

THE "U" AT VGCC

2019-2020 Programming

SEASON FIVE



**Continually enhancing the cultural and
educational experiences of our members**

OCTOBER

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MONDAY, OCT 28

BEES & TEAS

with Kate Borduas, Master Naturalist

Join VGCC member Kate Borduas, Master Naturalist and learn about the honeybee crisis and enjoy some afternoon treats.

WELCOME

Welcome to another season of our exclusive "U" VGCC Lifestyle enrichment programming. The Committee has taken great care to provide our Membership with interesting, fun, cutting-edge and informative events in the upcoming season that will enrich your life here at VGCC. There is something for everyone!

Find detailed event listings one month prior in *The Legend*, on the VGCC website and mobile app.

In a bad year, a bee colony might lose 15-20 percent of its bees. In the U.S., winter losses have commonly reached 30-50 percent, in some cases more. ... U.S. National Agricultural Statistics show a honey bee decline from about 6 million hives in 1947 to 2.4 million hives in 2008, a 60 percent reduction. Source: <https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/bees-in-decline/>



NOVEMBER

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FRIDAY, NOV 1 **GUIDE DOG CAMPUS TOURS**

Southeastern Guide Dogs

Enjoy this guided walking tour of the state-of-the-art facilities at Southeastern Guide Dogs, and leave with a smile and a greater appreciation for the magnitude of the "magic" happening there.

THURSDAY, NOV 14 **VENICE ARMY BASE**

with Clark Pressley

A lunch and learn about the history of the Venice Army Air Base and the story of this area's role in World War II.

THURSDAY, NOV 7 **MANASOTA KEY ANCIENT BURIAL GROUNDS**

with John McCarthy

A dinner talk on the ancient burial grounds off the shore of Manasota Key Beach. This unexpected discovery will help archaeologists understand how Florida's indigenous people lived over 7,000 years ago.

FRIDAYS, NOV 15 & 22 **BRIDGE LESSONS**

with Carol Curcuru



DECEMBER

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FRIDAY, DEC 6

BRIDGE LESSONS

with Carol Curcuru

MONDAY, DEC 9

ID FLORIDA BIRDS

with Kate Borduas, Master Naturalist

As a precursor to the Christmas Bird Count, take this opportunity to learn and identify our Florida bird species.

SATURDAY, DEC 14

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

with Kate Borduas, Master Naturalist

This is the 120th annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count scheduled across the nation. The longest-running community bird science project in the world, the count provides data for scientists aiming to preserve and protect species, and to identify threats to them. Be a part of history and join in the fun.



JANUARY

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SATURDAY, JAN 11

THE GULF: THE MAKING OF AN AMERICAN SEA

with Jack E. Davis

Jack E. Davis, a professor of environmental history at the University of Florida and author of this Pulitzer Prize winning book, will join us for a dinner talk on his novel.

FRIDAYS, JAN 17, 24 & 31

BRIDGE LESSONS

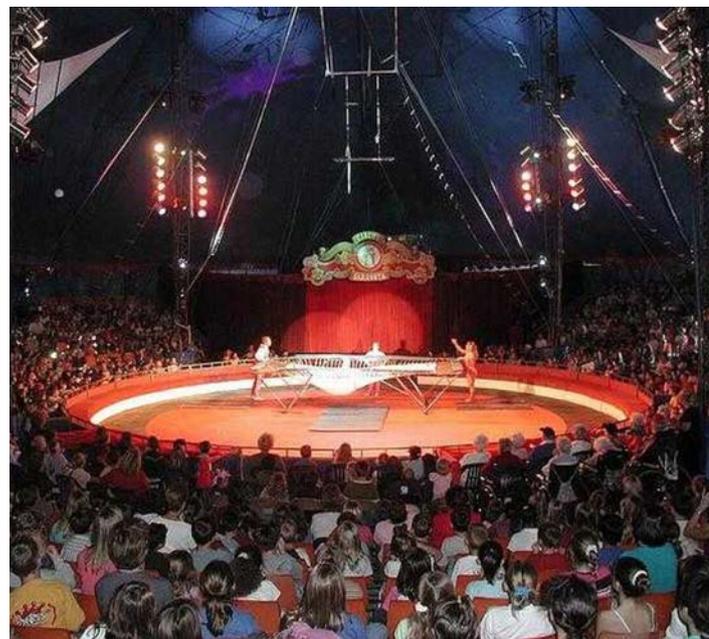
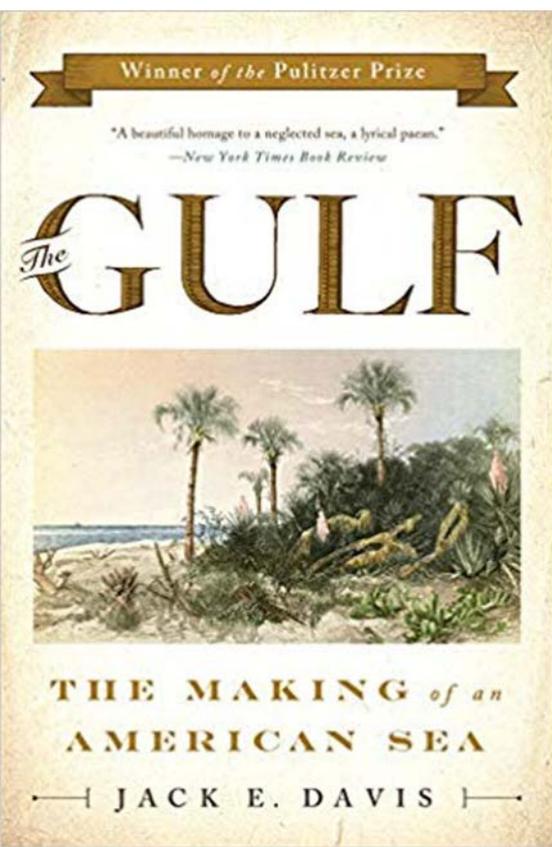
with Carol Curcuru

