



# 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.*

## NEW LOCATION!!

The Brandon League of Fine Arts is excited and happy to have found a new permanent home at **Creative Junk Therapy** in the LaViva Shopping Center at Lumsden and Kings. **772 W. Lumsden Road.**

**Join the BLFA on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy for an Oil Painting Portrait Demonstration**

## Oil Painting Portrait Demo with Chris Klein

**FREE**  
for first time  
visitors & BLFA  
members\*

Chris Klein is retired from a life of servitude which included Sculptor in a Three Dimensional Engraving position with "Simon LeGree II". After years of that torture, he went back to school for Graphic Art led him to work in a high end sign shop on Long Island, NY. He retired and moved to Lithia where he has encountered perpetual bliss.

He has won many prizes for his paintings and has been commissioned for many portraits.

In Florida, he became associated with the Brandon League of Fine Arts where he served as, first, newsletter person and then moved to President for several years.

He currently teaches Oil Painting at Creative Junk Therapy on Wednesday Mornings.

Chris has branched out into Jewelry making. The Jewelry is a new pursuit, evolving through the years. He is also doing Workshops and Demonstrations when requested.

For this Demo, he will be doing an oil portrait of one of our meeting guests. The choice will be made by raffle. The winner of the raffle will be the model.



*Mark O'Hara PhD, Chris Klein, artist*

Raffle winner  
gets a portrait  
from Chris at  
the meeting!

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

If you signed up to bring a snack, please confirm with Dineen at [DineenRoellerArt@gmail.com](mailto:DineenRoellerArt@gmail.com)

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



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**Shows:**  
Square Off  
Member Show  
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Anyone interested in volunteering for any position, contact Bonnie Phillips @ [iteachpainting@me.com](mailto:iteachpainting@me.com) (813) 810-6885. Text or leave message.

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## BONNIE'S BRUSH

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### EXCITING NEWS!

From now on we will be meeting at Creative Junk Therapy, 772 W Lumsden Road, Brandon. Located in the strip shopping center on the NW corner of Lumsden and Kings. Parking is in the parking lot out front AND in back. CJT is in the "elbow" of the center and the entrance is in the open hallway toward the back. This is where we will be able to have SHOWS beginning in 2024. So start your engines, I mean get to painting. Plus, exhibitors will KEEP 100% of their sales.

Thank you Roxanne Tobaison and Marsha Nelson for taking care of the Brandon Bay Area Cardiology Revolving Exhibit Changeover. A little more difficult this time in that it had not been done in a while due to COVID. We are happy that some new exhibitors responded. Members, this is a way to get your unique art out into the community and you just might make a sale or two. I took a few pictures of art in the changeover.

A BIG Thank You to Dave Bahm, our Web Master, for updating the web site. Not a small job with all the changes. The up to date Membership List is now on the Web Site, password protected. Text or email me if you need to access the BLFA Directory. [iteachpainting@me.com](mailto:iteachpainting@me.com)

We will be voting on Guy Learn as First Vice President and Thank you Carol Stebbins for stepping up to be Secretary. Dineen Roeller volunteered to be Refreshment Chairman. She has a list of a few who volunteered to bring refreshments this month, however if you want to add your finger food we won't turn it down. I do like refreshments.

**September DEMONSTRATION** - This month our former President, Chris Klein, will paint someone's portrait in oil! This will be a \$2 raffle ticket or 3 for \$5. The winner will get their portrait painted by an award winning artist in front of us at the meeting. We will not have the regular raffle this month. We will have the 50/50 so bring your dollars. The Treasurer will take a check if need be.

**October Halloween Party & WORKSHOP** Wear a fun Halloween hat or costume and you may win a special award. Beth Smedley will lead a workshop on Gelli Plate Printing. If you have a Gelli Plate and/or brayer please bring to the October meeting. This will be FUN.

**Christmas Party** - Monday, December 11, second Monday of Dec. We need a Committee. In the past this was the highlight of the season for members. During COVID we met at a Restaurant due to the small numbers attending meetings. It will be FUN if we party at CJT. Plus we can have the Scotch Gift Exchange which is so much fun for those who participate. Please contact Bonnie to help plan and organize.

Please text Bonnie if you plan to attend this months meeting. (813) 810-6885. See you there.

Bonnie Phillips  
BLFA President

[iteachpainting@me.com](mailto:iteachpainting@me.com)





# Brandon League of Fine Arts MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Are you OK to have your information in the BLFA directory?  Yes  No

Membership type:  Individual \$35  Family \$45  Renewal \$35

Make checks payable to: BLFA

Please contact the BLFA if you would like information about volunteer opportunities.

