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Polasek Museum Announces New Book Club for Art and Book Lovers
Quarterly Club to Meet at Historic Capen House; Selections Based on Polasek Exhibits

WINTER PARK, Fla. –The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens invites art and book lovers to the first meeting of the Artful Book Club on Monday, April 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This quarterly book club will read and discuss a selection based on the Polasek Museum’s changing gallery exhibits. The first book selection, *God Loves Haiti: A Novel* by Dimitry Elias Léger, will be paired with the exhibit Contemporary Visions of Frantz Zéphirin: Haitian Mystic. The novel, written by a native of Haiti, is a story of romance, politics, and religion that follows the fates of three lovers in Port-au-Prince.

The Polasek Museum will partner with local independent bookstore The Writer’s Block to present this book club series. Store proprietor Lauren Zimmerman will guide the group in thoughtful discussion. Books must be read ahead of time and will be kept in stock for purchase at The Writer’s Block located at 124 East Welbourne Avenue in Winter Park. Registration is required to attend, and light refreshments will be included with admission. Participants will have access to the gardens and current exhibit in the Polasek’s gallery for a final discussion on final thoughts and brief tour with curator Rachel Frisby.

WHAT: Artful Book Club with the Albin Polasek Museum & Writer’s Block Bookstore

DATE: Monday, April 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE: The Capen House at the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens
633 Osceola Avenue, Winter Park**

**REGISTRATION: General Public \$10 per session
Museum Members \$5 per session
Register at polasek.org/exhibitevents**

About the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens: Founded in 1961, the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens holds an art collection focusing primarily on American representational sculpture, with more than 200 works by Czech-born American sculptor Albin Polasek. The museum offers guided tours of the historic Polasek residence and chapel, an outdoor sculpture garden and a gift shop. The museum was the retirement home of Polasek until his death in 1965. Polasek was a 2004 Florida Artists Hall of Fame recipient, and his home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is also home to the historic 1885 Capen-Showalter House that was saved from demolition, renovated, and re-opened to the public as an event and meeting space in 2015.

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