



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 July 17 at 6:30 p.m. for

Drawing from the Imagination Colored Pencil & Watercolor

FREE
for first time
visitors & BLFA
members*



Our July Workshop will be presented by Lynn Paul a local artist and school teacher. The subject will be TROPICAL rendered by members & guests in colored pencil and watercolors. This is a similar design. Perfect for a summer project.

Bring Prismacolor Colored Pencils, regular pencil, soft eraser, watercolors, round brush, paper towels & a small old terry towel. Bring what you can. We will have extra supplies.

**Membership and attendance has skyrocketed. Please text your RSVP
to Bonnie Phillips @ (813) 810-6885 so we have enough supplies for everyone.**

We had 21 members and 4 guests last month. The club is growing and everyone is having a good time. There really is something for everyone – art, crafts, raffles, snacks, networking and fellowship.



Interested in Membership to the Brandon League of Fine Arts, please contact
Bonnie Phillips @ iteachpainting@me.com (813) 810-6885.



BLFA.us



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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

Our FUN Digital Art Show and Weiner Dinner was a success! It certainly was fun and the dinner delicious. Congratulations **Beth Smedley** on receiving the most votes. Thank you **Karen Koseck** for the idea and execution, and **Randy Matthews** for taking photographs of our art. All present that night who entered, received a shiny black and gold 50th Anniversary BLFA mug with a red, white & blue flower for decoration. Yes, the League

has been around a long time, 64 years to be exact. We need YOU to help us keep going another 64 years.

Your Board is hard at work planning informative demonstrations and workshops. We are also working on Bylaws, Standing Rules and a budget so all will be on the same page. When finished, membership will vote. Your input is important. And your help is needed. The following positions are open:

Paint Out - This member position takes and researches suggestions for good places for us to get together and paint, photograph and receive inspiration. Yes, it's hot now, however I'm sure we can find an indoor place to meet. Getting together is a good way to get to know each other and is always enjoyable. Do you have an idea as to where we can do this during the hot months? How about a museum?

Ways & Means - This is a position on the Board. We do not meet every month so won't take too much of your time. The basket raffle was a success and the Board decided it will continue. This position requires the chairman to simply sign up members to bring a basket similar to those we raffled last month or something of value members may want such as an easel, or a couple of art books tied together. We will also continue the 50/50 drawing.

Field Trips - This is another way to educate and stimulate us as artists. Let's get together and go somewhere creative, then do lunch. Have you ever been to the Marietta Museum of Art and Whimsey in Sarasota? The fun starts in the parking lot! It will reopen in the Fall. How about the James Museum? I went five times while it was in the Corporate offices and was called a collection. Oh my, so much better than any museum in the area in my opinion. There are many more inspirational places for us to go. Let's do it! This member will schedule our trips and car pool.

Publicity - This member will make sure the League is known in the community through social media and other means. We are doing some social media, but BLFA needs more exposure.

Guy Learn is taking pictures at our meetings, and doing a good job, however I would like other members to do this too, then send to me and post to your social media. We need to share BLFA and the fun as much as possible in order to grow.

I'm looking forward to **Lynn Paul's** workshop this month. If you have watercolors, brushes and colored pencils to share, bring them in case Lynn doesn't have enough. It's going to be FUN.

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

Bonnie Phillips
BLFA President

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Time to 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

Weiner Dinner Celebration

*Great time with all the attendees!
Hot dogs, chilli dogs, cupcakes, cookies, fruit,
cheese; we had it all. Members received 50th
anniversary mugs. Thank you to all who brought
food, baskets, and decorations.*



Highlights



Beth Smedley won the Fun Trophy for her graphite drawing of Ron Wood (Rolling Stones). Trophy courtesy of Karen Koseck of Creative Junk Therapy.

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.



Paint Along with Bonnie
ART INSTRUCTION
Bonnie Phillips
lteacherpainting@me.com
813-810-6885
Wednesday 10 am & Thursday 6 pm

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
\$15 per session or
\$56 for 4 sessions
Wednesdays, 10:30-1:00
Join other aspiring artists in this self directed group to paint, develop and share oil painting techniques and inspiration.
*supplies not included
Facilitated by Christopher Klein



Inspired Acrylic Painting
\$25 BYO supplies
\$30 Supplies included
Ongoing class for beginners or more experienced painters wanting to go beyond the basics in acrylic painting.
Instructed by Karen Kresick



Watercolor Classes
Facilitated by Roxanne Tobason
\$25 per person BYO supplies
+ \$5 supplies included



Art @ Dark
4th Saturday
5:00 - 9:00ish
June 24 - July 22 - August 26
@ Creative Junk Therapy
772 W. Lumsden Rd., Brandon
Shopping - Demos - Music - Food

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

Oils

Bonnie Phillips

Monday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 18
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Watercolor

Roxanne Tobason

Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, August 1
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Walnut Ink

Christopher Klein

Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pen & Ink

Meletha Everett

Monday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 25
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Acrylic

Doreen Donovan

Monday, August 7 and Tuesday, August 8
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Watercolor/Acrylic

Meletha Everett

Monday, August 24 Watercolor
Tuesday, August 22 Acrylic
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.