



Perspectives Newsletter

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A not-for-profit art league serving the needs of the Greater Brandon Area art community for over 55 years.

Remember... we will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. at
the Brandon Junior Women's Club house located at 129 N. Moon St. in Brandon.

Join the BLFA on August 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a Demonstration

How to Paint Your Pet or Wildlife in Pastel

FREE

for first time
visitors & BLFA
members*

Alice Anderson is enjoying her encore career as a self employed artist.

She attended Chicago Academy of Fine Art and studied Commercial Design and Illustration. It is there that she learned the art of painting in pastels. Her original



focus was in painting people portraits, which she did for many years until recently adding pet portraits and landscape painting as her main subjects. She has received over 30 awards in the past 5 years.

She is happy to lead this Demonstration on "How to Paint Your Pet or Wildlife". She hopes it will help you understand the Pastel Medium and its effectiveness in creating photo realistic images of wildlife.

**Membership and attendance has skyrocketed.
Please text your RSVP to Bonnie Phillips @ (813) 810-6885.**

We need Refreshments for the August meeting.

What will you bring? Gallon of sweet tea? Unsweet? Gallon of water or bottles? Ice?

Finger food - chips & dip? Cookies? Cheese & crackers? Etc.

Email what you will bring so we will have a variety. iteachpainting@me.com



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Anyone interested in volunteering for any position, contact Bonnie Phillips @ iteachpainting@me.com (813) 810-6885. Text or leave message.

Submit news, articles and photos to: Beth Smedley at Smedley.Creative@gmail.com or mail to: Editor, P.O. Box 451, Brandon, FL 33509



BONNIE'S BRUSH

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We had such a FUN evening working with Lynn Paul & her Tropical Fantasy colored pencil & watercolor workshop. She is so talented. Bring your finished piece next month for Show & Tell.

How about bringing your art each month for us to see what you are working on. Maybe it will inspire others to try a new medium. If I get it finished I'll bring my wire Mermaid. I've never worked with wire before, didn't think I would like it; to my surprise, I found it creative & FUN.

This month Alice Anderson will demonstrate "How to Paint Your Pet or Wildlife" in pastels.

I haven't forgotten our Neurographic art from the May meeting, so will begin at 6:30. I'll bring your pieces left with me, so bring watercolors, cup for water and a brush or you may want to zentangle or doodle with your permanent pen or both. I've done ten more for those who were not present at the May meeting and for visitors. I'll have a couple of Prang sets & brushes to use. Finishing the neurographic art with color will end at 7:15.

Thank you Beth, out talented Second Vice President in charge of Membership, for making your BLFA name button. She made one for each member so attend a meeting and get yours. It would be great to see everyone in attendance next month wearing your name button.

BLFA Volunteer Opportunities

Secretary - unfortunately Karen Koseck had to resign due to increased responsibilities at Creative Junk Therapy. Thank you Karen, your creativity and help is most appreciated.

Ways & Means - Organize raffle baskets/items. Just need to contact members who might have items or something cool to raffle in an effort to raise money for the club. We would like members to volunteer raffle baskets, items or group some art books together. Let me know you will bring something so we know what we have to raffle.

Refreshments - This person will pass around a sign-up list for each meeting. We should also have a backup in case you can't attend a meeting..

Let me know what you will bring to the August meeting. We need: Ice, a gallon of water and/or sweet/unsweet tea, plus finger foods since we don't have flatware. **Important!** Let me know so we don't have 4 teas & no goodies.

Paint Out - Suggests & organizes possible places for members to visit for photographing and/or painting. It's a lot of FUN when members get together. Afterwards we can "do lunch".

Field Trips - Suggests & organizes Museum and art-related outings. **Let's go!!!!!!**

A BIG Thanks to members & guests who help set up and clean up. And to those who donate to our fund raising endeavors. Refreshments - Thx for bringing goodies. Many hands make light work. This is a FUN & CREATIVE local organization and an opportunity to make friends who share an interest in art. I'm happy to serve as your President.

PLEASE consider helping. In fact, you can "try before you buy". The Board will work with you just as we do each other. For example, the Board has put on their thinking caps in coming up with great ideas for Workshops and Demonstrations.

Share the FUN and creativity of the League with others. Invite, invite, invite! Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer.

Please text Bonnie if you plan to attend. (813) 810-6885. See you there.

Bonnie Phillips
BLFA President

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Renew Your Membership

To renew your membership, tear off the membership renewal form and return to BLFA with your check made out to BLFA.

If you are mailing this form to pay your dues and have NO Changes, include a check and just write your name and phone number, and check the box for individual or family.

If you are a new member or have a change, send/submit check with the updated information filled out below and check the appropriate box.

Please print legibly.

Thank you for supporting the Brandon League of Fine Arts

2023 Membership Form

To join or renew your membership in the Brandon League of Fine Arts, please either pay at one of the general meetings or by mail. **Please make your check out to BLFA.** And mail this form with your payment to **BLFA membership, PO Box 451, Brandon, FL 33509.**

Membership dues are \$35 for one or \$45 for Family.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Media: _____ Website _____

Please contact us about being a League Volunteer. Your Interests: _____

We send our newsletter by email. This saves BLFA money each month..... files are sent in a PDF format.

