

## BOG BRIEF

### Actions from the last Board Meeting

By: Kathrin Harris, Board Treasurer

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The author of each article is responsible for the factual accuracy.

The October Board meeting was delayed to the third Tuesday of the month due to Hurricane Ian.

That afternoon, the Board hosted a Budget Workshop to discuss the draft 2023 budget. The WS was attended by several owners in person, as well as others on Zoom. The Budget Work Group had prepared a presentation that was available in print to those who came in person, and emailed to the entire membership later in an e-blast.

At 6:30 that evening, the Board convened for the monthly meeting. President Cronin informed the members that Lew Lyon and Angela Hilton Calvo had submitted their resignations, which the Board officially accepted. The Board has the option of appointing someone to fill these terms.

After approving prior Board minutes and accepting committee meeting minutes submitted, the Board discussed the speeding violation procedure. The cameras are functioning well, are taking legible photos, and have been calibrated. Governor Gilroy proposed a trial implementation to now test the violation procedure. The concern has been raised that our gate data regarding owners' vehicles, plates, and barcode in-

formation is incomplete. It must be assured that the speeding vehicle is correctly linked to the Turtle Rock address. This trial phase will only send violation notices to owners who are speeding, not their guests or vendors. The motion was unanimously approved, and the trial procedure was begun on November 1.

The Board also accepted the resignation of the Nominating Committee members, thanking them for their work on information preparations. They tasked Deirdre Cronin to be the Board Liaison, and appointed members Dodie Neuhauser and Ken Rosemann from the membership. Every owner was mailed a nomination package with complete information, expectations and requirements, along with an application form to self-nominate to become a Board candidate. The nomination form and the Owner Information Sheet are also found on the last pages of this newsletter.

#### 2022 Board meetings:

MONDAY, Nov 14 at 4:30pm

TUESDAY, Dec 6 at 6:30pm

# Nominating Committee

By: Dodie Neuhauser, Member

The Turtle Rock Nominations Committee is seeking applicants to serve on the Board of Governors. Only self-nominations are accepted because serving on the Board is a responsibility that requires a personal commitment of three years, unless filling a vacancy, and a desire to fulfill that commitment. Board members do more than merely attend the monthly meetings. Each of Turtle Rock's task forces and committees has a Board member who serves as a liaison to the Board. The Board works closely with both the management and vendors to ensure that we remain a desirable community in which to live. Once elected (at the Annual Member Meeting on February 7, 2023), the Board has its Organizational meeting and elects its officers, who take on added responsibility.

Turtle Rock home owners at least 21 years of age who meet the minimum requirements are eligible to self-nominate. You must:

- not be delinquent in payment of dues or other monetary obligation to the Association;
- not be in violation of TR rules, and
- not have been convicted of a felony (if so, have your civil rights restored for five years by February 7, 2023)

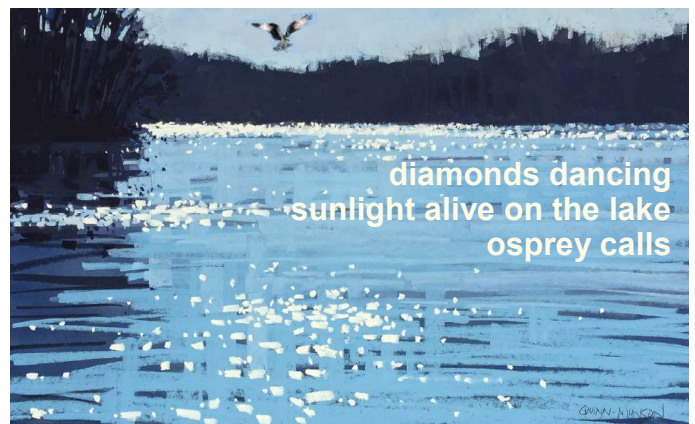
We are looking for those individuals who have taken the time to familiarize themselves with our governing documents (Declaration and By-Laws) and with the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual (TROM), both of which can be found on the website [www.myturtlerock.com](http://www.myturtlerock.com) under the

heading Community Association Documents. You may also be a good candidate based on your professional background and experiences or on your participation on other Boards and committees.

All owners have received the nominations materials in the mail. Applications (also found on the last two pages of this newsletter) are due in the Turtle Rock Community Center no later than **1 pm on December 30.**

If there are more candidates than open positions, a Meet the Candidates Night (required attendance for applicants) will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 in person and via Zoom, with elections to follow on February 7, 2023. Once they begin their 3 year term, newly elected Board Members will also need to complete an approved course pertaining to FL statutes for HOAs which is free and available online.

