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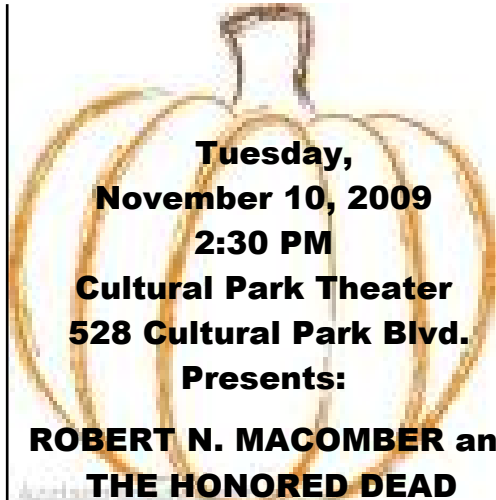
INSIDE THE MAKING OF "THE HONORED DEAD"

We are very happy to welcome back award-winning author, [Robert N. Macomber](#), who grew up in Cape Coral, as he describes the research and writing of his seventh and latest novel -THE HONORED DEAD. The setting is the 1883 French Revolution and tells the story of an American navel intelligence officer who gets caught up in a pending war between the Emperor of Viet Nam and France. The story leads to the most cataclysmic event in Vietnamese history, one which set the stage for French and American involvement over the next 80 years.

Rear Admiral Tony Cothron (USN Ret), former Director of Navel Intelligence, says of the book, "you'll never look at the Vietnam War the same after reading "THE HONORED DEAD". A "must read" for anyone who appreciates historical fiction. An action packed thriller.

Robert N. Macomber lives in Matlacha Island when not roaming the world researching and lecturing. For more information about him visit www.robertmacomber.com

Please do not miss this interesting program; we encourage you to bring your family, friends and neighbors. No admission fee, no reservations required, call 772-7037 for further information.



**Tuesday,
November 10, 2009
2:30 PM
Cultural Park Theater
528 Cultural Park Blvd.
Presents:
ROBERT N. MACOMBER and
THE HONORED DEAD**

WALK THROUGH THE ARTS

On Saturday, November 21 from 10 am to 5 pm, the museum will participate in the annual "Walk Through The Arts" day. It is being held at the [Alliance of the Arts](#) on McGregor Blvd. in Ft. Myers. This year it includes Lee, Charlotte and Collier Counties and will be providing a positive and educational experience by displaying arts and cultural opportunities from many organizations.



This is a great opportunity to show the public what we at the [Cape Coral Historical Society Museum](#) can offer as well as see what other cultural organizations are about.



CURATOR CULL'S CORNER:

The Museum looks spectacular. As well as sprucing up the interior, we had a cleaning of the outside; the buildings were washed by Frank Grieco and Hank Cruz. Barbara Salafia and Linda Keirstead are diligently working to get the Rose Garden ready for the season. Warren Bush and Antoinette Plate have kept the Native Plant Garden looking terrific. Now that we are open again it is lovely to see the happy faces of all our volunteers and to know we have an area attraction to be proud of. Thank you to everyone.

Just a reminder... Our wonderful collection of Military Books is now ready for our members to check out. You'll be amazed at the variety and quality of the collection. The books cover everything from the Revolutionary War to the most recent Gulf Wars. Please stop in to take a look and take one home to enjoy.

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IT WAS THE MONTH OF...



November 1963 that the National vice Commander of the American Legion was the principal speaker at the dedication of Cape Coral's first park. Four Freedoms park is located on the northeast shore of Bimini Basin just south of Cape Coral Parkway. The Four Freedom's wooden sign was originally used at the Nautilus Inn. Visit the Parks display in the Kelly Building to see the Cape's 36 other parks.

DID YOU KNOW...

in 1962 more than 40,000 people, representing all 50 states, owned home sites in Cape Coral? Families from 32 states represented the 1500 permanent residents. It took Cape Coral ten years to reach a population of 9000. It took Naples, Florida 79 years to reach the same number! Visit the Rosen Building to view the History Board that shows the population growth as well as an overview of how Cape Coral came to be.



TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Just a reminder to all members. Before each monthly general meeting, we telephone each member about the upcoming meeting. This has proven very effective in assuring a good turn out for our programs. We are grateful to the telephone committee headed by Barbara Hostetler with Audrey Benninghof, Joan Ouellett and Diane Schilf assisting in the the calling. If anyone would like to help with the phone calls, please contact Barb Hostetler at 458-2904.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is that time of the year when we present our nominees for officers and directors for the coming year. The nominating committee will present the slate on November 10th; voting will take place at the December meeting.



Mark Your Calendar



- November 21 - 10 AM to 5 PM "Walk Through the Arts Alliance of the Arts, Ft. Myers
- December 8 - 2:30 PM- "Christmas Carol" excerpts and Early Residents Reception
- January 16 - 10 AM to 4PM Atocha Coins Sunken Treasure Presentation & Museum Tours
- January TBA - Bus Trip

DON'T THROW IT AWAY

Remember the Historical Society if you have anything of historical value about Cape Coral. All donations are greatly appreciated



START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY!

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**Decorative Hand Painted Bavarian Plates
New Pictorial History Book of Cape Coral
PLUS**

Many other books for adults and children:

Cape Coral Coffee Mugs, Shirts, Hats

Cape Coral License Plates

Cape Coral Videos and DVDs

OPEN WED, THUR, SUN, 1- 4 PM

**JOIN US ON A TOUR OF...
VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS**

(See next page for details)

The Gilded Age refers to a period of American history between the end of the Civil War or the post-Reconstruction era and the Great Depression. Because of the vast economic growth caused by the industrial revolution, the Gilded Age was characterized by extreme wealth and prosperity.



1910 industrialist James Deering started making plans to build his dream palace in a primeval jungle of the pioneer area of Miami. A wealthy bachelor of rich and refined taste he dedicated the rest of his life to creating one of the greatest estates in America, Vizcaya.



Visit the website http://www.channel2.org/vizcaya/gilded_age.html

For a peek at what you'll see!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL BUS TRIP To The Famous Vizcaya Museum and Gardens In Miami, Florida



Seats are limited, so reserve your seat early!!

Please join us on Friday, January 22, 2010

Boarding the bus will begin at 6:45 AM

Leaving promptly at 7:00 AM

Cost is \$50.00 per person

Please complete this form and mail your check payable to
Cape Coral Historical Society
PO Box 150637
Cape Coral, FL 33915

NAMES:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS INTERESTING & FUN DAY!



COMING IN JANUARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TRASH TO TREASURE SALE



**HELD JOINTLY WITH
THE CULTURAL PARK THEATER**

The Museum is now accepting donations for the sale

OR

Accepting reservations for your own space to rent.

So clean out those closets & cupboards

And

Support your local Museum

Watch your Newsletter
for January date and
more information or
Call 772-7037



Please remember to shop at the Museum Gift Shop. We have available many unique items such as books on local history, Burrowing Owl T-Shirt and mugs, Cape Coral "WATERFRONT WONDERLAND" license plates, Cape Coral coffee mugs, jewelry, some children's items, DVDs and etc. Remember to purchase your copy of our latest book, "IMAGES OF CAPE CORAL" by Author, Chris Wadsworth and Co-Author, Anne Cull our Curator. This book will also be available at our monthly general meetings.