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VILLA CELEBRATES LITERATURE & ART

“Journey Inward/Journey Outward: Selected Works” by Gary L. Wolfe in the Art Gallery September 18 – October 16. Mr. Wolfe’s varied life experiences and career have influenced his art. The elderly, children with disabilities, the disenfranchised and the poor, and more abstractly, the problem of pain, suffering, vulnerability and alienation have consistently informed his work. Additionally, Gary’s Christian background and faith has been, as he puts it, “a formative influence and formidable adversary in the spiritual inflection and tonality of my art.”

Thursday September 24 during the 11 am Campus Hour: A Celebration of SKALD '15 in the Alcove across from the Gallery. Readings by the contributors. Copies of the issue and refreshments will be available. Come support your fellow students!

Saturday September 26 100,000 Poets & Artists for Change. Poets and Artists Worldwide Unite for Peace, Sustainability and Justice. Villa’s venue: the Felician Hall Patio from 11 -1 pm. Open to the public. Reading spots are available.

Wednesday September 30 Banned Book Week Readings in the Library from 10 – noon. Join us for selected readings from the books others might not want you to read.

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. The

books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted with removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. While books have been and continue to be banned, part of the Banned Books Week celebration is the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books have remained available. This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read.

ANOTHER UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday September 29 during the 11 am Campus Hour in the Recital Hall, Daniel **Seddiqui**, a job-hunting expert and cultural analyst, will speak at Villa Maria College on **how to adapt in today's job market**. Unable to find a job in his chosen field after college, Daniel envisioned the plan of working a different job in a different state each week. Not long thereafter, Daniel fulfilled his plan, each week working a job that manifested the culture and economy of the state through which he passed. Daniel has formed *Living the Map*, which raises awareness of the varying cultures, careers, and environments across the country through outreach, educational endeavors, and community building.

This presentation is sponsored by Villa's Business Department, Internship Office, Career Services, and Student Life.



LIVING OUR MISSION: BUSINESS GIVES BACK

by Professor Mollie Ward-Crescente

The Business Department at Villa Maria College recognized that college students often don't have a lot of money to contribute to charity, but that they could still make an impact on someone's life. By educating students about Kiva, students are motivated to contribute money to help another person. Students also then recognized the different economic conditions in different areas of the world.

Kiva is a non-profit organization that helps low-income and underserved entrepreneurs around the world by asking lenders to contribute a minimum of \$25 to a loan. Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty around the world. Kiva works by crowd funding. Loans range from approximately \$100-\$5,000, but each lender is required to loan only \$25 at a time. The borrower is required to pay back the loan amount; the administrative part of this is processed through Kiva. Since 2009, Villa Maria College's Business Department has requested students to make small donations to their professors to be used to fund a Kiva loan. Once a loan has been paid back, Villa's professors have used that money to fund another loan.

The first loan was given on May 27, 2009. In total, the business department has contributed to 93 loans and is ranked in the 97th percentile of all Kiva lenders. Many loans benefit more than one individual, as many borrowers are groups of people starting or expanding a business. Villa's loans have helped people in 59 different countries. Countries include, but are not limited to, Bolivia, Egypt, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Sierra Leone. Kiva has 15 different sectors lenders can contribute to, and Villa has contributed to them all. Examples of sectors include construction, manufacturing, retail, transportation, and clothing.

Kiva is an organization that helps students learn that everyone can help someone and that it does not take a lot of money to help improve someone's life.

HERITAGE DAYS AT VILLA MARIA COLLEGE

by Dr. Donald Monnin

Each October the college celebrates its Franciscan heritage. "Franciscan" refers to Saint Francis of Assisi who lived in Italy over 800 years ago. Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska who based this community on the example and

teachings of Saint Francis founded the Felician Sisters, who began Villa Maria College. Francis' feast day is October 4th and Blessed Mary Angela's is October 10th. Francis worked to promote respect for human dignity, compassion, transformation, solidarity with the poor and justice and peace. These form the core values of the Felician Sisters and thus our college as well. Each year we highlight one core value. This year it's **Justice and Peace**.

Heritage Days will kick-off on **Thursday, October 1st** with the return of former instructor Sister Mary Marcella Anne Wendzikowski, CSSF, who will give a talk on **Dialogue and Conflict Resolution**, during the campus hour (11 am to 12 pm) in the Recital Hall.

Friday, October 2nd will include a 11 am Mass for the Feast of Saint Francis in the College Chapel followed by a Faith Sharing Lunch in the Small Dining Room. Saint Francis loved and respected animals so the college has added an exciting new event this year -- a Blessing of Animals in the front of the college at 3 pm!

Get here early on **Monday, October 5th** when fresh baked cookies with messages about Justice and Peace will be distributed in the College Foyer at 8 am until the supply runs out.

During the campus hour on **Tuesday, October 6th** the members of the student environmental group E.A. S. E. in conjunction with the national group Catholic Climate Covenant will make a presentation on Pope Francis and the Care of Creation. There will also be a Mass in the College Chapel at 11 am as well and a free Dinner and Discussion on Political Action at 4:15 in the Dining Hall.

A Service Day at a site to be determined will highlight **Wednesday, October 7th**. Those interested should gather in the College Foyer at 3 pm.

College President Sister Marcella Marie Garus, CSSF and Mission Leader Sister Mary Louis Rustowicz, CSSF will conduct a Meet and Greet in the College Dining Hall from 11 am to 12 pm on **Thursday, October 8th**. Fortune Cookies with quotes from Blessed Mary Angela will also be available during this event.

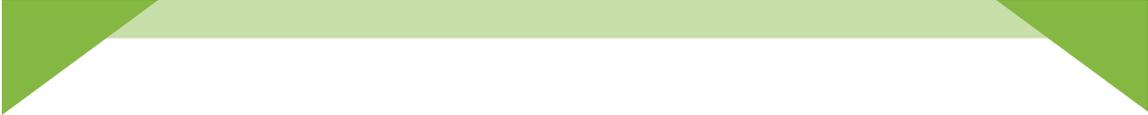
Heritage Days will conclude with a Blessed Mary Angela Prayer Service at 11 am in the Library Foyer on **Friday, October 9th**.

All Heritage Days events are open to the public and free of charge. All are welcome!



“My heritage has been my grounding, and it has brought me peace.”

Maureen O’Hara



the
Felician KITCHEN

*Please help yourself if you are hungry - or leave
something behind for those who might be!*



Various food items are available for those on campus who are hungry. The Felician Kitchen is located on the 2nd floor of Felician Hall's East Wing.

“Recent research shows that many children who do not have enough to eat wind up with diminished capacity to understand and learn. Children don't have to be starving for this to happen. Even mild undernutrition – the kind most common among poor people in America – can do it.”

Carl Sagan

