



# 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\*

**In December, the BLFA will not have a meeting. We will be celebrating the holidays with a Christmas Potluck Member Dinner. Tickets are required and available at the Nov. 20 meeting.**

## Framing Presentation - How to Properly Wire your Artwork Demo and Workshop

**November 20, 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy, 772 W. Lumsden Road**

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.

Roxanne will demonstrate how to frame your art. If you would like to frame 1 piece, bring an approximate 11x14 small piece of art. NO composite or plastic frames please. IF GLASS OR MAT NEEDED - BRING. **Wood Frames ONLY**

She will supply: Hardware hooks & wire for your piece and assist in framing.

If you can bring a medium-sized Phillips screwdriver, small hammer, putty knife and utility knife - will be helpful. For backing - I will have kraft paper or you can bring a brown paper grocery bag.

*Let's turn your painting into a masterpiece by presenting properly.*



Happy  
Thanksgiving



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



## BONNIE'S BRUSH

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I'm feeling positive about our Brandon League of Fine Arts. Each month the meeting seems to be better than the month before. Yes, the League has evolved, it's not what it was and not what it will become. We are alive and on the way to greatness I'm sure.

The October Fall themed decorations and refreshments were FUN. Thank you goes to all who made that meeting special. Beth Smedley's workshop on Gelli Plate Printing was a success in that all who participated took home art that can be incorporated into their own works.

Roxanne Tobaison will teach how to properly frame art for show and display, maybe for the February BLFA display at Creative Junk Therapy in the November meeting workshop. Bring your art and frame and follow along in Roxanne's workshop.

### IMPORTANT

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY - Monday, December 11 at 6 pm Creative Junk Therapy

**Note:** this is the second Monday of the month, not the usual third.

Have you purchased a ticket for you and a guest?

Have you indicated what side dish you will bring to share for the meal?

The League is providing ham, drinks and dessert.

We will play a FUN GAME known by several names. I call it a Scotch Christmas. Those who wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 or more. Something you would like to receive, not a gag gift or white elephant type. Examples: Wine, Golf Balls, Rum Cake, Gift Card, Christmas Wreath and the like.

Just a friendly reminder - Dues increase for 2024. Pay before January 1 at the 2023 rate.

To purchase Christmas Party tickets and/or pay 2024 dues, pay the Treasurer at the November 20 meeting or send to President, Bonnie Phillips, 1313 Borden Ct., Valrico, FL 33594. Limited seating at the party so it is important checks arrive before December first.

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 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 the November meeting.







## 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

The BLFA in collaboration with CJT provides the perfect Meeting site. The BLFA also provides snacks, a newsletter, a Meetup site and workshop supplies, so 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 2023 you will be paid for 2024.

### From the **Secretary**

There will now be take away memos recapping events and info from the meetings. These will be available at the meeting.

### 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 for sign-up sheet.

### From **Revolving Displays**

Congratulations also to **Marsha Nelson**. Her art sold in October at Brandon Area Cardiology, TGH.  
The **next TURNOVER**: January 2024. Location to be determined.

**Last Meeting Highlights**

*Gelli prints... not scary! Lots of fun! And the CJT space is wonderful.*



**BLFA Artist Members Creating & Exhibiting**



**Good Luck**

*Dineen Roeller entered The Edgar Allan Poe Art Exhibition with her painting, "The Storm Within", inspired by the Poem, "Alone".*

*Acrylic Glaze, 48" x 48" .*

*David Bahm (left), Beth Smedley (right) Participated in the 50th Temple Terrace Arts & Crafts Show Nov. 11-12. Gorgeous setting under the trees. Well-attended show. Beth won a ribbon for Merit.*

*Opening Night & Artist Reception, Thursday, November 16, 6- 9 pm. Downtown Arts District, Orlando*





The Florida State needs artists to compete in Plein Air Art painted during the Fair. First place prize will be \$300. Also, a new 4X6" post card-size category has been added with \$100 for first place. Plein air entry form [Here](#).

Karen Koseck reached out to the Florida State Fair about doing a paint out at Cracker Country. They have some unique buildings and I thought they might be good for a paint out opportunity. Sounds like a good idea. Stay tuned for details.

Here is the link to Competitions

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

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

## 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.



### Beginner Watercolors

Roxanne Tobaison  
Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m.



### Colored Pencils

Michelle Young  
Saturday, Nov. 25 10.:30 a.m.



