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

February 2024

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Chamber of Commerce
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Lynn Kopala
Valley Bank
Hampton Inn

Bess King
Tarpon Springs Library



Hi!

TSAA has a lot of events between now and the end of the club year!

The Oldsmar City Hall TSAA art show drop off was on the 23rd, and we have 111 pieces of artwork that are hanging! Wow! Such a great response! The reception is hosted by the City of Oldsmar, and will be held on Tuesday January 30 is from 5:30 to 7 pm. You don't want to miss it! And, you also need to put the pick-up on your calendar....March 5. 10 am til noon.

There is no demo at our February General Meeting; however, we have a special presentation. A power point on Brooker Creek Preserve to be given by Barbara Hoffman, the President of Friends of Brooker Creek. Also Lynn Whitelaw (a member of TSAA) will go over the February 23th, and 24th paint and answer any questions.

February general meeting will have a supply give-away....a chance to get those unused art items out of your studio, and off to someone who will need and use them!

Don't forget the Artist of the Month, the media is Watercolor.

One upcoming event is the Fine Arts Festival; it is March 9 and 10. Joanna Rytel is going to be in charge and she will have details at the February meeting...as well as sign up sheets for volunteers. We have a new tent and I understand a great spot in the middle of the action! The registration and drop off of artwork is to be on March 8.

And...April will be the month of our Spring Show at the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery. More information on that to come!

This is the time of the year that the Board and Nominating Committee start working on nominations of officers; I have agreed to remain as President for the 2024-25 association year. However, there is a need for other officers. These positions are not super time consuming, but they are important to the club. The duties of each position s outlined in the club Membership Yearbook.

And...a lot of members have paid their dues already! But some have not! If you entered the Oldsmar City Hall show, you have paid; however, for those who did not, you might want to double check to make sure you do that as soon as possible!

Again, I cannot tell you how excited I am about the response to the Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit! I want to thank Trish Gregory Hartley who was in charge of the show, and all the TSAA members who have that amazing artwork hanging in Oldsmar!

And I want to say Thank You to Patsy Renz — without her efforts, you would not be reading this newsletter!

Martha Hickey President

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 30, 2024: Reception at Oldsmar City Hall: 5:30-7 pm

February 5, 2024: Regular Club Meeting: 1:30 pm

March 4, 2024: Regular Club Meeting: 1:30 pm

March 5, 2024: Pick-up Art at Oldsmar City Hall: 10 am to noon

March 8, 2024: Drop-Off/registration for Fine Arts Festival, Community Center, time TBD

March 9 & 10, 2024: Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival: info to come

April 1, 2024: Regular club Meeting: 1:30 pm

April 2024: Tarpon Art Guild Gallery Back Wall: info to come

May 6, 2024: Last Regular Club Meeting til Sept.: 1:30 pm

November 2024: Tarpon Art Guild Gallery Back Wall Exhibit, info to come

The Board Meetings are usually held at 1:30 pm on the last Monday of the month during the club year, at the Tarpon Springs Library. All members are invited

Volunteers needed:

Someone to arrive at the meetings around 1 pm and help with putting out the refreshments, plates, etc. and/or making coffee.

Also to help with clean up after the meeting and having a list available for those who wish to bring munchies for the next meeting.

Someone to send out press releases for print media. Most of the time it requires just a couple of paragraphs and emailing to various media via email. You do not have to be a writer to do this;

if you list the who, what, where, when and why of the topic of the press release that is good. Many print media (newspapers especially) will change the wording to fit their space.

TARPON ART GUILD

161 E. Tarpon Avenue
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

ANNOUNCING

Paint Out at the Guild
(plein air, paintings only)

TIME TABLE

Jan. thru Apr. – send in registration (first 20 accepted-\$35 entry fee)

May 1-3 (Wed-Fri) – stamp canvas, paper, etc. so we know all the work is done during the event (bring all that you will use) at the Guild gallery, & then paint Tarpon Springs – All painting must be done on site-not in studio, etc., and not from photographs.

May 4 (Sat.) 12:00-3:00 – turn in framed or wrapped canvas paintings at the Guild, wired and ready for hanging – can show 2 pieces- note one for judging.

May 11 (Sat.) 5:00 – 7:00 – Reception & Awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd, HM)

May 4 – 30 – artwork is on exhibit at TAG gallery- 25% commission on sales

May 31 (Fri.) 11:00 – 1:00 – pick up artwork

For more information call 727-744-3323

Paint Out at the Guild – May 2023

Entry Registration Form-mail to Tarpon Art Guild

Name _____

Address _____

Cell _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Please include \$35 nonrefundable entry fee.

Plein Air 2024 Brooker Creek Preserve

Friday, February 23, 8 am - 4 pm

Saturday, February 24, 8 am - 4 pm

Registration 8-10 am both days

Sunday, March 17, 1-3 pm Reception and Awards Program

March, 2-17, Exhibition and Sales

Plein Air 2024 is sponsored by the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. to encourage the use of the Preserve as an inspiration for artists to create nature-inspired works of art. All artists (amateurs to professionals) are invited to participate in showing their talent and support for Brooker Creek Preserve by creating art inspired by the wildlife and natural landscape of the Preserve. All artwork must be created on February 23rd or 24th within the Preserve grounds. Up to two pieces per artist may be submitted. The resulting works will be displayed in the Brooker Creek Preserve Auditorium Gallery through March 17 at which

time all unsold artworks must be removed. Sale of artwork is encouraged and 10% from any sales is requested as a donation to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. A Reception and Awards program will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 17. Cost to participate is a \$20 non-refundable fee. Early registration is strongly encouraged to assure participation. The show will be judged, and cash prizes will be awarded for Best in Show (\$100), First (\$75), Second (\$50), Third (\$25), and Visitor's Choice (\$25).

