

Around Campus

NFCC LIBRARY

Twilight Book Club
Mondays 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.
Library Conference
Room - to discuss
any and everything
Twilight. Snacks will be
provided. Join the fun!

Nintendo Wii available
in the Library Feb. 17-
27. Stop by and test
your Wii skills.

Books, DVD's & More
Check out all the NFCC
Library has to offer.

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The NFCC Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17 in the NFCC Student Center (Bldg. 9) at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Information: Cindy Gaylard, 850.973.1618 or gaylardc@nfcc.edu.

JOIN NFCC'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

Support Madison County's 2009 Relay for Life (Passport of Hope: Traveling the World for a Cure!) Be a part of NFCC's team as we represent a World Country. Relay for Life Weekend is May 1 & 2, 2009. Information: NFCC Team Captain Denise Bell, ext. 9481 or belld@nfcc.edu.

John Grosskopf selected as NFCC's eighth president

NFCC Acting President John Grosskopf was officially selected as president of the college during the Jan. 20 NFCC District Board of Trustees meeting. The Board's decision to appoint Grosskopf in a more permanent leadership role comes six months after Grosskopf accepted the position of acting president.

"John Grosskopf is familiar with the college and its mission," said John Maultsby Jr., Chair of the NFCC District Board of Trustees. "He is totally committed to the success of students and is anxious for NFCC to provide learning experiences for all students of our six-county area."

Grosskopf has served NFCC since 2001 in the roles of English Instructor, Director of Teaching and Learning, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, and since July 2008 as acting president. He now enters into the official role of president at NFCC with much anticipation as well as determination to ensure that NFCC is successful in the years to come. He plans to continue leading NFCC and working with college faculty and staff in efforts to provide the North Florida region and beyond access to high quality educational, cultural and community building opportunities.

"I appreciate the vote of confidence from the Board," said Grosskopf. "Luckily I've come into a job where I already have excellent tools to turn NFCC into the type of institution that we can continue to be proud of for the next 50 years. Our service district depends on the college



NFCC Board of Trustees Chair John Maultsby Jr., left, congratulates John Grosskopf on being selected as president of NFCC.

to provide all students with access to quality educational opportunities. Providing that access to education is our primary mission. Times are tough, but we will adapt and we will continue to fulfill our mission."

Founded in 1958, NFCC specifically serves Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties and NFCC Board members are confident in Grosskopf's ability to move NFCC forward as a vibrant educational institution for this area and beyond.

"He has done a very good job," said NFCC Board Member Michael R. Williams during the Jan. 20 Board meeting. "He certainly has a vision for this school to move beyond where we are to where we need to be. He has been proactive and innovative. I feel he will provide the leadership we need and the stability we need in this time of uncertainty in the economy. He is here because he loves this place; he

has a love for this school and a love for these students."

The pride Grosskopf carries for NFCC, its students and the local community is evident and as North Florida welcomes Grosskopf as its eighth president, Grosskopf welcomes students and the community to explore what NFCC has to offer – "We are your community college," said Grosskopf.

Grosskopf is a graduate of Florida International University in Miami where he received a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in English; he received a Master of Arts in English from Florida State University in Tallahassee and is currently ABD in English at FSU. He has presented numerous educational presentations throughout the United States and abroad. Grosskopf is a native of Hialeah, Fla. He and his wife Patricia currently reside in Madison, Fla. with their children Jonathon, Karl, Emily, Rebecca and Joseph.

Around Campus**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

The NFCC campus will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 for the Presidents' Day holiday.

NFCC EMPLOYEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming professional development sessions for NFCC employees include:

Feb. 5 - Using the Test Scanner

Feb. 11 - Advanced PowerPoint

Feb. 12 - D2L: Anything U Want 2 Know

Feb. 18 - Excel

Feb. 20 - Navigating Novus (Website Software)

All sessions are held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Technology Center, Bldg. 5, Room 102. Contact Linda Brown, ext. 9456 or BrownLin@nfcc.edu.

THE SPOTLIGHT

Send your campus news and events to the *Spotlight* by email to news@nfcc.edu or contact Kim Scarboro, ext. 1613.