Thank you for your consideration to apply as a Board candidate.





# Treasurer's Report

By: Kathrin Harris



**Year-To-Date Ending:**

**September 31, 2022**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
Assessments and other income	\$ 1,157,367	\$ 1,148,503	
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
General and Administrative	\$ 305,042	\$ 302,603 *	
Common Grounds	147,255	158,912	
Access Control/Gatehouse	247,651	236,090 **	
Facilities Maintenance	81,267	110,550	
Utilities	62,721	63,611	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,120,774</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,503</b>	<b>(\$27,728 net under)</b>

\* Overage mainly caused by insurance, office, and legal expenses

\*\* Overage mainly from Gate expenses: attendants and repair/maintenance

<b>Reserves:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Assessments:</b> Outstanding HOA Fees—
Contribution	\$ 276,838	\$ 276,838	(0-90 days) \$ 1,235
Expense: None this month			( 91+ days) \$ 8,782
			<b>Total \$10,017</b>

For more detailed monthly and annual financial information, dating back to 2015, please visit our website's Resident Only page: <https://www.myturtlerock.com/community-assoc/residents-only-v2/>. This is a password protected section; please email [letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com](mailto:letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com), and request the PW by providing your name and TR address.

## Expenses for Ian Clean-up keep piling up

To date, the Association has incurred the following known costs resulting from clean-up efforts after Hurricane Ian:

Emergency debris removal from streets and sidewalks:	\$ 6,600
Tree removal (cutting, stump removal, hauling off debris)	\$46,900

Additional costs yet unknown include IT issues, waterway maintenance, repair of irrigation at Far Oak Cir where a tree stump ripped a main line, repair to streetlights, street signs, and mail-boxes damaged or blown over, repair to pavers in picnic area where a tree lifted them, replacement of the damaged bench at picnic area, removal of fallen cedars along Honore currently being left there to provide visual shield, replacement of border plantings and various trees (not all will be replaced).

These unknown costs are anticipated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars. Insurance rates are also anticipated to be drastically increased for property insurance next year as Florida bears the cost of this disaster. A separate line item will be added to the Operating Budget to track these unique expenses, which will have to come from Owner Equity (savings).

And finally, a note regarding Palmer Ranch clean-up and irrigation repair. To date, the Master Association has incurred costs totaling \$25,600, with additional expenses still coming. Turtle Rock dues include dues payment to the Master Association.





# Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary



## Turtle Rock Flood Control Systems Performed Well During Hurricane Ian

The Turtle Rock and entire Southwest Florida communities have been through a lot this fall, thanks to Category 4 Hurricane Ian. Locally, although we were spared the worst, [wind gusts of 106](#) were recorded at Sarasota Bay Marker 17, and nearby Nokomis measured [14.2 inches of rain](#). The rain gauges on Palmer Ranch received 8.3 inches, but creeks that flow through here were fed by much more farther north of us. Turtle Rock residents have lost trees; experienced damaged roofs, lanais, other exterior home elements, and landscaping; and suffered an array of hardships and stress.

*But we do have some good news.* Both during the hurricane and after, Turtle Rock's 31 connected stormwater retention ponds, wetlands, drainage, and flow systems stood a major test: They prevented Turtle Rock homes from serious flooding during and following the storm. In addition, the Natural Assets Committee conducted on-site inspections of the ponds, wetlands, and preserves during the days following the storm, and noted that the geotube shoreline restorations, weirs, and littoral shelves were intact. Of course, the ponds got their share of fallen trees and debris during Ian, and our contractors continue to deal with summer's plant growth in the waters, but we can collectively take a moment to appreciate how fortunate we were not to flood in the face of intense, heavy hurricane rains.

It hasn't always been this way. Longtime Turtle Rock resident David N. Miller recalls a time before the flood control design was complete, saying, "Some Turtle Rock streets were inundated on occasion prior to my move here in 1998. I was told then that pond re-engineering had resolved the problem. Early on, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) moved to improve the Deer Creek watershed, for which Turtle Rock-beneficiaries were assessed an *ad valorem* tax. We have been very successful. To my knowledge there has been no street flooding in Turtle Rock in the last quarter century."

Add to that early work the continuous monitoring, maintenance, and improvements to the ponds and overflow systems, and Turtle Rock is as safe from floods as engineers, contractors, the Board, committees, and residents working together have been able to make it.

