Florida. Tanner's Turkeys fed 500 families last year and hope to feed another 500 this year!

Her humanitarian efforts kicked off at The Meadows Country Club with a Tanner's Turkeys Fundraiser event held on October 28th. In addition, Tony Robbins Foundation is gifting the basket brigade families hundreds of Tony's DVD sets and Michele will be showcased at a booth during an upcoming Tony Robbins event. "There is such a great need," Tanner

said. "But we're really passing on hope to people. We don't look at what we are doing as a handout to people, but a hand up. Everybody has struggles at some point, at least most people do."

Tanner's Turkeys will create and deliver HUNDREDS of Thanksgiving Dinners this year through generous community donations— which means they will need ALL HANDS ON DECK to build and deliver dinner baskets! There are several ways volunteers may help, see below.



**Donate-go to [Tannersturkeys.wordpress.com](https://www.tannersturkeys.wordpress.com)
make a difference in families lives.**

Join the Tanner's Turkey Packing Brigade, help pack thanksgiving dinners.

Be a part of the Tanner Turkey Volunteer Delivery Team

**Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church,
2256 Bahia Vista St.
Sarasota, FL, 34239**

November 21, from 12 pm-2 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Dates and times may change on various events that are reported, we suggest you check the host of the event's website to ensure that the event has not changed. Any changes on MCA events will be posted on MCA website and communicated through our Constant Contact (CC) email updates. For those that are not on our CC list, please sign up, or call MCA 941-377-2300.

Neighbors United For a Good Cause

Geraldine "Jerry" Bernier

Blessed to live in "a community of plenty," residents of Harvest Bend in The Meadows generously donated household effects, kitchenware, bedding, carpets, adult and children's clothing, toiletries, and soccer balls, for refugees fleeing from Afghanistan.

Initiated independently by "Harvest Bender" **Linda Miska Miller,**

whose Church of the Redeemer had raised \$60,000 for the five families related to a local deputy sheriff from Afghanistan, Linda knew that her neighbors would be receptive to sharing with these unfortunate refugees who have left their homes with literally nothing.

Sponsored by **Deputy Sheriff "Mubarak,"** a U.S. citizen since 2008, a total of 34 Mubarak family members consisting of brothers, sisters and their children, the Sheriff's Office is seeking local affordable housing for the families and household furnishings to get them started in their new lives in Sarasota and Bradenton.

When the Miller garage could hold no more, Linda turned to her liaison with the Sheriff's Office, Wendi and her husband, who helped store what had been donated until such time as the

new arrivees -- now housed at Fort Bliss military base in Texas -- have completed the complicated Special Immigration Visa process for refugee immigration to the U.S.

Anyone wishing to make monetary contributions may go to the GoFundMe account (the following link will take you directly to the page) <https://gofund.me/83bab897>. Because the available storage unit is now pretty full (there were some generous furniture donations), Linda can again collect some "gently used" items in her garage. Call or text her at 610-751-9809. Specific needs are used (but clean) clothing and shoes for men, women, and children, small kitchen/bath items, school supplies, picture books, toys and of course, more soccer balls would certainly help in their transition into this new world!



Red, White and Blue Waves Proudly at The Meadows

The stars and stripes are a symbol of patriotism, bravery and history. Displaying the American flag is a great way to show our love for country. On Veterans Day we celebrate and honor all those who are serving or HAVE served the United States military. We give thanks for their service and the sacrifices they and their families have made.

Here are MCA flag rules and regulations and standard protocols to keep in mind.

MCA Basic Rules and Regulations

- Each owner of a flagpole shall be permitted to fly, in addition to an American flag, or by itself, one flag of national origin, state, non-profit agency, holiday-themed, professional or amateur sport, collegiate or American military organization. Any other flag not in one of the above categories may be approved through the Application for

Architectural Review process. All national origin, state and American military organization flags shall be flown in accordance with US Code Title 4 Chapter 1 – The Flag.

Standard Flag Protocols

- Unlike Memorial Day, on Veterans Day it is not required to fly the flag at half staff.
- To retire a worn flag, start by folding the flag in a customary triangle manner. You may bring it to several flag retirement locations, such as a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post, the American Legion, or a Scout organization. Check on-line for locations nearest you.
- Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset; however, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness and is an all-weather flag.

- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, or water.
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Mike Cafferata, President

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(Shown left and below with inset)
Nancy Randle, President



Just in Time For Fall Pumpkin Pie Crisp

Fall is here! We don't get to mark autumn with changing leaves for those who live here in Sarasota year-round, though we notice a slight drop in the temperature, no more heat indexes of 105+ degrees, which we all look forward to here in Florida.

Heading into the holiday season, probably one of the most popular aromas is "Pumpkin Spice," the smell that inundates so many homes during the extended holiday season. The flavor and the aroma are in almost everything you eat or drink. In your coffee or cupcake, it combines the wonderful blends of allspice, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, mace, and nutmeg, which gives us that "homey" smell of the holidays this time of year.

Enjoy this recipe from The Meadows Country Club.

Pumpkin Filling

- 1 (15-oz.) canned pumpkin purée
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup heavy cream



Streusel Crumb Topping

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

INSTRUCTIONS

For Pie Filling

- Preheat oven to 375°F. Butter a medium casserole dish.
- In a large bowl, stir together pumpkin, sugar, eggs, pumpkin

pie spice, salt, and vanilla extract. Whisk in heavy cream until smooth.

For Streusel Crumb Topping

- In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Add melted butter and stir with a fork until crumbly.
- Spread cinnamon streusel topping on top of pumpkin pie mixture in an even layer
- Bake until the filling is set and golden brown, 40 to 45 minutes

Top with vanilla ice cream and enjoy!



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Sign up is required for MCA events and activities unless otherwise defined, so we may prepare for your good time with the proper logistics. Knowing just how many will be attending the event or activity, allows us to choose the venue, plan for the correct amount of food and other details based on how many are registered. Therefore, walk-ups are NOT able to be accommodated. We encourage you to sign up for an event, as often space is limited and you may end up missing out. When you sign up and you decide not to come, please call us to let us know, so someone else may enjoy your reservation. Thank you.



CONCERT SERIES

Classical pianist Gloria Cook with John Grau Tenor
Saturday, November 9 at 1:30 pm inside Kretzmer Center at Aviva.

Sarasota Orchestra Quintet
Tuesday, November 19 at 2:30 pm Outdoor Portico at Aviva.

Contemporary Dance—Thursday, November 28 at 4:30 pm
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Presentation will be held at MCA. Masks required.
Space is limited, so sign up quickly.

Registration required
email meadowsgarden334@gmail.com.
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Saturday, November 13, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Meadows single-family homeowners may participate in the community garage sale at the end of their driveway. Condo association Presidents/Board Members are responsible for designating an area at their condos for owners to set up their wares, should they choose to participate. Residents, please check with your condo or HOA presidents or property managers to confirm if they are choosing to participate BEFORE signing up with MCA. Sign up is required. Participants will have their address included on the Community Sale Map, so buyers will be able to find you.

Deadline for sign up is November 5, by 3 pm.
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Schedule for the week of 11/22.

MON	11/22	No Change
TUES	11/23	No Change
WED	11/24	No Change
THURS	11/25	Changed to Friday 11/26
FRI	11/26	Changed to Sat 11/27

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to
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November 7, at 2:00 am
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Liz Barnett—Craft Group

Mark your calendars and set your alarm clocks. The Craft Sale is back! This year the sale will be outside on the patio behind The Meadows Community Building.

You'll find homemade baked goods and gourmet nibbles at the Bake Sale. At the Basket Raffle you'll have a chance to win restaurant gift certificates, a round of golf for a foursome and dinners at The Meadows Country Club, grilling tools, golf gear, a Coach purse, upscale accessories, kids toys, a Fitbit, a Kindle Fire and more.

Of course, handmade crafts are still the centerpiece of the sale. There is something for everyone here; think one-stop shopping for the holidays. Your favorites will be available, often in new updated designs, and we have new crafts, including children's shirts, tote bags, barbeque aprons, golf shirts and mug rugs professionally embellished by machine embroidered designs done by a new member, Pam Erhardt.

To make shopping easier, we've listed some of the things you'll find at the sale.

Christmas

- Ornaments for the Tree or Packages – Angels, Santas, reindeers, snowmen, even a grinch



- Decorated Shells and Sea Glass Ornaments for a beach-themed tree.
- Nativity Scenes made from shells
- Mantel and Table Decor Miniature Christmas Trees, Santa Gnomes, and Angel Centerpieces

Jewelry: Update your look with new styles and find gifts for all ages.

