



RINGLING COLLEGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

An independent not-for-profit corporation

Volume 40, Issue 2

January 2011

ART LECTURE SERIES

By Chicky Drost
Art Lecture Chair

MODERN ART AT THE RINGLING MUSEUM WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

Coffee 9:30 AM

Tour: 10:00 AM

John & Mable
Ringling
Museum of Art

The museum's permanent collection of modern art now has a home in 2 new galleries in the Museum.

Dr. Matthew McLendon, the Museum's Curator of Modern Art will greet us as we begin our docent tour of the collection. We will also explore the museum's fabulous



(continued on page 8)

Meet TOWN HALL Sponsors

By Kathleen Weiner
Town Hall 2011 Chair

HERE IN SARASOTA, our region is especially blessed to have a wealth of businesses and foundations that understand it would be impossible to achieve our full potential as a community without an enduring and dynamic partnership that unites the "nonprofit" and "for-profit" sectors for the betterment of those who live here.

For the last 30 years, TOWN HALL and the many thousands who have enjoyed our speakers have enjoyed the successes that have come from this pairing. Perhaps even more importantly, as a result of this collaboration, the Ringling College Library Association has become the largest single benefactor to the college as whole, and to the library and its collections, in particular.

With that having been said, I would like to take a few moments to personally recognize and voice the appreciation of the Board and my committee for the vision and generosity of our sponsors...many of whom are new to Town Hall

sponsorship this season. Each of them has remarked that Town Hall consistently delivers some of the most thoughtful and engaged audiences that our community sees each year.

WILLIAMSPARKER
HARRISON DIETZ & GETZEN

One of our new sponsors, **Williams Parker Harrison Dietz and Getzen**, is generously hosting the appearances of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Elie Wiesel,

(continued on page 3)

Become A Member

We're TOWN HALL ... And More!

ONE OF THE MORE VALUED "perks" of membership in the **Ringling College Library Association** is that you will receive first notice of the next year's TOWN HALL lecture schedule.

This means you are given priority in subscribing to the next series. And, if you hurry, you will get the best seats available in the price cat-

egory you select.

The value of your membership, however, does not stop there. As more and more of you are discovering, the RCLA Art Lecture Series offers members free or reduced price admission to a wide variety of informative speakers and artists at various venues in the Sarasota area. Other advantages to members are listed below.

Our members are the backbone of RCLA and allow the association to grow and to present the TOWN HALL series to the community

(continued on page 7)

RINGLING COLLEGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TOWN HALL 2011
SARASOTA'S PREMIER LECTURE SERIES

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2010-2011**

President
Grace Riker

President Elect
Stacey Corley

First Vice-President
Ken Bailey

Second Vice-President
Merry Williams

Recording Secretary
Karen Eastmoore

Corresponding Secretary
Kathryn Standard

Treasurer
Kristine Cox

Immediate Past President
Peggy Wilhelm

Art Lecture Series
Chicky Drost

Finance & Investment
Olivia Thomas

Planned Giving & Endowment
Gail Johnson

Past Presidents Circle
Susan Heitel

Historian
Kathy Stern

Newsletter Editor
Susan Pore

Parliamentarian
Dan Hoffe

Printing
Ann Garberding

Public Relations
Gayle Williams

Membership Event
Ginny McCloskey

Members-at-Large
Becky Mahoney
Helen McBean
Susie Reeder

Town Hall 2011
Kathleen Weiner

Town Hall 2012
Kristine Nickel

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Ringling College President
Dr. Larry R. Thompson

Director of Library Services
Kathleen List

Legal Counsel
Robert Kimbrough

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Grace Riker

Happy New Year! RCLA launches our signature TOWN HALL lecture series this month, and the season's offerings promise to be energizing.

Many activities combine to make your experience with the Ringling College Library Association an enjoyable one. Our TOWN HALL speakers Greg Mortenson, George F. Will, Tony Blair, Elie Wiesel and Malcolm Gladwell will bring their perspectives on our complex world. Our Art Lecture series will expose you to the local art scene as well as the exciting process of computer animation created at the college for the public.

