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

January 2026

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Tarpon Springs Library

Belle and Beau
Mary Manos



Hello! And Happy New Year!

2026 is almost here....2025 sure went fast!

In 2026, we start the year off with the Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit. Our third year that TSAA has been invited back! The drop off is January 13, reception on January 20. And the exhibit will be thru February 27. Each member can enter two pieces of art.

The Fine Arts Festival will be coming up in the spring. Although it hasn't been announced by the Chamber of Commerce yet, it probably will be in early or mid-March. TSAA gets to be in the festival with no charge for the spaces! Because TSAA started the festival something like 52 years ago!

In April, if all goes according to plan, we will have our Spring Show; probably just prior to the April General Meeting. More information to come at a later date.

So, we have a busy second half of the 2025-26 club year planned!

At our January 13 meeting, the demo will be by Susan Huskey on watercolor. She also wants to schedule a demo! The Artist of the Month will be Mixed Media, Photography and 3D.

In March, the slate of new officers for the 2026-27 club year will be nominated and there will be a vote. This is your club...I urge you to think about how you might wish to participate by being on the board and/or running for an officer position.

I again want to wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! And may 2026 be the best year ever! May all your New Year's Resolutions be met; may all your New Year's Dreams come true!

Or: As the Irish saying goes: Let your heart be glad for the harvest done and may your winter be warm the whole season long."

Martha

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 5, 2026 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 2, 2026 General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs
FYI: Also Ground Hog Day
- February 27, 2026 Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit pick up
- March 2, 2026 General Meeting, Community Center, 400 Walton, Tarpon Springs
- March __, 2026 Fine Arts Festival, details to come

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.

This will be **the last newsletter** as we know it unless somebody else is willing to publish one. Otherwise, we will just be doing a message from the President.

Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit

For the third year in a row, TSAA has been invited to exhibit at the Oldsmar City Hall!

This is free to all TSAA artists in good standing (which means your dues are paid for 2026.)

The City Hall is at 100 State Street W., Oldsmar, Florida. The drop off is January 13 from 10 til noon; reception is on Tuesday, January 20 from 5:30 til 7. And the pick up will be on February 27, from 10 til noon.

To enter, please email Trish Gregory Hartley by January 12, please, with the following information:

Your name and email address as well as your phone number.

The title of your artwork

Medium of your artwork

Price (if you do not want to sell it, you can put NFS instead of price.

Any sales will be between the artist and the buyer. The coordinator with the City of Oldsmar will contact the artist with the buyer's contact information.

If/when your artwork sells, you will need to replace it with some other piece of artwork...or if you cannot do that, please let me know (MarthaDHickey@gmail.com) and another artist will be given the opportunity to put something in that space.

There is a sheet that will need to be signed by each artist; this will be sent out in an email at a later date and there will be copies available at the January 13 drop off and at the general meeting.

If you cannot make the drop off and wish to enter, please let me know. You can bring it to the January 5 meeting. Please have it wrapped or protected in some way...bubble wrap, etc.

Questions? MarthaDHickey@gmail.com

Martha

Tarpon Art Guild members will be featured on the Back Wall for January. In order to make room for more artwork, they are offering some favorites at greatly discounted prices. Of course, recent pieces will be featured as well. Their public reception is on Saturday, January 10, from 5-7pm at the gallery, 161 W Tarpon Avenue and there will be light refreshments. For more information, please call 727-940-2324.



With sadness we announce the passing of TSAA and CPSA DC113 member **Leanne Steuer** on December 6, 2025. Leanne lived with her family in Dunedin, Florida.

Leanne was an active member of our chapter. She attended meetings, conventions, workshops and entered exhibits.

She will be missed by family, friends, fellow members and artists.

Rest in peace Leanne



January's Demonstration: Susan Huskey



Susan loves gardening almost as much as she loves painting

A native Floridian, Susan Huskey has been a nature lover since childhood. Growing up in the country gave her a real affection for the land as well as animals. Susan's deep love of flowers was given to her by her mother who always had a garden full of flowers. The natural world became the inspiration for her watercolor explorations. Panting landscapes and flowers with splashy, expressive brush strokes, Susan hopes those who see her art will feel her joy. Susan is a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society.

Recent Exhibits

Rock Spring Art Show, Reynold's Homestead VA; Merit Award Tampa Regional Artists; "Art in the Garden," Third Place Florida Watercolor Society, 53rd Annual Exhibition West Pasco Art Guild, 'Centennial Showcase, First Place.

Solo Shows

Music Gallery, "Pop-up Art Show"

Carrollwood Cultural Center, "A Natural Response"

At Susan's website you can find her original paintings and monoprints as well as affordable prints of her artwork on a variety of archival media including metal, wood, acrylic, canvas, and watercolor paper.

FOLLOW: SusanHuskeyArt - Facebook/Instagram

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VENUE NEWS:

Chamber of Commerce: Judy Groves, Richard Warnke, Martha Hickey have artwork there. Contact Chris Choad Taylor, Chris@chrischoadtaylor.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 2028 at January 2026 meeting for anyone interested in signing up early.

Have a good day everyone

Jana Withers - 727-271-2787

Tarpon Springs Library

Jean Kelly, Gil Graffy, and Lana Wengerd have their art displayed at the library November to February. The next available dates are May, August, and November 2026. A sign up sheet will be available at the general meeting. If interested you can also contact Bess King at bking4521@tampabay.rr.com or 727-458-3836.

Belle and Beau Studio

Mary Manos, Belle and Beau Salon, 1501 S. Pinellas, Suite F, Tarpon Springs (just south of Advent Health Hospital) Space for 14 paintings/photos on two walls. Changeover date is Wednesday, January 14. Time to be announced. Please let Mary or Martha Hickey know if you wish to hang there.

Currently **Richard Warnke, Mary Manos, Peggy Babst and Maria Bouris** have artwork there. . Please contact Mary Manos at mary@Sunsetmermaid.com or marthadhickey@gmail.com.



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.

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 Jan, 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.

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

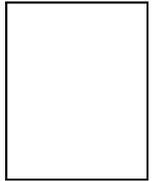
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“Don't be an art critic, but paint, there lies salvation.” *Paul Cezanne*



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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.