



(1) Andrew & Bonnie Fisher hold up some of their artwork. Proceeds go to Keep Punching. (2) Christina Karpus with some of the many items she created. (3) Lisa Bruckner shows off her cork art. (4) Captain Cartoon, a.k.a. Dick Kulpa, creating caricature from cell phone picture.

Zonta Festi-Fall

By Rachel Galvin
The Zonta Club went all out at this year's Festi-Fall bringing in a wide array of unique vendors, over 40 of them, into St. Ambrose's Catholic School in Deerfield. Proceeds from their event benefit many of their scholarships and money they give back to women and charities locally and worldwide.

Author Todd Zoellick set up a table of his children's books. He has four and is working on a fifth next month. He started back in 2009 and creates one every couple of years. (www.ToddZoellick.com).

Gloria Brand brought her hand painted silk scarves. They are 100 percent silk and she puts designs on them by hand with paints, dyes, crayons, markers and more. Her items, she said, can be found on Instagram at "glorybartist."

Sandy Gast brought Origami Owl charms, a company created, she said, by a 14-year-old girl. People can custom make their jewelry to tell the stories of their lives. (OrigamiOwl.com).

Tosca Casinelli, of Bargain Byes, brought her heat press and showed off many screenprinted T-shirts, sweatshirts and

more that people could custom create. She designs everything from promotional items to corporate uniforms for businesses. She also enjoys helping people get started in their business and navigate through everything from international markets to e-commerce. She said people can contact her at bargainbyes@gmail.com.

"I went through so many mistakes and had no one to help me," she said. "I love helping people."

"Butterfly Man" Jeff Leon had a wide variety of beautifully colored butterflies sealed in transparent acrylic, which keeps away moisture and preserves the color, and shape, of the butterflies. He explained that he had collected them, or had others help collect them, from all over the world. The furthest away he went was Papua New Guinea. He has to ensure that each butterfly is complete without cuts or scratches. The vibrant color is not painted on, but comes from the butterfly itself. He explained that bright colors in nature mean poison or danger to other animals, so colors and other designs on the butterfly helps keep the butterflies camouflaged and safe from prey. Any of his butterflies that become damaged are taken



by his wife Dayana and made into jewelry. He sells his items on eBay. (<https://butterflies4you.com>).

Andrew Fisher showed off his paintings, saying, "I did the paintings. My wife [Bonnie] does the 3-D (layered on art on some prints that give it a 3-D effect). The originals were watercolors, pastels, ink and colored pencils. Everything we receive we give to the charity Keep Punching for Cancer research."

He added, "Our son, Daron, and his wife, Beth, started it before he died of Brain Cancer four years ago. She has continued it. It started in 2010. He died in 2013."

For information on this cause, visit www.keep-punching.org.

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Lisa Bruckner had wall art, frames and other items all made from cork. She also had "bottle bling," jewelry for wine bottles, and more. Her company is cleverly called Wineaux Art and, to add to the fun, she has a Napa phone number (707-492-5850), but lives in Lighthouse Point.

"I do it all by hand. I can do custom work. I can incorporate people's own corks or supply them," she said. (www.WineauxArt.Etsy.com).

Christina Karpus found out about this event on Facebook. She brought her handmade craft items which she made using an embroidery machine. She had a lot of superhero and other themed pieces, including finger puppets, wallets, key chains, towels with

hoodies and more. (www.lilybeancouture.com)

"I have been doing this for seven years," said Karpus, who attends a lot of conventions all over but lives in Sunrise. "This is what I love to do. I like being out in the public and talking to people. Everything I do is based on my kids. They are age 10 and 8."

It was quite the find to stumble upon Captain Cartoon, a.k.a. the legendary Dick Kulpa, who was humbly sitting in the middle of the room discreetly doing caricatures. Kulpa used to own *Cracked* Magazine, used to draw Star Trek cartoons in newspapers, worked for *Weekly World News*, where he created "Bat Boy" and much more. Those in the comic book conven-

tion world certainly know his work. He is now working on writing a book.

There were so many different vendors to talk to, including locally known artist Jimmy Higgins. There were orchids and other plants to purchase in the back from SR Orchids and many bake sale items in the front. Items from Fifi's Consignment Boutique of Boca Raton were on-hand to be purchased for mere dollars. There was glassware, pottery, you name it. It was easy to spend at least an hour perusing the booths and talking to the vendors.

"We have had a nice variety of artists, arts & crafts, jewelry, plants and more," said Zonta member Kathryn Arpin.

Keep an eye out for more Zonta events. To find out more about the club, visit www.ZontaDeerfieldBeach.org.