### Beyond Basic Watercolor

Roxanne Tobaison  
Saturday, Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m.



### Painting with Bob Ross

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

## Brandon League of Fines Art's Member Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2023

Bonnie Phillips (BP), President called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM with a welcome to members and guests. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting. Mary Himmel (MH) motioned to approve; Dineen Roeller (DR) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

BP asked for a motion to approve the Bylaws and Standing Rules, motion was made by Carlene Earl (CE), Gunni Nilsson-Price (GP) seconded. Motion carried.

BP announced the Gelli Plate printing workshop will be demonstrated by Beth Smedley (BS) after the meeting this evening.

BP asked for Roxanne Tobiason (RT) to describe the November workshop she will hold to instruct members how to frame their art using wooden frames only. No composite or plastic frames. Members interested in the workshop should bring wooden frame, art work and a small hammer and a putty knife. RT will provide the hardware. More information on this workshop can be found in the current newsletter. Karen Koseck (KK) advising once she had reframed her art piece, which had been displayed for a while, the piece quickly sold. RT encouraged members to "be proud of our work."

BP asked if anyone did not get an email with the current newsletter, please speak to BS.

Details of many exciting events and opportunities of interest to the membership are in the newsletter each month.

BP mentioned the January, 2024 general meeting will include a workshop on watercolor pencils by DR.

### NEW BUSINESS:

BP mentioned the opportunity to meet the public at the upcoming Florida State Fair February 8 – February 19, 2024. BLFA will have a table in the Family Living Building. League members are asked to staff our booth. Need at least two or three volunteers for shifts 10 AM – 1 PM, 1 PM – 4 PM daily. During your shift bring art to work on and demonstrate to interested visitors one of the many benefits of BLFA membership. BP mentioned participating members will be given a free ticket to the fair for their volunteer days. BP asked for a motion for BLFA to attend the Florida State Fair publicity event, RT motioned, DR seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BP announced that CJT (KK) has asked BLFA to exhibit their artwork in February, 2024. The exhibit will be in the CJT meeting room, to hang for a month. League members are asked to interact directly with patrons interested in purchasing art. CJT will provide the exhibit space.

KK announced the CJT Grand Expansion Open House October 28th and 29th. She also mentioned CJT needs new consignees,

and teachers. The CJT meeting room is also available for events, the public can rent the space for parties and other occasions. CJT now has open studio spaces available.

KK also asked for help from BLFA volunteers available week days and weekends to oversee CJT events starting November 13, - December 31, 2023, when CJT will be open 7 days a week. Tasks will include overseeing the Makers and Event Spaces, available to assist guests when necessary. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their art projects to work on, as CJT has a lot of material available. Volunteers, consignees, and teachers will be eligible for 10% discount on CJT thrift merchandise as well as a higher percentage on consignment sales, also discounts for Space use. KK can be contacted KarenKoseck@hotmail.com for information and to sign up.

BP mentioned the BLFA Christmas party held on the second Monday, December 11, at 6:30 PM. Members are asked to make a reservation and pay \$10 per person. Spouses may attend. Members are also asked to sign up to bring a covered dish, DR has the signup sheet. A cutoff date is tentatively set for November 20, at the General Meeting.

BP mentioned the Christmas party will include a 'Scotch Gift' game, in which participating members will bring a wrapped gift to exchange with other members. BP suggests a minimum value of \$15 for the gift.

BP again asking for a Ways and Means Chair person to coordinate the monthly raffles.

BP again asking for a Hanging Committee, need a Chair person to assist with the BLFA members' show in May, 2024 at CJT. Competition for prizes and to sell their art.

BP asks for a volunteer to write BLFA news articles for the Osprey Observer, Michele Young (MY) volunteered.

BP also mentioned Next Door, a neighborhood website, BLFA news can be posted on this website.

BP requesting suggestions for Paint Out, need someone to organize events for League members to gather and create art work. RT mentioned BLFA has received an invitation to Lake Thonotosassa where a previous Paint Out was held. This can be arranged with Betty Fairbanks.

BP mentioned current members should pay for 2024 dues prior to year-end to avoid increased dues of \$40 for an individual, \$50 for family.

Winners of the 50/50 and raffle –

Carol Stebbins (CS) and Chris Kein (CK) won the raffles, RT won the 50/50.

BP called for a motion to adjourn, CE motioned, Mary Himmel (MH) seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:26 PM.



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