- Necklaces - pendants, chains and chokers in glittering evening and eye-catching casual styles.
- Earrings in an array of styles; each mounted on a decorative card, ready for gift giving.
- Bracelets to complement your daytime styles.

Cards, Cards and more Cards

- Special-Occasion Cards- Birthday, Anniversary, New Baby, Congratulations
- Holiday Cards - Christmas,



Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, Valentines, Mother's and Father's Day

- All-Occasion Cards – Separate inserts let you choose a greeting or write your own.

Boutique Bonanza

- Jeweled Compacts, Yoga Socks, Eyeglass cases. Travel accessories
- Pocket Purses to hold a credit card or two in your pocket instead of carrying a big purse
- Scallop Shell Jewelry Holders with painted and decoupaged interiors
- Shrugs, Silk Scarves, Fascinators

Home Decor

- Wine Bottle Lights and Ceramic Luminaries to add sparkle to your bar or table
- Decorative Pillows for couches/beds
- Gnomes to add a touch of whimsy to a shelf or table
- Cute Painted Rocks – small accents in rainbow hues and decoupaged designs
- Wreaths, Plaques and Pebble Art Pictures

Household Goods

- Practical must-haves: Potholders, Hand-Knit Dishcloths, and Scrubbies for fast, scratch-free clean-up.
- Hanging Kitchen Towels, Casserole Carriers, Microwave Bowl Holders
- Dryer Balls in felted wool to replace dryer sheets and fabric softener.
- Decorative magnets to hold notes and pictures on your refrigerator

- Table runners, placemats, napkins, mug rugs and coasters.

Gifts

- Wine Bags and Bottle toppers to dress up hostess gifts.
- Walker Bags- that fasten over a walker frame or the arm of a chair



- Doggie Towels that slip over your hands for quick paw clean-ups and rub-downs after baths.
- Children's Shirts, Mittens, Hats, Bath Mitts in cute designs kids will love
- Baby blankets, booties. Bibs, burp cloths and toys
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School Supply Drive

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Making A Lifesaving Difference

Meadows residents have always made an impact with their gift of life through blood donations.

Just a few moments of your valuable time could save three lives. The fact is that our blood supply is being

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Let's Go To the Hop

Liz Barnett — Memoir and Life Writing Group

Freedom. I got my first real taste of it at 12 with a Christmas present from my very cool, Corvette-driving cousin. Trust him to know my heart's desire --a blue portable record player, a far cry from the console model encased in mahogany in the living room. Now I could choose my own music and listen far from the prying eyes and ears of my mother, as I tried to dance. I still remember the first record I bought --"The Great Pretender" by The Platters.

Most of us remember discovering our music and our dances. In the 50s and early 60s it was a defining moment for a generation. Join Michael Bruno for a trip back to the days when we were 10 and just beginning to discover the communal experience of the dance floor.



Let's Go To the Hop

Michael Bruno



Swing. Jitterbug. Boogie-Woogie. Bop. The Lindy. The Madison. The Stroll. The Hully Gully. Chicago Rock and Roll. The Shag. The Mashed Potato. The Monkey. The Swim. The Slop. The Locomotion. The Watusi. The Twist. The Alligator. The Jerk. One after another the dances flooded out of our AM radios in mid-1950s America, nudged by our hero DJs. Season by season, then month by month, and then it seemed every week brought a new dance. It was brilliant marketing to our Baby Boomer urge to be In-With-The-In-Crowd cool; and the seemingly endless torrent of driving back-beat music that fed the urge changed the "in" dance much faster than Detroit changed car models. The music drove a culture that we dug and our parents – sometimes vehemently–did not. Neat-o! Cool! The Philly Sound. The California Sound. Sun Records and the Memphis Sound. Biggest of all for dancing, The

Motown Sound from the assembly line Hitsville USA at 2648 West Grand Boulevard in the Motor City. Churning out tunes to a dancing 4/4 with a backbeat that could not be resisted. Rebellion in our feet.

Before the precipitous changes, though, I had a peek into what would be my new culture. Ten years old, I went to the last Sock Hop in my hometown.

