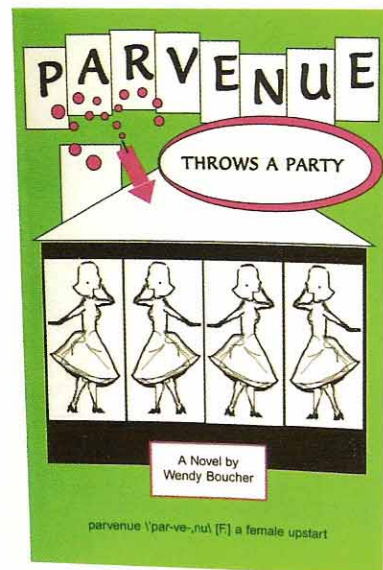


TONGUEINCHIC

Not registering with *The Social Register*? Junior League out of your league? Fictional Tampa transplant Janice Darcy and real-life **resident author** Wendy Boucher know what cachet South Tampa zip codes convey — and how hard it is to break into the social scene. Laugh out loud as litigator-cum-novelist Boucher explores the privileged sects of Hyde Park, Beach Park and Palma Ceia in her new novel, *Parvenue Throws a Party*.

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PAREXCELLENCE

The drive to play golf waned, but Tampa artist ruthbyrd's passion to paint never did. The once-formidable amateur athlete applies the same focus that won tournaments to transforming **glass-topped tables** and decorative vases into objets d'art. Metalliclike translucent paints make images seem to move when struck by the right light. Popular recording artists to posh hotels are among those collecting the unique hand-painted pieces. 813-286-0727 or pphilemon18@aol.com

BRUSHWITHFAME

Abstract artist Francesco stormed New York this year with a group show and solo exhibit that launched a new gallery. Collectors, gallery owners and interior designers seem drawn to his modern-art-with-a-message. The Brandon resident, son of professional painter (Andre) Krosiak, combines bold colors with common objects to convey news and views. "I try to be a reporter with my own medium, record a piece of history and reflect what is going on in the world at this time." This month, father and son present an intergenerational exhibit at the Hoffman Porges Gallery in Ybor City. krosiak-francesco.com

