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Meetings - First Monday of the Month at The Community Center. 400 S. Walton -1:30pm

April 2023

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(Need Volunteer)
Performing Arts Center

Bess King
Tarpon Springs Library



Hello, Fellow TSAA Members,

Today I'd like to talk about our April meeting that's coming up soon on April 3. The times and order of this meeting will be different from our usual agenda, so I want to make sure that everyone gets the message.

We will be having our annual Spring Show, which will be held at the Community Center where we normally have our meetings.

Registration of the art will begin at 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Please bring your favorite work of art, an easel, and a bag lunch, and we will have tables set up for lunch at noon.

At that time, the judge will be judging the art, which will be set up around the room. After lunch we'll have a brief meeting and announce the winners. Then we'll have the Installation of the new officers for next year.

The new officers are:

President – Martha Hickey

Vice President – Peggy McCardle

Secretary – Marilyn Davis

Treasurer – Lora VanNoord

Those who will be in charge of activities are:

Artist of the Month – Trish Gregory;

Refreshments – Maria Bouris and VaCelia Koumendouros;

Publicity: Margaret Modjeski (Facebook & Instagram)

History and Sunshine – Lynn Kopala

I want to thank everyone who stepped up to take positions of leadership for next year. You are greatly appreciated by me and the rest of the membership. Without you, we would not have had a club next year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in a couple of weeks. Please try to attend – it should be a fun day.

Trish



Sonja McGrath with her painting sold at the festival.

Fine Arts Festival

Thanks to the many volunteers who checked in artwork, transported artwork, erected an at-times unwieldy tent and booth, and then staffed the booth throughout the show (not to mention the tear-down team who left the area neat and organized!) Three artworks were sold! Congratulations to Sonja McGrath and Janice Sparks on their sales. Special Thanks also to Janice Sparks for her two days of painting demonstrations. And to her daughters for their assistance! We hope next year will include even more volunteers, more artwork, and will be an even greater success!

PRESS RELEASE:

2/25/2023

3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

PLEIN AIR 2023**EVENT AND EXHIBITION AT BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE**

Friday, April 7 or Saturday, April 8

(Registration: 8 – 10 am; Hours Daily: 8 am - 4 pm)

Saturdays and Sundays, April 9-23 (Exhibition and Sales) Sunday, April 23, 1 - 3 pm (Artists' Reception and Awards Program)

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc, a non-profit support organization of Brooker Creek Preserve, is pleased to announce Plein Air 2023 Art Event and Exhibition. This annual program is designed to encourage the use of the 8,700-acre wilderness Preserve, managed by Pinellas County Land Management, as a nature inspiration for works of art.

All artists and photographers (amateurs to professionals) are invited to participate to show their talent and support for Brooker Creek by creating art inspired by the natural landscape of the Preserve. Participants, even those pre-registered, check-in at the boardwalk entrance by the parking area on Friday, April 7 or Saturday, April 8 from 8 to 10 am to receive their information packet. All artwork must be created on the Preserve grounds during one of those two days to participate in the exhibition and judging of Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2023.

All paperwork and completed artwork must be turned into the Friends Nature Store in the Education Building on either day of the event up until 4 PM. Photography (with pre-approved paperwork) may be turned in Sunday, April 9 between 10 AM and Noon at the BCP Auditorium Gallery.

Up to two presentation ready pieces may be submitted for the competition. Works may be framed (matting if desired) or canvas wrapped and must have a wire on the back for hanging (with submission form with title, size, medium and sales price also attached).

Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2023 Exhibition will be on view April 9 – April 23; hours are 9 AM – 3 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 3 PM Sunday. The sale of artwork is encouraged and a donation of 10% from sales as a donation to the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. is requested.

All sold artwork is be picked up by the purchasers from the BCP Auditorium Gallery between 3–4 PM on Sunday, April 23. All unsold artworks are to removed at this time by the artists, or will be placed in the Friends Nature Store where they must be picked up Thursday through Sunday of the following week during store hours.

Cost to participate is a \$20 non-refundable fee to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve. We strongly encourage early registration to assure participation. Cash prizes for the juried show will be awarded for Best in Show (\$100), First (\$75), Second (\$50), Third (\$25), and Visitor's Choice (\$25) Awards. This year Ann Larsen, former director of the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, will be serving as the judge for Plein Air 2023: Brooker Creek Preserve.

Check the Friend of Brooker Creek Preserve website for more information about this program, as well as for other events held at Brooker Creek Preserve:

Website: <http://www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org/>

For questions:

Call: 727-934-2680 (voice)

Email: info@FriendsofBrookerCreekPreserve.org

**PLEIN AIR 2023****EVENT AND EXHIBITION AT BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE**

Friday, April 7 – Saturday, April 8 (Registration & Participation)

Sunday, April 23, 2-4 pm (Reception & Awards Program)

April 9-23 (Exhibition and Sales)

REGISTRATION & RELEASE FORM - \$20 per artist

(check endorsed to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve)

Pre-register by sending this form and payment to the above address (two weeks in advance)

or call 727-934-2680 to RSVP and bring completed form and payment on April 7 or 8.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email: _____

Art Medium: _____

RELEASE & MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- I fully release and hold harmless Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. and Pinellas County for any injury or loss to myself, my possessions, and/or my artwork during the activities of **Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2023**. I understand that:
- I must check-in at the boardwalk entrance pavilion at Brooker Creek Preserve on April 7 or April 8 between 8 and 10 am. Orientation to the Preserve and maps will be provided.
- I will provide all required paperwork and will verify, by dated signature, that all work was done during the event days and within the boundaries of Brooker Creek Preserve.
- I may submit up to two presentation-ready pieces for the competition (judging (works are to be framed or canvas wrapped with a wire on the back for hanging and submission form attached). Juried prizes will be awarded for Best in Show (\$100), First (\$75), Second (\$50) and Third (\$25), and Visitor's Choice (\$25) Awards.
- Completed art must be turned into the Friends Nature Store in the Exhibit Hall either day of the event up until 4 PM. Photography (with pre-approved paperwork) may be turned in Sunday, April 9 between 10 AM and noon to the Auditorium Gallery.
- My artwork will be on display in the Auditorium Gallery at Brooker Creek Preserve from April 9 through April 23 and will be offered for sale with the understanding that 10% of artwork sales will be donated to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc.
- Artwork, sold or unsold, must be removed from the premises following the Artists Reception between 4-5 PM on April 23.