The Natural Assets Committee intends to carry on the work so that Turtle Rock will continue to be as secure as possible from the ravages of storms, including those of historic proportions such as Hurricane Ian. Thanks to all the residents who support the proper functioning and health of Turtle Rock ponds, wetlands, and preserves.

*Images courtesy of Michelle van Schouwen*

*Logo created by Barry Dornick, Turtle Rock Resident*



# Architectural Review Committee

By Roberta Maloney, Chair



The Committee had a very busy October. We responded to 20 applications submitted. Many were requests related to storm damage, or requests to protect against damage by a future hurricane. Most were for roof replacement or tree removal.

As a reminder, an application is not needed for roof repair, but is required for replacement of the roof. New roof requests must include the name of the contractor, the contractor's license and insurance, and a physical sample of the new tile.

If a homeowner requests that a tree be removed from their lot, whether because it is damaged or has potential for future damage, replacement with another tree might be required. To determine if replacement is required, count the number of trees remaining. A palm tree counts as just 1/3 of a tree, in other words, **three palm trees count as one hardwood tree**. The number of trees required varies by lot type. There are four lot types in Turtle Rock:

Custom	6 trees required
Executive	4 trees required
Villa (Savannah)	3 trees required,
Villa (Somerset)	2 trees required, in front
Club*	3 trees required

\*Sabal Lake east and  
cul-de-sacs off Sweetmeadow

If you are unsure of your lot type, consult the TROM Appendix B, or check with the management office.

Please remember that ARC applications are due in the management office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the monthly inspection. The ARC is here to help homeowners with storm recovery projects and for all landscape and exterior changes to your home. If you have questions, contact any member of the ARC committee.



Example of a tree on a custom homesite that has outgrown its space. It lost roughly 60% of its branches during Ian, and the owner wishes to remove it. As the lot has three remaining hardwood trees and over 10 additional large palm trees, there is no requirement to replace this tree when it is removed. The homeowner intends to replace the tree and will file an ARC application to remove the tree and indicate desired replacement type and location.



## From the WEST Corner of...

By: Steve West



### Watchdog

SCAM warning: Beware fellow Turtle Rockers if you are a member and user of PayPal.

You receive a very official looking invoice stating you've purchased a product or service and the debit will appear in your account in the next 24 hours. Of course, you never authorized such a purchase. The email will prompt you to call an 800 or 888 number if in fact you did not authorize this transaction or want more details. They may also provide a link to PayPal using email as a Trojan horse to violate your online security. This is called "phishing." Never use a link to anything provided by a suspicious or unrecognized email. Also check the sender's actual email address: it may say "VERIZON," but the actual address that appears behind has nothing to do with Verizon.

If you make that call, their objective is to obtain as much personal information from you as possible so they can attack your accounts.

PayPal will NEVER use impersonal generic greetings such as "Dear User" or "Dear (your email address)". Their emails will ALWAYS address you by your first and last names or by your business name.

Here's a list of just SOME of the PayPal scams to be wary of: *Fake Fraud Alert scam, Unsolicited Payment or Transfer Request scam, Password Reset Request scam, Fake Charity scam, Promotional Offer scam, Refund Request scam, Overpayment scam, Shipping Address scam, and Hacked Account scam.*

Please know that PayPal is a very legitimate and safe source when used correctly. It is not the only target — the scammers are everywhere. Beware!



### NOTICE FROM THE TRAFFIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

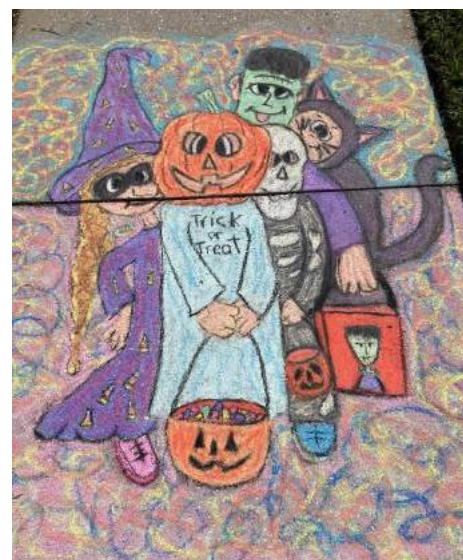
The traffic compliance process will begin in early November, 2022. Please adhere to the posted speed limit of 25 mph and remind your visitors, vendors, and contractors to drive the speed limit as well. Thank you for doing your part to keep Turtle Rock a safe place to live and play.