Though my pal Billy and I didn't know our label, we were approaching the tween years, exploring the older kids' world, and we wanted to know what it was all about. We might have learned of the hop from Billy's older sisters who'd chase us out of the first floor when they had friends over to dance to the likes of Johnny Mathis and Pat Boone on their hi-fi. Likely too, it might have come from Barney, older brother of our friend Dave. Barney would tolerate us in the "club

house" the two had cleaned and painted behind their grandmother's house. It was there he one day said "you ought to hear this guy" and put on a 45 rpm record with a new guy named Elvis. Even before we ever saw him, it was only natural to gyrate like crazy. Billy's sisters and Barney were sock hop age, not we. But we'd been bitten, we wanted to know what the big kids did with this music, and so we went.

The Hop was in the huge B.P.O.E hall added to the back of a grand old mansion downtown. It was a lot like the school gym-multipurpose rooms then, but with grander, less utilitarian details. Glazed blond brick walls shoulder high, with tall, draped windows above them on both sides, at one end a raised curtained stage, a half-acre of yellow

pine floor polished enough to reflect the ceiling lights. The center of business was at the entry end. Edged by tables and on a more forgiving floor was the main reason for the club's existence, beyond formal brotherhood of course: a curved wooden bar at which World War II was still actively lived G.I. style, with some Yanks and Doughboys chiming in to make comparisons to their war. A scent of beer and

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whiskey lingered permanently in that area. We knew that smell from passing the wide-open bars along Water Street.

Billy and I made our way through these groups and came up short at the edge of the floor. Wall to wall, there were the Big Kids! A sea of them churning and swinging! Dancing!

“That’s as far as you go, boys,” one of the adults commanded us. “The shoes stay here.” And of course under his stern supervision and with assurances that our black Keds would be right where we left them, we complied. Like for everyone else, it was white socks from there.

A familiar DJ voice from the local AM station directed the floor with his mic and a vinyl stack of hits. The tunes came so fast there had to be two turntables in play: Philly Doo-wop, Rockabilly, Dwayne Eddie, Roy Orbison, The Big Bopper, Elvis, Connie Francis, Bill Haley and The Comets, The Everly Brothers, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Brenda Lee, Fabian, Frankie Avalon, Paul Anka, The Four Seasons, Eddie Cochran, Patti Page, Dion, Ricky Nelson, all the chart toppers from that week’s Billboard.

With the Elks being “Brotherly and Protective” It was too soon in downtown Chillicothe Ohio for brown Ritchie Valens. It was too soon for Bo Diddley, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino. It was too soon for The Platters, The Orioles, The Moonglows, The Del-Vikings, Frankie Lymon and The Teenagers, The Larks. It was certainly too soon for the likes of Little Richard. It was too soon for any non-white, performer or dancer.



Look down, look at your feet, look up, look at the crowd. This was a white sock hop.

Our idols, the Big Kids, stayed in constant motion: dancing crazy, swinging each other, bouncing, holding hands, finger-popping, kicking and twirling. Close in, then away, behind the back, under raised arms, then face to face again. Frenetic, kinetic, and in uniform only with the beat of each tune. It was what the Lindy had morphed into as generic “Rock’n’Roll.” It was not the frantic life-affirming jittery intensity of the 1940s Lindy, answering the equal intensity of war.

This sock hop dancing was loose, each couple performing proudly what they chose to do, including their own steps worked out in home rec rooms. Poodle skirts swirling, collared shirts tucked in but some sleeves rolled to hold a pack of smokes, ponytails bouncing on the girls, and D.A.s, sideburns and a tanker truck of Brylcreem on the guys. A few beatnik pedal pushers, some tight black jeans, any black tops trimmed with pink or white. Angora-wrapped class rings being flashed. Boppers, cats, kittens, and greasers. All on the beat, all swinging out. All lost in a collective euphoria.

Billy and I didn’t see anyone we could tag onto, so we did our own crazy versions of what we thought we saw being done. Individual improvs. The stuff older siblings go ape over. A sprinkling of others our age was easy to pick out doing the same, except we’d all stop and wipe away the perspiration when the DJ announced a slow dance or a ladies’ choice. The slow dances became more frequent, cooling the mood and the dancers. One last slow dance and it was over. Time for the teens to get on with their day. It was noon on a Saturday in my home town.



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The Island of Sea Women

Joanne Simons — November Book Preview

The Meadows Book Club will be discussing *The Island of Sea Women* (Scribner; 2019) by Lisa See at its meeting on November 10th. This story is about the lives of two women, Young-soon and Mi-ja, who live on Jeju Island off the southern coast of Korea.