Employee Birthdays FEBRUARY 2009

Clyde Alexander	3
Mac Leggett	5
Gail Hackle	13
Tony DeLia	14
Margaret Wilkerson	14
Tina Watts	17
Kathy Smith	19

Jenyethel Merritt Award: Call for nominations

Honoring outstanding African-American women in this area; Entry deadline Feb. 13

To commemorate Black History Month, NFCC and the African-American Student Union are seeking nominations from the public for the fifth annual Jenyethel Merritt Award for Civic Service. The award will go to a local African-American woman who has made significant contributions to her community. Nominations are accepted through 5 p.m., Feb. 13, 2009. A committee of AASU students, faculty and staff will make the selection. The recipient and nominees will be honored at a reception at NFCC on Feb. 27.

The late Jenyethel Merritt was president of Suwannee River Junior College, an African-American community college established by the Florida legislature in 1958 and located in Madison, Fla. SRJC operated from 1969 until 1966 when it merged with North Florida Junior College. Merritt was Florida's first woman president of a public community college. She was reputed to be a strong leader who promoted positive college-town relations.

Nominations for the Jenyethel Merritt Award for Civic Service should be in the form of a letter and include the following information:

- Brief explanation of why person is deserving of the award (no more than 1 page).
- Brief outline of nominee's personal background, education, achievements, and/or contributions to education, civic affairs or business relations (no more than 1 page). Please do NOT include attachments, photos, clippings or other materials.
- Name, address, contact information of nominating person or organization.

Send nominations to the Jenyethel Merritt Award Committee, c/o Devona Sewell, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Drive, Madison, FL 32340, or fax to 850.973.1697 or email to SewellD@nfcc.edu.

For more information, contact AASU sponsor Devona Sewell, (850) 973-9469 or email SewellD@nfcc.edu.



Jenyethel Merritt

Area educators attend NFCC Science Summit

Area educators attended NFCC's Science Summit Jan. 23. Hosted by the NFCC Science Department, the summit allowed area middle school and high school teachers the chance to network with NFCC instructors and discuss important topics in education and science.

"The summit was very successful and I was very pleased with the results," said Bonnie Littlefield, science and math instructor at NFCC. "The event opened doors for NFCC to build contacts, share ideas and offer educational assistance to area schools. We are already thinking of ideas for next year." NFCC President John Grosskopf and Science Department Chair Terry Zimmerman welcomed



The summit allowed NFCC instructors to network with area middle and high school teachers. Working together in a biology lab are, left to right, Barry Barnhart, Penny Kuntz, Deanna Law, Bonnie Littlefield, Willa Branham and Willene Herring.

Many of the visiting teachers commented on the valuable information received during the summit, the educational activities that can be taken and used at their own schools, the outstanding technology available in NFCC's science building, the chance to meet and network with other professionals and the enthusiasm and welcoming nature of NFCC instructors coordinating the event.

participants to the event. The visiting teachers then enjoyed a tour of NFCC's science building, a planetarium show and hands-on labs in biology, physical science and chemistry. Lunch was provided and the day ended with group discussions on grant possibilities and other topics of interest.

For NFCC the summit also was a way to promote the sciences at NFCC, to share information about college programs and to remind area teachers of the educational opportunities and resources NFCC can offer to schools and students in its six-county district.

NFCC hosts District 3 FFA contest

NFCC welcomed participants of the District 3 Future Farmers of America contest to its campus Jan. 22. Nearly 200 students, ranging from middle school age to high school seniors, took part in the district event which offered FFA members from Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Columbia, Putnam, Levy and Gilchrist counties a chance to meet and also compete in areas such as knowledge, public speaking and tractor operations.

After the opening ceremony at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium, the various FFA chapters separated into groups to test their public speaking skills and knowledge of FFA, agriculture mechanics, agriculture management and farm equipment against fellow FFA members. Competitions were held on the NFCC campus and at the Madison County Extension Office, adjacent to the college campus. NFCC provided the students with information on college programs and assisted in the preparation of lunch for the group.

"Hosting the young men and women of FFA District 3 is a treat," said Doug Brown, NFCC Dean of Program Development and Community Outreach. "These are among the best and brightest students in our area schools. The college is honored to partner with such a quality program."



Assisting with the District 3 FFA registration at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium are State FFA Officer Adrienne Boyette of Suwannee County and FFA District President Clay Sapp of Madison.



