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IF YOU GO:

“On Grandpop’s Lap.” Bringing the Art of Storytelling and Children Together: June 16 to September 1, 2011

Location: Lighthouse ArtCenter, Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta

Information and directions: (561) 746-3101 or LighthouseArts.org

Museum Hours: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers

Exhibition combines art, storytelling at Lighthouse ArtCenter

Summertime means story time at the Lighthouse ArtCenter.

It also means the marriage of books and art at the Tequesta museum, where an acclaimed children’s book will be featured from June 16 to Sept. 1 in an interactive exhibition for visitors of all ages.

“On Grandpop’s Lap.” Bringing the Art of Storytelling and Children Together is both a young reader-friendly presentation of “On Grandpop’s Lap,” a children’s book by Cathy Helowicz, and a step-by-step guide to bookmaking.

“The aim of the exhibition is to entertain children through art and literature in a way that also will be interesting and educational to adults,” said Lighthouse ArtCenter Executive Director Katie Deits.

The story is Ms. Helowicz’s fond account of a special day shared between her late father and his grandson, Zachary. A 2005 review in *Writers Digest* described the story as “poignant and touching ... the illustrations are simple but evocative with definite kid appeal.”

Pages of the book will be displayed at a kid-friendly height along gallery walls.

“What a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to instill a love of art and books in their children and grandchildren,” Ms. Deits said. “You can’t put a price on a gift like that.”

Docent readings for children of “On Grandpop’s Lap” will take place Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse ArtCenter.

“My dad’s favorite saying was, ‘occupy your mind,’” Ms. Helowicz said. *“On Grandpop’s Lap.” Bringing the Art of Storytelling and Children Together* features a reading-tour of the published book along the Museum walls, and a writer’s guide that includes original

storyboard sketches leading up to the finished product. "I only wish he were alive now to see what that helped to create."

Ms. Helowicz, a full-time writer and a native of Annapolis, wrote the story after the death of her father, Frank Helowicz. It was published by Bodkin Pointe Press in 2004. Since its publication, Ms. Helowicz has given several group readings of "On Grandpop's Lap" and holds book-making seminars. She currently resides in Jupiter with her golden retriever, Rudy, and is inspired by the children around her to create new stories.

Ms. Helowicz is a member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), Florida-SCBWI, and the Independent Publisher's Marketing Association (IBPA). She also serves on the boards for the Lighthouse ArtCenter, as well as the MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation.

The Lighthouse ArtCenter is a member-supported not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community arts organization, providing excellence in art exhibitions, instruction, education and ArtReach for all ages. Programs are funded in part by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

For more information on the Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum, School of Art, exhibitions, programs and events, visit LighthouseArts.org or call (561) 746-3101.

The Lighthouse ArtCenter is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, Fla., one-half mile west of U.S. Highway 1. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free admission.

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Cathy Helowicz, author of "On Grandpop's Lap." The story is featured in "*On Grandpop's Lap: Bringing the Art of Storytelling and Children Together*," an exhibition at the Lighthouse ArtCenter from June 16 to September 1, 2011.



Children's author Cathy Helowicz with nephew Zachary, of whom she based the story "On Grandpop's Lap" (Bodkin Pointe Press, 2001). The book is featured in "*On Grandpop's Lap: Bringing the Art of Storytelling and Children Together*," an exhibition at the Lighthouse ArtCenter from June 16 to September 1, 2011.