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

January 2024

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Hampton Inn

Bess King  
Tarpon Springs Library



Happy NewYear!

Hard to believe that 2023 is over! Went fast! Hope everyone had Happy Holidays.

Looking back: 2023 brought about some TSAA “firsts”....the Back Wall Exhibit at the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery (TAG), the “First Annual Tarpon Springs Art Association Holiday Luncheon”! And now, on to 2024.....

Since the first Monday of January is New Year’s Day, our first regular meeting of the new year is on January 8. Artist of the Month for January is Mixed Media, Photography and 3D.

And added to AOTM is “Show and Tell”! Which might end up being a permanent addition as it was so well-received at the November meeting.

Our demo is to be Painting with Pastels by Mary Louise Pollock...should be super interesting. And informative!

Don’t forget about the January 23 thru March 5 exhibit at the Oldsmar City Hall! This is a fantastic opportunity to exhibit up to three pieces of art at NO COST to members of TSAA! Please email Trish, ([peg3400@gmail.com](mailto:peg3400@gmail.com)) with information on your three pieces of art by January 16 so she can have time to get the tags made up. A real plus....the City of Oldsmar handles hanging the art, the reception, and puts buyers in touch with sellers.

TSAA also has some other exciting things scheduled for 2024. The Fine Arts Festival on the Bayou in March (March 9 and 10; more information to come), April Back Wall Exhibit at the TAG (also more information to come), and even though it is going to be in the 2024-25 club year, the Back Wall at TAG is reserved for TSAA for November 2024! Which I understand is a busy month for sales! That is why it had to be reserved so far in advance.

I want to again wish everyone a very Happy New Year! And as the old saying goes....

May your heart be light and happy.

May your smile be big and wide.

And may your pockets always have a coin or two inside.

*Martha Hickey, President*

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

January 8, 2024: Regular Club Meeting: 1:30 pm

January 23, 2024: Drop-off Art at Oldsmar City Hall: 10 am to noon

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 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

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 to attend.

### 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.

**Mary Louise Pollock** will do the demo at our January meeting on pastel painting. She has received awards from Brevard Community College, the Dunedin Fine Arts Center, and the Pastel Society of Tampa Bay. In 2022, she was recognized as a signature member of the Pastel Society of Tampa Bay. In addition to creating art, she has taught art classes in the Florida community college system and now teach at The Tarpon Art Guild.

### BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE PLEIN AIR

#### 2024: ART EVENT AND EXHIBITION

Friday, Feb. 23 or Saturday, Feb. 24

(Registration each day: 8 am – 10 am; Event Hours: 8 am - 4 pm)

Saturdays and Sundays, Mar. 2 - 17 (Exhibition and Sales)

Sunday, Mar. 17, 1 - 3pm (Artists' Reception and Awards Program)

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, Feb. 23 or Saturday, Feb. 24 from 8 to 10 am to receive their information packet. All artworks must be created on the Preserve grounds during one of those two days to participate in the exhibition and judging of Brooker Creek Preserve. Cost to participate is a \$20 non-refundable fee to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve.

Registration forms and more information can be found at:

Web Site: <http://www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org/>

For questions:

Call: 727-934-2680 (voice)

Email: [info@FriendsofBrookerCreekPreserve.org](mailto:info@FriendsofBrookerCreekPreserve.org)

3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Plein Air 2024. See attached pdf files.

### December Luncheon at the Tarpon Turtle



Thanks to Nancy Rhoads and Ljubica Simovic for taking pictures.



**VENUE NEWS:****Chamber of Commerce:**

Stop by the Chamber and see two artist's view of the sky.

**Martha Hickey** and **Joanne Rytel** have beautiful photos on display until January 19th.

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**

Three TSAA members, **Rachel Harris**, **Ljubica Simovic**, and **Marilyn Davis**, are currently displaying their art at the library. The next available sign up dates are February 20 and May 21, 2024. There is space for 13 pieces of art to hang and works well for 2-3 artists. Contact Bess King email bking4521@tampabay.rr.com or text

727-458-3836 and/or sign up at the meetings.

**Performing Art** The Performing Arts venue is now closed for a couple of reasons. Our Art has been falling off the walls because of the glued hangers. The board made the decision after talking to the head of Tarpon Arts, and finding that they can't change the way the art is hung. We also had strict limits in the size of the artwork and no glass on frames was allowed. We hate to lose this venue, but feel it is best with the current restrictions.

**A reminder! Dues** must be paid before January 23, 2024 or you cannot enter your work in the Oldsmar, City Hall art show. Only members in good standing can be entered in the show.

**Welcome New Members:**

Lucrecia Garvin - Dunedin - 818-378-1883

Cindy Nelson - New Port Richey - 967-0252

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:**

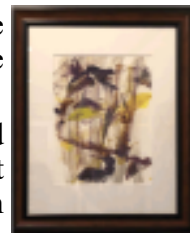
**Sally Fuller** had two photos chosen to be included in the online "Color" exhibit for the A. Smith Gallery in Johnson City, Texas. They are "The Wall" and "Have A Seat."



**Lora VanNoord** has 2 oil paintings now at the Oldsmar Library in their JOY exhibit for the new Year! Library address is 400 Saint Petersburg Dr, Oldsmar FL Stop by and see her still life painting - Ready To Jam and my flower painting - Grown in My Garden.

The exhibit is up now and will be up all through January.

**Alex Boudreau** is #2 at the illuminated light box at the sponge docks 2nd year



Alex won Honorable mention and sold at the Christmas Show at Stirling Art Studios and Gallery In Dunedin, FL

**Fritz Johnson** currently has an exhibit of 46 of her photos in the New Port Richey City Hall and they will be on display through the end of January. They can be viewed any weekday from 8 to 5. The address is 5919 Main St, New Port Richey, FL 34652

**The colored pencil society CPSA** is having a regional show in Valdosta GA that starts on January 11, 2024. Our local chapter as well as the Atlanta and North Carolina chapters will be included. Several of our local members have been juried into the show.

**Tarpon Art Guild** gallery, 161 E. Tarpon Ave.,



Tarpon Springs, is having a demonstration on Palette Knife Painting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 2:00.. **Artist Clifford Kramer**, who

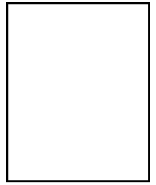
has beautiful paintings using this technique on exhibit at the gallery, will share his expertise with us. No charge for this but please let us know you are coming so we have space allotted for you. Call the gallery at 727-940-2324.



**Back Wall Exhibit at Tarpon Art Guild Gallery**, 161 E. Tarpon Ave., will feature Gillian Graffy, Chinese Brush Painting and Cindy McNally, Watercolorist for the Month of January 2024. Join them for their reception on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7pm.



**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, Jan 8, 1:30 at The Community Center.  
 The next board meeting is Jan. 29, 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](mailto:patsy.renz@gmail.com) by Jan. 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 January 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.

*"Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it."  
 Salvador Dali*