



# 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 meeting permanently at **Creative Junk Therapy** in the LaViva Shopping Center at Lumsden and Kings. **772 W. Lumsden Road.**

**FREE**

for first time  
visitors & BLFA  
members\*

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Join the BLFA on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy for a Halloween themed meeting. Wear something Halloweeny, like a hat or costume, and you could win a prize.

## Gelli Plate Mono Printing Workshop

This is so fun and has so many options. Gelli plates come in several sizes and shapes.

If you are familiar with Gelli plate monoprints and have one and a brayer, please bring. We will have some Gelli Plates to share. This is a really fun process and has so many possibilities. Beth Smedley will introduce the group to Gelli Plate monoprints, then we will all get to try it and make some prints.



\*If you are not a member and have attended a workshop this year, the fee for additional workshops is \$20. If you join this year for \$35 workshops are free and you are paid through 2024.

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

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Anyone interested in volunteering for any position, contact Bonnie Phillips @ [iteachpainting@me.com](mailto:iteachpainting@me.com)

Submit news, articles and photos to: Beth Smedley at [Smedley.Creative@gmail.com](mailto:Smedley.Creative@gmail.com)



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



## BONNIE'S BRUSH

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I'm so glad I didn't miss last month's demonstration by Chris Kline. His talent shown as he painted the winner of the portrait raffle, Lynn Paul. I'm amazed that in only one hour he was able to complete her portrait. And we made a little money on the raffle. Thank you Chris. We have so many talented artists in BLFA.

I'm looking forward to next month's meeting, it's going to be a Halloween Theme night. I will make announcements leading up to our Christmas Party, Monday, December 11 at Creative Junk Therapy. Tickets and sign-up sheet will be available.

In October, Beth Smedley will lead in a Gelli Plate Workshop. I hope I don't get paint on what I'm planning to wear. Aprons suggested.

In November, I'm bringing my husband to learn from Roxanne Tobaison on how to properly frame our art, since he does this for me.

I've already paid my dues for 2024 at this year's rate as dues will be \$5 more from \$35 to \$40 after the first of January.

We are still looking for a few more good members to complete the Board. I'll be glad to talk to you about what the position requires. Many hands make light work. We need your thoughts and creativity when we meet to make the League better.

See you there.

Bonnie Phillips  
BLFA President

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*"TIS THE SEASON  
TO PARTY!"*

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Brandon League of Fine Arts members,  
you are invited to the

## 2023 BLFA Christmas Party

Monday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

Creative Junk Therapy

772 W Lumsden Rd.

### *FESTIVITIES, FOOD & FUN*

This will be a pot luck celebration, so please bring a covered dish to serve 10-12. Tickets to the party are \$10/person. Tickets must be paid for in advance. There will be no sales at the party. **So, please purchase your ticket(s) at the Oct. or Nov. meeting.**

Party will include a gift swap game. If you bring a gift, you get a gift. No gag gifts please. Bring something you might wish to receive. \$15+.

Holiday attire requested.

Ticket required. Tickets available at October and November meetings.





## Brandon League of Fine Arts MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find the BLFA? \_\_\_\_\_

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).

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

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### From the **Treasurer** - Dues Increase in 2024

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 newsletter, Meetup site, snacks, and workshop supplies, our funds are rapidly depleting.

Dues **for the remainder of 2023 dues will continue to be \$35, but next year will increase to \$40.** If you join or renew in Oct. through Dec. of 2023 you will be paid for 2024.

### From **Revolving Displays**

Congratulations to **Betty Fairbanks**. Her art sold in September at Brandon Area Cardiology and congratulations also to **Marsha Nelson**. Her art sold in October at Brandon Area Cardiology, TGH.

The **next TURNOVER**: BAC - TGH location will be in Nov. Date to be determined.

### From the **Promotion Committee**

The **2024 Florida State Fair** runs February 8-19. The BLFA will have a booth in the Family Living Center where art is displayed. This is a great promotional opportunity to get the club recognized and increase membership. We are planning to have two members at the booth in shifts. Two members from 10-1, and two from 1-4. All member volunteers will receive a free Fair ticket. If interested, see Bonnie. Details to come.

Sadly, the Chill Caw-fee exhibit location didn't work out.

Big thank you to **Karen Koseck** for doing a great job hanging the BLFA banner. We appreciate you.

# Last Meeting Highlights

How does he do that!!!???  
Chris Klein whipped up a beautiful portrait of raffle winner and BLFA member, Lynn Paul.



## Show & Tell

Dineen Roeller (left), Guy Learn (right) and Karen Koseck (center) brought a piece of their art to share with the group.





Here is the link to Competitions

[floridastatefair.com/competitions](http://floridastatefair.com/competitions)

Feb. 8 -19, 2024

Deadline to enter is Dec. 8,2023. Cost per entry is \$5.00.

