



HOPE RISING

An evening of artistic expression
on Sanibel Island

MARCH 8, 2023

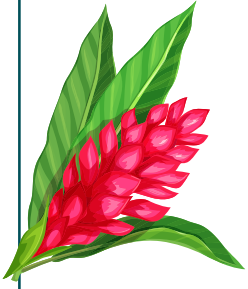
Welcome to Hope Rising!

When we encounter things that are beyond our mind's ability to grasp, we turn to artists to help us make sense of our lives and our world. Through paint, sculpture, word, song, dance and so many other forms, artists can capture what's going on around and inside of us and help to bring healing and hope, strength and inspiration.

We are grateful to the many artists who are sharing their work this evening. We pray that their unique and varied expressions awaken hope in the midst of the devastation we have experienced on our beautiful barrier islands. Hope is rising indeed.

Fr. Bill Van Oss, Rector
St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

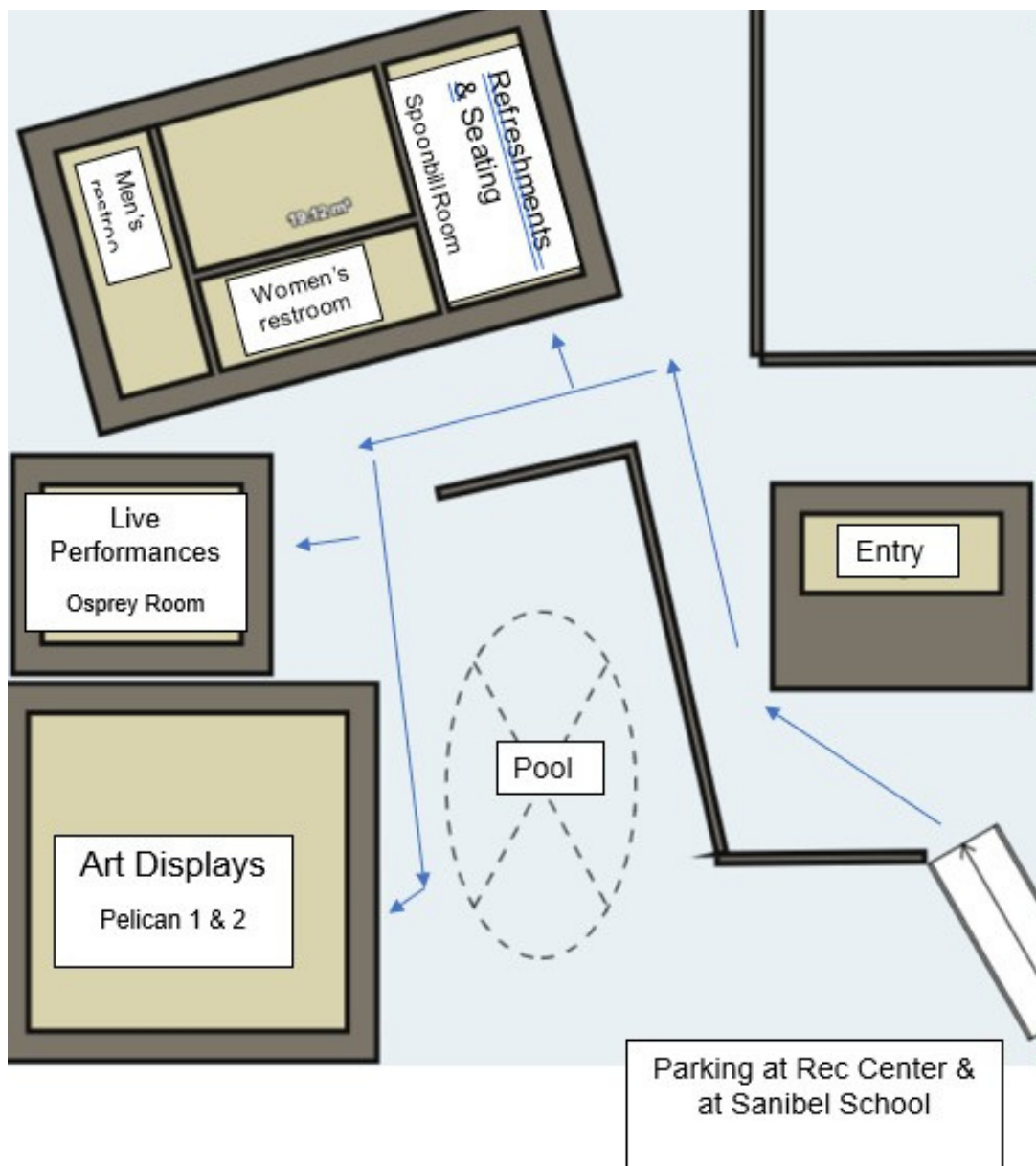




FINE ART DISPLAYED IN PELICAN ROOM

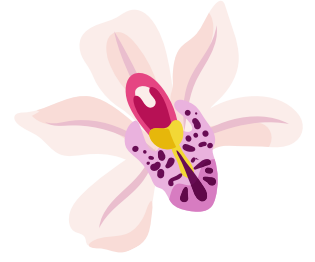
LIVE PRESENTATIONS IN OSPREY ROOM

REFRESHMENTS IN SPOONBILL ROOM



ORDER OF LIVE PRESENTATIONS

1. Doreen Bolhuis -Short Story
2. Natalie Guerra -Poem "The 12 Days of Ian"
3. Randall Saunders -Poem "Islands, Animals & Light"
(Ann Marie Bouche – reader)
4. Sanibel School Seahorse Chorale -3 musical selections
"We Will, Chatter With The Angels & When I Close My Eyes"
5. Olivia Harre -Short Story
6. Trio Maureen Vel, Ann Marie Bouche, Doreen Bolhuis
"You Raise Me Up"
7. Len Edgerley -Poem "Pickleball Among the Ruins"
8. Brenda DeCapua -Short Story (Maureen Vel – reader)
9. Rich Mattern, Erik Entwhistle -piano duet
"Sheep May Safely Graze"
10. Jim Weyant 3 Poems - "A Last Lingerin' Tear," "Sanibel Strong," & "Hope"
(Ann Marie Bouche – reader)
11. Erik Entwhistle -Piano solo
12. Maureen Vel -Short Story
13. Cathy Lanier- 2 Short Stories
14. Rich Mattern -Piano solo
15. Dawn Coyne -Poem
16. Jim Brown Sr. -2 Poems "Sanibel" & "After the Storm" (Maureen Vel – reader)



HOPE RISING AFTER PARTY ZOOM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15 6:30–7:30PM

Join in via zoom to share your favorite pieces,
impressions and stories that came out of attending
Hope Rising.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89409277546>

Meeting ID: 894 0927 7546





Dear Sanibel Community,

Thank you for your participation in Hope Rising! The shared goodwill and heartfelt love for our island and community are what have made tonight's event possible. Although none of us have experienced a disaster of Ian's proportions before, we've learned there is unity that comes from finding the way through shared adversity. We are forging a path together; sharing, caring, supporting, and encouraging each other. The mission of Hope Rising is to recognize the losses we have all experienced while at the same time we encourage one another and strive for the bright Sanibel future we envision. We are a community committed to rebuilding, and to people helping people. It is our hope that the experiences tonight will encourage and uplift every person who attends.

With hope rising,

Sue Van Oss & Doreen Bolhuis, Co-chairwomen

Thank you to committee members Penny Lind, Ann Nelson and Sue Sterrett and to all the artists and presenters for sharing their gifts. Thank you to Andrea Miller and the staff of the Sanibel Recreation Center for hosting us.