## Chalk Art

By: Donna Wolfson

HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!



# TROM TRIVIA!

By: Steve West

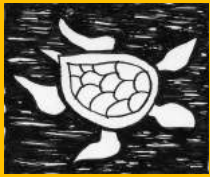
1. The Board of Governors serves for a term of \_\_\_\_\_ years?
2. Our governing documents mandate the Board have how many officer positions \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Name them: \_\_\_\_\_
4. TRUE or FALSE? Since there are no “No Parking” signs on Turtle Rock Blvd, it is legal to park there as long as it is not overnight.

Answers are found on right. If you want to investigate before cheating and looking here, answers can be found in the TROM at the bottom of pg 9: <https://www.myturtlerock.com/files/documents/TR%20Owners%20Manual%202022-03-01%20v3.pdf>

## Did you know?

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Governors, you can self nominate by filling in the application and returning it to the office by December 30. All owners recently received the complete Nominating Materials by mail, which includes requirements and expectations, along with the form to complete. Serving on the Board is a commitment not to be taken lightly as it demands considerable time, but it is rewarding to be a part of making your community a better place to live.

ANSWERS to TROM Trivia:  
1. three 2. four 3. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer 4. FALSE. Section IV, Article D: Parking on Turtle Rock Blvd. is not permitted.



## Turtle Rock Academy Lectures

By: Bette Blitzer Mills, Chair

Looking Ahead... at next season in 2023!

**January 19**

*Sharon  
Preston-Folta*

Sharon Preston-Folta grew up as the unknown daughter of Louis Armstrong.

She will share her story with us and talk about her documentary film, “Little Satchmo,” playing at film festivals around the world this year. Preston-Folta was born in 1955. Her mother, Lucille “Sweets” Preston, was a performer from Harlem, New York, and was romantically involved with Armstrong for many years, but he was married to someone else — his fourth wife Lucille Armstrong. Preston-Folta said the world-famous musician and cultural icon felt like he couldn’t publicly acknowledge a child born from an affair, but privately, she was part of Armstrong’s life.



**February 9**

*John McCarthy*

**Historic Spanish Point**

Marie Selby’s Historic Spanish Point Vice President will talk about this beautiful location that shows visitors how people lived and celebrated in earlier times. John is a native Floridian who attended Pine View School in Sarasota, received his BS from Goshen College (Indiana), and worked with the Sarasota County Government for 32 years as Environmental Specialist, County Historian and Director of Parks and Recreation. John is a frequent presenter of local history lectures and tours, and has been associated with Historic Spanish Point since 2017.





# The First Thanksgiving

By: Steve West



In September 1620, a small ship called the *Mayflower* left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith, and those lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World." After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the *Mayflower* crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy, and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the *Mayflower*'s original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring.

In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe, who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain. He was sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers, and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years, and remains one of the sole examples (tragically) of harmony between European colonists and Native Amer-

icans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the first Thanksgiving's exact menu, much of what we know about the celebration comes from Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow, who wrote:



*"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our*

*Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."*

Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the *Mayflower*'s sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebration.



# Landscape & Grounds

By Jodi Cunnison



October was a trying month to say the least. We were very blessed that our Turtle Rock community avoided a direct hit from Hurricane Ian. However, many residents did experience damage to their lanai cages, roofs, trees, palms, and branches. Just a remainder that we still don't know when Sarasota County will be picking up the piles of debris on your lawn. Residents should consider hiring their own debris removal service rather than waiting for the County in the hopes of preventing the grass underneath from completely dying.

The Committee met with Shane Battle from Bloomings on October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center. Shane suggested foregoing the weekly mowing along Turtle Rock Blvd in exchange for tackling the substantial debris clean up along the Blvd. Since Octoberfest was coming up and the Community Center area was still a mess with debris and large piles everywhere, we asked that Bloomings concentrate their efforts there. This gave the children who attended Octoberfest with their parents a safe place to play. The following week, Bloomings tackled the majority of the debris piles along the Boulevard, which saved the Association from paying Castro Tree Service (the contractor who was selected to remove fallen trees from common areas) for this job. A big thank you to Shane Battle for suggesting this plan, which resulted in substantial savings to our Association. With the start of November we have entered the period where Bloomings only mows every other week, and will be onsite on and off to perform other duties such as shrub trimming or herbicide applications.

