



## Summer at Reflections of Manatee

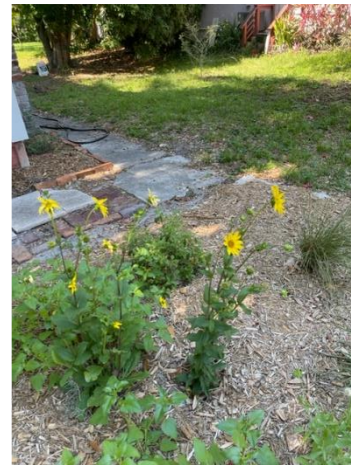
We hope to see you soon.

We had a huge winter and spring here at Reflections with an FHC speaker series on the Cosmopolitan Frontier, fundraisers, and new gardens. We are spending our time planning more exciting events for the fall and winter, including special celebrations for our 25th anniversary year!

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### Summer Gardening Tips

Our new veggie, medicinal, and native plant gardens are thriving. Summer gardening in Florida can be a challenge due to heat, humidity, and heavy storms. Email your gardening questions to [reflectionsofmanatee@msn.com](mailto:reflectionsofmanatee@msn.com). Your questions will be answered by experienced gardeners, and it may be featured in next month's newsletter.



## **25 years of Reflections of Manatee**

May marked Reflections of Manatee's 25th anniversary. Help us thank Jeff and Trudy Williams for their vision and dedication over the last 25 years. Make a donation in their honor now by [clicking here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page for the **PayPal Donate Button**.



# ***Reflections of Manatee*** ***\$25 for our 25th Fundraiser***

**May 2022**

**marked the Silver Anniversary of  
Reflections of Manatee**

**and you can help us celebrate  
by making a one time \$25 donation  
on our website through PayPal  
or by check sent**

**to**

**1302 4th Ave E Bradenton, FL 34208**

**All donations will be used for  
maintenance and acquisitions.**



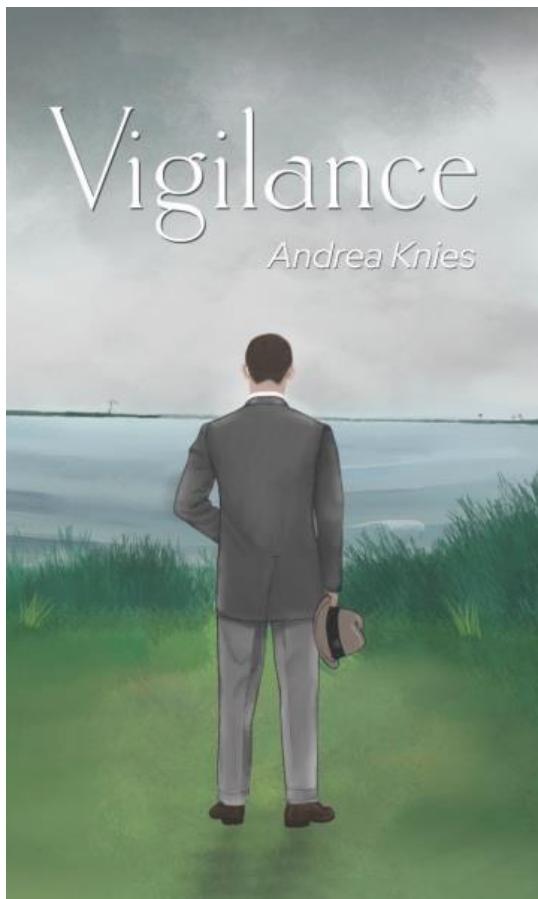
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## Save the Dates

We already have two exciting events on our fall calendar. Save the date and join us for these activities.

**September 10, 2022**, 11AM-2PM GRAND OPENING OF MANATEE MINERAL SPRING PARK, Riverwalk East. Music, food, and friends. Reflections will have a living history demonstration in our visitor center.

**October 22, 2022**, Time TBA, BACK TO ANGOLA FESTIVAL. Celebrate diversity and the resilience of the Angola maroon descendants for a day of dancing, drumming, great food, and community fun!



## Suggested Reading

Looking for a good summer book to read on the beach or by the pool? Reflections staff recommends *Vigilance: A Novel of Sheriff Watson* by Andrea Knies.

Alexander “Sandy” Watson became sheriff of Manatee County in 1882 and served for 16 years. He had to solve the infamous murders of the Sara Sota Vigilance Committee (also referred to as the Sarasota Assassination Society) in 1884-1885. Based on actual events, *Vigilance* explores life in the untamed wilderness of Florida and those moments when you recognize that your current response will set the tone for the future.

**Purchase a copy of the book at [Andrea's website](#).**

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## Help Reflections With Every One of Your Amazon Orders

Do you order from Amazon? Don't we all? If you order at the Amazon Smile page, you will be supporting Reflections with every order. There is nothing extra required other than starting your order at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Smile) and choosing Reflections of Manatee as the charity you wish to support. Bookmark that web page for your shopping and every eligible purchase will send a bit our way!

View full instructions [HERE](#)



## Please Join Now A \$15 Membership Supports Our Mission

Memberships are accepted at any time and renew on January 1st.

If you aren't a member of Reflections, please join now to support our mission, museums, and programming. Memberships also make great gifts for family, friends, or students.

Benefits of membership include:

- Discount for attending special events
- Invitation to participate in our General Meeting and Board Elections (January)
- Volunteer to be nominated for the Board of Directors

Dues are currently \$15 a year. There are three ways to pay:

1. MAIL a check to the address at the bottom of this newsletter.
2. ONLINE - Use a credit card to pay by PayPal on our website (scroll all the way to the bottom of the home page). [www.reflectionsofmanatee.org](http://www.reflectionsofmanatee.org)

IN PERSON - Bring your payment to one of our events.



## Volunteer With Reflections

Do you want to help out at Reflections? You may be interested in upcoming volunteer opportunities such as vegetable and fruit planting and maintenance, landscape maintenance, learning to be a museum docent or a living history educator, and event day volunteering for things such as the annual Angola Festival, a girls in science project, or Halloween weekend fun.

Email us: [reflectionsofmanatee@msn.com](mailto:reflectionsofmanatee@msn.com) for more information



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