

## Marilyn Bauer: Fall means that events calendar starts to fill up

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You can already feel the season about to change. Not only has there been a slight cooling of the weather, but more cars on the road and more events in the calendar.

Soon it will be time to double book almost every night of the week, but while the calm is still with us, here are a few events to start thinking about.

I love bluegrass music, which is only one reason to join the Arts Council of Martin County for a cruise down the St. Lucie River on the Island Princess from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 2. Boarding begins at 7:10 p.m. at the Finest Kind Marina, 3585 St. Lucie Blvd. in Stuart.

In addition to the music, cocktails and snacks, there will be a photo contest and exhibition on board.

The event is the brainchild of David Vaina, Krissy Simoneau and Ken Baker. All proceeds go to the Arts Council.

“When you sit back and think about what connects all the things that make Martin County hum — boating, swimming, small businesses, tourism, the arts, natural beauty — water is the link between them,” Vaina said.

“The photo contest not only underscores the contribution water makes to our community, it reinforces the idea that there’s an artist in everyone.”

There’s still time to enter. Just submit one digital photograph that captures a local, water-themed scene to [tcriverboat@gmail.com](mailto:tcriverboat@gmail.com) by Sept. 30.

Separate prizes will be awarded for adults and children.

For more information: (772) 287-6676 or [www.martinarts.org](http://www.martinarts.org).

### SUNRISE CONCERT

Everyone seems to be talking about the Tommy James & The Shondells concert coming to the Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce at 8 p.m. Nov. 14.

I heard Tommy way back when — preteen, to be exact. His show at a Cleveland area amusement park was one of the first live concerts I was allowed to attend without

parental supervision.

Port St. Lucie's Terri Ann Palumbo, whose name will ever be prefaced with five-time Emmy Award winner, is putting on the concert and her hubby, Don Ciccone, with his band the Critters will open the show.

Ciccone and James have been friends for 27 years.

When Ciccone left the Four Seasons, he transformed himself into a Shondell and worked with the band through the 1990s.

James is hot right now.

He's got a book coming out, "Me, the Mob and the Music," followed by a film with a big-name director.

Tickets (\$45/\$55) and VIP packages (\$175) that include two orchestra seats, a pre-concert reception and an after party with the stars are available through the Sunrise box office: (772) 461-4775.

## **FALL FEST**

Palm City is getting into the festival business with the first Palm City Chamber of Commerce Fall Fest from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Jock Leighton Park, at Mapp Road and 36th Street.

Executive Director Carolyn Davi is expecting a large turnout for the arts and crafts booths, community booths, a classic car show, musical entertainment and specialities from local restaurants along with premium wine and beer.

For more information, contact the chamber at (772) 286-8121 or [info@palmcitychamber.com](mailto:info@palmcitychamber.com).

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Women Supporting the arts is still accepting grant applications from Martin County artists and organizations offering arts-related programs in 2010.

The deadline is Sept. 30.

Applications are available through [www.martinarts.org](http://www.martinarts.org) or (772) 287-6676, ext. 14.

The grants range in size depending on the project's scale and perceived value to the community.

More than \$24,000 was awarded last year.

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