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Speed painter Tim Decker to paint up a storm

♣ Performance speed painter Tim Decker will wow the crowd at the next installment of the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series.

Decker's highly interactive, upbeat performance will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in downtown Asheboro's historic Sunset Theatre. It's free and the public is invited.

The Sunset Signature Series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Randolph County Public Library.

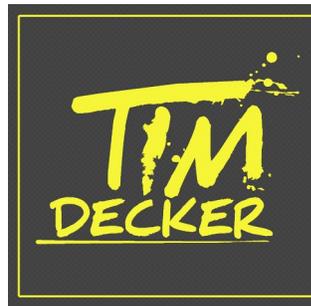
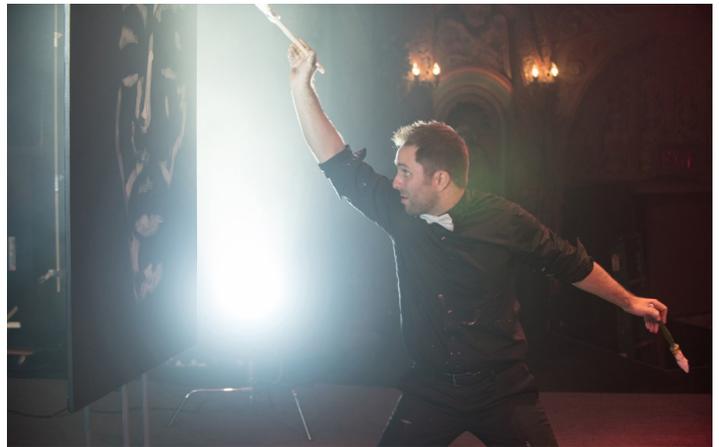
Decker is a nationally-touring artist who creates celebrity and patriotic portraits in front of a live audience. Each painting takes 4-7 minutes to complete and the whole experience is set to music.

A showman whose performances have been described as "spellbinding" and "knock-out," he has appeared on the major television networks and the Hallmark channel, and the reality television show *Hell's Kitchen*.

Decker performs at numerous fundraisers each year, where his appearances have raised over \$1.5 million for various charities. In 2014, he joined Late Night host Jimmy Kimmel at a Las Vegas fundraiser for the Dave Rice Foundation, where two paintings created that evening brought \$15,000 during an auction.

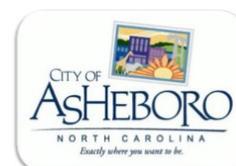
Decker painted a portrait of Kimmel before the event, which the host himself bought for a \$10,000 contribution to the foundation.

Following Decker, the remaining Sunset Series 2020 events include:



Performance speed painter Tim Decker in action.

- "Greatest of All Time" Jeopardy champion **Ken Jennings**, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18; and
- **Top of the World**, a tribute to the music of The Carpenters featuring Debbie Taylor and a seven-piece band, 7 p.m. Friday, May 22.



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John McGlohon

♣ **When John McGlohon spoke at the Asheboro library in August, 2016, to share his reminiscences about photographing the atomic bomb blast over Hiroshima, we were a little concerned that the crowd might exceed the fire code.**

But we were safe — most of the fire department was here to greet their former chief.

McGlohon, who passed away on February 2, was an Asheboro icon, serving as fire chief for 24 years and as a city council member 16 years following his retirement.

In World War II, he was an aerial reconnaissance photographer. On August 6, 1945, his squadron missed receiving an order that the skies over southern Japan were to be clear of most U.S. aircraft.

So his B-29 lifted off on a routine mission, and the crew became witnesses to one of the most important events in history. McGlohon's photographs of the atomic bomb detonating over Hiroshima became an enduring record of the fateful day.

In addition to his other civic contributions, McGlohon was important in the life of the library. A lifelong library user, he served as the City of Asheboro's liaison to the Randolph County Public Library Board



John McGlohon in World War II with an aerial reconnaissance camera.

of Trustees during his time on the city council.

His prodigious memory of Asheboro people and events was a rare resource. Several years ago I received a query about a notorious-at-the-time murder case in Asheboro in the 1950s, but was not given specific enough information to track it down.

I called John; he remembered the case clearly, and gave me a date range sufficient to find the newspaper coverage — and even

connected me with the retired detective who handled the case.

He's also responsible for a critical part of the Randolph County Historical Photograph Collection, one of our crown jewels. With his brother-in-law David Gelbach, he started John-David Photographers (they figured McGlohon and Gelbach would be hard to pronounce) after he returned from the war.

Most of the images in our collection from the mid-1940s through the mid-1950s are John-David photographs.

We mourn the loss of John McGlohon, but his legacy lives on in many ways.

