



# 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.*

## Program

Monday, May 17, 2021



### "Paint It & Take It"

with Bonnie Phillips  
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

We will be doing a quick & easy FAUX TIE DYE. Bring a white or light colored shirt or piece of fabric and as usual paper towels.



## May Demo: Ralph Lopez May Program Watercolor using Brusho

Ralph Lopez, or "Rafa," retired to do reflections of life, in watercolors, after 34 years of teaching Spanish and English in Hillsborough County Schools. A native of Tampa, he now resides with his wife, Carol, in Valrico, Florida.

He has always been able to draw and take interesting photographs, but did not begin painting he retired, from teaching, in 1997. He studied for three years with artist, Ilene O'Hara, and later developed his skills, and techniques, by taking workshops with such luminaries as Terry Madden, Steve Rogers Tom Jones, Janet Walsh, Joe Miller, Janet Rogers, and Terry Harrison.

Using 300 lb cold press Arches paper and Windsor & Newton pigments and now Brusho, he generally works from his own travel photos often combining elements. His subjects vary from delicate floral pieces, and landscapes, to whimsical animal portraits and Florida wildlife. His work is noted for its variety of subjects and



use of vibrant color placed wet into wet. Rafa has won several awards for his watercolor collage work of scenic New Mexico, the Pacific coast, and his portraits of wildlife.

Rafa is a member of Tampa Regional Artist Society, and a docent at the Old Hyde Park Art Gallery in Tampa. He may be reached at: (813) 643-1089.





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2021

Dear Members,

It was a pleasure to be back at Center Place for our April Members Meeting. We had a great turn out and was exciting to see so many members returning to the meeting after a difficult year. I would like to welcome our new member Roselle Cronan who joined us in April after attending as a guest in previous months. We also introduced the new director of Center Place, Libby Hopkins.

The Members Show take-in was a success, with lots of great artwork. The winners of the show were announced at the May 6 reception held from 5 until 7 p.m. at Center Place. Thank you to all who participated in this show filled with fabulous artwork. If you did not attend the reception I urge you to stop by Center Place and see the artwork. We are looking forward to presenting the Artworks show in September. Keep your artistic juices flowing for your entries in the September Artworks Jury show.

John and I had the opportunity to visit the Florida State Fair and found several of our member received awards. The following members received awards: Deborah Biasetti, Fran Hudak, Barbara Tudek, John Tudek and Doug Steinbarger. I apologize if I missed anyone, please let us know if you received any award.

Our **NEXT MEMBERS MEETING** will be held on **Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.** at Center Place. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. I would also like to remind everyone that there will be no June meeting this year, will resume our regular monthly schedule in July.

Join the Paint It and Take It in May with Bonnie Phillips at 6:30 prior to the meeting. Bonnie will be doing Faux Tie Dye.

Our May Program will be present by **Ralph Lopez** who will a demonstration on watercolor and the use of Brusho.

Annual dues reminder – we are preparing our members directory as of the close of April 30. If you have not joined for the 2021 year you will be removed from the directory and newsletter mailing list. If you choose not to join this year, we look forward to your returning in the future.

There are still several opportunities to join a committee and contribute to the Brandon League team. We still need volunteers to take over or assist. If you would like to help out, please speak to someone on the board even if you cannot Chair a committee you can offer some assistance.

Our next **Board Meeting will be May 24, 5 p.m.** at Creative Junk Therapy  
772 W. Lumsden Road, LaViva shopping center.

Come and share your gift of art.

Barbara Tudek, BLFA President



# Brandon League of Fine Arts Florida State Fair Winners - Congratulations!

**Barbara Tudek**



1st place Decorative Arts - Autumn



3rd place Decorative Arts - Zebra



3rd place Fine Arts - Lampkin



HM Decorative Arts - Fish in Space

**Deborah Biacetti**



1st place Decorative Arts - Godzilla



2nd place Decorative Arts - Springtime?



1st place Decorative Arts - Portraits  
Sully



1st place Decorative Arts - Portraits  
Havana

**Doug Steinbarger**



1st place Fine Arts - Morning News



2nd place Fine Arts - Waiting

**Francine Hudak**



1st place Decorative Arts - St Pete Sunset



3rd place Decorative Arts - Girl Talk



HM Decorative Arts - Lovely Lotus

**John Tudek**



HM Photography - A Plague of Grakles

# Brandon League of Fine Arts 2021 Member Show

And the Winners are. . .