The young women are free divers, part of a collective of women divers known as haenyeo who, simply by holding their breath, dive to depths of up to 30 meters to collect the sea creatures that they will sell to make a living. The particulars of their enormous skill and fortitude in diving – with no additional oxygen or wet suits, in sometimes frigid waters – is fascinating. But their lives are not lived only in the sea. Koreans suffered under Japan’s brutal control from 1910 to 1945. The story of Young-soon and Mi-ja begins in 1938. They survive not only the Japanese occupation but also World War II and the Korean War, all with crushing consequences.

“See did extensive research with primary sources to detail not only the haenyeo traditions, but the mass murders on Jeju beginning in 1948, which were covered up for decades by the South Korean government.”

“The novel’s narrative is exceptionally well-wrought with complex themes of loss and forgiveness, culminating in the collection of visceral emotion in the face of impossible situations. There is no need for fancy mechanics or flowery language in See’s writing. Simple and personal prose allows readers to see themselves in Young-sook’s straw shoes, feeling every ounce of pain and exhilaration as she does. We feel her ambition, her relief, her love, and her hatred. Like Young-sook, each character is deeply flawed and given room to grow throughout the novel, persuading audiences to imagine them as the real people upon which the novel is based.”

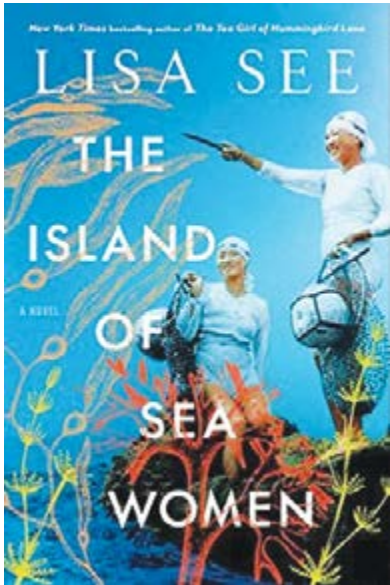
Lisa See was born in Paris, France,

in 1955, and grew up in Los Angeles. She is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University.

After 13 years writing for *Publishers Weekly*, and as a free-lance writer, she wrote the non-fiction *On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family* (1995), for which she also wrote a libretto for the Los Angeles Opera.

Being one eighth Chinese (through her paternal great-grandfather) has had extraordinary influence on her many novels based on Chinese characters and culture. Those novels include *The Flower Net* (1997), *The Interior* (1999), *Dragon Bones* (2003), *Shanghai Girls* (2009), *Dreams of Joy* (2011), *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* (2005), *Peony in Love* (2007), *China Dolls* (2012), and *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* (2017).

Please join the discussion of *The Island of Sea Women* on



Wednesday, November 10th at 2:00. We will continue to meet via Zoom. Should that change, notice will be sent to book club members. To add your name to the book club membership list, please contact Joanne Simons at SimonsJC1@gmail.com.

¹ <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/lisa-see/the-island-of-sea-women/>

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of our poems to align with the material covered. Topics have included 9/11, childhood memory and personal loss, and on dance experiences.

We continue using Zoom, sharing the PowerPoint on screen for reaction, discussion, and friendly suggestions for alternatives. Members read their works aloud, or ask another to do so, and respond to others' poems with positive discussion to enrich everyone's writing with the ideas that emerge. Others' eyes often

help a writer see his or her work freshly, and hearing others' voices reading passages can often give a writer a new understanding of how the work would be received by an audience – what works, and what doesn't. Suggestions remain just that, and they always are up to the poet to use or not to use, which is, of course, the question.

We meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 10:00 to Noon. You need not have Zoom installed: we send a web link that will open the meeting in your

browser when you click on it.

New participants are always welcome! The two overarching goals are to have fun and to create one's own takeaway poem.

To join, please send an e-mail with the following information to meadowspetry@gmail.com your name, and your Meadows address, your e-mail address and phone number, and permission for your e-mail address to be shared with the group.

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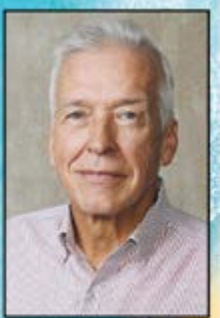
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