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

December 2025

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Tarpon Springs Library

Belle and Beau
Mary Manos



Hello Fellow TSAA Members:

Hard to believe that it is almost the end of November! And that before we know it, 2025 will be history!

The Nature Invitational exhibit hosted by The Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve is still exhibiting thru November 30; the reception was November 16 and was very well attended. As of the reception, six artists had sold their paintings and photos. Judy Groves painting, Woody Woodpecker won the Visitor's Choice Ribbon. The exhibit was in memory of

Kevin Grass and TSAA donated \$300 to his Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thank you Lynn Whitelaw for organizing such a great exhibit; and many thanks to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve for having us! Pickup of unsold art is November 30 at 3 pm.

The Third Annual Tarpon Springs Art Association Holiday Luncheon is being held on what would be our normal meeting day, if we met in December...Monday, December 1. Acropolis Restaurant, 514 Dodecanese in Tarpon Springs at 11:30 am.

Moving on to 2026, we have our third TSAA exhibit at Oldsmar City Hall. The drop off is January 13, reception January 20 and the exhibit will be up until February 27. Members can hang up to two pieces and the exhibit is no charge to TSAA members.

Coming up in the first half of 2026, is the Fine Arts Festival, and at the April meeting the Spring Show is being planned. More to come on those two events.

March is the nomination of TSAA officers for the 2026-27 club year; please keep this in mind. This is your club and you owe it to yourself to get involved!

Wishing each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Bodhi Day, Great Yule/Winter Solstice, Happy Kwanzaa...however you celebrate during the Holiday Season, may it be the best ever for you and your friends and family. As the old Irish saying goes: Let your heart be glad for the harvest done and may your winter be warm the whole season long.

Merry Christmas!

Martha

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 30, 2025 3 pm Pick up of art, Brooker Creek Preserve
December 1, 2025 Luncheon, Acropolis Restaurant, Tarpon Springs
January 5, 2026 1:30 pm General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs

Dues are due.

January 13, 2026 Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit drop off
January 20, 2026 Reception
February 27, 2026 Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit pick up

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.

OLDSMAR CITY HALL EXHIBIT:

January 13 - February 27, 2026

Tarpon Springs Art Association has been invited to exhibit at the Oldsmar City Hall for the third time!

The drop off will be January 13, 2026, reception on January 20, 2026 and the pick up of unsold art will be February 27.

Participation in this exhibit is free for TSAA members in good standing...which means that those who have paid their 2026 dues on or prior to the drop off are eligible.

Each member can submit up to two pieces of artwork. The artwork will be hung on chains so please make sure that it is not super heavy! Also, the artwork must be wired for hanging with the wiring into the frame of the art and not on the cardboard backing!

In order for display tags on the artwork, to be made up in advance, please, email Trish Gregory Hartley at peg3400@gmail.com with the following information:

- Your name,
- phone number and email address
- Title of artwork
- Media
- Size
- Price

This information will be given to the Oldsmar coordinator of this exhibit. She will connect purchasers with the artist. Sales then will be handled between the buyer and the artist.

If/when your piece sells before the show ends, please plan to replace it with another piece of artwork. If, for some reason, you are unable to do that, please let me know immediately as the opportunity to replace it will be extended to another member. The Oldsmar City Coordinator of the exhibit wants a complete exhibit for the entire time of the show.

There is an agreement form that is required by the City of Oldsmar and each artist will need to sign one. This form will be available, hopefully prior to and at the January general meeting as well as at drop off.

Questions? Please feel free to contact me or Trish.

Martha Hickey MarthaDHickey@gmail.com



Judy Groves was chosen artist of the month for November with her oil painting of bird in nature.

TSAA demo for October was Gillian Graffy She showed us Chinese Brush painting. Forgot to put it in last months Newsletter



Welcome New Members:

Donna Fulton - Palm Harbor – 727-600-0779

VENUE NEWS:

Chamber of Commerce: Judy Groves, Richard Warnke, Martha Hickey have artwork there. Contact Chris Choad Taylor, Chris@criscoadtaylor.com

Valley Bank, 710 E. Tarpon Avenue; Joanna Rytel for November and December. **Peggy McCardle** for January and February, 2026—contact Judy Groves 712 435-9811
JudyGroves52@yahoo.com

Hampton Inn and Suites, 39284 US Hwy 19 N – No sales to report. **Fonda Wirth** will remove art, Monday, September 29th, and **Rachel Harris** will hang new art, Tuesday, September 30th. Both have been asked to change art mid-afternoon and manager has been notified.

Next change out is December 30, 2025 and January 2, 2026. The sign-up list for 2026 remains the same:

January thru March - Ann Cody Joyce

April thru June - Jean Kelly

July thru September - Mary Manos

October thru December - Maria Bouris

Will open for 2027 at October meeting for anyone interested in signing up early.

Have a good day everyone

Jana Withers - 727-271-2787

Tarpon Springs Library

3 artists, **Jean Kelly, Lana Wengend, and Gillian Graffy** have their art displayed November through February. The next available dates are May, August and November 2026. If interested contact Bess King 727-458-3836 or bking4521@tampabay.rr.com.

Belle and Beau Studio

Thanks to Mary Manos, we have a new Venue! Belle and Beau Studio, 1501S. Pinellas Avenue, Suite F, Tarpon Springs (Just south of the Advent Health Hospital on Alt 19).