**1st Place Dineen Roeller  
Deep in Thought**



**2nd Place Eva Bejar  
Of Mice & flowers**



**3rd Place Doug Steinbarger  
March Melt**



**HM Barbara Tudek  
Pretty In Pink**



**HM Beth Smedley  
No 220**



**HM Peggy Little  
Ron's Pond**



**HM Deborah Biasetti  
That's not what I ordered**



**BAC Carolyn Greeson  
Many Shades of Grey**



**BAC Fran Hudak  
The Wish**

## Upcoming BLFA Workshops at CJT

If you haven't attended one of these workshops... they are really fun and social in a terrific, safe and inspirational setting. Shop cool stuff at CJT.

For more events, classes and creative inspiration visit:

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



**Watercolor Workshop Series**  
**Intermediate**

**Saturday, May 15th**  
**11am – 2pm**  
**@Creative Junk Therapy**

**\$25 per person**  
Supplies not included.  
See event description for details

**Instructor Roxanne Tobaison**  
Award winning watercolorist

The poster features a circular logo with a hand holding a paintbrush and a palette. A small photo of Roxanne Tobaison is included.

Creative Junk Therapy is proud to host Roxanne Tobaison for a watercolor workshop. She is an award winning watercolorist with many years of experience to share in this class. We will be exploring intermediate to advanced watercolor techniques and processes. Students should have basic watercolor concepts for this class.

Supplies needed: Watercolor paper (140 lb or higher is best)

Each lesson we learn composition and color balance in a variety of techniques. A full spectrum of tube watercolors are used in each class.

Cost is \$25.00 per person, Space is limited to a minimum of 3 and maximum of 8 for safe distancing.



**Creative Endeavors**  
**Acrylic Painting**

**3 – 6pm**  
**@ Creative Junk Therapy**

**\$20 per person**  
Bring your own supplies  
or supplies provided for \$5.  
See event description for details.

**Instructed by Karen Koseck**  
Executive Director  
Creative Junk Therapy

The poster features a colorful abstract acrylic painting background and a circular logo with a hand holding a paintbrush and a palette. A small photo of Karen Koseck is included.

Join **Karen Koseck** for some acrylic painting techniques. Beginner to intermediate classes. Learn acrylic painting techniques and create your own personal work of art in a couple hours. Bring your own image or follow a lesson plan, Your choice.

Supplies are not included. Basic brand paints are fine, but you can use whatever suits your style and budget.

Recommended Supply list: Canvas Board 11X17 or 8X10, Round Brush #2, Filbert Brush #8, Flat Brush #6 or 1/2

Medium body acrylic paint colors: Titanium White, Black, Thalo Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Red – Medium, Yellow - Light or Medium, Burnt Umber, Raw Sienna

Cost \$20.00 per person, not including supplies, but material can be provided for additional \$5.00.

Visit [facebook.com/CreativeJunkTherapy](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeJunkTherapy) for dates.



**SIGN MAKING PARTY**

**Saturday, May 15th 3-6PM**  
**@Creative Junk Therapy**  
**\$25 Supplies Included!**

**Chalk It Up!**

**Hosted by**  
**Debbie Smith**

The poster features a photo of Debbie Smith, a circular logo with a hand holding a paintbrush and a palette, and images of various signs and supplies.

Join us at Creative Junk Therapy for a fun **creative sign making party!**

**Debbie Smith** will host the making of your own Box Sign. All supplies included. Feel free to bring snacks, drinks (alcohol is ok), and some friends to make some happy!

Supplied and space is limited so sign up to reserve your spot!

Saturday, May 15, 2021, 3 PM - 6 PM-

Tickets · \$25



The BLFA General Member Meeting is May 17 and is held at Center Place, 619 Vonderburg Dr., in Brandon.

Paint It and Take It at 6:30 followed by short meeting at 7:30 and the program.

**Last Month's Paint it and Take It.**



Join us Wednesdays from 4-6pm for an afternoon of Painting for kids, learn different techniques while they create their own personal work of art!

A fun class for kids ages 6 and older. In this step by class children will learn how to painting with different techniques and materials. No experience necessary. Classes inspire imagination and creativity while learning planning, patience and cooperation cleverly disguised in fun! Cost is \$18 all supplies included. Minimum of 3 is necessary and a max of 8 for safe distancing.



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