Local business owner Judi Wyche shares expertise with students

Local business owner Judi Wyche, right, accepted an invitation from NFCC instructor Enid Kozlowski to speak to NFCC's Introduction to Business class about buying a franchise. Wyche walked the students through her experience of becoming an owner and manager of Curves, a fitness and weight management center for women, located in Madison.



Students win business plan competition

Instructor Enid Kozlowski, second from left, presents NFCC students, left to right, LaEbony Livingston, Adria Hugger and Andeindre Choice with \$25 each for taking first place in the Introduction to Business business plan competition. Team member Matthew Gainey is not pictured.

Artist Series patrons meet pianist Mac Frampton



Madison County community members Marlene Fraleigh and Jim Sale had the opportunity to meet renowned pianist Mac Frampton, right, following a performance at Van H. Priest Auditorium in January. Frampton was performing in "An American Portrait" for the NFCC Artist Series. Fraleigh and Sale were among hundreds of patrons who turned out for the performance. Sale and Frampton both are alumni of Erskine College in South Carolina.



Marsha Pokorny featured artist

Public invited to exhibit and reception Feb. 11

The NFCC Art Department invites the public to view its current exhibit featuring works by local photographer Marsha Pokorny. The exhibit is open now through Feb. 11 in the NFCC Art Gallery. A



Marsha Pokorny

native of New Mexico, Pokorny has lived in Florida for almost 20 years where she enjoys capturing the beauty of nature with her camera. "Marsha captures stunning images of nature with her photography," said Lisa Barden, NFCC art instructor and gallery coordinator. "Her sunset and sunrise photos are breathtaking."

Most of Pokorny's photographs are taken in her gardens and pond in Lee, Fla. and along Florida's East coast. She began actively pursuing photography about six years ago when her husband, Daniel, gave her a 35mm camera. She was inspired to start photographing the beauty of nature around her at home and in her travels in Florida.

Pokorny's love of nature is evident in her photographs. In fact, most of the flowers that she photographs are her own – grown and cared for by the artist and then preserved in a still shot. She creatively captures flowers, nature and wildlife in its natural habitat and has some amazing photographs of butterflies, sunsets, birds and more.

A closing reception will be held Feb. 11 from 5-7 p.m. with Pokorny available to meet visitors and discuss her work. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Lisa Barden, NFCC art instructor, at (850) 973-1642 or email BardenL@nfcc.edu.

NFCC to host Renaissance Days & Medieval (K)ights festivities Feb. 23-27 Renaissance costume seminar Saturday, Feb. 7

As NFCC puts the finishing touches on its Renaissance Days & Medieval (K)ights activities set for Feb. 23-27, NFCC English and Humanities Instructor Dr. Barbara McCauley has planned an event that she hopes will increase interest and help prepare community members for the fun-filled event. The Renaissance Days & Medieval (K)ights festivities include events on the NFCC campus as well as a Madrigal Dinner on Feb. 26 at the Madison Women's Club.

With menu, music and entertainment planned in the spirit of a true medieval dinner, Dr. McCauley is encouraging those attending the Feb. 26 dinner to dress the part. She will hold a costuming seminar Saturday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the NFCC Fine Arts Auditorium (Bldg. 10) to show participants some quick and easy ways to make medieval costumes. The seminar is open to the public free of charge and will be approximately one hour or less in length.

Find out how to fit right into the Renaissance Days & Medieval (K)ights' fun. For more information on the medieval costume seminar or the upcoming events, contact Dr. Barbara McCauley at (850) 973-1640 or McCauleyB@nfcc.edu. The Madrigal Dinner is being presented by NFCC in cooperation with the Madison Garden Club and the Madison Women's Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit student scholarships at NFCC.



Upcoming Community Education courses

PRAYER JOURNALING:

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m.

CERAMICS CLASS:

Monday-Friday, Feb. 16-20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Register by Feb. 6.

HOW TO HAVE A ROCKING RESUME AND A KICKING COVERLETTER:

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6-7 p.m.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CPR:

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER UPDATE CPR:

Saturday, March 14, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

BASIC DRIVER IMPROVEMENT "TICKET" COURSE:

Saturday, Feb. 21, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

1st TIME DRIVERS "DATA" COURSE:

Saturday, Feb. 21, 1-5 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE CAKE DECORATING:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24, 26, March 3 and 5, 6-8 p.m.