The mission we adhere to is always in the forefront of our programs and planning: "Ringling College Library Association is dedicated to the ongoing development of Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library and acts as a catalyst for the educational growth of students, faculty, and community."

We are grateful for the dedication of our volunteer association. We salute the support of our Library Association members who provide needed funding for our day-to-day operations, subscribers to TOWN HALL and sponsors who help make our series possible. Our mission is made a reality by you.

There are many not-for-profit organizations and causes in Sarasota. We all work at what we believe in to make our community a better place for its citizens and visitors. What we do as RCLA affects the library: this means the students, many from foreign countries, the staff and the educators of Ringling College.

Looking forward to our varied lectures this season let's think about art in its many forms - especially the art of expression, the art of listening, and the art of giving.

Thank you for being a part of the Ringling College Library Association.



RCLA President Grace Riker (L) presents a \$400,000 check to Ringling College President Dr. Larry Thompson and Director of Library Services Kathleen List. This donation is part of RCLA's \$2 million gift commitment for the construction of a new library.

TOWN HALL Sponsors

(continued from page 1)

and the 1977 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Commentary George Will, at Town Hall 2011.

Founded in 1925 by J.J. Williams, Jr., Williams Parker has never waived from its core belief in the importance of commitment to clients, service to community and devotion to excellence in the practice of law. Today, Williams Parker provides a comprehensive range of legal services, through the collaborative efforts of 45 attorneys...all committed to helping you, your business and your family.



The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, also new to Town Hall in 2011, is generously presenting our Platinum Dinner this year and our speaker that evening, Cherie Blair, wife of the former Prime Minister of England. The Community Foundation is also sponsoring the scholarship program that enables 22 of the brightest area students to attend the Town Hall series and meet each of the speakers in person. With assets of over \$180 million in more than 740 individual funds, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County generously awards over \$8 million in grants and scholarships each year, in the areas of the arts, culture and humanities; education; civic engagement; health; human services; animal welfare and the environment.



Private Wealth Management

Ringling College Library Association would like to welcome new sponsor **Robert W. Baird & Co.**, who are sponsoring both presentations by Former Prime Minister of England, Tony Blair. With offices and affiliates on three continents and right here in Sarasota, Baird is an employee-owned wealth management firm that applauds giving back to the community. Whether it's Junior Achievement of Sarasota, Safe Children Coalition of Sarasota or the Sarasota Orchestra, Baird has been a caring member of the Sarasota business community for 14 years and remains committed to creating great outcomes in the lives they touch. Jay Logan, Branch Manager from Baird's Sarasota office, states, "We are grateful for the opportunity to be involved with the RCLA Town Hall 2011 Lecture Series, and proud to be a part of what makes Sarasota such a great place to live and work."



Since the Evening Portion of the Town Hall series began in 2005, the **Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Foundation** has been a key underwriter for the series, and that is true again in 2011. For those of you who have enjoyed

Town Hall for many years, you may recall that during her lifetime, Mrs. Sudakoff was a loyal subscriber to the Town Hall series. The generous support that the Roberta Leventhal Sudakoff Foundation continues to provide to Town Hall is an enduring legacy to this very kind and generous woman.



SunTrust Banks, Inc., with total assets of over \$170 billion is one of this nation's largest financial services holding companies. Through its flagship subsidiary, SunTrust Bank, the company provides deposit, credit, trust, and investment services to a broad range of retail, business, and institutional clients. They are a longtime sponsor of Town Hall and are generously presenting Malcom Gladwell's evening lecture.

SunTrust's mission is to help people and institutions prosper by providing financial services that meet the needs, exceed the expectations, and enhance the lives of our clients, communities, colleagues, and shareholders. SunTrust provides clients with a full selection of technology-based banking channels including online, 24-hour customer services centers, and the latest mobile devices.