## November Demo How to Properly Wire your Artwork

Roxanne Tobaison has worked fine art shows for decades. She knows the right way to put the hardware on your art. With the Change-Overs in the medical offices, it's important that the art hanging there is not likely to come loose and fall on a patient who is sitting beneath the work. If you plan on exhibiting/selling your work in one of these venues, you don't want to miss this demo/workshop.



## 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://Facebook.com/CreativeJunkTherapy)

[www.CreativeJunkTherapy.org](http://www.CreativeJunkTherapy.org)



### Oil Painting

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



### Colored Pencils

Michelle Young  
Saturday, Oct. 28, 10.:30 a.m.



### WatercolorsNMore

Roxanne Tobaison  
Thursday, Nov. 16, 12:30 p.m



### Glow Painting

Karen Koseck  
Saturday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m.



### Beginner Watercolors

Roxanne Tobaison  
Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.



### Inspired Acrylic Painting

Karen Koseck  
Saturday, Nov. 25, 3 p.m.



### Beyond Basic Watercolor

Roxanne Tobaison  
Saturday, Nov. 18, 1:30 a.m.

## Brandon League of Fines Art's Member Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President, Bonnie Phillips (BP), who began by welcoming the members to the new meeting facility at Creative Junk Therapy.

BP mentioned the 50/50 and this evening's portrait raffle. The portrait raffle winner will be the portrait subject of Chris Klein's oil painting demonstration.

BP encouraged the members to bring their show-and-tell projects to share with the members.

BP asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes. Guy Learn motioned to approve, Chris Klein seconded. Motion carried.

Nicki Romberger (NR), League Treasurer reported the current bank balance, as of 09/18/23, was \$5,135.96. NR advising League annual dues will increase for membership in 2024, from \$35 for an individual/\$40 for family, to \$40 for individual/\$50 for family. BP encouraged members to pay their annual dues prior to year-end 2023, at the 2023 rate. Dues paid after January 2024 will be \$40 plus \$5 late fee.

Committee Chairman Beth Smedley (BS) began her report by saying how happy she was to see the evening's attendance at 20 members, 5 visitors. BS handed out membership name buttons, asked to be notified if a member did not receive the newsletter. BS reviewed the current BLFA newsletter mention of the Strawberry Festival's new space, which EHAG (East Hillsborough Art Guild) sponsors. The bigger space will allow for expanded exhibits during February, 2024 Strawberry Festival. For more information visit [EHAGfinearts.org](http://EHAGfinearts.org).

BS provided description of next month's workshop, Gelli Plate printing. She recommended viewing YouTube videos to gain an introduction to the process. Bring a brayer and

Gelli plate to next month's demonstration.

BP mentioned October's Halloween theme for the next meeting, wear a costume or hat in competition for a prize.

Roxanne Tobiason (RT), Revolving Exhibit Chairman, referenced information also provided in the current newsletter for members to submit their work for display and sale at Bay Area Cardiology locations. Read instructions published in the newsletter, and pre-register in order to participate by Wednesday, September 27. RT cautions art work must not be too heavy and appropriately wired to avoid falling, as patients will be in the display areas. She asks to be kept apprised of all art work sales, any pieces being removed or added so an exact inventory is maintained. Any funds received for sold art will be collected by that doctors' office and disbursed to the artist.

BP called for Old Business, and a motion to approve Guy Learn as First Vice President, BS motioned for approval; Motion carried.

BP called for a motion to approve Carol Stebbins as Secretary; Motion carried.

There was no New Business to discuss.

### SHOW-AND-TELL

BP offered congratulations to BLFA member Dineen Roeller for winning First Place at the Carrollwood Cultural Center's EMERGING Artist exhibit. Dineen brought the winning piece along with other examples of her work.

Guy Learn brought his Christmas card painting, and related that the ornaments on his family tree always seemed out of focus until he got glasses.

Karen Koseck displayed her watercolor seascape and mentioned a technique she learned from fellow BFLA member to use complementary colors of dark green palm trees against an orange sky background.

Dineen Roeller displayed her wire sculpture figures and discussed the process to create an armature. She also displayed a painting of a woman which used tissue paper and over-painting using mixed media (watercolor, acrylic, ink, and Modge Podge) to create a special effect.

These artists' works were examined and admired by everyone in attendance.

BP announced November's workshop will be watercolor pencils with Dineen.

The December general meeting and Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 11, at CJT.

BP announced the BFLA Board Meeting will be held Monday, September 25, 6:00 PM, at CJT.

Reminder that any member can attend, along with the Board of Directors. BP asked for volunteers for the following Chair positions:

Ways and Means – recruit member volunteers to donate items for raffle, sell tickets at meeting.

Show/Reception – order prize ribbons, Judge, Call to Artists, publicity for BLFA shows.

Publicity – write articles of interest about BFLA activities for newspaper publication, submit by 10th of the month.

Field Trips – organize members to convene at a location.

Paint Out - paint/photography/creative activity at a location.

Raffle winners: Lynn Paul won the oil portrait and Carlene Earl won the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.



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