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

September 2025

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Hello!

It is that time of year when I ask myself, “Where did the summer go?!” As usual, time just flew by! It will be good to see everyone in September, but it seems like the May meeting was just last week!

The 2025-26 TSAA club year is going to be off to a big start; the Brooker Creek Preserve Nature Invitational exhibit will be a big start! If you haven’t emailed your registration form, a picture of your artwork and a bio, you do have a few days left in which to do that! More on this in this newsletter.

To start 2026 off, we have been invited back to the Oldsmar City Hall for the third year in a row! That will be most of January, and pretty much all of February. More information is to come; also more information on the March Fine Arts Festival.

Unfortunately, our Vice President had to resign from being VP, due to family circumstances. A new VP is needed; the duties are mainly to secure demos for after the meetings in October, November, January, February, March and May. Getting demos lined up is something that can be handled thru email. If you would like to talk about being VP, please let me know. And....if you can suggest any demo artists, please let me know that as well.

See you in September! And don’t forget...Show and Tell in September! Bring in your fav and tell us all about it!

Martha Hickey
President

An old Irish saying:

May the rain’s sweep gently across your fields, may the sun warm the land, may every good seed you have planted bear fruit and may late summer find you standing in fields of plenty.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 8, 2025, 1:30 pm General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs

Drop-Off artwork for Brooker Creek Preserve Exhibit

October 6, 2025, 1:30 pm General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs

November 3, 2025, 1:30 pm General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs

December 1, 2025 Luncheon (?) TBD

September 13 thru November 30, 2025: Brooker Creek Preserve TSAA Exhibit, Exhibition Gallery. Open to public on Weekends. More info to come

January 13, thru February 27, 2026 Oldsmar City Hall TSAA Exhibit details TBD

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.

More information:**Nature Invitational at Brooker Creek Preserve**

I think all TSAA members are aware of the Nature Invitational that will be at Brooker Creek Preserve thru November. Here are a few comments that you might not be aware of:

While participants are encouraged to have their art based on Brooker Creek Preserve, this is not a requirement; as long as it depicts nature.

Artwork is to remain in the exhibit for the entire duration of the exhibit.

All artwork must have artist's name and contact information on the back and must be wired for hanging with the wiring fixed to the frame or wooden portion of the canvas, and not to cardboard backing.

The exhibit will be open to the public on weekends; there are many meetings held in the auditorium so the exhibit will be viewed during the week as well. On the weekends there will be a chance for artists to be in the facility doing demos or greeting the public and talking about the artwork. A sign up sheet will be provided at the general meeting.

The exhibit will be in memory of Kevin Grass; for those TSAA members who didn't have the opportunity to know Kevin, he was a very well-known artist, teacher at the Jr. College and a member of TSAA. He was hit by a truck when bicycling to his class on February 5, 2025. RIP Kevin...you are very much missed!

A catalog/brochure will be created and will be available for patrons to view in the gallery...details included with the the Artist Participation Form.

The participation form and jPeg must be emailed PRIOR to the art drop-off in order to be in the exhibit. FYI: Resume/bio, catalog materials and information can be emailed to me or turned in when artwork is dropped off at the general meeting.

Any questions, please email me.
MarthaDHickey@gmail.com Thanks!

Martha Hickey

Friends  of Brooker Creek Preserve

TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION:
NATURE INVITATIONAL

EXHIBITION DATES:

Saturday, Sept. 13 – Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025
Artists' Reception: Sunday, Nov. 16, 1-3 pm
ARTIST PARTICIPATION FORM

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc., a support organization for Brooker Creek Preserve, an 8,700-acre wilderness preserve managed by Pinellas County's Department of Parks and Conservation Resources, is pleased to host the exhibition *TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION: NATURE INVITATIONAL* in the Auditorium Exhibition Gallery of the Brooker Creek Environmental Education Center. To participate in this exhibition, please complete and sign the Participation Form and submit (with j-peg image) before Sept. 8, 2025. Send to: Martha Hickey, [TSAA President](mailto:MarthaDHickey@gmail.com)
Email: marthadhickey@gmail.com

PARTICIPATION SPECIFICS: To participate in this exhibition artists may submit one piece that is reflective of Nature. Participants are encouraged to have it based on Brooker Creek Preserve, but this is not required, as long as it is a nature subject. All media is accepted, but because of space limitations, works should not exceed 36 inches in width (including frame).

