

# WOMAN'S EXCHANGE INC.



# Consignor Tip Sheet

NON-PROFIT CONSIGNMENT SHOP  
SUPPORTING the ARTS of SARASOTA

## October/November 2015

The Woman's Exchange has awarded more than \$7 million in art scholarships and grants to local arts organizations. Thank you for participating in our mission.



Donna Mateer is chairman of the Junior League of Sarasota's Barely Blemished 2.0 committee, pictured with some of the clothing to be consigned.

## Two groups coming full circle

The Woman's Exchange has a mission to provide funding for grants and scholarships for the arts. The Junior League of Sarasota has a mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women and improve the community. Now those missions have intertwined for the benefit of both those non-profits.

Many years ago the Jr. League held an annual Barely Blemished sale at Roberts Arena. The fundraiser involved many, many hours of work by League members as well as the effort of collecting enough "treasures" to fill the large hall. Now, with only a few hours of work a month for the five volunteers, the League is able to earn money through consigning their goods at the Woman's Exchange. This successful partnership has

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**The Woman's Exchange will be closed  
Thursday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.**

## CONSIGNING IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Please call the 24-hour Hotline to learn what is being accepted for the week at the Woman's Exchange. The number is

**364-3858, Press 1.**

**Hours are 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch break is from 12-12:30 p.m. Hours are firm.**

### Women's clothing, accessories and linens

Consignment will be Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18 for clothing and accessories. Linens accepted Oct. 14 and Nov. 11

**Miscellaneous:** Tuesdays and Fridays, Oct. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30, and Nov. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27. Mirrors on Tuesdays

**Furniture:** Accepted by appointment. Photos of furniture to be considered may be e-mailed to [furniture@sarasotawex.com](mailto:furniture@sarasotawex.com) (with phone number included) or brought in Mon.-Thurs. between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Fine Jewelry:** Accepted by appointment. Call 955-7859.

**Art:** Appointments are no longer necessary for art work. Bring in on Tuesdays only.

**Consignments expire on the 60th calendar day (including weekends and holidays). Items can be reclaimed Monday-Friday only; the business office is closed on Saturdays. Hours for pick-up are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Items not reclaimed before the last ticket price are considered a donation to the Woman's Exchange. Checks will only be issued for more than \$10. The less money will be accrued for the next check.**

# Woman's Exchange now taking estates

The Woman's Exchange has been expanding to include an estate sale component to help members of the community while also helping to continue our mission of helping the arts of Sarasota and Manatee counties.

A first sale was held in July to test the off-site ticketing system. With that connected to the Exchange's computer system, sales are able to be logged just as regular consignment sales are listed. Since then, there have been six small estates handled, though

none was large enough to hold an on-site sale, so items were filtered through the consignment portion of the business.

Advertising will be placed to announce this additional service. One such ad will run in the Docket, a publication for members of the Sarasota Bar Association. Other advertising, which will alternate between the consignment operation and estate sales, will be placed in programs for different arts organizations and local publications.

For further information contact

the business office at the Woman's Exchange or call 955-7859.

## Brrr...

The Woman's Exchange will begin accepting furs for consignment in November.

## Buzz from the Business Office

Welcome back to our Snowbird consignors and volunteers!

Our fall season is well underway and it's looking like it will be our buzziest season yet.

Remember, remember: change addresses, update e-mails and phone

numbers with us in the business office as soon as you get back.

Estate sales anyone? Ask Deb for details.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Deb and Laure



## Holiday guidelines

The holidays are fast approaching. Remember that themed items may be consigned up to 45 days before the event, but not the week before. If not purchased, items must be picked up by the day after the holiday or they will be donated to the Exchange. If the holiday falls on the weekend, items must be picked up the day before.

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earned the League \$20,000 over the past three years.

Donna Mateer, League president in 2012-13, is head of the committee. League members – and there are more than 500 active and sustaining – are encouraged to drop off any unwanted items at the League office, where a small room is set aside for storage. Called Barely Blemished 2.0, the committee members then cull through items, moving some on to Goodwill, checking clothes for stains and missing buttons, hanging clothes and marking them with the group's consignor number. They even have a steam press to remove wrinkles.

Mateer and committee members have a standing monthly appointment with the Woman's Exchange's Nancy Sart-

ri who is head of the women's clothing and linens department. Because they have access to some WEX hangers ahead of time, the entire operation runs very smoothly. Jr. League members are also encouraged to take photos of furniture to consign and, if accepted, BB 2.0 members will even make house calls to pick up the items.

All of this easily run program provides money for various Jr. League programs. In recent years the League has focused on nutrition education for children and families. One such program is the Slow Cooker Challenge. Partnering with Children First, low-income families have been instructed on nutritious cooking, given recipes and even a slow cooker, all of which encourages time-constrained mothers to put an easy and nutritious meal



**The Junior League's designated space for consignments to the Woman's Exchange.**

on the table shortly after they get home.

The League is only one of about 20 non-profit organizations that work with the Woman's Exchange to create a win-win partnership that benefits each group and the community.

**The Consignor Tip Sheet is the Woman's Exchange's newsletter that helps the consignors keep up with everything that is going on at the Exchange.**

**The Woman's Exchange, 539 S. Orange Ave., Sarasota, FL, (941) 955-7859  
Open Monday-Friday 9-4, Saturdays 10-4; 9-5 first Friday of the month**