



Perspectives Newsletter

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FREE

The Brandon League of Fine Art's March Hands-on Workshop

Watercolor Seascape Painting

with Roxanne Tobaison

Monday, March 21 • 6:30 p.m. • Center Place

RSVP Strongly Suggested

With the onset of warmer weather, our thoughts turn to the great outdoors.

The beach seems to be calling us. Feeling the breeze and the sounds of the waves crashing can inspire us to also paint these scenes.

We will be painting an 8 x 10 or slightly larger piece. We will have an hour timeline.

Materials will be provided, BUT, if you have watercolor brushes and paints that you prefer, please bring.



Last month was a first for BLFA, hosting a fun, hands-on acrylic painting class with Bonnie Phillips. This month we are pleased to have our very own longtime BLFA member, Roxanne Tobaison share her extensive and award-winning talent with us.

We have had very positive reviews on February's class and many have already responded to this class. **It is most important RSVP if you plan to attend so that Roxanne can be prepared with supplies. We are expecting a full class.**

RSVP to Chris Klein @ ChristopherLeoK@verizon.net, cell: (516) 220-8246





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Christmas Party:
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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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Crew: Kelly Kelly, Joan Miller,
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Members Show: Doreen
Donvan, Roxanne Tobiason

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Monthly Programs: OPEN

Newsletter: Beth Smedley

Paint-It & Take-It: on hold

Paint Out, Field Trips: OPEN

Photography: Roselle Cronan

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Revolving Exhibits:
Roxanne Tobaison

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our General Meeting is Monday, March 21, 2022. It will start at 6:30 pm. I hope that the time change will be advantageous to our members. It is felt that the earlier time frame would help the working people and Members who bring younger people interested in Art with them.

We are doing hands-on Workshops as our new Meeting Format. If anyone has an idea for a fine art workshop, please let us know.

Our free Workshop in February was with Bonnie Phillips. I had a great time learning more about using Acrylic Paint as I created a nice decorative piece. Of course, compared to Bonnies it looks like I painted it with my non-dominant hand. My wife, Gail really liked the heart which I think she thought I did just for her. I didn't dissuade her of that assumption because it makes my life a lot easier when this person that I deal with on a day-to-day basis is happy. Thank you, Bonnie, for your peacemaking efforts.

Our Demonstration in March will be a Free Workshop with Roxanne Tobaison. I am looking forward to being guided through a piece of art with the gentle assurance of Roxanne's brilliant assistance. Her art is truly classic in the Watercolor tradition.

The Strawberry Festival has produced an environment where several BLFA Members have proved their excellence. The show this year was really very interesting. The work was of fine quality and our members really stood out. Kudos to all.

Also, I attended the Artist's Night at Center Place on March 4th. I had a really nice time with all the Artists and Poets. It was a truly diverse group and I felt that if a few more of our more classically flavored artists were in the mix, that it would truly be a historic event. Our members would make it a more well-rounded experience. It is held the first Friday of each month 7:00 pm until 9:30. It is a really interesting night out.

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

It is way past time to mail in your dues. Some of you have already sent yours in and we thank you. Membership does have its benefits, so please send them as soon as you can. We want to put together our Members Roll and need your dues to include you. I am grateful for your friendship and joining with us enhances our artist community.

If anyone would like 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 as far as I have seen from my personal experience. It also connects us closer to each other as a Society of Artists. We are in dire need of a Secretary. It isn't a horrible job and you get to have fun with us.

We will have more news at the General Meeting Monday, March 21 at 6:30 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, March 28, 2022, at Creative Junk Therapy at 772 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon 33511. All Chairpeople are asked to attend as their votes count on issues. All Members are invited to observe. I am continually praying 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

Big Wins from the 2022 Strawberry Festival



Deborah Biasseti - 1st place
Professional Watercolors



Congratulations to:



Francine Hudak - 1st place
Amateur Watercolors



Meletha Everett - 3rd place
Miniature Art

Meletha Everett - 4th Place
Professional watercolor



Carolyn Greeson - 4th place
Amateur Watercolor



Gunni Price - 2nd place
Miniature Art



Beth Smedley - 2nd place
Amateur Graphics/Mixed Media



Douglas Steinbarger - 2nd Place
Professional Graphics/Mixed Media



Douglas Steinbarger - 3rd place
Professional Oils



Roxanne Tobaison - 2nd Place
Professional Watercolors



Barbara Tudek - 2nd Place
Amateur Watercolors



Barbara Tudek -
Strawberry Festival Winthrop Arts



BLFA Member Winner

Deborah Biasetti

1st place win in the Interior/Exterior
Tampa Show in Tampa Regional Artists



The Brandon League of Fine Art's Hands-on Workshop for April

Betty Fairbanks
Alcohol Inks

Monday, April 21

6:30 p.m. at Center Place

RSVP Strongly Recommended. In order to save a seat and have enough supplies provided, reserve your space by emailing Chris Klein: ChristopherLeok@verizon.net

Save
the
Date

Member Classes at Creative Junk Therapy

Polymer Clay

\$48 - Supplies Included

Explore the world of polymer clay creations. Beth Smedley guides you in creating beautiful tiles for décor and more.

Instructing by Beth Smedley



Sat., April 2, 11-2 pm

Explore the world of polymer clay. Design tiles and create an eclectic piece of art. Beth Smedley guides you in creating beautiful tiles for décor and more.

Beginner Watercolors

\$20 person
+ \$5 Supplies Included
Bring snacks and drink.

Learn the fundamentals of watercolors and how to blend colors to create a unique palette.



Sat., April 2, 3-6 pm

Learn the fundamentals of watercolors and how to blend colors to create a unique palette.

Leaf Print

\$25 *Supplies included

Learn to create a beautiful leaf print on Masa paper.

*Leaves needed for class. See Description.

Instructing by Barbara Tushk



Sun., April 3, 3-5 pm

Learn to create a beautiful leaf print on Masa paper.

Watercolor Workshop: Intermediate

\$25 supplies not included

2nd Saturday of every month
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join Roxanne Tobaison for this intermediate watercolor workshop. Very popular class - suggest registering early to save your seat!



Sat., April 9, 11-2 pm

Join Roxanne Tobaison for this intermediate watercolor workshop. Very popular class - suggest registering early to save your seat!

Mixed Media Painting

\$35 - All Supplies Included

Join Barb Tushk to enhance your artistic skills and create a beautiful unique mixed media painting.

Learn how to create unique artwork with a variety of mediums and materials. We will be creating a feather design with poured paint technique. This class is designed for students who have some experience with paint pouring and want to learn a new technology.



Sat., April 16, 10:30-1 pm
and Wed., March 20, 1-4 pm

Learn how to create unique artwork with a variety of mediums and materials. We will be creating a feather design with poured paint technique. This class is designed for students who have some experience with paint pouring and want to learn a new technology.



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