This Venue has art hanging on two walls and can accommodate up to 14 paintings and/or photos. Currently, **Richard Warnke, Mary Manos, Peggy Babst and Maria Bouris** have artwork there. Changeover will be the end of December; first part of January. Please contact Mary Manos at mary@Sunsetmermaid.com for more information.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:

Fonda Wirth received a #1 Honorable Mention at a Veteran's Day exhibit at City of Oldsmar Veterans Day Ceremony celebration for my painting of "Patriot". I sold "Autumn Tree Forest" exhibiting at The Fifth Annual



ART HARVEST, Autumn Art Exhibit, at Largo Public Library's Gallery.



My husband and myself co-authored a book, I did all the Artwork inside. Danny the Duck is a children's board book. In the first day of selling I sold 10 out of the first 20 copies that we self-published.

Sally Fuller's photo "Now Showing" was selected for the History Exhibit at A. Smith Gallery in Texas.

Patsy Renz sold 3 paintings at the Gallery this month.

See list of artists who sold work at Brooker Creek Preserve on page 5

**CYNTHIA MAUS**

Tarpon Art Guild's gallery, 161 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs, will feature Cynthia Maus for the month of December 2025.

Artist Cynthia Maus graduated from New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, studied Art History and other art classes in New Orleans and California. At that point, she was painting primarily portraits. Cynthia was also actively performing with music groups, touring, recording and marketing concert productions.

During the pandemic, Cynthia focused again on her artwork. Inspired by Turner and the impressionists, landscapes became her subject matter in an impressionistic style. She hopes her paintings inspire others to become aware of the powerful, gentle and sometimes amusing harmonies of nature.

Cynthia's art will be on display at Tarpon Art Guild, 161 E. Tarpon Ave., for the month of December. You can meet the artist Sunday December 7, 3-5pm. Please come meet the artist the general public is always welcome.



Kevin Grass

In Memoriam

The artist Kevin Grass moved to Pinellas County in 1997 to teach drawing and painting at St. Petersburg College.

In addition to his full-time teaching duties, Kevin continued to work as a professional artist. He exhibited in 10 international art fairs, primarily during Art Basel Miami week. His landscapes, figure paintings, and his *Lame Ducks* series have found homes in the United States and in Europe.

Kevin loved cycling and rode out to Brooker Creek Preserve almost every weekend because he loved the unspoiled Florida landscape.

On February 5, 2025, he was killed while cycling to teach at SPC in Clearwater.

Kevin was proud to be a member of the Tarpon Springs Art Association.



KEVIN GRASS

Expedition, 2017

Acrylic on Panel, 30 x 40 in.

Symbolism in *Expedition*

This painting was inspired by our son, Nicholas (second from the left), who spent a great deal of time during his childhood exploring the swamp land adjacent to our neighborhood.

There are two basic themes in this painting. The first is that children today spend too much time indoors on their devices. Some of the problems with childhood obesity and inadequate critical thinking skills could be resolved if children spent more time playing outdoors and interacting with their natural surroundings.

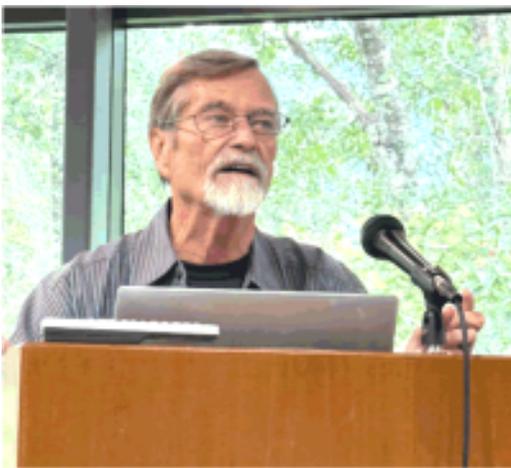
The second is that teenagers can and should serve as positive role models and mentors for younger children.



Lynn Whitelaw, Martha Hickey Kevin Grass's son Nicholas and wife Michala



Judy Groves won peoples choice award for her painting of "Woody Woodpecker" at the Brooker Creek Preserve's exhibit



Master of ceremony
Lynn Whitelaw

Artwork sold at Brooker Creek Preserve Exhibit

- Trish Gregory Hartley
- Gillian Graffy
- Lynn Whitelaw
- Sally Riggs Fuller
- Susan McCubbin
- Fonda Worth

Patsy Renz donated her Gopher Tortoise to the Friends of Brooker Creek as she felt he belonged there.



Music for our entertainment was done by **Ted Bahas**. Loved it!!

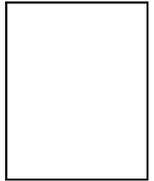


Everyone enjoying the reception at the Brooker Creek Preserve exhibit

Tarpon Springs Art Association wishes to thank the Friends of Brooker Creek for inviting us to have an art exhibit in their beautiful facility and for the lovely reception they did for us.



TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION
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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 5 1:30 at The Community Center.
 The next board meeting is January 26, 1:30 at the Tarpon Springs Library.
 If you have any news call me at 741-1524 or email me at patsy.renz@gmail.com by Dec 18, Everything that happens in your art is important to us all.

Artist of the Month Schedule

September – All Media artwork - Program is "Show and Tell" of any painting on display.

October – Acrylic, 3 Dimensional Art

November – Oil and Acrylic, 3 Dimensional Art

***December** – No competition

January – Mixed Media, Photography, 3 D

February – Watercolor

March – Pastel, Pen & Ink, Charcoal, Misc. not shown elsewhere

***April** – Open to all Media - Bring a favorite

At our May 4 meeting, there will not be Artist of the Month, however; if anyone wants to bring something for Show and Tell, please feel free to do so.

“Nature always wears the colors of the spirit.”
 ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson