

FRIENDS OF THE ISLAND LIBRARY  
LECTURE AND TRAVEL SERIES

Doors open at 1 PM.  
All programs begin at 2 PM  
and take place in the Walker-Swift  
Meeting Room at the Island Library  
unless otherwise stated.

Seating is limited and on a  
first-come basis so join us early!

Jan 9	Thursday	Peter Bentley
Jan 16	Thursday	Raymond Young
Jan 23	Thursday	Tim Berra
Jan 30	Thursday	Harry Christensen
Feb 6	Thursday	Paul Ferber
Feb 13	Thursday	Circus Arts Conservatory
Feb 20	Thursday	Robert Gaglio
Feb 27	Thursday	Michael Ivankovich

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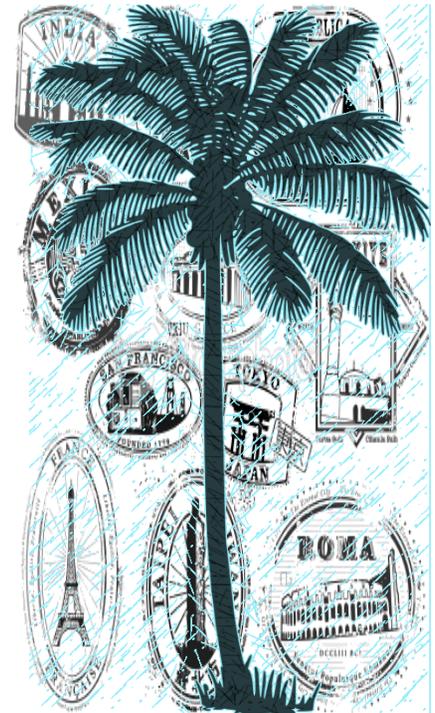
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The Friends strive to enrich the  
ANNUAL LECTURE & TRAVEL SERIES,  
by choosing a variety of outstanding,  
professional speakers and interesting topics  
that are current, and will expand knowledge  
and enjoyment for you, our audience.  
Many speakers are local authors, scientists,  
historians, educators, ecologists,  
conservationists, business owners  
and many more.

The Friends of the Island Library proudly  
support the adult, teen and children programs  
for this Library as well as enhancing the Island  
Library Book Collection for your enjoyment.

If you enjoy these programs, your donation  
to the Friends of the Island Library  
to help bring these speakers to you  
would be most appreciated.

*Thank You!*

JANUARY 9, THURSDAY 2 PM

**PETER BENTLEY, *A DAY ON A MOVIE SET***



Peter Bentley was born in the Netherlands. After serving on an aircraft carrier in the Dutch navy, he immigrated to Canada and joined the Canadian Broadcasting Company. He entered the world of radio drama with his Nagra recorder and a cameraman to produce many documentaries around the country. In love with production sound, he opened a 16 track recording studio and made many trips to Hollywood. In 1983 he immigrated to the US and lived in Burbank. He became a sound mixer for movies, TV drama series and produced music videos. Now retired, he produces travel clips around the world.

JANUARY 16, THURSDAY 2 PM

**RAYMOND YOUNG,**

*REAL MONSTERS FROM THE PREHISTORIC PAST*



Have you ever wondered about prehistoric animals and how their fossil remains may have been misinterpreted? Ray will present scientific explanations for the myths and legends that abound and have been passed down to this day regarding creatures such as sea serpents, dragons, giants and more through the use of actual fossils, casts, and models. Ray Young is a retired science teacher with a BA and MA specializing in Earth Science. He has been an avid fossil collector for over 50 years.

JANUARY 23, THURSDAY 2 PM

**TIM BERRA, *BOURBON***



Tim Berra, a recipient of Fulbright Fellowships to Australia and the author of over 85 scientific articles and eight books, will define what can and cannot be called bourbon and discuss the history of this uniquely American beverage. He will describe how bourbon is made and explain the mash bill, cooking, fermentation, barrel making, distillation, and ageing. The talk will be illustrated with color photographs of distilleries taken along Kentucky's Bourbon Trail. He is an executive bourbon steward and member of the Stave & Thief Society.

JANUARY 30, THURSDAY 2 PM

**HARRY CHRISTENSEN, *RESTRAUNTEER***



Chef Harold R. Christensen was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin and became interested in cooking while working at the Green Bay Packers training camp cafeteria. He graduated from Milwaukee Technical College with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Cooking. In 1979 he and his wife moved to Florida and at the age of 24 he opened Continental Kitchens, Inc. Today, Harry's Continental Kitchens operates a gourmet deli/take-out, complete catering, a fine dining restaurant, and a high end convenience store. Since 1979 his cooking and wine expertise has won him Florida Trend Award top 500 restaurants and the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence.

FEBRUARY 6, THURSDAY 2 PM

**PAUL FERBER, *WHY WE HATE POLITICS***



Citizens of the U.S have had a wary politics and government since the country, but over the last decades distrust has increased to levels unprecedented in living memory. Tied to distrust are unhealthy levels of polarization. Professor Ferber will explore this development and offer limited hope that the situation could improve if certain actions were pursued. Paul Ferber has taught political science at Rochester Institute of Technology since 1981. He did his undergraduate work at American University and received his Ph.D. from George Washington University.

FEBRUARY 13, THURSDAY 2 PM

**CIRCUS ARTS CONSERVATORY**



You're invited to a behind the scenes tour of the multifaceted world of the Circus Arts - performance, outreach, training, education and legacy. You will learn about the Greatest Little Show on Earth; The Marvelous Miraculous Science Machine; the unique Sailor Circus Academy and Magnet School, and the legacy that put Sarasota on the international map. Our tour guide will be Zoltan Karpathy, Vice President of Philanthropy at The Circus Arts Conservatory. Zoltan will highlight the recent \$4.5 million renovation of the largest, state-of-the-art circus arts training facility in the nation.

FEBRUARY 20, THURSDAY 2 PM

**ROBERT GAGLIO,**

*SICILY: ERUPTING WITH CULTURE*



Come learn why this mystical island deserves much more than a quick cruise ship stop on a Mediterranean cruise. Master Italian tour operator Chef Robert Gaglio presents this interesting and tasty discussion about the region of Italy with the most UNESCO designations. He will dig deep into Sicily's art, culture, and food. History and the multicultural aspect of a land settled and conquered by almost a dozen civilizations and countries over 3,000 years. You'll learn about the foods grown from the soil of Mount Etna, the volcano that turned its soil into one of the most fertile lands in the world, and makes the Sicilian culinary experience so special. To stimulate all your senses, Chef Robert will provide a cooking demo and tasting of surprisingly typical Sicilian dish, while accompanied by a live operatic performance.

FEBRUARY 27, THURSDAY 2 PM

**MICHAEL IVANKOVICH,**

*25 AREAS GUARANTEED TO DISAPPOINT WHEN SELLING YOUR HOUSEHOLD "STUFF"*



As a home downsizing expert and author based in Doylestown, PA, Michael Ivankovich guides clients through the entire home downsizing process, helping them deal with their antiques, collectibles, and general household contents. Mike will explain why many of the things you own may be worth much less than you thought. But don't despair because he'll also reveal those categories that are probably worth more than you expected, and then he'll wrap things up with 25 things you can throw away the minute you return home. Mike is a professional GPPA & MPPA Appraiser and a member of the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association. He is the radio show host of WCB's "What's It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser".

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