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**Esplanade Community Group**

# **ECG Newsletter**

## **11.22**

### **Save the Date**

**The Esplanade Holiday Get-Together**

**Date: Thursday, December 15, 2022**

**Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Place: Tye Meeting Room**





See pictures from our September and June Get-Together [here](#)

## Meet Your Neighbors

### The ECG Leadership Team

Ask leaders of the ECG Community Group how much time they devote to organizing the pot-luck gatherings, the ListServ or the newsletter for our building... the response is likely to be, “oh, a few hours here or there...” True? Maybe. But low key as they may sound, the ECG Steering Committee foursome brings a powerhouse of talents and professional expertise to their mission for creating a neighborly environment for Esplanade residents. Add their light touch... and you have the picture.



Here they are, left to right *Jessie von Hippel, Jane Hilburt-Davis, Mary Jo Bane and Susan Barron*, shown at their monthly meeting to plan the next Newsletter, talk about scheduling an event, review activity on the ListServ. [Read more](#) (by Jane Weingarten)



Over 350 women in all age divisions from 35's to 85's competed all week at the USTA National Women's Intersectional Team Championships at Frank Veltri Tennis Center, Plantation FL.

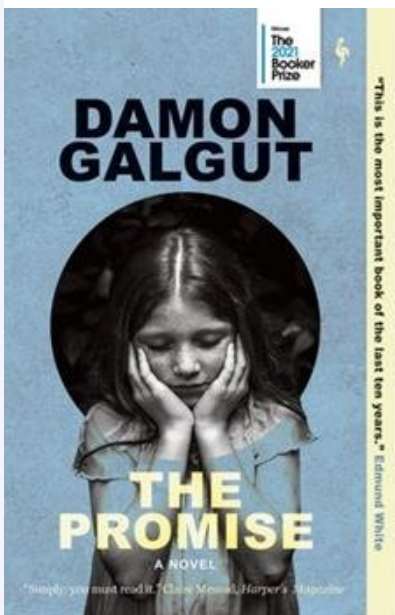
**Jessie von Hippel** (left) and her teammates made it through the hurricane threat, played and won for New England in the 80+ category over Midwest, Pacific Northwest, Texas, and Middle States, and had a wonderful time catching up with many friends from all over the US.

[Read more interviews with](#)

## Reading

### Remembering Hilary Mantel

Booker Prize-winning author Hilary Mantel died this last September at the age of 70. Some of us started re-reading her *Wolf Hall* trilogy, and also re-reading [Bob Kagan's appreciation](#), which ran in a previous newsletter.

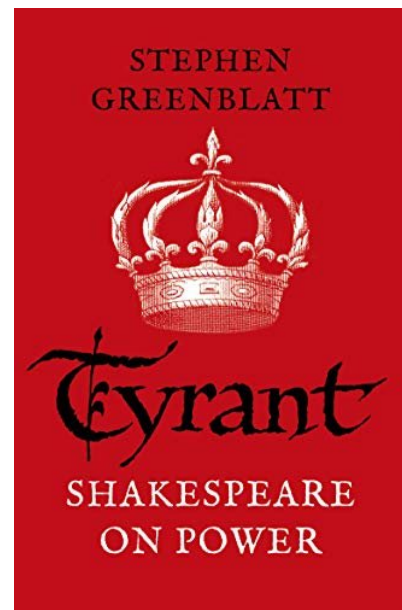


South African writer Damon Galgut won the 2021 Booker Prize for *The Promise*, his brilliant, modernist novel that depicts a family's downward progression in the years after the end of apartheid. Set in the legacy of colonialism and apartheid, this is a tale of what it is like to live at moments in time in each of the next four decades for a family descended from Dutch settlers.

