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IF YOU GO:

Gary Wiren Golf Collection: On view through April 6, 2011; \$10 nonmembers

Opening Reception: Wednesday, February 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Lecture and Book Signing: "A Curious Look at Golf's History" by Dr. Wiren
Wednesday, March 9, 2011; \$10; Tickets and Reservations: (561) 746-3101

Docent Tours: Daily at 1:15 p.m., included with admission

Location: Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum

Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta

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

Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost to view exhibition: Members free; \$10 nonmembers ages 12 and up; Saturday free admission excludes special golf exhibitions

Group Tour Information: (561) 746-3101

Fore! February brings the Gary Wiren Golf Collection to the Lighthouse ArtCenter

Tequesta, Fla. (February 16, 2011) — The wait is over. Beginning February 17, the museum pays tribute to the local and national favorite pastime through an exhibition featuring one of the finest collections of golf memorabilia in the world, compliments of Dr. Gary Wiren. Dr. Wiren is a golf educator, a Master member of the Professional Golfers Association of America, a former national PGA staff director, and is one of only three professionals named to both the PGA Hall of Fame and *Golf Magazine's* World Golf Teachers Hall of Fame.

The exhibition premieres alongside some of the nation's finest golf art from the renowned Academy of Golf Art. Participating artists are: painters David Coolidge, Leslie B. DeMille, Linda Hartough and George T. Lawrence; photographers Dick Durrance II, Dom Furore and Larry Lambrecht; sculptor Brad Pearson. Both exhibitions are on view through April 6. Guided tours are available daily at 1:15 p.m. The opening reception will take place on Wednesday, February 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is \$10 for nonmembers.

Golf-enthusiasts and art-lovers alike will enjoy an impressive historic collection of books, clubs, balls, postcards, stamps, tees, magazines, sheet music and works of art. Lighthouse ArtCenter Executive Director Katie Deits says she's looking forward to turning the museum into a golf-haven for a few months. "I think it's something that people in this area will appreciate," she says. Moreover, Deits notes that the collection has appeal even to people who've never set foot on a golf course. "The breadth and depth of Dr. Wiren's collection makes it fascinating for anybody to look through." Dr. Wiren's collection alone has been mentioned on ESPN and by various national and international news sources. Additionally it has been personally visited by Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, and Jack Welch.

Dr. Wiren will present a lecture titled "A Curious Look at Golf's History" at the museum Wednesday, March 9, 2011. The lecture is sponsored by Barbara T. Black, Ameriprise,

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Inc. Dr. Wiren will also be signing copies of his book *When Golf is a Ball*. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling the Lighthouse ArtCenter. Seating is limited to 125 guests.

The ArtCenter is also scheduling guided tours and is available for private group tours and receptions during the exhibition. Golf club managers and members are encouraged to book their group visits or private parties early.

The Lighthouse ArtCenter thanks **Champion Sponsor** John F. Scarpa, **Pro Sponsor** Barbara T. Black, Ameriprise, Inc., **Links Sponsor** Alfons J. Schmitt, Opening Reception Sponsor Bacardi USA, Circa Vintage, Pat Crawley, Golf Around the World, The Honda Classic, David Willison and WJTW 100.3 FM Radio. The Lighthouse ArtCenter is still offering sponsorship opportunities of this elite collection of golf art and memorabilia.

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, Florida, one-half mile west of US Hwy 1. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission free for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free admission. Special exhibitions, including the Gary Wiren Golf Collection and the Academy of Golf Art, are not included with free admission. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

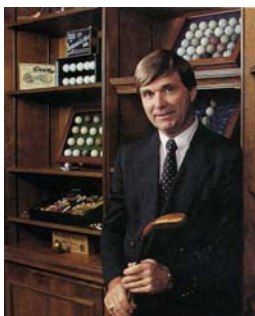
ABOUT THE LIGHTHOUSE ARTCENTER

The Lighthouse ArtCenter is a member-supported not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community arts organization, providing excellence in art exhibitions, instruction, education and outreach 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.

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Gary Wiren-collection. Jpg – Dr. Gary Wiren holds one of the finest collections of golf memorabilia in the world. It will be featured in an exhibition at the Lighthouse ArtCenter from February 17 to April 6, 2011.



LindaHartoughSt.Andrews. Jpg – Painter Linda Hartough will be featured in an exhibition of the Academy of Golf Art at the Lighthouse ArtCenter from February 17 to April 6, 2011.



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