We are pleased to be able to welcome back **U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth**

Management, who are presenting Malcom Gladwell's morning lecture. For U.S. Trust, Wealth and Worth aren't synonymous. While wealth is measured in dollars, cents and possessions, they believe Worth is a measure of something much more: values, ideals, even work ethics. At U.S. Trust, they celebrate that distinction and apply their intellectual resources and financial acumen toward helping manage, preserve and enhance worth in its many forms, and they do that for all of their clients.

From wealth structuring to investment management, they offer a our global perspective, unique team approach, fiduciary platform and more than 150 years of experience that not only distinguish them from other private banks, but provide for the kind of insights, solutions and expertise that have a worth all their own.



Harris Private Bank has proudly been in Sarasota since 1989, and is a Town Hall sponsor for the first time in 2011. While Harris is nationally known for its commitment to community service and philanthropic endeavors, locally they are deeply involved through sponsorships and contributions that help to make Sarasota a wonderful place to live and to do business. Harris Private Bank is graciously presenting the morning session with Greg Mortenson.

At Harris, they care deeply about the communities they serve, and support local non-profit organizations that help make those communities more financially

stable and better places to live. They accomplish this mission through a focus on financial literacy and economic development, which includes affordable housing and support for community development organizations. Recognizing that arts and culture greatly enhance the quality of life for all people in our communities, Harris also supports organizations with this objective.

The Harris organization was founded in Chicago in 1882 on the principles of honesty and fair dealing and they are proud to remain true to those values that continue to guide them today. For over a century, Harris Private Bank has delivered extensive wealth management solutions to affluent clients. Harris Private Bank's personalized approach to client service and solution delivery is expressed through a full complement of services including investment management, tailored banking and lending solutions, financial planning, trust and estate services, wealth transfer and family office.



Sabal Trust Company, the largest employee owned trust company with over \$1 billion in client assets, is also new to Town Hall in 2011. We are pleased that they are the presenting sponsors for George Will's morning lecture. Sabal Trust's relationship with their clients is their most important asset. Earning and keeping their trust is what drives them. Every service they provide is custom-designed to meet the in-

dividual financial objectives of their clients. Whether you require skilled investment management, trust administration, custody and record keeping, or a host of other financial services, you will discover that every member of the Sabal team is invested in you.



Sheikh Investments is new to Town Hall this year and proud to be the evening sponsor for Greg Mortenson. Sheikh Investments believes good investments in education will pay dividends for all.



Boar's Head, a leading manufacturer of premium delicatessen products, is a supporting partner for the Platinum Dinner this season, and new to Town Hall for 2011. Founded in 1905, Boar's Head offers only the freshest, best tasting meats and cheeses, made only of the finest ingredients. They have upheld a commitment to unwavering standards for quality for over a century, refusing to take shortcuts that compromise the integrity of its products for the sake of convenience or economy. What started with just a few products has grown into over 500 products, ranging from premium deli meats, cheeses and condiments to an array of Italian and Old World Delicacies and foodservice products.



LONGBOAT KEY CLUB & RESORT

Returning for a third consecutive year as the exclusive accommodations sponsor for Town Hall 2011 is the **Longboat Key Club and Resort**; Sarasota's only AAA Four-Diamond, beachfront resort and private club. Members and guests enjoy extensive amenities including 45 holes of golf, the USTA award-winning Tennis Gardens, fitness center, Island House Spa, full-service marina, water sports, six distinct restaurants, and miles of white-sand beach. This spring, the Club will host the third annual Sarasota Open tennis tournament and was the host property for the first annual Longboat Key Triathlon last fall. The Club has a long history as a sponsor of the arts,

and community events in Sarasota and Longboat Key and, we are delighted that they so generously provide all of our distinguished speakers with a beautiful beach experience in conjunction with their RCLA Town Hall lectures.

Town Hall would not be the success that it is without the support of these generous in-kind sponsors:

Circle Books follow their tradition of selling books written by every speaker prior to and after each morning and evening lecture. Stop by Circle Books on St. Armands now to purchase books by our speakers and get a head start.

Private Clients of Sarasota, Inc. will once again provide the best in chauffeured transportation for our Town Hall speakers.