For more information, email Bonnie Phillips @ [iteachpainting@me.com](mailto:iteachpainting@me.com), (813) 810-6885.

**Thank you for supporting the Brandon League of Fine Arts**



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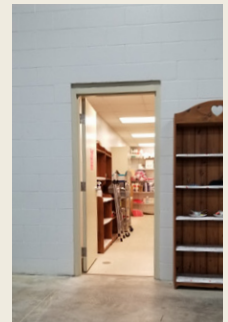
Visit [EHAGfinearts.org](http://EHAGfinearts.org) for more information

Email [EHAG.PC@gmail.com](mailto:EHAG.PC@gmail.com)

## New Exhibit Area for 2024 Strawberry Festival Art Show

Many BLFA members are also EHAG members. Many BLFA members also participate in the Strawberry Festival Art Show... because it's a good one. They have moved the art show space to a different building with much more room. There are restrooms and kitchen area available also.

The 2024 Show runs from February 29 - March 10. More information about the show will be available closer to show time.



# Special Announcement BLFA Members Only

## BLFA - Bay Area Cardiology Changeover

Friday, September 29 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Riverview location:** 13029 Summerfield Square, Riverview, Fl. 33578  
(Going south on 301 before Big Bend – Behind Wendy's in the medical strip center.)

Pre-REGISTER BY **Wednesday, September 27.**

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AS SOME HAVE CHANGED.**

**MUST PRE-REGISTER to participate.** Register at: [roxtob@verizon.net](mailto:roxtob@verizon.net)

Pre-REGISTER BY **Wednesday, September 27.**

**NOTE  
NEW TIME  
1:30-2:30**

### Read carefully.

- You will be allowed 2 pieces unless we have a lot of artists showing – limited space.
- Any artists currently showing who plans to take out their pieces or wants to replace them will need to notify Roxanne and provide the info on the replacement pieces.
- Anyone who needs more info and the rules should email Roxanne Tobaison at [roxtob@verizon.net](mailto:roxtob@verizon.net)
- Please provide plain white business card-size card with your Name, Title of the art, and price, to attach to your art.
- Medium size art preferred - minimum 11 x 14 to 18 x 24. **NOTHING too heavy** as they are placed over people's chairs in the reception area and the walls don't support much weight.

- **NO Eyehooks** – strong wire. **If not properly presented, will not accept.**
- **Register by September 27**, so your work can be added or deleted from inventory.

In case you need to get in touch the day of take-in, call or text (813) 405-9560. Always leave message as I don't answer unknown callers.

Thanks,  
Roxanne Tobaison  
[roxtob@verizon.net](mailto:roxtob@verizon.net)  
(813) 685-1627, cell (813) 405-9560 (leave message;  
I do not answer unknown numbers.

### Last Meeting Highlights

*Wow! Alice really showed her talent in her pastel demo.*

*Very infromative and we learned so much. Great turnout.*

*15 members and 3 visitors. We celebrated Bonnie's birthday with birthday cake. It was yummy.*



Congratulations to BLFA member,  
Dineen Roeller for winning 1st Place  
at the Carrollwood Cultural Center's  
EMERging Artist exhibit.



## October Workshop - Gelli Plate Monoprints

If you have a Gelli Plate, a brayer and/or acrylic paints, please bring. We will have some Gelli Plates to share.  
Beth Smedley will introduce the group to the Gelli Plate and we will be experimenting with layering and making prints.



## 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.



## BLFA Member 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](http://www.CreativeJunkTherapy.org)



### Oil Painting

Chris Klein  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



### Inspired Acrylic Painting

Karen Koseck  
Saturday, Sept. 23, 3 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct 28, 3 p.m.



### WatercolorsNMore

Roxanne Tobaison  
Thursday, Oct. 12, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.



### Watercolor Pencils

Karen Koseck  
Sunday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m.



### Beginner Watercolors

Roxanne Tobaison  
Saturday, Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



### Art and Soul Collage

Lois Miller  
Saturday, Sept. 30, 3 p.m.



### Beyond Basic Watercolor

Roxanne Tobaison  
Saturday, Oct. 14, 1:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

# From the Board - Exciting News for 2024

The Brandon League of Fine Arts is making great strides in membership and in spreading creative activity. Good things happening in 2024. Here are some of them.

## 1. Show Committee - Shows are Back!

Now that Covid is past (mostly) The Strawberry Festival Art Show and The State Fair Art Show are back. And with our new home at Creative Junk Therapy, our shows will return; the Member show, the Square Off and the Artworks show. Dates for all of these shows will be announced at the member meetings and in the newsletter. We need a Show/Reception Committee in charge of ordering ribbons, Judge, Call to Artists & publicity for the BLFA shows. They also organize the setting up, table cloths, drinks, etc.