The trimming of the palms and mulching along Turtle Rock Blvd have been put on temporary hold pending the hurricane clean up. Geraniums will be installed at both gate entrances in November. Other issues to be addressed in the fu-

ture are improving the irrigation along Central Sarasota Parkway, and the hedge replacement along Turtle Rock Blvd between Benchmark and Sweet Meadow Circle.

The holiday lights have already been put up at both gate entrances. They will look lovely once lit up for the holidays, which will happen on the Friday after Thanksgiving!

The Committee has discussed the idea of installing a children's lending library within the community. These miniature libraries, approximately the size of a large bird house, would en-



courage the free exchange of books amongst the children of Turtle Rock. A nationwide non-profit organization assists communities with this initiative

([Littlefreelibrary.org](http://Littlefreelibrary.org)). The photo on the left shows one such "library" on Sanibel

Island in 2021.

Another idea being considered is installation of bat houses throughout our preserve areas. Bats



are desirable creatures who rid us of mosquitos and other pesky insects. In their search for shelter, they often find our attics, which is not so desirable. If they have bat houses, they will instead choose these over our attics.

# Young Families' Group

By: Jennifer Wick



*Mark your Calendars:*

**11 - 19 - 22      Friendsgiving      4-6 pm**

*Please bring a side dish to share and a \$5 donation per person*

**12 - 4 - 22      Holiday Craft Sale      2-4 pm**

**12 - 17 - 22      23rd ANNUAL  
Holiday Trolley      6-10 pm**

*We hope to conduct a raffle soon to raise money for the group, and are asking for donations/sponsors for some items to raffle off, possibly during the Holiday Crafts creations & sale!*

*Please email me at [jenwick0303@gmail.com](mailto:jenwick0303@gmail.com)*



This year's TRUNK or TREAT event held on Saturday afternoon before Halloween was an fabulous event! Over 40 trunks were uniquely and imaginatively decorated, ready to hand out treats to all the wonderfully dressed Rockers— both young and not-so-young.

More photos have been posted to the FaceBook page TurtleKidsRock 🎃









# Turtle Rock Women's Club

The Nov 19 MIX & MINGLE will need to be rescheduled due to a Community Center booking problem.

Join us for our Holiday Luncheon at Stoneybrook Golf & CC on December 7.



## Turtle Rock Men's Club

A big "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Oktoberfest celebration at the Community Center! The turnout exceeded expectations and, despite the rain, a good time was had by all.

November 16<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

**Miguel's Restaurant**

6631 Midnight Pass Road

This luncheon sponsored by Marc Wolff, President/Branch Manager Southern Trust Financial Planning

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Looking for a night out and a good poker game? There is interest in reviving the weekly poker games that were held in the past. If you are interested in playing, let's hear from you at, [turtlerockmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockmensclub@gmail.com).

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SERENOA  
GOLF CLUB

If you are a golfer, consider joining your neighbors for a round at Serenoa Golf Club each Thursday morning. Send an email to, [TRMCGolf@gmail.com](mailto:TRMCGolf@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

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## November Birthdays

We wish the following a **Happy Birthday**! If I have missed anyone, email me and I will update the TRMC website.

**Gene Crites, Ron Paddock, DeWitt Platt,  
Anthony Razzano, David Tannenholz**

If you are a new neighbor or know of someone who may be interested in joining the Men's Club, please have them contact me, Ken Rosemann ([kenrosemann1231@gmail.com](mailto:kenrosemann1231@gmail.com)), and I will be glad to assist them in the process of joining.





Fabulous attendance and much fun had by all at the Oktoberfest sponsored by the Men's, Women's, and Families' Clubs!





# Internationally Acclaimed Artist Comes to Turtle Rock Event

## Holiday OPEN HOUSE Art Show & Demo at the Clubhouse

### Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 1PM to 6PM

Come One, Come All. Wine and Cheese will be Served



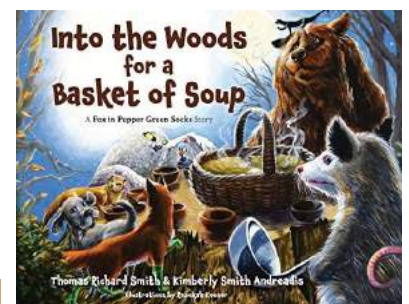
Paintings by Tom Ruthz



Join artist **Tom Ruthz** and your neighbor Kim Andreadis for an art show and demonstration at the Turtle Rock Clubhouse on December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Tom Ruthz moved to Sarasota from Brazil, where he was well known for his paintings of horses. He has lived and produced art in many European countries. Today, Tom has an art studio 15 minutes away from Turtle Rock on the Tamiami Trail where he holds art classes and creates custom artwork for his clients. Tom's custom work includes commissioned paintings of pets.