We recorded his August 2016 presentation; view it at www.randolphlibrary.org/digitalrandolph.



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Randleman to host Alzheimer's session

♣ **The Randleman library will host "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.**

Presented by the Western North Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the event is free and the public is invited. Space is limited, so call the library at 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Alzheimer's is not a part of normal

aging, but a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. The session will focus on:

- The impact of Alzheimer's;
- The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia;
- Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors;
- Current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and
- Alzheimer's Association resources.

What do stuffed animals do overnight? ...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ **Have you ever wondered what your stuffed animals do overnight?**

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the Asheboro library's Children's Room anytime Friday, March 27, to find out. While you sleep at home, your furry friend will spend the night at the library.

Then return to the library from noon-1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, for a pizza party reception, an a big reveal of what your stuffed animal was up to.

Children of all ages are welcome; call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Eggstraordinary Tales

Join Randolph County 4-H at the Franklinville library to learn about eggs and how a chick develops — and even meet some chicks! It's at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 30. Ages 5 and up; call 336-685-3100 to register.

Read Across America for Dr. Seuss

Celebrate Read Across America Day in the Asheboro library Children's Room all day on Monday, March 2 — Dr. Seuss's birthday! Drop in any time and craft a Dr. Seuss hat. All ages welcome.

Escape the Titanic

Got a sinking feeling? Find your way out in "Connie's Corner: Escape the Titanic" at

3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Randleman library. For ages 16 and up.

Leprechaun Riddles at Asheboro

A Lucky Leprechaun will visit the Asheboro library Children's Room on Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Visit anytime to pick up a list of Lucky Leprechaun Riddles. Solve the puzzle and receive your very own pot of golden goodies. All ages welcome; best for 6 and up.

Archdale, Seagrove Family Films

Screen some fun movies at 7 p.m. Fridays, at the Archdale library: *Toy Story 4*, March 6; *Destined to Ride*, March 13; *My Dog the Champion*, March 20; and *The Incredibles 2*, March 27.

At Seagrove, see *Tad the Lost Explorer* in a Family Film Time at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

'Bead Not Afraid' at Liberty

Roll up your sleeves and learn tips and tools for jewelry in "Bead Not Afraid — Intro to Jewelry-Making" at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Liberty library. Adults and teens are invited.

All libraries host a variety of storytimes, special events, hands-on activities and other events for children, teens and adults. Find out more at www.randolphlibrary.org or visit your local library.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Country* by Michael Hughes, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Book Break (Archdale): *The Road Home* by Richard Paul Evans, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

Book Bites (Archdale) "Un-Book Club": Talk about the most exciting or interesting book you've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

Liberty Book Club: *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

Afternoon Delights (Liberty): *Shoot the Moon* by Billie Letts, 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 2.

Coming up!

Mark your calendars for these Asheboro library events, and look for details in future newsletters:

"The Secrets of the Kennedy Assassination: Someone Would Have Told!" with Dr. Melissa E. Ratchford, education professor at Belmont Abbey College, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7.

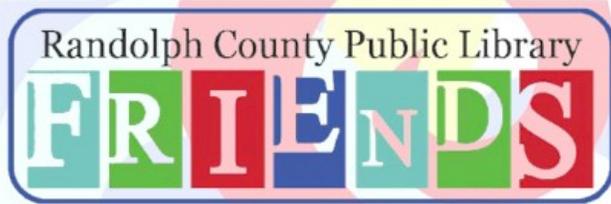
"Hemp Questions and Answers: Everything You Could Want to Know About Hemp and Its Production in Randolph County," with Agriculture-Horticulture Agent Ben Grandon and Field Crop Agent Blake Szilvay of Randolph County Cooperative Extension, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

'Plarn It!' with plastic grocery bags at Liberty

Do you have a lot of pesky plastic garbage bags tucked into your cabinets? Learn how to turn them in to "plarn" — plastic yarn — at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Liberty

library. Plarn can then be used to make all sorts of handy items, including tote bags.

The event is free; teens and adults are invited.



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DECKER**

**7 p.m. Saturday
March 14**

Free!

Biographer to share insights on life of influential NC judge Sammie Chess Jr.

♣ The trailblazing life of The Hon. Sammie Chess Jr. is the topic of the new biography *The Making and Measure of a Judge* by Joe L. Webster.

Webster will talk about Chess's life and contributions at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Asheboro library.

Chess, of High Point, became North Carolina's first African

American superior court judge. He was active in the Civil Rights movement, and as an attorney, represented Asheboro residents arrested during sit-ins at Hops Bar-B-Que Restaurant in 1964.