2. **Treasurer - Dues.** With so many new members and the success of the hands-on workshops, the annual member dues will have to increase. The dues have not changed for many, many years and since the League provides a Meetup site, snacks, and workshop supplies, our funds are rapidly depleting. So, the dues for the remainder of 2023 will continue to be \$35, but next year will increase to \$40. If you join or renew in Sept. through Dec. of 2023 you will not need to pay again in January.

3. **Revolving Shows - Change-Over.** Roxanne has been diligent in coordinating the 3 Change-Over opportunities, but we're adding a new one. Chill Caw-Fee at the corner of Bloomingdale and Lithia

Pinecrest will allow us to exhibit and sell our art in their store. Working out the details, but will have a pilot show in October. Hopefully, it will resume in December.

4. **Ways and Means.** Please volunteer to manage the meeting raffle. Managing it means you just need to have a member/members sign up to donate a raffle item/basket and sell the tickets at the meeting. You can also tap a helper.

In an effort to increase our bank, the League is planning a garage sale in the Spring. So, don't get rid of good saleable items. Just put aside for the sale. Currently planning it at the Women's Club on Moon. Details to come.

5. **Publicity.** Now that we are growing and have a place to show, we need to tell the world. Who would like to be Publicity Chairman for the League? The Board will work with you.

6. **Field Trips.** Want to visit a museum as a group? We need a chairman to organize, pick a date, sign up members to car pool and contact the museum to arrange for a guided tour. I'm thinking of the James Museum across the Bay which is only \$10 on Tuesdays. Oh my goodness, so many different kinds of art. Inspiring for sure. I'll be glad to work with the Chairman on this.

## Brandon League of Fines Art's Member Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2023

President Bonnie Phillips (BP) called the meeting to order at 18:46

Members in attendance: 15 members

Visitors: 3 visitors (1 visitor from meetup)

Members sang 'happy birthday' to BP in advance of her actual birthday tomorrow.

BP mentioned the graphics provided from the June meeting could be worked on during the evening's demonstration of pastels by Alice Anderson.

Carol Stebbins is the new League Secretary.

BP asked for a volunteer to be Ways and Means Chairman, reminding the members "a good leader delegates," and it is a position that works with the members to accept assigned tasks, not performs every task. Among the tasks is to solicit refreshments for the meeting and donations for raffle gift bags. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The 50/50 tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

BP asked for a motion to approve the July meeting minutes which was made by Beth Smedley (BS), League Membership Chairman. A second motion to accept was made by Christine Jacques. The minutes for July, 2023 meeting were approved.

The League Treasurer Nicki Romberger reported the current (as of 08/21/23) bank balance is \$5,777.80.

BP announced the raffle winners, Judy Gran and Chris Klein. The 50/50, \$14 was divided equally with \$7 going to the League.

Revolving Exhibit Chairman Roxanne Tobiason (RT) is coordinating a revolving exhibit to display members' works at three Bay Area Cardiology locations in Brandon, Riverview and TGH in staggered rotation back-to-back for 2 - 3 months. Patients and visitors

to these locations will have the opportunity to purchase the displayed artwork. BP suggested pricing should not be \$300 - \$500, instead follow previous sales pricing between \$70 - \$90. Historically, a sale price of \$100 is rare. She also recommended to include sales tax in the price of the piece. The doctors office will collect the money for sales. RT requested to keep her informed of the pieces being submitted for display. A requirement to include hanging wire with the art as some pieces will be displayed in patient areas, we don't want something to fall on someone. Another reminder is during the placement of art, keep socializing and noise to a minimum so the physicians and staff, patients will not be disturbed. RT asks the members to advise her this evening of submissions for Friday, August 25, between 13:30 - 14:30.

BP announced the September general meeting will include a demonstration of oil portraiture by Chris Klein. Tickets for \$2 each will be sold, the winner will have their portrait done by Chris. The October general meeting will include a demonstration by BS of Gelli Plate printing. November's meeting demonstration has not been confirmed, possible macrame' demonstration TBA.

BP announced next year the League will be having shows again. This was met with enthusiasm by several members.

BP asked if there were any questions or comments.

BP announced a new visitor, Jennifer brought an example of her work, acrylic painting on wood slice, which was admired by everyone. She advised she enjoys painting on wood, and treats the wood with gesso before painting.

BP encouraged the members to bring in their 'show and tell' art to our meetings.

Meeting was adjourned 19:00.



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