**Kim Andreadis** will showcase a variety of hand sewn Chic Saks and her children's book, "Into the Woods for a Basket of Soup," available on Amazon, but offered at a discount to Turtle Rock residents and their guests. This will be a fun event. You are welcome to come and raise a glass of good cheer and view the painting demonstration and artwork. No purchases are necessary. (sample Chic Saks below)





# Communications Committee

By: Steve West

“The greatest three words ever spoken were not *I love you*, but *Can I help?*” *Author Unknown*

The Board, Committees, and task forces here in our community strive to address the needs of a diverse population, in an aging community, on a budget. Just as we experience increased costs personally, our community is also experiencing increased costs every time a contract is due to be renewed or a purchase is made. Each of us has probably made improvements to our home, yet have a list of things we’ve yet to do. In other words, we set priorities. So too, task forces and committees do research and make recommendations to the Board, which has the daunting task of making decisions in a manner that is fair to the community as a whole.

The best way for you to know your voice is heard and your mind informed is to get involved. Volunteers **do not** necessarily have the time. They have the heart. Together, they endeavor to create the most fair and positive direction for a better life in Turtle Rock. Our volunteers work for a cause, not applause. Work hard, and your salary could easily double in no time...zero times zero!

A good place to begin is to familiarize yourself with the existing committees and task forces, what they do, and who you can contact with questions and comments— see page 16.

As a result of the survey in spring, the Board has pledged to make communication and transparency a top priority. There are also plans to ensure that all minutes are posted on the website where they can easily be accessed in a timely manner. As informed by our Treasurer, the monthly financials are always posted soon after month’s end.

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to

serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” – **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Opportunity to Assist:** The Communications Committee is responsible for the signage in the bulletin boards throughout Turtle Rock. From time to time, it may be necessary for new signs and posters to be developed. This is the perfect opportunity for a **Techie Teen** to earn **Community Service Hours**. If you or a family member is interested to be on call as a designer, please let us know! Send an email to [letstalkturtlerock.com](mailto:letstalkturtlerock.com)

## DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member,  
the kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just content  
that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the crowd,  
Or do you just stay at home  
and crab both long and loud?  
Do you ever go to visit  
a member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
and talk about the clique?  
There is quite a program scheduled  
that means success, if done,  
And it can be accomplished  
with the help of every one.  
So attend the meeting regularly  
and help with hand and heart,  
Don’t just be a member,  
but take an active part.  
Think this over carefully,  
are we right or are we wrong?  
Are you an active member,  
or do you just belong?

— Anonymous

# Communications Committee

The Communications Committee encourages all residents to become involved to the extent that they are able to do so. For those unable to attend Board of Governors meetings in person, management has been giving ample notice with a Zoom link for those wishing to join from home. We are pleased with increased attendance as a result. Those meetings occur the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise notified. There are other committees and task forces which meet on a

regular basis in order to ensure that Turtle Rock remains a desirable community in which to live. Meetings are open to all community owners or residents to attend. Should you have comments or concerns and are unable to attend meetings, all officers of the Board have links to an email address on the website. Listed below are Turtle Rock committees, task forces and social clubs along with contact information for the corresponding Board Liaison

<b><u>Turtle Rock Committees</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Times</u></b>	<b><u>Email Address</u></b>
ARC Architectural Review	Saturday Review after the 15 <sup>th</sup> monthly	assistanttreasurer@ myturtlerock.com
Communications	Thursday after TR Board Meeting 1:30 p.m.	president@myturtlerock.com letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com
FIRM (Financial, Investment, Risk Management)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 1 p.m.	president@myturtlerock.com
Landscape and Grounds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 1 p.m.	treasurer@myturtlerock.com
Natural Assets	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 3 p.m. by Zoom	assistanttreasurer@ myturtlerock.com
Special Projects	As needed	secretary@myturtlerock.com
Turtle Rock Academy	Monthly during season, TBA	president@myturtlerock.com
<b><u>Turtle Rock Task Forces</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Times</u></b>	<b><u>Email Address</u></b>
Budget Work Group	Annually starting late summer	treasurer@myturtlerock.com
Declarations Rewrite	Coming soon	treasurer@myturtlerock.com
Gate Access	Coming soon	president@myturtlerock.com
Honore Border	Coming soon	treasurer@myturtlerock.com
Traffic Safety	As needed at noon	president@myturtlerock.com
<b><u>Social Clubs</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Times</u></b>	<b><u>Email Address</u></b>
Men's Club	Saturday every 4 to 6 weeks 10 a.m.	turtlerockmensclub@gmail.com
Women's Club	Monday prior to Luncheon 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	turtlerockwomens@gmail.com
Young Families	Special Events Planning as Needed	turtlerockfamilies@gmail.com



