



Perspectives Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

Annual New Year's Art Supply Swap

What a fun way to start 2022 at BLFA!

Do some New Year's purging of some of your unused, GOOD condition art supplies, ie. paints, brushes, canvas, frames, magazines, books, anything art related. Clean out the old and swap for something you need or want.

Limit of 5 items. Please bundle small items together to make a \$10 and up value. Please be fair when bundling.

This has been a huge hit in years past and is fun at the same time.

1. You bring new/good art items.
2. Get a ticket for each item or bundle of items. We put the tickets in a bowl and pull out numbers.
3. When your number is called, you can select from the table of cool art supplies. Remember, someone's trash could be your treasure. So start cleaning out and finding those treasures.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Christopher Klein
Vice President: Doreen Donovan
Secretary:
Treasurer: John Tudek

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Artworks Show:

Christmas Party:
Doreen Donovan

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Refreshments: Karen Koseck

Reception Refreshments: OPEN

Fundraising/Artfest:
Doreen Donovan

Hanging Committee:
Chairman:

Crew: Kelly Kelly, Joan Miller,
Deborah Biasetti, Barbara Tudek

Members Show: Doreen
Donvan, Roxanne Tobiason

Membership: Barbara Tudek,
Doug Steinbarger

Monthly Programs: OPEN

Newsletter: Beth Smedley

Paint-It & Take-It: on hold

Paint Out, Field Trips: OPEN

Photography: Roselle Cronan

Publicity: Bonnie Phillips

Revolving Exhibits:
Roxanne Tobiason

Website: David Bahm

Meetup: Barbara Tudek,
Karen Koseck, Beth Smedley

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The **Christmas 2021 Bash** was a success. **Joia Fabulous Pizza and Martini Bar** was a nice place. Of course, the company was superb. Our members are nice people, and we always get along well at gatherings. These times are confusing but getting out with the Membership always helps me clear the vision.

Our 2022 Slate of Officers was installed at the Christmas Party.

President: Christopher Klein

Treasurer: John Tudek

Vice President: Doreen Donovan

Secretary: Vacant, please consider the position. We all work well together, and you would enjoy it.

The **Square Off** is here. Our reception is **Thursday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m.** Please support our artists. The show has outstanding work. Please bring a finger food if you can.

It is time to mail in our dues. A lot of you have already sent yours and we thank you. Please send them as soon as you can. I will attach form to this newsletter.

Our **Next General Meeting is Monday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.**

We are **changing the format of the meetings to be more interactive.** We will be doing Workshops and the details will be clearer as we advertise them. **Bonnie Phillips** will be doing the **first one in February.** If anyone has an idea for a fine art workshop, please let us know what you are interested in trying. I hope you are all as interested as I am.

Our Program for January is the Yearly Art Supply Swap. The Swap meeting is always fun and a way to move a thing or two out of your studio space, and maybe add something you find more useful.

The **State Fair contests** are coming up soon. Be aware of the website and the application process. Also think about the Plein Air contest with the State Fair. It also can be entered through the website. It is a lot of fun to paint at the Fairgrounds and is a great contest for us.

The **Strawberry Festival Art Show** is also coming up. The rules are out and can be downloaded from their website.

We will have more information on the availability of hanging our work at **Bay Area Cardiology.**

If anyone is looking for a **position on our Board or in one of our committees**, we are always thankful for the application of your talents to our League. A few of the positions have been filled, but we need to fill more. It is rewarding work from my personal experience. It also connects us closer to each other as a Society of Artists.

The next **Board Meeting** will be January 24 at Creative Junk Therapy at 772 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 33511

I continue to pray for the good health and great success of you all.

Christopher Klein
2022 BLFA President



TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Tear off the membership renewal form and return to BLFA with your check made out to BLFA to renew your membership. *The last date to pay up and get in the directory is January 31st.* Dues are payable by January 31st. If you haven't paid by then, you won't be in the directory.

If you are using this form to pay dues and have NO CHANGES, then just write your name and phone number and then **check the box for individual or family**.

If you are a New Member OR have a change, please fill out the appropriate information, and then **check the box for individual or family**.

Please Print legibly.

Thank you.

Membership Renewal Form for 2022

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

Intimate and Awesome Square Off Show!
Reception at Center Place is Thursday, January 13 at 5:30.
Come view the artwork and congratulate the winners.

Save the Date for the BLFA's First Workshop
Monday, February 21

With a new year the BLFA is trying something new and fun and instructional. The 2022 format will include more interaction between artists through hands-on workshops.



This is the first one and it's FREE. Hosted by our very own Make-It and Take-It Instructor, Bonnie Phillips. She will be leading a hands-on workshop in acylics. We will be painting this gorgeous Valentine heart. Feel free to invite friends and family who may be interested to come have fun.

All supplies will be provided so come out and support BLFA, Bonnie and the comraderie of our artists.

2022 should be an exciting time for the Brandon League. BLFA will be hosting workshops every month. We are still in the planning stages but membership will be an important part of it. If you have any ideas on a workshop you would like to attend or teach, please let Chris Klein know. We welcome all suggestions. With life getting somewhat back to normal, we want this year to be an outstanding time for artists, art and learning.

Member Classes at Creative Junk Therapy

If you've ever considered a class at CJT, now is the time to check them out and reserve a spot. These classes are selling out. Check out Roxanne Tobiason's watercolor



Another big hit is Kathy Carrier's paper mache chicken class. Super fun!



For the very first time Creative Junk Therapy is offering a Buy One Class and bring a friend new to CJT for 1/2 Off! Select classes from February through April. See the latest classes a CreativeJunkTherapy.org or on Facebook at Creative Junk Therapy.

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BUY ONE GET ONE HALF OFF

ART CLASSES!

"FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS"
Selected artists classes February - April will be BUY ONE, SECOND 1/2 OFF FOR FRIENDS NEW TO CJT!
BY FRIEND MUST BE NEW YEARLY ENROLLING STUDENT

Class schedule: CreativeJunkTherapy.org or on Facebook at Creative Junk Therapy

Acrylic Painting

3:00 - 6:00 pm
See schedule for dates

\$20 person
\$25 supplies included
Bring Snacks and Drink!

Class instructed by Marie Stewart

Beginner Watercolors

\$20 person
+ \$5 Supplies included
Bring snacks and drink

Class instructed by Roxanne Tobiason

Drawing and Pastels

\$17 person
Supplies Included!
Bring snacks and drink

Paint Pour Party

Saturday 1/22/21
12-2 pm
\$30 all supplies included

Watercolor Workshop: Intermediate

Class Hosted By Roxanne Tobiason
2nd Saturday of every month
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
\$25 supplies not included

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Karen is always looking for new instructors. Contact her for more information.