COMPUTERS FOR SENIOR ADULTS:

Tues & Thursdays, March 10-19, 6-8:30 p.m.

KIDS IN COLLEGE:

SPRING BREAK EXTRAVEGANZA:
March 30-April 3, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Call to reserve a space.

To register or for more information, contact Suzie Godfrey at (850) 973-9453, email CommunityEd@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu (search: Community Education) for complete listing.



NFCC to host Amateur Rocket Research Conference Feb. 11-12

NFCC and the Sentinel Rocketeers (NAR Club 675 / TRA Prefect 127) invite amateur rocket enthusiasts to attend the NFCC Amateur Rocket Research Conference Feb. 11-12. Conference activities will center around designing rockets and the latest in rocketry electronics and include presentations, rocket launches, planetarium shows and more. More information is available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/nfcc-amateur-rocket-conference> or at www.nfcc.edu (keyword: Rockets). For more information, visit the website or contact Terry Zimmerman at (850) 973-1646 or ZimmermanT@nfcc.edu.

Early Childhood Education



Certificate Classes
Begin March 17

"I love working with children so it's going to be very rewarding to work with children in my career."

Jennifer Bohannan

Early Childhood Education Graduate

850.973.1629

RN grad visits with first year nursing students

Registered Nursing (RN) graduate Kelly Fullwood recently visited first year RN students at NFCC to give them advice on going through the program, passing the boards and finding employment.

After graduating from NFCC's first ever RN class in December 2007, Fullwood moved to Tampa where she went to work for St. Joseph's Hospital as a graduate nurse. She passed her state board licensure test in January 2008 and currently works on an Intensive Care Step-down Unit specializing in pulmonary problems. She is also working toward a bachelor's degree in nursing at St. Petersburg College. Her long-term goal is to become a nursing instructor.

"Nursing is my passion," said Fullwood. "I enjoy everything about nursing, especially patient care and teaching. NFCC is a special place and I loved the caring atmosphere between the students and faculty. NFCC's program provided me with everything I needed to be prepared for the National Boards and to find employment in a high tech environment where critical thinking skills are essential."

Fullwood placed a strong emphasis on the importance of developing critical thinking skills during her visit with first year RN students.

"Critical thinking skills and activities will drive everything that you do in this profession," said Fullwood. "Do everything these two years at NFCC that you can possibly do to develop those skills, as they are what will make you successful in nursing."

For more information about NFCC's nursing program contact Nita Fico, Director of Allied Health, at (850) 973-9489, email FicoA@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu.



Kelly Fullwood passes on advice to first year RN students.

NFCC Library rocks!

The NFCC Library offered students, as well as faculty and staff, a chance to play the popular Guitar Hero on Xbox 360. The game was on loan from the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) in January. The Library will have a Nintendo Wii the last two weeks of February, so stop in, join the fun and check out all the Library has to offer.