SATURDAY, JAN 18

THE CIRCUS IS COMING!

with Sarasota Circus

Join us for a night under the Big Top at VGCC as we hear about the impressive history of circus in Sarasota.



JANUARY

Continued

Mondays, Tuesdays & Saturdays

JANUARY 20 THROUGH MARCH 14

GREAT DECISION SERIES

A "U" Staple Program: Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on the most critical global issues facing America today.

Foreign Policy Association



WEDNESDAY, JAN 22 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM AND TOUR

Islamic Society of Sarasota
and Bradenton



WEDNESDAY, JAN 29

WRITE YOUR LIFE - GETTING STARTED

with Patricia Charpentier

Learn some of the many approaches to writing your life stories, how to retrieve long-forgotten memories, painlessly organize your stories, tell an anecdote in an interesting and creative way, and so much more.



FEBRUARY

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THURSDAY, FEB 6

GELLI PRINTS

with JoAnn Campisi

Experience the joy of nature printing without a press thanks to the gelli plate, a product that looks and feels like gelatin and can be used again and again!

FRIDAYS, FEB 7 & 14

BRIDGE LESSONS

with Carol Curcuru

SATURDAY, FEB 8

THE FUTURIST RETURNS - THE 2020'S

with David Houle

Join us for dinner and a presentation about what will be the single most disruptive decade in human history. A high-level overview of transportation, energy, global finance, climate change, artificial intelligence and a massive global generational change.



FEBRUARY

Continued

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26

RADIO RABBI

with Rabbi Barbara Aiello and Rosalie Leon

Join us for a fascinating lunch and learn with Rabbi Barbara Aiello, the first woman rabbi in Italy and their only modern, liberal rabbi. Guitarist Rosalie Leon will accompany Rabbi Barbara's story with traditional music.



SATURDAY, FEB 29

DINNER AND A BOOK - *UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN*

with Al Gutierrez and Chef Jay

VGCC member Al Gutierrez returns for a second installment of Dinner and a Book as we explore some of the recipes in Frances Mayes' celebrated novel.



MARCH

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SATURDAY, MAR 14

THE HOUSE ALWAYS WINS

with Marni Jameson

Join us for dinner and a presentation from America's most beloved home and lifestyle columnist, Marni Jameson. She will present a scope of topics, from renovations that provide the most bang for your buck, to how and when it's time to downsize.

WEDNESDAY, MAR 25

KAYAK TRIP ON LEMON BAY

with Kate Borduas, Master Naturalist

Join us for our annual kayaking adventure with Kate.



APRIL

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FRIDAY, APR 10

THE ODD COUPLE: ELIJAH & JEZEBEL

with Donna Batchelor

VGCC member Donna Batchelor returns for another coffee session on the story of Elijah and Jezebel. This story is infused with the “us” and “them” dynamic we are finding much too often in today’s world. Could a closer reading of the text allow for a new, less severe evaluation of “us” and “them”?

THURSDAY, APR 16

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

with Joe Shatner

Join us for a coffee talk providing a history and education about medical marijuana, its health benefits and the legality of it.

FRIDAY, APR 17

SAILOR CIRCUS

For over 70 years, students ages 8-18 have amazed audiences with an incredible spectacle of youth circus arts! See them flip, fly and soar to new heights in this annual production.



The "U" Introduces

THE "U" BOOK SHELF AT VGCC LIBRARY



To complement and enhance The "U" experience, we invite you and your book clubs to visit The "U" book shelf in the VGCC library. There you'll find books that are related to various topics of our upcoming season, as well as DVDs, YouTube links and eBooks.