HOME
resources
contemporary furniture

Home Resource, Sarasota's leading contemporary furniture showroom, will again provide the on stage setting for the question and answer sessions with our speakers. They carry a bountiful inventory of the finest North American and European furniture lines.

SARASOTA[®]
—AND HER ISLANDS—
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau returns again in 2011 to once again sponsor the dressing room for our speakers. Their support provides our speakers with a wonderful backstage experience... and all the resources and information they might need to make their time in Sarasota especially memorable.

Some Milestones in 35-Year History of Library Association

- **1975** – Founded in 1975, Ringling College Library Association is an independent, not-for-profit corporation. Seven visionary members of the Sarasota community organized the “Friends of the Ringling Art Library” under the leadership of **Annamae Sandegren**. The committee started with just a handful of books and enlisted 214 Charter members.
- **1980** – The Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library, named for the first president of Ringling College, was built.
- **1980** – The Town Hall Lecture Series began as a fund-raiser for RCLA under the leadership of the first Town Hall Committee Chair **Doris Stelzer**.
- **2007** - In the spring of 2007, the Library Association Board voted to make a \$2 million lead-gift commitment to the college's Pathway to Preeminence Campaign for construction of a future new library building. The Kimbrough Library is now bursting at the seams, thanks in part to the Library Association.
- **2010** - RCLA is now the college's largest cumulative donor having contributed over \$6 million to the Library and to student scholarships. Just seven members in 1975 have now jumped to over 1300 Members. The money from membership dues pays for the association's annual operating expenses. RCLA has a \$2 million endowment that

ensures the ongoing development of the Library's resources. No other art college in the country has an independent organization as successful as RCLA.

• **2010** - was RCLA's 35th anniversary; and, the Town Hall Lecture Series' 30th anniversary. The reputation of RCLA's TOWN HALL has grown to be one of the top speaker series in the country attracting former U.S. President Bill Clinton in 2010. U.S. Secretary of State and Town Hall speaker Condoleezza Rice helped us sign former British Prime Minister Tony Blair for 2011. Her endorsement to him advanced the prestige of our series.

• **2011** - RCLA remains dedicated to the ongoing development of the Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library at the Ringling College of Art & Design.

Evening Member Event



Billy Hayes, Grace Riker



Becky and Jay Mahoney



*Judi & Charles Stern,
Barbara Morrison*



*Morgan Whitney, Clifford Rand,
Alex McCloskey*



*Ginny McCloskey, Stacey Corley,
Karen Eastmoore*



Carol & Howard Phillips



Jack & Adrea Sukin



Cliff & Susan Scholz



Mary Lou & Ed Winnick



*Sharon Rolle, Renee Pastor,
Ann Scott, Paula Clemow*



Dick Forbush, Sue Dennis, John Kolstad



*Stephanie Hochfelder,
Roberta Kaplan,
Alice Goldsmith*

Membership

(continued from page 1)

year after year.

Please encourage friends, neighbors and associates to join you in becoming a RCLA member. RCLA is not just Town Hall. It's so much more.

Call (941) 925.1343 during

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- ◆ Individual \$50.
- ◆ Couple \$100.
- ◆ Annual Sustainer \$250.
- ◆ Annual Benefactor \$500.
- ◆ Life (individual or couple) \$1,500

regular business hours, or join online at www.RCLAssociation.org.

MISSION

Ringling College Library Association, a not-for-profit organization established in 1975, is dedicated to the ongoing development of **Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library** and acts as a catalyst for the educational growth of students, faculty, and community.

Each year students, faculty, artists, designers, journalists and community members make more than 100,000 visits to Kimbrough Library. In its 35-year history, the Ringling College Library Association has raised \$6 Million, funding the purchase of books, periodicals, DVDs, hand-made artist books, research materials, on-line services for Kimbrough Library and student scholarships.

