



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 10, 2017

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REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember to move your clocks ahead one hour early **Sunday, March 12th**, and change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Be sure to dispose of the 9V batteries safely!

Sarasota County Neighborhood Grant Share-shop

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Grants

Does your neighborhood have an unattractive area that is the topic of many meetings, but the site of little action? Come to a Neighborhood Initiative Grant Share-shop to hear a grant recipient, a staff liaison, and an advisory committee (scoring body) member discuss the project that transformed this piece of land into a source of pride for the community.

Tuesday, March 28 at 4:00pm
Nokomis Community Park
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis
Please pre-register for this event at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Shareshop1>.

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NEST LIVING SHORELINES OPEN HOUSE - SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH - 10:00AM TO 2:00PM

Come see four demonstration shorelines at **406 Shamrock Blvd. in Venice**. Talk to experts about fish and wildlife currently in your lake, and sustainable techniques that can slow effects of shore line erosion and create or enhance your shoreline to have a living beautiful shoreline, habitat for birds and more places for fish to live. For additional questions, please call (941) 861-5000. **See attached flier for details!**

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Artists of Palmer Ranch - Feature Artist, Marlène Keralla-Valerga



Marlène Keralla-Valerga has been a successful and avid portrait painter for over 50 years, and a member of the Artists of Ranch for over 18 years. At the age of 17, she received her first portrait commission, and has since presented to the public an impressive collection of ‘models’ and commissioned portraits of men, women and children. Her work has been featured in numerous personal exhibitions, as well as collective art shows, in addition to appearing in private collections throughout Europe, the Middle East, the Orient and the U.S. Painting in oil, sketching in pen-and-ink, drawing in pencil,



Marlène’s style is figurative, vivid in color and strong in impression.

To see more of her work, you can contact Marlène at the following:
marlene.valerga@verizon.net.

Birding on Palmer Ranch

This week’s photo is of a Red Winged Blackbird seen visiting the grounds of *The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch*.

Among our most familiar birds, Red-wings seem to sing their nasal songs in every marsh and wet field from coast to coast. They are notably bold, and several will often attack a larger bird, such as a hawk or crow, that flies over their nesting area. The red shoulder patches of the male, hidden under body feathers much of the time, are brilliantly displayed when he is singing. Outside the nesting season, Red-wings sometimes roost in huge concentrations.



We would like to encourage you to send in your photos of birds seen on Palmer Ranch to feature in future newsletters. If you’ve pictures you’d like to share, please email your photos to Carrie at carrie@palmerranch.net. Please include your name, species and location of where the photo was taken.

Photo credit: Fred Brisky

Living Shorelines Open House
Saturday, March 11 from 10 am to 2pm
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..Habitat for birds...



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See you there!!



For additional questions, please call 941-861-5000 and ask about the NEST Living Shorelines— Venice