# Mark Your Calendars!

## TURTLE ROCK's ANNUAL



**February 11 from 8—11:30am**

**at individual homes**

**NO** fee required to participate! The Association will hand out community maps that show participant sellers' addresses to shoppers as they enter during the hours listed. To include your address, simply email your name, phone # and address to [LETSTALKTURTLE ROCK.COM](mailto:LETSTALKTURTLE ROCK.COM) no later than January 31, 2023

Turtle Rock will ask Palmer Ranch to include information in their monthly newsletter to advertise the event.



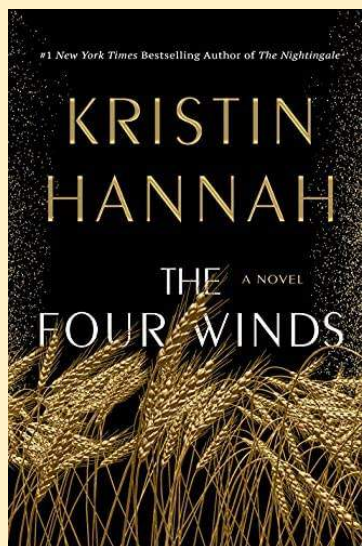
### Types of items accepted

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| • Adhesives and glue  | • Electronics                  | • Mercury     | • Pool chemicals         |
| • Aerosols            | • Fertilizers                  | • Motor oil   | • Propane cylinders      |
| • Antifreeze          | • Fluorescent lamps            | • Oil filters | • Rechargeable batteries |
| • Automotive products | • Gasoline                     | • Pain        | • Solvents and thinners  |
| • Cleaners            | • Household fire extinguishers | • Pesticides  | • Vehicle batteries      |

**We will also host a Sarasota county  
-sponsored Hazardous Waste  
Pick-up in spring of 2023—  
Date TBD**

**Updates in future issues of  
Turtle Talk**

# Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



## The Four Winds

By Kristin Hannah (historical novel) 448 pp

This is a brilliantly told story about the Dust Bowl migrations in which themes of loyalty to friends, family and self, respect for the Earth, the human tendency to blame outsiders for bad times, and perseverance in the face of difficulty abound. It is the sweeping saga of a family's struggle to survive, set against the backdrop of the dust bowl years in Texas, then later in the California migrant camps during the Great Depression. At the heart of the story is Elsa Wolcott, a tall, awkward girl who suffered rheumatic fever as a teenager. The four winds from the title refer to being whisked away, carried to another place. Certainly, Elsa and her children were swept away, to the west, and found a life they never expected. They found hardship and poverty and abuse, yet also found love and friendship, and something to fight for.

## CLASSIFIEDS and LOST & FOUND WANT—SELL—BORROW—LEND— RECYCLE

★ **Free** to good home: table cloths, various solid colors. All 60" wide, lengths 90-144" ★  
Call Mary Ann Gates, 941-927-5367

PLEASE email [letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com](mailto:letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com) to place a classified announcement.

## The Newsletter Team

The committee is always interested in input from the community. If you have a knack for writing, have ideas for a monthly column, or are willing to take photos of interest to the community, please contact us.

Also, if you have a gripe or a word of praise, let's hear it.

**Send comments, suggestions and articles for consideration to:**

**[letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com](mailto:letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com)**

(Text must be in Word, Photos as JPEG.) **THANKS** for getting involved!

