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

December 2024

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Chamber of Commerce
Sherry Orr

Lynn Kopala
Valley Bank
Hampton Inn

Bess King
Tarpon Springs Library



Hello!

Where did the time go?! It seems like just yesterday that it was the beginning of summer, and suddenly November is almost over! Thanksgiving is just around the corner....then Christmas! And then 2025!

The Back Wall Exhibit reception at the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery went very well; thanks to Alex' mom, VaCelia, the newly appointed mayor of Tarpon Springs attended! Pickup will be on December 1....the day before the Second Annual Tarpon Springs Art Association Holiday Luncheon, which will be at Blackbeards at 11:30 am. If you are planning to go and have not yet made a reservation, please let me know right away!

Every once in a while, clubs and organizations need to review and revise By Laws. Sherry Orr worked on revisions to the TSAA By Laws, and the board has approved them. You might have already received an email with the proposed By Laws that we will be voting on in January...please read over them and if you have questions, comments or concerns, we will discuss them at our January 13 meeting. Thank you, Sherry for your hard work on these! See Page 5 if you need to read them again. Change in **red**.

Plans for the 2025 part of this club year include our second exhibit at the Oldsmar City Hall. Drop off is January 21 and the reception on January 28. The exhibit runs thru February 27. Complete rules will be available soon; they will be emailed separately from this newsletter, to each TSAA member. The first Oldsmar City Hall exhibit went very well with several works of art sold!

March 8 and 9 will bring the Fine Arts Festival with registration on March 7. This is not only a great selling opportunity, but a lot of fun! Members are asked to participate as well as exhibit their art...participation can be done in various ways; helping with registration, setting up the tent(s), tent sitting, taking down the tent(s), PR releases, Facebook posting. A complete description of the rules, will be available closer to the event. I really enjoy this event as I go around to the different tents and talk to the artists....as well as tent sit!

In April, the plan is to have a special meeting with our Spring Show incorporated into the meeting. More details to come. I want to wish every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling, please travel safely!

Martha Hickey

Quote of the Month: An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day!
Irv Kupcinet

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 1, 2024: Pick up at Tarpon Art Guild Gallery, 12 noon to 2 pm

December 2, 2024: Second Annual Tarpon Springs Art Association Holiday Luncheon.
Blackbeards 11:30 am

January 13, 2025: Regular Club Meeting, 1:30 pm. Community Center

January 21, 2025: Date for Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit drop-off

Reception: January 28, 2025

February 27, 2025: Pick up art

February 3, 2025: Regular club meeting, Community Center, 1:30 pm

March 3, 2025: Regular Club Meeting, Community Center, 1:30 pm

March 7, 2025: Set up for Fine Arts Festival: Registration of Artwork, Details: TBD

March 8-9, 2025: Fine Arts Festival, Craig Park

April 7, 2025: Regular Club Meeting, Community Center, 1:30 pm

May 5, 2025: Regular Club Meeting, Community Center 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.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Judge Heather Risley



Best of Show
Amy Fitzgerald
 “Shops of Tarpon”
 Fascinating play of light and color.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:



Nancy Rhoads watercolor painting was chosen to be included in the Suncoast WC society’s online show.

Sally Fuller was honored to receive the award for Best Photography at the Stirling Gallery’s Cornucopia of Art exhibit.

Martha Hickey for the sale of her photograph “Robotic Bookworm” at the TSAA winter show at the Tarpon Art Guild.

Welcome Back Member:

Polly Berlin - Palm Harbor - 603-630-4053

Second Place

Nancy Rhoads

“Sign of the Times”

Great composition that pulls you right in.



Third Place

Kathy Detrano

“Bits and Pieces”

Beautiful control of light and dark shadows.



Honorable Mention

George Caras

“Florida Trinity”

Lovely Rhythm throughout this painting

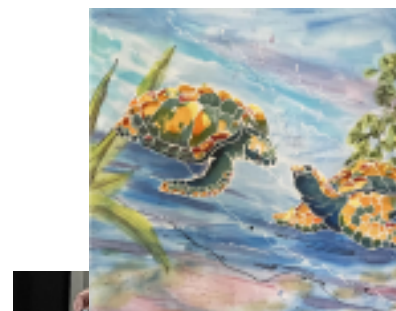


If you are interested in **Plein Air painting**, Kathy Detrano's group, Plein Air Irregulars, will start to meet again probably in November when the local parks are safe to walk on grass and debris has been removed. To sign up for email announcements send email to PleinAirIrregulars@gmail.com.

