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Audubon Lecture Series Lineup

submitted by Adam Sauerland

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society's 2022 Lecture Series kicks off on Thursday, January 6 at 7 p.m. at The Community House. Presenters range from local biologists, conservationists and photographers to a *New York Times* bestselling author.

The first speaker will be Dr. Jerry Jackson, Florida Gulf Coast University professor and host of WGCU's radio show *With the Wild Things*. Dr. Jackson will focus on heron and egret diets, feeding habits and their unique adaptations to consume their daily meals.

"We are very excited for our upcoming lecture series. We are excited not only for our diversity of topics and presenters, but we are simply excited to see familiar faces, in person, that we haven't seen since 2019," said Phyllis Gresham, Sanibel-Captiva Audubon board president.



Dr. Jerry Jackson



Scott Weidensaul

"We are also excited to announce that the board members decided to bring in renowned author and naturalist Scott Weidensaul." Weidensaul's presentation will revolve around his new book, *A World on the Wing*, which delves into the science and wonder of bird migration. "We are truly eager to see and hear from all of our presenters and hope the community will be as well," said Gresham. Lectures following Dr. Jackson's presentation include:

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Juried Exhibit On View At BIG ARTS

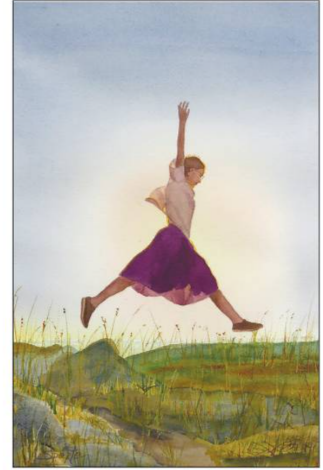
BIG ARTS will once again host the Sanibel-Captiva Art League (SCAL) juried exhibit from Friday, December 17 through Sunday, January 23 in the BIG ARTS Dunham Family Gallery. An artists reception will be held on Friday, January 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The exhibit, entitled *Awakening*, is the art league's 46th annual Juried Art Council of SW Florida exhibit.

"We are proud to once again host the time-honored, popular SCAL juried exhibit in what promises to be a very exciting show," said Lauren Huff, BIG ARTS gallery manager.

The show was juried by Southwest Florida artist David Acevedo. A total of 67 pieces were accepted for the show.

The nonprofit Sanibel-Captiva Art League began on Captiva in 1964 with 25 members. Today, it has 96 members

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Volunteer bartenders Mike Boris and Tom Libonate have plenty of holiday "spirit"
photos by Kathy Kurtz Ferrari

Art Exhibit Opens On Captiva

by Kathy Kurtz Ferrari

The Captiva Civic Association (CCA) hosted a festive evening on December 9 with a holiday mixer to open the latest art show by artists from Sanibel-Captiva Art League. The



Captiva Civic Association committee members, from left, Memi Libonate, Pat Boris, Rita Ewell, Pam Rosen, CCA Director Emily Hess Ankeron, Molly Barbee and Administrative Assistant Emery Lowden

juried open art exhibition, entitled *Captiva Inspirations*, featured work by local artists.

Those in attendance were asked to bring a non-perishable food item as a donation to the walk-in food pantry at

FISH of SanCap.

Judged by Anita Putnam of Shell Point, awards were presented to four artists. The first place blue ribbon award went to Peter Zell for his oil painting *Looking for the*

Lighthouse. Second place went to Karen Meredith for her oil *Sea & Sky*. The third place award-winning piece was *Beach View*, a pastel by Suzanne Bennett. The

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Carla Restivo chats with Tom Libonate during the CCA holiday mixer
photos by Kathy Kurtz Ferrari



Artist David Bollinger and Ellen Smiley of Sanibel



Some artists with work in the show include, from left, Anita Force Marshall, Jeannine Desmarais and Suzette Heeres

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Captiva

Captiva Award, voted as best in show by members of the CCA, went to Keith E. Johnson for his watercolor *The End of Andy Rosse*.

All art pieces are available for sale, and many were purchased during the event. Work will remain on display at the Captiva Civic Center, located at 11550 Chapin Lane, through January 6.

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Ginny Reiss, Linda Laird and Mary Jane Vinson enjoy the event



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