TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting, October 5, 2026
Tarpon Springs Community Center

Martha Hickey, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30.

References to “the table” or “tables” mean the white round tables near the entrance.

Secretary’s Report. Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary, stated notes from the September General Membership Meeting were on the table. She requested that members share the copies. She explained that she will try to send electronic copies to the membership in the future. She informed the members that a sign-in sheet for meeting attendance was available on the table. Signing is optional. The TSAA Board is hoping to learn more about the levels of meeting participation. A member suggested that the sheet be circulated. This was adopted immediately.

Treasurer’s Report. Martha Hickey gave an informal report in the absence of the Treasurer. She said the balance stands at approximately $3100 dollars.

Membership Report. Patsy Renz announced that TSAA has 67 members in good standing. She commented that one guest attended this meeting.

Venue Reports.

- Tarpon Springs Public Library. Venue manager Bess King reported that 3 artists have signed up. More are needed. See sign-up sheet (on the table.)
- Chamber of Commerce. Chris Coad Taylor said that at this venue, works presented look wonderful. She also mentioned artist work has sold at this venue.
- Hampton Inn. Martha Hickey reported that Jana Withers, venue manager, said that 3 slots are open in **2028**. The venue is booked until then.
- Valley Bank. Judy Groves said there are openings coming up, and the sign-up sheet is on the table.
- Belle and Beau. It was reported that this venue, a beauty parlor, has openings and lots of wall space. Booking should be by the phone number that was in the President’s recent email. Last month there were 2 sales.

Announcements.

- TSAA Member Winter Exhibit – “Back Wall”, November. Dropoff will be from 2 to 3 at the Tarpon Art Guild. The Artists’ Reception is scheduled for November 14. Entry forms were attached to the President’s recent emailed message.
- Tarpon Springs Public Arts Committee issued a Call for Artists for Storm Drain painting. These artworks raise awareness not to put trash or chemicals into the storm drains. Public Arts also published Calls for Artists for murals at the old Football Stadium, and the east wall of the Community Outreach building on Tarpon Avenue near Spring Bayou.
- Friends of Brooker Creek’s “Give Us Your Best Shot” photography contest will be accepting entries from October 9 to November 8.

- TSAA is holding a field trip to the Leepa-Rattner Museum on Saturday, October 24 starting at 11 AM. Please use the sign-up sheet or notify Martha Hickey via email if you plan to attend. During upcoming months, additional field trips will be announced.
- Oldsmar has invited TSAA to display at the Oldsmar City Hall beginning in January 2027. This will be the 4th time TSAA exhibits. They have told us that they like our members' work. More information will be forthcoming.
- TSAA Facebook Page. Chris Coad Taylor explained that she is promoting more exposure by TSAA artists on the TSAA Facebook page. The page is visible to everyone on Facebook now. She explained that TSAA members who have their own artist Facebook page can now link theirs to the TSAA page.
- Art Supplies Giveaway. Martha Hickey reminded attendees that extra art tools and supplies brought by members were in the back of the room for giveaway or swap.
- The Tarpon Art Guild will celebrate its 10 year anniversary with a reception beginning at 5 pm on October 30. TSAA members are welcome. (Many TSAA members are or have been members of TAG.)

Business.

Artist of the Month (AOTM). The theme for the October Artist of the Month was Yellow. Many TSAA artists brought work for AOTM. Voting decided the winner, which was Girl in Yellow Dress, an oil by Judy Groves. She explained that the inspiration was her granddaughter watering flowers.

The President's Note or Message – President Marth Hickey's monthly email publication has taken the place of the newsletter. Sue Wolding is going to take over production. Please send articles to her. Anything that TSAA members accomplish, and all Tarpon Springs and surrounding areas arts events, are of interest.

Young Artists, the TSAA and Tarpon Springs Library joint project is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30. This year's focus is artists from the modern period. Bess King reported that she will be working with the10 to 13 young artists in watercolor at the upcoming meeting.

The President adjourned the business portion of this meeting at 2:27 PM.

Demonstration.

Dan Hoffman presented an impressive and expansive demonstration of his techniques using a variety of pastel types and brands. Attendees both familiar and not familiar with pastels learned a great deal. Examples of his finished work reflected his color and stroke expertise, wide range of subjects, and his acute sensitivity to theme and mood.

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LHK Secretary