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The Sarasota Science and Technology Society will hold a panel discussion, "Red Tide in the Gulf Coast," on April 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Planetarium at Bishop Museum of Science and Nature, 201 10th St. W., in Bradenton.

The panel includes Charlie Hunsicker, director of the Manatee County Natural Resources Department; Sandy Gilbert, chairman and CEO of START (Solutions To Avoid Red Tide); Dave Tomasko, executive director of the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program; and moderator Barbara Kirkpatrick, senior adviser for the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observation System.

The event is part of the Science and Technology Society's kickoff membership drive. Upcoming discussions include "Restoration of the Everglades" and "Airport Security." For ticket and membership information and registration, email society president Nick Barbi at NicholasBarbi@gmail.com.

Kiwanis Club of Sarasota celebrating 100 years

The Kiwanis Club of Sarasota will celebrate its 100th anniversary at a luncheon on April 21 at noon at the Sarasota Yacht Club.

The Kiwanis Club was instrumental in the early development of Sarasota and continues to contribute to the community through programs and financial support. To mark the

anniversary, the club has awarded \$100,000 in grants to community groups and established an award for high school seniors to recognize volunteerism.

The public is invited to attend the celebration. For tickets, visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "Kiwanis Sarasota 100." For information, go to [sarasotakiwanis.org](https://www.sarasotakiwanis.org).

New College's annual Thesis Art Exhibition set for Isermann Gallery

New College of Florida's annual Thesis Art Exhibition, "un/seen bodies," will hold its opening reception on April 20 from 4-6 p.m. at the Isermann Gallery, Caples Campus, 435 Caples Drive, in Sarasota.

"un/seen bodies" involves work by six art students that encompasses a wide range of media, including painting, metal sculpture, textiles, video, and digital animation, and focuses on issues of representation, relationships, and identity.

The exhibition includes a catalog designed by students. The catalog, available for purchase, and opening reception is supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-funded New College initiative, New College and the Cross-College Alliance in the Community. The exhibition is open through May 12, Monday through Friday, from noon-5 p.m.

Hermitage names media veteran as its first managing director

Stacia Lee, former publisher for Sarasota Magazine and head of Florida and Texas operations for SagaCity Media, has been named managing director for The Hermitage Artist Retreat, CEO Andy Sandberg announced on Tuesday.

In the new position, Lee will assist Sandberg in the management and daily operations of the company. She will be responsible for implementing core strategies and systems and overseeing marketing and strategic partnerships.

"I am honored to join the extraordinarily talented team at the Hermitage Artist Retreat," Lee said. "The energy and enthusiasm that these professionals have for the work is unmatched. The growth of the organization is equally impressive. What I'm most excited about is sharing the artistic process and the influence of the arts on our community, and seeing the larger national impact of the Hermitage."

Lee joins a leadership team that includes Amy Wallace as development director, Elizabeth Power as operations director, and James Monaghan, who was recently promoted to programs director. The Hermitage also is seeking a marketing & communications manager. Visit HermitageArtistRetreat.org/Jobs.

Friends of Myakka River launches new community 'roadshow'

Friends of Myakka River, a nonprofit dedicated to Myakka River State Park and the Wild and Scenic Myakka River, recently introduced a community “roadshow” as part of its new Outreach and Environmental Education Program.

"By meaningfully sharing Myakka's magic with our community, we aim to raise awareness about important conservation and restoration efforts at Myakka River State Park," said executive director Miri Hardy, who launched the initiative in March at the Sarasota Garden Club. "Such outreach is especially important with projects like the ongoing floodplain marsh habitat restoration, where public support and buy-in can directly impact project success."

The presentations use photographs and storytelling to help the community better understand the park's fragile ecosystem. For more about Friends of Myakka River, contact Miri@FriendsOfMyakkaRiver.org.

Around and about ...

SPARCCle on the Links Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for the Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, is scheduled on April 20 at 11 a.m. at Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice. All proceeds support SPARCC's free and confidential programs and services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Info: visit sparcc.net/events or contact Ning Tinsley at nqin@sparcc.net or 941-365-0208, ext. 124.

• **Boy Scout Troop 776 will hold spaghetti dinner fundraiser** on April 22 from 4-7 p.m. at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 S. McCall Road, in Port Charlotte. Tickets are \$15; \$8 for children 6-18; free for kids 5-under. Advance tickets are available from Boy Scouts in Troop 776 and from Michelle Dragon (941-716-2918) or by visiting the church office Monday through Thursday. Tickets also available at the door. Info: 941-697-1747.

• **'Writers on the Air,' a community open-mic radio show on Tuesdays on WKDW 97.5 FM** in North Port, is seeking volunteer techs. No experience necessary; training will be provided by the radio station, WKDW marketing volunteer Linda Schell said.

The volunteer will be needed once every three weeks from 5-7:20 p.m. For information, contact Schell at Lschell2@verizon.net or 941-223-1262.

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