FAU to Send Joy around the World with Letter Writers on ‘Real Mail Fridays’

BOCA RATON, Fla. (February 11, 2013) — Florida Atlantic University’s Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts plans to send joy throughout the world during “Real Mail Fridays,” a series of gatherings designed to inspire people to write letters to family and friends. The series will take place on the first Friday of each month beginning on March 1, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Jaffe Center’s book studio at the Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus.

John Cutrone, the Jaffe Center’s director, said the monthly gatherings will bring back memories for some, and will introduce the art of writing letters by hand, one of the oldest forms of communication, to a younger generation.

“We live in a digital world and some of us communicate mostly through text messages and emails,” said Cutrone. “When we receive a handwritten letter in our mailbox, it is a moment out of time and small cause for celebration.”

Letter writers can bring stationery and pens, or use some of the center’s complimentary handmade paper, pens and inks, sealing wax and rubber stamps. There will be free postage stamps, and complimentary cookies, tea and coffee will be served.

Cost to attend is $10. For more information, call 561-297-0455 or visit www.jaffecollection.org.

Photo Captions
Realmail1JPG: Photo of mail that Jane Siberry of Toronto sent to John Cutrone, director of FAU’s Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts at the Wimberly Library.
Realmail2JPG: Photo of mail that Terry Chouinard of Memphis sent to John Cutrone, director of FAU’s Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts.

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world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU’s existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.