[Read more](#) (reviewed by Jane Weingarten)

Stephen Greenblatt is a proponent of

New Criticism, a movement that views literature in its social and historical context. In *Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics*, Greenblatt expands on his *New York Times* article “Shakespeare Explains the 2016 Election” in which he uses the play “King Richard III” to ask a question of great current interest: “How can a great country wind up being governed by a sociopath?” [Read more](#) (reviewed by Dan Deykin)



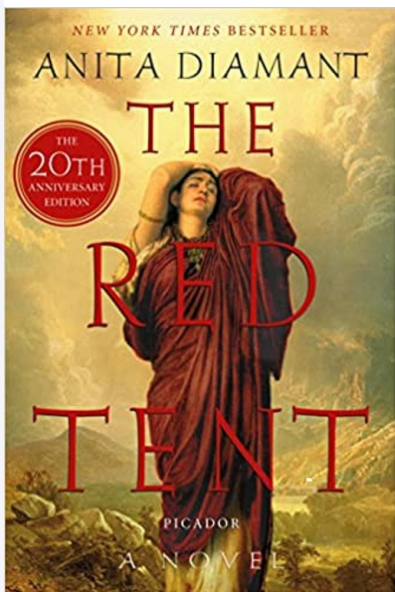
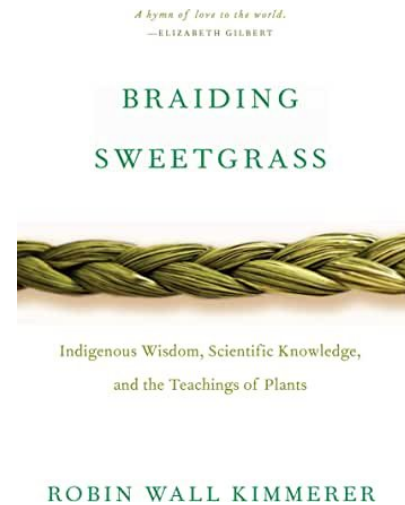
The *New Yorker* review of Damian Lewis’ *Agent Josephine* on August 15, 2022, begins: “The Negro, historically, has always been in the espionage business.” An unexpected insight that rewards the reader in reading and understanding this overly long, but fascinating book. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Ron Ebert)

Did you know that each strand of silk in

an ear of corn represents a pistil? And that the pollen (sperm) migrates down each pistil to fertilize an individual kernel of corn, the ovary? And this is how an ear of corn becomes a nutritious bundle of crunchy, sweet deliciousness every summer. I found these details fascinating and there are many more surprising moments to

discover in ***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants.***

[Read more](#) (reviewed by Elaine Li Shiang)



Anita Diamant, an award-winning journalist, has authored thirteen books. ***The Red Tent***, an historical novel published in 1997, became an instant best seller in this country and around the world solely on the basis of word-of-mouth. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Susan Barron)

[Read more book reviews here](#)

# Podcasts

Podcasts— a new media technology— have become a hugely popular source of news, information, music, and conversation. The approximate number of Podcasts is about 850,000 and growing. Podcasts can be interviews,



monologues, panel discussions, balanced or biased, rants and/or raves, lectures, and music, a wonderful resource and a bit of the Wild West. There are even Podcasts on how to create your own Podcast. [Read more](#) including Podcast suggestions (by Jane Hilburt-Davis)

# Opportunities

The Esplanade Community Group (ECG) is pleased to announce that we have started a **ListServ** for the benefit of everyone who lives at the Esplanade and chooses to participate. Learn about [listservs](#) and how to sign up for ours [here](#).

# The Neighborhood

# Cambridge Crossing



## NEWS

**FLASH!** Cambridge Crossing, a state-of-the-art mini-city is sprouting up 0.8 miles from our front door! It is located across McGrath Highway from the old Lechmere T station.

Known as CX, Cambridge Crossing is a rapidly growing neighborhood and innovation hub. When complete, this monumental project will bring 4.5 million square feet of science, tech, office, residential, and retail space to its 43 acres. The developers conceived this new space to be a “vibrant neighborhood engrained within the fabric of the existing community, a place built for the next generation of leaders to thrive.” I urge you to visit its website: <https://www.cambridgecrossing.com> for further details. It must be seen to be believed! (Susan Barron)

## Where is this?







Lechmere Canal

Photo by Bob Kagan

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Missed any of our newsletters ? Catch up on them [here](#).

Want to share opportunities, news of transitions, or beautiful pictures with your neighbors? Send to [Esplanade Community](#).

Esplanade neighbors and newcomers to the building, whether owners or renters, are welcome to be part of the ECG and to receive our Updates, newsletters, and invitations to ECG events. Please pass along this update to new folks. To get on (or off) our mailing list just email [Esplanade Community](#).

Have ideas for these newsletters and updates? Want to write something? Send to [Jessie](#), [Mary Jo](#), or [Jane](#).

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