



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.

Join us on February 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy, 776 W. Lumsden Road

Acrylic Painting Effects Demo/Workshop



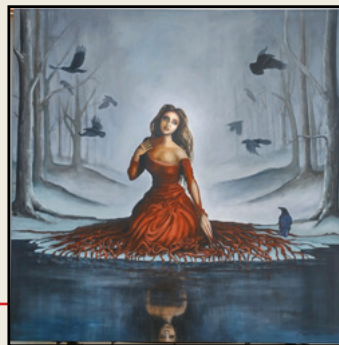
Dineen Roeller is back with more creative ideas from her artistic arsenal. This month, we'll be exploring acrylic paint techniques. These techniques, along with a few household items, will inspire and encourage you try at home. As an experienced muralist, Dineen is a master at faux painting methods.

How did she get the hay to look like that? What did she use to create the water? That looks like real stone. What did she do to get that effect?

Join us for a fun-filled and hands-on workshop with faux painting to find out.

SUPPLIES: She will provide canvas board and mixed media paper, acrylic paints and other experimental items.

If you have brushes that are 1.5" or larger, plastic grocery bags, TP tubes and anything else to make a fun texture or pattern! If you don't, we'll share.



Dineen Roeller is passionate about art and the artist community. She still does commission work and is one of the most prolific members of the BLFA. Check out her consignment wall at CJT and talk to her about the possibility of sharing her space, DineenRoellerArt@gmail.com.

***If you are not a member and have attended a workshop, the fee for additional workshops is \$20. If you join for \$40, workshops are free and you are paid for a year.**



Interested in Membership to the Brandon League of Fine Arts, please contact BLFABrandon@gmail.com.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a full house last month.

League business of officers done and done.

We have the best group of board members and chairpeople. I appreciate all they do at every meeting and behind the scenes. So, I made these aprons to show my gratitude for their efforts and to designate them as those with answers to questions any member or visitor may have. These folks will get you answers.

Dineen's workshop was a big hit. Looking forward to her acrylic demo in Feb. Thank you Dineen for volunteering to share your skills. She is so talented!

Don't forget to bring your creative sample for the "For the Love of Art" member exhibit. Everybody has something. And all those who bring in a piece for the Wall, will be entered into a prize drawing. YAY! Who doesn't like to win?

This year will be an active one. Several members have signed up to man a table at the FL State Fair. Thank you Gunni, Chris, Roxanne, Guy, Jennifer, Lisa and Debbie.

David Bahm has been doing a great job revamping the website and bringing it up to date. Thank you David. Appreciate you!

March is National Craft Month! Whoo hoo! BLFA has an event on the 16th - Thank you Carol for heading this up - and CJT will join us with a public event on the 30th - Thank you Karen for this suggestion.

We also have a **garage sale fundraiser on March 9**. Please contribute. Drop off at the Feb meeting, bring to my house or let us know and we may be able to pick up.

We have added a new section to the end of the newsletter. **Bulletin Board & Forum**. Got an art or league question or comment, let us know.

I have been so busy and enjoying the planning of our workshops, fundraisers and shows. Exciting stuff. See you on the 19th.

Cheers!

Beth Smedley
BLFA President

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Member Exhibit & Prize Drawing Feb. 19 - March 18

Remember to bring in a sample of your creativity for the member exhibit! This is the first BLFA exhibit on the **BLFA/CJT Collaborative Wall**. With so many creative members, we are asking **EVERY member** to bring in a piece of your creative efforts to display. No time restrictions. Could be a sketch or a school project or a scribble on a napkin. We are looking for **100% participation**. For each member who brings their work, their name goes into a drawing for a prize.

When you bring your art piece:

1. **Don't use sawtooth or screweye hardware.**
2. **Have your info, ie. name, title, contact info and price (someone may want to buy it!)**



March is National Craft Month!

This is a great opportunity to start up a new hobby, tell your friends and family about one that you already have, or even introduce your kids to something crafty.

Mark
Your
Calendar

BLFA Celebrates National Craft Month

Saturday, March 16 • 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • \$5, Free for members
Creative Junk Therapy, 776 W. Lumsden Road in Brandon

The BLFA is having a crafting event for families, groups and grownups. Join us for a workshop where we will create from natural materials, keepsakes and decorative items for gifts or personal use. All materials are provided. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, please email BLFABrandon@gmail.com.



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 \$40 Family \$50

Make checks payable to: BLFA

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

For more information, email BLFABrandon@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting the Brandon League of Fine Arts

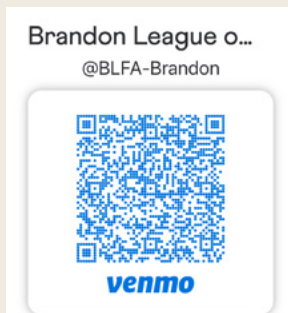
From Membership

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their memberships. Applications are in all of the newsletters and at the meetings. Annual memberships will have rolling renewals. You will be reminded when your membership is up for renewal.

Thanks to our **Treasurer** we now have a Venmo account. You can pay your dues @BLFA-Brandon.

From the Secretary

As we approach the end of first quarter 2024, I appreciate the terrific ideas leadership has generated to engage BLFA members and community artists. What a great start to the new year!



From the Promotion Committee

Social: We had 281 views from NextDoor. Exciting. MeetUp continues to grow. We have flyers to hand out at meetings and events.

