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UPDATES FROM THE EDITOR

As we move from summer into fall, we would like to thank everyone who voted for Patriot Plaza in the Florida Architecture People's Choice Award, which was sponsored by the Florida Foundation for Architecture. Patriot Plaza was awarded Third Place out of the 39 structures entered. Quite an honor. Patriot Plaza continues to be recognized as a wonderful venue for events that honor veterans. Feel free to share this newsletter with your friends, family and co-workers. If anyone would like to be added to the distribution, just let me know, Linda Gould, LLGouldsrq@gmail.com

Follow and "Like" our Legacy of Valor (LoV) Facebook page for inspirational and informative posts covering national and local topics concerning veterans.

EXPERIENCE PATRIOT PLAZA

VISITORS



One of our more recent visitors over the summer is also a new staff member at The Patterson Foundation. We welcome Stacy Sternberg back to our community! Stacy holds a BFA from Ringling College of Art and Design (2004) in Fine Art, and an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art (2006) in Sculpture. She believes that life experience forms a person and her path to becoming the Communications Coordinator for The Patterson Foundation (TPF) is anything but linear. Upon graduation, she traveled to New Delhi, India for a three month art residency at Global Arts Village. After completion, she spent a brief time in the United States working for William Massie Architecture before traveling to Mustique, St. Vincent and the Grenadines where she worked as a sculptor, fabricator, and liaison for both William Massie Architecture and Sutherland Studios for more than three years. Eventually she evolved, and her passions grew to include the digital world as a creative outlet. Stacy is responsible for executing strategies that maximize communications opportunities for The Patterson Foundation, including website updates, newsletters, support for social media efforts and support for other public-focusing activities. Her visit to Patriot Plaza this summer was moving and memorable and she looks forward to sharing this experience with family, friends and colleagues.

PATRIOT PLAZA GUIDES



16 Patriot Plaza Guides share their passion for community, volunteering and honoring veterans by giving group and school tours of Patriot Plaza Monday-Friday, along with the public tours given weekly on Tuesday at 10 am, as well as assisting at Patriot Plaza events. These 16, part of the more than 60 Sarasota National Cemetery volunteers, opt to give additional time to the community by serving as Patriot Plaza Guides. New Guides are trained and mentored by an experienced Guide to learn more about the history and artwork of this wonderful amphitheater. Annual training given by the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County keeps them updated and ready to provide unique and interesting experiences for all visitors.

EVENTS



SHARE YOUR STORY

We welcome stories from people who have visited Patriot Plaza. Please tell us about your visit and the impact Patriot Plaza has made on you, your family and friends. Share your stories with us by sending them to: Linda Gould, LLGouldsrq@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Patriot Plaza in Sarasota National Cemetery is available free of cost for you and the community to use for events honoring veterans.

Events at Patriot Plaza need to:

- 1) Be free and open to the public
2) Honor veterans
3) Maintain the dignity of a national cemetery

Download the events guide and contact Sarasota National Cemetery Director John Rosentrater via email at john.rosentrater@va.gov or (941) 922-7200 to request holding an event at Patriot Plaza.

In order to learn more about Sarasota National Cemetery please visit www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/sarasota.asp

GUIDED TOURS & EDEXPLORATIONS

Public tours of Patriot Plaza are currently every Tuesday at 10am -- except on federal holidays, and private group and school tours can be scheduled Monday through Friday as well.

Through a partnership with The Patterson Foundation and the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, Guides were recruited from the Sarasota National Cemetery (SNC) volunteers and trained on the history and meaning of the art elements at Patriot Plaza to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of Service and Sacrifice.

Tours are free and open to everyone who is interested. To schedule a group or school tour, contact Cindy Balistreri, Arts Education Manager for the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, (941) 365-5118, x301 or cbalistreri@sarasotaarts.org.

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On Sunday, September 11, 2016 a 15 Year Commemoration of 9/11, sponsored by the [Sarasota Ministerial Association](#), was held at Patriot Plaza. More than 1800 members of our community attended, including key political figures, police, fire and rescue, clergy, military and veterans, community chorus. There was a solemn but unified presence felt at Patriot Plaza as the diverse crowd sang along with the chorus on many songs and took the time to Remember, Reflect and Recognize the heroic acts from that fateful day 15 years ago. The bell tolled for the Fallen as the crowd spoke their names aloud to ensure no one would be forgotten.

Upcoming Events at Patriot Plaza

Save the Date in 2016:

Saturday, October 29 - Patriotism through Art and Architecture: An Open House at Patriot Plaza, part of Inspire Sarasota Arts and Cultural Event

Friday, November 11 - Veterans Day Mass

Saturday, December 17 - Wreaths Across America

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