Type of membership (Please check one):

Individual – \$35

Family – \$45

Bay Area Cardiology Painting Exhibit Change-Over

The BLFA is fortunate to have the opportunity to display and sell their artwork at Brandon Bay Area Cardiology offices. Members must pre-register to participate. Details will be sent out when a change-over is scheduled. Registration required with Roxanne Tobaison: roxtob@verizon.net

Bay Area Cardiology Locations

BRANDON

635 Eichenfeld Dr.
Brandon, FL 33511
(813) 684-6000

RIVERVIEW

13029 Summerfield Square Dr.
Riverview, FL 33578 (813) 443-0880

TGH – HEALTHPLEX

10740 Palm River Road
Tampa, FL 33619
(813) 684-6000

Highlights



Such a fun workshop. Very creative stuff. Great turnout. 15 members and 6 visitors.



Congratulations to Alice Anderson and BLFA member, Meletha Everett, for their winning entries in Tampa Regional Artist's 'Celebrate Florida' exhibition.



Alice Anderson
"Paradise Found"
Pastel



Meletha Everett
"Bougainvillea"
Watercolor

BLFA Member Art Classes

Paint Along with Bonnie!

Classes in oil, acrylic, watercolor, textile painting, pouring, collage, pen & ink, colored pencil and more.

Limit 5 students.

Individual instruction. First class FREE supplies.



BLFA Member Art Classes at Creative Junk Therapy



CREATIVE JUNK THERAPY

772 W Lumsden Rd. in Brandon
In La Viva Plaza • (813) 324-9777

Visit Creative Junk Therapy's FB page and/or website for additional classes and schedules.

[Facebook.com/CreativeJunkTherapy](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeJunkTherapy)

www.CreativeJunkTherapy.org



Oil Painting

Chris Klein
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



Inspired Acrylic Painting

Karen Koseck
Aug. 13, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



WatercolorsNMore

Roxanne Tobaison
Aug. 10, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.
Sep. 6, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.



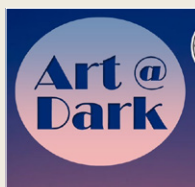
Art and Soul Collage

Lois Miller
Saturday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.



Beginner Watercolors

Roxanne Tobaison
Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sep. 9, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



Art @ Dark

Creative Junk Therapy
Saturday, Aug. 26, 5-9ish p.m.



Beyond Basic Watercolor

Roxanne Tobaison
Aug. 12, 1:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sep. 9, 1:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Free BLFA Member Art Classes & Workshops at EHAG

Registration is required. Email EHAG.PC@gmail.com

Plant City Winter Visitor's Center • 403 N. Dort St., Plant City, FL

Visit EHAGfinearts.org for more classes through August 2023



Watercolor/Acrylic

Meletha Everett

Monday, August 24 Watercolor

Tuesday, August 22 Acrylic
10 a.m. -1 p.m.



Call out to my fellow artists & crafters. In Dec. I'm planning on participating in the **Tampa Holiday Arts & Crafts Expo** at the FL State Fairgrounds.

I have a tent and tables. Just looking for others who may like to share the space with me. This is a 2-day event and is very popular.

Contact me if interested. Beth Smedley
(813) 431-1029
Smedley.Creative@gmail.com

BRANDON LEAGUE OF FINES ARTS MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES July 17, 2023

Meeting opened by President: Bonnie Phillips 6:40 PM - Meeting at Junior Women's Club

Previous Minutes of May, No June minutes due to last months – Wiener Dinner Party. Motion to approve as presented previously minutes – Guy Learn Approved, Beth Smedley 2nd.

Treasurer report: Nicki Romberger was not in attendance, sick. There was no report provided.

Secretary: Karen Koseck was sick and Roxanne Tobaison took minutes for the July meeting.

Refreshments: Karen Koseck, was not in attendance but sent refreshment supplies by way of Publix for the meeting.

BLFA Buttons were given to all members.

Bonnie announced and encouraged members to bring refreshments – finger foods - when they can. Thanks to Gunni Price for her awesome Swedish cake, always so delicious.

Demonstrations and Workshops: There will be a switch between fine art demos and workshops of different types of media, crafts, etc.

Pastel Demonstration by Alice Anderson - August

September 18th – Chris Klein will demo oil portrait with a raffle to determine the model sitting. That person will receive the portrait. What a treat. There will be a fee to enter the raffle.

Membership: Beth Smedley - 15 members and 5 visitors

Bonnie mentioned that Beth has many jobs, membership, newsletter and has been in charge of WAYS & MEANS the raffle items. She brought 2 baskets (which brings in a good amount of money. Bonnie noted we need to have someone volunteer for the WAYS & MEANS (baskets, raffles) That person doesn't have to provide the baskets, just has someone sign up to bring one.

Basket raffle: \$24 - 2 baskets in raffle: Meletha Everett and Mary Himmel.

Half & Half: \$24 – \$12 went to Bonnie Phillips.

Demonstration for June: Lynn Paul, multi-media. Very Talented and engaged the members – lots of fun. Her focus is mixed media and funky take on subjects - tropical and colorful.

Meeting Adjourned: Chris Klein, seconded Roxanne.



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