October Demonstration was by **Gillian Gaffy**. She demonstrated how to paint on silk. Beautiful finished work.



And an we were honored by a visit from our **Mayor Panagiotis Koulias**



Everyone needs a little sunshine in her/his life. Contact mdavis193@tampabay/rr.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.

VENUE NEWS:

Chamber of Commerce:

Stop by the Chamber to see the new exhibit. It will be up until February 14th. We will need 3 new artists to hang their work on February 14th. Contact me if you want to have your work at the Chamber.

Right now we have **Fonda Wirth, Fritz Johnson, Alex Boudreau, Judy Groves.**

It is a great exhibit.

Contact Sherry Orr

813 310 9045, Orr6@verizon.net

Valley Bank, 710 E. Tarpon Avenue – At this venue, artists can display 7 to 9 works, depending on size and shape. The display is for two months. We are booked through the end of February 2025. Please contact Lynn Kopala at lynnkopala@hotmail.com BY DECEMBER 20 if you are interested in displaying starting with March next year.

Hampton Inn and Suites, 39284 US Hwy 19 N – Three works can be displayed for three months. Content must feature Tarpon Springs and/or Florida subjects. This venue charges ten per cent commission for any work sold. We are currently booked through the end of March 2025. Please contact Lynn Kopala at lynnkopala@hotmail.com BY DECEMBER 20 if you are interested in showing beginning April 1.

Tarpon Springs Library

Joanna Mazurek, Joanna Rytel, and Ljuba Simovic will have their art exhibited at the library November 21 to February 20, 2025. The next available sign up dates are May, August and November 2025. Contact Bess King for details. 727-458-3836

Event: ARTIST MEET & GREET RECEPTION

Corlene Furstenberg

WHERE: Tarpon Art Guild's Gallery, 161 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs

When: Saturday December 14, 5-7pm

A reception will be held Saturday December 14th, 5-7pm. Please come and celebrate Corlene's incredible art. The general public is welcome.

CALL TO ARTISTS

An opportunity to show in the gallery for the month of JANUARY 2025

WINTER BLUES

Music, colors, feelings, imagination, etc.

Tarpon Art Guild

161 E. Tarpon Ave.

Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

See attached file for an application.

Artist of the Month

Patsy Renz was chosen artist of the month for November with her color pencil painting of a gopher tortoise. It's from a picture she took when she was volunteering as a trail guide at Brooker Creek Preserve.



GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MANAGE VENUES

Lynn Kopala, who has managed TSAA display venues at Valley Bank and Hampton Inn, will be stepping down as of December 31. She won't be available to continue after the next changeovers, which will occur at the end of December or beginning of January. Please consider volunteering to take over one or both of these venues. These two venues have supported TSAA displays for many years. Our members have sold work from both.

Lynn will provide the new venue managers with written procedures for both venues and answer any questions you may have if you are considering volunteering.

It's a simple and rewarding service. You find TSAA members who want to show their work, you sign them up, and then you coordinate taking down and putting up work according to the established schedule. It takes only a few hours every two or three months. Voila!

Please contact our President, Martha Hickey, if you'd like to volunteer.

Give Away

Recently someone donated a large amount of canvas rolls to the Art Guild. If anyone stretches their own canvas, just come in and get what you need. They are good canvases and we really don't want to see them go to waste if someone can use them.

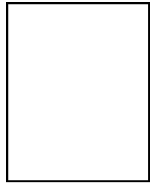
Get involved! This is YOUR club!

Clubs don't run on exhibits alone and your board of directors has been and will be busy with several "administrative" things that will be coming up in the 2024-25 club year....such as, a revision to the by laws (in process) and the nominating committee soon will be appointed and making director/officer recommendations for the 2025-26 club year.

If/when the nominating committee contacts you, please remember that this is YOUR club! By being on the board, you get "inside" information first, you get to help plan events, express your opinion on various functions....and you can make a valuable contribution to Tarpon Springs Art Association!



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, January 13, 1:30 at The Community Center.

The next board meeting is January 27, 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 Jan. 18, Everything that happens in your art is important to us all.

