FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

February Activities/Events:
The General Meeting is on Monday, Feb. 2 (Groundhog day), at the Community Center at 1:30 pm. The demo is Pat Toney...subject: Facial Drawing. Should be a great demo!

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS:
When you arrive at the February meeting, there will be a form on each chair for members to complete regarding nominations for the 2026-27 executive officers. You can put your name down or the name of a member whom you feel would be good in that position and probably would accept the position. Those officer positions on the board are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board will review the suggestions, call members, etc. Please give this some thought prior to the meeting and complete the form. No need to sign or put your name on it; there will be a box or bag for you to turn these in at the meeting.

March Activities/Events:
The March General Meeting is on Monday, March 2 (Texas Independence Day from Mexico), at the Community Center at 1:30 pm.
Fine Arts Festival:
The Fine Arts Festival, at Craig Park, is the second weekend in March. March 14 and 15 with set up on March 13. Volunteers are needed for tent set up, hanging artwork as well as registration on March 13; tent sitting on March 14 and 15; and breakdown on March 15 around 4ish or 5ish in the afternoon. Last year, TSAA had something like 12 sales. This is a great way to sell your art, get to know other artists, shop other tents and have fun! Please think about how you can help. One thing we really need: experienced tent set up people! More details to come.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 2, 2026	General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs
	FYI: Also Ground Hog Day
March 2, 2026	General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs
March 3, 2026	PickUp at Oldsmar City Hall
March 13, 2026	Fine Arts Festival Set Up
March 14-15, 2026	Fine Arts Festival
April 6, 2025	General Meeting/Spring Show, Community Center, Tarpon Springs
May 4, 2026	General Meeting, Community Center, Tarpon Springs

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.

Sad News:
Joe Palmerio, a nationally renowned artist and teacher, has passed away on January 12, 2026. He was very generous with his time and gave advise freely to those who asked for help. A member of the Light Chasers Board of Directors, he worked tirelessly to see that the various events that Light Chasers participated in would actually take place. Friends, family, artists and art collectors are invited to a celebration of his life and art on February 7, 2026, at Art Avenue, 3501 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota from 6 pm til 9 pm.

Miscellaneous TSAA information:
Refreshments:
Each meeting there are refreshments, coffee, water put out by Maria Bouris, VaCelia Koumendouros and Jean Kelly. These refreshments are made possible by members who donate cookies, snacks at the meetings. Please feel free to bring a snack to the February meeting if you wish to do so. At the February meeting, and future meetings, there will be a sign-up sheet for those who wish to bring snacks.

Dues are Due:
If you haven't paid your 2026 dues, now is the time to do so!

Artist of the Month:
The board made a decision to change the format for the Artist of the Month. It will be theme based and the theme for February is Valentines Day/Love.

Venues:
Chamber of Commerce: Changeover was January 23. Next changeover will be in April. Pease contact Chris Taylor if interested in hanging at this location.
Tarpon Springs Library: Changeover to be February 19. Please contact Bess King if interested in hanging art at the Library.
Valley Bank: Peggy McCardle is the artist there until April 1. Then Marilyn Davis will display artwork for the next couple of months. Contact Judy Groves if you want to hang art there.
Hampton Inn: Booked thru the end of the year; three places for artwork available. Contact Jana Withers if you wish to hang artwork there in 2027.
Belle and Beau Salon: Maria Bouris will be announcing details on this location at the February meeting.

Membership Directory for 2026:
Patsy Renz is currently working on the 2026 membership booklet. If you have had an address, phone number, email change since the previous one, please let her know. And if you are a new member, please make sure she has your contact information. Thank you.

Officers and Committee Chairs:
See Attachment:

Brooker Creek Preserve:
The Plein Air 2026 event is Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21. Attached are both the Flyer and the Registration forms in PDF. And...don't forget the reception on February 15! It is the artists' closing reception for Nature's Medicine Chest. the Florida Circle of Nature Artists...from 1 to 3 pm.

Do you have any news to share? Maybe you or one of the TSAA members was recognized at an art function or exhibit. Or maybe sold a piece of artwork. If so, please let me know so I can put the news in the next monthly President's Message(s) email.

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