



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.

FREE

for first time
visitors & BLFA
members*

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

Alcohol Inks

with Betty Fairbanks

Monday, April 18 • 6:30 p.m. • Center Place

RSVP Strongly Suggested

Come out and paint with Betty at our April meeting. We will be painting with **alcohol ink on tile**, all supplies provided. I will be bringing examples of other uses for this versatile medium.



Last month we had another successfully hosted hands-on workshop. Roxanne is an experienced instructor and we all benefitted from her wealth of talent. This month we are pleased to have our very own longtime BLFA member, Betty Fairbanks share alcohol ink painting on tile with us. We have had very positive reviews on March's class and many have already responded to this class. **It is very important to RSVP if you plan to attend so Betty can be prepared with supplies. We are expecting a full class.**

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

*If you are not a first-time attendee to the workshops and have not yet joined the BLFA, the fee for the workshop is \$10. You can pay the \$35 annual BLFA membership dues at the workshop.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Artworks Show:
Christmas Party:
Doreen Donovan

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Refreshments: Karen Koseck
Reception Refreshments: OPEN

Fundraising/Artfest:
Doreen Donovan

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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: OPEN

Publicity: Bonnie Phillips

Revolving Exhibits:
Roxanne Tobaison

Website: David Bahm

Meetup: Barbara Tudek,
Karen Koseck, Beth Smedley

Anyone interested in volunteering for any position, contact Chris Klein @ ChristopherLeoK@verizon.net

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our General Meeting is **Monday, April 18**, starting at **6:30 pm**.

We are doing **Workshops** as our Meeting Format and the details will be clearer as we advertise them. If anyone has an idea for a fine art workshop, please let us know what you are thinking.

Our Demonstration in March was a **Workshop with Roxanne Tobaison**. A really great time learning more about using Watercolor was had by all. Again, compared to Roxanne's mine looked like Kindergarten Chris at the easel. I did learn more about the use of watercolor and the setting up of a decent composition. Roxanne makes it feel easy, but we know about Watercolor. It is easier with practice but much easier to the Master Artist that she is and is encouraging us to be.

Our Demonstration in April will be a **Free Workshop in Alcohol Inks with Betty Fairbanks**. I am looking forward to a really nice time with one of our wonderful members. She is highly creative and very technically astute. We should receive a strong lesson in the use of the inks. I am really excited by this series of Workshops.

Also... when you attend the Meeting you will see a "tour de force" of a show in the installation of **Deborah Biasetti's work in the Mook Gallery**. She is amazing in her works, but what strikes me is the maturity in the cohesiveness of her work and style. It is a beautiful show.

We are also having a **Paint-Out at Betty's home** at 11906 Thonotosassa Road Lake Thonotosassa, on Friday, April 22 from 9:30 am until you drop. It's always a nice time in a beautiful environment. So, bring your paints and your cameras. I have been there several times and always end up with nice work and a good feeling.

I attended my second **Artist's Night at Center Place**, Friday, April 1. I had another nice time with Artists and Poets. It is a diverse and loving group and I still feel as though if a few more of our more Classically flavored Artists were in the mix, that it would truly be an event that will go down in the Bay Area history books. Attend the next Artist's Night to see if you would like to join in on the Artmaking and maybe sell a piece or two. It is held the first Friday of each month from 7 - 9 pm.

We will have more information on the availability of hanging our work at **Bay Area Cardiology** at our General Meeting. There was a sale of a work of one of our members.

It is way **past time to mail in your dues**. Many have already theirs and we thank you. Please help BLFA and send them as soon as you can. We want to put together our Members Roll and need your dues to include you. Our **Members show 2022** is coming up real soon and you need to be paid up to be in it. The people who have remitted their dues have our gratitude. We are a good bunch and we are all creatives who need support and comradeship with like souls in order to grow.

Please consider a position on our Board or in one of our committees. A few of the positions have been filled, but we need to fill more. It is rewarding work and connects us closer to each other as a Society of Artists. We are in dire need of a Secretary.

The next **Board Meeting will be April 25**, at Creative Junk Therapy at 772 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon. We get a lot done because we are all motivated to increase the efficacy of our organization. All Chairpeople are asked to attend as their votes count on issues. All Members are invited and welcomed.

