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

March 2024

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Hampton Inn

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Tarpon Springs Library



Hello Fellow TSAA members:

It is hard to believe that this is the March Newsletter...time is just going so fast!

The March 4 meeting is an important one. Not only do we have Artist of the Month (pastel, pen & ink, charcoal and miscellaneous media not shown elsewhere) and Show and Tell, but we also have elections of officers for the 2024-25 club year. And a demo on pallet knife painting!

Becky Bahas will be in the running for Secretary; Joanna Rytel for Treasurer. I have agreed to be President again. If any member wishes to “throw their hat into the ring” for any of these three offices, or for Vice President, they can do so at the general meeting prior to the voting.

The Oldsmar City Hall exhibit pick up date is March 5, the day after our general meeting. Time is 10 am til noon. This exhibit has been well received and we have been invited back for next year!

The Fine Arts Festival is almost here! Friday, March 8...registration at the community Center, Set up at Craig Park with our NEW TENT and NEW LOCATION. We have two spots on the water, right near the food court! VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! Contact Joanna Rytel. 224 623-4033 or joannarytel@aol.com At registration, Patsy will have name tags for those new members; with them, TSAA members get in free!

The festival dates/hours: March 9: 9 am til 5 pm March 10: 10 am til 5 pm Unfortunately a lot of the street parking in that area is not available due to road construction; you can park in the back parking lot of Tarpon Tower free and take the free shuttle to the park. If you are concerned about carrying large items on the shuttle, I don't think that will be a problem unless it is a huge SUV load of items. I once carried a very large seahorse carved out of cypress that was well over 36 inches tall, on the shuttle. April will be here before we know it. TSAA has the Back Wall of the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery for the month of April; more information and a registration form are included in this newsletter.

April 19 is the 50th anniversary of TSAA as we know it today...the “reiteration” as it has been called. Apparently in 1958 the Tarpon Springs Art Association was formed; however, it disbanded at some time prior to 1974. Some research will be scheduled on this soon for more information. But in the meantime, we should celebrate! We did something a lot of clubs didn't do...we survived the Pandemic and its “aftermath”. A luncheon is being planned...it will be casual, everyone ordering off the menu and getting their own checks...similar to the “First Annual Tarpon Springs Art Association Holiday Luncheon” that we had this past December. More information on that to come!

May 6 will be our last general meeting until September. The new board will be in charge, and we have a demo lined up. Trish Pelletier will demo Zentangle. If you don't know what that is, don't feel bad about it...I had to Google it too!

We already have a couple of things lined up for the 2024-25 club year: The Back Wall of the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery in November, as well as back to Oldsmar in early 2025.

May your troubles be less. And your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness come through your door.

Martha Hickey
President



Volunteers needed:

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.

The annual Fine Arts Festival (Art on the Bayou) is March 9 and 10, with setup on March 8. I need volunteers!!! I am listing ways you can volunteer; there will be more specific information to come. Please start thinking about how you can help with this as well as artwork to enter.

Please e-mail me at joannarytel@aol.com or text me at 224.623.4033 to volunteer. There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting Monday Feb 5.

Set up: March 8, Friday

To put up the tent

For registration of the artwork (\$10)

Transport artwork to Park

Hang Artwork in tent

March 9 and 10

Work in tent and help selling pieces — shifts will be 8 a-11a, 11a - 2p, 2p - 5 p.

Demonstration

March 10:

Take down at 5 pm

Artwork can be picked up at 5 pm on March 10, or at the Community Center 5:30 (ish) pm til 6:30 pm.

Three pieces of framed artwork can be entered and they should not be smaller than 8 in x 10 in or larger than 18 in x 24 in, including frame...or you can enter one that is up to 36 in x 48 in and one more 18 in x 24 including frame.

Browse Bin Works: you can enter up to 7 pieces, must be no smaller than 8 in x 10 in, including mat or larger than 18 in x 24 in, also including mat.

For buyers who wish to purchase on a credit card, the Square will be available.

In the event you need it: cell is(224)623 4033. If you get a recording, please leave a message and I will get back with you. Thanks!

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. We would love to have photographers join us, capturing the beauty of the wooded spaces and parks we visit, and perhaps even quietly capturing figure studies of a plein air artist, palettes, and/or their subjects, as we work.

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!

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 gallery wrapped canvas paintings at the Guild, wired and ready for hanging – can show 2 pieces- note one for judging. 5:00 - 7:00 - Reception & Awards 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.

161 E. Tarpon Ave. Tarpon Spring, FL 34689



TSAA’s demonstration for February was a talk and slide show on Brooker Creek Preserve. Barbara Hoffman did the slide show and Lynn Whitelaw told us about the Preserve.

VENUE NEWS:**Chamber of Commerce:**

No Report - Send an e-mail or call Sherry Orr 813-310-9045, orr6@verizon.net

Valley Bank - 710 East Tarpon Ave. Leaving the venue at the end of February will be work by **Ljuba Simovic**. The incoming artist for March-April will be **Joanna Rytel**.

We can display 7 to 9 works by one artist for a two-month period. Slots are booked until March 2025. Venue coordinator: Lynn Kopala. lynnkopala@hotmail.com

Hampton Inn - Tarpon Springs - 39284 US Highway 19. Showing now through the end of March are works by Gillian Griffy. The incoming artist in April will be **Joanna Mazurek**. Three pieces by one artist can be shown for three months. The subjects must be Tarpon Springs and/or Florida relevant. Slots are booked until April 2025.

Venue coordinator: Lynn Kopala. lynnkopala@hotmail.com

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lynnkopala@hotmail.com

Tarpon Springs Library

Two artists will be displaying their art from February to May. I need 2-3 artists to sign up for May 21 to August 20. If interested contact Bess King at bking4521@tampabay.rr.com or text/call 727-458-3836. I can be flexible with the schedule if needed and the sign up sheet will be at the meeting.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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, 10 am - noon

March 9 & 10, 2024: Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival. 9 am - 5 pm March 9; 10 am - 5 pm March 10

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

April 2024: Tarpon Art Guild Gallery Back Wall: Drop Off, Tues., April 2, noon to 2 pm

Awards Reception: Sat. April 13, 5 pm to 7 pm

Pick up at TAG: Wed. May 1: 11 am to 1 pm

April 19, 2024: TSAA 50th Anniversary Luncheon. 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 to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:

Sally Fuller's photo titled "Modern Restrooms" Sold at the Tarpon Art Guild.

Sue McCubbin, Don Naumann, and Patsy Patsy Ren sold several pieces at the Tarpon Art Guild.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH NEWS

Carol Klovekorn was chosen Artist of the Month for February with her watercolor painting of Lilies.

At each monthly meeting, TSAA members can show one of their pieces of art in a special contest/show called Artist of the Month (AOTM). Each month we showcase a particular medium and the month of March's selections will be Pastel, Pen and Ink, Colored Pencil, Charcoal, or Misc. (not shown elsewhere). Members vote on their favorite and the winner gets to showcase the art for one month at the Heritage Museum, 100 Beekman Lane in Craig Park.

Also, each artist will be able, if they would like, to explain

something about their art, like a "show and tell".

There is only one rule, and that is that you must have your art in by or before 1:15 p.m. or it cannot be shown. The meeting begins at 1:30 and members need some time to look at and vote on their favorite before it begins.

Our TSAA members are extremely talented, and we all look forward to seeing the art that you have created. That is what we're all about.

Tarpon Art Guild's gallery, 161 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs will feature Tarpon Art Guild's members for the month of March 2024.

The Featured members are Heather Risley, Mary Louise Pollock, Patsy Renz, Ruth Lovett, David Fontaine Radden, Jane Collier, Don Naumann and Susan (Sue) McCubbin.

A Reception will be held Saturday March 9th, 5-7pm. Please come and meet TAG member and celebrate their

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.

Members of the
Tarpon Springs Art Association

have the opportunity to show on the **Back Wall** in the gallery for the month of April 2024.

**April 19 is the 50th Anniversary of the “reiteration” of TSAA as we know it today!
So, this exhibit will be the Tarpon Springs Art Association 50th Anniversary Exhibit!**

The location of the exhibit is:
**Tarpon Art Guild
161 E. Tarpon Avenue
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689**

All artwork should be wired for hanging with the wiring hardware on the frame or wooden portion of the canvas...no sawtooth, please.

Size should be no bigger than 24”x36” and no smaller than 8” x 10”.

\$20 for one piece of art.

Please mail completed form and a check for \$20 to Tarpon Springs Art Association, P. O. Box 1177, Tarpon Springs, Florida to be received no later than March 25, 2024. Check should be made out to TSAA.

Drop-Off — Tuesday, April 2, 2024: 12 noon to 2 pm
Pick-Up — Wednesday, May 1, 2024: 11 am to 1 pm
Awards Reception: Saturday, April 13, 2024: 5 to 7 pm

25% commission to TAG to be taken on sales; please remember to figure that into your pricing.

Please do not mail this form and check to the Tarpon Art Guild; please mail to Tarpon Springs Art Association, P. O. Box 1177, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688.

Artist Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Title _____ Medium _____ Size H ___ W ___ Price _____

The Tarpon Art Guild Gallery and Tarpon Springs Art Association will exercise due caution for the safety of all artwork during the exhibit. However, they cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to the artwork, which is the artist’s property. By signing below the artist releases Tarpon Art Guild Gallery and Tarpon Springs Art Association of all claims of loss and damage as well as agreeing to allow photo(s) of art to be displayed for advertising. Make sure you have your name and contact information on the back of all art. Please make sure the wiring hardware is affixed to the frame and not to a cardboard backing.

Artist Signature: _____ Date _____

For more information:

MarthaDHickey@gmail.com

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Tarpon Art Guild Gallery Back Wall Exhibit In April

The Tarpon Springs Art Association is scheduled to have a Back Wall Exhibit at the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery during the month of April. The registration form is attached to this newsletter; there will be cash prizes as follows:

First Place	\$50 and a ribbon
Second Place	35 and a ribbon
Third Place	20 and a ribbon
Honorable Mention	Ribbon only

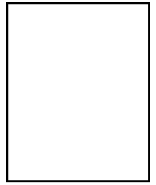
When selecting your artwork, figuring pricing, please remember that the TAG will take 25% on sales (just be glad we are not in NYC, where they usually take 50%). TAG will take care of any sales; we do not have to “man” the show!!!

All artwork needs to be firmly wired for hanging, with the D-ring or similar type of hardware firmly attached to the frame, please.

Questions? Please email me....or we will discuss at the General Meeting on March 4. Or you can text or call me. MarthaDHickey@gmail.com 813 765-6219



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, March 4, 1:30 at The Community Center.

The next board meeting is March 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 March. 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

“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” *Pablo Picasso*