

Your Vote Counts!

By Vicky Oakes, St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections

Our Special Referendum Election is almost here. Mark your calendars for November 3. All St. Johns County polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Special Referendum Election is open to all registered voters in St. Johns County.

Sample ballots are being mailed to every household this week. If you do not receive yours, they are available

on our website www.votesjc.com. Our website is a good resource for voters when you need additional election information.

Absentee ballots are still available, so call the Elections Office or use the online request form to request your absentee ballot today. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is October 28 at 5:00 p.m.

In order to be counted, Florida law requires absentee ballots to be received in the Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Make sure your absentee ballot will count. Local delivery takes three to five days, so mail early. Absentee ballots may also be turned in at early voting sites during early voting hours or use one of the red drop boxes at the public

libraries or Ponte Vedra or Julington Creek Tax Offices. Absentee ballots CANNOT be turned in at the polls on Election Day.

Voters may cast ballots at any early voting location between October 24 and October 31. All six locations will be open for voting daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Voters may cast ballots at their assigned precinct location between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please note: as a reminder, some of our locations have changed since the last election. Not sure where to vote? Simply call the Elections Office to ask, check the location listed on your sample ballot for your precinct location or use the voter lookup on our website, www.votesjc.com, to locate your precinct. If your address has changed, it is very important that you update your address before going to vote. It's as simple as calling the Elections Office

at 823-2238 to update your address.

Our communities are stronger when everyone participates in the election process. Our communities need each of us to do our part and that means voting. I encourage each of you to participate in this special election. Please vote – let your voice be heard!

Please see our ad in this issue of *The CreekLine* for more voting information.

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by day and is really trying to remain stress free.

"Cancer does not care how healthy, how beautiful or how much in shape you are. It just wants to destroy your life and if you don't catch it early enough, it will have a better opportunity to take your life. Don't let it! Keep your doctor appointments and especially your mammogram appointment," Fenner concludes.



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Florida Chamber Music at Ponte Vedra Club

By Karl Kennell



FCMP musicians Annie Morris, Melissa Barrett and Susan Pardue. Photo courtesy of JHNPhoto.com.

On September 24, the Florida Chamber Music Project (FCMP) officially kicked off their third season. The soiree, hosted by the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, was a combined celebration of music and art to acknowledge the support of the community for FCMP throughout the musical ensemble's first two seasons—and to announce and begin what promises to be

a spectacular 2015–2016 season of strings and adventures for the musical ensemble.

The musical ensemble performed a preview concert to show their appreciation for the support of the evening's guests. They were surrounded by dozens of paintings by world-renowned local artist Dr. Susanne Schuenke, who describes her

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Art Leaders present obelisk to King and Queen of Spain

By Courtney Madora, Wards Creek Elementary

This is a special year for both the city of St. Augustine and Wards Creek—this year marks the 450th anniversary of the founding of the Nation's Oldest City and the city celebrated with many festivities and ceremonies. St. Augustine was honored to host the King and Queen of Spain to commemorate the founding of the city.

Amy Tarney, the art learning leader of Wards Creek, led a group of students as a part of the Compassion through the Eyes of Children Project, which was chosen to present

to the King and Queen during their visit on September 18. The students are sixth graders at Pacetti Bay and some were former Wards Creek Warriors.

The obelisk project was entirely led by the students, which Tarney thinks is the reason it was chosen to give as a gift.

"The obelisk was based on the four tenets of the Spanish constitution: freedom, democracy, compassion and human rights. I discussed with the students what those things meant and we brainstormed ways we might be able to represent those

ideas visually. After researching and brainstorming, all students presented their ideas and we voted on a final design for the project. Then, we split up the work and assigned jobs or areas to draw and paint to each student," Tarney explained.

She continued, "Most students worked in pairs to complete one side of the obelisk. I facilitated the students' ideas, helped plan out their designs

and helped with any technical issues in painting the obelisk, but the students did 99 percent of the work. All students in the Art Leaders group did an amazing job of working together to plan, design and paint the obelisk. I could not be prouder of their work!"

Caitlyn Gillette, one of the students, said, "Creating the obelisk was such an awesome experience. I'm so excited that

Art Leaders gave me the chance to help make it!"

Marissa Cannegieter added, "It was an amazing experience. The King and Queen loved our art piece."

She also said it was exciting to talk to the Queen about her own children.

Mia Bradley stated, "Making the obelisk was so much fun. I am so glad I joined Art Leaders."



Art Leaders present their obelisk to the King and Queen of Spain.

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work as "a dominant, harmonious flow of idiosyncratic curves and dynamic lines which hold balance with the inner structure of the overall composition." In addition to the artist's work illuminating the evening, she unveiled an illustration featuring the musical ensemble, which will be featured on posters promoting the 2015-2016 FCMP season. During the evening, the musical ensemble performed the music of Handel/Halvorsen, Dvorak and Mozart.

During the evening, the conversation frequently drifted to an exciting honor received by FCMP—an invitation to the musical ensemble to perform in Oxford, England in 2016. An arranged cultural exchange has been set with the Adderbury Ensemble from Oxford, England. The Adderbury Ensemble will join Florida Chamber Music Project at the Ponte Vera Concert Hall for a performance of the Mendelssohn Octet on April 10, 2016. Later, FCMP will journey to Oxford and also perform the Octet in England with the Adderbury Ensemble there.

The 2015-2016 Florida Chamber Music Project Season begins at 3:00 p.m. on October 18 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and is sponsored by the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. Mu-

sic of Mozart and Mendelssohn will be featured. Tickets are available at the box office or online. For more information, please visit flchambermusic.org.

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