From Refreshment Chair

We really appreciate everyone who contributes goodies for our artsy party. Special shout out to **Gunni** for bringing delicious snacks.

From Revolving Displays

Congrats to **Michele Young and Marsha Nelson** Their art sold at BAC, Riverview.

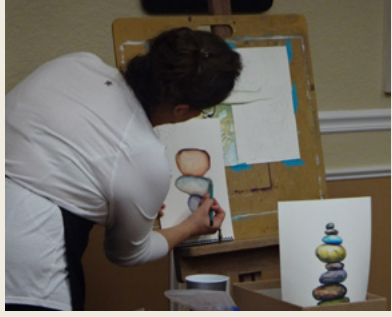
January Meeting Highlights



What a Good Time!!



SHOW OFFS!



NEWBIES!



NO, YOU CAN'T MODEL



NO POINTING!



This is a great show with a new exhibit space at the Strawberry Festival. Many categories to enter. Check it out.

ART SHOW ENTRY DATE TO BRING ARTWORK - **Saturday, February 17, 2024 • 1 to 6 pm**

Anyone who wants to volunteer to man the information table, email Karen Crumly kscrumley@yahoo.com

You will get a ticket to the Strawberry Festival and a parking pass.



BRING YOUR CABOOSE TO AN ART STATION.

Mark your calendar and tell your friends. The Stations will be **OPEN**

So try something new..

Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$40 per person

As part of the National Craft Month Celebration, BLFA and CJT are hosting an **Art Sampler Workshop**. A multitude of creative options with a variety of mediums and techniques to try. Details to follow. Try one or try all!

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

776 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

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



Colored Pencils, Pastels and More

Michele Young
Saturday, Feb. 24
10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.



Watercolor Classes

Roxanne Tobaison
Beginners - Sat., Feb. 10 & Sat. Mar. 9
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Beyond Basics - Sat., Feb. 10 & Sat. Mar. 9
1:30 -4 p.m.



Inspired Acrylic Painting

Karen Koseck
Saturday, Feb. 24 & Sun. Feb. 25
3-6 p.m.

From East Hillsborough Arts Guild



Plein Air event --Thursday, February 15, 9 - 11 am -- Bonnet Springs Park, Lakeland.
You do not have to contact anyone, just show up if you are interested in these outdoor painting gatherings.

"The Lagoon BSP"

Thursday February 15, 2024

Bonnet Springs Park

400 Bonnet Spring Park Dr.

Lakeland Florida

Subject your choice

Meet: 9am-11am

Patio Area between Café and the Childrens Museum



BULLETIN BOARD & FORUM

NEW!

Question: Is there any way to remove dried acrylic paint from brushes?

Do you have an answer?

Reply to BLFABrandon@gmail.com with your solution, or ask for help with something else.

[The 38th Chelsea International Fine Art Competition](#)

Gasparilla Festival of the Arts

Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park, Tampa
Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday, March 3, 2024, 10 am - 5 pm

Do you have an art related item to sell?
Are you looking for an art something?
Is there an art-related event to attend?
Is there a question for the membership?
Art-related issue needing a solution? How to ...?

Email: BLFABrandon@gmail.com



BLFA GENERAL MEETING NOTES
January 15, 2024
From Secretary, Carol Stebbins

Beth Smedley (BS) opened the meeting at 6:40 PM with a welcome to all attendees to the first general meeting of 2024.

Old Business

BS announced the election of the new BLFA Board, Chris Klein (CK) read the list of nominees:

Beth Smedley, President
Guy Learn, Vice President
Karen Koseck, Treasurer
Carol Stebbins, Secretary

BS asked if there were any objections to the nominees, no objections.

BS asked for a motion to approve the new Board. A motion to elect all proposed board members was made and seconded. Motion carried.

BS asked Guy Learn to introduce the visitors at the meeting and give a brief description of their creative interests. All received welcoming applause from the members.

BS introduced each Board member to the group and asked them to describe what services they provide to the League. BS gave each Board member an apron silkscreened with the BLFA logo as 'thank you' for their contribution to League functions.

Roxanne Tobiason (RT) elaborated on the Bay Area Cardiology art works exhibits at three locations in the Tampa Bay area, including instructions on delivering, hanging, picking up and turnover of members' art.

RT conducted the 50/50 drawing.

BS announced the meeting conclusion at 6:53 PM in order to start Dineen Roeller's workshop on watercolor pencils.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Dineen Roeller workshop begins.

February

- *For the Love of Art* member exhibit
- Acrylic techniques demo



March (National Craft Month)

- **March 9:** Garage sale **FUNDRAISER** at Smedley residence
- **March 16:** National Craft Month workshop
- March 18 meeting speakers, Kathy Carrier, fine art paper mache and Michele Stone, manager Florida Craft Art.
- *For the Love of Art* member exhibit winner awarded
- **March 30:** Stations Workshop and **FUNDRAISER**



Whats on the Horizon for BLFA

April

- 10 x 10 **FUNDRAISER**. Members commit to producing at least one 10 x 10 piece of creativity that is donated to a BLFA sale. BLFA to supply the substrate if needed. Dates, location and pricing TBD.
- Demo TBD. Suggestions and volunteers encouraged.

May

- Demo TBD. Suggestions and volunteers encouraged.
- **Member show**. This is the big annual BLFA Member show with monetary prize. \$10 per entry, members only. Two entry limit.