RIGHT: Kathy Smith and Sheila Hiss

BELOW: Students (l-r) Drew Brown, Chris Lisk and Josh O'Donnell



Kay Hogan and Lynne Wyche

Artist Series presents The Ritz Chamber Players Feb. 19

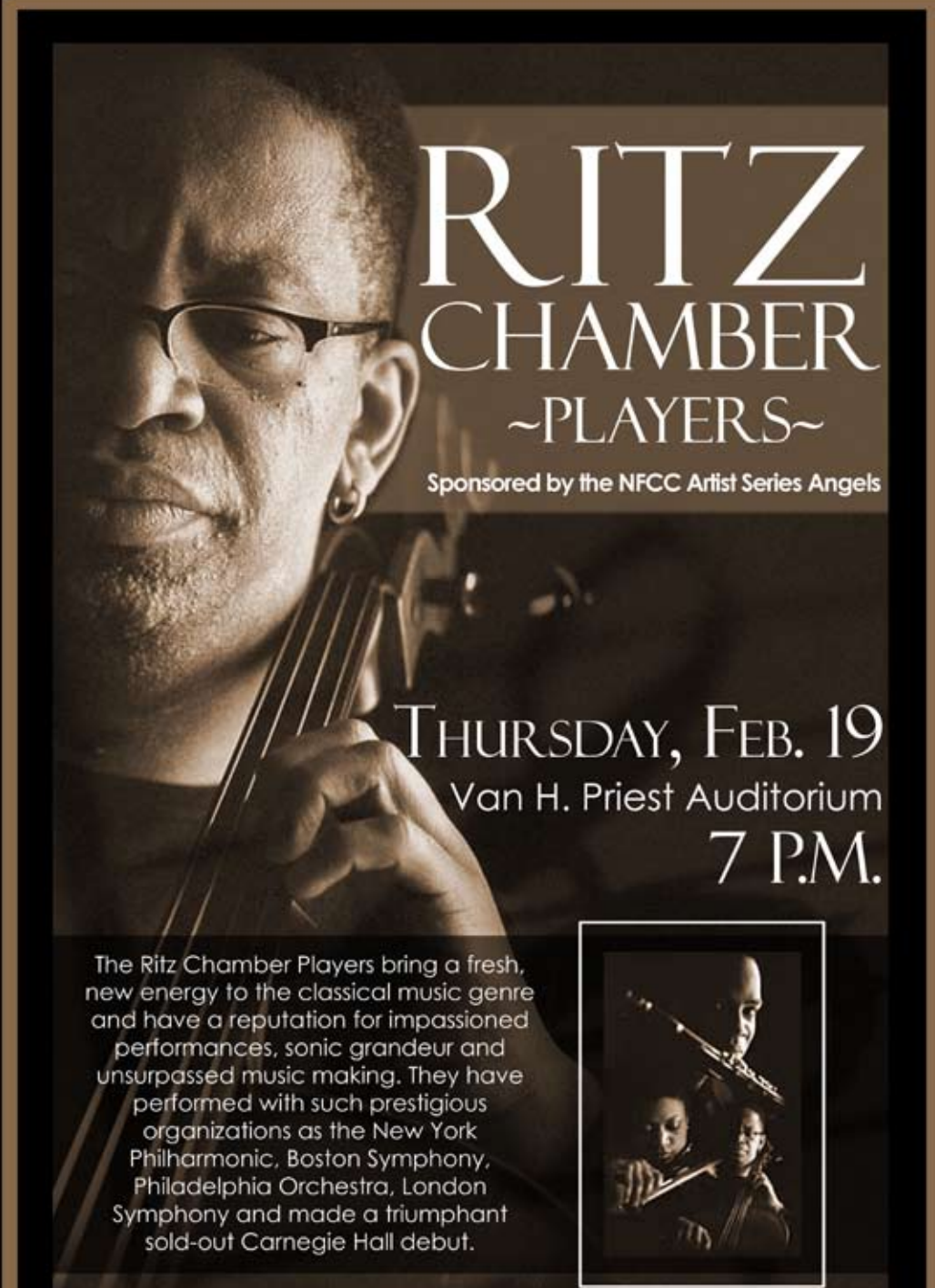
The NFCC Artist Series and the NFCC Artist Series Angels present The Ritz Chamber Players on Thursday, Feb. 19 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and will feature works from Beethoven, Crusell, George Walker and Dvořák on clarinet, cello, violin, piano and viola.

The Ritz Chamber Players bring a fresh, new energy to the classical music genre and have a reputation for impassioned performances, sonic grandeur and unsurpassed music making. They have performed with such prestigious organizations as the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra and London Symphony and made a triumphant sold-out Carnegie Hall debut in 2004, an international radio debut with the BBC in 2005 and a national television debut in 2006.

Founded in 2002 by Artistic Director and Clarinetist Terrance Patterson, the Ritz Chamber Players performs a subscription series at the Times-Union Center for the Performance Arts in Jacksonville. They perform chamber works from the standard classical repertoire in many combinations, as well as highlighting the works of contemporary African-American composers.

The group is comprised of some of the world's most accomplished musicians. Performing for the NFCC Artist Series are Terrance Patterson, Tahirah Whittington on cello, Kelly Hall-Tompkins on violin, Kevin Sharpe on piano and Amadi Hummings on viola.

Tickets for the Feb. 19 Ritz Chamber Players performance are on sale now - \$12 general/\$6 NFCC students and children age 12 and under. Stop by the NFCC Office of College Advancement, call (850) 973-1653, email ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu (keyword Artist Series) for more information.




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CHAMBER
~PLAYERS~**

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