Hello Fellow TSAA Members!

It is almost March! Time is going fast! The next general meeting is March 2. And it will be a busy meeting!

At the March 2 meeting, we will need to elect officers for the 2026-27 club year. We also will need to have volunteers (those who haven't already) sign up for the Fine Arts Festival, talk about the Spring Show, which will be held just before the April meeting and make sure that artists know to pick up artwork in Oldsmar on March 3 from 10 am til noon.

Officers for the 2026-27 club year: The election of officers is usually held in the March meeting and the installation HAS to be in April, according to TSAA bylaws. Nominations are needed for the Executive Officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary andTreasurer. Please give this some thought...this is YOUR club! You should get involved! By the way, you can nominate yourself! Note: If we do not have a full slate of executive officers, WE DO NOT HAVE A CLUB! TSAA will cease to be a 501 (c) (3)....and TSAA will cease to exist! Seriously!

Also at the March meeting, we will have a supply giveaway. This is a chance to give those no longer needed and/or not used items in your art studio to someone who will use them! And there just might be something that another member is giving away that you can use! There will be a table set up in the meeting room for this purpose.

Artist of the Month: Each month that we have AOTM, there will be a theme. March's theme is Spring.

Demo: The demo will be done by Sue Wolding, she will be demo-ing acrylic painting. This will be the last demo of the "official" club year. April's meeting will not include a demo and May is the "official" start of the 2026-27 club year.

The Fine Arts Festival: Attached to this email is a copy of the email that went separately to members with information about the festival in both PDF and Word. And here are some facts that are not covered in the attachment. Festival hours: 10 am til 5 pm both Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15. Tent Set up on March 13, will start around 10 am and end when done. Registration of artwork is March 13 from 10 til noon, at the community center (where we hold our general meetings but in the small room off to the left before you go into the front door of the building. At registration, you will need to turn in your list of artwork, the artwork itself (up to 3 hanging pieces -- up to 10 bin pieces), make up tags to go onto the artwork for pricing, etc., and turn in your $10. The artwork will be transported to the tent after registration is done. Parking: I am sorry to have to let you know that the shuttle from Tarpon Tower to the festival is not going to be available this year. There is street parking around the Craig Park area, parking in lots around Alt 19 (Pinellas Avenue) and on Dodecanese. If you are coming to your shift at the tent, and having a problem parking and/or getting to the park, please give me a call (813) 765-6219 and we will work something out to get you there! Credit Card Sales/Listing of Sales: The Square is available for credit card sales only! If you have your own Square account, or maybe another way for you to accept credit card sales, you are welcome to use that if you have a sale while you are at the tent. Any time a sale is made, it should be listed on a form that will be made available at the tent; TSAA likes to keep a record of sales made at this event. Sales Taxes: Each artist is responsible for their own sales taxes.

Facebook: This is a great way to keep others informed of what other members are doing, as well as what is going on in the club. If you are not signed up on FB, you can go to Tarpon Springs Art Association and request to become a member. There are 4 questions to be answered...please remember to answer all four of them!

April General Meeting: TSAA will be having the Spring Show prior to the April 6 general meeting. It will be in the same room where we have the meeting each month. Members can submit one piece of artwork. Just bring your artwork and an easel, arriving between 12:30 and 1 pm. The artwork will be set up along the wall; members will sign in and receive a number for their art. Judging will be from 1 pm to 1:30 and winners will be announced during the meeting. This is also a Meet and Greet event. Members are encouraged to bring a friend and/or invite friends who are artists or are into art, to the show...they can come with you....or tell them to arrive round 12:45 to 1 pm. (There will be food!) There will be a chance to mingle, check out the artwork and visit with others. And maybe your guests will decide to become a part of TSAA!

More information to come on this event.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

March 3, 2026	Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit Pick Up -- 10 am till noon
March 13, 2026	Registration for Artwork for Fine Arts Festival
March 14-15, 2026	Fine Arts Festival at Craig Park
April 6, 2026	Spring Show before General Meeting
May 4, 2026	Last General Meeting until September

Venues:

Chamber of Commerce:	Changeover is March 24. Contact Chris Taylor if you wish to exhibit
Tarpon Springs Library:	Changeover was February 19; contact Bess King if interested in exhibiting at the Library
Valley Bank:	Peggy McCardle is exhibiting there until April 1. Marilyn Davis will exhibit there from April 1 til end of May. Contact is Judy Groves.
Hampton Inn:	Booked until the end of the year. Contact Jana Withers if you wish to get on the 2027 schedule.
Belle and Beau Salon	Maria Bouris will be announcing details on this location at the March meeting,

Membership Directory:

Patsy Renz is working on the directory/membership booklet...and hit a bit of a logistical delay. This should be ready for distribution to the membership soon.

If you wish to find out more about how the Board of Tarpon Springs Art Association makes decisions, about the "workings" of the club, you are welcome to attend a board meeting. The next board meeting will be the last Monday in March (March 30) at the Tarpon Springs Library at 1:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Open Paint: Open Paint (Craig Park in the building with the sunburst on the side): Held on Fridays at 9 AM til noon; tables, chairs, and easels are provided for artists to socialize and paint for a $5 fee.

Do you have any news to share? If so, please let me know so I can put the news in the next monthly President's Messages email!--

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