We invite you to join Ringling College Library Association in supporting the Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library and student scholarships at Ringling College of Art and Design. Membership in

Ringling College Library Association carries a number of important benefits:

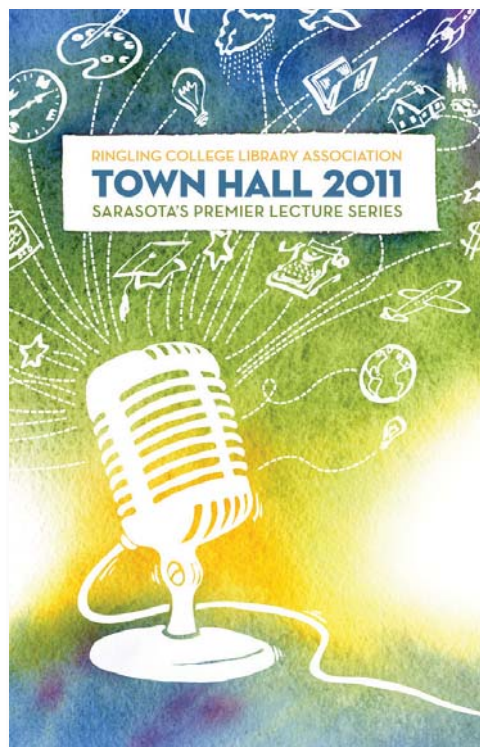
- ◆ Priority Information and processing for TOWN HALL Lecture Series subscription requests.
- ◆ Preferred Pricing on select Library Association activities
- ◆ Interaction with the art world at our lively, informative Art Lectures at the Ringling College Academic Auditorium
- ◆ Arts-oriented Field Trips
- ◆ Checkout Privileges at Verman Kimbrough Library on the Ringling College campus

- ◆ RCLA Newsletter with notices of Library Association, TOWN HALL, Art Lecture and Ringling College events and opportunities
- ◆ Complimentary Invitation to the popular Annual Member Event
- ◆ Discounts on Ringling College Continuing Studies and Special Programs classes

Editor's Note: If you are a Town Hall subscriber but not yet a Library Association member, we're including you in the distribution of this issue of our Newsletter. Our hope is, as you become better acquainted with the benefits of membership, you'll join us in our mission to further support the Library.

Tell Me What To Ask Our Speakers

I WISH THERE WAS TIME to ask all of your questions at TOWN HALL. If time permits I will try to ask a very broad range of topics from our speakers this year.



I NEED YOUR HELP!

If I receive your question early I can give it an in depth consideration. So please ask early! Email me at: **RCLAssociation@comcast**. Call and leave a message: 941-925-1343. Go to our web site and click "ask the speaker a question. www.RCLAssociation.org. Or use regular old "snail mail" and send me a letter:

RCLA Town Hall 2011
P.O. Box 18716
Sarasota, FL
34276-1716

Make sure to mention which speaker you would like the question asked to. I want to ask what Sarasota wants to hear! So help me prepare early.



Kathleen Weiner



**RINGLING COLLEGE
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Ringling College Library Association
www.RCLAssociation.org
P.O. Box 4071
Sarasota, FL 34230

FIRST CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #593
Manasota, FL



Dr. Matthew McLendon, Associate Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art for the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art

(continued from page 1)

new addition, Sky Space. Artist James Turrell allows us to explore our perceptions of light and space in a remarkable new installation.

Please park in the Main Lot at University Parkway and Bay Shore Dr.

Ringling Museum Member fee (must bring Museum membership card): \$20
Ringling Museum Non-Member fee: \$25

JEAN HARTLEY BLACKBURN

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

Coffee 9:30 AM

Lecture 10:00 AM

Ringling College Academic Auditorium

Rich, lush tropical landscapes are captured beautifully

in award winning artist Jean Blackburn’s paintings.

Born on Anna Maria Island, Jean is a teacher, artist and environmentalist. Her stunning works illustrate both how precious and precarious our native habitat is and why we love living in Sarasota.

RCLA member fee: Free; Non-member fee: \$10



Note venue change:
MODERN SARASOTA ARCHITECTURE
with CARL ABBOTT

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9

Ringling College Academic Auditorium

Coffee 9:30 AM

Lecture 10:00 AM