### Committee Members and Newsletter Staff

Diane Geramanis & Kim Weiser, Co-Chairs

Dodie Neuhauser, Secretary

Kathrin Harris, Newsletter Editor

Patty Fleming, Help Desk Lead

Steve West, Welcome Team Lead

Donna McCarthy, committee member

Sunstate liaison: Julia Cain, Community Manager

Board Liaison: Deirdre Cronin

Proofreaders: Charlotte Jones and Grace Boehm



## Turtle Rock Data Base & Directory Information Update

Turtle Rock Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Data	Resident 1	Resident 2
Last Name		
First Name		
E-mail		
Best Phone Number		
License Plate Number		
Bar Code Number:		
<b>Emergency Contact</b>		
Name		
Relationship		
Phone Number		

**Additional household vehicles:**

License Plate Number:	License Plate Number:
Bar Code Number:	Bar Code Number:

The purpose of the information listed above is to verify the accuracy of Sunstate Management's data base and to update the information for the upcoming printing of the Turtle Rock resident directory. ***Unless you choose not to be included in the directory, your name, address, phone number, and email address will be included.***

Please initial next to all information you would like to have included in the directory:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name      \_\_\_\_\_ Address      \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number      \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do not include any of my information in the directory

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Please return to Turtle Rock Community Center in person or by mail no later than January 20, 2023  
or scan & email to [pflemingcp@hotmail.com](mailto:pflemingcp@hotmail.com)

**Turtle Rock Community Association, Inc.**  
**2023 Board of Governors**  
**Candidate Application Form**

**This form (plus separate sheet as needed to complete) must be submitted to the  
Community Center office -OR- emailed to [officeteam@myturtlerock.com](mailto:officeteam@myturtlerock.com)  
NO LATER THAN 1 PM on Friday, December 30, 2022.**

Homeowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a short bio and a photograph for promotion on the Turtle Rock website and in the newsletter. May also be emailed to [Officeteam@myturtlerock.com](mailto:Officeteam@myturtlerock.com)

1. Have you read and become familiar with the Turtle Rock Governing Documents? YES NO
2. Are you currently under citation for any unresolved Association rules, violation, or County requirements affecting Association interests? YES NO  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you in arrears greater than 90 days for any dues or fines to the Association? YES NO
4. Have you been convicted of any offense that is considered a felony? YES NO  
If yes, have your civil rights already been restored or will they be for at least 5 years as of February 7, 2023? Please provide any statement you wish to make in this regard. YES NO
5. How long have you lived in Turtle Rock? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did you choose to move into a deed-restricted community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Why do you want to be a board member? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Please provide information on your background and general experience. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Please share your participation in the Turtle Rock Community with clubs or other activities. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you served on an HOA committee or as a board member in any other community in the past?  
If so, what committee, position and when? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the issues you are most concerned about in the community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Would you have any conflicts of interest? If yes, please share. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Are you a team player? Please give an example. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Candidate Application Form, Continued

14. In what ways can you enhance the TR Board of Governors? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

15. What do you anticipate would be the biggest challenges of this role? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

16. Describe what you believe to be the two (2) major areas of Turtle Rock that need improvement. How would you propose to achieve them? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you acknowledge and agree to the following requirements and expectations for service? Please check each item.

\_\_\_\_\_ Certify knowledge and understanding of the Turtle Rock Community Association's Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and the latest version of the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM)

\_\_\_\_\_ Certify knowledge and understanding of FL Statutes pertaining to HOAs, especially 720

\_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledge and agree to the Turtle Rock Code of Ethics

\_\_\_\_\_ Appear in person for the "Meet the Candidates Night" held in the Community Center 2 weeks prior to the election

\_\_\_\_\_ Serve a 3-year term

\_\_\_\_\_ Take, and satisfactorily complete, HOA Board Certification course through a division-approved education provider

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend all Board meetings (with no more than 5 meetings to be attended via teleconference), unless prior arrangements have been made through the Board President

\_\_\_\_\_ Hold the position of Board Liaison for one (or more committees or Task Forces) and by doing so, serve as the bridge between the working group and other members of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Spend the time needed to uphold the documents and policies to the best of your ability, agree to faithfully discharge your fiduciary responsibility to the Association's members, and be fully prepared for all Board, committee or other meetings necessary in Board meeting preparation

\_\_\_\_\_ Actively listen and respond with respect to fellow board, committee, community members, management, and vendors

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate a minimum of 4-6 hours (often more needed) a month for meetings, planning, participating with committees, review of reports and other correspondence, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Use good business and personal judgment in your role as a Board Member. Governors cannot be compensated for their time and effort, and all members agree not to realize any personal gain from their involvement on the Board of Governors.

I hereby certify to the Association's Nominating Committee that I am a Turtle Rock homeowner of record in good standing in accordance with the Turtle Rock Bylaws and am eligible to run for Board office. I further attest that the answers to the forgoing questions are correct to the best of my knowledge and that I acknowledge and agree to each of the requirements and expectations for Board service noted herein. Please place my name on the nominating ballot for the Board of Governors.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_