I have not stopped 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



April's watercolor workshop was a great success!



Brandon League of Fine Arts Member Show

April 29 - May 30, 2022

Center Place, 619 Vonderburg Drive, Brandon

All members in good standing may submit 2 works of art in accordance with the rules. If you have not paid your 2022 dues you may join BLFA on the day of take-in. All work will be included in the show.

Take-In Day: Thursday, April 28 from 9:30 a.m. - noon

Pick-up Day: Tuesday, May 31, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Reception: Thursday, May 12, 5 - 7 p.m.

Please bring a snack to the reception to share with our guests

Entry Fee: \$10 for each entry (cash or check)

RULES: Please read the rules carefully, especially the size and framing requirements.

- 2D Art may be up to 36 inches (L or W) including frame
- 3D Art will be displayed in cases and must be no more than 20" tall x14" deep x14" wide and 5 lbs. or less.
- Work must be framed properly with a wire for hanging. No saw tooth hangers, tags or ribbons. Gallery wrapped canvas with painted sides must be wired from inside the stretcher bars to allow the painting to hang flat.

All work must be original, created solely by the artist, completed in the last 3 years and not exhibited in a previous BLFA Show. No copies of work of others, including published photographs, book lessons or work created with a teachers assistance will be allowed. Laser reproduction, commercial prints, works from commercial molds, nudity, religious subjects or horror are not eligible.

There will be prize money given to all the Award Winners. Center Place will appreciate a 30% donation on any work sold during the show. All work must stay on exhibit until the end of the show.

At the time of delivery of artwork to Center Place and the Member Show committee, the artist must sign an entry slip or present the completed form below, agreeing to obey all the rules and absolving BLFA, Center Place, and its agents of any loss or damage to the property of the artist. All reasonable care will be taken of our members works of art.

Contact Sue Allen for more information, SueAllenArt@verizon.net, (813) 681-3589 • Center Place (813) 685-8888

You may fill out the attached application forms and bring to Take-In day April 28; fill out one for each entry.



MEMBER SHOW SUBMISSION

Please print clearly

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Title _____

Media _____ Selling price _____

Insurance value _____ (Insured value = price of material)

I, (Artist's signature) _____

understand and accept all the rules and conditions of this exhibition. BLFA and Center Place will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of any kind to entries. Your signature confirm this agreement.

CLAIM NUMBER

Present this stub when picking up your submission.

There is a lack of storage space, so any submission left unclaimed for more than 30 days will become the property of Center Place and may be subject to disposal.

NOTE: One claim number issued for EACH submission.



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

Barbara Tudek
Textured Background

Monday, May 16

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

The Paint-Out is Back Friday, April 22 • 9:30 a.m.

Betty Fairbanks is again hosting this outdoor painting event. Bring your paints and/or your camera since this is a very scenic venue. Full disclosure, apparently, there are sticky buns involved.

Address: 11906 Thonotosassa Road, Lake Thonotosassa



"Double Trouble"
watercolor painting by
Roxanne Tobaison

Inspired by Betty's
Paint-Out location.

Member Classes at Center Place

Doreen Donovan is back at Center Place for TWO fun filled summer **Jump Start To Art Programs!** Register NOW because both classes are capped at 12 students each!

Meletha Everett teaches **adult watercolor** on Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Chris Klein teaches **adult oil painting** on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - noon AND

Surreal Experience Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.

Call Center Place at 813-685-8888 to register!

Paint Along With Bonnie
Art Instruction

Tue. 6 PM & Wed. 10 AM
All Mediums

Fine Art and Decorative
813-685-5882

iteachpainting@me.com
1313 Borden Ct.
Valrico, Florida 33594-4913

Member Classes at Creative Junk Therapy

Watercolor Workshop: Intermediate

2nd Saturday of every month
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
\$25 supplies not included

Sat., May 28, 11-2 pm

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

Beginner Watercolors

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

Sat., May 14, 11-2 pm

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

Mixed Media Painting

\$35 - All Supplies Included

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

Sat., April 16, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wed., April 20, 1-4 p.m.

Wed., May 18, 1-4 p.m.

Sat., May 21, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join Barb Tudek in learning how to create unique artwork with a variety of mediums and materials.



**CREATIVE
JUNK THERAPY**

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

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