Registration forms and more information can be found at: www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org

For questions: Call 727-934-2680 (voice)

Email: info@FriendsOfBrookerCreekPreserve.org

3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

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:**

We will change out the art and still need one more artist. **Betty Stallard** and **Peggy Babst** have volunteered. Send an e-mail or call Sherry Orr 813-310-9045, orr6@verizon.net

Valley Bank, 710 East Tarpon Avenue

Currently, slots are booked until 2025. Slots beginning with January 2025 are available.

Information about the venue: one artist, approximately 2 months, 7 to 9 works depending on size and whether portrait or landscape orientation. Subject matter should be suitable to a business setting.

Contact lynnkopala@hotmail.com.

Hampton Inn, 39284 US Highway 19 - Slots are full until January 2025. Information about the venue: one artist, three months, three pieces.

Subject matter should preferably be in and around Tarpon Springs, or at least Florida. Hampton Inn charges 10 per cent commission for work sold.

Contact lynnkopala@hotmail.com.

Tarpon Springs Library**Marilyn Davis, Rachel Harris and Ljuba**

Simovic are currently displaying their art at the library. The next available dates are February 20, May 21, August 20 and November 21. You can sign up at the meeting or contact Bess King .

Email bking4521@tampabay.rr.com or text 727-458-3836.

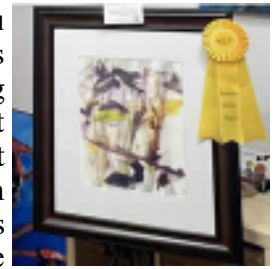
If you are interested in **plein air painting** or photography in and around Pinellas County parks, consider joining up with the "Plein Air Irregulars", an informal group organized by Kathy Detrano. The Irregulars meet when the weather is good, usually on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, around 10am, although some come earlier, others later. No set rules, no pressure.

Kathy sends out an email a few days before the next meetup, based on weather forecasts.

Email: PleinAirIrregulars@gmail.com if you are interested. Photographers welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:

TSAA member **Alex Bourdeau** was interviewed by ABC News recently when he was visiting the Stirling Art Gallery. He not only is a member of TSAA, but also has a display at the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery and this is his second time to be chosen for the Dodecanese lightboxes display. It was a special due to his win of honorable mention at the winter show there and how he is overcoming his disability thru art. Also how welcomed he feels in the Art community.



Not sure yet when ABC will air the interview; members will be notified in advance if possible.

Wendy Davis had a great first 2nd Saturday at Stirling and won 1st Place in the Creative Artists Guild annual Florida Impressions show for her collage "Paradise". - and it sold!

Sally Fuller's photo titled "Modern Restrooms" was chosen for the online Monochrome exhibit by the Photo Place Gallery in Vermont.

**FRAN FAILLA**

Tarpon Art Guild's gallery, 161 E Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs will feature oil painter Fran Failla for the month of February.

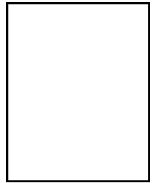
Born in Brooklyn, New York, Fran's personal artistic journey began at a very early age. Realizing her passion for oil painting, she attended Brooklyn College's famous art department and the Art Students' League in New York where she won a prestigious art award. After moving to the Tampa Bay area, Fran chose to study with artists, Markissia Touliatos and Shawn Dell Joyce. Fran's professional affiliations include OPA (Oil Painters of America), TESA (The Exhibiting Society of Artists) and CAG (Creative Artists Guild of Dunedin). She is a recipient of the Emerging Artist Grant for 2024.

"I am fascinated by the seemingly mundane parts of Life. A piece of fruit, an old piece of ceramic or glass, a flower that's beyond its freshness, are all, to me, inherently beautiful. It is my mission as an artist to bring that beauty to others in a meaningful and abundantly aesthetic way" Fran Failla.

A reception will be held Saturday February 10, 5-7pm. Please come and meet Fran and celebrate her incredible art. The general public is welcome.



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, Feb. 5, 1:30 at The Community Center.
 The next board meeting is Feb 26, 1:30 at the Tarpon Springs Library.
 If you have any news call me at 943-7732 or email me at patsy.renz@gmail.com by Feb. 18. Everything that happens in your art is important to us all.

Artist of the Month Schedule

September – All Media artwork Voting; Program is "Show and Tell" of any painting on display.
October – Acrylic, 3 Dimensional Art
November – Oil and Acrylic
***December** – No competition
January – Mixed Media, Photography, 3 D
February – Watercolor
March – Pastel, Pen & Ink, Charcoal, Misc. not shown elsewhere
***April** – No competition

Bring Art work by 1:15 pm or it won't be judged.

Artist of the Month for Februarys will also have "Show and Tell". If you have some artwork that you would like to show, brag about, ask for advice, talk about the media used, or otherwise share with the other TSAA members, please feel free to bring it.

"Poor is the pupil who does not surpass his master." *Leonardo da Vinci*