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## **Visit Sarasota, FL to Experience Clinton Lecture Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Lecture to Kick-off 30<sup>th</sup> Year of TOWN HALL Series**

SARASOTA, FLA . . . For Immediate Release . . . Tickets for a very special Ringling College Library Association TOWN HALL lecture on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2009 featuring one of the most sought-after speakers in the world, President Bill Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States, are on sale now! President Clinton's lecture is in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Ringling College Library Association TOWN HALL Lecture Series, and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ringling College Library Association,

"As one of the preeminent lecture series in the country, we seized the opportunity to have President Clinton celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year of bringing superlative speakers to the west coast of Florida," said TOWN HALL chair Olivia Thomas. The lecture will be held at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. The program will begin at 7:45 pm. Tickets are available by calling 941-925-1343.

William Jefferson Clinton was elected President of the United States in 1992, and again in 1996, the first Democratic president to be awarded a second term in six decades. Under his leadership, the United States enjoyed the strongest economy in a generation and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history. His administration resulted in moving the nation from record deficits to record surpluses; the creation of over 22 million jobs; low levels of unemployment, poverty and crime; and the highest homeownership and college enrollment rates in history. After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation with the mission to strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence.

### **VISIT SARASOTA**

Sarasota, Florida is an eclectic seaside town with an upbeat and artsy vibe. From a vibrant Main Street in downtown Sarasota, to the various distinctive beaches, there is a choice to do much, or relax and do as little as possible. The choice is yours.

On **September 30<sup>th</sup>**, the same day as the Clinton event, venture to South Sarasota County that morning for a nature walk. Join Al Squires and Denny Girard for an enjoyable hike on Sleeping Turtles Preserve South from 9 -11 a.m. Along the way, Al and Denny share their boundless knowledge of botany, not just identification, but lore of the plants as well. Take in the 'fall' scenery and information about the natural lands and the plants they support. Register on-line at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net). Click Calendar of Events on the left. Click the 'All Events' drop down list, choose 'Nature Walks' and click 'go'. On the bottom of each nature walk is an area that states 'Click here for registration.' Space for this walk is limited to 20. If you are having problems with on-line registration, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Natural Resources.

On **October 1<sup>st</sup>**, the day following President Clinton's speech, stick around and get a glimpse into the upcoming season of the Sarasota Ballet with the launch of Webb's third season of works by acclaimed choreographers. "An Invitation to Dance with Sarasota Ballet Artistic Director, Iain Webb" is being presented at 7PM at the Historic Asolo Theater at the John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art. Tickets are \$25. (941) 360-7399.

Also notable spots to visit while in the area are The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art ([www.ringling.org](http://www.ringling.org)), Marie Selby Botanical Gardens ([www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org)), and the Mote Aquarium and Laboratory ([www.mote.org](http://www.mote.org)). These year-round attractions offer visitors and residents a like an opportunity to smile and take in beautiful scenery while learning about art, science and nature. .

Within walking distance to the venue where President Clinton will be speaking, the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, are two lovely hotels. The Hyatt Regency, Sarasota has rates starting at \$159 and Hotel Indigo has rates starting at \$148. For more destination information, please visit [www.sarasotaf1.org](http://www.sarasotaf1.org). Able to stay longer? Visit [www.saleasota.com](http://www.saleasota.com) to find hotels offering buy 3, get 1 night free.

#### **About TOWN HALL and the RCLA**

TOWN HALL is the major fundraiser of the Ringling College Library Association and the leading lecture series in the state of Florida. It supports the Verman Kimbrough Memorial Library and the students of Ringling College of Art and Design. RCLA is the largest cumulative donor in the College's 75-year history, having provided more than \$5.8 million to fund student scholarships and the purchase of books, periodicals, research materials, hand-made artist books and online services. Subscriptions for the 2010 series are available through [www.RCLAassociation.org](http://www.RCLAassociation.org) or by calling 941.925.1343.

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