Signature _____

Date _____

OPEN PAINTING

This is not a TSAA activity, but one in which some TSAA members participate. It's open to all artists and all media. The Open Painting group meets on Friday mornings throughout the entire year from 9 am to noon, in the Recreation Building in Craig Park (just past the Heritage Museum). There are easels, tables and chairs, and a water source (and toilets next door). Bring your own materials, and come and paint/ create in collegial environment. Contribution is \$5 per session to pay for use of the facility. Contact Marilyn Davis or Peggy McCardle if you have questions.

VENUE NEWS:

Chamber of Commerce: It is a beautiful venue with room for 20 paintings. Stop by and see **Sue Thomas's** beautiful photos.

They will be on display until March 28th.

After that we will have **Carole Loiacano's** paintings on display until the end of April.

Starting in May we will go back to our usual schedule. Please contact me if you would like to have your art displayed.

Sherry Orr 813-310-9045, orr6@verizon.net

Valley Bank - Peggy McCardle will be showing in May-June. **Rose Mary Metz** will be showing in July-August. Contact Lynn Kopala at lynnkopala@hotmail.com if you'd like to show September- October or November-December.

Hampton Inn - contact Lynn Kopala at lynnkopala@hotmail.com IMMEDIATELY if you want to hang 3 pieces for 3 months. Tarpon & Florida subjects please. We will lose this venue if no one wants to show here.

Tarpon Springs Library

August 21 and November 21 are the next available dates to sign up to display your art. Contact Bess King at e mail

address bking4521@tampabay.rr.com if interested.

This venue is getting increased exposure and these dates can be flexible if needed.

Performing Art Center

PAC needs 11 pieces for April.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:



Betty Stallard was awarded the Merit Award for her painting **MACAW** at the West Pasco Art Guild. This painting also sold at the Awards Ceremony.

Lora VanNoord will have 3 oil paintings in the new Stirling Art Studio exhibit on April 4 until April 30. None of them have been shown in an exhibit before. The reception will be open to the public April 14th, 5:30 pm.

Then, on April 17, she will join the new Oldsmar Library exhibit with 3 animal oil paintings.

Peggy McCardle recently published a book, *“The Life and Art” of Frank Eugene Kowing, Jr.*, (Native American Artist By Frank E. Kowing Jr and Peggy McCardle). The book is the result of an agreed-upon collaboration that then turned into McCardle’s work in fulfillment of a promise that she would see the work through to publication after Kowing took his own life in 2016. It contains Kowing’s biography and the essays that he sent McCardle as “writing assignments” she requested of him in the decades before his death (about artists who influenced his work and his own views of art). The book also contains color photos of more than 50 of Kowing’s works, from 1969 to 2014 as well as photographs of a posthumous show, “Howl: The Art and Life of Frank Kowing” held at the Chahalu Museum and Cultural Center of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde in Oregon. The book is available on Amazon.com.




Artist of the Month at our March meeting was **Marlyn Davis** with her beautiful pastel landscape piece. “Garden Fountain”

March Demonstration

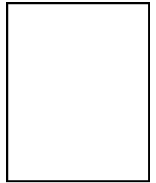
Gillian Graffy did the March demonstration for TSAA. Gillian showed us how to do Japanese brush art.



 Everyone needs a little sunshine in her/his life. Contact lynnkopala@hotmail.com if you know a TSAA member who needs a little sunshine in the form of a greeting card. Sunshine Chairperson is ready to supply it to those of our membership who may be under a cloud.



TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION
PO Box 1177
TARPON SPRINGS FLORIDA 34688



Our Mission...
...to promote interest and community awareness of all forms of visual art, to provide opportunities for individuals to associate with other artists, and to share in and learn from artistic knowledge and experiences.



Application for New Member and/or Change of Address
 (Please write clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

Dues **\$40.00**

Medium of choice _____

Please make check payable to and mail to:
Tarpon Springs Art Association
Box 1177
Tarpon Springs FL 34688

REMEMBER....

The next general meeting is Monday, April 3, 10am at The Community Center
 The next board meeting is April 24, 1:00 at the Tarpon Springs Library .
 If you have any news call me at 943-7732 or email me at patsy.renz@gmail.com by April 18. Everything that happens in your art is important to us all.

Artist of the Month Schedule

All Media

Bring Art Work by 1:15 to be displayed for judging. Place on the back name, medium, & price. The winner's art work will be displayed at, Craig Park Heritage Museum-100 Beekman Lane Tarpon Springs, FL 727-942-5605.
 The Artist is responsible to take art work there, the day after the meeting, and pick up the following month on meeting day.
 Thank you
 Maria Bouris

“Don’t think about making art, just get it done. Let everyone else decide if it’s good or bad, whether they love it or hate it. While they are deciding, make even more art.” *Andy Warhol*