Webster, a federal magistrate judge in the Middle District of North Carolina, will discuss Chess's contributions to the Civil Rights struggle, the judiciary, and society in general.

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UNC Clef Hangers to perform

♣ **Hark, the sound of Tar Heel voices: the UNC Clef Hangers will headline the Anne Sigman Shaffner Memorial Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Asheboro library.**

The performance is free and the public is invited.

The celebrated a cappella group's appearance is sponsored by the Friends of the Library through a generous gift from the family of Anne Sigman Shaffner. Shaffner, who passed away in 2018, was passionate about helping others through volunteering with various community organizations, including the Friends of the Library.

"The Clefs" are Carolina's oldest a cappella group, and perform a range of pop and folk songs, including the group's signature tune, "Carolina in My Mind." The group performed its first concert in The Pit in 1978, and since has toured around the world.



The Clef Hangers on the steps of the Louis Round Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Friends 'Trivia on Tap' returns

♣ **Test your knowledge of books, movies, music and local history at this year's Trivia on Tap, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Four Saints Brewing Company.**

Join Trivia Master Rich Powell for an evening of general knowledge trivia. The winning team will have bragging rights and team members' names will be added to the Friends of the Library Trivia Plaque.

Tickets are \$25 per person, and will go on sale in March at the Asheboro library. Food is included in the cost of admission.

Proceeds support Friends projects including Books for Babies, children's activities in the library, and literacy.

During the friendly competition, teams will answer three rounds of trivia questions: a round each on books, pop culture and Randolph County history.

Participants may sign up as teams in groups of up to six, or simply join a team on arrival.



Sponsorship opportunities are still available; contact Niccole Hugg-Suttles at 336-318-6814 for further information.

This year's event is the fifth Friends trivia night competition, and the third as Trivia on Tap at Four Saints.

Researcher Duffus to focus on NC lighthouses

♣ North Carolina historical researcher Kevin Duffus will return to the Asheboro library for “From a Fire on the Beach to a Diamond in the Sky: The Evolution of Lighthouses and Light-keeping in North Carolina,” at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 23.

His talk is free and the public is invited.

Duffus will use historical drawings and maps to present a wide-ranging discussion of North Carolina’s colorful, five-century heritage of guiding mariners along its coast. He will shed light on the earliest attempts to guide a ship ashore, and the first known Carolina shipwreck.

He also will outline the development of lighthouse technology and architecture, and talk about times when the lighthouses were burned, blown up or battered, and when lightships were sunk during wars and storms.

He’ll also share stories about roguish lighthouse keepers — including one accused of purposely wrecking ships, and others who helped steal their own lenses.



Kevin Duffus

Duffus, who lives in Waynesville, is an award-winning author, researcher and filmmaker who has made significant discoveries about North Carolina’s coastal history. He has received a Peabody Award and an Edward R. Murrow Award among other honors.

His research has led to the re-discovery of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse’s Fresnel lens and to new understandings of the pirate Blackbeard, his crew, and the nature of his treasure.

His books include *War Zone, World War II off the North Carolina Coast*; *The Last Days of Blackbeard the Pirate: Within Every Legend Lies a Grain of Truth*; and *The Lost Light: A Civil War Mystery — The True Story of the Extraordinary Odyssey of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse 1854 Fresnel Lens*.

Duffus’s appearance is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Friends of the Library.

Historian Cooper to examine women’s suffrage

♣ On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and women achieved the long-fought-for right to vote.

For the amendment’s 100th anniversary, UNC-Greensboro lecturer Dr. Mandy L. Cooper will re-examine the fight for women’s suffrage in “Votes for Women: The Nineteenth Amendment at 100,” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Asheboro library.

Her talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Although she firmly places the amendment at the



Dr. Mandy L. Cooper

center of American’s long and continued fight for suffrage, she also notes that some women in the United States already had the right to vote — and others would continue fighting for it for decades.

Cooper is a Lecturer of Women’s and Gender History at UNCG. She earned her Ph.D. in history from Duke University.

She is currently at work on a book project, *Bonds of Affection: Business and Politics in the National Family*, which explores the relationship between emotional family bonds and the development of the U.S. economy and

governing institutions from the Revolution to Reconstruction.

Ben Grandon to offer ‘Backyard Gardening’ tips

Calling all gardeners! Carolina’s long growing season is almost here and Ben Grandon, Agriculture-Horticulture agent with Randolph County Cooperative Extension, can help you. In “Backyard Gardening” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Asheboro library, he’ll offer an overview of supplies and equipment, and answer your gardening questions. He also will provide an update about what services are available through Cooperative Extension to ensure that you produce a bounty of fruits and veggies.