All works are for sale, unless noted by the artists, and may be purchased in the Friends Nature Store with 20% of the sale value agreed to as a donation to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. (from which taxes and any credit card fees are taken). At the beginning of each month, a check is mailed to artists whose works have sold during the preceding month. Artists are required, for insurance paperwork, to provide an image of the work of art that is exhibited. **Image should be at least a 300 dpi j-peg and submitted along with the Participation Form before Sept. 8, 2025.**

A Catalog/Booklet will be created for the exhibition and available for patrons to view in the gallery. It will contain images of all works on view with checklist information and sale value. In addition, each artist may provide a front- and back-page document that will be included in the Catalog/ Booklet (may include Resume, Artist's Statement, or additional related materials). These materials will be returned at the end of the exhibition. **The art piece and Catalog/Brochure materials, may be delivered at the Monday, Sept. 8 meeting of the TSAA.**

ARTIST PARTICIPATION FORM next page

ARTIST PARTICIPATION **FORM**

Friends  of Brooker Creek Preserve

TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION: *NATURE INVITATIONAL*

CONTACT INFORMATION:

ARTIST'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

MOBILE #:

ARTWORK INFORMATION:

TITLE:

DATE:

MEDIUM:

SIZE: (H x W):

VALUE:

Please sign (**typed name is fine**) and date:

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

**Send Participation Form and j-peg image
before Sept. 8 to Martha Hickey
Email: marthadhickey@gmail.com**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
EXHIBITION OR THE PRESERVE: CONTACT

[Lynn Whitelaw, Gallery Curator](#) or
Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc.
Email: rlwhitelaw7@msn.com
Email: info@friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org
voicemail: (813) 784-4225
voicemail: (727) 934-2680

VENUE NEWS:

Chamber of Commerce: Stop by the Chamber to see the art of **Martha Hickey, Chris Tayler, Judy Groves, and Richard Warnke**. They will be there until October 24th. I am looking for someone to take over this venue. Please contact me at 813 310 9045. Sherry Orr orr6@verizon.net

Valley Bank, 710 E. Tarpon Avenue – **Judy Groves** has artwork there til end of August. **Alex Boudreaux** is to be hanging art at Valley Bank for September and October, contact Judy Groves 712 435-9811 JudyGroves52@yahoo.com

Hampton Inn and Suites, 39284 US Hwy 19 N – .The venue is now scheduled for 2025 & 2026. Exhibitors are: 2025
Jan-Mar - Jean Kelly
Apr-June - Sally Fuller & Ann Fitzgerald
July-Sept - Fonda Wirth
Oct-Dec - Rachel Harris 2026
Jan-Mar 2026 - Ann Cody Joyce
Apr-June - Jean Kelly
July-Sept - Mary Manos
Oct-Dec - Maria Bouris
Jana Withers 727-271-2787

Tarpon Springs Library The art change out occurred August 19. Currently **Sherry Orr and Bess King** have their art on display. The next available sign up dates February, May, August and November 2026. A sign up sheet will be available at the general meetings or contact Bess King

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:

Sally Fuller had two photos chosen for the Color & Space exhibit at Photo Place Gallery in Vermont. "The Wall" and "Sentinel."

Fonda Wirth sold three prints of paintings at the Summertime Fun Art Show at the Oldsmar City Hall during the summer. They were "The Heron", "The Sea Turtle" and "Unconditional Love". She also has sold one print of her painting "Happy Llama" at the That's Wild Exhibit currently showing at the Oldsmar Library.

TSAA Needs a Vice President

Unfortunately, the new Vice President, George Caras, has resigned from being Vice President due to a family situation. Therefore, TSAA is Vice President-less at the moment. However, this situation needs to be a temporary one.

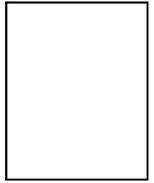
If you are willing to "toss your hat into the ring" please let me know. The Vice President's position does not require a lot of time. The main duty is to schedule demos or programs after the general meetings for the months of October, November, January, February, March and May. This can be done email; you don't even have to know the artist you are contacting! You can explain in the email that you are VP with TSAA and you think they might be interested in doing a demo, which might lead to a workshop.

You also should plan to attend as many general meetings as you possibly can, along with board meetings. and....don't forget.

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB! YOUR PARTICIPATION
WILL KEEP IT THAT WAY!**



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, September 8, 1:30 at The Community Center.
 The next board meeting is September 2, 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 Sept 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

***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 6 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.

"There's no retirement for an artist, it's your way of living so there's no end to it." *Henry Moore*