2024/25 Artist of the Month Schedule

November - Pastel, Pen&and Ink, Charcoal, Pencil, Photograph

December - no meeting (Holiday Party)

January - Oil, Acrylic, 3 Dimensional Art

February - Mixed Media

March - Watercolor

April - Judged Show (No AOTM Award)

May - All Media

All artwork must be submitted by 1:15 pm

Voting (balloting) will take place between 1:15 pm and 1:30 pm

An artist may only win one time in a TSAA year, i.e., Sept - May

Art must be no larger than 38" wide by 40" long/high, including frame

"It is important to express oneself...provided the feelings are real and are taken from your own experience." *Berthe Morisot*

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Tarpon Springs Art Association, Inc. an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, incorporated in the State of Florida.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to further interest in all forms of art and to foster community awareness; to provide opportunities for individuals interested in all forms of art to associate with other artists and to share in and learn from their artistic knowledge and experience.

Article III: Membership**Section 1**

Membership is open to anyone living in Tarpon Springs or neighboring communities who is interested in any form of art and who subscribes to the purpose of this organization.

Section 2

Dues for the following year shall be set during the February meeting by a vote of the membership. These dues are to be paid by the January General Meeting.

Article IV: Officers**Section 1**

The Officers **Board** of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer.

Section 2 President:

The responsibility of the President is to perform the duties and functions generally associated with the office of the President; to keep informed on the continued performance of the Executive Board; and if, in case of the inability of a member to perform his or her responsibilities and in consultation with the Vice President, select a replacement or substitute.

Section 3 Vice President:

The duty of the Vice President shall be to perform all the functions of the President in her or his absence, disability, or the inability of the president to fulfill her or his term of office. The Vice President is responsible for communicating regularly with venue and event committee Chair/Co-Chairs and update the President of such communications.

Section 4 Secretary:

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep minutes of business meetings of the Association and the Executive Board.

Section 5 Treasurer:

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a. To keep accurate account of all monies handled; to pay all bills incurred by the Association; to give the Executive Board a monthly report of receipts and expenditures; and to submit an annual report to the membership.
- b. **Miscellaneous** expenditures in excess of \$50 must have the approval of the Executive Board.
- c. Accounts are to be audited for the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) by a competent person appointed by the Executive Board **President**.
- d. Prior to the assumption of duties by the newly installed Treasurer in April, the Treasurer's books will be reviewed by a competent person appointed by the Board.

Section 6 Vacancies:

If the President is unable to serve for the full year, the Vice President automatically assumes the Presidency. For any vacancy other than that of the President, the Executive Board will present the name of a replacement to the membership for ratification at the following business session of the Association.

Section 7 Cooperative Responsibilities:

The President and Vice President shall work in cooperation to fulfill the following organizational responsibilities of the organization:
 Presiding of the Executive Board and/or the General Meeting
 Appointment of special committees as needed
 Appointment of chair or co-chairs of special committees with the approval of the Executive Board event development and oversight. Such events may include the Paint and Photo Event, Winter Show, Art Festival, Healthy Art Event, and Spring Show and Luncheon, or others as suggested by the membership and approved by the board.

Article V: Meetings**Section 1**

The association will meet each month, beginning September through April **May**. the meeting shall be a business meeting followed by a program and/or a demonstration. The Executive Board will meet at least one week prior to the business meeting.

Section 2

The Annual meeting for the Association's election of officers will be held at the monthly business meeting in February **March**; the installation of officers held in April.

Section 3

One-fifth of the members in good standing shall constitute quorum for business to be conducted by the Association.

Article VI: Executive Board**Section 1**

The officers of the Association and the chairman of standing committees appointed by the President shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 2

The Standing Committees shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Publicity
- Refreshments
- Membership
- Artist of the Month
- Special Events Coordinator
- Newsletter
- Art Mentoring**

Other committees shall be formed at the direction of the Executive Board.

Section 3

The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board on or by the first meeting in February **January**.

Section 4

A majority of the voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for business to be conducted by the Executive Board.

Article VII: Parliamentary Authority

The rules in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they apply.

Article VIII: Amending these By Laws

Amendments to the By Laws may be presented in writing to the Executive Board at any time by a member in good standing. The Executive Board will bring changes before the membership in February for a vote. The changes in By Laws will be voted on with a quorum in attendance by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing.